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APRIL 16
- **FINAL EXAMS**
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- **STRINGS RECITAL**
MAY 13
- **K5/6TH/8TH GRADUATION**
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- **SENIOR HIGH COMMENCEMENT**
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Obscure Sports: Ski Ballet

If I were to rate this sport, I'd give it a 2/2...That was horrible, and I would like to apologize for it. In the late 1980s, this magnificent sport called "Ski ballet" was brought into the world. "What is it though?" Honestly, this sport is extremely self-explanatory. It's literally a combination of skiing and ballet. Wow, who would have thought?

It is very similar to figure skating, but it has some differences as well. For instance, in figure skating your routine is solely on ice. And in ski ballet, you are predominantly on snow. One of many similarities is that both sports have specific routines that are made. The technique is very similar too. For example, both sports use the same flips, jumps, and spins. It is also very similar to gymnastics.



Come to think of it, ballet, gymnastics, and ski ballet all have the same concept. Anyway, back to ski ballet, the objective of ski ballet is to win but how? Like in gymnastics, gymnasts create a routine in order to impress the judges. This is exactly ski ballet. Contestants in ski ballet create a one and a half to two minute floor routine in order to "impress" the judges. As mentioned before, the technique is similar to that of gymnastics and ballet.



Ski ballet is definitely one of the most obscure sports that I have done because there wasn't really a lot of information about it on the web. One reason why it's so obscure is that it isn't played competitively anymore. It was a popular snow sport from the 1980s to the late 1990s. But as of now, the International Ski Federation (yes, that's a thing) stopped recognizing it as a sport. It was once in the Olympics, but because of less recognition, it was removed in 2000.

I do believe that if this sport was still a sport, I would willingly give it a try, but I doubt it would be played by many people who live in southern California. This would be because it's a snow sport, and we don't really get much snow here. But I mean, hey, if you want to try ski ballet, don't let me stomp on your dreams to be the best ski ballerina out there.



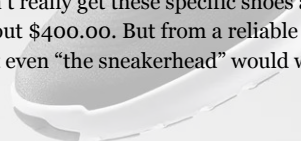
Self-Lacing Nike HyperAdapt

Okay. Okay. I know what you're thinking, "Why would I possibly need a pair of self-tying shoes?". Well the answer to that question is that you probably don't. But that is certainly not going to stop me from telling you about them in this article. If I had to describe these shoes in three words they would be: Awesome, Deceiving, and Extra. They are awesome because, I mean, come on, they are self-lacing shoes! They are deceiving because at first glance you would not be able to tell the difference from a normal shoe. These things are packing the battery, brains, and motors all beneath the surface in the soles. And lastly they are extra because most people don't even need them and they are ridiculously over engineered, but that's not to say that no one will find them useful. There are people who need them such as older people or people with disabilities that can't bend over very far. The way they work is you simply slip them on and they self-adjust to your foot. If it's not a perfect fit, there are two buttons near the tongue of the shoe that you can press to adjust. The top is for loosening and the bottom is for tightening. Then once you have the perfect fit you can hold the two buttons at the same time and it will remember it every time you slip them on. The way you charge them is via a magnetic charger.

Verdict: Now you can't really get these specific shoes anymore, but you can get the newer Adapt Auto Max and those will cost you about \$400.00. But from a reliable source that shall remain anonymous we hear that they are extremely ugly and not even "the sneakerhead" would wear them.

"They're pretty dope looking, but they're uncomfortable."

-Caleb Johnson



Remakes and Remasters (There's a difference?)

When it comes to some games, a massive fan-base (a group of people that enjoy the same thing) is formed. A lot of them would start asking for either a sequel or a remake/remaster. A remake is a game that is either completely reconstructed or slightly altered to be better and played on newer consoles. A remaster is a game that was adored by fans, that was cleaned up and given better graphics. You may be asking, "What's the difference, they sound exactly the same?" Well, there is a huge difference to them, you just haven't learned yet. Today I'll be showing you exactly what their variations are.

A **remake** is when the original creators or a new team of programmers gets a popular game and reconstructs it by adding better graphics, more gameplay, more story, better music, and overall a better experience of how the game was originally envisioned. A great example was the highly anticipated Final Fantasy VII remake. It gave older and newer fans of the series a taste of one of the best games in the series by reconstructing how it looked and how the story goes. It ended up dragging in fans that don't even like games because of its new way of delivering the narrative.

FINAL FANTASY VII

A **remaster** is when a creator gets the same game and improves it. Unlike a remake, these focus on improving the viewing experience. In simple words, they are games that are created to make old games more accessible. A great example of a remaster is the Mario and Luigi Superstar Saga remaster. It introduced fans of the series to the first game of the series. It is determined to be the definitive version of playing it.

Both have their own ways of showing the new generation how it was in the old days. It's fascinating to see how they can pull in fans that are old and new to the series. In the end it is about the experience we witness while playing a game.

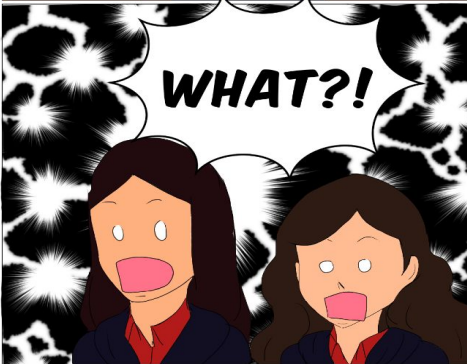
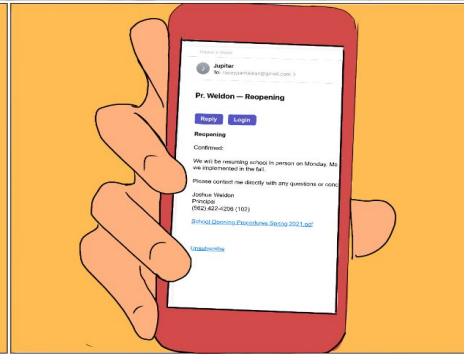
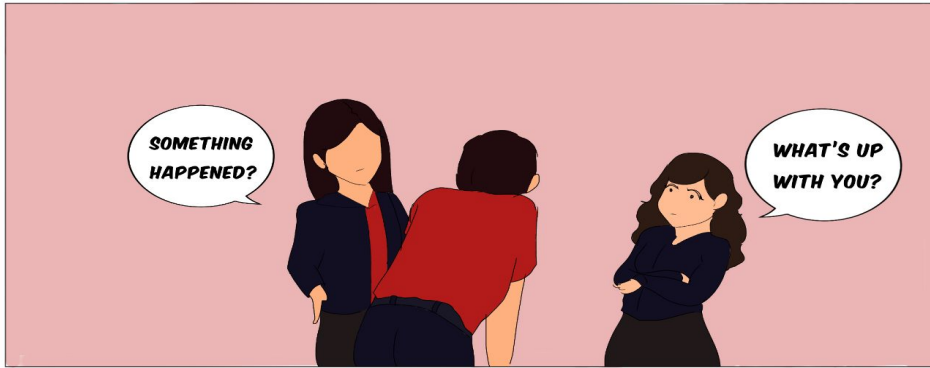


MAINE COON CATS

Cats are soft loveable creatures covered with fluffy hair...sometimes. This type of cat species that we're going to talk about will really blow your mind. Maine Coons, the largest domesticated cat breed has a distinctive physical appearance and valuable hunting skills. With a lifespan of 10-15 years, Maine Coons tend to carry out one of the highest lifespans in the domesticated cat field. These beautiful felines are distinct for their size, but one particular area is their facial appearance. You see Maine Coons have a large, oval shaped face and very expressive features. Maine Coon cats are one of the most sought out and rare cats out there to purchase for yourself. If you ever think of purchasing one in the near or distant future, just know this pretty kitty can cost you roughly \$1000-\$2000 and that's not including food and medical expenses. :) Let's talk about another big eye-drawing feature, their long pointed ears. Their ears appear similar to that of a caracal cat or a savannah cat. They are long and sharp tipped which makes them great listeners when hunting for prey. Although Maine Coons seem very intimidating, they're actually very friendly and playful with humans. They're independent, have a high intelligence level, and are protective when needed. These cats are unordinary and have the ability to hunt mice, rodents, and even something more sizable like a racoon. Although what I listed are the common characteristics of the average Maine Coon, know that each kitter will have different features with different personalities :)

Alyssa's Antijokes

1. What do you call cheese that isn't yours? Nacho cheese.
2. Why did the nurse need a red pen for work? Cause she needed to draw blood
3. What did the Buffalo say when his son left for college? Bison
4. What do you call a dog with no legs? It doesn't matter what you call him, he isn't coming.
5. What is red and bad for your teeth? A brick
6. What do you call a fish without eyes? Fsh
7. What does a painter do when he gets cold? He puts on another coat
8. What does Charles Dickens keep in his spice rack? The best of thymes and the worst of thymes.
9. What do you call a sleepwalking nun? A roamin' catholic.
10. You know what makes me smile? Face muscles.
11. What lights up a soccer stadium? A soccer match.



THE END

PALE TALE: CELLPHONE

AFRAID. SCARED. TERRIFIED. Fear: an unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat (Google). Do you ever get an adrenaline rush after hearing a scary story or seeing a scary movie? Those of you who enjoy that feeling would also be interested in this article because the Pale Tale would be a short, open-ended story that sends a chill through your spine. aNyWhoooo.

A mother had returned home from a long, strenuous day at work. She had recently bought a new cellphone. Like most people, she decided to rest on the couch and watch some TV. Her son then asked if he could play with her new phone. She allowed him to do so. And she continued watching TV.

After a while, it had gotten late, and she realized it was time to go to sleep. She found her son asleep on her bed with her new phone in his hand. She took the phone from his hand and began looking through it. She noticed new changes such as new wallpaper, apps, games, et cetera. But then she scrolled through her camera roll.

She began deleting all the pictures her son had taken until she was left with one final picture. *Odd*, she thought. It was a picture of her son sleeping in her bed. But the picture was taken by someone else above him. She then saw a shadowy figure.

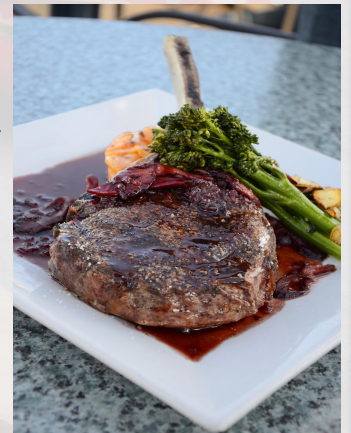
Random Facts

- 1. The easter island heads have bodies
- 2. The moon has moonquakes
- 3. Pineapple works as a natural meat tenderizer
- 4. Only two creatures like spicy food: the human and tree shrew
- 5. A chef's toque has 100 folds
- 6. Copper doorknobs are self-disinfecting
- 7. Cotton candy was invented by a dentist
- 8. The english word with the most definitions is "set"
- 9. The dot over the lower case "i" or "j" is known as a "tittle."

Mood for Food: Steak Edition

Have you ever had a perfectly juicy cut steak that just melts in your mouth as you chew? Well if you haven't, here are some great tasting steaks at various price points that you can try for yourself! To begin this mood for foods, let's start with the more affordable side of steaks. The ribeye steak. With rich flavors and intense marbling, this great, quality steak is the perfect affordable choice to make at home or to enjoy at your nearest favorite steakhouse. The price point for the ribeye steak would be approximately \$10-\$20 depending on where you purchase it and the quality of the meat. The second amazingly delicious steak would be the famous filet mignon. This savory palatable steak is definitely one of the most try-worthy steaks out there. This perfectly seasoned steak to me is one of the best steaks you can ever try. The filet mignon ranges in price between \$30-\$80 depending on where you purchase and the quality of the meat.

Now, the last but not least, most expensive, and quality filled steak you can find, is the Wagyu steak. The Wagyu steak is the most expensive steak on the market. With its buttery, ultra rich flavors, this steak's price ranges between \$200-\$400 a steak. You may ask well why is it so expensive? The reason why Wagyu meat costs so much is because there is a limited amount of breeding that goes on in Japan and only a few of that small amount gets exported during a certain period of time to the U.S. To summarize that, lots of cows, little money, little cows, big money. Thank you for reading this month's mood for food, steak care! :D



The Xbox Series X vs. The PlayStation 5

While Nintendo fans are having fun with the obvious best console of this generation-The Mario Bros. Game and Watch, Sony and Microsoft have been duking it out for the past few months. Currently, the gaming community is at a weird divide. The Xbox Series X and the PS5 both look as if they could be the best console made so far. The main question that everyone asks when looking at the two consoles is, "Which one is better?"

First, we'll talk about the pros and cons of the Series X. The price of the Series X is a shocking 500 dollars.

It may be pricey, but if you really want an upgrade from your Xbox One, it will be worth it. It does have a cheaper version of itself called the Series S costing around 300 dollars, but it's not as worth it. The Series X's hardware is slightly better than the PS5 though.



The Series X shows faster gameplay speed, granting a buttery smooth gameplay experience. It's graphics are also more advanced, allowing beautiful gameplay for hours on end. For all you tech nerds, this next point goes to the Series X, it has one terabyte of storage while the PS5 only has 825 gigabytes. This allows the player to download more games and save photos without worrying about running out of space.

Now it may seem like the Series X is better, but the PS5 has its strengths.

The PS5's hardware allows a faster loading time so you can get right to playing your favorite games as soon as possible. The downside is that it has no cheaper option (priced as much as the Series X). So far it has very few but similar strengths to the Series X.

It is not clear what the best option is so far, they are both evenly matched even if it is not obvious. It will take a while until this debate ends. Sony has the advantage of console only games while Microsoft has games more people can connect with. While those two companies are fighting to the death, Nintendo is just quietly moving along in the background as their console is still doing great.

Riddles

1. You have three stoves: a gas stove, a wood stove, and a coal stove, but only one match. Which should you light first?
2. How can you take 2 from 5 and leave 4?
3. How can you leave a room with two legs and return with six legs?
4. It can't be seen, can't be felt, can't be heard, and can't be smelt. It lies behind stars and under hills, and empty holes it fills. It comes first and allows after, ends life, and kills laughter. What is it?
5. How many sides does a circle have? Two.
6. When can you add two to eleven and get one as the correct answer?
7. What 5 letter word typed in all capital letters can be read the same upside down?

The match
 1. F I V E. Remove the 2 letters F and E from five and you have IV.
 2. Bring a chair back with you
 3. The dark
 4. The inside and the outside
 5. When you add two hours to eleven o'clock, you get one o'clock
 6. SWIMS
 7.

MAD GABS

1. plea center europe as word
2. fish hits bin hers
3. mile hip czars healed
4. canned ache my high saw few
5. moor nim bur wrath
6. hike ant eve hen
7. bud heard bur head
8. ghaht haste own
9. grow trees tore

1. please enter your password
 2. fidget spinners
 3. my lips are sealed
 4. cant take my eyes off you
 5. morning breath
 6. i can't even
 7. buttered bread
 8. gas station
 9. grocery store



Crusader Athletics

- APRIL 20 Vs. LIBERTY 4:00 PM
- APRIL 26 Vs. FIRST 4:00 PM
- APRIL 27 @ MONTECITO 3:00 PM
- APRIL 30 @ CALVARY 1:00 PM
- MAY 7 LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

word search

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- ROSE
- WATER
- BIRDS
- YELLOW
- PINK
- WINDY
- BUNNIES
- SPRING BREAK
- RAIN
- NATURE
- FUN
- GROW
- PASTEL
- FLOWERS
- GREEN

Charles Dickens

Have you ever actually read one of his books? Yeah, I picked up one and had great expectations, but meh. On February 7, 1812, John and Elizabeth Dickens welcomed Charles John Huffam Dickens to the world in Landport, Portsmouth (UK). He was the second eldest in a total of eight children. Random fact: two of his siblings passed away at a young age.

John Dickens, Charles's father, was a heavy spender. He always spent more than he had. And because of this, the family increased in debt. This forced Charles to get a job labeling bottles and start work at a young age. Charles's father was eventually sent to a debtor's prison because of the immaculate debt of his family.

Charles Dickens didn't start writing until 1827. In 1827, he was given a job as a solicitor's clerk, which is pretty much just being an assistant to a solicitor. During this job, he would constantly be writing... usually the names of clients his employer had, but this blossomed into something more. He started writing the names and characteristics of these people. And his writing career was starting to take form.



In 1831, Dickens started becoming more dedicated to writing. He began working for the paper the *Mirror of Parliament*. He also started writing "for fun" too. Meaning, he would write in his spare time, and his writing career started prospering. He later married Catherine Thomson, and they had ten children. In 1842, Dickens and his family moved from England to America.

Over these years, he published a great number of books. In 1843, *A Christmas Carol* was written. This book, starring Ebenezer Scrooge, is probably one of Dickens's most well-known works. The book is about how Scrooge, who loved nothing but money, came to love Christmas. I highly recommend 🍷, or hey, if you don't like reading, the movie's great too.

Afterward, Dickens became a success, and many people enjoyed his intriguing novels. Many books were sold, and his family lived in luxury.

Fast-forward to later in life, during a train ride from his trip to Paris, the train derailed while going over the bridge. No, he did not die, but parts of the train hung over the bridge. Many lives would have been lost, BUT...luckily, Dickens first-class freight car had been the only freight car to not have been thrown off the rickety bridge.

Dickens was safe; so he decided to help the others. He helped rescue the people on the dangling bridge and was successful in his actions. He helped give out water and brandy to the people who were injured and dying. BUT WAIT...he had forgotten something in his cart. He ended up climbing back in his cart to rescue his draft of his book *Our Mutual Friend*.

This event left Dickens disturbed. But he managed to move on with his life. After a while, Dickens's health started failing, and on Thursday, June 9, 1870, Dickens died in Gads Hill Place. He was only fifty-eight, and he suffered from a stroke. But his work is very much enjoyed today.



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