

...seriously?

"During the STAAR test, I fell asleep. I didn't know I was snoring extremely loud. When I woke up, everyone was laughing at me."
-evelyn juarez-11

"I got paint out of a cabinet and started shaking the bottle while jamming out to my favorite song. I didn't notice that the bottle cap was loose. Sure enough, I splattered paint all over myself and the chalkboard behind me."
-celeste saucedo-11



that was a little scary

"I had just pulled into my cul-de-sac after school. It was filled with police cars, news vans, and my neighbors outside. My dad then told me that our neighbor two doors down had been arrested and charged in the cold case of the murder of her husband back in 1977. The woman's name is Lisbeth Garrett, a former Eastwood teacher who moved on my street a few years ago. I wasn't even aware that anyone even lived in the house. I guess you can't really trust anybody, especially your neighbors."
-eliana jaime-12

NO IDEA

This house on the city's eastside was the talk of the neighborhood after a former Eastwood teacher who lived there was arrested for the murder of her husband back in 1977. Cold case clues led to her and her son. She was found guilty in November and sentenced to 45 years.



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phone 'funnies'

"I was texting my mom when a friend texted me to let me know she bought two concert tickets. I was excited and texted my mom to ask if I could go. She said no. I was furious, and I sent a message to my friend ranting about my mom. Minutes later, I got a message from none other than my mom saying, 'What?!' I couldn't believe I sent the text to her. I was grounded for the next two months."
-veronica salcido -11



"I had to use the restroom, and I decided to text someone while I was in there. My phone slipped out of my hands and fell into the toilet. My first instinct was to reach into the water and grab my phone. I was shocked at what I did. I ran to my sister and told her what happened. She immediately put my phone in rice. It still works to this day."
-sam zambrano-9

a little embarrassing

"I was in class when my pencil fell off my desk. I leaned down to get it, and immediately I started falling down to the side, bringing my desk with me. I ended up on the floor and couldn't get up. Everyone just looked at me and started laughing. To top it off, my sides got stuck to the desk because my body twisted when I fell. My teacher ended up having to pull my arms and the desk up. All I had to say was, 'I fell.'"
-camilla de leon-9

"I was at a hotel and wanted to go swimming at the pool. When I got there, I dove in and immediately my trunks fell off. I guess they were too loose and the elastic broke. I nearly drowned trying to put them back on under water before anyone even noticed. Luckily, no one saw anything, or at least I hope."
-mark casteel-9

"In the middle of taking a test, I had to use the restroom so bad. I asked Ms.[Maria] Guardian if I could go, but she said no. As soon as the bell rang, I ran out of class and sprinted to a restroom. Once I opened the door, I saw three guys staring at me. I ran out of the boy's restroom as fast as I could. I was so embarrassed, I didn't even use the restroom."
-victoria navarro-12



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sometimes, things don't go as planned

"I was traveling to California with my sister and two cousins to go to Six Flags. We were about two hours away from our destination when all of a sudden the engine overheated. We were in the middle of nowhere, and it was extremely hot. I tried not to panic, though the others did. Three hours later, a man was nice enough to pick us up and tow our car to the nearest car station. It ruined the trip over there, but we still had fun on our adventure."
-omar estrada-11

"Once the 'B' wouldn't light up. It made me feel like a failure since we were the ones in charge. It took about five to 10 minutes for the fire to ignite because the material we used was affected by the rain and humidity. Even after we put a bunch of gasoline on the 'B,' it still took a while to catch fire. It didn't fall right into plan, but we made it work."
-carlos cabada-12

"In search of something else, I found my sister's diary. It had 'PLEASE DON'T READ' across the cover, so of course I read it. I came across a bad word she wrote, so I decided to blackmail her. If she did everything I said, our parents would never find out what she wrote. This went on for several years until she cracked and told my parents. The funny thing is I was the one who got grounded, while she was off the hook."
-paige updike-12

"I had created a brilliant diabolical plan. I would scare my dad and scream at the top of my lungs as he was walking down the stairs. When he finally passed me, and I pulled the prank, he reached out and punched me right in the face. Luckily, he didn't hurt me very much."
-trenton honeycutt-9

a helping hand

"I found out that my friend Mariah [Baily] hadn't been asked to homecoming and didn't win homecoming princess. I pitched an idea to the team to ask Mariah out to homecoming in front of the entire school at the 'pink out' pep rally. We made a sign that read, 'Swim Princess, it would be our honor if you would go to homecoming with us. Love, your team.' It felt great because the look on her face said it all."
-daisy acevado-12

"I was on my way to Juarez when I saw two homeless people, a woman and a 10-year-old girl. I could see how much they were struggling, especially in the 40 degree weather. I decided to give my coat to her. I have enough coats at home. Giving one away wouldn't make a difference to me but could to them. She looked at me in appreciation and said, 'Thank you.' I've never felt more helpful in my life."
-paulina tovar-11



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did that really happen?

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There are carefully planned moments, but those best-made plans can backfire. Then, there's those moments that just kind of happen. They can be embarrassing, or they can make you feel pretty good about yourself. They can scare you or make everyone around you laugh. No matter what, you'll never forget them.

JUST ONE WORD

Filled with joy, junior Mariah Baily reacts to fellow swim team members after they asked her to be their date for homecoming, during an October pep rally. "I was stomping my shoes up and down when I was asked," Baily said. "All I had to say was yes. I ran for homecoming princess for three years, but never won. My team made that happen. It was an honor, and I'm so glad they're in my life."

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