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Lost Birds

By, Patrick Babiarz

Let me take you back to Sunday, February 12th, 2023. On that day, our Philadelphia Eagles were competing to win their second Super Bowl in franchise history. Fast forward a year later, the Eagles go on a historic losing streak that eliminates them from the playoffs. How did this happen, and what does the future hold for the Eagles?

Mid-season, the Eagles faced one of the toughest schedules in all of the NFL. They played the Chiefs, Bills, 49ers, Cowboys, and Seahawks all in a row. Although they heroically beat the Chiefs and Bills, the next three games were not pretty. First, they got embarrassed in their home stadium against the

49ers by 23 points. Then, they found themselves in the electric AT&T Stadium, where they lost to their longtime rival Dallas Cowboys by 20. Finally, they made many crucial mistakes and got upset by the average Seattle Seahawks team.

After The Seahawks game, many Eagles fans began to worry about the future. Fortunately, the Eagles, in their home stadium, found themselves back in the win column by beating the Giants on Christmas Day. Although they finally got a win, the fans knew it was very unsettling in Philadelphia. The fans were right because the Eagles lost to a terrible Cardinals team. After this game, it was clear what the problem was. The problem was... THE DEFENSE. In the Cardinals game, they allowed (Continued pg 2)

What is the best height in a partner?

By Ella Herbine

Among the dramatics of dating, physical preferences have created the body image goal of height in men. But do people look for height in partners? After surveying people from our community, the most preferred height was 5'10. It's often debated on the best height for a partner due to multiple reasons, being able to reach things, romantic gestures, etc. A lot of girls mentioned it's nice to have a guy who is taller because it's awkward if they are a lot shorter, some said they like shorter people, and some prefer their own height. In the end, it's all personal preference, and I thought doing a survey like this would be fun to watch later. After doing some research, I found the reason for liking taller guys and shorter girls (stereotypically) is due to masculinity/femininity and being perceived a certain way as a couple. Enjoy the video! Thank you to those who participated!



*Use your phone!

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the average Cardinals running back, James Conner, to rush for 128 yards. A team known for its powerful defensive line got embarrassed in the last few weeks of the season. As playoffs approached, the once Super Bowl favorites, found themselves inches away from elimination. Last Monday, the Eagles took the field for the last time against the NFC South champions, the Buccaneers. Throughout the game, it was obvious that the Eagles didn't belong in the playoffs. Nobody on their defense made any effort to make a decent tackle, and they ended up relying on backup linebackers to keep them in the game. They were in the game at halftime, but it was all downhill after that. By the end of the third quarter, The Eagles found themselves down 25-9 with no chance of a comeback. This marked the conclusion of their season and the team's sixth loss in their final seven games. The Buccaneers looked like a Super Bowl-caliber team against this Eagles team when they weren't that special.

Looking into the future, some might argue that the Eagles should fire head coach Nick Sirriani, but the fact that he took them to the Super Bowl just a year ago will probably keep him in Philly. Although Sirriani should stay, there are a lot of good coaches on the table. Coaches include the so-called "GOAT" Bill Belichick, and defensive mind Mike Vrabel. I know some Eagles fans who much rather have those coaches than Nick Sirriani.

April will be an important month for the Eagles because April is the NFL draft. With a good offense, the Eagles need to focus strictly on defense come

draft day. It will be important that the Eagles draft new linebackers, safeties, and cornerbacks come April because those are the positions that cost them a deep run in the playoffs.

Hopefully, by next year, most of the gaps will be filled, and the Eagles will find themselves back in the running for a Lombardi trophy.

Don't Ask Kids Their Age.

We rarely learn to question our upbringing once we are acclimated, especially as children. During this time, habits and personalities are developed and many don't make an effort to change their environment, aside from harmless curiosity. Children are humans at their most vulnerable, being pried at with questions. Why do we think it's okay to ask children their age? So many kids are taught not to ask adults of their age but respond effortlessly when the same happens to them. So I wonder, what is the difference? My interest in this subject began during my time traveling, when a fairly young woman, essentially a stranger,

told me she wanted to get to know me but she was not going to open the conversation with my age. This made me question and theorize on how our society got to this point, but also why I had never thought of this. Asking one's age is often viewed negatively but we must trace where this stigma began and why it still matters. Although I'm personally not a believer of this, many still think age is a key characteristic in one's personality. From the moment children are born, aging is seen badly. Parents often joke about getting old, but the root of that may be fear of change. They often use humor as a coping mechanism when it comes to growing up, but it's known that few people like getting old. Yes, many don't consider the effects, however, it conditions children to dread growing up. Childhood is one of the most intriguing and imaginative times in one's life and needs to be enjoyed. The adults could be concerned because of what they've been told from the beauty industry, (Continued page 3)



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seeing as such companies profit from age insecurities. The point is children view age as a bad thing and when they are asked their age, it's not always well received. Though many adults may not realize it, this comes across as judgment. When you are questioning a child on how old they are, you are instantly comparing them to other children of said age. How were these ideals about what is cognitively appropriate even developed? When people start to get older one of two things happen: they learn to let go, or they fear aging, becoming regretful. With the bitter type, this can be projected onto children that they meet. Many are mad about their youth, that they didn't experience it to the fullest extent, or that it left too quickly. When they speak to children like this, it is usually to make them feel better about themselves. This is rooted in selfishness and is doing nothing for the child's benefit—the only result is scaring them about aging. What is this question used for? Why is it so essential to know the age of a child? Some may argue that this is so that you can speak at their level but if that's the case, how will they ever learn? Our society tends to infantilize and talk down to children. If we expect them to grow, learn, and eventually speak at an adult level, this won't help. Think of this as learning a new language, you must hear it and be surrounded by it constantly so you can pick it up and be able to speak it fluently. Children learn this through being exposed to difficult vocabulary and challenging sentence structure. Talking down to children by what you may believe is appropriate, will

only lead to cognitive and speech delays. Our world has never been without “baby talk,” so how will we ever know how intelligent our youth could be? Children are born with such utter potential that they have a fresh start, so people speaking to children need to consider how much they will be impacting their lives.

Girl Math, Notion, and the Future of Comp. Sci.

Renie Harris

The end of 2023 and beginning of 2024 ushered in the era of ‘girl’ everything: ‘girl’ dinner, ‘hot girl’ walk, and of course, the ever-infamous ‘girl’ math. For those unaware of the “girl math trend, here are some examples from girls at our school:

“When I find cash in my wallet that I didn't know I had, it doesn't count and it's free,”

“If you use cash, it's not coming out of your bank, so it's free,”

“If I have my bank notifications off, the purchase was free,”

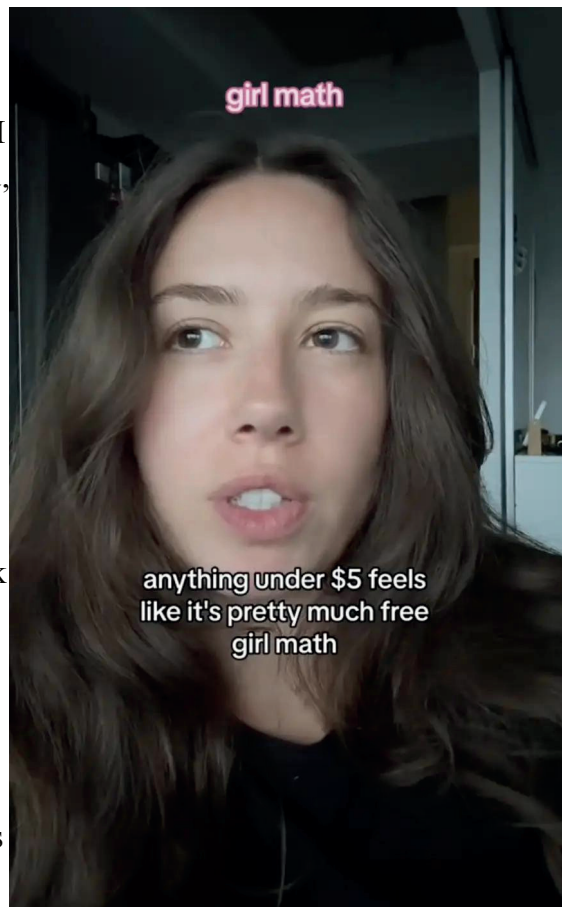
“If I buy coffee with my Starbucks card, which I load

with money from my credit card, I'm saving money from making it at home because I already paid for the Starbucks card,” - Me

Obviously, all of these hoops are

logical fallacies. No one actually saved money, but doesn't it feel like you did? And honestly, I kind of think once you pull money out of your account, it's in a wild-west free-range already-spent limbo. The coquette rebrand of feminine finances has taken a polarizing reputation in the community: is the era of ‘girl’ infantilizing, demeaning, and limiting our girl-boss power, or is it a forward yet graceful effort to reclaim proud femininity? Is girl math cute and harmless? Or, does it encourage immaturity, dependency, and ultimate dysfunction?

I'm still not sure what the right opinion on ‘girl math’ is, but I argue there's a misunderstood application



for girl math which I cannot endorse enough. Normally, girl math refers to two things: spending money, and frivolous consumption. And, admittedly, those might not be the traits to inspire the next generation of women. But, math is more than money;

math is gas mileage, math is grade calculation, and math is time management. My girl-math made me spend hours building a Notion board, an adorable digital planner— which I describe as the cross between Excel

and Pinterest — to organize my schoolwork freshman year. Girl-math says organizing your school work is kind of like doing your school work. For the past four years, I've grown and improved this functioning website to extend to any and every corner of my life. With the click of a button, I add any new assignment to a complex database which scores its priority and charts it on my to-do list. I've used embeds for Schoology, Google Calendar, Spotify, Pinterest, and other parts of my digital sphere to create the ultimate home-page dashboard. I started using LaTeX, a standard typesetting software, to format notes and equations. What started as an aesthetic digital journal became an opportunity to 1. Scroll on Pinterest searching for inspo and 2. Research new, useful upgrades for my product matched her vision to produce a monstrous-sized spider that seemed to take over the pumpkin.

~Wyomissing Art Spotlight~

In this corner of The Chariot, we will regularly feature Wyomissing Area artists and share their insight and thoughts into their projects and artwork. If you are interested in submitting art to be featured in The Chariot, please email 300723@students.wyoarea.org.

Kalia is in 9th grade and is currently taking Ceramics. When asked why she took the class, she responded with excitement to make fun things using clay and would showcase her creativity. Her inspiration behind this piece was Halloween, and she was especially eager to use her piece as fall decor. In making the piece, Kalia found that working with clay was sometimes challenging, especially the blending of the two bowl halves to make the pumpkin base. Constructing the thin, intricate spider legs and keeping them realistic was also a challenge. In particular, Kalia was drawn to a bright, orange glaze to give the sense of a 'glowing' jack o'lantern. All in all, Kalia's end product matched her vision to produce a monstrous-sized spider that seemed to take over the pumpkin.

Allyson is a 9th grader currently taking Mixed Media Crafts. Allyson enjoys art for the inspiration it provides. When asked about her



inspiration behind her string bowl, she responded that her colors were influenced by the beach and earthy tones, particularly teal and green.



In the process of creating her vision, Allyson was most challenged with following the pattern and creating a base. Reflecting, Allyson is most proud of the color pallet concerning her inspiration and the size proportion of the project.



Yalytza is a Junior and currently taking Drawing and Painting. Since 5th grade, she has had a strong passion for drawing and enjoys practicing in her free time. By taking Drawing and Painting, she hoped to reconnect with that spark and designate time to create on the daily. When tasked with replicating a personal object using oil pastels, Yalytza immediately used this as a challenge to draw realistic eyes, which happens to be her favorite thing to draw. (Continued page 5)



Angelina is a Senior and currently taking Ceramics. Growing up, Angelina was exposed to many different art styles, including sculpture, drawing, painting, and even makeup. By taking Ceramics, Angeline hoped to experiment with a new style and expand on her art skills. For her pumpkin project, Angelina wanted to recreate her favorite character, Rick Pickle (Rick and Morty Show), hidden within a black pumpkin. In creating this piece, Angelina worked hard to create the fine details. This process taught Angelina how to be patient, and she was greatly pleased by the result. When asked what part of her final piece she is most proud of, she exclaimed, “Pickle Rick of course!”.

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