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Juneteenth Marks an Important U.S. History Milestone



By Olivia Pelhank
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Mark your calendars because Juneteenth is coming up! It is celebrated every year on June 19th, as you probably could have guessed!

Juneteenth marks the day in 1865 when the last enslaved African Americans in Texas were told they were free. This happened two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation!

Ways to celebrate Juneteenth are having parades, family gatherings, music, food, and learn-



ing about African American history! Juneteenth is a time to remember the struggles of the past and to celebrate freedom and equality! Juneteenth became an official holiday in the United States in 2021! This means that many schools and businesses are closed so people can take time to celebrate!

Juneteenth is important because it reminds us of how far our country has come and how much work there is still to do! Juneteenth also teaches us to treat everyone with fairness! Celebrating Juneteenth helps us remember the power of freedom, so join me in celebrating Juneteenth on June 19th!

Changes Coming to College Football Playoffs



By Cole Dolan
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Another playoff change to college football, the College Football Playoff will use a new "straight seeding" system starting in the 2025-26 season. The top 12 teams will still make the playoff, but now they will be seeded based strictly on the final rankings no longer giving automatic top four spots to conference champions.

Previously, the highest-ranked conference champions received the top four seeds and a first-round bye. Now, the top four teams overall, regardless of conference title, will earn those byes.



The five highest-ranked conference champs are still guaranteed a playoff spot, but not a guaranteed seed. This change comes after criticism of the 2024 playoffs, when lower-ranked conference champs earned byes. They all lost their first games. The change aims to reward the best teams, not just conference winners.

The CFP is also looking at possible expansion beyond 12 teams and wants to change how money is distributed to participating schools starting in 2026. Fans hope the new format brings more fairness and better matchups on the road to the national championship.

There Are a Ton of Benefits to Eating Fruit



By Allison Posadas
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Have you ever wondered what fruits do to us? Well today I am going to be talking about fruits and what they are good for.

Grapes are a type of fruit that is good for hair growth.

Apples are a type of fruit that is good for white teeth.

Mangoes are a type of fruit that is good for gaining weight.

Raspberries, raspberries are a type of fruit that is



good for losing weight and getting taller.

Strawberries are a type of fruit that is good for losing weight.

Watermelon, watermelon is a type of fruit that is also another good for losing weight.

Oranges are a type of fruit good for weight loss and give vitamin c.

Bananas are a good fruit for relieving any type of cramp and it boosts up your energy.

Papayas are a type of fruit good for glass skin.

That's all for now. I hope these were all helpful to you.

Dress Like a Teacher/Student Day Wraps Up Spirit Week!



**By Giuliana DeMartino
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Have you ever wondered what it would be like if teachers and students switched looks. Well, on Friday, May 23rd, the day after the pep rally, students could dress like teachers and teachers could dress like students. This was part of the spirit week the student council picked out. Teachers wore Ugg slippers, trendy hoodies such as White Fox hoodies, black leggings and more. Students wore their outfits in a more formal style to match what the teachers usually wear, such as collared shirts and dresses.

Many teachers had lip gloss, trendy water bottles, and colorful star pimple patches. Students

made fake teacher key cards with the red lanyard to make them more realistic but obviously the fake keycards couldn't open any doors.

Out of all the themes during spirit week, this was probably one of my favorites. This spirit week theme was extremely fun, and I would love to have it for next year's spirit weeks rotation. What was your opinion about how the teachers dress like students and how students dress like teachers. Also, what was your favorite outfit for this day?



Sports Cards are Taking the World by Storm



**By Cole Dolan
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Sports cards are making a huge comeback, and people of all ages are getting excited about collecting them. These cards, which feature athletes from sports like baseball, basketball, football, and even soccer, are more popular now than they've been in years. Many collectors enjoy finding rare cards that can be worth a lot of money. Some cards have even sold for thousands or even millions of dollars!

One reason for the rise in popularity is social media, especially around this time because the new set of flawless basketball came out! People



post their collections all over social media and trade cards with others around the world. It's also become a fun way for families to get even closer with each other, with kids and parents collecting almost as one team.

Card shows are where people buy, sell, and trade cards in person, are growing fast. Online apps and websites have also made it easy to find the cards you want and apps to make sure prices are fair. Sports cards are more than just paper. They are pieces of history, showing great moments and legendary players.

Whether you're collecting for fun or as an investment, one thing is clear sports cards are back and bigger than ever! Do you collect sports cards?

'College Football '26' Set to be the Best Game of the Year



**By Cole Dolan
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Sports is bringing back the excitement with College Football 26, releasing on July 10, 2025. This game lets people experience the journey from high school recruit to college football star and transfer into the big show of the NFL (Madden 26). Fans can play as real teams and even try to win the Heisman Trophy.

The cover of the game features some of the top college players today—Jeremiah Smith from Ohio State and Ryan Williams from Alabama are

both young star wide receivers taking over the game. Even college football legend Tim Tebow and famous coaches who were not included last year are included on the deluxe edition cover.

Gamers can look forward to cool new features. The "Road to Glory" mode now starts in high school, letting you build your career and make big choices like NIL money. The "Dynasty" mode has online play and a Trophy Room to show off your wins.

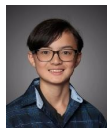
With better graphics, real-life coaches, and over 300 teams, College Football 26 is set to be one of the most exciting football games ever!



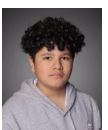
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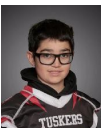
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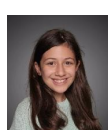
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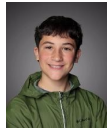
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A STAR award stands for STudents who Are Role models. The students pictured here were caught doing something that deserves the STAR recognition for the month—from common courtesy, to helping another student or staff member, to standing up for someone or cheering them up!

Nothing Fishy About the Senko Lure

**By Cole Dolan
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Ask any bass angler with some experience what their favorite lure is, and chances are, they'll mention the iconic Senko.

At first glance, the Senko bait doesn't look like much. It's just a soft plastic worm shaped like a log, thick in the middle and simple in design. But don't be fooled—this little bait is a bass-catching legend.

Created by Gary Yamamoto in the 1990s, the Senko quickly became famous for one thing: its irresistible wiggle. When rigged weightless and

dropped into the water, it slowly sinks with a natural, wavy motion that drives bass wild. It looks like an easy meal and bass can't help but gobble it up. Anglers love how versatile it is. You can rig it Texas-style to fish in weeds and not get snagged, wacky-style for open water, or even with a jig head for deeper spots.

Best of all, it works in almost any condition, whether you're fishing in a pond, lake, or river. The Senko may not flash or rattle, but its silent confidence makes it a must-have in every tackle box. Sometimes, the simplest baits catch the biggest fish. Have you ever gone fishing with a Senko?

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U.S. Presidential Trivia



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Let's more about presidents, shall we?

George Washington, the first president, is the only president who was not a member of a political party. William Henry Harrison spent the shortest time in office, at 31 days; Franklin D. Roosevelt spent the longest at over twelve years. Franklin D. Roosevelt is the only president to serve more than two terms; he died early in his fourth.

The youngest person to serve as president is Theodore Roosevelt, at 42 years old; the oldest is Joe Biden, at 82 years old. The youngest person elected President is John F. Kennedy at 43 years old; the oldest is Donald Trump at 78 years old. John F. Kennedy had the shortest lifespan of any president, at 46 years; Jimmy Carter had the longest, at 100 years.



Eight presidents have died in office: William Henry Harrison, Zachary Taylor, Abraham Lincoln, James A. Garfield, William McKinley, Warren G. Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and John F. Kennedy.

Richard Nixon is the only president to resign from office. Five people (John Quincy Adams, Rutherford B. Hayes, Benjamin Harrison, George W. Bush, and Donald Trump) won the presidency without winning the most votes in their election.

Three presidents have been impeached (Andrew Johnson, Bill Clinton, and Donald Trump); Donald Trump is the only president to be impeached twice.

Barack Obama was the first president of color, which, to be honest with you, really astonished me. It was great learning that while writing this article.

Technology is Why So Much Has Changed Over Time



**By Elizabeth Alonzo Javier
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What's the history of technology?

Let's find out together! The history of technology spans thousands of years, from the invention of the wheel to the rise of the internet, shaping our world in profound ways.

The digital age has brought rapid advancements, from the World Wide Web to smartphones, revolutionizing how we live, work, and communicate. Woah. That's amazing.

Why is technology so important? Technology is important for several reasons:

- Efficiency—technology streamlines tasks, saving time and effort. Innovation: Drives progress and new discoveries.
- Accessibility—it makes services and information available to all.



- Safety—it enhances security and emergency response.
- Entertainment—it offers diverse forms of leisure and relaxation.
- Sustainability—it promotes eco-friendly solutions and green living.

Technology has a profound impact on society, influencing various aspects, such as:

- Healthcare Advancements—technology has improved diagnostics and treatment options, enhanced patient care and saving lives.
- Social Interactions—it has altered traditional social norms and communication methods, leading to both increased connectivity and feelings of isolation.
- Economic Transformation—technology drives economic growth by creating new industries and job opportunities, while also contributing to job displacement in traditional sectors. We are so lucky to have advanced technology!

Ian Dempsey's Flight Saga/ Dream—Chapter 9



**By Ian Dempsey
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This is a continuation of Ian Dempsey's story. Chapters 5-8 appeared in the May 23 issue of the Tusker Tribune.

I at the time, didn't know this so I was confused when I saw him looking this way until he closed his eyes, took a deep breath and pushed me off of the helicopter. As I fell, I saw him crying. He obviously didn't want to do it, but he had to, to get money, to say goodbye to his mom. I, on the other hand, have my priorities straight, I didn't

n't have a parachute but It wasn't a far drop, at most a minor concussion, but now I see that the shadow had come back to life, like it was reaching for me.



When I hit the ground, instead of the hard thud I expected, I fell past the grass onto a soft pillow surface. As I stood up, I realized I was back in its pocket dimension of sorts.

"Finally, you have come back." It didn't sound like my voice, now. It sounded deeper, like a demon's.

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The Chatter About the Chatterbait



**By Cole Dolan
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If you ever hear a strange vibration through the water, it might be the sound of a ChatterBait in action. This unique lure, also called a bladed jig, is known for its insane movement and noisy vibration perfect for grabbing a bass's attention.

The ChatterBait has a metal blade attached to the front of a jighead. As it is pulled through the water, the blade wobbles rapidly, making the lure shake and flash. That chattering sound (and motion) gives the bait its name and helps bass find it even in murky wa-



ter or low light. Anglers often add soft plastic trailers, like swimbaits (story on those coming soon) or craws, to make the ChatterBait look like a real fish or fleeing creature. It's great for covering lots of water fast, especially when bass are feeding aggressively.

Whether you're fishing around grass, wood, or open water, the ChatterBait is a go-to choice for any angler. Its loud, flashy action turns the big lazy bass into hungry attackers. If you want a lure that makes serious noise and gets you the biggest of the pond, the ChatterBait is hard to beat. Do you like fishing with the ChatterBait?

Fishing is a Fun Summer Activity



**By Cole Dolan
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If you're looking for something fun to do this summer, than bass fishing might be just the thing for you to get hooked on. It's relaxing and a great way to enjoy the outdoors, just remember to bring a chair. Plus, catching a fish is an awesome feeling (even the small ones!)

Largemouth bass are one of the most popular fish to catch in the U.S. They live in lakes, ponds, and rivers and usually hang out near weeds, rocks, or fallen branches. The cool part? You don't need a boat. You can fish from the shore, a dock, or even a kayak if you have one.



Some of the best lures for bass are plastic worms called the Senko, or a noisy and flashy lure called a ChatterBait (see article above). These lures wiggle or flash in the water to trick the fish into gobbling it up.

What makes bass fishing fun is the moment a fish strikes your line and starts fighting. It's a mix of surprise, excitement, and a little challenge all at once. Whether you're out with friends, family, or just enjoying some quiet time alone, bass fishing is a great way to make summer memories. Give it a try this summer and who knows? You may catch the lake monster!

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"WHO ARE YOU?!" I asked,
"I'm not you," it replied.

"Yeah I kind of figured that out," I said
"OK, fine. I am God," it said

"Yeah right," I replied, i
"OK then, you doubt me, I'm going to make smoke appear!" it said. Smoke started to fill the room, I felt like I was choking.

"What if you had smoke machines?" I sputtered out. The smoke cleared the room and a door opened. A man walked out.

"OK, fine, you got me" he said.
"Why did you trap me here? Where am I?" I asked.

"You never got on the plane. In fact, you never even got out of bed that morning," he said.



That morning I thought to myself. That morning, so long ago. "Well, where am I then?" I asked.

"You're dreaming," it responded.
"Can I wake up?" I asked.
"Only if you ask nicely," it said,
"May I wake up... PLEASE," I said.
"Ask nicely," it said again.

"I did ask nice-" Suddenly, a door of light opened. Well, by opened, I mean it tore thought the black smoke

and light and violently flew in like a million bees breaking out of a bee hive.

"Wow, I'm speechless" I said.
"GET OUT OF HERE!" it said in a booming voice.

"Sheesh, ok," I said as I walked out, or rather, walked in, because as soon as I stepped out, I looked behind me and it was gone.

Arrrgh! 'Affect' vs 'Effect'!!!



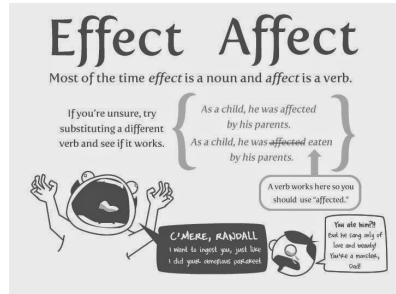
**By Allison Posadas
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Have you ever wondered what's the difference between Affect and Effect? Well, if you don't worry today, I will tell you the differences.

Affect is usually a verb meaning "To produce and effect upon," as in "the weather affected his mood."

Effect is usually a noun meaning "a change that results when something is done or happens," as in "computers have had a huge effect on our lives." There are exceptions, but if you think of

affect as a verb and effect as a noun, you'll be right most of the time.



As a noun, an effect is a "change that results when something is done or happens," or "a particular feeling or mood created by something" here are some examples with either the word effect or affect: "The second cup of coffee had no effect."

"He added a scarf to his outfit for effect."

"His effect did not change after hearing the news."

"The rain affects attendance at the game."
"The ice affects the road surface."

How to Manage the Social Media Wave



**By Allison Posadas
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Social media. It's everywhere! From TikTok dances to Instagram photos (You guys may call me crazy but I personally don't like social media), it's hard to imagine life without it for some people.

But is social media all good, or does it have a downside? It's like a double-edged sword. It can be helpful, but it can also cause problems. On the good side, social media connects us. We can talk to friends and family far away, instantly! It's like having a worldwide chat room.

We can also learn about different cultures and events happening around the globe. Want to see what's happening in another country? Just check out the news or posts from people who live there. Plus, social media helps spread important

information quickly, like during emergencies or when people need help, which is really useful!



But social media also has its downsides. One big problem is cyberbullying. Mean comments and hurtful messages can really hurt people's feelings, and it's hard to escape online, it's also easy to compare ourselves to others, and that can make us feel bad about ourselves.

We only see the best parts of people's lives on social media, which can be misleading and make everyone feel like they are feeling short. So, what's the answer?

Social media isn't all bad, but it's important to use it wisely. We shouldn't be careful about what others post and read, be kind to others online, or better option don't even talk to anyone online.

We Really Can't Live Without Nature



**By Elizabeth Alonzo Javier
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What is the importance of nature, you may be asking. Well let's find out together.

The importance of nature includes, providing fresh air and clean water. Do you want results only for how nature provides fresh air and clean water? Nature provides fresh air and clean water through all that grows on the planet. It is essential for our survival, well-being, and economic activity.

For example, ecosystems play a crucial role in water purification. Supporting life on the planet. Including results



for how does nature support life on earth. Nature supports life on Earth through Biodiversity: The variety of life on Earth, including millions of species, their interactions, communities, and ecosystems.

Nature encourages harmony: The balance between biodiversity and ecosystems. Nature does this through essential processes: Biodiversity is crucial for healthy ecosystems that provide air, water, and food, and those enhance our well-being, stimulating our senses, and offering a place to explore and discover.

Nature teaches us about our world, providing a place to exercise and improving our mood. I hope this made you realize that we should appreciate nature more than we think we should.



It's Up to All of Us to Help Preserve the Ecosystem



By Elizabeth Alonzo Javier
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How could we, the world, help our ecosystem in unison? What is the ecosystem? Let's start with that!

An ecosystem is a complex network of living organisms' plants, animals, and their physical environment such as air, water, and soil interacting as a system. It encompasses all the interrelationships among these organisms and their environment within a specific area.

Ecosystems can vary widely, including different landscapes like forests, deserts, and



wetlands, and they involve both biotic factors (living components) and abiotic factors (non-living components).

How do you preserve an ecosystem? The first step to preserving ecosystems is to remember that you are part of them. Preserving ecosystems starts at home. Everything you use in your daily life impacts the environment, from the cellphone you use to the food you eat and the clothes you wear.

There are no strict lines on where an ecosystem starts and ends. Now there are many other ways to help! But make sure to try one of these!

Cyberbullying is a Real Downside to Social Media



By Elizabeth Alonzo Javier
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What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying can refer to unwanted, repeated, aggressive, negative behavior that takes place over digital devices, such as cell phones, tablets, and computers. It can involve name-calling, threats, sharing private or embarrassing photos, or excluding others.

Cyberbullying can occur through email, texting, social media, gaming, instant messaging, and photo sharing, with all the social media platforms that exist today and all the new technology this is very common to happen at any time, on any app.

Cyberbullying can have various negative effects on people, including: lower school attend-

ance and poor school performance, increased stress and anxiety, anger, and depression. (I wrote an article about Depression that's also in this issue!)



Cyberbullying can also lead to feeling scared, alone, guilty, ashamed, and embarrassed, poor concentration, decreased self-esteem and confidence, and mental health issues and trust issues.

Kids who are cyberbullied have difficulty getting along with others, an increased likelihood of abusing alcohol or drugs at an earlier age, and other long-lasting emotional effects, even after the bullying has stopped.

Please don't do cyberbullying and if you see it, please tell an adult!

A Good School Matters in this Changing World



By Elizabeth Alonzo Javier
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Why are schools so important? Some, like me, may have never really known before, but let's find out.

School is important for several reasons: It provides a foundation for personal and societal growth by shaping minds and building skills, which leads to better opportunities in life. Schools help young people learn about the world, explore their interests, and develop essential social skills that are useful in future careers.



Education in schools imparts not only academic knowledge but also crucial life skills such as communication, problem-solving, and critical thinking. Schools' open doors to various career options and help students develop a sense of self and personal responsibility.

Overall, schools play a vital role in the development of communities and are considered a cornerstone of modern society. I never knew that school was this important!

Why do we go to school?

School can help us with our social skills and help us out with subjects that we have trouble with. We should appreciate having the chance to go to such a great school.

Be Aware of Forest Fire Risk as Weather Warms



**By Elizabeth Alonzo Javier
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What are forest fires, how can forest fire occur, and how can we prevent them?

A forest fire is an uncontrolled fire occurring in vegetation more than 6 feet (1.8 m) in height. These fires often reach the proportions of a major conflagration and sometimes begin by combustion and heat from surface and ground fires.

Forest fires are wildfires that spread uncontrollably, burning plants, animals, grasslands and brushlands that fall in their path. The wind spreads the fire rapidly, causing significant air



pollution. Fires that continue for longer or are highly inflammable are caused by climate changes.

To prevent forest fires, you can take the following measures: Establish and enforce laws and restrictions. Avoid open burning during dry or windy conditions. Use fire-resistant materials and designs in fire-prone areas. Never leave a fire unattended. Be cautious with heat and fire. Factor in wind conditions. Have fire extinguishing solutions available.

Know your local regulations. Remove combustibles from your yard. Close windows, vents, and doors during fire risk.

Whoa! My brain is on fire just trying to remember these facts!

NOAA Reports that Humpback Whales are Thriving



**By Elizabeth Alonzo Javier
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Have you ever heard of a humpback whale? I am going to load you with many facts about this mammal.

Facts about humpback whales: they have a distinctive body shape, with long pectoral fins and tubercles on their head. Humpbacks are known for breaching and other distinctive surface behaviors. Males produce a complex song lasting 4 to 33 minutes. They grow up to 17 meters in length and have enormous pectoral flippers.

Humpbacks have one of the longest migrations of any mammal, swimming up to 5,000 miles between breeding and feeding grounds. Humpback whales have rebounded in many areas, with high abundance and, in some areas, steady rates of population growth.

This determination is based on a recent re-



view of the best available scientific and commercial information by an expert group of scientists at the NOAA.

According to the NOAA, "They identified 14 distinct population segments of humpback whales. A distinct population segment is a term coined in the 1978 amendments to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) that allows species to be divided into distinct subgroups or populations and listed under the ESA, based on a number of characteristics. Of the distinct population segments identified, nine appear to no longer be in danger of extinction or likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future. For instance, the West Indies population is growing at 3.1 percent a year and the East Australia population is growing at an average rate of almost 11 percent a year."

You can get more information by visiting the NOAA Fisheries website at www.fisheries.noaa.gov.

Hurricane Season is Coming Up on Us!



**By Elizabeth Alonzo Javier
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Have you ever wondered why hurricanes occur? I have! So let me explain!

Facts about Hurricanes: hurricanes are a natural disaster with far reaching consequences. They take away the lives of millions of people and causes damage to almost all of human creation. They can cause extensive damage to coastlines and several hundred miles inland due to heavy rainfall.

Hurricanes are large storms with rotating winds. Hurricanes are areas of low air pressure



that form over oceans in tropical climate regions. They form over the warm waters of the ocean when there are large pressure and temperature differences between the warm water and the clouds. These storms are called hurricanes when they develop over the Atlantic or eastern Pacific Oceans. Today "hurricane" is one of three names for a rotating tropical storm with winds of at least 74 miles (119 kilometers) an hour. We need to be careful in dangerous situations like hurricanes and more natural disasters.

Note: Hurricane season for the U.S. runs from June 1 to November 30

Our Solar System Grew Like a Snowball



**By Allison Posadas
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Our solar system, with its planets orbiting the sun, didn't just magically appear. It formed from a giant, spinning cloud of gas and dust called a solar nebula.

This nebula was mostly hydrogen and helium, the lightest elements in the universe, with smaller amounts of heavier elements. Imagine a giant, swirling cosmic cloud, much bigger than our entire solar system today!

Over millions of years, this nebula began to collapse under its own gravity. As it collapsed, it spun faster and faster, like a figure skater pulling

their arms in. Most of the material clumped together in the center, forming a hot, dense core that eventually ignited into our sun, a star. The sun's powerful gravity then held the remaining gas and dust in orbit around it. The leftover dust and gas in the solar nebula wasn't evenly distributed.



In some areas, tiny particles of dust collided and stuck together, gradually growing larger. These clumps attracted more and more material through gravity, forming larger and larger objects called planetoids. Think of it like building a giant snowball—the first bits are small, but as more stick, it gets bigger and bigger!

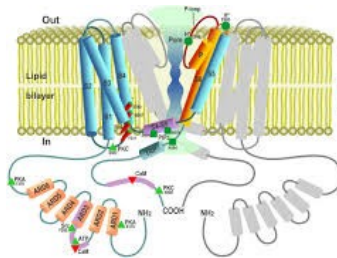
Our 'Receptors' Can Warn Us About Spicy Food



**By Allison Posadas
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Have you ever wondered how our bodies can sense spice whenever we eat something spicy? Well, if so, I'm going to tell you how!

Our bodies sense spice through a process involving TRPV1 receptors, special proteins found on certain nerve cells primarily found in our mouths and touches. These receptors are activated by capsaicin, the chemical compound that makes chili peppers spicy.



When capsaicin binds to these receptors, it triggers a signal that travels along the nerve cells to the brain, creating the sensation of heat and spiciness. This is why spicy food can feel hot, even though it doesn't raise your body temperature like a flame would.

In conclusion, our perception of spice hinges on the interaction between capsaicin, a chemical in chili peppers, and TRPV1 receptors on our nerve cells. Capsaicin activates these receptors, triggering signals to the brain interpreted as heat. That's all for now. I hope you learned a lot!

They Don't Ride Seahorses in Water Polo



**By Allison Posadas
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Water polo, a thrilling and physically demanding sport, didn't just appear overnight. Its origins are a fascinating blend of swimming and ball games, evolving over time into the sport we know today.

While pinpointing the exact invention is tricky, we can trace its development through several key stages and influences. Early forms of water polo emerged in the late 19th century.



Several countries claim a part in its creation, and it is more of an evolution than a single invention. Think of games like underwater rugby, where players wrestled for possession beneath the water's surface.

These rudimentary games, played with various types of ball, laid the groundwork for the more structured competition we see now. The idea of combining swimming skills and ball handling was clearly gaining popularity.



In the 1870s, in England, several clubs started to formalize the rules of the game. This period is crucial because it represents the shift from chaotic underwater tussles to a more organized sport. The rules started to solidify the number of players, the size of the pool, and the way the game was played.

This standardization was vital in ensuring fair play and creating a framework for future competitions. Variations continued for several years, with different nations developing slightly different rules.

A History of Volleyball



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Volleyball was invented by William G. Morgan. Morgan was an acquaintance of basketball inventor James Naismith and was inspired by his new sport to invent his own. Did you know volleyball was originally called Mintonette? This was due to the fact that the sport shared similarities with badminton. It was renamed volleyball by another educator, named Alfred S Halstead because the ball was volleyed back and forth.

Originally volleyball was meant to be played indoors. It was also invented because Mor-



gan wanted a game where players did not have to run. He wanted a game that was physical and required players to perform plenty of actions but does not require direct contact with opposing players.

The very first volleyball game was an exhibition played in 1896 at Massachusetts Springfield College, then known as the International YMCA training. In the earliest days, teams were allowed to contact the ball an unlimited number of times, and it wasn't until 1920 when the three hit rule was introduced, and the game of volleyball that we know today was made official in 1947 after the FIVB was formed.

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Lincoln's Assassination Shocked a War-Torn Country



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On April 14, 1865, in the evening, President Abraham Lincoln was shot by actor John Wilkes Booth while attending a play with his wife at Ford's Theatre in Washington D.C. Booth entered Lincoln's private theater box unnoticed and shot the president with a single bullet in the back of his head. Lincoln died the next morning. He was the first U.S president to be assassinated.



News of the president's death traveled quickly, and by the end of the day's flags across the country flew at half-mast, businesses were closed and people who had recently rejoiced at the end of the Civil War now reeled from Lincoln's shocking assassination.

Booth, meanwhile, broke his leg jumping from the president's theater box but managed to escape Washington. He was found by federal troops 12 days later hiding in a barn near Port Royal, Virginia. He was shot during his capture and died several hours later.

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