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Bryan Hedges takes a selfie with a house inspection man. Hedges' real estate business has adapted quickly to the COVID-19 pandemic."

Pandemic Persistence

Seabury business owners and employees persevere

By Lyle Griggs

n March, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson suggested a Darwinian survival-of-the-fittest proach to coronavirus: once 60% of Britons contracted the virus, the leader posited, the pandemic would cease to spread. The U.S. never proposed such a draconian approach, but in the business world, things are certainly looking Darwinian; only the fittest will survive. Workers and employers in the Seabury community know that firsthand.

For owners of nonessential businesses, says Seabury parent Rafael Gonzalez, "It's hard times." Gonzalez, who owns Global Cafe, has been hit hard by the Kansas stay-at-home order, which closed restaurants when it took effect: "We're like 60-something percent down. It's pretty much cut our business in more than half." In the restaurant business, he says, things are particularly bad: "It's really scary... because you count a lot on the general public."

Until recently, the general public would not have been able to buy Gonzalez's arepas and posole (typical Global Cafe fare). When the restaurant first closed its doors, he says, "we didn't have online ordering, so we built a website." Until now, the cafe relied on walk-in traffic: "that's what we've been doing for ten years. For

restaurants that have that model, it's been difficult." But that "was only the first [change]," he says. "You have to wear gloves and masks -- we're taking those precautions too."

When the state shut down his business, Gonzalez was one of many employers forced to lay off employees. "We had to let go of a few," he says. His staff is now down to just two employees, excluding Gonzalez and his wife. He hopes, however, that those who have been laid off will be back on the payroll soon if the restaurant receives funds from the Federal Paycheck Protection Program.

Like everyone else, Gonzalez is unsure what the

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Lockdown Living

Seabury community acclimates to quarantine life

By Evan McHenry

The COVID-19 pandemic has undoubtedly shaken up all of our lives, making our old routines impossible and completely altering our schedules, but it has also provided an opportunity for new types of entertainment, bonding and ways to pass the time. With the stay at home orders active for about a month now, Seabury students and faculty alike are becoming more acclimated to their new (and hopefully temporary) way of living.

One change is when school starts: "I'm sleeping in more than I usually would be, and my sleep schedule is pretty off," says eighth-grader Sage McHenry. "I can kind of start doing work whenever I want." Since there is no morning meeting or commute, students can wake up later, and most students do not have a first hour class every day of the week, which means they can get away with even more sleep.

Sophomore Ivan Calderon shares the same sentiment as McHenry, saying, "I am waking up much later than the norm." However, that has not stopped him from maintaining his fitness: "My main goal is to continue to stay healthy," Calderon adds. "So I've been doing 100-200 pushups a day, along with practicing my Taekwondo! It's super fulfilling, and I totally recommend any form of exercise."

Faculty member Leslie McCaffrey has also been using

her time to exercise. She says, "I still have my walking and running partners but we now go somewhere different; we run on the levee so we can be together but socially distant. Since it's such a wide path, we can be six feet apart when we run."

Students and faculty are also using their newfound time to focus more on their hobbies, or even start new ones. "Nothing feels as urgent," McCaffrey says. "I'm able to work out more and I'm reading more."

Seventh grader Eni Wintoki says, "I've been reading many more books than usual and I have been practicing piano more as well." Additionally, she's had time to learn a new skill: "I have started knitting and have made a few things."

McHenry has been taking advantage of her free time, too: "I painted my room," she says. "It was something I wanted to do for a while, but I didn't have the time to get around to it, and then quarantine happened so I was able to."

While people are stuck at home, social media plays an even more important role in keeping them connected to the school, and so McCaffrey has been keeping Seabury social media accounts brimming with content. "I feel like the whole social media thing with Seabury has ramped up-that is probably taking up a lot of my time, more than I thought it would. A lot of parents stay

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connected to the school through social media right now." In a special tribute to the senior class, who have lost a much-anticipated part of their senior year, McCaffrey has even created individual Instagram posts that highlight each senior and their accomplishments.

People are also finding ways to see each other, even with social distancing measures in place. Many students are staying in touch with each other via social media, like Snapchat or even Zoom, the same tool we use for distance learning. Regarding how he sees his friends, Calderon says, "We snap each other saying hello and how much we miss each other, or we end up having long conversations on Zoom."

Calderon is not the only one using Zoom to his advantage: Wintoki adds, "I have a Zoom group chat with my friends and we zoom every few days. There's a way to watch Netflix with your friends online and I've been using that."

And online meeting is not limited to one's local friends: "I've been able to connect weekly with my friends who live in California,"

McCaffrey says. "Normally we wouldn't do that, but now we can, and there's no reason we won't keep this up." Since everyone is under lockdown, friends anywhere can connect digitally when they want to see each other.

Some students have also met in person, while still maintaining the required physical distance from one another: "I've been doing some socially-distant visits with my friends outside," says McHenry. "A lot of people have been bringing their friends food and stuff just to be nice, and I've been doing that." And the pandemic hasn't dampened all festivities either--it has actually inspired some clever improvisation: "My friends got together over a group chat and came up with a plan to bring me cupcakes for my birthday, so I got like six different things of cupcakes," McHenry says. In addition to receiving surprise cupcakes, McHenry also had a socially distant birthday party in her back-

In this unique time of crisis, things seem abnormal and new challenges arise, but as the saying goes, modern problems require modern solutions. So improvise and improve; stay strong, Seabury folks. We can and will get through this.

Weather Corner



Happy May wonderful Seabury Community......hope all is well!!!

This will be a short final weather preview and will focus on end of May and the summer...

Let's Look at May: The next week or two will be relatively calm in so far as severe weather. However, the last 2 weeks of May into June will be our best chance of severe weather for this season.

For the summer...we will most likely be somewhat wet as we move towards the end of June with average to just above average rainfall. However, as go into the very end of June into late August there is a 60% chance that we go below normal to maybe way below normal precipitation...something to maybe consider as we move into he deep summer months

We are still following the same pattern that set up in October...while we have been above average for precip the past few months, we did not start out that way. October and November were fairly dry....that type of weather could well return in the summer version of this pattern...Most of Kansas west of say Junction City is pretty dry so that regime has a good chance of moving east as summer settles in.

Be healthy and take care of yourselves everyone and hey....you stay classy Seabury!!!!

Mr. Gollier

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BSA POV: Life After Quarantine

By Jonah Kim

Governor Laura Kelly's recent announcement of a four-phase plan to reopen the state begs the question of how will people live differently after coronavirus. With hundreds of thousands infected, restaurants, gyms and public facilities shut down and social-distancing guidelines applied in daily life, it will be difficult to go back to the way things were.

The first phase of reopening Kansas, which starts on May fourth, limits gatherings to ten people, with social distancing still enforced, but things like restaurants, pools and community centers will remain closed. During the second phase, most buildings will remain closed, but gathering limits will be increased to 30 people. The third phase will include a big jump: Kelly will raise the maximum gathering size to 90 people and allow all establishments to reopen as long as they follow guidelines. The last phase, called "phase out," goes into effect no earlier than June 15th

and allows most things to return to normal, albeit with social-distancing guidelines applied.

No matter what restrictions are lifted, changes may be long-term or even permanent. Seabury students offered a variety of predictions for how the world will look after stay-at -home orders are lifted. Freshman Enzo Karam voiced his opinion, saying, "People are for sure going to be much more cautious. People will probably start to appreciate what they've got more than they used to and, hopefully, we treat the earth better realizing that it's the only one we've got." The sense of caution will certainly be there, especially around elderly people, infants and those who have respiratory issues.

Seventh grader Olivia Hazlett voiced a similar opinion on caution, saying, "We will probably subconsciously still do the whole social distancing thing because we're so used to it now; it's just habit." The idea of social distancing has been strongly enforced throughout this

lockdown, and it certainly will be interesting to see how long people will continue to practice it.

Sophomore Ivan Calderon focused on the business and economic impact: "I feel the heavy impact will be on a lot of small businesses and jobs for people who've had to file for unemployment or abandon their private businesses due to COVID," he says. "I'm not entirely sure what's going to happen, but I wouldn't be surprised if smaller businesses downtown were still closed for a while. Of course carry out, delivery, and drive-throughs are becoming a necessary move for some restaurants, but what about those that don't have that option? Some people are required to be physically present with their customers and or clients for their jobs, so this is going to be a heavy hitter on those that specialize in that field. In general, I believe that smaller businesses will lose their footing for a bit and need to regain their balance. Plus, people

will hopefully be a lot more careful about spreading disease now that this has occurred."

Seventh grader Hazel Powers described a few things that this period of isolation will teach people: "[People] will realize that they can work from home and don't need to go into the office as much, and that quarantine seriously affects mental health."

With the plan to open Kansas going into effect and many waiting to return to their normal lives, it will be interesting to see how Seabury, Lawrence businesses and individuals respond.

Editorials

Grand Reopening?

Editors discuss whether schools should reopen in the fall

By Lyle Griggs

By Campbell Helling

Dack in March, a time that feels incredibly distant, I was convinced that schools would all stay open, especially small schools like Seabury. In the face of the pandemic, we would persevere and maybe sanitize some stuff along the way. As the situation progressed, however, I began to wonder if schools would open at all during the month of April. Now, I fathom something much more unfathomable: will Seabury even open in the fall?

I will not make any predictions or release any secret information in this editorial. I have no predictions, know no secret information and would rather not make Dr. Schawang mad. Instead, I will suggest a hypothetical situation: if the pandemic is still a major threat come August, should we resume non-virtual, actual learning?

While our collective attempted conversion to introversion has been noble and somewhat effective, scientists believe (the beloved Fauci included) that the curve may flatten only temporarily and that COVID -19 may roar back in the

fall. If that happens, the same conditions that forced schools to close in March may return. It would be difficult for authorities to justify keeping schools open given the precedent set by the current cancellation of in person classes. Without widespread, rapid and universally accessible testing or treatment, a return to virtual learning is a very real possibility and one that some school districts are already considering.

Nevertheless, Seabury should only revert to distance learning if absolutely necessary or, obviously, if compelled to do so legally. As this past month has shown me, there is no substitute for a brick-and-mortar school. I feel less productive, less engaged, and less intelligent than ever, and these constant Zoom calls, both for classes and extracurricular meetings, are going to kill my eyesight. If I have to take Pulsinelli's class through Zoom, fill out college applications and juggle virtual extracurriculars this fall without structure or routine, I will likely die or melt or something bad. More importantly, I worry that long-term virtual learn-



ing will change Seabury's culture for good. Zoom all-school meetings are something, but they only attempt to sew together a Frankenstein of a community. More and more, I view myself as a student, not a Seabury student, and that scares me.

In short, a return to virtual school in the fall is not something that should be taken lightly. No doubt, significant changes will have to be made to the way that classes are taught, meetings are held and sports are played when we return in August. Even if we have to vacuum seal the students and construct glass shields around the teachers, we should open this fall. I cannot take this any longer.



he COVID-19 pandemic has caused the entire nation to shut down, and schools are no exception. Many students are learning online, using Zoom and other methods to continue to receive an education during the pandemic. Unfortunately, other students are unable to learn for the time being because of many different issues. Already, we are talking about closing schools in the fall if we do closing not fully resolve the virus in time. With so many issues with online schooling arising now, should we risk the pandemic stretching even longer in exchange for quality education?

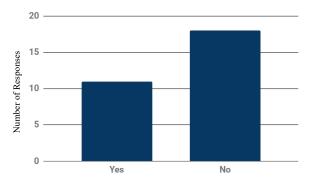
For one thing, WiFi is

necessary to be able to learn at home. Students with limited internet are forced to miss meetings and are unable to load assignments. Internet access is restricted in 14 percent of households with young children. Although there seem to be temporary solutions such as workbooks and take-home packets delivered by teachers, these are not effective enough to be continued in the fall.

Along with limited internet as an issue, isolation can take a toll on students. After a long period of feeling lonely, which many students are experiencing now, mental health can decline. Because people can no longer interact with each other, depression and anxiety are on the rise due to coronavirus and quarantine. Generally speaking, online school does not meet a person's social or emotional needs.

Because we want to resolve the COVID-19 pandemic, we must all do our part to self-isolate. If we do so, we may be able to open the schools in the fall. We should not go back to school in the fall, though, if we do not quarantine and the situation is not resolved.

Seabury Statistics



Should schools reopen in the fall if the coronavirus situation does not improve?

In the Halls

What is the first thing you want to do after quarantine?



6th Grade Madeline Williams

"Have a huge party with all of my friends."



7th Grade Emma Gadzia

"Go downtown and get smoothies."



8th Grade Alex Storkel-Vitevich

"I will probably hang out with friends."



9th Grade Truman Hill

"I'm going to Jeffersons and getting wings."



10th Grade Mia Ramirez-Spates

"Have a sleepover with my friends."



11th Grade Brenner Gollier

"Workout in a gym or hang out with my friends."



12th Grade Kate Jackson

"Go to a yoga class (if Om Tree is open again), or see my sister."



Faculty Aaron Combs

"Go to my grandma's house to celebrate her 95th birthday inperson."

Student Spotlight:

Maile Hickman

By Marie Brockhoff

Eighth grader Maile Hickman may have a shy exterior, but she has a myriad of fascinating interests ranging from pressing flowers to interior design. During these times, creativity and kindness are increasingly necessary, and Hickman epitomizes both of these qualities.

Hickman started at Seabury in seventh grade after attending Raintree Montessori School. "[Seabury] was a pretty good fit," she says of her new school. So far, her favorite classes have been art and English. Hickman's love of art class feeds into her passion for design, and her interest in marketing. Hickman enjoys watching YouTube videos about interior design and recently undertook a room decorating project.

Hickman likes searching antique stores for decorations, including record covers. Her favorite find to date is a vintage childrens toy. "I went with my dad to wander around downtown, and we saw this little clown car . . . It's pretty cool," she says. The toy has a colorful clown on a spring.

During quarantine, however, Hickman swapped antiquing for working in her family's garden. "We made it in little pots and put the plants on top of them," she says. Hickman loves preserving flowers from her garden by pressing them: "I just shove them in a book and forget about them for a bit. When I open them up, it's like a little surprise."



Eighth grader Maile Hickman smiles for a photo with her plant. Hickman loves collecting and caring for plants.

Japanese culture is another interest of hers. "I am half Japanese, and I want to reconnect with that side of myself," she says. Hickman's family planned a trip to Japan this year but cancelled it due to the coronavirus lockdown. Hickman did visit Japan years ago. "I have lots of memories of being there . . . eating lots of cake and shopping with my grandma and grandpa," she says.

On her second trip, Hickman was excited for the Ghibli Museum, which showcases the Japanese animation studio. "I'm a big fan of Ghibli films, so I really wanted to see that," she says. "[The films] take you into another world. The storylines really suck you in, and I think the art's pretty."

At Seabury, Hickman has been on the volleyball and track teams. "I like playing with other people and having a team," she says. She fulfills her

community service hours by doing projects with her family. "It makes it more fun to do it with family because it's a lot more comforting having someone you know helping out," she says.

Quarantine has given Hickman time to play one of her favorite video games: Animal Crossing. "It's a nice thing to relax to," she says. Hickman enjoys playing it with her brothers, Seabury sixth grader Riku and nine-year-old Henry. While designing her island, Hickman incorporated her own interests. "I put lots of little flowers and a zen garden full of bamboo," she says.

Hickman is doing well in quarantine, though she misses her friends and teachers. Although she downplays her creative interests in design and the outdoors, this journalist, for one, found her a sweet, fascinating member of the eighth grade class.

What people are saying about Maile Hickman

"She sat next to me in Choir, and she is really nice! She lent me a pencil when I needed one."

Seventh Grader Eliza Brockhoff

"She is the sweetest girl and always fun to talk to."

Junior Marissa Roggero

"Maile is one of the sweetest students I have encountered. She is conscientious and helpful in all things."

Faculty Member Jacqueline Heim

Staying on the Ball

Seahawks seek to remain active despite lockdown

By Peter Westbrook

hile it seems as though no aspect of peoples' lives has been unaffected by the Coronavirus outbreak, the quarantine has especially put a damper on physical exercise and recreation. Not only has every spring sport been canceled along with school and virtually all professional sports, but gyms, pools and other common venues for exercise have been closed until it is safe for large groups to congregate again. For many people who have active lifestyles, sports and exercise are among their primary means of entertainment, and staying physically fit and healthy is important to them. For them, quarantine presents the challenge of staying fit without access to many of the institutions we rely on for fitness. Nevertheless, some students have adapted in creative wavs.

One such individual is freshman Beck Oldridge. This year, Oldridge led the Seabury boys' soccer team in scoring, and he plays frequently outside of school. Regarding his efforts to stay active during quarantine, the freshman says that "I've been going out to Lawrence High to play soccer almost every day, and I've been going on lots of bike rides." Students like Oldridge, who focus heavily on a specific sport, need to keep their skills sharp to avoid falling behind. Fortunately for them, most sports, even team sports, can be practiced (to some degree at least) alone, either at home or outdoors.

Junior Erin Higgins describes a similar experience. An avid eques-

trian, Higgins says, "thankfully, the barn hasn't been shut down, so I still get to go out and ride my horses five or six days a week, and I take my dogs out on walks a lot." In addition, Higgins says that if anything, she has been getting out more during the past couple of weeks than she did before, without as many other time commitments. While not everyone may have particular sports that they are especially passionate about, simpler outdoor activities such as walking and running are accessible to almost anyone.

Even fitness classes, limited as they are by social distancing, have adapted. Strength and Conditioning instructor Aaron Combs describes how he is adapting his classes to online to help keep students in shape: "not everyone has access to bars and dumbbells, but we all have a body, and being able to get a better grasp on body weight lifts is the route I chose. All are able to participate, and there is still plenty of variety in these exercises to challenge yourself according to individual fitness levels and goals." While it may be difficult to actually improve in terms of strength or fitness during this period, Combs says that "We need to [have successful workouts] right now, no matter how small the success may seem."



Eighth graders Campbell Helling and Isabelle Pro run through a neighborhood. Pro showed huge dedication to running by running a half marathon on her own when her race was canceled.

Showing School Spirit

The story behind spirit Mondays

By Katie Eckert

Among all of the loved school activities canceled due to the pandemic, one has been granted a new life: Spirit Week, or rather Spirit Monday. You may have noticed photos of desks or pets posted on Bishop Seabury social media, or perhaps heard one of faculty member Leslie McCaffrey's Zoom announcements about sharing photos for a chance to win a prize. These Spirit Mondays were created by Student Senate to help boost everyone's morale since we can no longer see each other in person.

The way it works is the Senate members vote on a theme at their Tuesday meetings and then the announcements are made during the all-school meetings. So far, there have only been three themes, "Pet Day," "My Setup" and "Seabury

Memories," but there will certainly be more. Students then take a photo of themselves, their desks, or whatever the theme is and submit it by emailing it to McCaffrey or posting it on their Instagram stories, making sure to tag the official Bishop Seabury and Student Senate Instagrams. Students who enter get a chance to win prizes delivered to their door. The submissions are also posted on Seabury's Instagram story

Seabury's Instagram story.

"We really wanted to find a way to encourage students to do something unique," says junior Aris Grady, one of the senate members behind Monday's activity. It does not take long, it's quite fun, and it can have a big effect if everyone participates. "It's really important to have as much participation as possible," says Grady. "Be creative. Just do it . . . you're showing off your Seabury spirit."

"Pandemic Persistence"

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future holds. "I don't know how it's going to play out in the end," he says. "But I think it's going to take a little time to get back to whatever normal is, or what we know about normal." Nevertheless, his message for readers is optimistic: "Life goes on, and we have to keep adjusting. I think we'll be okay, every one of us."

Some have been hit hard, but other businesses operated by Seabury parents have changed little. Parent Bryan Hedges, president of Hedges Real Estate, describes few changes to his business: "our . . activities are moving forward as usual, with the social distancing added."

Hedges' business is particularly adaptable. "Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic," he says, "we had already moved much of our daily activities online." The real estate business, he says, lends itself well to virtual operation: "We have photos, virtual tours, and YouTube videos for our listings.." For prospective homeowners, COVID-19 has not been much of a deterrent. "We have had some buyers buy homes and investment properties based on photos and videos without them looking in person," he says.

Overall, Hedges says that

Overall, Hedges says that COVID-19 has affected the real estate market little. "People need homes and home maintenance even in a pandemic," he says. In part, he credits the community for helping businesses adapt to the crisis: "I think people in

Kansas and Lawrence have worked to make things turn out better than expected in a lot of ways."

Parent business-owners may be most directly affected by this crisis, but students haven't been left out of the pandemic equation. Teenagers are more likely than others to be let go, but some student workers have been affected little by COVID-19. For senior Emma Silvestri, who works at Glory Days Pizza on 23rd Street, only the work environment has changed. Early in the pandemic, her employer took measures to ensure social distancing: "The first thing we did was close our dining area and opened only to carry out and delivery, but the customers could still come inside. Then we changed to no contact curbside pickup and no contact delivery.'

Looking forward, Silvestri anticipates a long road to normalcy. "I know the stay-at-home order is lifted on Monday," she says, "but I don't think we'll open up dine-in and normal carry-out and deliveries just yet." Why? Because according to Silvestri, Glory Days Pizza is doing more than just toeing the government line: "We took precautions before the government told us to, so I think we're going to stay on the careful side of things."

No matter how affected they are by the pandemic, Seabury business-owners and employees are hopeful that things will get better soon. As Gonzalez says, "times are tough, but we'll survive."

Reviews

"Star Trek: Picard"

By Matthew Petillo

TV Show

"Raiders of the Lost Ark"

By Catharine Richards

Movie



rom what I have heard, "Star Trek: Picard" is a throwback for old fans of the series, inviting back oldtimers such as Patrick Stewart and providing a throwback to the old days of Star Trek. I am not an old fan; I have never watched an episode of the classic Star Trek. The only reason I even know who Partick Stewart is (he plays Captain Jean-Luc Picard and has for 40 years) is that he was in the X-Men series, which started in 2000. Nonetheless, I finally had the time recently to sit down and watch an episode of something that I have wanted to watch for about three months now.

I thoroughly enjoyed the first episode, although I will admit that it makes little sense if you aren't somewhat familiar with the franchise. The show makes many references to the original show and without much explanation. This can make it hard for

someone who doesn't know anything about the show to follow along with the plot. However, this is really the only bad thing about the episode.

The show starts off slow so that those who are new can get accustomed to what the show is like. The show also does a really nice job of intricately unveiling the plotline. It slowly pulls you in and makes you want to watch the next episode. The beginning episode does a great job of exploring the character Picard, who takes a different route than old fans would expect. All fans of science fiction, both old and new, will enjoy the show.

Overall, "Star Trek: Picard" is a

Overall, "Star Trek: Picard" is a great series that I think everyone should watch and something that old fans and new fans will enjoy alike. It is, however, a bit hard to drop in and start where the show starts, which is why I gave the show 4/5 anchors.



have always been pleased with Dr.'s selection of movie night movies, and this year was no exception, especially since it included one of the best movies ever: "Raiders of the Lost Ark".

Now, I have watched this movie frequently for as long as I can remember. It is my dad's all-time favorite film, so, of course, my brother and I have watched it while he quotes every line for us since day one, although we did have to close our eyes for some of the scarier parts. The Indiana Jonesthemed lego video game was a staple in our household, and in elementary school, my brother insisted on dressing up as Indy himself for Halloween on several consecutive years.

Aside from my personal connection to it, "Raiders of the Lost Ark" truly is a great movie. Directed by the one and only Steven Speilberg and created by the talented George Lucas,

Wrecking Ball: Oil

who had already made a name for himself with two "Star Wars" films, "Raiders of the Lost Ark" was the highest-grossing film of its release year, 1981. Set in 1936, the archeology-professor-by-day, adventurer-bynight Dr. Indiana Jones, played by Harrison Ford, is tasked with finding the Ark of the Covenant, which is believed to have held the original Ten Commandments, before the German Nazi forces do. With the help of his former teacher's daughter (and Jones' love interest), Marion, played by Karen Allen, their journey leads them to Egypt in search of the Ark, and what they find is beyond anyone's imagination.

The movie is balanced wonderfully with an incredible soundtrack by John Williams, who created the memorable score that we all know and love. Humor, intensity, passion, action and adventure all combine to make "Raiders of the Lost Ark" one of the most iconic movies in modern history. I highly recommend this movie to anyone. It is the perfect adventure story and will always be a great movie.

"All American" Season 2

By Diego Klish

TV Show

By Lyle Griggs



new Netflix show was released recently that follows teenager Spencer James, who transfers to the swanky Beverly Hills High School from a tough inner-city environment. This huge change from drugs and gang violence to multi-million dollar houses, endless parties and money is what makes the show so interesting. This, however, is all just in Season 1. Season 2 is a different story altogether.

To avoid giving anything away, I'll just talk about the general themes and characters throughout the new series. The new season delves into the intricacies of gang violence and how it can affect a community, as well as discrimination against African Americans and police brutality.

Accompanying these rather frequently touched-on topics is a mix of relationships, drug abuse, rehab and of course, football. The season has its

fair share of drama: family members reappear and disappear again and people find out that they aren't related to their family. "All American" has it all.

The season is a roller coaster of emotions, and all of the characters have at least one crisis, if not more. The highs will leave you smiling and shaking your fist in the sheer enjoyment or satisfaction of a touchdown or a hug. However, the lows are just as steep and may leave you crying like no other show you could watch.

Overall, "All American" is a great show, From the stunning and talented cast to the twisting and heart-tugging plot, it truly is a great mix of realworld problems and exciting action on and off the football field.



ot too long ago, certain crude oil prices fell below negative 35 dollars a barrel. And no, that's not a typo. Price disputes and collapsing demand stretched the limits of our oil storage capacity and made the once-precious commodity worth, in theory, less than nothing. Before you run off to formulate a get-rich-quick scheme, the temporary plunge in oil prices does not mean that gas stations will pay you to pump gas. It does, however, mean that West Texans are panicking. I, on the other hand, am loving it.

Do I want workers to lose their jobs? Well, no, not specifically. I do feel bad for those who work in the oil industry, and I don't want oil workers to suffer. But if that's what it takes to kill oil, so be it. I'll revel in their suffering just a little.

It isn't difficult to understand why I love this temporary downfall of

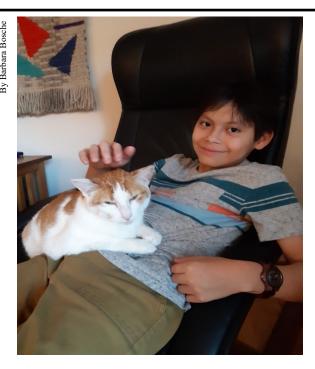
oil. Simply put, oil is bad. For one, as this crisis proves, it causes serious economic problems when something very minor happens to the Rube Goldberg global supply chain. And then, even when times are good, BP goes and dumps a bunch of it into the Gulf of Mexico just because they can and, hey, they can survive the hefty fine that comes with killing 11 people and devastating Gulf fisheries. Side note: our reliance on oil may end human civilization as we know it. So yeah, I'm pretty happy that oil executives are selling their homes and writing their wills. They should be.

I'm fiddling while Rome burns, and boy am I glad that it's finally burning. I just hope we can summon the sense not to rebuild it.

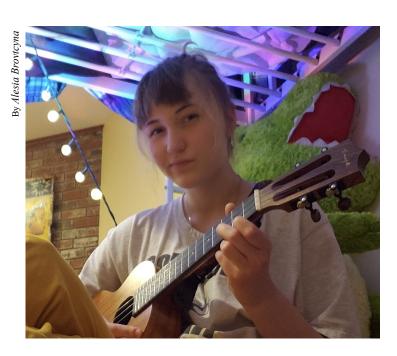
Photos of the Issue



Freshman Beck Oldridge practices soccer. Virtual school has made it easier for all athletes to find more time to practice their sports.



Seventh grader Alex Van Vleck chills with his cat Kiwi. Van Vleck is stylishly color-coordinated with the tapestry in the background.



Sophomore Alesia Brovtcyna poses with her ukulele. Brovtcyna has recorded and posted videos of her playing on Instagram for people to see.



Junior Scott Chieu and senior Sami Dennon take a road trip to Omaha to help Chieu's parents with their business. Although it was no vacation, they enjoyed the time out of the house.

Horoscopes

Aquarius (January 20-February 18):

Who keep killing the spiders? Aquarius



Pisces (February 19-March 20):

Vote Landen Lucas for student senate



Pisces

Aries (March 21-April 19):

The next object you look up at will be fixed eternally with two eyes of the damned and the only way to fix this is to give money to Hugh Griggs



Taurus (April 20-May 20):

Give lots of money to the Hugh Griggs fund



Gemini (May 21-June 20):

"I am a gamer cuz its fun"



Cancer (June 21-July 22):

After he left the ravens, Rand Paul worked at top consulting firm McKinsey and Co., where he gained notoriety for stealing shiny eyeglasses from top clients.



Leo (July 23-August 22):

Before he goes to sleep, Rand Paul always drinks at least six tablespoons of warm rat blood, a tradition among the ravens.



Virgo (August 23-September 22):

Rand Paul's first word was more of a croak (he was raised by ravens). His second word was "synecdoche."



Libra (September 23-October 22):

Beware, for Colin Farha will place a pumpkin in your house at some time in the near future.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21):

Join the Seabury candle-advocacy group!



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):



Rand Paul cuts his hair using the patented Rand Paul Haircutting System, which involves setting fire to his head. Show me a problem the free market hasn't solved!



Capricorn (Dec. 22-January 19):

Every morning, Rand Paul eats four live snakes, a key part of the Rand Paul Food Pyramid.



Sagicornio (Dec. 34-January 97.5):

Mr. Payne doesn't know how to craft bread in Minecraft.



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