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- Don't let democracy slip into decay.

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Announcements

By *Paul Salceda*

Opportunities:

Summer is only a few months away; be on the lookout for any internships or other opportunities! Check your email and canvas- a few opportunities may already be open!

Relay For Life:

Relay For Life will be hosted virtually through Zoom on March 9th from 6:00-7:30 PM. We will have guest speakers presenting, as well as a few games for attendees. Come join us, and maybe win a prize!

Sports:

Soccer started on February 22nd, and we practice on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you're interested in soccer or any upcoming sports, reach out to Mr. Cornejo!

TIDE Tuesday:

TIDE Tuesday has begun hosting trash pickups on Sundays biweekly. If you'd like to attend and see a few of your classmates, then please reach out to Paul Salceda or any other member of TIDE Tuesday.

School Reopening:

I am almost sure you have heard this already, but so long as there aren't any major changes, TIDE and other schools plan on having in-person classes again starting April 5th. We'll hopefully see you then!

Spirit Month:

There will be a Spirit Event for each week of March starting off with a Spirit Wear competition!

TIDE Academy Student Feature: Arthur Malfait

By Micah Robinson

Meet Arthur Malfait, a (former, we will get to that later) TIDE Freshman. Arthur shared some insights into why he chose to go to TIDE Academy. He said that he liked TIDE's focus on technology and innovation, as well as the fact that you can get college credit while at TIDE. Arthur said that he really liked TIDE, that the teachers were nice and supportive, and the students were nice. He also mentioned that, while distance learning has been hard, the teachers have been supportive throughout the process. His favorite class has been Geometry!

Some of Arthur's hobbies include basketball, running, hanging out with friends, and playing the violin. Arthur was on his middle school basketball team. Arthur was born in England, and since the time of writing this piece, he has moved back. He was excited to go to school in person at TIDE, but unfortunately could not due to COVID. Arthur's favorite video game is Brawl Stars, and he enjoys watching The Office.

Arthur recently moved back to Europe. We will miss you!

Teacher Highlight: Ms. Smith!

By Siya Verma

Short Description:

I was a science teacher for 18 years, teaching Biology, AP Biology, Biotechnology 1-2 and Biotechnology 3-4. I helped create and develop a 3-year Biotechnology program. To help make the program more robust, I ultimately helped create a small school-within-a-school where students applied for being part of Biotechnology Institute (BTI). Students in the program take science, history and English together with common themes and common projects. Being at TIDE is an extension of my initial work, as this school is all "tied" (pun intended) together with curriculum crossing into other classes as well as projects.

In between being a teacher and coming to TIDE, I worked as the Career Technical Education (CTE) Coordinator for San Mateo County, helping all the schools and districts in the County with CTE issues, including developing an internship program. I served as the Strong Workforce Program (SWP) Bay area county chair, assisting 14 counties in the Bay Region with the grant and developing programs.

Favorite Quote:

“We keep moving forward—opening up new doors and doing new things—because we're curious. And curiosity keeps leading us down new paths. We're always exploring and experimenting. At WED, we call it Imagineering—the blending of creative imagination with technical know-how.” -Walt Disney

Favorite TV show as a kid:

I didn't really watch tv, I wanted to be out playing!

What song describes your personality?

Underdog by Alicia Keys

GameStop, Wall Street, and The Internet

By *Micah Robinson*

Recently, there has been a massive uptick in the stock price of GME, GameStop. This is not due to sales, IP, or any other projection of growth. In fact, it was the opposite that caused it. GameStop was shorted by major hedge funds, and in response, the internet came together to raise the stock price and stick it to the major financial institutes. In order to understand this, though, we need to go back and understand what those terms mean.

Shorting:

Shorting a stock is when a person or group thinks that a stock price will go down. It involves 4 steps. First, you borrow a stock from someone before you think the price will go down. You then sell it at that high price. Then, as the price goes down, you purchase the stock back again, and finally return the stock back to the person you borrowed it from. If all goes well, you can keep the difference between the prices at which you sold and then bought.

Short Squeeze:

The issue is that if the stock price increases, the person holding the short needs to purchase the stock back at a higher price. This means that they can lose money, with no upper limit. A short squeeze happens when the stock price increases, making the group holding the short loose money.

So What Happened?

Starting in mid January, the GameStop stock began to be shorted. Citron, a major financial organization, took a large short position on the stock. At that point, a group on the internet site Reddit decided to perform a short squeeze. This is a very monumental move. For years, large financial services have dominated the market, making money off of the working class. This is what caused the 2008 financial crash: high volume trading of housing loans caused a bubble, which burst in 2008. We see the same thing now: large financial services have so much power that if they publish something saying a stock will go down, it often will, making them money. This is what Citron did with GME. This time, the internet came together and day traders made the stock price rise. Over the span of a week, the GameStop stock price rose from \$39.12 to \$347.51. This meant that companies like Citron could be liable to pay for stocks at a much higher price then they sold them for (remember what it means to short a stock?), costing them billions.

In the end though, the price lowered: by February 9th, the price was back down to about \$50. While this was still higher than the average before the short squeeze, it was much lower than the prices at the height of the squeeze. While this event did not bankrupt the major financial institutions, it marked a significant shift in the mentality of day traders. It showed the power of the people, and the change that could be made with collective action.

100 Days of President Biden

By Micah Robison

After being sworn in on January 20th, Joe Biden became the 46th president of the US. That night, he signed 17 executive orders, setting the pace for his administration. In this article, we will look at those orders, as well as Biden's promises for the first 100 days in office.

Executive Orders

COVID-19

- Biden appointed a COVID-19 coordinator, as well as rejoined the WHO
- Biden mandated masks on federal property

Climate Change

- Biden rejoined the Paris Climate Accords (Trump had pulled the US out in November 2020)

Housing and Economy

- Biden extended the moratorium on evictions
- Biden froze the student debt collection

First 100 Days

Biden has laid out many plans for his first 100 days. One of the biggest is to open K-8 schools, 5 days a week. This is obviously a large mandate. According to [educationnext.org](https://www.educationnext.org), only 28% of students are attending fully in-person school. This means that schools would need a massive push and massive funding to accomplish this.

Another promise Biden made was to vaccinate 100 million people by his 100th day. At the time of writing, only 56 million have been delivered. Biden has also promised that by Spring, all people who want a vaccine can get one.

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