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COUNSELOR CORNER

SINGLE AND TRYING (REALLY HARD) TO MINGLE | rizzard of Oz



February 14. A day known by all. A day hated by all. While it's mainly celebrated by not single people, those with a burn book and no one have much to celebrate. People often talk about the ghost of Christmas past, future, and present. However, no one ever talks about the ghost of exes present, ghost of exes future. Here at LASA, however, we don't need to worry about ghosts of exes past because people don't have that anyway.

This February 14, LASA counselors got a break from people crying about their GPAs and instead witnessed sobs about their love lives. For years LASA students were always shipped with grades and therapy, sleep if

you're feeling lucky, but this Valentine's Day the student body is hoping for more. An anonymous student recounted their emotional experience this Valentine's Day.

"I just spent all day sobbing in Ms. Cardona's office," the student said. "It didn't help. They allocated five minutes per student because the demand was too high."

Another anonymous student mentioned what truly helped them get through while waiting in line for the counselor.

"Forme it was Dixie D'Amelio," the student said. "One full day, the song she wrote, was so inspiring. I saw a poster on it in the counselor's office, so I bonded with the song during the wait."

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graphics by Kayla Le

what's moose?



BULKING SEASON?

CLARK KENT | definitely not superman

With the number of players leaving after this school year leading to safety concerns, LASA football has no choice but to switch to non-honors football, the primary being that younger players would be forced to play both offense and defense. However, with calls for a return to UIL football, the administration has searched high and low for new prospective talents to facilitate the move back.

Venturing into the American wilderness, the administration has recruited a grizzly bear on a 4-year deal to play both offense and defense for Raptor Football.

New athletic director Tim Cognito was the mastermind behind the recruitment strategy. According to Cognito, the bear was what the Raptors needed to prove why the team still had it in them to compete at the tip top levels.

"We were in a real pickle," Cognito said. "Our team was getting smaller and smaller, and no one was willing to step up. I had to start thinking outside the box. So, I thought to myself, 'What's the one thing that can strike fear into the hearts of our opponents?'" A grizzly bear.

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graphic by Kayla Le

Taylor Swift drops new single "Missouri Man"

"Vivaaaaahhhah, Vivaaaaaaaah, VIVAHHHHH

LAAAAAHHHHS VEGAHHHHHS!!!"

See Missouri Man page 22





Vending Machine Broken Womp Womp good snacks locked away from us :(

SRAHA GARET | news editor

Following the continued dysfunction of the leftmost vending machine outside of the cafeteria, students have resorted to protesting, praying, and aggressively hitting it in hopes of a snack being released.

John Doe, a professional engineer, visited the vending machine after student activists reached out to him. He not only said that the students were unusually upset, but that the vending machine seemed unable to be fixed.

"Because of the broken [didn't quite catch what he said here but it sounded very fancy] function, the card reader isn't able to send [this was also hard to write down in time]," Doe said. "I hope the students can get their desired snacks, as small as it may seem to teachers."

John Dough, the leader of Fix the Vending Machine club, agrees with Doe. According to Dough, snacks provide energy to students throughout the day, and without them, student productivity drops.

"The vending machine still holds granola bars, Sun Chips, and Baked Lays," Dough said. "No one likes the Baked Lays, but Sun Chips are [insert youth slang]."

Along with inviting Doe to the school, Dough's club reached out to John Doh, the CEO of Mediocre Fake Healthy Vending Machines. Doh declined an interview, but did

respond in an email, originally believing us to be affiliated with Dough's club.

"Please leave me alone," Doh said. "You have been calling my office at least three times a day for the past two months. I have received so many voicemails that the employees have stopped listening to them because over half are from you."

After convincing Doh that we were not part of Dough's club, he opened up, telling us that at least fifteen receptionists have quit after an influx of calls. Through an investigation of Fix the Vending Machine Club, Dough was able to date the many many calls back to when the vending machines only had pistachios, Baked Lays, and sugar-free Gatorade.

"Those were dark times," Dough said. "Action needs to be taken, immediately, to prevent a repeat of such an event."

John Dowe is a local reporter at the Austin-American Statesman. According to Dowe, both Doh and Dough have contacted him, requesting a story on either the "unusual" student protestors or the state of broken vending machines.

"I've never seen more people care about a vending machine," Dowe said. "I will absolutely not be writing a story on this issue. Actually, I take that back, there is no issue. There are multiple other vending machines, so the students are fine, and Doh is an adult who should learn how to block phone numbers."

CLUBS

FUTURE KARENS OF AMERICA

THE FUTURE KARENS OF AMERICA CLUB, LED BY LASA SPONSOR AND PARENT KAREN MCKAREN, IS A PLACE FOR PASSIONATE SOULS WHO VALUE THEIR EGOS AND WHO TRULY BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE SUPERIOR AND DESERVE THE BEST TREATMENT AT ALL TIMES. THE CLUB ALSO WANTS TO FURTHER THE KAREN LIFESTYLE, BECAUSE IT ISN'T JUST A PERSONALITY, BUT A WHOLE WAY OF LIFE.

THE CLUB, WHICH TAKES FREQUENT FIELD TRIPS TO STARBUCKS, TARGET, AND COSTCO, HELPS IMPROVE STUDENTS' VERBAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND CAN STRENGTHEN THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE SUCH AS STORE EMPLOYEES, SPECIFICALLY THOSE WHO HAVE MANAGERS, AND SAID MANAGERS THEMSELVES.

DANCE MOMS' ABBY LEE MILLER, A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE NATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION, COMMENTED ON THE NEED FOR CLUBS LIKE THESE ACROSS THE COUNTRY: "WE ARE BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST; OUR ONLY HOPE IS OUTREACH TO FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE KAREN VOICES WILL NOT BE SILENCED."

CLUB SECRETARY AND LASA SOPHOMORE, PATTY JOHNSON, EXPRESSED HER FEELINGS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, WHEN PROMPTED ABOUT HER EXPERIENCE AS A CLUB MEMBER, SHE EXPRESSED DIFFICULTY ANSWERING, ADDING, "MAY I SPEAK TO YOUR EDITOR?"

THE FUTURE KARENS OF AMERICA CLUB MEETS EVERY FRIDAY DURING ADVISORY TO PRIORITIZE THEIR ONLY SOCIAL TIME. THE CLUB IS OPEN TO CHADS, BUT BE WARNED, BLONDE-BOBBED, SUBURBAN-DRIVING KARENS WILL BE PRESENT.

LITTERING CLUB

A PIECE OF TRASH FALLS TO THE GROUND, AND AT ONCE, AN UPROAR OF CHEERING ECHOES THROUGH THE WILDERNESS. THE LITTERING CLUB, ESTABLISHED IN 1989, SHORTLY AFTER LITTERING WAS OUTLAWED AND TAYLOR SWIFT WAS BORN, AIMS TO CREATE A SENSE OF DEDICATION IN ITS MEMBERS TO EDUCATE OTHERS ON THE HARMFUL ACTS OF PUTTING TRASH AWAY AS WELL AS GOING OUT OF THEIR WAY TO LITTER. THE CLUB GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND TO ENSURE THAT GARBAGE IS NEVER, EVER PUT IN A TRASH CAN. CLUB PRESIDENT, CHRISTIE RUBBISH, EXPRESSES HER STRONG DEVOTION TO LITTER.

"SOMETIMES AT NIGHT I HAVE NIGHTMARES OF ALL THE ORPHANED TRASH PIECES, NEVER GETTING TO EXPERIENCE THE FAMILIAL FEELING OF THE GROUND," RUBBISH SAID. "IT IS A LOST ART FORM, TRULY."

DURING THE CLUB, THE MEMBERS START BY DISCUSSING HOW TO SPREAD THE LITTERING WORD, AND THEN, ONCE THEY FINISH THEIR LUNCH, THEY USUALLY RUN AROUND THE COURTYARD, DISPOSING OF THEIR LUNCH TRASH THE ONLY WAY THEY CAN. CLUB SPONSOR, GABRIEL GARBAGE, SHARED HIS UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON LITTERING.

"WHAT IS A RECYCLING BOX, OR TRASH CAN, IF NOT A RESTRICTION ON MANKIND," GARBAGE SAID. "LITTERING IS FREEDOM, AND TO NOT LITTER, IS TAKING AWAY MY AND THESE DEDICATED STUDENT'S RIGHTS."

THE LITTERING CLUB MEETS MOST DAYS DURING LUNCH TO UTILIZE PRIME LITTERING HOURS.

Procrastination Club

THE PROCRASTINATION HONORS SOCIETY HAS HAD MANY UNOFFICIAL BEGINNINGS, BUT IT WAS FOUNDED TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF LASA'S MOST CONSISTENT PROCRASTINATORS. UPON WRITING THIS ARTICLE, THE CLUB MEMBERS REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THEIR HOMEWORK LOAD FOR THE "SAKE OF THEIR MENTAL HEALTH" AND PREFERRED TO STAY ANONYMOUS FOR FEAR OF

(HEY EDITORS—I'LL GET BACK TO FINISHING THIS ONE LATER)

SDAIE SARAT AND ETHAN SOMBER | *underlings*

Litigator Description

The Litigator is the Liberator's take on an April Fool's joke, and the Litigator includes satirical articles from each section of the paper. The articles are written to be taken as a funny joke and not meant to insult or target anyone. All people featured in the Litigator have given permission to be in the paper.

The following is the list of writers for this years Litigator:

- Vending Machine Broken - news editor Sarah Garrett
- Clubs - staff writers Sadie Sarrat and Ethan Stern
- Fire Alarm Bad - commentary editor Wintyr Rice
- Counselor Corner - student life editor Lasya Sangana
- London Boy? More Like Missouri Man - managing editor LiLi Xiong and entertainment editor Megan Gerold
- Bulking Season - sports editor Vicotor Martinez
- Fine Art in the Halls of LASA - photo editors Griffin Beam and Jolie Grogan

FIRE ALARMS, THEY KINDA SUCK RIGHT?

LIZ ERD | i have an opinion editor

Fire alarms—everyone hates 'em. They're loud and flashy and produce the most annoying sound on the face of the earth. You can't even drown them out by increasing your headphone volume to hearing-damaging levels, which is frankly just rude. On top of that, they're just super bad for students' learning. So, what if we just took them all out?

The unnecessary noises that they produce interrupts students' learning. How are they meant to study for exams or take notes in such an environment? Continued use of fire alarms will undoubtedly result in worse performances on state-mandated standardized tests and lower exam scores. These things are, of course, the most important part of any school as they supply school districts with objective and infallible statistics to see which schools are just not it.

Fire alarms also totally kill the vibe. The red plastic is so bright it doesn't go well with anything. How are you even meant to decorate around that? Firestation-core is not in this year. Even beyond looks, say you're trying to listen to your new Spotify 'desiderium lyrical dance Monday evening' playlist, and a fire alarm goes off in the middle of the new AJR song. You can't hear any of the fire lyrics over the

incessant beeping. If I'm reading fantasy books in order to escape the all-consuming dread that occupies my every waking hour, then a fire alarm really breaks the immersion, which is just a cowabummer, ya know?

Proponents of fire alarms will say that they protect students. This makes sense at first glance—after all, people died in fires before fire alarms were invented. However, people still die in fires today, so fire alarms really aren't doing that much.

When was the last time you even saw a fire anyway? 99% of the time when a fire alarm goes off it's just a drill, which interrupts valuable teaching time. Schools already have such little funding, what's the point of paying teachers to stand outside? They can do that during their lunch breaks that they absolutely never have to work through.

Fire alarms are also harmful to student wellbeing. If you're trying to take a nap in class and a fire alarm goes off it can interrupt vital sleeping time, which is necessary for the development of the adolescent brain. A recent study showed that the average LASA student get 138.74 minutes of sleep a night. If students cannot sleep in class due to fire alarms then how can they be expected to have the energy to complete their homework? This will compound with the effects of interrupted learning by making it more difficult

for students to learn more things in the future, further lowering test scores.

Fire alarms necessitate fire drills, which are exceptionally dangerous to students. Standing outside for extended periods of time increases their risks of dehydration, mosquito bites, and general discomfort and boredom. These effects occur far more often than an actual fire, so we really need to prioritize here. Why should we continue this major inconvenience because of something that has like a super low chance of ever happening?

If fire alarms were removed from schools it would create a much calmer learning environment that allows students to focus on their studies instead of trivial matters like avoiding injuries and having efficient evacuation routes. It would also allow for safer, more aesthetic schools and less sleep-deprived students. This revolutionary idea has only benefits and should be implemented across the country immediately. Contact your congresspeople today or I'll put more fire alarm in your house. I'm already in your walls. I'm petting your cat.

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Edi-ogres and donkeys

Once upon a time there was a lovely princess. But she had an enchantment upon her of a fearful sort which could only be broken by love's first kiss. She was locked away in a castle guarded by a terrible fire-breathing dragon. Many brave knights had attempted to free her from this dreadful prison, but none prevailed. She waited in the dragon's keep in the highest room of the tallest tower for her true love and true love's first kiss. (laughs) Like that's ever gonna happen. What a load of - (toilet flush)

Allstar - by Smashmouth begins to play. Shrek goes about his day. While in a nearby town, the villagers get together to go after the ogre.

NIGHT - NEAR SHREK'S HOME

MAN1
Think it's in there?

MAN2
All right. Let's get it!

MAN1
Whoa. Hold on. Do you know what that thing can do to you?

MAN3
Yeah, it'll grind your bones for it's bread.

Shrek sneaks up behind them and laughs.

SHREK
Yes, well, actually, that would be a giant. Now, ogres, oh they're much worse. They'll make a suit from your freshly peeled skin.

MEN
No!

SHREK
They'll shave your liver. Squeeze the jelly from your eyes! Actually, it's quite good on toast.

MAN1
Back! Back, beast! Back! I warn ya! (waves the torch at Shrek.)

Shrek calmly licks his fingers and extinguishes the torch. The men shrink back away from him. Shrek

BREAKING NEWS: COUNSELOR'S CORNER FLOODED

too few counselors and too many lonely people on valentines day

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The student even offered the most impactful excerpt that helped move on from their trauma: a lack of a love life. In it D'Amelio sings "For one day, one day / I was really, really, really, really sad / For one day, one whole day / I missed you really, really, really, really bad / And a single tear trickled down my face / While I threw your THINGS in the fireplace / I was really, really, really, really sad / For one day, one whole day".

Junior Road Highway, a proud student who insisted not to be kept anonymous, helped transcribe a therapeutic love poem he wrote during his five minutes with the counselor. Supposedly, this was supposed to help him move on.

"I came up with all the lines," Highway said. "My counselor was so impressed that they were speechless the entire time I recited it. I offered to say it again, but they said they were too moved by my first

rendition."

Highway insisted on the poem being transcribed in this edition. His voice wailed as he recited the lines again: "Her smoldering eyes / Her cute button nose / Her full fleshed lips / Her face I behold / Her skin smooth like stone / The one I love, her sweet soul / Oh, Juniperia, I love you so!". An anonymous insider from the counselor's office provided more insight on the situation inside.

"I hope we don't ever have to experience a crowd like that again," the insider said. "People were heartbroken left and right. Honestly, if you ask me, it was more than heartbreak. I think LASA students were using it as an excuse to vent out their feelings that have been clearly building up for a long time."



graphic by Annabel Andre

London Boy? More Like Missouri Man

Taylor Swift jabs at old boyfriend in new song, starting American revolution 2.0

Following the chord progression of the "Star Spangled Banner" and featuring intermittent glorious bald eagle screeches, Taylor Swift's new song "Missouri Man" pokes fun at her previous British boyfriend, Joe Alwyn.

Her lyrics instilled ginormous feelings of patriotism into the youth who desperately need saving from the ominous rise of the boogeymen. Now, teens across the country are showing their support for America. Swift's new song also reflects the happiness in her new relationship with Chiefs' tight end Travis Kelce, with repeating lyrics of Swift singing about the game of football in her rekindled country twang. After the release of "Missouri Man", Alwyn was seen sobbing in a parking lot in Britland.

"I just love and miss Taylor so much," Alwyn said. "My career is dead without her and I'm just a boring middle-aged man..."

Alwyn devolved quickly into hysterics, and through tears, he begged Swift to take him back.

A bill making "Missouri Man" the new national anthem has passed in both the House and the Senate, was signed into law by the other Joe (Biden), who

believes this will increase his prospects in the 2024 election; however, a hater has challenged the law and *Ye v. Swift* and literally every other American citizen is now under review by the Supreme Court;

Members of the Supreme Court gathered in Mount Rushmore to contemplate on the constitutionality of changing the national anthem to "Missouri Man"; After a few minutes of discussion, the ground began to shake, and a booming voice belonging to none other than George Washington boomed from above.

"Thou must make 'Missouri man' the national anthem," Washington said. "It is what I had in mind when I helped guide our country's founding years ago, and Taylor Swift is the fittest American. She must be made president immediately."

Biden was saddened over losing the presidency, but he decided it was best for the good of the people of America.

When asked for comment, Travis Kelsey looked me dead in the eye and simply roared, "Vivaaaaahhhah, Vivaaaaaaaah, VIVAHHHH LAAAAAHHHHS VEGAHHHHHS!!!"

After trying multiple times to coax a clear sentence

out of Kelce, we forwent attempts and decided that Kelce would support the new national anthem. Taylor Swift will soon take her place as President of the United States of America, and she will then launch war on Britland.



graphic by Asha Rountree

NEW STAR PLAYER ON FOOTBALL TEAM

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For Cognito, recruiting more students to LASA was not a realistic solution to the problem of player shortage. Instead, he found it better to make more efficient decisions by recruiting one player to take on both offensive and defensive responsibilities at the cost of paying off a handful of park officials.

"It wasn't easy," Cognito said. "We had to sweet-talk animal control, pay off the national parks, and make sure the bear didn't get too hungry. Once we got the paperwork sorted, it was just a matter of training our recruit to tackle without eating the rest of our team."

Chris P. Bacon, the star wide receiver of the team, was skeptical of being on the same team as a live bear. With time, he has come to appreciate the bear's hunger for facing his opponents and how it motivates him to become a faster receiver.

"On one hand, it's a little scary," Bacon said. "On the other hand, it's awesome blossom."

I did have to change my pre-game routine, though. Now instead of visualizing another dub, I visualize not getting eaten alive. It's a small adjustment."



The bear is on a bulk right now.

- Joe Dohn, bear whisperer



According to the bear's handler and whisperer, Joe Dohn, while the bear will be a powerhouse on the field, it has a big ego in

practices that can't be leashed. It can be prone to not doing basic routes and eating its teammates, something it has already done four times, but Dohn hopes that these practice performances will carry over into the next season.

"The bear is on a bulk right now," Dohn said. "It's the type of hunger players were missing. It's also the type of hunger that makes players go missing. But I think by next season, there'll be nothing left of the competition as long as they get eaten first."

Currently, LASA is petitioning the UIL Interscholastic League to allow the bear to register as a player for next season, arguing that they never specifically pointed out that a bear can't play football in the rules. If approved, the bear will be the first of its kind to compete this upcoming August.

FINE ART IN THE HALLS OF LASA

GRIPPIN BEAN | [i click camera button](#)

AS ANOTHER YEAR PASSES SO TOO DOES THE LITIGATOR'S BEST PHOTO CONTEST. THE COMPETITION WAS EXTREMELY TOUGH THIS YEAR DUE TO THE SHEER NUMBER OF ENTRIES WE RECEIVED! THE JUDGE THIS YEAR WAS JULIUS CAESAR, AN AVID FAN OF THE LITIGATOR FOR YEARS. WHEN ASKED ABOUT HIS OPINION CAESAR SAID MANY THINGS.

"I REALLY THINK ALL OF THE PHOTOS WE GOT THIS YEAR WERE GOOD." CAESAR SAID, "THERE WERE MORE JUDGES THAN ME, HOWEVER."

WE INTERVIEWED THE FORMER PHOTO EDITOR OF THE LITIGATOR EDITOR DILLBERT MORON. HE DESCRIBED THE PROCESS OF TAKING A PHOTO AND HOW HARD IT IS.

"THE PHOTOGRAPHY PROCESS IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT WITH MANY DIFFERENT STEPS, THE FIRST OF WHICH IS GETTING A FLASHLIGHT OUT AND FLASHING IT ON AND OFF AT WHAT YOU WANT TO TAKE A PHOTO OF" MORON SAID. "THEN YOU HAVE TO RUN A MILE WHILE SCREAMING. FINALLY, ONCE YOU DO THAT YOU CAN TAKE THE PERFECT PHOTO."

MORON ALSO DESCRIBED HOW ALL OF THE PHOTOS SUBMITTED WERE TAKEN USING THESE TECHNIQUES HENCE THEIR PERFECTION.

ONE STUDENT IN PARTICULAR STOOD OUT AGAINST THE PEELING WALLS OF LASA. THEIR NAME IS ART PICASSO. THEY SPENT MONTHS PERFECTING

THEIR PORTFOLIO, FILLED WITH BEAUTIFUL AVANT-GARDE AND MODERN PHOTOS.

"I SPENT TEN HOURS EVERY DAY PERFECTING THESE PHOTOS, FULLY EXPRESSING MY DEEP FEARS AND EMOTIONS," SAID PICASSO. "THEY TRULY REFLECT WHO I AM AS A PERSON AND AN ARTIST."

THIS PAST MONTH, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MET (MUSEUM OF MAGNIFICENT ART) REACHED OUT TO PICASSO ABOUT ADDING THEIR PHOTOS TO THEIR COMPREHENSIVE COLLECTION.

"I HEARD ABOUT THIS UP-AND-COMING MODERN ARTIST AND I TOOK A LOOK AT THEIR WORK AND I WAS IN AWE," SAID THE REPRESENTATIVE. "I NEEDED TO HAVE IT! IT IS MINEEEEEEEEE!"

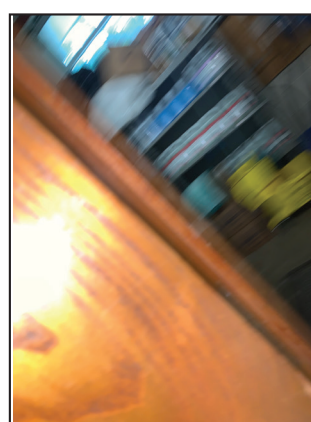
THE SHOW WILL GO UP NEXT MONTH.



REEVALUATING THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE Art Picasso shines a spotlight on the meaningless, consumer-driven lives of most people. It is a perspective never seen before and one that shocked some millionaires, like Elon Musk, so much that they donated all of their riches to charity. Musk now lives in the LASA vents as he sold his house. photos courtesy of Art Picasso



BREATHTAKING BEAUTY Art Picasso's modern photographs break boundaries in art and expand what we thought was possible. The show will be open to the public next month. photos courtesy of Art Picasso



ARTISTIC TALENT Art Picasso's photographs are the best we've ever seen. I was reduced to tears. photos courtesy of Art Picasso

