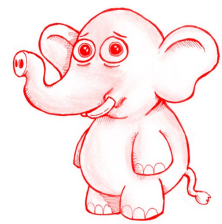


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Any Credence to Life as Virtual Reality?



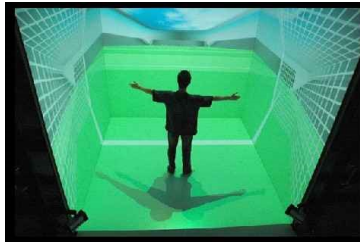
By Emma Chandler
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Have you ever played a video game that has such realistic graphics, you could mistake it for it being real?

That's where a conspiracy theory plays exists that's almost as scary as believed around the word.

The conspiracy, which has been publicized by Tesla CEO Elon Musk and is currently being debated, goes that we're all living in a virtual reality simulation that's so complex and futuristic, we don't even know we're in it. As random and unrealistic it may seem the evidence is prime and makes you reconsider.

The first supporting evidence to the claim is something that almost everyone experiences



daily or weekly but certainly in their lifetime, and that's déjà vu. Déjà vu is when you do something and you have a strange feeling that you already have done it at another time. Scientists have not yet found an exclamation for why this happened or why some people get it more frequently than others.

In this conspiracy it is believed that déjà vu is a glitch in the system, since you are living a life that you already lived. Déjà vu can occur doing daily tasks or events that occurred.

If you're interested in finding out more about this theory, you can google "life as virtual reality" and find a host of articles and news items. .

A Dystopian Carnival Experience

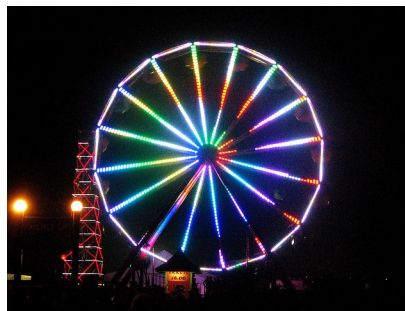


By Megan Spencer and Laura Shea Tusker
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Lezli and Barnkus were happily in love cacti. They decided to go to the carnival to have their first kiss on the Ferris wheel.

They met up at the ticket booth at 8pm. Once they got their \$20 wristbands, they ran straight to the Ferris wheel. They waited for what seemed like hours until finally they were next in line. They got on and waited to kiss until they got to the top.

Once they got to the top, they heard a loud scream from down below. There was an invasion of clowns! Everyone not on a ride fled the carnival. Lezli and Barnkus' hearts were beating



out of their chests. Clowns were everywhere! They were trying to kill everyone.

One by one, the clowns started climbing the Ferris wheel. They thought they were both gonna die before having their first kiss. Lezli and Barnkus decided to jump into the bouncy house below.

They grabbed each other's hands and on three, they jumped. In mid-air, they were about to kiss. But a flying turtle named Larry came by and got stuck to Lezli's lips. They hit the bouncy house and broke it, but were uninjured. Barnkus saw the turtle kissing Lezli and starting fighting him. In the end, the turtle won and Lezli the cactus and Larry turtle lived happily ever after.



SMS Year-End Calendar

June 2nd: Chorus to High Note Festival
June 2nd: Harlem Wizards
June 1st & 2nd: Regents Earth Science Lab Practical
June 5th: ILS Written Assessment
June 7th: Band Concert @7pm
June 7th: Special Olympics Dinner Dance @SHS (4:00-7:00pm)
June 8th: Yearbook Distribution
June 12th-16th: 7th Grade World Language Final (one piece per day)
June 13th: Algebra Regents
June 14th: 7th Science final
June 14th & 15th: 7th and 8th Grade Math final
June 15th: Earth Science Regents (PM-students report by 11:30am)
June 16th: 6th Grade Math final
June 16th: Geometry



June 16th: 7th Social Studies final
June 16th: 6th & 7th Grade Health final
June 19th: FLACS Exam
June 19th: 7th Grade Splashdown trip
June 19th: 8th Grade Graduation practice; 8th Grade Graduation Dance @Villa Bar-one (7-10pm)
June 20th: *Raindate for 7th Grade Splashdown trip
June 20th: 6th Grade Social Studies final
June 20th: 8th Grade Lake Compounce trip
June 21st: 6th Grade Science Final
June 22nd: ½ day (dismissal at 11:30AM)
June 22nd: 8th Grade Graduation (2:00PM)
June 23rd: Last day of school for 6th/7th Grade (1/2 day – dismissal at 11:30AM)

Edible Cookie Dough Makes a Perfect Snack



By Natalie Maher
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Ingredients

1/4 cup packed brown sugar
2 Tablespoons butter, softened

1/8 teaspoon of salt
1/8 teaspoon vanilla
1 Tablespoon milk
5 Tablespoons flour
2 Tablespoons chocolate chip

Directions

1. Start by mixing/mashing your softened butter, brown sugar, salt and vanilla together until well combined
2. Next mix in your 1 Ta-

blespoon of milk. Slowly add in flour, 1 Tablespoon at a time until you have a cookie dough texture

3. Finally, add in chocolate chips. Mix until well combined.



A Summer Sonnet



By Anthony Mancuso
Tusker Tribune Staff Writer

Oh summer, your warm days
bring me joy.

Oh summer, your smell of freshly
cut grass warms me inside.

Oh summer, every day makes my smile
wider.

Oh summer, your
wonderful sounds of
the ice-cream truck
pulling up the block.

Oh summer, how the
pool water fills me
with relief when I
splash in to avoid
your heat.

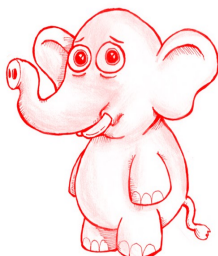
Oh summer, when
you end we get sent to
jail again.

Oh summer, don't go!



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The 'Dog-gone' Days of Summer



By Jaewon Yeo
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I looked up when the boy came closer. I leaped to my feet and ran to him, smiling the smile that people see as weird. He was holding the annoying red leash that trapped me to be in a certain distance to him.

Ugh, I mean, I only barked at the squirrel and went after it once... a month. But still! It made fun of me afterwards, but that is another story. The boy clipped the leash onto the matching collar I had and he led me out of the house. He looked different today. I mean, he had these black, weird smelling pants and had a huge bag that was the bag I only saw at the beach.

I trotted obediently with him. I LOVE the beach, especially the feeling of the sand grinding into my back. I hoped to get on his good side so I could be free with the wind, to feel the wind full of salt go in between my fur and have him and his mom clean all of the sand and salt out later on.



When I was fantasizing about it, I noticed we were not near the beach and the smell of the boy's pants was the same odor as the place we were going to. The boy seemed to be happier, which made me feel relieved we weren't going to the horrific doctor, which I had to drag him there and the vet, which made me get dragged and him being very frustrated with me. I HATE water.

We entered through a fence and I saw the bluest thing I ever saw. The smell was strong and something I never smelled before. I looked at the boy and he was unpacking his bag, but after he unleashed me. I licked his face and he giggled at the sensation, making me proud that I made him feel happy. He then jumped into the pool after applying cream onto his skin. He called my name and motioned me to join him. I ran there and felt water beneath my paws. UGH! I fell into his tricks... again!

Vowing for revenge, I closed my eyes as I awaited the impact of the wet water to come over me.

This Bike Ride Didn't Turn Out As Planned



By Dan Pietropaolo
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Gliding down the street on your brand new bike; you stop short and almost fall over the handle bars.

You put one foot up and you stomp it down; and pull back to make that POP sound and your wheel is up to the sky.

You try to pedal to stay up on that one wheel and when you hit the ground hard, the shocks in the front compress, then push you back up.



You hit the pot hole on the jagged road; Then all of the sudden, Crack! You break your arm.

Sports Update



By Eli Yates
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The NBA Finals are here and so far it's a blowout. The Warriors won the first two games by 15 points or more, and also won the third. In the Cavs' defense, though, they were away but the Warriors have had control both games. Right now the MVP is either Kevin Durant or Stephen Curry. Kevin Durant's stats for the



first game are 38 points, 8 rebounds, and 8 assists. In game 2, Kevin Durant had 33 points, 13 rebounds, and 6 assists. For Stephen Curry in game 1, he had 28 pts, 6 rebounds and 10 assists. In game 2, Stephen Curry had 32 Points, 10 rebounds, and 11 assists which was Curry's first career post season triple-double.



In the NHL Stanley Cup Finals, the Pittsburgh Penguins and the Nashville Predators are tied at 2-2.

