

FIRST EDITION. MARCH 16, 2020

THE

The letters 'V' and 'T' are rendered in a large, bold, red serif font. Two solid red circles are positioned between the letters: one is located in the upper loop of the 'V', and the other is at the top of the vertical stem of the 'T'.

Veritas Times

THE SCHOLARLY NEWS
NETWORK

VERITAS TIMES

The Scholarly News Network



What We're About

The Veritas Times Staff

Welcome to The Veritas Time News! This is a news network for all of you VSA Scholars out there, hence our motto: **“The Scholarly News Network.”** Most of us are submerged in homework, otherwise known as Half Of My Energy Wasted On Random Knowledge, being the homeschoolers that we are. This is an enjoyable newsletter for you all to read once every few weeks, in the hopes that it will provide some ‘scholarly relief’. We hope you like it!

Veritas Times Pledge: We, the members of The Veritas Times, promise to deliver unbiased news at least twice a month. We admire integrity, diligence, and trustworthiness in anything we write. We will ensure that nothing is inflated or exaggerated, biased or influenced. We will work diligently to bring you useful, true, and interesting news once a week. Above all, we want to honor and glorify God through whatever we write. Praise the Lord!

IN THIS ISSUE

**THE BABY YODA
WAR: CHAOS IN THE
COMMONS**

**INFLUENTIAL
YOUTH WOMAN
LEADERS**

**TOP 5 RECOMMENDED
CLASSICS**

**A CHANGE IN THE
WIND: NEW SERIES!**

THE FIGHT AGAINST ABORTION

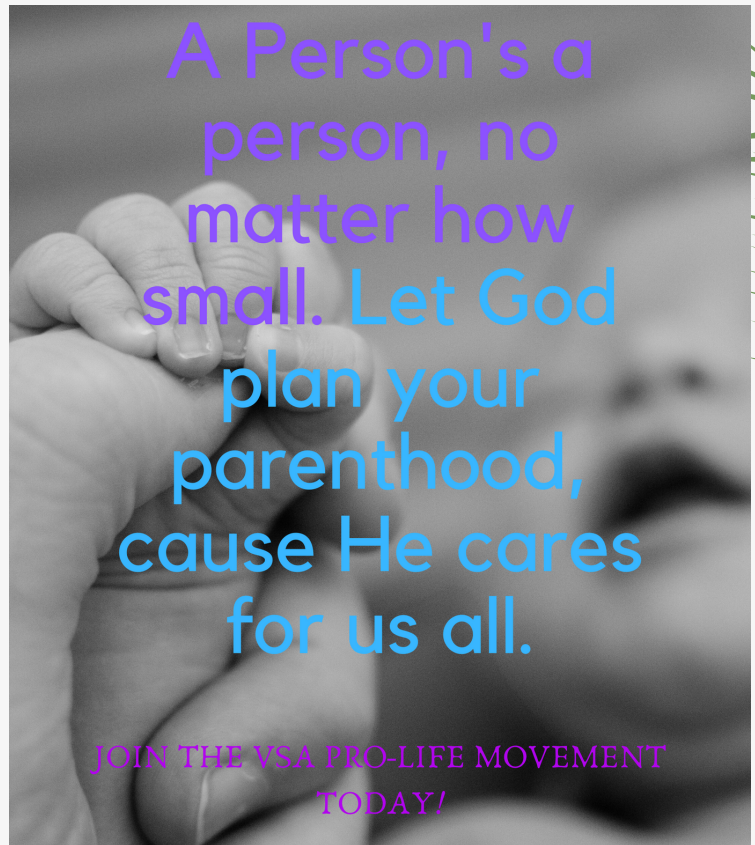
“Lord Jesus, We thank you for all of the brothers and sisters we have through you. We ask that each of them will get the chance to live! We ask that there will be NO I repeat, NO abortions today. Lord, please change the minds of these abortion-minded women. In Christ's name, we pray, Amen.”-Adelyn Perkins, founder of the VSA Pro-Life Movement

Around 125,000 babies are aborted each day. With over 600 Planned Pregnancy centers in the United States alone, abortion is a huge deal. Many mothers don't think they can support a child, and some just don't want to. When children are aborted, it is murder. These unborn babies are human beings made in the image of God, and it is wrong to kill them.

Today, please take the time to pray for all the women who are struggling with thoughts of abortion. Pray that their babies would be saved and that Jesus would become known to all the mothers who are thinking about killing their child. Lastly, pray that they would understand the value of life and that the Lord cares for all of us.

Remember, your prayers make a difference!

Always believe that a life is THE most precious thing and it is a WONDERFUL gift from God and cherish it above all things (other than God).



Psalm 139: 14 -- “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

This verse shows us that ALL of us are made in the image of God and WONDERFULLY made! Yes, even unborn babies!

They are still ALIVE before birth and God “knit them together” with such care, and He made every single one of them exactly how He wanted to. These children who are killed every single day because of abortion are so much more than just globs of cells, they are living humans. God made each and every one of them and He loves them so much.

It's time for us to take a stand against abortion. Even if it's just a short prayer, stand up for all the innocent, defenseless babies who are aborted every single day.

Become a member of the VSA Pro-Life Movement today! Visit Adelyn Perkins' “Pro-Life Prayer Group 2” Discussion on the 6-7 Commons to join the movement! Thank you!

- Written by Anna Blondo

THE RECENT BUZZ

The baby yoda War

Today, we'll be discussing something that is on many VSA students' minds: The Baby Yoda War. As many of you know, this "war" began when a Disney: Star Wars show called, The Mandalorian, introduced a new character now known as Baby Yoda. This creature is an infant version of, not only the original Yoda that we all know and love, but is what all Yodas start their life as.



The adorableness of the way it talks, moves, and looks in general has caused many of us to fall in love with this tiny green tot. But as more and more people fall prey to this creature's cuteness, others begin to dislike him. This dislike has spread because of one thing alone, the overuse of Baby Yoda. Fans of the small green alien have spoken and fangirled/boyed over him so much that over half of the former Baby Yoda lovers have turned to the other side, and they've gone full Star Wars on us.

These Baby Yoda "dislikers" have come to be known as the Baby Yoda Dislikers Club or BYDC. This club is made up almost entirely by students who had, up to this point, been a part of the Baby Yoda Fan Club or BYFC, or at least, they had no strong opinions of him before. As the size of the BYFC slowly 'diminishes', the BYDC continues to 'grow' in size, aided by its allies, DNN and (students debate over whether the Mustache Man Movement or MMM is really aiding the BYDC).

Will this adorable baby alien cause a rift in the 6-7th grade student commons? Well, it appears that it already has. It got to the point till one student left the Commons entirely. Others have grown more and more frustrated with this war over a fictional creature. Yet another group of students who have started their own ascent to power, those who don't even have an opinion of Baby Yoda.

Because of this, a new club has begun to form known as the Baby Yoda Neutral Club or BYNC. Of course, the mods are doing something about it and the excitement is beginning to die down. The student came back and World War III won't be starting because of this anytime soon.



Who will win this vicious war, the BYDC or the BYFC? Or possible, the BYNC?

That will be all for today. Thank you for reading this report on the Recent Buzz happening in Veritas Academy.

--.Written by Moira Mackey and Sammy Orgelfinger



GRETA THUNBERG

Seventeen-year-old Greta Thunberg has been protesting against climate change since she was fifteen when she decided not to attend school. Instead, she sat in front of parliament with a sign that read "Skolstrejk för KLIMATET" (school strike for climate). Over the course of two years, Thunberg has met several world leaders, been "Person of the Year" in Times magazine, been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, and inspired hundreds of thousands of young students. Her example is indeed inspiring and just goes to show that no matter how young you are, you can make a difference.

BILLY EILISH

Billie Eilish, 18, has been making music since she was 14. Her first song, Ocean Eyes, went viral overnight and now has 19 million Spotify plays. Bad Guy became Eilish's first single to debut in the top 10 of Billboard Hot 100, peaking at number one. And guess what? She started as a confident, innovative young homeschooled kid and became one of the world's greatest singers



Melati and Isabel Wijsen - These two sisters, founders of Bye Bye Plastic Bags, are passionate about raising awareness about ocean pollution. Since 2013, when they launched Bye Bye Plastic Bags, Melati and Isabel Wijsen have helped 350 local businesses commit to limiting (or eliminating) the use of everyday single-use plastics and organized Bali's Biggest Clean Up, collecting over 35 tons of waste in the ocean. Their example is so inspiring because they accomplished SO MUCH and at the time, that probably seemed impossible but remember -- they did it one step at a time.

BONUS

Trivia & booklist

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

There is a bonus section for bonuses such as recommended lists, tips, life hacks, and trivia. Contact us if you would like to share a tip or trick in our bonus section. Want a new good book to read? These top 5 books list was hand-selected by the Veritas Times staff. You may never have heard of them before, but they are classics and a definite must-read, starting from The Book Thief till My Side of the Mountain.

1. The Book Thief by Markus Zusak- This gripping story, narrated by Death Himself, takes place in Nazi Germany during world war II. The Hubermanns: Hans, accordion-playing painter, Lisa, home cook and laundress, and their daughter, Liesel Meminger, thief, decide to take in a Jewish boy. Will the Hubbermans be caught? Will Max survive?
2. The Secret Keepers by Trenton Lee Stewart- When Rueben discovers an antique watch, his life takes a crazy, thrilling turn. This watch isn't any watch; it's a magical, ancient watch, wanted by the tyrant, nicknamed "The Smoke", of somber New Umbra. Will Rueben give the watch to the tyrant for a massive sum of money or use it to become a hero and rid the city of 'The Smoke'?
3. Wizards of Once by Cressida Cowell- Wizards, workers of magic and spells, and warriors, great, fearless fighters, were never meant to mix. They fought a great war, but warriors had the metal-that-magic-does-not-work-on, iron. Now living on two separate halves of the island, what will happen when a warrior princess and wizard boy unite to defeat the witches, who have risen again?

4. **The Boundless** by Kenneth Oppel- Climb aboard *The Boundless*, the greatest, longest, and most mysterious train the world has ever seen, about to travel the just-completed American railroad. Little does Will know when he boards the train that his father so painstakingly worked to complete, that he will be embarking on a journey full of deadly peril, thrilling adventure, and mysterious magic...

5. **My Side of the Mountain** by Jean Craighead George- This novel is told by Sam Gribbley, a resourceful 12-year-old. After running away from home, Sam must survive the wild wilderness of the Catskill mountains. Will he be able to tame these mountains, find food, and make himself a home in these lonely woods, or will he return home as a failure?

TRIVIA

This is the Veritas Times trivia! There will be trivia in every magazine. Questions are written by William Heggland. Enjoy and have fun answering the questions (don't look it up though)!

1. Where is the baseball Hall of Fame located?

- A. Cooperstown, NY
- B. Hartford, CT
- C. Seattle, WA

2. Indianapolis 500 winners traditionally celebrate by drinking what beverage?

- A. Champagne
- B. Beer
- C. Milk

3. Who was the second president of the United States?

- A. George Washington
- B. John Adams
- C. Thomas Jefferson

4. The largest volcano ever discovered in our solar system is located on which planet?

- A. Mars
- B. Earth
- C. Saturn

5. True or False, Rome has never hosted the Olympic games?

- True
- False



CHANGE OF THE WIND

SHORT STORY

By Sophia Pinter

Chapter One

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP. BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP. BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP. “Nooo I don’t want to get up yet,” Abriella grumbled as she slammed a pillow against her head, trying to block out the sound. Trying, it didn’t do much, to be honest it made the worthless thing louder. “Abriella! Turn off your dumb alarm! Everyone else is still asleep, do you want to wake them up?!” Abriella flipped over to face her sister, “Look Britt. Do you really think I want to get up right now? Cause if you do, you are terribly mistaken!” Abriella smirked. “Ugh, turn off the alarm! Now!” Brittany yelled as she stalked back to her room. “If they weren’t up earlier they definitely are now,” Abriella mumbled as she got up and turned the alarm off. Yippee, another day of boring school, normal school. It was like this every day: get up, eat, go to school, come back, watch the forest, practice abilities, eat, go to bed. Abriella flopped onto her bed “Ugh when will I ever get a break?”

She couldn’t practice her ability with someone else who had it too, the other people like her and her family were all scattered across the world. Ever since she was eight this had been her life. When she was eight she discovered her and her family were different from normal people. For five years now, she’s been training her abilities and protecting the forest. This wasn’t just any forest, it was a forest that held many secrets, endangered supposedly extinct animals and magic as well as dark magic. And if any foolish human got their hands on that dark magic, well you might as well say bye bye world! There were other forests like this all over the world, which is where other families are stationed and when they’re not stationed anywhere they live in their capital, Atlantis.

Abriella sat there staring at her ceiling. Coo coo. Abriella got up and looked under her bed to find her little chinchilla baby, Mimi. “Mimi! There you are you little sneak! Where have you been baby?” She brought Mimi up to her bed, and the little Chinchilla leaped up onto her lap and squeaked. “Oh so you’ve been out exploring have you?” Squeak! “Well, next time will you please tell me where you are going?” Squeak! Squeak! “Ok ok, I forgive you.” Abriella sighed as she rubbed Mimi’s head. Even if she was different, understanding animals was truly amazing, along with teleporting, healing, controlling water and levitating. And her special ability was disappearing. It was hard to control at first, but then it became an awesome thing to use against her older siblings.

Abriella sighed and flopped right back down on her bed, still petting Mimi. "More school." Abriella muttered. She bolted up, "OH WAIT SCHOOL. Oh wait," She laid back down yet again, "Eh, whatever mom can say I'm sick, I don't NEED to go to school today." SQUEAK! "No Mimi, I don't have to!" SQUEAK! "Mimi it's fine!" Squeeeeeeeak. "Whatever Mimi." Abriella sighed, "I guess I should start getting up now.... Ugh, but I don't want to! Nope, not getting up." It's really annoying getting up in the morning, especially when Brittany comes in and yells at her for some stupid reason. "ABRIELLA!" Abriella jolted up, "What Brittany?!" "COME HELP US NOW?!" "Why?" "CODE TRIPLE RED!" "WHAT!? HOW?!" "COME ON!"

SHORT STORIES

Sophia Pinter

Special thanks to Sophie Pinter, author of "Change of the Winds". WE hope to include a chapter of this short story in every issue.

STAFF

President: Lucy Caples (lucy.m.caples@gmail.com) Head Journalist: Nadia Putri Tjiptadjaja (nadia.putri.tjiptadjaja@gmail.com)

Artistic Editor: Elinor Short (elinorsoccer9@gmail.com)

Grammar and Logic Editor: Ava Bernice Curley (avabcurley@gmail.com)

Journalist: Moira Mackey (moira.c.mackey@gmail.com)

Reporter: Samuel Orgelfinger (sammyorgelfinger@gmail.com)

Bonus Writer: William Heggland (wtheggland@gmail.com)

Bible writer: Anna Blondo (annafayeblondo@gmail.com)

Story writer: Sophia Pinter (sophia.pinter@cox.net)



THE VERITAS TIMES