# SCVi SCOOP

## Our World. Our School. Our Eye

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Welcome to the SCVi Scoop! This periodical has been created with the sole purpose of allowing the Learners at SCVi to have a greater understanding of the world around them, which they will receive both by working on and reading the Scoop. Most news in today's world is either exaggerated and depressing, or carefully selected by the internet to fit into each of our specific viewpoints, but the Scoop's aim is to hopefully break that pattern, by providing unbiased news chosen by our own Learner-Led staff!

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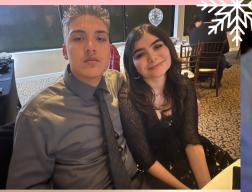
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### Winter wonder land dance







### Are we Doomed??

### **Ohio Derailment**, Willow Project

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On February 3rd, 2023, residents of East Palestine, Ohio would be exposed to what would be the beginnings of an environmental catastrophe. A train passing through the area derailed into a forty-nine car pileup engulfed in chemical fire. 100,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals, including flammable liquids and gasses, such as vinyl chloride and isobutylene, were released, causing the fire to So...how bad was it?

burn for several days. In response, almost 70 emergency agencies were mobilized, and every person in a 1 by 2 mile radius was forced to evacuate. That Valentine's Day, it was unfortunately easy to say that not love, but pollutants were in the air.

I remember seeing on social media, around the release of our last issue, posts claiming this was the "Biggest Environmental Disaster in U.S. History". While this is a captivating headline, and one that got me very interested in learning about the event, is it true, and if not, what is the U.S.'s biggest environmental disaster?



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In summary, it was *not* good, causing chemicals to move through the atmosphere and into the soil, as well as putting a foul smelling plume of smoke into the air. However, the response was competent enough to do a controlled burn of the flammable chemicals to make sure that they could not start a wildfire, and air purity tests were performed for multiple days after to ensure the safety of the area. But, the fact that the entire accident could have been avoided with better rail maintenance paints a harrowing picture of what could be. Railway company Norfolk Southern, whose train it was that derailed, spent \$1,025,000 in donations to East Palestine's response teams, including new SCBA packs for fire departments and air monitoring systems.



### was it the worst in the U.S.?

Well, not really. While still having potentially heavy implications for the future, the chemicals have largely been controlled, with evacuees being returned home on February 13, when the air was deemed safe to breathe. While the ground absorption of the spilled chemicals could have possible unforeseen consequences (like pollution creating the Gulf of Mexico's "Dead Zone",), the immediate impact is minimal compared to events such as the Exxon/Valdez Oil Spill. However, as said previously, the event as a whole would have been avoidable if electric brakes (as opposed to air brakes) and shorter trains had been used, both of which are things that Norfolk Southern has been repeatedly lobbying against. No matter how many or few people were harmed by this event, it is a harrowing reminder of what may be to come if changes are not made. Speaking of which:

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### What is the Willow Project?

The Willow Project is an oil extraction project in development by ConocoPhillips, a multinational oil corporation located in Houston, Texas. The project entails the placement of 250 oil wells in the Alaskan National Petroleum Reserve, and is set to commence in 2027. The project, which has been in development since 2019, is slated to produce 600 million barrels of oil. This, of course, does not come without an environmental toll. It is projected that the project will release 287 million tons of Carbon emissions in only 30 years, as well as cause immense damage to the tundra ecosystem that it's built in.

### So...Why Did Biden Approve it?

While President Biden did approve some small oil projects before due to congressional mandates, this is the first one he has given approval to freely. This seems to heavily contradict his campaign promise of "No more drilling on federal lands, period." which it does. But it appears that ConocoPhillips had a little bit more of a say in the matter, having leases on the Alaskan reserve (purchased in 2019), the rights on which could lead to the Biden Administration being potentially sued if approval wasn't granted. "I would not say their hands were tied, but their options were limited by the lease rights." said John Leshy, who served as the Interior Department's solicitor during the Presidency of Bill Clinton.

### Vegan Pancake Recipe Malayah Haynes, Ramonn Navarro, Nicole Diaz

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup non-dairy milk (such as almond milk or soy milk)
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- In a mixing bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt.
- Add non-dairy milk and vegetable oil, and stir until just combined. Be careful not to overmix, as this can make the pancakes tough.
- Heat a non-stick skillet or griddle over medium heat.
- Scoop 1/4 cup of batter onto the skillet for each pancake.
- Cook until bubbles appear on the surface of the pancake and the edges look set, then flip and cook for an additional 1-2 minutes on the other side.
- Serve with your favorite toppings, such as fresh fruit, maple syrup, or vegan whipped cream.



As for the health benefits of vegan pancakes, they can be a great source of fiber, vitamins, and minerals if made with whole grain flours and topped with fresh fruit. Vegan pancakes are also free from cholesterol and lower in saturated fat compared to traditional pancakes made with eggs and butter. By using non-dairy milk and vegetable oil, you can also increase your intake of healthy fats and reduce your consumption of animal products.

### Gabe Olmos Things We Can't Explain

In 2017 on a Welsh Beach, many octopods started to climb out of the ocean and walked around. Many people have speculated on why these octopi would do this. It could be that they were stranded while hunting for food in a tide pool. Or it could have been that they all got confused by the bright lights of the New Quay Harbor. Or they could have even seen some food. They have yet to be able to figure out why they all washed themselves up. Sea trip operator Brett Stones said more than 20 of the sea creatures were seen making their way onto the beach at New Quay in Ceredigion.

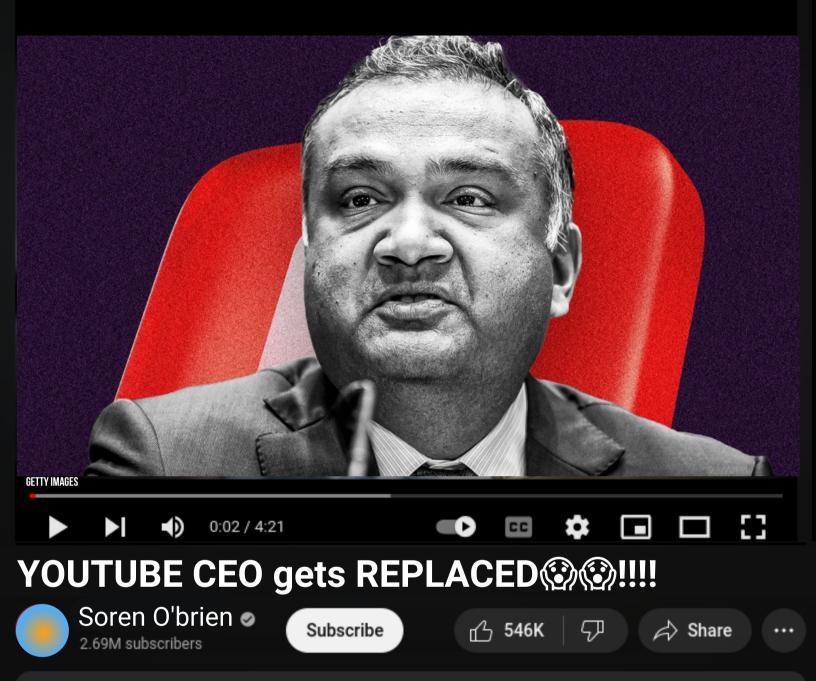


### Legends of Ms. Shasta

Mt. Shasta has been subject to many different myths and legends, many of which include a lost city under the mountain. According to local indigenous tribes, the spirit chief Skell descended from heaven to the mountain's summit. Skell fought with the Spirit of the Below World Llalo who resided at mount mazama by throwing hot rocks.



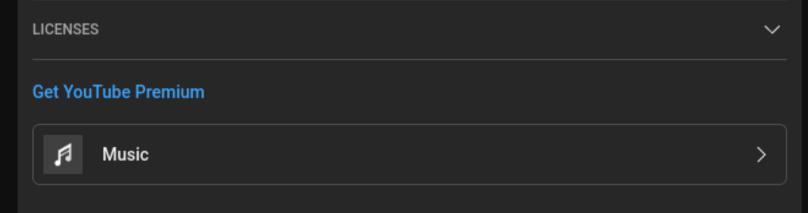




YouTube finally has a new CEO, after all the complaints, all the unnecessary changes, is it finally going to get better? Susan Wojcicki was the head CEO of YouTube since 2014, and she worked over two decades with Google. Since she became CEO, YouTube has been getting a lot of backlash from viewers and content creators; complaints about annoying changes, randomly taking down videos, demonetization, and taking down peoples channels. A few weeks ago, Susan Wojcicki was finally done being CEO, saying she had to start a new chapter, focusing on family and mental health. Neal Mohan, who was originally YouTube's YouTube's chief product officer, is now the head CEO. Mohan worked at Google in 2007, and became the chief product officer in 2015. Susan Wojcicki herself said Mohan set up a top-notch product and UX team. He also has significant roles with the launch of YouTube TV, Music, Premium, and shorts. He has also led the Trust and Safety Team. Wojcicki says she will even stay at YouTube headquarters, helping out from time to time.

What do the viewers and YouTubers think about this? At first, they were glad to hear the CEO step down, considering all the feedback; they thought they were free from all the unnecessary censors and demonization. However, they heard one thing that made them all lose hope: Neal Mohan was responsible for the idea of NFTs. NFT stands for 'Non-Fungible Token' and they are images on the internet that you can buy to use as your profile, to print out, ect. However, they are different in that they say that by buying one, you "truly own a copy of the artwork", due to you owning the copy generated when you viewed it to buy. Because it is sold as the digital alternative to fine-art collecting, the prices are exorbitant, sometimes going up to thousands of dollars. Some NFTs can even consist of stolen images and artwork, due to people wanting to profiteer of the lofty price tag!

This gives a lot of content creators and their fans a very negative outlook on this entire situation, a lot of them are assuming there's going to be something like paying to subscribe, like, comment, and all the other YouTube things. Until then, we can only wait to see what happens, it may be the negative outcomes everyone expects, or who knows, it might be a step in the right direction for YouTube.





### Adelina Boyles



Stay Tuned for our April Issue