

EAGLE EDITORIAL

NEW DESIGN

Welcome to the new design for the Eagle Editorial. With new editors and new staff, the journalism department opted for a fresh look. As you admire our updated template, be sure to read through the edition each month. We are hosting a competition to increase our readership. Also, we are always open to suggestions and co-writers for all journalistic endeavors. Talk to one of the staff writers today.

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"HAWAII WILDFIRES" BY: CADE SARTAIN

On August 8, 2023, multiple wildfires ignited on the Hawaiian island of Maui. While the actual cause remains unknown, some speculate the fires started from a downed powerline. The wildfires quickly strengthened because of the dry conditions along with the wind. The fires burned across more than 17,000 acres destroying 2,207 buildings. According to some reports, the fires have burned at over 1000°F. Sadly, 114 people are confirmed dead due to the fires (As of 8/21/2023). Unfortunately, the number increases every day. More than 1,300 people remain missing. Aside from the loss of life, estimates for the damages are over \$6 billion. Many countries have sent aid to Hawaii, including Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and the Philippines. The Maui wildfires have been the deadliest fires in modern US history.

ONE STUDENT'S OPINION BY: SPENCER TICKLE



Wasps are annoying; we can all agree. Admit it. You've considered the uselessness of wasps. Most of the planet would agree. As humans, we could come together and successfully eradicate all wasps. Right? Why couldn't we do this? But wait. We cannot get rid of all wasps because they control a great many other critters and bugs. Many more annoying bugs and animals would get out of hand without wasps, like spiders. Funnily enough, they create more good than evil. However, they are still evil and worth eradicating at any opportunity.

TEACHER TALKS BY: CARTER COLTRANE

I recently had a chat with Mr. Moran and Mrs. Stephanie. Both teachers were asked to answer the same prompt: "If I could have coffee with any person, alive or dead, who would it be and why?"

"If I were able to have coffee with any one person from history, I would choose Alexander the Great. I would ask him if it was all worth it. I very much would like to know if his disruption, killing, and conquering was an acceptable price to spread his culture and potentially feed his hunger for power." -Mr. Moran

"If I could have coffee with anyone, it would definitely be my mom. I miss her terribly, and there are so many things that I would love to tell her. Just to have a few minutes to sit with her, hug her sweet neck, and tell her how much I appreciated her would be such a blessing. Each day is a gift. Tell people how much you love and appreciate them." -Mrs. Stephanie

TRUMP INDICTMENT

BY: PHOENIX DANIEL



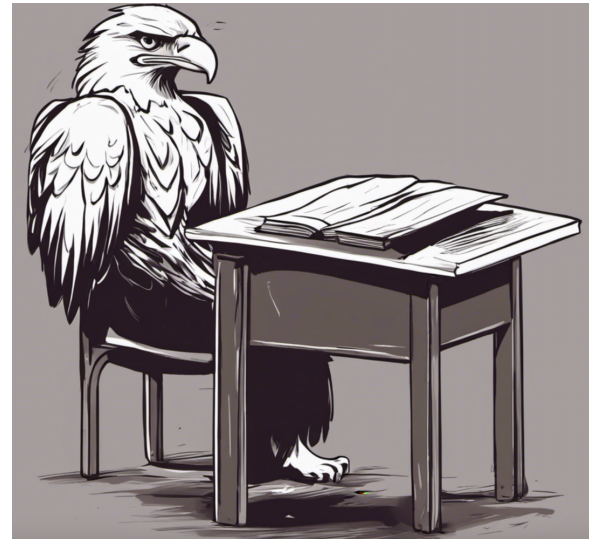
If you have listened to or read news regarding American politics in recent months, then it's safe to assume that you know that former President Donald Trump has been indicted on federal charges. Seemingly every other week, there's a new list of charges presented by some random prosecutor that no one has ever heard of, all in an attempt to throw Donald Trump in federal prison. Regarding specifics, ninety-one felony counts are against Trump across four different cases. The cases are the Georgia election conspiracy, the January sixth case, the classified documents case, and the Manhattan hush-money case. Needless to say, there is a lot of controversy surrounding these cases as Donald Trump is both a reputable and infamous man.

The most famous of the cases against Trump is the January 6 case. For some background information, on January 6, 2021, a crowd of Trump supporters stormed the US Capitol to protest Joe Biden's election. The charges come from Prosecutor Jack Smith, who firmly believes that Trump played a major part in organizing the protest. Although there are only four criminal charges against Trump in this case, they each have a very hefty punishment. The charges include conspiracy to defraud the United States, conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding, obstruction of and attempt to obstruct an official proceeding and conspiracy against rights. If found guilty, Donald Trump would be spending the rest of his life in a cell as the punishment would be over 100 years in jail.

As the nation waits with bated breath, everyone is asking the same question: was this a politically motivated power move? There's no doubt that Donald Trump is the most controversial man of the 21st century, which has divided the country politically. Trump and his supporters firmly believe this is a political witchhunt, while Biden and his administration claim that they deliver justice and that no one is above the law. No one should be above the law, but Biden committed the same crime as Donald Trump when he hid classified documents in his garage. It's also worth pointing out that the Department of Justice waited a year before the 2024 presidential election to indict Trump instead of indicting him years earlier. All in all, this is history in the making that will further divide Americans into political affiliations.

"TALON'S TERRIBLE SECOND DAY"

BY: MATTIE BRIDGES AND NICOLE TIMS



Talon, the majestic eagle, was filled with excitement on his second day of school. Soaring high in the sky, Talon recalled the joy from the previous day. He landed on a branch near the school, receiving a greeting from Mrs. Peggy. Talon shyly greeted her in return. Nervously, Talon got the courage to join a group of nearby eagles.

The morning started well with a lesson on hunting. With his eyes full of curiosity, Talon listened carefully to the teacher's explanations. However, things took a turn for the worse. During the break, he tried to find a conversation to join but couldn't find anyone. Talon felt lonely.

His next class was Nest Architecture, an important class for the ACT. Talon usually found this class quite simple, but on this particular day, he struggled to grasp the intricacies of arranging nests properly. It was now lunchtime, and Talon felt he had a new start. However, he had no lunchbox in his locker. He had forgotten his lunch! He walked to the office to call his mother, but she was too busy at work to bring him lunch. Luckily, Mrs. Bonnie came to the rescue, as she had an extra meal. It wasn't much, but it was enough to hold him over until he got home. Talon tried to find a lunch table but struggled to find a seat. He found a table with an extra seat and sat down next to some fellow eagles.

In the afternoon, he had flying class. Talon was an excellent flier, but Coach Gary decided to have class outside. This decision caused Talon to become very hot and sweaty. The heat caused Talon to stumble and struggle during his takeoffs and landings. Tears of frustration welled up in his eyes.

Talon's final class of the day was a group activity to solve flying puzzles. Talon was paired with some other eagles but felt left out. He had many wonderful ideas but did not have the confidence to speak up. The other eagles grew impatient and completed the task without him.

At the end of the day, Talon returned to the same branch he had landed on that morning with his head hanging low. Mrs. Peggy saw Talon looking sad and approached him. Mrs. Peggy told him that though his day was difficult, it would improve. She told him it was okay to have some bad days but to pick himself up and soar forward. Talon felt relieved. He knew that someone was there for him.

He went home and told his mother about his terrible day. She reassured him that there was always tomorrow to try again. The next day dawned as the sun rose over TCA. Talon arrived with his wings spread wide, ready for a great day. His third day was a much better experience, filled with many new friends and activities.