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Opinion

It is Time to Be Mindful of Offensive Halloween Costumes

By Sakinah Storks (2020), Editor-in-Chief

Whether you celebrate Halloween or not, everyone knows that the whole process of getting dressed up for it is supposed to be fun. Most of the fun lies is seeing what costumes people come up with. There are so many directions one could go in to find a costume, such as scary, cute, clever, or creative. It is a creative and fun process. Surely with all these options, it can't be too difficult to select a costume without mocking someone's culture.

Unfortunately, it is not uncommon to see people dress up as others' racial or religious backgrounds. Some examples of these are costumes that mimic Native Americans with feathered headdresses. Then there is the mustached Mexican blanketed in a sarape, an archaic stereotype. Muslims are sometimes caricatured with the traditional hijab. And, women and *men* think its ok to dress up as a nun or worse, a sexy nun. If you go to any Halloween costume store, you will see them all on the racks.

Howevwer, these costumes are, without question, unacceptable. Participating in such disrespect is a way of indulging in the "favorable" aspects of a culture while remaining ignorant to the purpose of those aspects. For example, the Eagle Feather is a religious symbol for Plains Native Americans.

Yet many ignorant of this, will stick it on headdress or wave it like a wand. It is wrong to claim certain aspects of a culture (even just for one night) while having never been subjected to the discrimination that culture has faced.

This argument is not to say that nobody should be allowed to dress up as a preexisting character who happens to be of another race or ethnicity. There is a difference between admiration and mockery.

This simply goes to say that there are some things one should not do in order to look like the character, such as blackface or use of sacred symbols.

If a child wants to dress as their favorite Disney princess, who happens to be Pocahontas, that child should be able to do so without wearing just any random stereotypical Native American costume. The costume should match what the Disney princess (whose portrayal in the movie is controversial enough on its own) wore. If a child wants to be Princess Tiana, the child should do so without changing the color of their skin.

It is very important to establish boundaries between what is and is not okay to wear when choosing a costume. Some may say that opinions like this suck the fun out of Halloween. To that, I say that if you are unable to choose a costume without making a mockery of someone's culture, then you are aiming to have fun at the expense of others. You are aiming to make culture a part of a cruel joke. I strongly believe that it is important to be mindful of costume choices and to educate the ignorant on the issue.

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Campus

High School Freshman are the Nameless Generation

By Sakinah Storks (2020), Editor-in-Chief

This year, high school freshmen are the start of a completely new generation, a generation that has yet to be named.

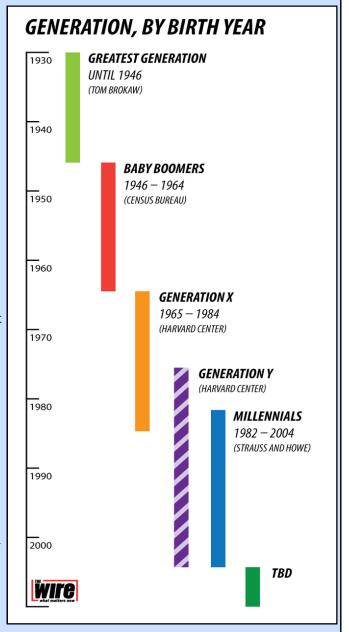
Going all the way back to 1901 sociologists and culture critics have penned names and identifiers to generations.

The first is the Greatest Generation, which includes people born from 1901 to 1945. This population fought both World Wars, hence the name. Offspring of the Greatest Generation are the Baby Boomers (often shortened to Boomers), who were born from 1946 to 1964. Boomers get their name from the abundance of children they produced once the Great Depression and World War II were over. After the Boomers is Generation X, who were born from 1965 to 1984. The most recent generation to receive a name are the Millennials, who were born from 1985 to 2004. This includes most of the current student body at GTHS.

However, students born after 2004 have not yet acquired a name, according to an article in the Atlantic Weekly. "... kids born in the last 10 years lack a designation. They are not Millennials," the magazine states.

This includes many of our freshman, walking the halls the at GTHS.

Is it possible that perhaps this generation could be called "Generation E?" This could be a logical title based on the prominent trending eboy or egirl style. This style includes dark nail polish, face makeup that is bold yet soft, highwaist pants, chains, dark colored clothes or pastel colored clothes, etc. The "e" style has a very strong presence on the popular app, TikTok, a social media app similar to Vine, which is used to make short videos for entertainment purposes.



An alternative name could be Generation VSCO. Unlike the eboy or egirl style, which is mostly about the way one dresses, the VSCO style is about the way one dresses and the way one acts. The VSCO style originates from the VSCO app, which is used to edit pictures. There are a few defining features of the VSCO style: scrunchies (in the hair and on the arms), hydro flasks, and metal straws. Someone who follows the VSCO style may be found saying, "sksksksk", "and I oop", or "Save the turtles."

Time, culture, and the events experienced by this generation and how it responds will dictate its name soon enough. Stay tuned.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS ARE NOW RECORDING STUDENTS

By Jaycee Valadez (2020), Assistant Editor

TITANTOWN – Students may have noticed a new addition to stairwells this year. Cameras were installed in all the stairwells on campus. The following is a breakdown on what we know.

WHY?

The specific reasons why they were installed is unclear. However, consistent tagging and damage to the walls noticeable in previous years on the stairwells may have prompted the move. The Student Handbook says the cameras were "employed" for "safety" and protection of "property, facilities, and equipment from vandalism and theft."

WHERE?

The handbook lists the places that "may " have cameras. They include school busses, building entrances, hallways, parking lots, front offices, gyms, cafeteria, and supply rooms. Although all these places are listed in the handbook, a visual check of the campus was made by the Titan Echo and cameras were only spotted on every stairwell of Buildings A, B, C, and D. The Administration did not respond to requests for clarifications.

WHAT IS BEING WATCHED?

"The surveillance cameras are not monitored, according to the handbook. However, they are recording, according to page 20 of the handbook. Any activity recorded may "be used in disciplinary proceedings and matters captured by camera may be refereed to local law enforcement."

HOW EFFECTIVE ARE THEY?

It is also unclear how effective the cameras have been. But, there is a noticeable lack of vandalism compared to previous years in the stairwells. It is unknown how many incidents the cameras have captured or prevented. The Administration did not respond to our numerous requests for answers.

WHAT ABOUT OUR PRIVACY?

Cameras are not installed in "private" areas, such as restrooms or locker rooms, the handbook says. They are located in areas considered "public" where there is "no reasonable expectation of privacy," the handbook says.

WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING?

Most people interviewed did not object to cameras, citing safety. "They are good for safety purposes," said senior **Austin Roberts**. Some students do have suspicion about the cameras not being functional since they believe there many of the equipment on campus is inoperable. However, students and faculty did cite a level of omnipresence not felt before.

"Everywhere you go you're being filmed" said Mrs. Katherine Applebee, the librarian.



A camera atop the stairwell of the A Building is recording activity. Photo by Jaycee Valadez

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CLIPPERS SIGN IE STAR

By Jaycee Valadez, (2020) Sports Editor

TITAN TOWN - As of July 7, 2019 the Los Angeles Clippers made a huge trade that involved the superstars Kawhi Leonard and Paul George. Paul George played with the Oklahoma City Thunder and was also nominated for the NBA MVP and the defensive player of the year. Kawhi Leonard is a former player with the Toronto Raptors ,where he led them to their first championship in 2019 and also where he won the NBA Finals MVP.



Clippers signed Kawhi Leonard (left) and Paul George. Google Images

NBA reporter Adrian Woj hit all of social media with the biggest bomb yet that fans, coaches, and media, did not see coming. Fans expected Kawhi to go to the Lakers. People knew he was going to come to LA because he is from the Inland Empire. He played at King High School in Riverside and he is from Moreno Valley. He was constantly telling the media he wanted to be back home.

A big Clipper fan here said, "As a fan of the Clippers and Kawhi, I was expecting and hoping that Kawhi to LA move would happen, as long as one other all star but Paul George really shocked me when he made the move too," said **David Gomez** (2020). Clipper fans all over the world were very excited to see them making a change.

Kawhi wouldn't have moved if the other star Paul George didn't follow. Paul George fans were very surprised hearing the trade as well. A fan of him says "him being my favorite player and following him wherever he goes, this was a very unexpected trade and it causes Oklahoma to rebuild," said **Prabhnoor Singh** (2020).

In everyone's eyes who are big fans of the NBA, they are expecting the Clippers to do an outstanding job. Kawhi brought the Raptors to their very first championship and won it for them. What makes anyone think that he can't do it for the Clippers? This city is excited to see what the two superstars can bring to the team and to hopefully see them win a championship.

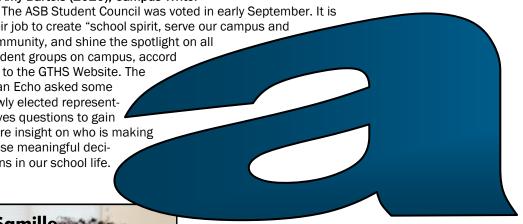


Leonard was a standout player at King High School in Moreno Valley.

MaxPreps

By Amy Bartels (2020), Campus Writer

their job to create "school spirit, serve our campus and community, and shine the spotlight on all student groups on campus, accord ing to the GTHS Website. The Titan Echo asked some newly elected representatives questions to gain more insight on who is making these meaningful decisions in our school life.







ASB PESIDENT

What made you want to be an ASB Representative?

"The fact that I can help my school and raise a whole bunch of school spirit and just make people feel good and want to come to school. I think that's a big factor. Just trying to make school fun and more enjoyable."



SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

"I always wanted to be an ASB Representative since freshman year but never could be cause I never had the time to do it. I also want to help make a difference in our school."



JUNIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

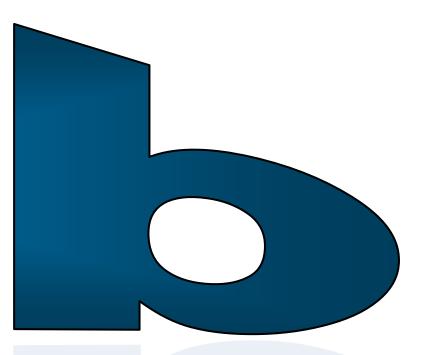
"ASB has provided a platform in which I can freely express myself without having to worry about judgment. With that said, I wanted to join ASB to share my ideas with the student body."



SOPHMORE CLASS PRESIDENT

"Last year we didn't have a president and I would end up taking charge either way so I just decided it would be a good fit."





What changes are you planning to make on campus?

"I definitely want to get more student body involvement. I want to know what the students want to do, rather than just ASB or sports. Also, (I want to) get the staff involved, (and) make them feel more appreciated."

"I want to try and help our school become more spirited. I want to make our school more excited to do things."

"I would like to more on the community service part of the school. I want to open doors for the students to access and

give back to the community."

"The changes I would like to see is for people to not think they're too good to have school spirit. I would change that by encouraging my peers to participate in spirit days."

Why do you think you are qualified to be an ASB Representatives?

"I have definitely had some experience. I've been in leadership since freshman year. I have maintained good grades all throughout leadership. I have been taught the roles by teachers and upperclassmen and I have always took the lead and initiative.

"I personally don't think I'm more qualified because there were a lot of good candidates, but I feel I have more of a passion to change."

"As junior class president I do not believe that someone has more opportunity than all the others. I have learned to express myself and take all the opportunities given to me. I just know when it is my time to speak."

"What I think makes me more qualified is my drive to take charge and make everything look good."

NOTE: Freshman Class President Genesis Mena was not available for this story.









The Most Hated and Most Loved Fighter in MMA Makes a Comeback

By Mia R. Segura (2020), MMA Writer

ANAHEIM, CA - Nate Diaz, 34, made his comeback in the UFC Octagon against Anthony Pettis after three years on the sidelines. Diaz and Pettis went for three captivating rounds and Diaz took home a well earned win at the Aug. 17 bout. Diaz won by unanimous decision. He fought at a high pace, landed several elbows and maintained control during the times that the fight hit the ground.

In a post-fight interview the well-known UFC commentator, Joe Rogan, asked if Diaz

would continue to fight. That's when Diaz gave an unforgettable quote saying, "The reason I was off is because everybody [is bad] and there was nobody to fight." Diaz also added that he would like to defend his title against Jorge Masvidal. Masvidal seemed to accept his challenge and that will be one great fight people are ready to see.



The last time Diaz was seen in the cage was three years ago

on Aug. 20, 2016 when he fought Conor McGregor for their rematch. Diaz and McGregor remained tied and everyone assumed Diaz would only come out to settle the score. However Diaz had no interest in McGregor when he returned.

Diaz was and still is well known and remains a controversial personality for several reasons, including his attitude.

Guillermo Pérez, a GTHS custodian, said that Diaz is "a very good fighter, but he's too cocky." Diaz's fans know him for being a great performer, however they many feel he is a little too confident. Mr. **Dan Johnson** (Social Sciences), an MMA spectator, said that "Diaz has a long fighting history, yet he's been a quiet champion."

WHAT IS MMA?

Mixed Martial Arts is a combat sport that began its popularity in the 1980s, although its origins goes back to Ancient Greece and Asia centuries ago. More recently, the epic moment came when Royce Gracie of the famed Gracie Family Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu submitted a more powerful opponent in a North American match. The entire MMA community was stunned and MMA took off. The UFC is now the premier league of the sport.





New Tool Album Climbs the Top of the Charts and Triggers Social Media Rifts

By Eric Bustamante (2021), A&E Writer

The hard progressive rock band, Tool, recently released their first new album, Fear Inoculum. It is their first in 13 years and was highly anticipated. Their last album, "10,000 Days" was released in 2001. The band had been teasing fans with previews of the new album for years at their concerts. After finally releasing the title and a song from the new album, they announced that all of their previous albums and songs would be on all music platforms, such as Pandora and YouTube Music.

Since then, they have gotten all of their albums on Top 100 Billboard. Tool is the first band in history to reach all 10 slots in Billboard's Rock Sales Chart.

Many fans of Tool are ecstatic to see such an epic comeback, as they have been waiting for this new album for thirteen years. The news of the new album came as a surprise to many Tool fans, including Justin Bieber, who commented on the post of the new album. Bieber stated his love for Tool and all their albums, to which Tool lead singer, Maynard James Keenan, bluntly replied, "#bummer."

The new album was released on Aug. 30, 2019 and has already made its way to number one album on both iTunes and Top 100 Billboard. Fear Inoculum bumped Taylor Swift's album, "Lover," down to number two on the Billboard 100.

To make fun of her demotion, Too front man, Keenan, posted a meme of her fading away and Tool remaining at the top. Tool is not new to this type of carefree attitude and the rivalries it starts.

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Ledbetter (2020) said, "Swift fans are mad that she makes songs non-stop and barely makes it to the top, so when Tool pulls up after all these years and rightfully claims number one. Also, Tool fans are all ages. Swift fans seem to think that we are all 30 year-old men who are sad and angry. They're bold, I'll give them that."



Maynard J Keenan 🤣

Tool lead singer Maynard J Keenan pokes fun of Taylor Swift on his Twitter after Tool's album knocks her off the charts.





Rapper A\$Ap Rocky Arrested in Sweden

By Eric Bustamante (2021), A&E Writer

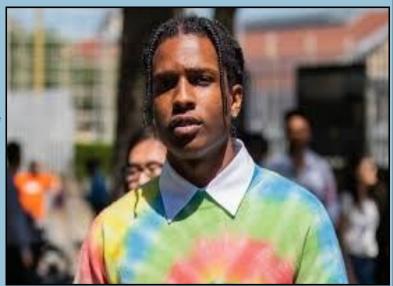
The rapper A\$AP Rocky was arrested for assault July 1, according to news sources. A\$AP Rocky was performing at the Smash Festival in Stockholm, Sweden when the alleged incident occurred. It was alleged in news reports that the rapper and two of his bodyguards were being followed by a pair of young men, even though they were told repeatedly that they needed to leave by the bodyguards. Then, one of the men allegedly engaged with one of the bodyguards by hitting him with a pair of headphones, Spin Magazine reported. Later, a video emerged that showed Rocky grabbing the man and throwing him on the floor. The rapper responded to the video by posting his own video on his Instagram account, claiming that he is innocent.

A\$AP was ordered to be held for two more weeks in a Swedish prison. Due to his arrest Rocky missed some of his shows.

The rapper Travis Scott, in a show of support for his colleague, called out "free Rocky" at the end of his show in the Longitude Festival in Dublin where A\$AP Rocky was also scheduled to perform.

Reports from TMZ said that Rocky was being held in inhospitable conditions and a disease-ridden environment. Many celebrities and friends of Rocky demanded Rocky's release and proclaimed his innocence.

Fellow rapper, Tyler the Creator, said on Twitter, "no more Sweden for me, ever." Their was also a petition



going around called #JusticeForRocky, demanding for his release. It has received more than 600,000 signatures. The support for Rocky's release reached Kayne West and Kim Kardashian, who allegedly reached out to President Donald Trump to help get him out of jail.

Soon after Donald Trump spoke to the Swedish prime minister about the rapper's jail conditions, the prime minister agreed to arrange a more suitable place for him to be held.

On the first day of his trial Rocky pleaded not guilty. Rocky's attorney stated that the rapper was well in his legal rights in self defense and that Sweden will get negative consequences for his excessive detainment. On Aug. 2 A\$AP Rocky and his bodyguards were released from jail but were still awaiting a verdict from the trial. On Aug. 14 Rocky was found guilty of the charges and was fined 13,000 euros for the injuries he caused on the alleged victim and had to pay for the victims' legal fees. Rocky posted on his Instagram," thankfully from the bottom of his heart he is thankful".

Fans here reacted as well. "A\$AP Rocky was mistreated for not even starting the fight," said Gloria Andey (2021).





Fall Months Promises Some

October 2019

Spectacular Sneaker Drops

By Anthony Cervantez (2021), Style Writer

September had a lot of exciting shoe releases to reveal to the public. There were just over 100 shoes droppings from brands like Nike, Adidas, Yeezy, and Jordan just to name a few. The large number of droppings are completely new shoe models and are all sorts of color combinations, including collaboration pieces from some big names. September was a great month to keep an eye out for some new sneakers to fit any style.

Celebrities like Travis Scott and Pharrell Williams dropped some new sneakers. Scott is coming back with a very anticipated release after plenty of success on his previous releases with Jordan and Nike. His new shoe is expected to take on the Jordan 6 model and was rumored to drop the end of September or beginning of October. Pharrell Williams is going to do more shoes with Adidas in coming months and he is bringing some new colorful combinations. He is continuing his collaborations on the Adidas' Crazy BYW high and his Solar Hu Low silhouettes



Some big designer brands and stores have some great releases to come in the months ahead as well. One of the big-



gest names this month to drop shoes is Supreme with their take on the Nike SB dunk. Supreme is notorious for completely selling out their product as soon as it drops. The Nike SB Low will be no stranger to the resale business. People race to get new releases like this shoe and resell it for much more. Undoubtedly this release will sell out quickly, so shoe fanatics are encouraged to race to the sites and try to grab a pair or two.

All of the following three colorways are set to drop. There will be a Red/White, Silver/Black, and a Gold/Navy pair. Another big pair to drop is the Sacai X Nike Collab. This Japanese luxury fashion brand has previously worked with Nike and with no surprise had a great success in doing so. Sacai is doing its take on the Nike LDwaffle, which will have three new colorways, including a Black/White/Gunsmoke, Summit White, and Pine Green/Clay Orange colorway.

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Popeye's Chicken Sandwich is All the Rage

By Candace Wyatt (2021), A&E Writer

The newest chicken sandwich from fast food chain Popeye's has social media in a frenzy. Even celebrities have posted about it and gave their feedback. All the hype is not a positive thing for everyone. Lately, the sandwich has caused a lot of stress for the Popeye's employees. Some claimed that they want to quit their job because of how aggressive the customers were geting. At this point, it has become a threat for some. Fox News reported that a local Popeye's in Houston, Texas was held at gunpoint by a customer because they sold out chicken sandwiches. An analyst at KeyBanc Capital Markets estimates the fast-food chicken restaurant sold about 1,000 chicken sandwiches per store per day the first week available.

The success of the sandwich even triggered some corporate taunting. One altercation started off with Popeye's actually tweeting first. When Chick-fil-A posted a picture describing the Chick-fil-A chicken sandwich, Popeye's responded a suggestive, "...yall good?"

Celebrities have also taken their part in giving their opinions on the sandwich. Most of them mentioned they had to call ahead of time to make sure the sandwich was available. Popular female rapper, Cardi B posted a video on Instagram along with a caption saying, "This better burst of flavor in my mouth like a starburst."

Michelle Pena of Colton and her son, **Gianni Pena** (2023), tried the new sandwich and shared their feedback. They said when arrived to Popeye's, the line was very long for the drive through and had to wait to order. The sandwich was currently sold out. They went back and waited 45 more minutes for their two orders. This time, they walked in the restaurant. When they sat down they realized the sandwich was made incorrectly, but that didn't' stop them from digging in. "It was very juicy, but crispy," said Ms. Pena. "It was really good, especially when you add the sauce," Gianni said.

Gianni Pena digs into the new Popeye's Chicken sandwich. **Photo Courtesy of Michelle Pena**





Had One Yet?

What do you think? Does it stand up to the hype? Post your thoughts on the Titan Echo Instagram page, @gthstitanecho





Social Media Post Ignites Plans to Raid Area 51

By Sakinah Storks (2020), Editor-in-Chief

The internet was taken by storm since a Facebook post was published by a man named Mattie Roberts, advising citizens to invade a very secure United States Air Force facility in Nevada, known as Area 51.

The installation is believed to be the secret base where the U.S. Government stores UFOs and actual space aliens. concealing them from public view.

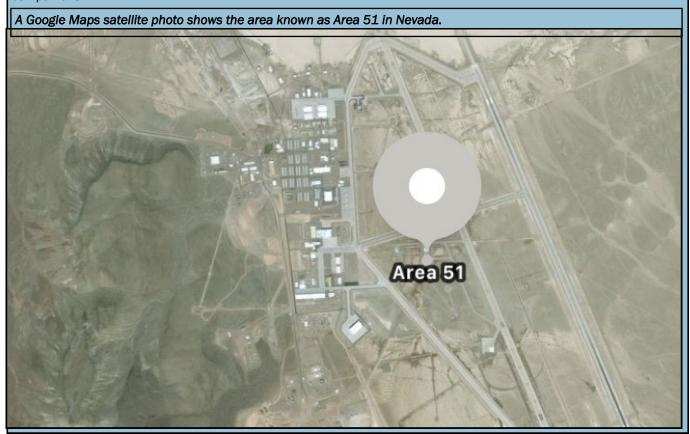
Roberts claims that he was only joking when he said, "Storm Area 51, They Can't Stop All of Us." Joke or not, he received much more attention than he imagined he would. In less than a week, the post reached millions of viewers.

With so many people planning the unorganized Storming of Area 51 on September 20, 2019, the FBI had no choice but to investigate the origin of all of the commotion. Roberts was surprised at his own front door by FBI agents who intended to ensure that he posed no threat. After investigation of both the situation and Mattie Roberts himself, the FBI concluded that there was no actual threat of terrorism involved in Roberts' intentions, according to an interview with him on the TV show, Inside Edition.

Though it was a harmless joke, the post was removed from Facebook with little explanation to Roberts. The temporary shutdown raised concern for Roberts, because there were still people who took the post seriously and were still planning on storming Area 51, which would be incredibly dangerous.

"In my day, procedure called for deadly force if our commands to halt were ignored. They'd be fools to think that they can overrun the base," said Mr. Victor Morales (English), who guarded air bases while in the Air Force as a military policeman. Despite all of the commotion that came from the one Facebook post, nothing serious has actually happened as of the date of this publication.

Since most people know better than to take things like this too seriously, the biggest impact that this post has had, so far, is the memes. On all social media platforms, people are joking about attending the storming of Area 51, with hopes that the government has been hiding aliens there this whole time, and that the aliens will be available to keep as companions.



WHAT'S YOUR ALIEN NAME?

Use the first letter of your first name and the first letter of your last name. Combine both to find your alien name.

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В:	Mushy	В;	Spinach
C:	Hard boiled	C.	Slime
D:	Clammy	D:	Spore
E:	Slimy	E:	Orb
F:	Upside-Down	F:	Taffy
G:	Squeaky	G:	Albondiga
Н:	Salty	Н:	Granulate
Т:	Squiggly	Т:	Scrambler
J:	Glow-in-the Dark	J:	Lobe
К:	Vicious	K:	Cheeto
L:	Motivated	L:	Feather
M:	Zany	M:	Slinky
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0:	Polka-dotted	0:	Cell
P:	Dusty	P:	Waffle
Q:	Wavy	Q:	Clay
R:	Roaring	R:	Bubbler
S:	One-eyed	S;	Glue
T:	Scary	Т;	Glitter
U:	Hungry	U;	Gravy
V:	Gooey	V;	Chancla
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Х:	Striped	Х;	Pore
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Z: Bratty

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