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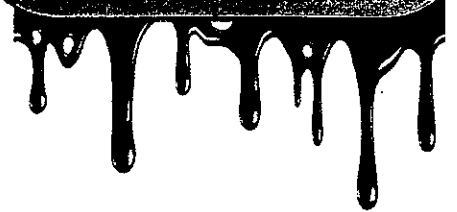
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Baboons: Big, Barbaric, and Beastly

by Mia Leonberg


ACTUALLY

BABOONS ARE PRETTY COOL

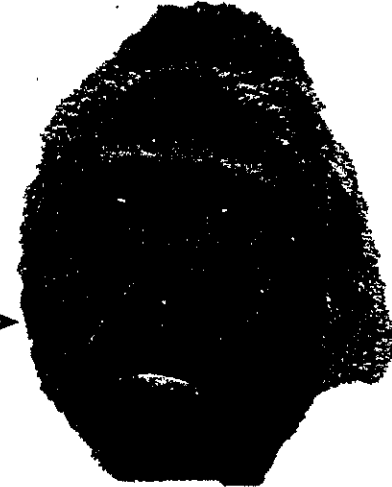


Even though Harambe was a gorilla, baboons are cool apes, too! Believe it or not, baboons are interesting animals. They are from Africa and are endangered by humans. They are even the one of largest monkeys in the world!

Baboons are one of the largest monkeys in the world. The males are 50-100 pounds and are 14-30 inches tall. Females are 33-82 pounds and are 20-49 inches tall. Their tails are an additional 16-23 inches. There are five different species of baboons: Chacama, olive, yellow, Guiana and the Hamadryes. The Hamadryes lives in the hills of the Red Sea, and other species live in the Savannah but all live in Africa and Arabia. Baboons are yellow, dark olive, brown and silver, and they also have long sharp teeth. They are very social creatures, they have 30 different sounds of communication. Baboons are omnivores, they eat wide varies of meats and plants. Baboons travel long distances in the early morning to late afternoons searching for food. They typically eat: (grass, fruits, seeds, roots, bark, rodents, and birds). Large cats, eagles, pythons, and crocodiles are the main predators. Baboons live for a long period of time without water. They can live 20-30 years in the wild, at night they disperse themselves into groups called troops, which are led by males, to go search for food. During the day they quest for food and stay together. In every "troop" there are a maximum 300 baboons. Although these fascinating creatures call Africa and Arabia home, you can see them at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium.



Bob the Baboon says:
"Haters gon' hate."



Harambe says:
"I wish I was a baboon."

marine biology

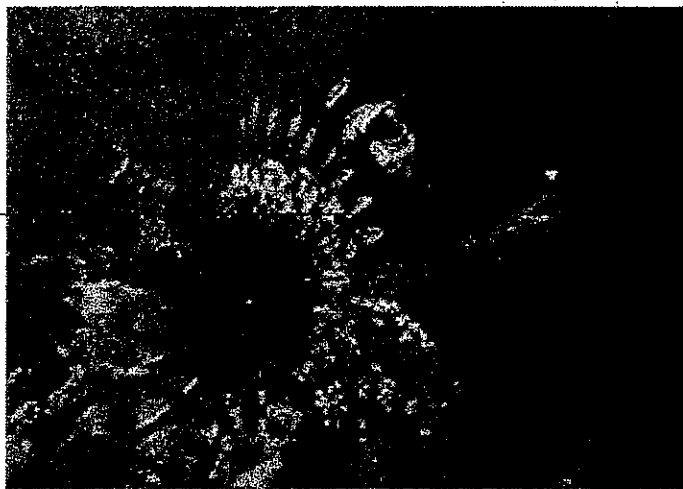
Is it the Right Career for You?

By Haven O'Brien

Do you like studying animals? Do you enjoy the ocean? If so Marine Biology might be the career for you.

Marine Biology is the scientific study of organisms in the sea or other marine bodies of water. Marine Biology differs from Marine Ecology as Marine Ecology is focused on how organisms interact with each other and the environment, while biology is the study of the organisms themselves. To become a Marine Biologist, you will need a high level of education. You'll need a degree, a master's or PhD in Marine Biology, which you can study for at many universities. There are camps you can go to, to gain experience.

For Marine Biological careers, preparatory courses in basic biology, zoology, chemistry, physics, biometrics, mathematics, and statistics are important. English is also important because one of the most important activities of Marine Biologist is writing scientific papers and getting them published. The employment outlook in this field is very competitive. The median hourly wage of \$34.04. It typically starts at \$19.09 and can go up to \$59.94. The yearly wage is \$70,800 per year. A large proportion of all life Earth lives in the ocean, so there's always something to explore. Technically, a marine biologist is anyone that studies, observes, protects, or manages marine organisms. If this life sounds interesting to you, then this might be a good career choice!



MEAN DOGS? WHERE?

Pitbulls Are Being Stereotyped. Is the Media Making it Worse?

By Leah Thomas

You turn on your TV. There it is again, the news, telling you about another Pitbull attack. "Pitbulls are extremely dangerous," they always say, but are they telling the truth or spewing a stereotype? It seems that they always report the negative, but never mention the positive. They put on the news when people get attacked but never report news when a Pitbull becomes a police dog.

The media has its ways of tricking people into believing false things, especially about Pitbulls having a 'lock jaw.' A Pitbull's skull is actually very similar to the skulls of other dog breeds. If you were to compare their skulls side-by-side, they share the same characteristics. They also have the same general bone structure. Whenever Pitbulls do bite down, scientists have proven that they are hardwired to bite and not release. The problem is when people breed these dogs specifically to perform bad actions. As long as you teach the dog what behaviors are negative, the chance of one having a problem is as low as any other breed. The stereotype perpetuated by the media is simply based on incorrect information. The truth is that each dog, regardless of breed, should be valued by personality. Dog aggression is a real thing, but the top breeds associated with dog fighting are actually are Presa Canario, Cane Corso, and Tosa Inu. Pitbulls don't even make the list. Don't judge a book by its cover, especially when that cover has been furnished by the biased media.



(Above) Skull of a Pitbull dog. Other than the skull being a bit taller and the nose being shorter than other breeds, the general layout is the same.



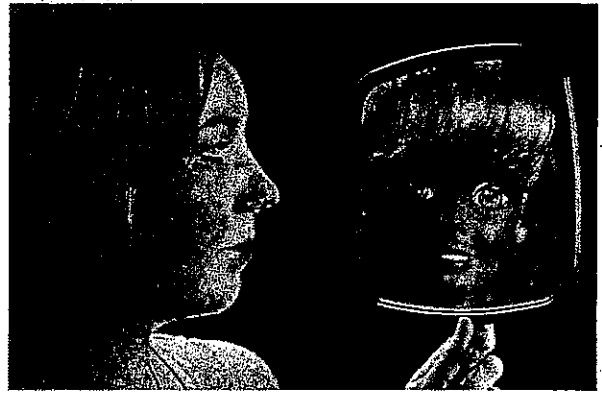
(Above) Skull of a Dachshund, also called a wiener-dog.

ARE THEY BEHIND US?!

False Expectations

by Sophia Pedigo

If the Kardashians are so “perfect,” why do they have to be photoshopped? Teenagers know media more than any other age group, but sometimes so much exposure to the unrealistic body images can be unhealthy. So many teenagers and children think poorly of themselves, no matter what gender, because they see photo shopped and dieted models on social media, on the TV, and in magazines. These unrealistic expectations can lead to eating disorders, self-esteem problems, and mental instability.



Teenage years are emotionally and physically challenging and unrealistic media expectations further harm self-worth and self-esteem. Younger and older age groups also have these problems, but teenagers deal with the harshest effects of these problems. 20% of nine year old girls, 40% of 14 year old girls, and over 50% of six to eight year old girls want to lose weight. 69% of girls say that magazines effect their idea of a perfect body. About 53% of 13 year old American girls are unhappy with their weight, and by the age of 17, the number increases to 78%. The average American woman is 5'4" and 140 pounds. That negatively relates to an average U.S. model that is 5'11" and 117 pounds. In no way is this comparison disparaging models, for they are often dieted and do many harmful things to change their appearances.

Not only are girls and women effected, men are unrealistically compared to male models. There are about three major topics that both genders have expectations in.

- Athleticism and muscles – Barbies and other action figures as well as models are examples of these body expectations.
- Eating and thinness – Dieting, models with flat stomachs, and Barbies and action figures that can lead to insecurities and possibly eating disorders.
- Gender expression and emotions – Certain colors and objects for each gender, men having to be powerful and angry, and girls having to be happy and bubbly all lead to a negative opinion on uniqueness. This also can come from certain jobs each gender can or cannot have, and how woman were housewives and stay-at-home mothers.

Whether you be underweight or overweight, or even a “normal” size, society may be negative towards you because what is correct in media is a very limited category. Society has come to a point where appearances are more important than personality. As a country that make looks superior to personality, 50% of U.S. citizens are not happy with their weight and appearance. That means over 159 million people are insecure about their bodies. Whether it be from media expectations is unknown, but that is a large factor. About 80% of U.S. women and 34% of men do not like what they look like. 70% of normal-weighted women want to be thinner. Other than physiological disadvantages, what kind of role models are we setting for the future generations, comparing ourselves to models?

Many people write and talk about these problems, but is anything being done? Yes; Dove and other advertisers are showing more diversely shaped models in their ads. It will be impossible to get everyone to have different sized models, going back to the fact that models are attractive to some. The extreme working conditions (dieting, eating disorders, extreme exercise, and harmful appearance changes), however, are not attractive.

Media and its unrealistically attractive, sometimes photoshopped, models sometimes set harmful expectations for children or teenagers and it carries with them as they age. Whether it be what you look like, what you should or should not eat, or what you wear, media will call you out on being different. It is just how our civilization has progressed. Both females and males are affected by what social media portrays as “perfect.”

How do you feel about cell phones in school?

By Luke Holman

The rule on cell phones in school should be changed because it is the most broken rule, and throughout the day students are always on their phones anyway, and that leads up to a bunch of students getting their phones taken away from them.

In Ambridge Area school District, there is an obvious rule on cell phones in school and I think it should be changed. The most broken rule in Ambridge is the rule on no cell phones in school; the rule is broken all the time, whether the teachers know it or not. When students do get caught on their phones, the teachers take them away and that then leads to problems between students, parents, and teachers. Most of the time, teachers don't know why someone is really on their phone. I agree that the students shouldn't be playing games on their phones, but they should be doing school work. They need them in case they have an emergency with their families. Overall, students should be allowed to have their phones on them for educational use in the classroom.

Feminism: Even Today, We Still Need It

By Allison Dibish

If your mother or sister was killed to “restore your family’s honor,” how would you feel? Feminism is really important and needed for females worldwide. It is still needed today because women are not always treated the way men are. Women around the world are often disrespected simply because they are female. If you don’t want that for your family members, why don’t you try to fight for equality to help them?



A lot of people think feminism is a bad thing and that we do not need it. They do not think that women are treated unequally. If you are a girl and believe this, you’ve most likely been told to. There are many reasons we still need feminism today. For example, women tend to not get the same jobs as men. There are only 20 women serving in the U.S. Senate compared to 80 men. Why haven’t there been any female presidents in the United States either? It shows that people think men are more suitable for jobs like that. Even if females do get the same job, they are paid less money. For every dollar a man earns, a white woman earns \$0.78. If you’re a woman of color, you earn even less. African American women make only \$0.64, and Hispanic/Latino women make \$0.54.

We also need feminism because child marriages are still extremely common in other countries. Every day, nearly 40,000 girls are wed before they are 18. In 36% of the cases, the girls are under the age of 15. Getting married at such a young age robs a child of their education and childhood, replacing them with the duties of marriage. While child marriages are also common with males, they are more common with females.

In some countries, babies are killed just because they are female. Females generally do not bring a lot of money into the household, so people think they are worthless. This was very common when China had their “one child” rule. In Pakistan and India, around 2,000 women are killed by family members each year to “restore the family’s honor”. The killings are not because of government or religion, but because of cultural conceptions of female inferiority.

A huge, well-known reason why we still need feminism is that we never take sexual assault seriously. As a society, we blame the victim. People always comment on what the girl was wearing, how much alcohol she had to drink, or whether or not she had been flirting. People also believe that men cannot be assaulted. That is not at all true. Everyone makes jokes about rape, but then wonder why victims don’t speak about it. Catcalling is also a big issue. Men, sometimes twice the girl’s age, will yell at a girl, telling her that he likes something about her. Most girls just brush it off. A lot of the time, a girl will feel good if she gets catcalled. If she doesn’t, she may feel bad about her body.

The point of feminism is not to say that women are better than men, but to say we are all equal and to shine some light on problems around the world. Maybe you don’t think that you need feminism, but that girl who just got killed for being female did. The girl that just got forced into marriage does. We just want to be seen as equal to men. Whether you agree or not, I believe that feminism is needed and important to all.



“Feminism isn’t about making women stronger. Women are already strong. It’s about changing the way the world perceives that strength.”

— G.D Anderson



Studying Helpful Only if Done Right

By Morgan McKay

Have you ever stayed up studying for a test? Did you know that it could have a big impact on your health?

Students in the 21 century usually spend more time studying than doing homework. People do this all over the world! When you're under pressure to get a good grade, make sure your studying is actually meaningful.

Most students study at least once a week, but have you ever thought that it could be harming your health?

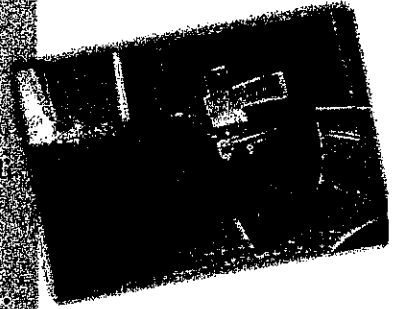
According to Ben Mammelli on The Teachers Blog, if you wait to the last minute to study for a test then you will become stressed and have headaches. Becoming stressed can cause sleep loss, too. Cramming for a test can also cause a problem.

Mark Wheeler from UCLA Newsroom says that most kids in high school get less sleep than they need because of studying incorrectly.

Some students reread notes to study, but that might not even help. Richard M. Felder and Rebecca Brent from Ncsu.edu state that, "Rereading is sometimes misleading. When a student looks at or reads a problem over and over again, they can easily convince themselves that they understand the concept."

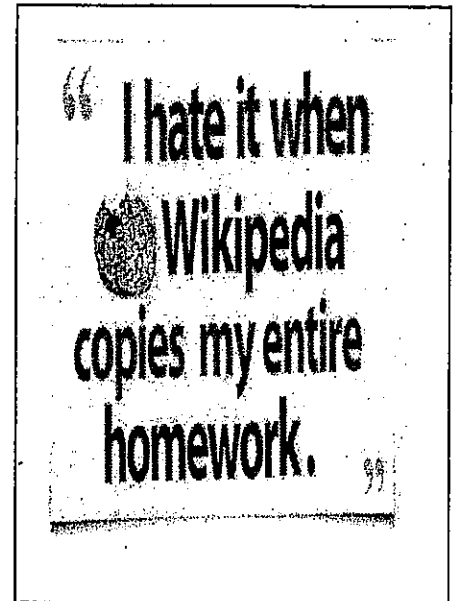
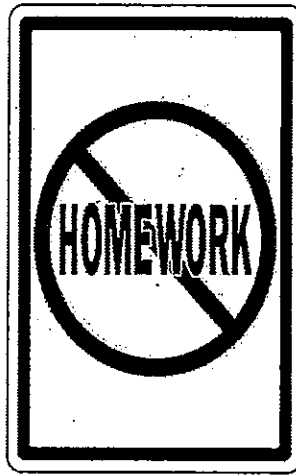
Even though people think that they are studying they really aren't and are just wasting your time. Instead of mindlessly rereading, make flashcards or quiz yourself on a homemade practice test.

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This H.W. is Wack!

By Michael Husted



Students in America are suffering from a huge amount of homework right now! The Averages from other countries are too high, so teachers are trying to keep up.

There have been many studies involving the topic of excessive homework, and many conclude that homework can have no effect, or even negative effects, on students. Over the last fifteen years, homework rates in America have increased over 40%! I understand teachers making school more demanding because of grades, but giving tons more homework is not the way to go. Studies show that this homework raise may have something to do with why America's students are doing worse in the first place. Homework can also put poor families at a disadvantage. Any family that doesn't have a good learning environment for a child can be significantly disadvantaged while doing homework. Also, poor families may lack a computer for typing or internet access that is required for many assignments. Unfortunately, many families in the U.S are in this situation right now, and their children are suffering because of it.

All these reasons add up to a single conclusion: too much homework is more than likely doing more harm than good. Many people around the world agree that homework can be very bad for students. Yes, teachers do need a way to assess what their students are learning, but the overload has got to stop!

PSS-‘YAY’ OR PSS-‘NAY’?

BY DIMITRI MARTINY

Students like you, yeah you, the one reading this article, and all across the country in public schools, have taken standardized tests. The chances are that you don't like it. The truth is there are good sides to this, but there are more cons than pros.

Most states have their own version. It is the result of this testing that staffing changes are made. Tests are also supposed to measure the skills that a student has in a particular subject. Teachers have much pressure on them to make sure every one of their students gets at least a basic or above basic rating on a state test. The pressure they face is still needed for them jobs. The PSSA's give state the heebie-jeebies. many think determine "going to make it" into While PSSA's do allow compared to one and teaching skills and accountable, it can amount of stress. around the nation quit every day because of the on standardized tests.

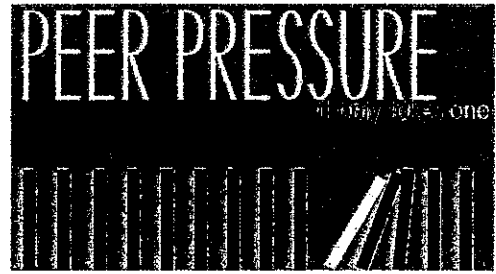


overwhelming, but it to continue their many students in our This is the test that whether they are the next grade level. schools to be another in staffing holds teachers create a large Excellent teachers their profession pressure to perform Some schooling

systems, particularly ones with students living in poverty, even resort to decreasing time spent having recess or art/music classes, simply to prepare for "the test." By taking away these classes, there is a negative impact of children's social, emotional, and academic well-being. Clearly, the headaches caused by these tests are not felt by teachers alone. Unfortunately, the testing culture can only be changed through legislative reform. This is the only way to rid the educational system of the negative consequences imposed on them from over-testing.

Peer Pressure: Positive or Problematic?

By Brianna Lee



It's happening now all over the world. Every time you scroll through Instagram, there's a chance it might happen to you. You want what they have. You feel pressured to look a certain way, act a certain way, or make certain choices. It happens through school work, online, and even at home. You've probably experienced peer pressure yourself. Most people don't realize it, but it affects our lives daily. It's all based on the environment around us.

I'm pretty sure sometime in your life you have gone through peer pressure. If you haven't, by now you understand it. The main reason why kids have peer pressure is they want perfection. Peer pressure encompasses many worries, such as competition of grades, sports, a tough class, and it can even be caused by bullying. Peer pressure isn't just created from school, though.

There are many effects of peer pressure or just pressure in general. One-third of both boys and girls go through peer pressure as teens. It can also happen at home. Some parents might put pressure on their kids for various reasons, like grades, etc. When step-parents are added into the mix, the risk becomes even greater. Most of the time, children don't want to let their parents down. Adult expectations can be a lot to live up to. Kids might even have too much pressure on them to the point where they run away. Even though it can be caused by the parents, most of the time it's not solely their fault. Social media pressure can also cause panic attacks, burnouts, breakdowns, and depression. Although it can be positive, like encouraging someone to join a team or a club, we mainly focus on the negatives of peer pressure. For many, it's just too much to handle. Contrary to popular belief, it's not just limited to a school environment only. Just think of how much time we spend online!

*"In a world where you can be anything,
be yourself."*

by Parker Gazda

He would go on to break records, rack up points, win awards, and dominate the NHL. In 1987, a future hockey star named Sidney Crosby was born in Canada and would take the National Hockey League by surprise, due to him leading the Pittsburgh Penguins to many victories and being so talented at such a young age.

Childhood

On the seventh of August, 1987, Sidney Patrick Crosby was born in Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia, Canada. Throughout his youth, hockey played a major role in his life. His father, Troy Crosby, was a goaltender for the Montreal Canadiens. Sidney was only two when his love and obsession for hockey started to show. He would play floor hockey in his basement with a sawed off stick and shot pucks at the family dryer. By the time he was three, he was already ice skating. A few years later, Sidney was playing hockey in local leagues and he was showing signs that he was not just any average hockey player. At the age of 10, Sid tallied up 159 goals in just 55 games! In 2003, he racked up 162 points for Shattuck-St. Mary's Prep School in Minnesota. His level of excellence at this age attracted many scouts to watch him play and help him make his way to the pros.

NHL Career

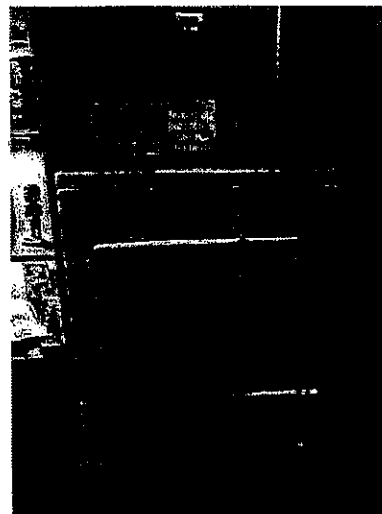
In 2005, Sidney Crosby was the first round draft pick for the Pittsburgh Penguins, an NHL hockey team. Throughout that season, he played along icon Mario Lemieux, the current team captain. He managed to score an outstanding 102 points in his rookie season, earning him the nicknames "The Next One" and "Sid the Kid." In 2007, Sid was promoted to be the captain of the Penguins and became the youngest player in the NHL history to receive this honorable promotion. He also made the all-star team that year and the jersey he wore sold for over 47,000! Two years later in 2009, Sidney led his team to a Stanley Cup victory against the Detroit Redwings. A year later he partook in the 2010 Winter Olympics where he earned a gold medal in hockey for team Canada. In 2011, he played in the Winter Classic, an outdoor hockey event, and was given a concussion by Washington Capitals player, David Steel. The next few years he was off and on the disabled list due to injuries and concussions. He scored 55 points in just 36 games after returning from an injury in 2013. He would go on to win another championship in 2016 against the San Jose Sharks and next season he became one of the youngest players in NHL history to score over 1,000 points. Sid the Kid is simply one of the best to ever play the game.

Awards

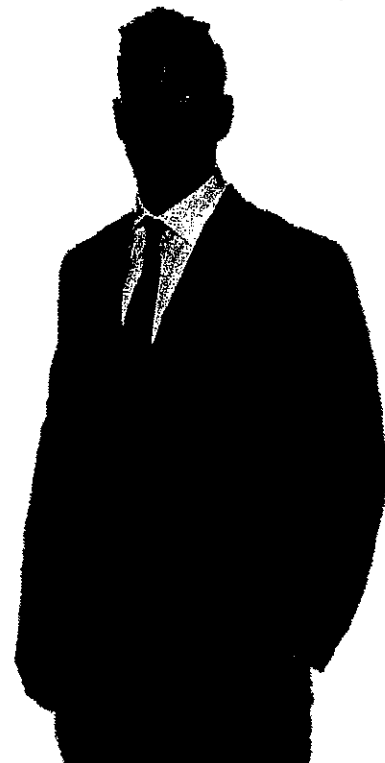
All throughout his career, Crosby has earned many awards. He is the youngest player to win the Art Ross Trophy as a scoring champ. He was the MVP in the 2016 season after winning the Stanley Cup. He's the second youngest player to win the Hart Trophy as MVP. These are only a few of the many awards that the legendary Crosby Achieved.

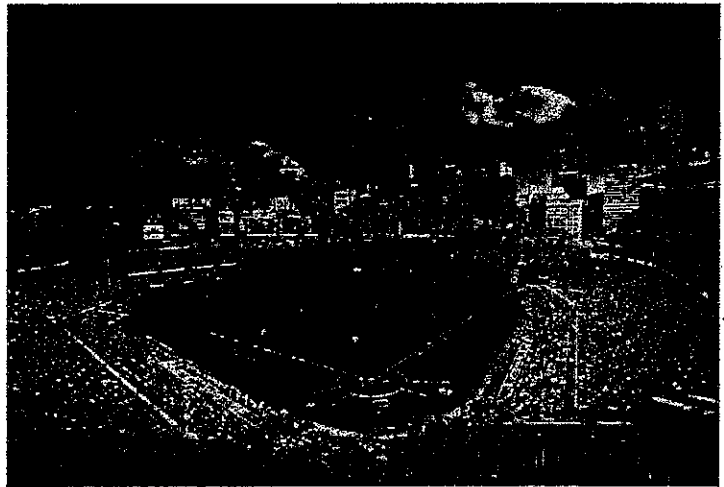
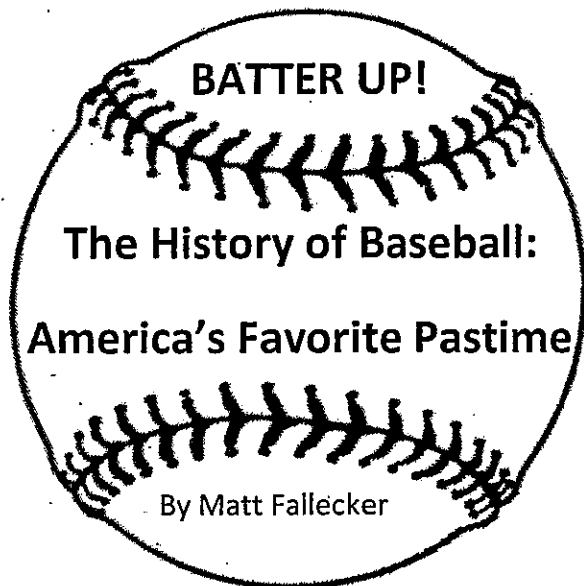
A Legend

Based on Sidney's outstanding career and amazing skills, he has become one of the greatest hockey players of all time. Many aspire to be as talented as him, but only few can meet his level. Nobody will forget number 87.



(Above) The puck-battered dryer from Sidney Crosby's childhood home.



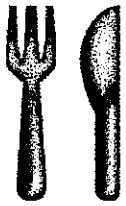


(Above) PNC Park in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Many people think that the Pittsburgh skyline makes this one of the most beautiful ballparks in America.

Baseball was first mentioned in 1791 and it originated in England. Eventually it came to the U.S. and a man named Alexander Joy Cartwright made the official rules for baseball so that the game would be organized.

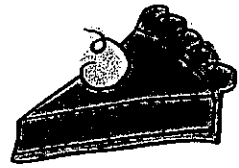
Baseball originated before the civil war as *rounders*, a humble game played on sandlots. In 1871, the first professional baseball league was born. The first published rules of baseball were written in 1845 for a New York baseball club called the Knickerbockers. The author, Alexander Joy Cartwright, is one person commonly known as “the father of baseball.”

By the beginning of the 20th century, most large cities in the eastern U.S. had a professional baseball team. The teams were divided into two leagues, the National and American league. During the regular season, a team played only against other teams within its league. The most victorious team in each league was said to have won the ‘pennant’. The pennant is basically the race for the World Series. The two pennant winners met after the end of the regular season in the World Series. The winner of at least four games out of seven was the champion for that year. This arrangement still holds today, although leagues are now sub-divided and pennants are now decided in post-season playoff series between the winners of each division and 2 wildcards. In the playoffs there are 2 wildcard teams per league. The wildcard teams are the two teams that didn’t win their divisions but were the top 2 teams that didn’t win their divisions. Then those two teams play each other to see who goes on to verse one of the teams that won their division. Starting in the 1950’s, baseball expanded its geographical range. The western cities got teams, either by luring players to move to western cities or by forming so-called expansion teams with players made by established teams. Today, baseball is still very popular and is enjoyed by people all over the world.

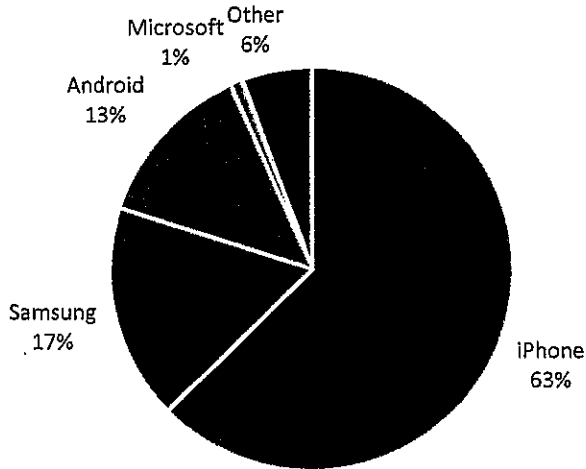


Ambridge Jr. High

Here's Your Piece of the Pie



What Kind of Phone Do You Use?



■ iPhone ■ Samsung ■ Android ■ Microsoft ■ Other

Do We Get Too Much Homework?

72% - Yes

27% - No



How Should The School Calendar Be Arranged?

70% Keep the current calendar

30% Go to school all year with more breaks

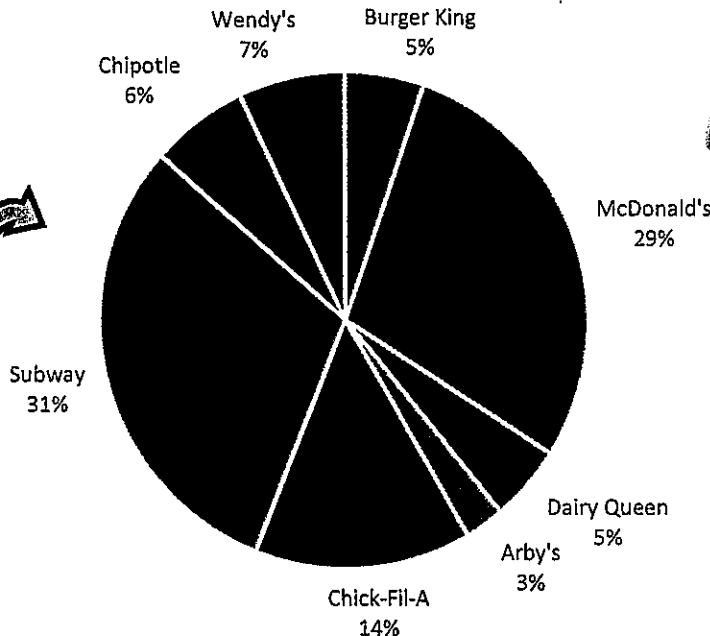
Does the media put too much pressure on teens to look a certain way (ex: thin, perfect skin, tall, muscular)?

62% Yes

38% No



What is Your Favorite Fast Food Restaurant?

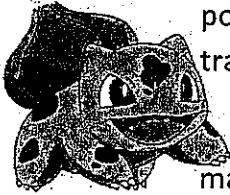
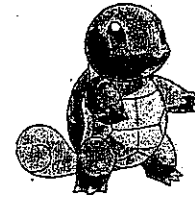


Is Pokemon GO Worth Walking For?

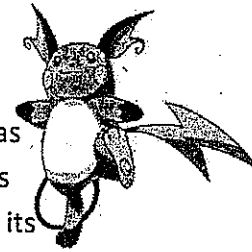
by Gwenth Palmer



If you have not tried Pokemon GO, you should! Pokemon go is a popular game among pokemon fans today. Pokemon are magical virtual creatures you catch and battle. You catch pokemon in an item called a pokemon ball, a red and blue spherical capsule. You travel the world to find and obtain these creatures.



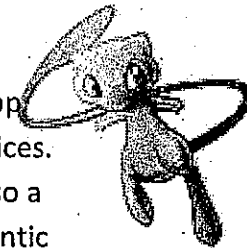
Pokemon GO was released in July 2016. It was made to make people more active. Pokemon GO has also become the most downloaded app in history in its first week. Here is my review of Pokemon GO.



I think pokemon GO is an amazing app. I like the variety of pokemon you can catch. Recently, they added over 70 new pokemon. You can go in public with others to catch and battle each other's pokemon.



Pokemon itself was made by Niantic. This app was made for IOS (Apple) devices, and Android devices. The game tracks you with a GPS. Pokemon GO is also a breakthrough in interactive gaming technology. Niantic received \$30 million in revenue.



This game helps people maintain a healthy weight. This game also seemed to interest activity-poor people, making people exercise more than they used to. This is because they have to move to play. This helped them get out and walk on a daily basis.



Sometimes, people get into accidents while playing. There have been at least 79 accidents so far. Once, a teen was hit by a car not even 30 minutes after release. These incidents are not the games fault. This isn't to give you a negative view on pokemon. When you play pokemon, people don't pay attention to their surroundings. The loading screen warns you to pay attention. People have lost lives not paying this warning any attention. Be careful of your surroundings!

Pokemon GO is worth the walking. It is very interesting because you never know what pokemon you might find! You may even find a new friend. But please, don't play while you drive and stay alert!



History of Ambridge High School

By Rachel Guthrie

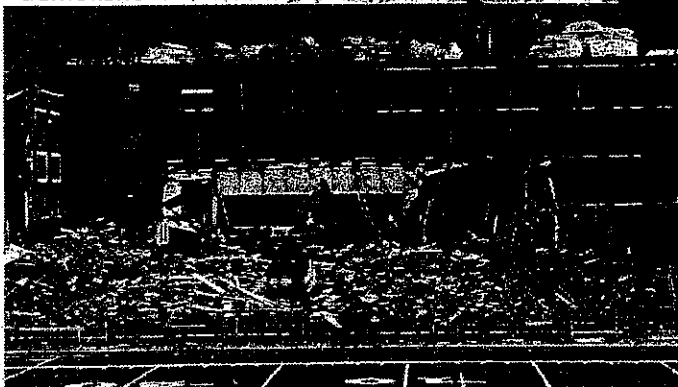
The first Ambridge High School was established in 1914 at 740 Park Road. After the worn out and dated material, the new high school was rebuilt in 2008. Nobody really knows the history behind the 1914 Ambridge high school and junior high.

The first Ambridge high school was built in 1914 and was combined with the junior high. The grades included 7th-12th. In 1925, a new junior high was built separate from the high school at 900 blocks of Duss Avenue for 7th-9th grade.

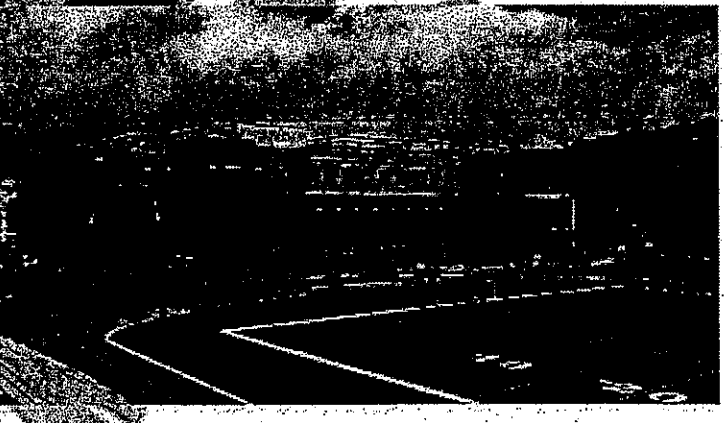
The 60's for the high school was not the best looking times for Ambridge school buildings. The interior of the school was worn out and dated. The girls' locker rooms did not even have working showers or electricity! They ended up doing a huge remodel making everything that was wrong with the school work again. In 1971, Ambridge combined with Baden, Economy, Harmony Township, and South Heights. In 1979, the high school added the field house which is well known for having many sporting events to this day.

Fast-forwarding to 2005, the Ambridge board started thinking of an idea of a new and improved high school. They ended up demolishing the old one and constructed a new one. They finished the construction in 2008. It cost up to 45 million dollars which is actually a normal price for a high school like ours. The high school included a 3-day light filled gym, along with a gymnasium on the one side and a state-of-the-art auditorium on the other, according to the post gazette. If anyone has ever been to the high school, you would know what they are talking about. The building we had before they made the new one was built in 1914, which was almost 95 years old. It really needed to be redone. After all the building and redoing, the current Ambridge High School is truly astonishing. The history of the buildings themselves is a huge part of Ambridge History. The school buildings, like the landmarks in town, change over time to reflect the changing world.

(Below) The old Ambridge High School being demolished.



(Below) The current Ambridge High School in a final stage of construction.



ROOTIN' TOOTIN' PUTIN: A BIOGRAPHY

BY DAVID POLACHEK

You would not have guessed that Putin would have had an interesting life. Vladimir Putin, who is the active president of Russia, was born in 1952 and has had a very active life. The people of Russia like him very much considering his approval rating is over 80%.

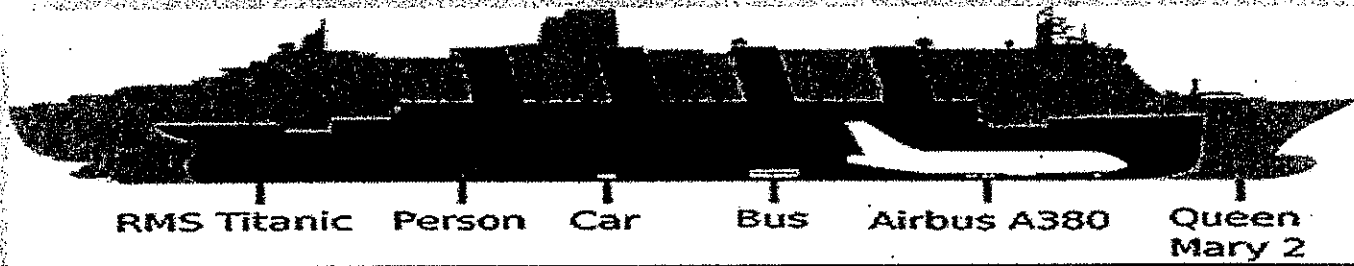
He was born in Leningrad (St. Petersburg) and currently is 64 until October. He lived in a communal housing block and got into many fights with bigger and stronger kids. This led him to learn and become a black belt in Judo. Despite being a black belt later in his life he would be floored by ten year old Japanese girl in Tokyo. Even today he symbolizes two features of Judo which are guile and aggression. A lesson he learned on the streets of Leningrad is that "If a fight is inevitable throw the first punch." He uses that lesson today when fighting the terrorist before they strike Russia. While attending school he wanted to work in Soviet intelligence, and before graduating he began working in the KGB as an intelligence officer in East Germany. He eventually retired following the collapse in 1991. Later he described the collapse as "The biggest geopolitical catastrophe of the 20th century." He is still today a proud ex-KGB officer. He returned home as a top supporter of Anatoly Sobchak a liberal politician running for mayor. Under Mayor Sobchak Putin became head of external relations and first deputy mayor in '94. Following Sobchak's defeat in '96. Putin resigned his post and moved to Moscow. In '98 he was appointed deputy head of management in Boris Yeltsin's presidential administration, in charge of the Kremlin's relations with the regional governments. Not long afterwards he was appointed head of federal security, an arm of the old KGB, and head of the Security Council. In '99 Yeltsin dismissed his prime minister and cabinet promoting Putin in place. Later that year Yeltsin resigned as president appointing Putin acting as president until official elections in early 2000. He was reelected in '04 and in '05 he became the first Kremlin leader to visit Israel. Some of his ex-KGB comrades also got top state posts in the Putin era. However due to term limits he was forced out in '08, but not before securing office for his protégé Dmitry Medvedev. Putin was prime minister until 2012 when he was reelected. In his run up to reelection Russia was gripped with the biggest anti-government protest since soviet times. Protest leaders were either jailed or marginalized including most prominent dissident Alexei Navalny labeling Putin's united Russia as "The party of crooks and thieves." Since '08 Putin has been dealing with a struggling economy. While living standards, satiability, and national pride have improved, in many opinions it comes at the cost of their eroding democracy. Although Putin does love ice hockey, and he relishes his macho image helped by election stunts such as flying into Chechnya in a fighter jet in 2000. He has also joined a nationalist biker gang in 2011 called The Night Wolves for the black sea festival. In 2013 he was seen outside of Moscow playing with two dogs in the snow. Putin is also regularly filmed attending Orthodox Church ceremonies.

He was described as a work-a-holic by the mother of his two daughters, and his daughters are very successful. He and his wife were married 30 years before divorced in 2013. The next Russian election is March 11th, 2018. While Putin does have ups and downs, what is *your* opinion on this controversial world leader?



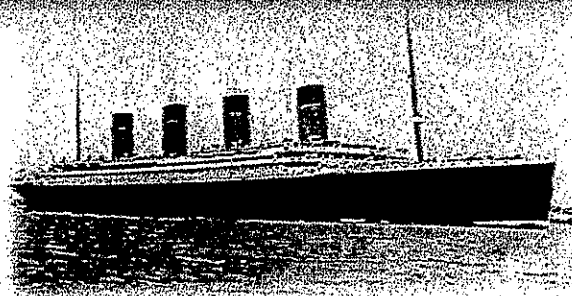
(Left) A headshot of Vladimir Putin

A STARTLING SEA TRAGEDY: THE TITANIC'S ONE AND ONLY VOYAGE

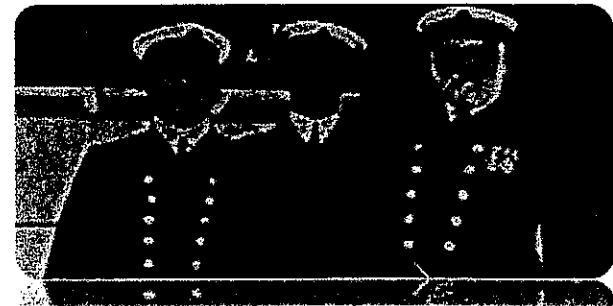


After the *Titanic* sank in the North Atlantic over 105 years ago in 1912 after hitting an iceberg, there are still many facts that the general public is unaware of.

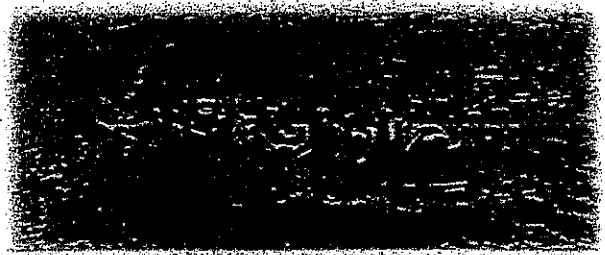
The journey of the *Titanic* began over 105 years ago in a Belfast ship yard in Ireland. *The Titanic* took four years to build and was completed in the year 1912. At the time the *Titanic* was built it was the largest moving manmade object ever built. The main anchor of the ship was so heavy that 20 horses had to pull it to the dock. To keep such a massive ship moving, it burned 600 tons of coal a day, hand shoveled by 176 men day and night. The *Titanic* hit an iceberg on the night of April 15, 1912. The *Titanic* was thought to be unsinkable but a cold-water mirage made the iceberg impossible to see by the lookouts until it was too late. The ship was split up into water tight compartments; the ship could still float with four of the compartments breached. However, six compartments had been breached, sinking the ship on its maiden voyage. The *Titanic* was equipped with over 16 wooden lifeboats and four collapsible lifeboats. The lifeboats could hold one-third of the ships capacity. Many have asked why the ship didn't have enough lifeboats. It was thought by ship builders that too many lifeboats would crowd the deck, making the ship unattractive to first class passengers. The cost to build the *Titanic* in 1912 money was about 7.5 million dollars. From the earnings of *The Titanic* movie by James Cameron alone, we could build 5 *Titanics*. The *Titanic* was larger than life, but now it rests at the bottom of the North Atlantic.



(Above) The *Titanic* leaving port bound for America.



(Above) The captain, (right) along with his fellow crew members. Captain Smith went down with the ship.



(Above) Survivors on a life boat waiting to get picked up by the *Carpathia*. (Left) a map of the North Atlantic, showing the location of *Titanic's* wreck site.



New York City

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Approximate location of *Titanic* wreck

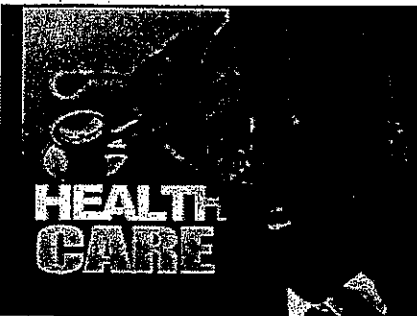
Trump's Hair and Obama Care?

By Dominic Santia

"Why would he do that?" "What were they thinking?" These are common questions heard when comparing the Obama Administration and the Trump Administration, but do the media or made up controversies really describe our leaders?

The Trump and Obama Administrations have different policies that are controversial and not all people agree with what they say. Similarly, Trump and Obama both banned immigration, one for ninety days and one for six months. Some believe Trump's decision to call an immediate ban for immigration in January to be irrational. The Obama Administration banned immigration for six months in 2011. The Espionage Act of 2012 placed all CIA workers' jobs in jeopardy, making this decision by Obama to be controversial as well. Citizens believe that the Trump Administration is insecure, with people being fired and withdrawing their names, the most recent case being Craig Deare.

Although contentious, both administrations have and had accomplishments. The Obama Administration entered The Pacific Trade Agreement, "one of the most successful trade deals," says Barrack Obama. Trump, with different views, left this agreement for trade. The Trumps Administration also froze hiring outside of the military. Trump believes this creates less corruption of the military and government, saying "I know more about war than our generals." The Obama Administration has been slammed and criticized for the incorporation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, more commonly known as Obama Care. Most people either hate or love "Obama Care." The Obama Administration's greatest accomplishment, as said by America, is ordering the death of Osama Bin Laden, a radical extremist leader who was on the run for ten years. Trump's infamous wall set to be built on the American border of Mexico is in progress of being funded. Mexico's president says he will not pay for it!



The Trump and Obama Administration have goals that were set for them to accomplish. No matter what, Trump wishes to construct his wall, and congress is currently approving it. Trump also wishes to repeal "Obama Care." The Obama Administration wanted to reduce poverty in America by 1/3 as much as it was in 2008 by 2016. He succeeded in his goal by reducing poverty, but there is no census as to how much it has decreased.

People of the United States also express their views and opinions of the Administrations with media, television, and rallies. The television show "Saturday Night Live" is famous for its interpretations of presidents and other famous people. Twitter plays a large role in Trump's life, and affects the entire Administration's function. Obama's liaison with the media and television is said to be the worst by far.

American citizens choose who run their country, but the Trump Administration and the Obama Administration are most controversial. "People either hate or love them [Obama and Trump], there seems to be no in between," says Kristen Hubby.



From Traditional Ballet to the Whip Nae Nae

By: Kyrsta Girardi

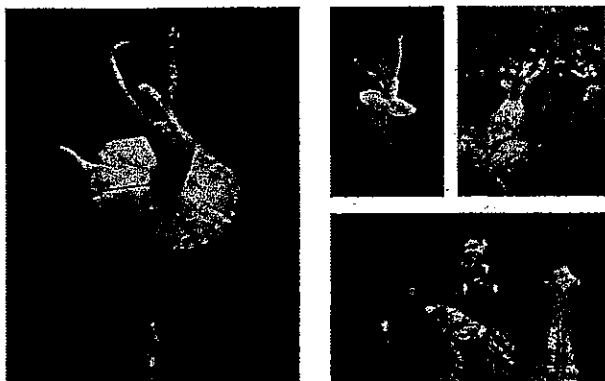
Dancers have changed dance a lot over time all over the world. The history of dance is much different from how dance is now. From acro to hip hop to contemporary, the world of dance is constantly changing.

Have you ever wondered what it used to be like to dance? It would be a lot different. There would be less styles of dance and the dance industry would be much smaller. For example, there would be less dance studios, less competitions, and less dance conventions. Over time dance has changed very much. New styles of dance have come along. It started with ballet and then formed into the many styles of dance we know today.

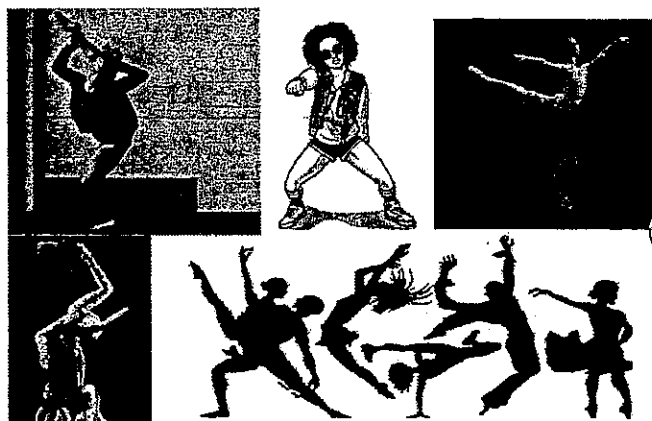
Dance has been around since the 1500s. The first archeological proof of dance came from cave paintings in India that were thousands of years old. Ballet came around in the medieval times. Dancing was originally used for religious purposes; it still is but not as often as it was. Ballet is the first formal type of dance, but people danced for fun, ceremonies, and religious purposes before that. There is a holiday celebrating dance, and it is on April 29, and it was first celebrated in 1982. It is on the dance master Jean Georges Noverre's birthday, but it wasn't meant to be honoring him. It just happens to be on the same day.

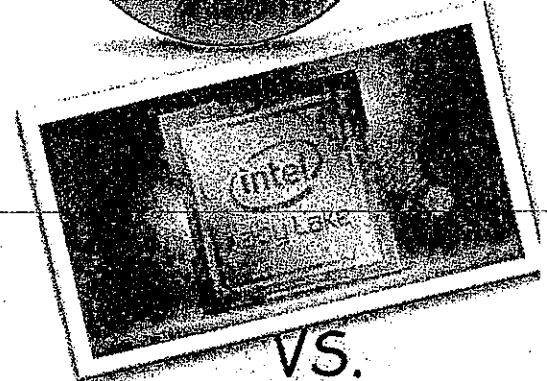
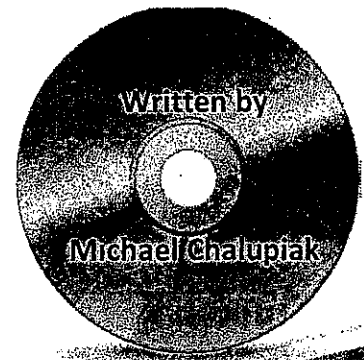
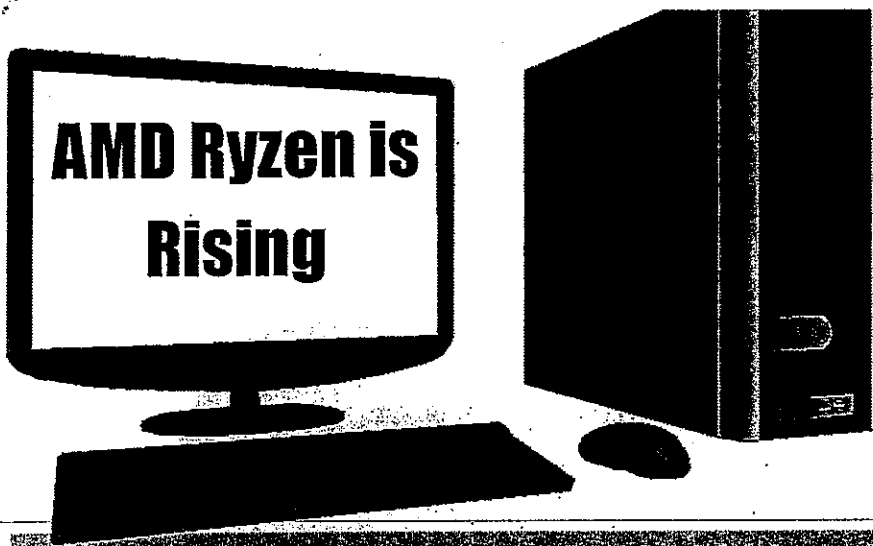
Dancing has evolved a lot over time. Starting in the 1500s with ballet, there are now many more types of dance than imaginable. Over time it has become more popular, and is used in more productions such as shows and plays. Dancing is becoming more linked to social media including the popular dance songs you hear every day. Also, more styles of dance have been created. Music has changed a lot, and since music is a large effect in what the style of dance you will do, dance has changed. For example, if a slow song comes on, you won't start doing a hip hop dance. Music is the main influence on why dance has changed over time.

Dance has been around for a very long time, and it has changed a lot since ballet has started in the 1500s. Now the dance industry is larger, more and more people are starting to dance, and there are more types of dance.

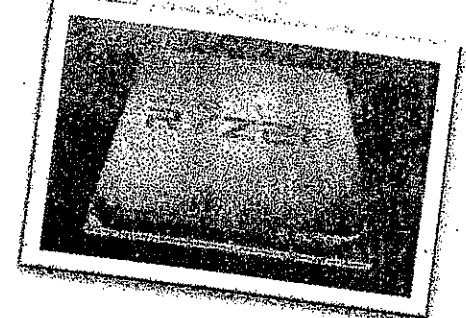


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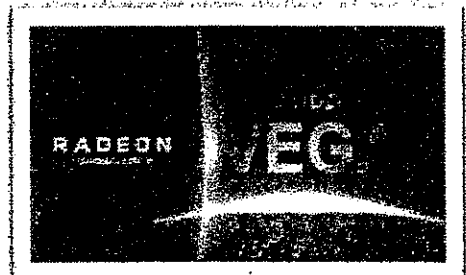
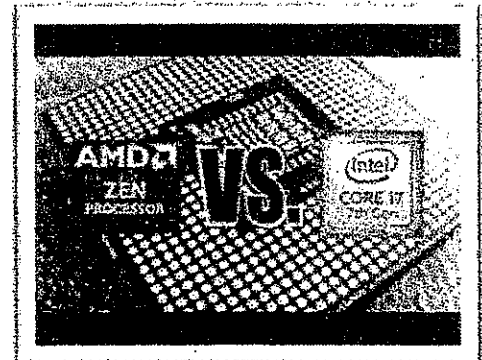


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AMD (Advanced Micro Devices), a company that creates computer software programs, released its Ryzen architecture R7 processors, the 8th generation of Amd CPU's, on March 2, 2017. As for R5 and R3 CPU's, these will launch in Q2 and H2, respectively. These will challenge Intel's i7, i5, and i3 devices. AMD fans are ramped up about the release!

These powerful CPU's have been taking shots at Intel's highest processors. They also did this at a fraction of the cost. Coming in at only \$499, Amd's 1800x is equivalent to Intel's \$1100 6900k as Amd claims. Benchmarks have shown real performance numbers of the 1800x not quite equal to or above the 6900k, but they are very close. Many are wondering how Intel will respond to this. The way I see it, Intel has two options: they can hope that their fans will stay loyal even at the high price premium, or in their upcoming 8th generation they can drop prices and increase performance. The future is bright for PC enthusiasts. There is much competition for the consumer's money and Amd has come in guns a blazing with Ryzen. Will the release of AMD Vega GPU's take Nvidia Pascal down from their throne? We'll have to wait and see



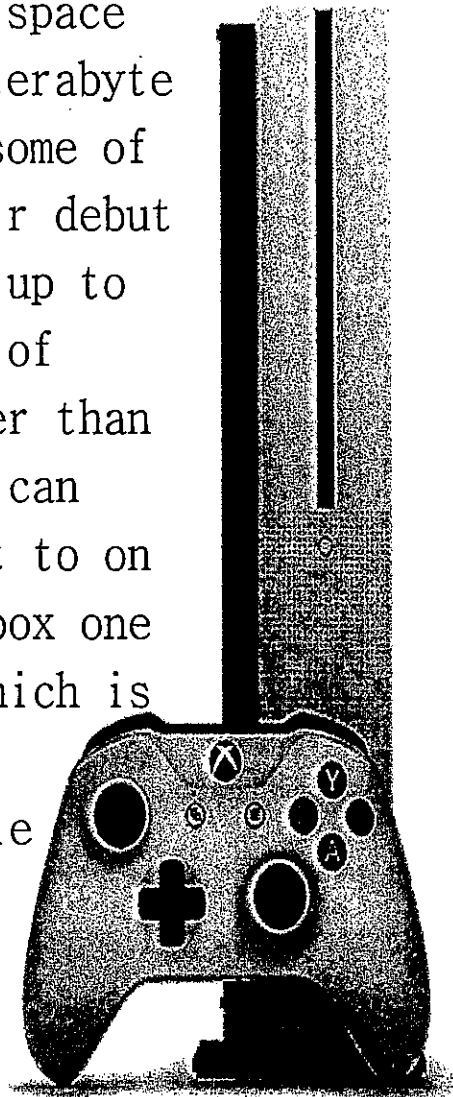
The New Xbox One S

by Shaun Thomas

Gamers will soon be able to buy the new Xbox One S! They can be purchased at any gaming store like GameStop or at a local WalMart. If you're interested in gaming systems, you should buy it because not only can it hold many more games, but it can also play all of your older games.

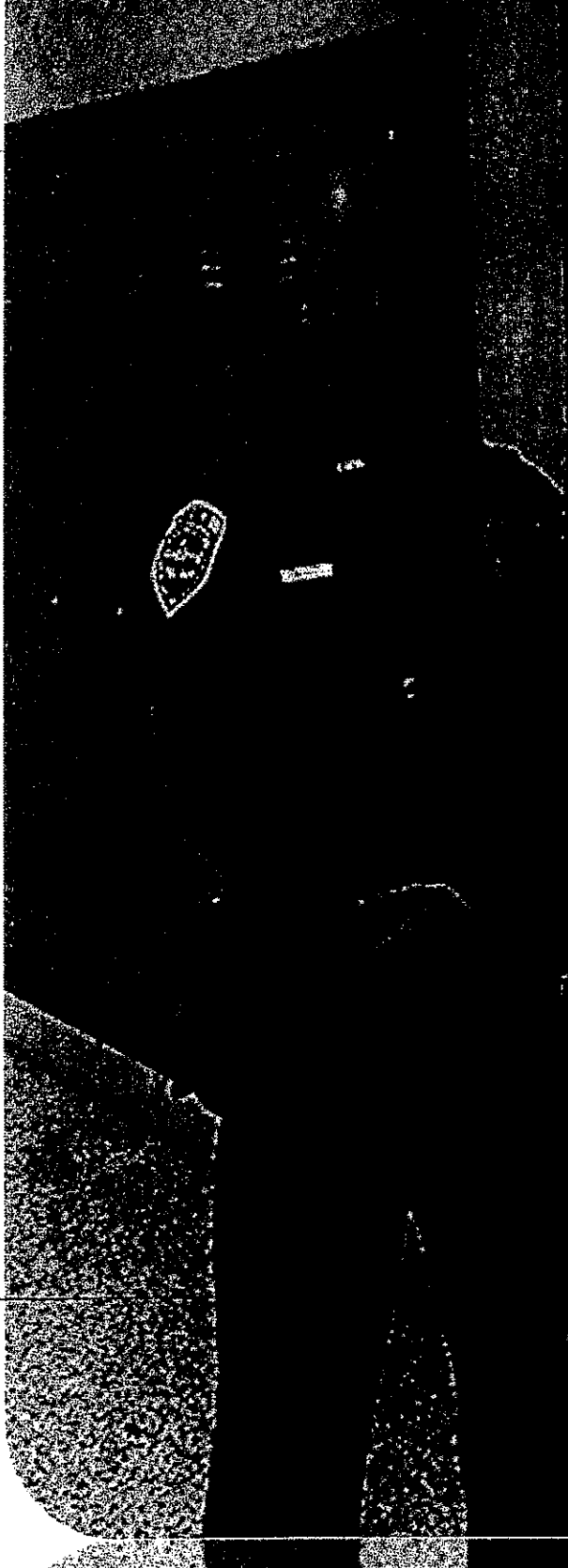


The new Xbox One S has much more space than its predecessor. It has 1 or 2 terabyte hard drives. The new Xbox will have some of the newest games that are making their debut in 2017-2018. The system can support up to 4k ultra HD and has a starting price of around \$299. The Xbox One S is slimmer than the original Xbox One design, and it can allow you to stream anything you want to on a PC or on the console itself. The Xbox one S only comes in one color, though, which is white. You might want to wait to purchase it until it becomes available in all colors so it can match your other gaming equipment.



You see him in the hallways, but do you know who he *really* is?

An Interview by Chloe Fouse



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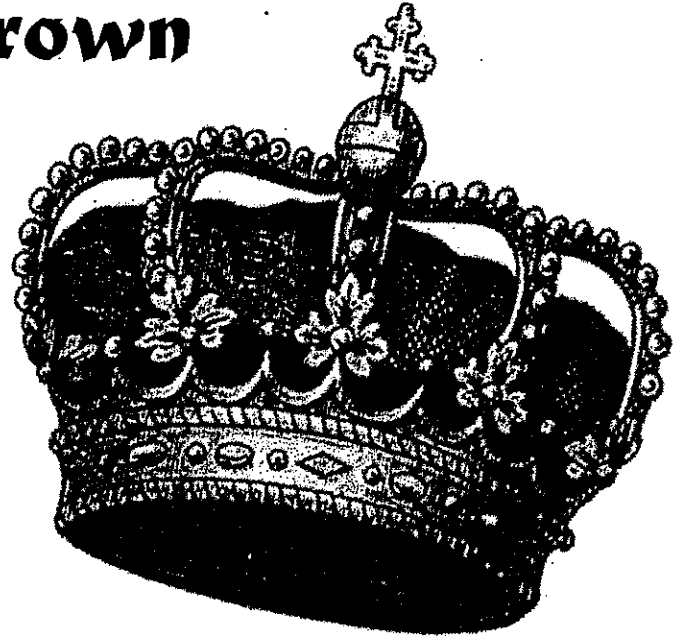
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The Missing Crown

A Mystery Narrative by Mona Indovina

Robert Schmeely was only 28 when he was thrown in jail. The year was 1708, England. They said he stole the Queen's crown, but he swore his innocence. The story takes place in 1709. Robert has been in jail for eleven months, still claiming to be completely innocent. Some say he's mad. Some say he's always been this crazy. Others declare he hasn't been this crazy and livid since his wife died years ago. The only thing anyone knows about Robert Schmeely is that he has been charged for high treason. Everyone in England despises him. Will he ever get his freedom, or is he truly guilty?



Known Facts: Schmeely's finger prints are on crown. He was at the castle approximately 9:30 A.M. There are no known witnesses. Schmeely claims someone else was there: a man, about 5'7", black hair, blue eyes.

"They didn't care. They still don't. As long as they have some one behind bars, they're happy. I told them about the man. He had blue eyes, was about 5'7", and was wearing the typical khaki pantaloons, the castle uniform. Upon his fancy dressings, he wore black glossy dress shoes. Thomas? Jeffrey? Ah, I don't know. All I know about the man is that HE should be the one in jail. HE is the one guilty for this. If only I had the proof. Plus, I wasn't doing anything I shouldn't have been. I am the crown cleaner. I come in every Tuesday to clean it. Other than Queen Anne, her crown is England's most prized possession. Everyone in the castle – besides the janitors – have access to the key for the box containing the crown. When the lights suddenly went out, I had a feeling that I was not the only person in the room. But how can I prove it?"

"Yes, I knew the truth about Robert Schmeely and his tale, for I am the man who took the crown. I watched Schmeely clean the crown every Tuesday. Usually he wore gloves, but this Tuesday, he didn't. He isn't "the brightest bulb in the shed" you could say. I knew he would be the perfect target. So, I sounded the alarm. All lights went off and the guards came running down the corridor. The situation was hypnotizing to everyone in the castle, but I knew Schmeely wouldn't think to hold onto the crown, so I took it. You may be wondering why. Well, I knew they would offer a handsome reward for the crown's return. It's been 11 months. If I keep it another week, the reward will have already doubled! I can't stop putting it off another week. The reward keeps getting higher and higher! No one even suspects a thing. I am a good servant, and there is no definitive proof that Robert didn't steal it. No one will ever know I'm the real thief. He'll get out eventually."



THE BLOODY KNIFE

A MURDER MYSTERY BY JONAH TIMMONS

A murder took place on March 27th, 1975; a heinous crime was committed on Ross Street. There is no explanation of who, why, and how... until now.

On that dreadful night, what transpired was not any old theft or robbery. It was the cold-blooded murder of Mr. Thomas Cranley Sr. Immediately after the crime was committed, the murderer ran from the scene before anyone could see him. Many detectives have been assigned to the case, but not a single one had cracked it. Finally, Detective Johnson was assigned to the case and was able to explain the mystery.

Mr. Johnson visited every single house on Ross Street to see if anyone could give him clues on the murderer. He went to a house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Martin. They are clever, jolly folks who are outgoing and you'll rarely see them in an argument with each other. After knocking on their front door to ask them if they could answer some questions, they said, "Yes," and let him inside. He asked many questions like "Where were you..." and "Did you see the murder take place..." to try to get to the bottom of the case.

Getting no help from the Martin's, detective Johnson visited more and more people of interest until finally he visited the correct home. As it turns out, it was the Cranley home that had not been visited since the initial investigation which turned up nothing. Through the window, Detective Johnson saw Mr. Thomas Cranley Jr. ! Cranley Jr. did not initially allow Detective Johnson to go inside. After being served a search warrant, Cranley Jr suddenly became welcoming. He graciously let him in. Detective Johnson cautiously walked inside, puzzled. Johnson saw a dried, bloody knife still on the kitchen table. It must have been there for weeks. Through the doorway, he saw the wrapped up feet of the deceased Cranley Sr.

Cranley Jr. smiled eerily and said, "Well, what took you so long, detective?"

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