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It Needs to Stop



By McKenna Mullins
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There are over 530 cases and 7 deaths from vaping. It's dangerous and life threatening. Vaping devices contain nicotine and many other substances that are addicting.



There are many illnesses that can happen if you do vape. For example, you could die, your lungs could collapse, and you could become very sick. Vaping can also cause a cancerous tumor. It can harm almost every organ in your body.

The devices themselves can explode in your pocket or even when you are vaping, causing serious burns.

Kids think that if they vape that they will become cool and popular. Vaping is **BAD** and **NOT COOL**. It needs to come to an end.

Editor's Note: For more information on the hazards of vaping, please visit the U.S. Surgeon General's website: <https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/>

Somers 11U Football Feeds Westchester

By Hunter Osborne
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According to, FEEDING WESTCHESTER, there are 200,000 individuals in need of food in Westchester County.

This is hard to believe for a county known to be so rich, but it is true. So many families are losing jobs or work for minimum wage and cannot afford their bills, so buying food becomes a hardship. This is where Feeding Westchester comes in to help.

The program has been in existence for 30 years. They offer a wide variety of food including

fresh produce, dairy, meat, and whole grains.

The Somers 11U football team got involved with FEEDING WESTCHESTER thanks to Tricia Sternberg (6th Grader and team member Cooper Sternberg's mother) who organized a food drive.

After practice last Saturday, Tricia also organized the team to make signs and posters for our first food drive, which was held on Sunday, September 22nd. The team was able to collect over 500 pounds of food.

The team will be continuing to collect food at all home games for 11U. Please come in support for this charitable cause.

Somers 11U Football Home Game Schedule:

- Sunday, October 6, 4 p.m.
- Sunday, October 13, 4 p.m.
- Sunday, October 20, 4 p.m.

Shorter Passing Time is Stressful!



By Aidan Coolican
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Have you been late to a few classes this year already? There may be some variables, but I think I know why.

The school follows the New York state rules for how long the instruction time per day is. We needed a few more minutes, so they took away a minute in between classes for period 4, 5, 6 and 7.

I get this switch up, but I have just a few problems. First of all, kids are rushing from class to class speeding down the halls trying their hardest just to get marked on time for their class. They say no running, but they also say don't be late... Secondly, 6th graders may not have

such a jumpy schedule as the 7th graders, but I have classes down at gym and health with Mr. Arnett and then I have to run up to the top floor, literally across the building to Mrs. Manko and Mr. Mullaney.



Last but completely not least is that I am getting held in for lunch and getting marked late every single day. I will not name names, but one teacher is getting mad at me for being seconds late to a class that is 3 stair ways up and hundreds of feet to walk in less than one and a half minutes.

Finally, I think teachers should have a little leniency and allow us to get to class without getting scolded.

Kuira- Va!



**By Natalia Tellez
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If you have never heard of the Tarahumaras, they are a group of indigenous people of northwestern Mexico. The Tarahumara's have been inhabiting the lands for a very long time, living in separate communities far apart from each other. They have survived all the harsh winters and summers, wars, politics, and overall every daily challenge you can think of. Over 60,000 of them in number and every single Tarahumara is kind, welcoming, talented, and in my opinion incredible.

An ancient Tarahumara legend tells us that the tribes came from the north of Aztlan in around 1300 BC looking for land. A small group of them stayed in the place which is now currently the state of Chihuahua and are now large civilizations. Another hypothesis told by the Tarahumara's is that they have lived on these lands forever and received their knowledge, ways of living, and traditions by an older race, one older than ours. We have many theories but the Tarahumara's are mostly still a mystery to us.

To the Tarahumaras, the most important aspect of the communities is their family because with them they together confront every problem they will face.

The woman are in charge of household needs including taking care of the children, preparing food, blanket weaving, and the making of works tools that might be needed. Meanwhile the men's role is building houses, working the land, cutting wood, hunting and gathering either plants, fruits, or fungi depending on the time of the year.

The children also help out; the



daughters go with the mothers and likewise for the sons. They will start helping out from the moment they can walk and speak simple words whether it's by selling handcrafted items or doing small chores around the house and field. The whole family



takes care of the animals, plants, harvests, and stores the crops.

The Tarahumaras work together in cooperation to construct homes, build fences, construct canoes, and prepare land for farming. The main crops they farm are corn, beans, potatoes, zucchini, and lima beans. Tarahumaras usually gather seasonal wild plants like roots, berries, and more. Meat is only eaten on rare occasions because it is scarce so only when an animal is sacrificed for a ceremony or another special occasion will it be served.

Most causes of the Tarahumaras illnesses are natural factors caused by the weather, humidity, and wind but over time they have developed many remedies to cure them. For example, Bariguchi is chewed and used to cure strong coughs in adults, Onwa is drunk in tea and is good for muscle aches or general physical weakness in children and adults, and Chijame is also drunk in tea and helps stop diarrhea or stomach problems.

The Tarahumaras have believe in having illnesses due to supernatural cause which are treated by other Tarahumaras called Owirumames. They help with enchantments, healing from bewitching and loss of soul.

The Tarahumaras consider their children to be ready for marriage when they have the capacity to work by themselves, know the value and need of sharing, and understand the value of faithfulness to another person. If within a marriage one these requirements is broken, separation is required.

When a Tarahumara wishes to marry a another, they must approach the mayor and ask for his permission. Then once approved at church he proceeds to write his name on a rock and throw it at the loved one. The girl then has the power to throw back a rock with her name, sealing the proposal or give him his own rock back showing she is not interested. If she keeps his rock, within a couple of weeks or a few months, the two are married.

Sports enable Tarahumaras to be individuals while still remaining united with the community. Men play carrera de bola (ball run), el cuatro (the four), and el quince (the fifteen). Woman play a game called ariweta.



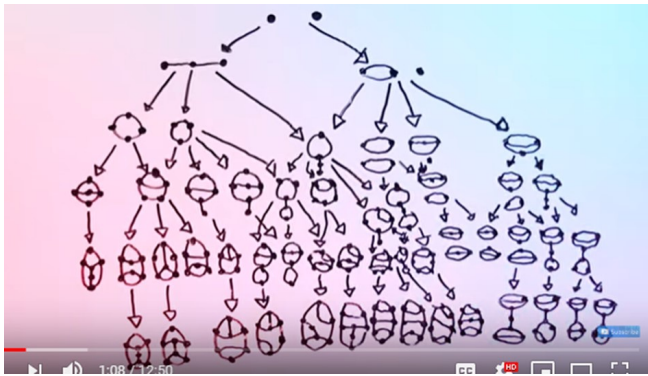
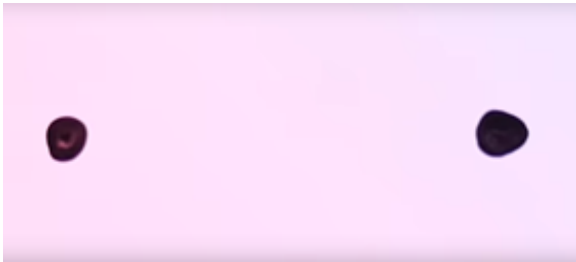
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The Game That You Can't Comprehend



By Sam Sanz
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Part 1: Two Dots, Two Much Fun
Two dots... Two dots

It's a game of 2 dots. Simple Right! Well let's see each possibility in this game.



Woah! That's a lot of possibilities. Welcome to the game of Sprouts. Sprouts was created in 1967 by Cambridge mathematicians John Conway and Michael Paterson. The game soon became a school-wide phenomenon and was very popular outside of the school. Here is how you play.

First a player draws one line between two dots or from one dot back to itself. You draw a line



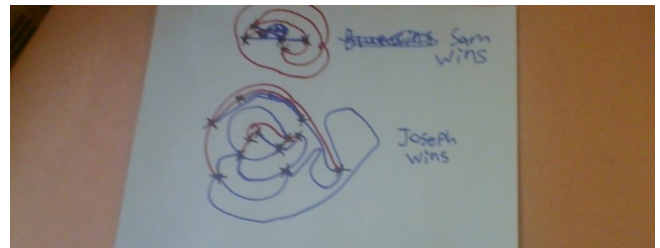
Nerd's Words

every turn and they can't cross over another line or themselves. When you draw a new line, you can put a new dot on it. No dot can have more than 3 lines going to or coming from it.

Once it gets 3 lines, it is no longer playable and is a "dead dot". The first person to have no possible moves loses.

Now let's play some games of Sprouts with some Tusker Tribune Writers.

I played two games with people in the Tusker Tribune staff—Noah and Joseph. We both had a fun time playing Sprouts and after a few moves we started to strategize on what moves to make.



Part Two: Two Dots, Two Much Confusion

So, let's just say that you lost a game of sprouts to your friend Billy. You want to get your revenge on Billy. Your first idea is to find an equation for sprouts. NOTHING. There is no algorithm or equation to win a game of Sprouts.

The thing is you find who can win. Sproutology as they call it is the study of the game sprouts.

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The most well-known Tarahumara game is the ball run; it is played by two through five men on each team. They run kicking a baseball size ball which they handcrafted out of madrono wood and run between 7-20 kilometers which takes up to 40 hours non-stop. They do this because they believe the ball represents the world and by keeping it in the air, they are making the world go round. Furthermore, Tarahumaras are some of the world best runners winning the longest marathons consisting of 120 or 180 kilometers (about 110 miles). They are not said to win marathons that are 42 kilometers long because their

speed is only starting to reach its fullest at that time. For them, those 42 kilometers is only a warmup. And this is so surprising because the Tarahumaras run every race, run through all the rocky terrain in sandals!

In conclusion, the Tarahumaras are a very amazing civilization and even though it is said that they are uncivilized, that is not true. It might appear that way because their concepts are reduced to basic, simple physical needs. I feel that more people should learn about the Tarahumaras, their traditions, and live without technology, or electricity. Oh, and in case you didn't know, **Kuira-Va** means hello and goodbye in the Tarahumara's language!

30 NBA Teams, 30 NBA Offseason Moves: Part 2



**By Benji Cutler
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If you read my article last week, "30 NBA Teams, 30 NBA Offseason Moves: Part 1", then you know that I took all 15 teams in the Eastern Conference, and I told you their best move in last summer's offseason, either a signing, draft pick, or trade. That article should let you know the latest moves for the 2019-20 NBA season, beginning October 22. Today's article will be exactly the same as last week's article, but this time, I'm going to tell you the other 15 teams' best moves in the offseason. These 15 teams are the teams in the Western Conference.

Dallas Mavericks: With their deadly duo of Luka Doncic and Kristaps Porzingis being fully healthy this season, they are looking towards a low playoff spot or high non-playoff spot. They signed Delon Wright, a solid starting point guard, and Seth Curry, a great spot up shooter to come off the bench.

Denver Nuggets: With a mid-second round pick, trading for Bol Bol with the Heat, Bol may be a very nice steal to help their team. In Free Agency, they took Jerami Grant and his big salary away from the Thunder, helping Denver at the power forward position.

Golden State Warriors: Even though losing superstar Kevin Durant will hurt the Warriors' chance at another title, they did resign Klay Thompson and picked up the Nets best player last season, D'Angelo Russell to play Shooting Guard next to Steph Curry!

Houston Rockets: Once the Thunder lost Paul George to the Clippers, Russell Westbrook felt betrayed, and wanted to get traded. So the Rockets gladly traded Chris Paul and 2 first round picks for Westbrook, reuniting James Harden and Russell Westbrook,

but this time, they're both way better than what they once were.

LA Clippers: Last season, being the 8 seed in the west, they had enough cap space for 2 super max contracts after trading Danilo Gallinari. With all that cap space, they did an amazing job, signing Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard and MVP candidate, Paul George!

LA Lakers: During the first half of the season, the Lakers were looking at trading for Anthony Davis, but never did. At the beginning of the offseason, they traded Lonzo Ball, Brandon Ingram, Josh Hart, and tons of draft picks, to get Davis and LeBron on the same team!

Memphis Grizzlies: Trading their star point guard, Mike Conley, they took away a huge contract off of their hands. They drafted Murray State star Ja Morant with the 2nd pick, and Brandon Clarke later in the draft, who went on to win Summer League MVP!

Minnesota Timberwolves: Having star Karl Anthony-Towns, and being in the middle of their rebuild, all they needed was more young pieces to help their team in the future. So they traded their 11th pick and Dario Saric for the 6th pick, drafting Texas Tech's Jarrett Culver.



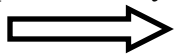
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Game

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Denis Mollison a Professor of Applied Probability at Heriot-Watt University. John Conway bet 10 shillings (about 10\$) that Mollison couldn't complete a full analysis of a 6-dot game of sprouts in 1 month.

He did it. It took him 47 pages to do this. His discoveries are represented by this chart.

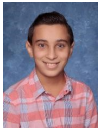


After that... the computation couldn't handle it. Hold on. How can there be a zero-dot game? Well if there were 0 dots the first player can't draw so, the second player wins. Early computers have gotten up to 11 dots and later somebody did 7 dots by hand. Now were on 11 dots by hand too.

# of Dots	Player 1 wins	Player 2 wins
0		yes
1		yes
2		yes
3	yes	
4	yes	
5	Yes	
6		yes

The game of Sprouts is a fun, simple yet confusing game.

How Ronny J Got On Both Sides of the Em & MGK Beef



By Noah Volkman
Tusker Tribune Staff

After making a name for himself in South Florida's SoundCloud rap scene, producer Ronny J made a huge splash in 2018 by landing two tracks on Eminem's *Kamikaze*.

One of the songs, "Not Alike," set off a beef with Machine Gun Kelly, who returned fire with another Ronny J-produced track, "RAP DEVIL." In a recent *Uproxx* interview, Ronny explained how he ended up on both sides of the still-simmering feud.

It all started when the New Jersey-born producer's manager asked him to send beats for Em's upcoming album. "I sent beats and few days later, he was like, 'Alright, Em wants these two,'" Ronny remembered. "A month later, two months later, he's like, 'Alright, it's going on Em's album.'" Around the same time, he was in LA when a friend told MGK to come by the studio. "I played some beats or whatever, and he took 'em," said Ronny. "He was like, 'Yo, I got to go to my studio



right now. I'm about to work right now.' One of them just happened to be 'RAP DEVIL' and he rapped on it immediately. He sent it to me, I thought it was crazy. He was super excited like, 'Yo, we're about to go crazy with this.'"

Fans took notice of Ronny J being credited as the producer of both "Not Alike" and "RAP DEVIL" almost immediately, which led to several internet conspiracy theories. In an interview with *The Breakfast Club*, MGK explained that he wanted to take aim at Em on an even playing field. "Let's also say it like it is," he said. "You took two weeks; I took two days. You used a Ronny J track; I used a Ronny J track. You used a million-dollar studio, I used a dressing room before soundcheck." In addition to "Not Alike," Ronny placed another beat on *Kamikaze* for "The Ringer," which also name-drops MGK and Ronny's previous collaborator Lil Pump.

For what it's worth, it appears that neither Eminem nor MGK holds Ronny's part in the beef against him. The producer says that he's still sending beats to both rappers. Perhaps he can help facilitate MGK's proposed collaboration to end the feud once and for all.

NBA

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New Orleans Pelicans:

Picking up Lonzo Ball, Brandon Ingram, Josh Hart and many picks, they were going all young these next couple seasons. Very unexpectedly, they also ended up with the 1st pick, picking up Zion Williamson without a doubt. They also drafted Jaxson Hayes and Nickeil Alexander-Walker, and signed Derrick Favors and JJ Redick.

Oklahoma City Thunder:

Losing their star players Paul George and Russell Westbrook, they will probably start rebuilding this season, only having an old Chris Paul, Steven Adams and Danilo Gallinari.

Phoenix Suns: The Suns are rebuilding the team, but they didn't have an impressive offseason, only drafting Cameron Johnson at the 11th pick, and signing FIBA World Cup MVP Ricky Rubio, a good point guard that ends the streak of years that Phoenix had a bad point guard.

Portland Trail Blazers:

Making it all the way to the Western Conference Finals last season, the Blazers only needed a couple more



role players to fill out the team. They drafted Nassir Little with the 25th pick, and signed good players to help the team like Kent Bazemore, Mario Hezonja, and Hassan Whiteside.

Sacramento Kings: The Kings are a young and exciting team, but their offseason wasn't exciting. The main things they did were signing Dewayne Dedmon, Cory Joseph and Trevor Ariza.

San Antonio Spurs: The Spurs did not do anything special, besides signing Trey Lyles and trading Davis Bertans. They were supposed to sign Marcus Morris, but he went with the Knicks instead.

Utah Jazz: Picking up Mike Conley, the Jazz are looking for a high seed playoff push. Helping that push a lot, they signed a very helpful player, Bojan Bogdanovic, from the Pacers. They also picked up two role players, Ed Davis and Jeff Green.

That's it for my little series, "30 NBA Teams, 30 NBA Offseason Moves". I hope these facts about each team helped you understand what happened around the league this summer. Next up, is the beginning of the NBA season on October 22! See you then!

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