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by Tucker Graessle

Greta has participated and led many climate strikes. She started a global climate strike including 4 million people. She pioneered climate change into the dictionary's word of the year. She would skip school to sleep at the Swedish Parliament to express her feelings about the world. She also founded school strikes for climate; starting hundreds of school strikes persuading highly ranked officials. TEDx invited her to talk to the audience about her passion and execution for changing the world for the better.



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MCDONALDS EXPOSED

by Savannah and Daniela

McDonald's is an American fast-food restaurant that is known for its cheap food (mainly hamburgers). They are the 3rd largest fast-food chain in America, feeding around 68 million people per day. A new McDonald's is created every 14 hours, but isn't it too good to be true? McDonald's has many scandals.

One including their french fries. Did you know that their french fries are not vegetarian? Well, it's true. According to [mashed.com](#), "Back in 2001, McDonald's was taken to court to fight a suit of \$100 million after conceding that its restaurants had been frying its fries in beef fat," McDonalds said that only vegetable oil was used, but the truth is that the beef fat was used before the fries were frozen in the production plant. McDonald's listed the ingredients as "natural flavoring" in the nutrition information.

Another one of McDonald's scandals is their coffee. A woman named Stella had ordered a cup of coffee, and when she received it, she spilled it all over herself. Stella suffered from 3rd-degree burns across 16 percent of her body. She was in the hospital for eight days. McDonalds offered her \$800 for what had happened. Most people would have taken the money, but Stella refused. Stella issued a lawsuit against McDonald's. The court case revealed that McDonald's had gotten many complaints about their hot coffee and that over 700 other people, including children, have been burned. McDonald's coffee is 30 to 40 degrees warmer than other companies, according to [mashed.com](#). Stella received 20,000 dollars for the coffee incident, but it was reduced to 16,000 because 20 percent of the event was her fault. To this day, people are getting burned by McDonald's coffee, and the company still hasn't reduced the heat.

In conclusion, even though McDonald's has a variety of foods for a low price, they are not always reliable. If McDonald's can't change one simple thing, for example, the heat of their coffee, I wouldn't choose to eat there.

GRETA THUNBERG (CONT.)

by Tucker Graessle

Greta Thunberg is one of a kind. Thunberg was born on January 3, 2003, in Stockholm, Sweden. She first heard the problems of climate change at age 8 and was bothered because so little was being done about it. This problem eventually made her depressed. Greta stopped talking and eating and lost 10 kilograms. She was later diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and selective mutism. After being diagnosed, Thunberg called her Asperger's a superpower.

During her childhood, she challenged her parents and those around her to reduce their carbon footprint and overall impact on the environment. She quit flying and became vegan just to save the environment from leaders who support natural gas and burning up the Earth. She tried to convince them to go 100% green. They didn't listen to her so she said "You are stealing my future." After a while, her parents finally gave in. They later said they didn't do it to save the climate, but to save her. Her parents later more than accepted her fight for climate change. She continues to fight for our Earth at only seventeen years of age.

THE HISTORY OF SKATEBOARDING

by Isabella Sandberg

In the 1950s, a group of California surfer kids wanted to figure out a way to still surf even when the waves were flat, and thus Skateboarding was created. Starting small 2x4 wooden planks with wheels made of clay, it quickly developed into the skateboards that we know of today. Although it is unknown as to who was the official inventor of the skateboard as it was a group effort that was quite spontaneous. 1959 was the first year that skateboards became mass-produced from a factory of Roller Derby Skateboards in La Miranda, California.

In the beginning of the '60s, Skateboarding had gotten very popular, but within the next few years had lost all of the popularity it once had. This was most likely because of how dangerous it was with the clay wheels that lead to many injuries. Then in 1972, a man named Frank Nasworthy invented the urethane wheels, which made Skateboarding much safer, therefore, bring back the popularity it once had. Frank then started the company Cadillac Wheels. Around this time, big names in the Skateboarding began to rise, Stacy Peralta, Tony Alva, and the creator of the trick called Ollie in 1978, Alan Gelfand (nicknamed "Ollie"). Although in the very end of the '70s, Skateboarding had a small decline because of the skateparks that were being built, causing danger for riders.

The '80s and '90s were a significant time for Skateboarding. The passion grew so large for this sport that people were building ramps and such in their backyards with mostly wood that they had stolen from local lumberyards. During these years, skateboards took on many different shapes and sizes. Soon Stacy Peralta and George Powell created a team that consisted of Tony Hawk, Steve Caballero, Lance Mountain, Mike McGill, Rodney Mullen, Stacy Peralta, and Kevin Stabb in the early '90s. This team was called the Bones Brigade. Many skateboarders were very against authority at that time; my father, who was part of that clique in the 90s when he was in his teens, was an excellent example of that. It was also around this time in 1995 that XGames were introduced. As for the 2000s, Skateboarding hasn't changed much. Although many make a lot of money off of the skateboarding lifestyle. Many companies have also emerged over the last 60 years: Santa Cruz Skateboards, Creature Skateboards, and Independent Truck Company. Too many companies make money off the skateboarding lifestyle Vans, Zumiez, and a few more. Also, may I add that based on the timeline, Skateboarding is technically a Boomer.