<u>Modern Day G.O.A.T (Greatest</u> <u>Of All Time) of Every Sport</u> By Hudson Hubbard

For basketball Lebron James is considered the G.O.A.T. He holds the all-time scoring record. He has won 4 NBA titles. He has won 4 MVPs, 3 all-star game MVPs, 4 NBA title MVPs, and was named the 1st NBA Cup MVP.

The G.O.A.T of baseball is pitcher/dh Shohei Ohtani. He has a career .274 batting average, .366 on base percentage, .566 slugging percentage, and a .922 ops for hitting. For pitching, he has 37 wins and 19 losses, 470.1 innings pitched, allowed 161 runs, and gave up 53 home runs. He has also won 3 American League MVPs.

The G.O.A.T of modern day football is Patrick Mahomes. He has thrown for 28,424 yards, 219 touchdowns, 63 interceptions, and has a career 103.5 passer rating. He has won 2 NFL MVPs, 2 Super Bowl MVPs and won 2 Super Bowl rings.

In tennis, Novak Djokovic is the G.O.A.T. He has been ranked No. 1 for a record total 410 weeks in a record 13 different years, and has finished ranked No. 1 at the end of the year a record 8 times. He has won awards such as Best Tennis Player ESPY Award, Best Male Tennis Player ESPY Award, the Golden Bagel Award, etc. He also holds the record with 24 Grand Slam Titles.



For soccer, the G.O.A.T. is Lionel Messi or Christiano Ronaldo. In my opinion, Lionel Messi is the G.O.A.T of soccer. Lionel Messi has scored a total of 821 goals. He has won the Ballon d'Or Award, The Best FIFA Men's Player, The European Golden Shoe Award, etc. He's even won the World Cup.

Finally, the G.O.A.T of boxing is Terrence Crawford. Terrence Crawford's boxing record is 40 wins, 0 losses, and 31 KOs. He has won the Men's Fighter of the Year Award. Currently, he is ranked in the top 10 boxers in the world.

Holidays Around the World By Elsi Patterson

Valentine's Day is coming up on February 14th. In the United States, this is a day to show your love to your significant other with gifts, chocolates, and cards. In Finland, they celebrate their strong bonds with friends and show them how much they are appreciated. Spain celebrates this day much like America with gifts and romantic outings, but October 9th is their true Valentines Day. On February 14th in Mexico is a day of love, friendship, and any other relationships with flowers and stuffed animals. The Philippines hosts a huge marriage ceremony where people can tie the knot. On February 15th, in South Africa women pin the cause of their feelings on their sleeves. Chocolate is the way to show true love in Japan. In Verona, Italy they have a four day festival with love letter writing contests and special deals at local restaurants.

For St. Patrick's Day, Ireland has a five day festival in Dublin which over 500,000 people attend. In the U.S. we host parades and dress in all green. Australia has celebrations that can last up to 10 DAYS and sometimes even include boxing matches. Most cities in the United Kingdom have parades with Birmingham having the third largest parade in the whole world. Turkey holds many live music performances. If you want a long parade visit Canada who hosts one of the longest parades in North America. A ball is hosted in Singapore where the dress code is green tie.

Easter in Greece is celebrated with crimson eggs to represent rebirth. Many Ethiopians fast on Easter Sunday. Bermuda celebrates by flying kites, store bought or homemade. Fireworks are the go-to in Florence, Italy. In Sweden, the children dress as witches and trade artwork for candy. India celebrates more of a "spring festival" due to the lack of Christians, but people still gift children decorated eggs. Easter Sunday breakfast is a tradition in Poland for many people.



<u>Are You Smarter than a 5th</u> <u>Grader?</u>

By Aurora Argo

Have you ever wondered if you are smarter than a 5th grader? Whether you are in 3rd grade or 8th, answer these questions to find out if you have 5th grade general knowledge. Good luck! Questions:

- 1. What is the largest bone in the body?
- 2. What is the capital of Vermont?
- What country gave the U.S. the Statue of Liberty?
- 4. What force did Isaac Newton discover?
- 5. In Greek mythology, who is the Greek god of the sky?
- 6. What is ³/₄ as a decimal?
- 7. What dictator led Germany in WW2?
- 8. What are the three types of blood cells?
- 9. Who was the first man on the moon?
- 10. What are the three types of writing?

Super Bowl LVIII By Jack Thatcher

On February 11th, 2024 the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers are going to battle it out in the 58th Annual Super Bowl. In the Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nevada the teams will give their best effort to win the big title. While the 49ers are projected to win, the Chiefs have just as good a chance of winning it all.

The Super Bowl ended with a score of (KC) 25 and (SF) 22. The game went into overtime where Kansas City scored a touchdown to win the game. That was the Chiefs 3rd win over the five years and their first back to back Super Bowl wins. The start of the game was boring with the first quarter score as 0-0. During the second quarter Jake Moody made a 55 yard field goal for three points and to break the field goal record for the Super Bowl. Later in the second quarter Christian McCaffery scored a rushing touchdown for seven points. At the end of the guarter Harrison Butker made a 28 yard field goal for three points. At the end of the guarter the score was 10 - 3. During the third guarter Harrison Butker made a 57 yard field goal for three points breaking the superbowl field goal record again. Later in the quarter Marquez Valdes-Scantling scored a 16 yd passing touchdown from Patrick Mahomes scoring seven points. The score at the end of the third quarter was (SF)10 - (KC)13. During the fourth quarter Jauan Jennings scored a 10 yard passing touchdown from Brock Purdy scoring six points because the extra point was blocked. Also, Harrison Butker made a 24 yard and a 29 yard field goal to score six points. Also, Jake Moody made a 53 yard field goal for three points. The end of the fourth guarter score was (SF)19 - (KC)19. In overtime Jake Moody made a 27 yard field goal for three points. To win the game Mecole Hardman Jr. had a 3 yard passing touchdown from Patrick Mahomes. The final score was

(SF)22 - (KC)25

<u>Winter Sports</u> By Lilly Banks

Girls Basketball

Game 1/Away vs St. Charles W:62-22 Game 2/Away vs Heritage L:44-18 Game 3/Home vs Lighthouse W:44-27 Game 4/Away vs Muckleshoot W:57-12 Game 5/Home vs Heritage W:57-37 Game 6/Home vs Sound Christian W:31-14 Game 7/Home vs St. Charles W:32-8 Game 8/Home vs Crosspoint W:50-28 Game 9/Away vs St. Patrick W: 49-14 Game 10/Away vs Chief Leschi:

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Red Pandas Going Extinct Elsi Patterson

Red pandas are almost gone. There are less than 10,000 red pandas left. These adorable animals reside in Nepal, India, Bhutan, Myanmar and China. They eat plants, mostly bamboo, and small mammals, like birds, making them omnivores. People are after red pandas for their beautiful pelts, making hats. We are also invading their habitats forcing them into places they can not survive in.

These loveable creatures can weigh anywhere from 6.6- 14 pounds depending on their gender. Red pandas have thumb-like appendages for grabbing bamboo. They can sleep up to 17 hours a day. These adorable animals have 6 appendages on their paws. They live about 23 years. Red pandas don't have many predators with only snow leopards and martens hunting them. When being attacked they stand on their hind legs like little bears. We are losing red pandas rapidly. They may be extinct in 2042. The world would be a worse place without them.





Spring Break Vacation Ideas By Aurora Argo

San Diego -

San Diego is a city on the coast of California. April is the perfect time to go to San Diego, with temperatures in the high sixties and low seventies. There are many great beaches to relax or swim in the ocean. One of San Diego's most popular attractions is the San Diego Zoo. It is known for its variety of rare and endangered animals. Another great place to visit in San Diego is SeaWorld: a zoo, an aquarium, a thrill-ride theme park, and a vital animal research facility.

Grand Canyon National Park -

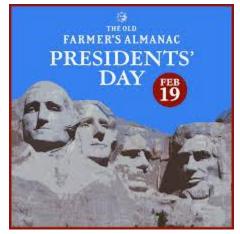
The Grand Canyon National Park is in northwest Arizona. The Grand Canyon stretches 277 miles and is a sight to see! With temperatures in the eighties, Spring may be the best time to visit Arizona. There are many great trails along the Grand Canyon to hike. If you are looking for an exotic activity, the Grand Canyon National offers mule trips and raft rides. Fees to enter the park vary from \$20-\$35 per vehicle.

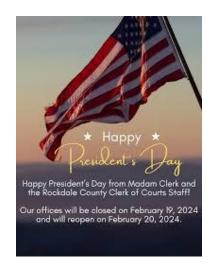
Nashville -

If you are a country music fan, Nashville is the place to visit! As the capital of Tennessee and the capital of country music, Nashville has many attractions. Nashville is home to the Country Music Hall of Fame and many museums about famous country artists. Live music is constantly playing in various places. The average temperature in April is 70°.

<u>Presidents Day</u> By Triton Argo

Presidents Day Weekend is fast approaching, but why don't we take a minute to appreciate our country's presidents who shaped, and founded the country we live in today. Presidents day is celebrated on February third Monday, for presidents Abraham Lincoln and George Washington our 16th, and 1st presidents. George Washington became president after the revolutionary war and formed the country we have today, making the first laws and supreme justices. Abraham Lincoln strengthened the Republican party and rallied most democrats in the northern states, and also abolished slavery in the confederacy, or the unionized states. We have had many other great presidents such as Franklin D. Roosevelt and Theodore Roosevelt.





Most Famous Event From Every Month By Hudson Hubbard

For the 1st $\frac{1}{3}$ of the year, the most famous event that happened in January was in Domremy-la-Pucelle, 1412, when Joan of Arc was born. During her lifetime, Joan of Arc rallied Frenchman from apathy into actively participating in a war of liberation. On February 11th, 1990, Nelson Mandela was released from prison after 27 years at 71 years old. Nelson Mandela's impact was his release and leadership that heralded a new era in Africa. In March, the most famous event that happened was on March 4th, 1933. Newly elected President Franklin Delano Roosevelt took office and delivered his 1st inaugural address attempting to restore public confidence during the Great Depression. FDR is the only president who has been elected 4 times in a row and is considered the most popular president ever. On April 15th, 1912, the most famous cruise ship ever, the Titanic, sank. Famous people on the Titanic were Alice Cleaver, Madeleine Astor, John Jacob Astor IV, and Archibald Gracie IV.

In the 2/3 of the year, the most famous event that happened in May was when Nazi Germany surrendered to the Allies at Reims and the war in Europe ended on May 7th, 1945. Today, VE Day is celebrated across Europe and North America the following day. For June, the most famous event was on June 6th, 1944, when the D-Day invasion of Normandy by 1 million Allied troops to liberate Western Europe from German occupation happened. Famous people who served on D-Day were Yogi Berra, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Medgar Evers. On July 4th, 1776, The Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress. The most famous signature on the Declaration of Independence was the signature of John Hancock. The most famous event that happened in August was on August 6th, 1945, when the bombing on Hiroshima happened.

In the final $\frac{1}{3}$ of the year, the most famous event that happened in September was on 9/11, when the worst terrorist attack happened on the Twin Towers in New York. The leader of the 9/11 attack was AI Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden. The most famous event from October was on October 2nd, 1967 when Thurgood Marshall became the first African American associate judge of the U.S. Supreme Court sworn in. Thurgood Marshall served in the U.S. Supreme Court until 1991. For November, the most famous event that happened was on November 22nd, 1963 when John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas. The man who assassinated JFK was named Lee Harvey Oswald. Finally, the most famous event from December happened on December 7th, 1941 when the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii was attacked by nearly 200 Japanese aircrafts. During the Pearl Harbor Attack, a total of 2,403 people died.

Basic Greek Mythology Elsi Patterson

Basic Greek mythology includes the 12 main gods known as the Olympians and the Lord of the Titans. Kronos, Lord of the Titans, is the father of Hestia, Demeter, Hera, Hades, Poseidon, and Zeus. He was cast to the bottom of Tartarus by Zeus. Zeus is the god of the sky and of the gods. He is the father of many of the Olympians. He is one of the most well respected gods due to his high power. He also rules as the king of Mount Olympus. Zeus is married to Hera. They have two children together. Poseidon is the god of the sea. Amphitrite is his wife. He is the father of cyclops and many other sea inhibitors. Hera is the goddess of marriage, family, childbirth, and women. She is the queen of Olympus. This goddess helped create the Hydra. Demeter is the goddess of agriculture. She never never married, but had two children with Zeus. One being Persephone, the goddess of spring. Aphrodite is the goddess of love, beauty, and desire. She married Hephaestus, but has an ongoing affair with Ares. This goddess has 15 children with varying fathers. Athena is the goddess of wisdom. She has no children of her own, but mothers Erechtheus. This goddess created Medusa. Artemis is the goddess of the hunt and founded the huntresses. She never

married or had any children. Her twin brother Apollo is the god of the sun, prophecies, and many other things. He never married, but had many children of different mothers. Ares is the god of war. He never married, but had four children with Aphrodite. He created the Colchian Dragon to guard the Golden Fleece. Hephaestus is the god of fire and metalworking/blacksmiths. He fathered many children including Periphetes. Hermes is the god of travelers and thieves. He also never married, but had 19 children with

many different mothers. Hestia is the goddess of the hearth. She never married nor had kids.

Most Beautiful Creature Alive By: Triton Argo



The most beautiful animal is, wait... this isn't beautiful? Why most people wouldn't call this animal beautiful at all, but this animal is quite beautiful to many people, not because of its looks, but because of what it is. The blobfish is a very unique creature that lives underwater in depths of 2000-4000 feet! This is incredibly deep, where most people will never reach. These creatures survive because the pressure of the ocean holds their body together, and they eat creatures like crabs, lobsters, and sea urchins. This creature may not be beautiful to you but many people find this creature to be extremely beautiful not because of how it looks but because it is one of earth's many natural beauties with many distinct features.

<u>The Oscars</u> By Hudson Hubbard

Most Awards: The movie "Oppenheimer" won the most awards at this year's Oscars, winning awards in 7 of the 13 categories it was nominated in. The movie included the Best Male Actor, Cillian Murphy, who played J. Robert Oppenheimer. The director of Oppenheimer was Christopher Nolan. Notable awards that Oppenheimer won were Best Picture, Best Actor in a Leading Role, and Best Actor in a Supporting Role.

Best Actress: Emma Stone won Best Actress with her movie "Poor Things." "Poor Things" is about Bella Baxter, a woman in Victorian London who is brought back to life via brain transplant and embarks on an odyssey of self-discovery. She has won two Oscars, winning her 1st in 2017 for her movie "La La Land." Emma Stone has been nominated for 5 total Oscars in 2015, 2017, 2019, and twice in 2024. People didn't expect Emma to win the award for Best Actress and instead thought Lily Gladstone was going to win with her role in "Killers of the Flower Moon."

Best Actor: Cillian Murphy won the Oscar for Best Actor with his role in the movie "Oppenheimer." "Oppenheimer" follows the life of J. Robert Oppenheimer, the American theoretical physicist who helped develop the first nuclear weapons during World War II. This was his 1st ever Oscar win. This was also the 1st time that Cillian had been nominated for an award. Cillian Murphy and Christopher Nolan, the director of Oppenheimer, have worked with each other for nearly 20 years and made 3 Batman films, "Inception", "Dunkirk", and now "Oppenheimer" together.



<u>Books to Read</u> By Aurora Argo

<u>Percy Jackson and the Olympians</u> Author: Rick Riordan Recommended Age: 9-13 Books in the Series: 5

Percy Jackson and the Olympians, a historical fantasy novel, is about a young boy who finds out his father is the Greek god Poseidon. Annabeth, a daughter of Athena, Grover, a satyr, and Percy Jackson must go on many dangerous quests. They work together to defeat monsters, and anything else that gets in their way, to save the world from Kronos, the Titan King.

<u>Fablehaven</u> Author: Brandon Mull Recommended Age: 9-13 Books in the Series: 5

Kendra Sorenson and her brother Seth visit their very distant grandpa that they know nothing about. Although they don't know him very well, they know he is hiding something. When Kendra and Seth discover that their grandpa is the caretaker of a sanctuary for magical creatures, they are determined to learn all they can. Kendra and Seth must help stop an association called the Evening Star before they take over the remaining sanctuaries and eventually destroy the world.

<u>Harry Potter</u> Author: J.K. Rowling Recommended Age: 10+ Books in the Series: 7

Harry Potter is an eleven-year-old orphan that lives with his cruel aunt and uncle. Once he finds out that he was the son of two very powerful wizards, making him a wizard himself, Harry begins to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Soon, Harry discovers that he is famous for surviving an attack of the infamous Voldemort, and he also realizes that he is a child of a great prophecy and is the only one who can permanently defeat Voldemort. Harry and his two friends, Hermione and Ron, must go on many adventures to stop Voldemort and his followers and save the world, all while managing to finish school.



The hotel guest who never left

By: Triton Argo

On a June afternoon in 2018, a man named Mickey Barreto checked into the New Yorker Hotel. He was assigned Room 2565, a double-bed accommodation with a view of Midtown Manhattan almost entirely obscured by an exterior wall. For a one-night stay, he paid \$200.57. But he did not check

out the next morning. Instead, he made the once-grand hotel his full-time residence for the next five years, without ever paying another cent.

In a city where every inch of real estate is picked over and priced out, and where affordable apartments are among the rarest commodities, Mr. Barreto had perhaps the best housing deal in New York City history.

Now, that deal could land him in prison..

But it's true.

Whatever Mr. Barreto thought, he had possibly the best housing deal in all of New York city history



Bingo Night By: Jack Thatcher

On March 22nd bingo night will be held in the Don Argo Gym at 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Bingo started at 6:00pm.

Bingo Cards: \$2 or 3 for \$5. Tearaway game for ½ the money.

PTA sold pizza by the slice, candy, popcorn, chips, pop and water.

The prizes are gift cards, scoop tokens, and candy.

The big winner of the half and half tearaway card was Easton Salvati winning 284.75 dollars.

Washington News By Falon Simmons

During the week of February 12-18, 2024 multiple things have happened in Washington, some good and some bad. On February 12, 2024, 40,000 fentanyl pills, 104 pounds of meth, 42 guns seized by Thurston Narcotics Task Force. On the positive side Seattle, Washington was ranked the second-best location in America for Valentine's Day. During the week of February 19-23, 2024 there have been some pretty big events. A Tri-Cities astronaut has been featured in a new documentary. A pickup driver was killed in head-on collision on State Route 7 near Spanaway. Also retired Gen. James Mattis is to be first-ever recipient of the WSU Thomas Foley award. During the week of February 28-March 4, 2024, many events have happened in Washington. On March 4,

2024 American Airlines is to buy 260 New

Planes from Boeing, Airbus and Embraer to meet growing demand. Also, on February 28, 2024 Washington State Lawmakers Consider Police Pursuit and Parents' Rights Initiatives. During the weeks of March 7-March 26 many things have happened such as, 2 pilots taken to hospital after an Army helicopter crashes during training in Washington State. Also, 18-Year-Old charged with vehicular homicide in crash that killed a woman and 3 children in a van, Memorial at site of deadliest landslide in US History opens on 10th anniversary.

8th Grade Field Trips By Falon Simmons

On March 12, 2024 8th grade class will be going to Pierce College as well as the University of Washington Tacoma. Pierce college is located in Puyallup. Pierce College is a public community college. The University of Washington is located in Tacoma. In order to get into this college you must have a minimum GPA of 3.8 and SAT/ACT scores of 1400 and 31 or above. The University of Washington Tacoma has 4790 students. Pierce college has more than 14,000 students. UW is the most innovative public university in the world. Pierce college is Washington's most successful community college. UW is a 4-year+ college. At UW you are not required to live on campus but most freshmen do. This is because most freshmen find it more convenient to live on campus. The University of Washington has some jobs for students but not very many, a lot of the jobs are teacher assistants. The average number of students in a class at UW Seattle is only 28 students. Pierce college requires a 2.0 GPA to get in. Pierce has more than 14,000 students. It is a 2 year college. The student to teacher ratio is 22:1. UW was a small campus with a lot to do and very detailed, and expensive looking. Pierce was very large with a decent amount of stuff to do but was not as detailed and as expensive looking. Both colleges were very nice colleges and very successful colleges.

Answers to Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader?

- 1. France
- 2. Gravity
- 3. Zeus
- 4. 0.75
- 5. Adolf Hitler
- 6. Red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets
- 7. Niel Armstrong
- 8. Persuasive, explanatory, and narrative

How many did you get right? Remember, if you didn't do very well, it doesn't mean you're not smart. You just got unlucky when I was picking these questions!

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