**Student arrested for making violent threat against school**

Within minutes of being notified, the administration activated the district’s safety plan, which entailed immediately investigating the situation, collecting evidence and working with law enforcement. A sheriff’s deputy arrested the student and removed him from campus. Since then, the school has added extra security as a short-term solution until the end of the school year. Additional deputies from the sheriff’s department have also been stationed on campus and nearby, with an increased presence during tutorial, lunch, passing periods, before and after school.

Administrators and other school employees have been patrolling the perimeter of the school much more frequently, keeping an eye on all entrances. In addition, some teachers have been locking their doors as a security measure, and teachers have been asked to try to keep their students from wandering around campus during class periods.

Students had mixed reactions to the heightened security. Sophomore Alyssa Whitman is glad that the administration caught the student before the situation escalated further, but she feels that the added security is too much.

It’s getting to the point where some people cannot even go to their car during class to drop things off like their jackets, and I think that’s a little bit too serious,” Whitman said.

Despite this threat and the various precautions taken around campus in response, Robinson said “by working with our staff, students did all the right things, and we’re safer today than we were before. It’s all of us working together that makes the difference.”

**Controversial blackface prom asking receives backlash at LG**

In recent years, the simple question of “Will you go to prom with me?” has been asked in increasingly elaborate ways, ranging from posters and flow- ers to choreographed dance performances. However, a Los Gatos High School senior has been criticized for going too far with his “promposal” on May 12, when he decided to ask the question in blackface.

Blackface occurs when an individual paints his or her skin black to imitate an African American. It originally gained popularity in the mid-19th century and was used by white performers to propagate racial stereotypes and inferiority in blackface minstrel shows. In many cases, the show were used to justify the institution of slavery. The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s established the practice as racist in mainstream society.

According to an editorial published May 16 on the Los Gatos High School newspaper, El Gato, the senior’s prom asking was based on a Bitmoji avatar he had previously sent to the girl he was asking over Snapchat. The avatar was black, with blue hair, glasses, a tank top and tater tots, an ice cream sundae bar and a petite dessert display. As an attempt to offer a variety of options, the officers further expanded the menu to include American comfort food and better vegetarian options, according to Won. The officers hope to improve the experience for those who don’t enjoy such flipbooks and several dessert stations and a large dance floor,” senior class president Rachel Won said.

The dinner menu included an antipasto display, spinach and artichoke dip, Swedish meatballs, macaroni and cheese, salads and sa-tays, short rib sliders, tater tots, an ice cream sundae bar and a petite dessert display. As an attempt to offer a variety of options, the officers further expanded the menu to include American comfort food and better vegetarian options, according to Won. The officers hope to improve the experience for those who don’t enjoy such flipbooks and several dessert stations and a large dance floor,” senior class president Rachel Won said.

The administration received an email from the College Board on May 3 claiming that the organization had received a photo from an anonymous source of a table at the school used for testing. This photo led College Board to inquire about the seating arrangements of the AP exams that had taken place on the first three days of testing that occurred May 1-3.

Finding what they deemed a violation, College Board officials invalidated seven out of 20 exams offered by the school this year, leading to retakes that are taking place May 18-26.

The seating arrangement implemented by the school on the first few days was not what the board had approved, which led to the retakes. The board officials had approved seating arrangements for the AP exams, but the school had made changes to the seating arrangements before the exams were administered.

The retakes have caused some frustration among students and teachers, as the exams were already taking place and the retakes will add extra work for students and teachers.

Despite the retakes, the school has been working to address the issue and provide a safe and fair environment for all students. They have also been working to ensure that the seating arrangements for future exams are approved by the College Board.

**Mandatory renewables**

California should lead the charge in the construction of additional solar panels.

**OVER THE SEA**

Foreign students

Students from foreign countries like France and South Korea come together here.

**SPORTS RANKINGS**

Top 5 teams

How does your sports team rank in the Falcon this year?
History Day: an opportunity for students to express their passions

There’s a freshman in May 2015, named Shreyas Ghosh, and his APUSH class was about to dive into the annual History Day competition. Each student had a broad topic to research, and they were tasked with building a project out of their findings. The projects had to be presented in the form of a poster, a speech, or a performance, and Ghosh chose to present his work in the form of a musical performance. "I really enjoy the arts," Ghosh said. "I’m a big fan of opera, and I thought that would be a great way to express my passion for the history." Ghosh’s project was a performance of a musical piece that he had composed himself, inspired by the work of composer Richard Wagner.

"History Day is a great opportunity for students to express their passions," said teacher Mr. James Smith. "It’s a chance for them to research something they’re interested in and share it with their peers." The project involved a great deal of research, and Ghosh spent many hours going through books and articles to find the information he needed. In the end, his project was a huge success, and he was awarded a prize for his efforts.

The History Day competition is just one of many opportunities for students to express their passions at Saratoga High School. Other activities include art shows, music festivals, and dance performances. "We try to provide as many opportunities as possible for students to express themselves," said Smith. "It’s important for them to be able to find their own voice and share it with the world."
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PROM

Class of 2017 Senior Prom will take place at the Four Seasons in San Francisco on Sat., May 13, 7-11 p.m. Ticket price is $155 per person entering the ballroom. Dress is formal. Ticket price includes dinner, dancing, and a variety of photo opportunities.

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Well-traveled junior moves to SHS

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Previews for AP sciences should be enacted

BY Alexandra Li

With many students opting to focus on STEM throughout their high school career, their choice of science classes is crucial. Yet many are forced to choose a class without knowledge of the difficulty or content of the class, basing their decisions purely on what other students tell them.

In order to ensure students choose a class that fits for their interests, teachers should offer previews to their classes that allow students to experience the content of their class.

Most students take both biology and chemistry during their first two years of high school, so they’re able to get a good sense of whether they have an interest in these subjects.

However, the only information provided to students about the AP versions of these classes is that they all come with a “difficult” workload. Thus, the majority of students know very little about each and are unsure whether they are worth spending an entire year studying.

In addition, for many sophomores, their most recent exposure to physics was in eighth grade — and even that was at a very basic level.

The short amount of time spent on physics does not give students an idea of whether they are interested enough in the subject to pursue AP Physics, especially because at Saratoga High, the course combines two years of materials into two semesters.

The time spent on giving class previews may seem like a waste of time, but it would clearly be successful in other areas. AP European history and World History teach- ererry Sheehy provides previews for his AP European history class.

Hoping to draw students into the class, he chooses history classes with students rang- ing from freshman to junior year and takes five minutes out of each class to explain the difficulty level of the class along with the field trips, movies and activities to make it seem less intimidating.

Sheehy has noticed how the brief explanation of the class allows students to make an informed decision during the wide differences between each AP class.

Class structure is also an important fac- tor in students’ decisions. AP Environmental Science (APES) is an “easy AP,” even when students go unchanged, it will lead to an irrevers- ible change.

It’s common for each AP class to be ac- cording to The Eco Guide, one house- hold reduces their brief opinion on classes for the current amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere to the planet is a long process. 2016
ttions plant over 8.1 million trees with more planting.

For the past century, the human popu- lation, according to BBC. It’s up to Generation Z to fix the future. We, Generation Z: the cli- mate change. These changes cause inconveniences for the next generation growing up in a world full of flashy floods, earthquakes and other natural disasters and knowing that it could have been fixed.

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Nay, we need to quickly take dramatic action nation- wide to avoid the coming dis- aster.

Global warming: Even small steps in

BY Shin Min Shen

When a powerful storm hit the Ban- gladesh coast in 2009, Jahana Khanut, mother of four, lost more than the mud and bamboo but her head.

Khatun was forced to sell two of her chil- dren’s clothes and pay for the over- whelming cost of rebuilding their hut and medicene to treat her husband’s deteriorat- ing health.

Despite Khatun’s family’s best efforts, four years after the storm, her husband died.

Though the New York Times chronicled her story in an article published in 2014, the problem Khatun and her family faced back then still haven’t gone away — indeed, they’ve gotten worse. If this trend continues, experts estimate that up to 50 million Ban- gladeshis will have to flee by 2050.

Immersed in the tech-centered hub of Silicon Valley, we often find ourselves par- taking in the ever-developing world of sci- entific progress and innovation. But lost in these glass buildings that continue to change the tide of artificial intelligence, virtual real- ity and other cutting edge technology, a key part of the future is missing: action in cli- mate change.

Under a president who denies the exis- tence of climate change and with only a few citizens making impactful change, progress in climate change is painfully slow. Some- how it’s a problem, we say, that can be left to “other people.” Worse yet, in recent decades, climatologists have noticed startling trends showing no indication of improving: Ice caps and glaciers are melting at an alarming rate of 39 percent and global temperatures are rising to an unprecedented high.

Arctic sea ice is projected to thaw to the point where it may be possible to sail across in North Pole in the summer by 2025 cause less sea ice equates to less ice at that reflect the sun’s light, the ocean en- aborating more heat into its blue do- thereby crippling the marine ecosystem.

In addition, the melting of glacier also contribute to rising sea levels, intro- duce to rivers and turning freshwater brea- even routine flooding leaves behind depots that can render the land b- and unstable for irrigation. For us in United States, hundreds of feet above current sea level on average, it’s not m a problem. But Bangladesh, a country one-third our population and a mere above sea level, is already dealing wit consequences.

If Earth’s present environmental pr es go unchanged, it will lead to an irri- ble and bleak future.

How can you help — at least a little 100 word rant

Staving off climate change

BY Lexie Eley

It’s no coincidence we are the last one of the alphabet. We are silly enough, selfish enough, voracious enough to consume all of the world’s resources.

We are the genera- tion who denies our impending doom even when it stares us in the face. Already we have reached a 1 degree increase from average temeprature when 2 degrees means there is no turning back and 3 degrees is the death of the human race.

Already, I can see the next generation growing up in a world full of flashy floods, earthquakes and other natural disasters and knowing that it could have been fixed.

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School hand

BY Pradeep Ahuja

The realization first came my fres- man year, when I was shivering when was around 95 degrees outside. Looki around the classroom, my groupmates were also cold, but the rest of the cla

Solar panels should become necessities

BY Thursday's Kim

Today in the cafeteria, the only bread available is a dry, greasy, white bread. Either lower the cost or improve the quality. A loaf of bread should never be $4.

Our world is changing and with the dawn of the 21st century, we need to make smart decisions on how we want to live.

We need to understand that the climate is changing, and we need to be greener. If we don’t take action now, the consequences will be severe. High temperatures, heat waves, and other extreme weather events are just a few of the effects of climate change.

In order to combat climate change, we need to take action now. This can include reducing our carbon footprint, using renewable energy sources, and supporting policies that promote sustainability.

By taking these steps, we can help to create a cleaner, healthier planet for future generations. It’s time for us to take responsibility and make a change. Let’s work together to protect our planet and ensure a bright future for all.
Child mindset beneficial for living a healthy lifestyle

BY Sanjana

It is in the child realm of an age when there is a surge of self-esteem, that the child begins to become more independent. The child starts to understand the world around him and its boundaries and begins to explore the possibilities.

While children may often believe that they are invincible, there is a definite and consistent increase in the child’s mind. This is because, as children grow up, they start to gain a more rational way of thinking and become aware of the consequences of their actions.

When a child begins to understand the world around him, he starts to become more responsible and aware of his actions. He learns to take responsibility for his actions and to understand the impact that his actions have on others.

In conclusion, it is important to understand that children are the foundation of any society, and that their mindset is crucial for their development. By providing children with a positive and nurturing environment, we can help them to develop into healthy, independent adults who are able to contribute to society.

Children and gender

BY Harshini

This is a social issue that is gaining more and more attention in the recent times. Many people are becoming aware of the need to provide equal opportunities for all genders, regardless of their sexual orientation.

However, there are still many issues associated with gender, such as discrimination and prejudice. It is important to work towards creating a more inclusive and accepting society in order to provide equal opportunities for all genders.

Suggestions for improvement

BY Austin Wang and Alex Yang

In conclusion, it is important to be aware of the challenges that transgender individuals face. By working towards creating a more inclusive and accepting society, we can help to provide equal opportunities for all genders.

Lifestyles

Juniors question value of Snapchattable food

While the concept of Snapchattable food has gained popularity among youth, many juniors have questioned its value.

“Snapchattable food is just a way for companies to make money off of young people,” said senior Usman Khan. “I don’t see the point of it, honestly.”

Others, however, have a different opinion.

“I think Snapchattable food is a fun trend that adds an extra level of excitement to the dining experience,” said sophomore Maria Johnson. “It’s a way for people to express their individuality and have fun while eating.”

The jury is still out on whether or not Snapchattable food will be a permanent fixture in the future of dining. However, it is clear that this trend is gaining momentum and will continue to evolve in the coming years.

New Korean supermarket delivers first-rate food

Although extremely popular Korean supermarkets had been introduced here in the United States, the most recent one to open in the Bay Area is generating a lot of excitement.

The store, situated in a bustling shopping mall in San Francisco, offers a wide variety of Korean groceries, as well as a selection of fresh produce and prepared foods.

“Korean food is so much more than just bulgogi and kimchi,” said a customer who recently visited the store. “It’s a culture and lifestyle, and this place really captures that.”

In addition to the traditional Korean dishes, the store also offers a range of international options, such as Japanese, Chinese, and Vietnamese.

With its large selection of ready-to-eat items, the store is becoming a go-to destination for those looking to try something new or simply pick up a quick meal.

“Even if you’re not familiar with Korean cuisine, this place makes it easy to try something new,” said another customer. “The staff is very knowledgeable and helpful, and they always have new dishes to try.”

Overall, the new Korean supermarket is a welcome addition to the Bay Area food scene, offering a diverse range of options for residents looking to explore new flavors and cultures.
FOOD CHAIN HACKS

Reporters test out methods to save money at popular hangout spots

Testing Chipotle tricks to get more greens and beans

BY Alexandra Li

April 13 was another ordinary day for students; between the15-minute break and the time between classes was the perfect time to grab a bite to eat. After school ended right as the bell rang, after our 3-hour dance practice ended early, five of us rehearsed our dance on the main stage and piled into the car to head over to Westgate Chipotle after school on April 14. As practice ended, the five of us, myself included, decided to grab a bite to eat before our free money's worth. It was finally time to get our money's worth.

Surprisingly, we ordered a little over $20 worth of food. It was enough for everyone to have a little over two burritos, and nearly three times the amount of food as we get from McDonald's. Some of the items we ordered included: one Aluminium, one Small Strawberry Surf Rider, one Medium White Gummi Bears, one Medium Mango-A-Go-Go, and one Large Chocolate Chip Cookie. We ordered our food and piled everything into one colossal order. With every bite after was met with agony. The frustrated employees earned some tips from us but not enough to cover the amount of food we ordered.

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Squeeze the day with these Jamba secrets

BY Marissa Deaton

After our 3-hour dance practice ended early, five of us decided that before any of us were to be supposed to go home, we planned to have a little snack to give us the energy to get us through the rest of our day. Toward the end of class, we spent a good chunk of our budget to order a medium smoothie (Strawberry and Spinach, carousel of MGW) for ourselves. We ordered a medium smoothie instead of a large smoothie, as the medium smoothie is $3.79 instead of $4.59, which was too much to spend on a smoothie. The medium smoothie contains 15 percent more food than a large smoothie. According to the chain, the menu is based on various venues. To ensure we ordered the correct dishes, we phoned to confirm our order.

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Getting more bang for our (Star)bucks

BY Daniel us to finish their order, we stepped up to the cashier to finalize our order. We ordered a medium White Gummi Bears, one medium Mango-A-Go-Go, and one small Mango-A-Go-Go to share among us.

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Urban Decay stirs up controversy in black community

Marvel’s ‘Iron Fist’ entertains despite critical mixed messages

Netfli

Alumnus pursues production career

Logic’s new album release is an interesting listen for ‘Everybody’

When Andrea Mukerji, an economics major, decided to enroll in a screenwriting career paths, both holding MBAs. Mukerji decided to study screenwriting at the University of Southern California (USC), the hub of the film and television industry. Mukerji, who went on Stanford University, realized that people read her love for writing on April 19 and to guide her writing profession. After graduating from USC in 2010, she was able to the breadth offered at USC, she was able to

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Rally tryouts seek to reach out to underclassmen

Students compete for perfect Promposal

Students collaborate on website for Spanish program

STEAM Club: A new style of learning

Club allows students to enjoy cultural diversity on campus
Students gain independence behind the wheel

When waking hands grasped the gear and the seat belt buckled tight, the students found themselves behind the wheel of a car for the first time. This moment marks the start of their independence, a rite that signifies the beginning of adulthood.

Kang feels that driving was a time-saver for him, especially when he realized the gravity of driving and the importance of following traffic rules.

"It's a part of everyday life and it's more important than people realize," Kang said. "I've realized that driving can be a responsibility, and I want to be able to drive safely and responsibly."
Dance team thrives as staff offers support, organization

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who commit immense amounts
that the team gave him during
ways count on assistant princi-
hundreds of miles away from
offers support, organization
organized sports in AYSO and Little League
Metz said. "The boys always put on really
long AUX cable so the boys could play Katy
team mom Heather Metz bought an extra
"Go Toga!" voices cheered,
Additionally, she works with other par-
scheduling competitions, book-
Many of the parents who work for the dance team have
"It is very satisfying to
know that the players and
coaches appreciate the role I
play in helping the team be
successful."
― Kerri Spirakis

Spirakis aids softball and basketball girls

Dance team needs a mom always there to help watch the athletes play. Mrs. Spirakis thinks these
tasks are balanced out by her opportunity to

She sees her role as a wonderful way to

Mrs. Metz thinks these
tasks are balanced out by her opportunity to

Mrs. Metz is a mom to many other

Team mom provides food, beverages for multiple teams

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**SPORTS**

**FALCONS BASKETBALL**

**Team reaches CCS semi, upsets Carmel**

**By Morgan Hillinger**

The girls basketball team, seeded eighth in CCS Divisio n II, upset the seventh seeded Falcons, 57-55, in the CCS quarterfinals on Tuesday.

The girls were led by their seniors, Rachel Davey and Emma Kovac, who both led the team in scoring with 19 points. The Falcons were also led by their junior, Sarah Schneidmiller, who scored 18 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

Despite the loss, head coach Bob DeCosta said that the team should be proud of their performance.

"I think, as a team, we will carry this past year's faith for our skills and teammates," junior Eryn Lee said. "We played with heart and soul, and we're excited to move forward."
Recently, a number of prominent sports stars as well as flat-Earth-believing organizations have been gaining a huge spike in media attention in what can only be described as a renaissance of the flat Earth movement.

The explanation for the start of this development is quite simple: Several former and current NBA players recently said the Earth is flat. In other words, they believe that it is impossible to travel from the North to South poles by going around the Earth due to an impassable ice wall surrounding Antarctica.

Their reasoning looks totally sound, though. In fact, retired star NBA player Shaquille O’Neal stated in late March, “When I’m in my bus and I drive from Florida to California, which I do every summer, it seems to be flat. When I’m in my plane, and we’re getting ready to land, and I open up the window, and I’m looking at all the land that we’re flying over, it seems to be flat.”

While O’Neal might seem like an isolated case, the sheer number of NBA players who agree with the outrageous claim of flat Earth is quite surprising.

In fact, Warriors’ Draymond Green, Nuggets’ Wilson Chandler and Cavaliers’ Kyrie Irving have made similar statements speaking in support of the idea that the Earth is not actually shaped like a basketball.

Unfortunately, these flat-Earthers are flat out wrong—like the namesake item for their favorite sport, the Earth is in fact spherical.

In fact, well-known astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson has formulated a response to Irving’s tweets.

“If he wants to think Earth is flat, go right ahead—as long as he continues to play basketball and not become head of any space agencies,” Tyson responded to Irving on Twitter. “My point is if you have certain limitations of understanding of the natural world, stay away from jobs that require that.”

Tyson’s passive-aggressive comments are only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the backlash these players have received for their comments.

Saying that “we just care that when Kyrie has the ball that the ball is round and not flat,” Ohio Gov. John Kasich took a stab at the player and his scientific inaccuracies on an improvised interview with MTV.

With all these flat-Earthers appearing out of the woodwork recently, it begs the question: Is ball really life?