

# TORO TIMES

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## *We can Change the Future*

*By Hannah Penson*

In this day and age women and girls are being expected to look a certain way more than ever. We are told to be “effortlessly” perfect all the time, otherwise we are no longer “pretty”. We are constantly being told to look and dress a specific way as if it’s the main two factors that define women for who they are. Women and girls are expected to have an hourglass figure and wear uncomfortable and revealing clothing because, according to the new expectations of our society, those are the things that make girls beautiful. Before I go on, I would like to say that it is okay to confine to these standards, there is no shame in looking the way you want to; I am just pointing out that there is more to a person than their looks.

One of the big campaigns for women empowerment is the Dove Self-Esteem project. This is a campaign created by Dove, a large, skin and hair care brand, that helps women and girls realize that there is more to them than the way they look and that women can do anything that they want to. Another campaign is UN Women, this campaign is trying to help women and girls reach their full potential and shape the future female leaders of the world. They are also trying to stop violence and sexual offenses against women. These two organizations are just a small portion of the many groups trying to help females realize just how amazing they actually are. As young middle schoolers, we can all learn and grow from these organizations. As the future, we can be the change that the world needs; boys and girls.



### *Women's March*

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On Saturday, January 20th the Women's March took place, it was a march for women's rights and protesting your beliefs. I attended the march and saw many signs for Black Lives Matter and LGBTQ+ rights. People were there to express themselves and recognize stereotypes like sexism, racism, homophobia, and many more. Though it was mainly for women's rights, people weren't limited to protesting about that. People need to understand that we are all human.



### *Missile Crisis Throws Hawaii Into Chaos*

*By Lucas Wohl Sanchez*

On January 13th at 8:07 am, an emergency alert warning of a ballistic missile was sent to the entire population of Hawaii. The chaotic mistake lasted for 38 minutes, even though they had confirmed the threat was not accurate some 10 to 15 minutes before, and the time it would take a missile to reach Hawaii from North Korea would be around 20 minutes. The alert sent the 50th state into disarray; with people running for shelter in the middle of the street, daily lives disrupted because of a simple human blunder. The alert was sent out because an employee clicked the wrong button. The statewide, if not nationwide panic and disarray was caused because on a routine checkup, an EMA worker pressed “Missile alert” instead of “Test Missile alert”, and clicked confirm. The emergency management system in the US is so undeveloped that one mistake sent the lives of around 1.4 million people into disorder.

“It turns out that the US’s emergency management alert system is actually made up of a bunch of separate systems, many of which are underfunded.” said reporter Alex Ward. “This means that many emergency officials are working with unsophisticated software, which can lead to mistakes like the one in Hawaii.” Some EOCs (emergency operations centers) aren’t even manned 24/7, so if there was an inbound missile, there could be an alert delay. This simple yet terrifying false notification was a show of how basic and unsophisticated our EOC’s and equipment are, and has made the United States look a little closer. Something like this should have never happened, but a real alert is possible. War with North Korea is potentially on the horizon, and our emergency agencies need to be ready for everything.

### *Letter from the Editors*

*Love is in the air! Happy February everyone! We hope of y’all are having a great start to this semester! In this issue you will learn about the new holiday in the making on January 20th, the whole Logan Paul incident, and a hearty dip recipe to bring to a Super Bowl party!*

# Logan Paul

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The popular vine star turned YouTuber Logan Paul recently released a video where he vlogs in Aokigahara, the infamous sea of trees, known as the Suicide Forest surrounding Mt. Fuji. As he enters the site, Logan discovers the body of a human being who had just recently killed himself. Logan who was filming at the time, then proceeded to laugh at the man. In fact, he didn't even call it in, it was the guide who called the police while Logan and crew made jokes and laughed. The dense woodland near Mount Fuji's slopes is one of the world's suicide hotspots and over the past two decades a long line of desperate people have ended their lives there. The fact that Logan chose to vlog in that place is already disgusting enough. What's even worse is that he featured the deceased man in his thumbnail. Logan Paul is a disgusting husk of a man that should never even be

# The Government Shutdown

By Lucas Wohl Sanchez

Two weeks ago we faced a government shutdown despite the republicans having control of over all 3 branches of government. While this has happened before, the government hasn't shut down 2013. Although, the government has never shut down while having full control of all three branches. This happened because neither party could decide on a budget. The Government is no longer shut down, but unless our government agrees on a budget in a couple weeks, it will shut down again.

The senate was arguing over the DACA program. DACA is an action that protects children who immigrated to the U.S. without the correct documents from deportation. DACA gives them 2 years to stay and receive a renewable two-year period of delayed action from deportation. That is a fancy way of saying they will not be deported for two-years, and can renew their period two-years.

Because DACA is more democratically constructed than republically, this governments shut down was a pleasant surprise for many democrats. We are reshaping our government in ways that wouldn't be possible 100 years ago and it's not a lie to know that this is just the tip of the iceberg.

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