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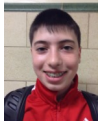


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Small Tornado Disrupts NJHS Rehearsal



**By Joseph Melillo
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On Tuesday, May 15th students were coming out of the auditorium, just finishing up their rehearsal for the NJHS. They were expecting to be picked up according to plan, but Mother Nature had separate plans for us.

Everyone was outside looking for their parents and was in the parking lot. Then, all of a sudden, a very strong wind came. Well, it was actually a small EF0 tornado that came from a funnel cloud above the town of Somers and snapped a tree outside the middle school.

Everyone was scared because woodchips and sticks came flying at us and it started pouring rain down on us. Mrs. Spirrelli rushed everyone into the building and we were all just hiding in the school waiting for our parents. Then the



lights started flickering, and they kept on flickering for the next 2 minutes, but then they finally stayed out. The school had run out of power.

The custodians rushed everyone into the cafeteria, the only place that had power. When everyone's parents arrived, for much of the students there wasn't an improvement. Most of us lost

power during the attack of the wind.

For me personally, there were three fallen trees covering half the road! It's said that roughly 8 out of every 9 people have no power. That means no hot food or hot water, Wi-Fi, and most importantly, no light. No students could charge their tablets to do homework. School was canceled on Wednesday, May 16, because of the power outages around the town, and in the school.

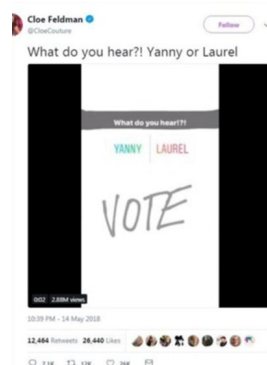
It's been one heck of a school year for storms!

Yanny vs. Laurel Debate: The Answer Is...



**By Noah Volkman
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Taking the Internet by storm, the "Yanny or Laurel" debate is dividing friends, family, and the entire world wide web in half (or so). First, I should explain how this all started. Twitter user Cloe Feldman tweeted out:



But anyway, it went viral quickly. She later explained on YouTube that she just found it on Reddit and posted it on Twitter. She then was bombarded with celebrities re-posting her tweet like TV show host Ellen DeGeneres and Beyoncé.

Like the "black and blue or white and gold" dress debate from 2015, this debate is an optical illusion, but to the ears. Video production supervisor Doug Johnson of Doug Johnson Productions explains why about 47% of the population hear "Yanny" and the other 53% hear "Laurel".

Yanny or Laurel? Answered definitively!
#TeamYanny vs #TeamLaurel

After watching the video, the conclusion is... It's both! It's actually just the phrase "yanny" and the word "laurel" on top of each other!





Tusker Tribune Comics



So many have spoken me;
others had to pry.

Some have tried to sing me;
but I'm a Band-Aid on a scar.
Others figured out
my evil song can travel far

I can paint a smile;
I can tear apart a life;
I am a match inside a blizzard;
I'm the pain inside a knife.

So you can twist or turn me;
Many before have tried.
It's impossible to change me
Because I am a *lie*.

I DON'T
BELIEVE
YOU

The Tusker Tribune welcomes artwork of all kinds—comic strips, cartoons, and original drawings and sketches. Submissions can be given to Mr. Pappas in room 305 on paper, or sent to : **DPappas@somersschools.org** as a .jpeg or .pdf file.

All drawings MUST be signed neatly by the artist.

**PLEASE DRAW YOUR ARTWORK
AS DARK AS POSSIBLE.**

Today's artwork is by Sophie Moore

A Scientific Way to Kick a Field Goal



**By Sam Sanz
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Starting in the 1960's, NFL kickers starting using a soccer-style kick. Before these kickers used a method of straight-on kicking where to start, they lined up in a straight line from the ball. Then the kicker usually locked his ankles in place and toed the ball for 3 points.

Almost everything about this method is different from today's method. Just to name a few, they approach from the sides, the holder tilts the ball and they use the instep of their foot instead of their toe.

"In a foot/ball collision, the ball goes off at about 20 percent faster than the foot is traveling," according to Adrian Lees, a professor of biomechanics at Liverpool John Moores University in the United Kingdom. "However, this percentage can be increased or reduced depending on how rigid or

flexible the foot is."

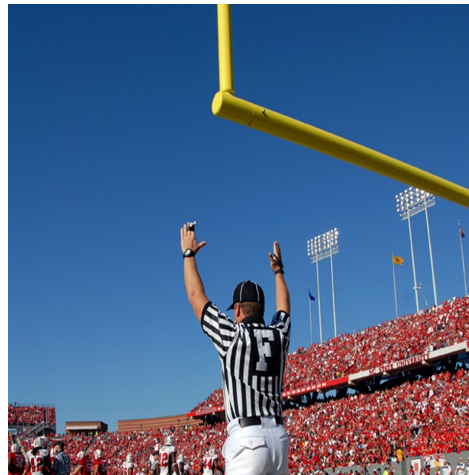
Soccer-style kickers usually bend and flex their ankle more, but it means you must make other changes to balance that. Their hips swivel in the windup and when they follow through. Now their body is in more than one axis, meaning they can go faster which means the ball goes faster. With the flexing ankle strategy, they can decrease the chance of an ankle or foot injury.

Some disadvantages come with it because they need to hit the center of the ball. Or else they wouldn't get the 3 points. Matt Prater of the Denver Broncos and Detroit Lions kicked a record-setting 64-yard field goal, and no one has ever matched it.

Well that's it for science nerd I'll see you in the end zone next time.



**Science
Nerd**



Stanley Cup Playoffs Promise Lots of Thrills



**By Bryce Fillippazzo
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The Stanley Cup is almost here leaving only four teams (Lightning, Capitals, Golden Knights and the Jets).



These four teams all made it to the Conference Final. However, which two teams will make it to the Stanley Cup? I hope it's the

Lightning vs Golden Knights but that is my opinion.



However, you can root for your own team. So root for your team.

Looking at all the teams I think that the Lightning will win it all because the Lightning have great depth in their lineup, having fast and strong players.

For example, there is Steven Stamkos, Brayden Point and Victor Hedman. They're just a few of Tampa Bay's talented lineup. Who will be the two final teams and who will win it all?



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