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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY APRIL 26 - May 2, 1985

17th space shuttle mission (51-B)- Challenger 7 launched.

France performs nuclear test at Mururoa atoll.

US President Reagan ends embargo against Nicaragua.

Sports in the Time of Pandemic

By Stanley

During these uncertain times, many sports are affected by this virus around the world. For example, the NBA cancelled its season, along with the NHL, MLS, and European League. Other sports and sporting events impacted include March Madness, Major League Baseball, the Olympics in Tokyo, tennis and much more. If we want sports to come back sooner, we must stay inside for as long as possible.

There have been several new sports stepping into the spotlight, such as the Acrobatic Pizza Trials, Cherry Pit Spitting and Marble Madness. What are these new sports?

The Acrobatic Pizza Trials, an art form that blends dough-spinning skills with athletics and synchronized dance, was founded in 2000 to bring excitement to the pizza industry. There have been many winners including repeat gold medalist, Tony Gemignani and Jamie Culliton, who won first place in 2016 and back to back silver in 2014 and 2015. Since the Pizza trials was founded in 2000, they have participated in every world event and sometimes members of the team are on shows like Good Morning America, CNN and others serving pizza to the broadcasters.

Cherry Pit Spitting is the act of spitting the pit of a cherry from a person's mouth with lots of speed to send the pit a great distance. The pit of a cherry is very small and very slippery when first removed from the cherry, making it easy to spit. According to the Guinness Book of Records, the record distance is 93 feet and 6.5 inches (29.12 m), set in 2003 by Brian "Young Gun" Krause. This sport is only played by amateurs.

Finally, Marble Madness is a sport where marbles race down tracks and beaches. There has been a video about Marble Madness which has 2.5 million viewers.

The only sports on TV right now are replays of old games, the NFL draft which is happening on Thursday, and the Michael Jordan Documentary titled, "The Last Dance." Jordan and the Bulls allowed NBA Entertainment to follow them throughout the 1997-98 season and document their final championship together. The series will feature never-before-seen footage, as well as interviews with more than 100 people close to the team. This 10-episode series airs on ESPN every Sunday at 6:00PM.



Cherry Pit Spitting Contest
Image courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Spirit Week!

Monday

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PAJAMA
DAY!!!

Tuesday

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RAINBOW
DAY!!!

Wednesday

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CHARACTER
DAY!!!

Thursday

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HISTORY/HERITAGE
DAY!!!

Friday

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TEACHER
DAY!!!

Meier's Movie Review

By Dashiell

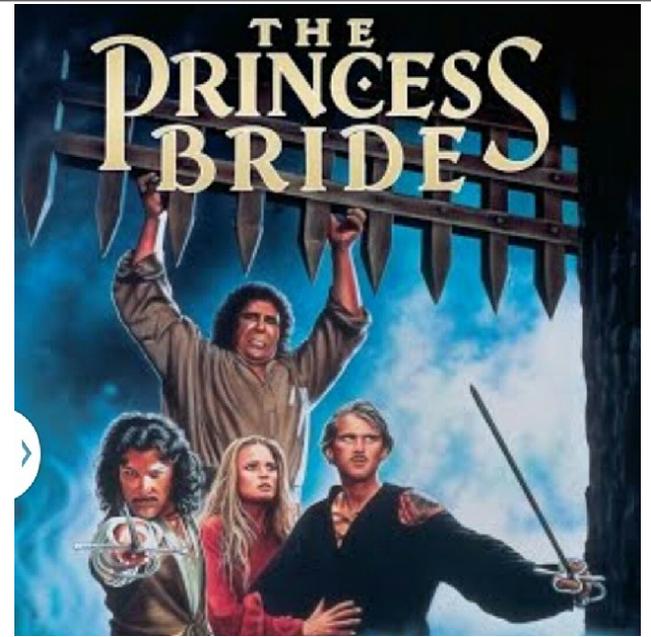
“As you wish.” (Westley from *The Princess Bride*). *The Princess Bride* is a great movie to watch because the scenes are amazing, the lines are funny and the plot is well written.

The film was directed by Rob Reiner and it was first released in the United States on September 25, 1987. The main stars are Cary Elwes who plays Westley, a farm boy who loves Buttercup, the princess bride played by Robin Wright. The film was based on the original story *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman.

The movie begins with a boy who is sick in bed and his grandpa comes over to visit. His grandpa gives him a gift and he opens the present. It is a book, and his grandfather explains that it was passed down for generations and adds that he used to read it to the boy's dad. He then puts on his glasses and begins to read the story.

The adventure story begins on a farm in a country called Florin, with a girl named Buttercup who falls in love with a farm boy named Westley. For many years Buttercup was alone thinking that Westley died but his ship was actually under attack by the Dread Pirate Roberts. The prince of Florin, Humperdink, wants to marry Buttercup because she is so beautiful, but he doesn't love her. He wants to start a war with a neighboring kingdom called Guilder and hires a band of outcasts to kidnap the princess. They are followed by a mysterious Man in Black who is smart, strong, and an amazing sword fighter. Many dangerous adventures and escapades happen to the characters, and there are also some funny scenes.

My favorite scene is when the outcasts and the Man in Black storm the castle. I also liked all of the funny lines. If you like adventure, sword fighting, comedy, and romance, you have to watch this movie. You will not regret it.



Picture courtesy of Flickr



Art Preserves Past & Nature

By Ayal

Shen Zhou was a Chinese painter back in the 1400s, who was born into a wealthy family in the Ming dynasty. He is well known for making beautiful ink pieces.

Shen Zhou's paintings were concerned with preserving the past as well as featuring nature in its many different landscapes.

The piece shown to the left is one of his finest works, *Poet on a Mountaintop*. It shows an old man on the cliffside of a mountain, with a traditional tower behind the trees. Zhou created the piece to show the unbound beauty of nature, compared to the simple mind of an average man. You should check out Zhou's other pieces, they're quite the sight.

A Dash of Advice

By Dashiell

Dear Dash, I am so tired of looking at a screen during the order to stay at home. What are some other things I could be doing to pass the time? From, Bored Out of My Mind

Dear Bored Out of My Mind, If you are tired of staring at a screen, do something productive like cooking or making a game! If you have no idea how to cook, start with something simple like omelets or pasta. Who knows? You might enjoy doing it. I have made my own meals like pancakes and waffles. I had fun (besides cracking eggs), and I also made something good to eat. This will help me when I am an adult and independent since I already know how to cook.

If you are getting tired of your games, you can make your own. If you don't know how to make a game, start with something you know about already, then make it happen with self-confidence. One game I made recently is *Disney Takeover*, a board game where you try to be the last one standing. I made my own gameboard and used pieces from legos and other games to use as the tokens. I also made a Walt Disney trivia game. I had a good time making the games and also lots of fun playing them.

Student Spotlight: Alexander, 9th grade

Beginning this week, we will shine the spotlight on one student from Stanbridge by asking them to answer a series of questions. This week, we interviewed Alexander, a student in 9th grade. Thanks for your input, Alexander!

What does Stanbridge Academy mean to you?

Alexander: Stanbridge Academy is a place where I am happy to learn.

In your opinion, what is the best thing about Stanbridge?

Alexander: The best thing about Stanbridge is the people.

If you had a magic wand and could change anything about the school, what would be the number one change you would make and why?

Alexander: If I could change one thing about Stanbridge would be moving the school to San Jose so I don't have to spend 3 hours a day driving.

If you were the principal and found yourself in charge of us, what would be the first thing you would do?

Alexander: If I were the principal I would have short classes and longer breaks.

What makes a good teacher?

Alexander: A good teacher is someone that is helpful and kind when things are hard to understand.

What makes a good student?

Alexander: A good student is someone that is kind, responsible, and does their job at school.

What are your top 3 favorite Stanbridge Events?

Alexander:

If school were a movie, what movie would we all be in?

Alexander: If school was a movie, we would all be characters from Kung Fu Panda.

What is success and what is the route you intend to take to get there?

Alexander: To be successful I would be working at an office creating games.

If you had the power to hire anyone in the world to be your teacher, who would you hire and why?

Alexander: I would hire somebody that knows Stanbridge.

If you had four arms, what would do with them?

Alexander: I could do more things and faster.

What is the best kept secret on campus that you're willing to spoil?

Alexander: The best kept secret on campus is that we have 2 elevators.



Alexander biking incognito in Almaden Country Club golf course!



Last week, this furry creature greeted Alexander outside his window!



Comic by Dashiell

Interview With Harriet Mukisa

By Muriel

Muriel: Where are you from originally and when did you come to the United States?

Harriet: I'm originally from Uganda and grew up in a town called Jinja. I came to the US 30 years ago.

Muriel: How is living in Uganda different from the United States?

Harriet: I come from a big family and so the big difference about living here and Uganda is not having family around you. Another thing, being able to pick fresh fruit and vegetables from the garden, is a big difference. There are not as many job opportunities in Uganda as there are here, in the US. So many families struggle to make a living.

Muriel: When did you get your teaching license?

Harriet: My first teaching license was from Uganda about 30 years ago. After so many years, I've decided to get my teaching credential here. I am actually working on my California teaching credential right now and will hopefully be done by next spring.



Muriel: How often do you get to go back to Uganda to visit your family and friends?

Harriet: I try as much as possible to go back to visit my family at least once a year. Usually during summer time.

Muriel: Could you tell me what types of foods do you have in Uganda?

Harriet: Uganda is a tropical country with all kinds of food in abundance. There are plantains, sweet potatoes, yams, cassava; all kinds of vegetables such as cabbage, eggplants, carrots, cauliflower, peppers, onions, spinach, beans, corn and many more. Most of the fruit is tropical; pineapples, mangoes, guavas, papayas, passion fruit, oranges, lemons, jackfruit, sweet bananas and avocado. For grains, there is millet and Sorghum.

Muriel: Which foods or other aspects of Uganda do you miss the most?

Harriet: The things I miss most are the various fresh fruits and vegetables that I mentioned earlier. We had a big plantation and so picking fresh food right from the garden was something I always looked forward to.

"Give Me Liberty AND Give Me Death!"

Op-Ed by Nathan

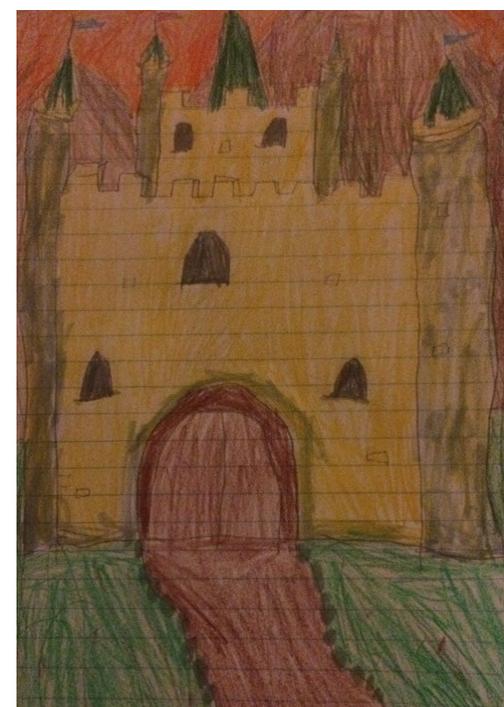
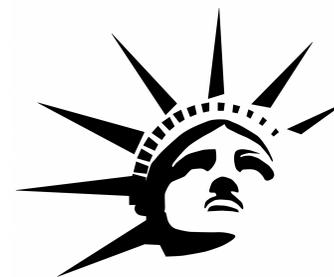
The title of this article was chosen based on an OpEd featured in the Washington Post.

Normally during a time of national crisis, a population will rally around their government. For most countries around the world, this is the case. Still, one country is a major outlier. The United States... well sort of. Nationally, the approval of the federal government stays about as divided as ever. But state and local governments are seeing spikes in approval. With a federal government leaving states on their own, this is no surprise. Still, some are becoming discontent with the lockdown, with many thinking this is all a hoax or blown out of proportion. But what does the Stanbridge community think?

Of those polled, only 25% of respondents approved of the federal government's response. In severe contrast, 83% percent approved of the state government's response, showing that these protesters are nothing more than a vocal minority.

What did people have to say that illustrates the overwhelming majority? "I am very disappointed at the mis-information and downplaying of the situation with the federal government, and especially the president. Governor Newsom is doing an amazing job and I am grateful for the early actions he took and he is continuing to make decisions based on facts for the good of Californians" said one respondent. Exemplifying another popular sentiment that Trump's actions only reflect himself, another respondent said, "Gavin Newsom got it right, erring on the side of caution. Trump is more worried about the economy and his re-election than about people."

One might hypothesize where many of these protests are coming from. Obviously those who represent the TEA party movement have extreme demands, but many just need to find some way to pay their bills yet feel like they are getting no support at all. Right now, states should be putting their resources to combating the virus and the federal government should be providing for those in need. Many feel like their state is taking the right actions, but are dissatisfied with a government that thinks \$1,200 is enough to survive for 10 weeks. To sum up how people feel in one respondent's words, "Trump is an utter disaster."



Artwork by Kaitlyn, 8th Grade