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A California company is using seed bombs as a strategy to fight the disappearance of bees. Ei Ei Khin and Chris Burley started Seedles with the aim of spreading bee-friendly wildflowers in neighborhoods around the country. Their goal is to grow 1 billion wildflowers with the help of colorful seed balls, a project they call “Grow the Rainbow.”

Bee populations have been dropping for about a decade. Scientists think there are a number of contributing factors to colony collapse, including the proliferation of certain pesticides, parasites, and even stress. But a decline in natural habitat—along with the loss of bees’ preferred wildflowers—is also a big factor. That’s how Seedles hopes to help, by encouraging people to plant more flowers.

Seedles creates seed balls with wildflowers native to six different regions of the United States. For example, the Midwest mix may include wild perennial lupine, lemon mint and butterfly weed. The seeds are rolled up with organic compost to fertilize the seeds, and non-toxic color powders to add a bit of fun. The balls can be tossed anywhere you want flowers to grow, and with the help of some rain and sun will start to sprout. A pack of 20 seedballs sells for $13.00 on the Seedles website. Or if you’re feeling crafty, check out this DIY tutorial.
SEED BALL RECIPE

2 parts potting soil
5 parts pottery clay mix from your local art store
1-2 parts water
1-2 parts seeds of your choice
Large tub to mix ingredients
Large box to dry and store seed balls

DIRECTIONS:

1. Mix the soil, clay and 1 part water thoroughly. There should be no lumps. Slowly add more water until the mixture is the consistency of the toy store molding clay that comes in a can.

2. Add seeds. Keep kneading the dough until the seeds are well mixed in. Add more water if necessary.

3. Take small bits of the clay mixture and roll into ball about one inch in diameter. The balls should hold together easily. If they're crumbly, add more water.

4. Dry seed balls for 24-48 hours in a shady place before sowing or storing. They store best in a cardboard box. Do not use plastic bags.

5. The last step in how to make flower seed balls is sowing them. Yes, you can place them carefully over the area to be planted or you can gently toss them one at a time, which is a lot more fun. Don't bury them and don't water them.
**SUPER SOONS**

By: Mindy Ngo

**Avengers Age of Ultron**

When Tony Stark sets off a super intelligent robot meant for peacemaking, and it turns on him and the human race, the Avengers must once again assemble to defeat this threat. Accompanying Earth’s mightiest heroes this time will be the Scarlet Witch and her twin brother Quicksilver.

**Ant-Man**

Debuting for the first time on screen is Scott Lang, a man equipped with the ability to shrink while simultaneously increasing his strength. Deriving as a con-man, Lang must alter his ways and embrace his inner hero in order to aid his mentor Dr. Hank Pym. Together the two will pull off an incredible heist that may save the world.
**Fantastic Four**

A new adaption being taken of the quartet of heroes, following the story of a group of scientists who adopt incredible abilities after an inter-dimensional mission goes wrong. This is a second attempt influenced by David Cronenberg’s work.

**Deadpool**

The promised release of a debut for a big fan favorite within the Marvel enterprise. The anti-hero Deadpool is promised to appear in an upcoming film in 2016. Disfigured and mentally unstable, Deadpool was originally introduced as a villain and has been featuring in several other series since. He is notable for his talkative nature and his occasion to break the fourth wall, or to communicate directly with the audience, as a humorous effect.
Batman v. Superman
Dawn of Justice

Following up to Man of Steel, two of DC’s greatest superheroes are expected to go toe to toe in the next upcoming film, though the primary villain will be Lex Luthor. Within the film, the audience is promised the appearance of several other Justice League heroes.

Captain America
Civil War

Another Captain America film is promised to be coming soon. The film will be focused on the Civil War storyline, and is sad to also be a continuation of the Winter Soldier storyline. Tony Stark was proclaimed a co-star in this movie as we come to see how the Captain and Ironman become enemies over a disagreement about superhuman registration within the government.
X-Men Apocalypse

This is the film that will wrap up the trilogy consisting of First Class and Days of Future Past. Disaster strikes in the 1980s when an ancient mutant named Matthew Vaughn, existing since the construction of the Ancient Egypt, threatens the safety of the world. The movie will consist of some younger versions of the main X-Men cast.

Suicide Squad

A film based off the DC comic series revolving around a group of villains, taking on dangerous missions for the government in exchange for shortened sentences. The group features many famous anti-heroes.
Biography of Christopher Columbus

Many important events have occurred in May and also many significant people were born this month. However one very significant person who died during May is Christopher Columbus. Columbus was an explorer who was born in Genoa, Italy in 1451. Columbus like many other people during this time started his career in exploration at a very young age. As a young teenager he traveled the seas and eventually reached the base of Portugal. Through his experiences of exploring Columbus came up with a hypothesis that the East Indies, which is now present day Indonesia could be reached by sailing west through the Atlantic Ocean. He appealed the idea that the Kings of France, England, and Portugal should all finance a westward trip to the Indies; however each and every one of them denied the request. After ten longs years of monumental efforts, but unprofitable years at last King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain agreed to finance Columbus’s trip to the Indies where he hoped to acquire great wealth. On the day of August 3 of 1492, Columbus and his crew with three ships left Palos, Spain and headed westward. After stopping in the Canary Islands off the coast of Africa, Columbus’s ships finally hit the open seas. During his voyage Columbus’s ships traveled 150 miles daily which made the trip long and vigorous. The crew was scared of sea monsters making them grow more and more restless each day they did not see any land. Columbus tried to comfort the crew by telling them that he would reward the first crew member who spotted land. At last on October 12th of 1492 a crew member on the Pinta (one of Columbus’s ships) sighted one of the Bahamas Islands. Columbus set foot on what he thought was the Spice Islands, which were islands that were filled with valuable spices and where riches came from. However Columbus failed to find the riches he was looking for on the island and continued his search for China. After his failed attempts of riches on the Spice Islands, Columbus visited Cuba and the Dominican Republic. While in these two countries he encountered native peoples who he named “Indians” because he believed they were inhabitants of the Indies, which was untrue. Christopher Columbus is one of the more well-known explorers in our history; he made one of the greatest discoveries in the history of the world-North America. Till this day we celebrate Columbus’s discoveries on Columbus Day.
Marvel Studios has been partnering with Netflix to produce an exclusive series about the original super hero Daredevil. The series has been in the works for about two years and after a lot of hard work it was finally released in April. One season was produced consisting of thirteen episodes each about an hour in length.

Set in Hell’s Kitchen, New York City, Daredevil follows the story of Matthew Murdock, starting with his past as a child. He was blinded in a car accident at the age of nine, and after the accident, his remaining senses were heightened to almost super-human levels. The story continues many years later with Murdock and his best friend Foggy Nelson fresh out of Law school trying to make a living in the industry.

Throughout the series Murdock plays the vigilante roll in this action drama, adorning a black costume and working to rid Hell’s kitchen of crime and corruption. The evolution of the series brings many characters into the mix showing the progression of the protagonist Daredevil, and interestingly a very large portion of the show is taken up by a story arc with the main villain of the story. His name is not apparent at the start of the series so I won’t spoil anything.

Netflix and Marvel have created a very compelling series with a very high production value. If you are looking for a rather short new series to get in to, give the first few episodes a try. I personally really enjoyed it and it is a great addition to Netflix’s expansive collection.

By Billy Owens
Comical Comics of May

“So Gov. Chris Christie got his stomach stapled. So what’s your point?”

Hey man, did I ask you about that frisbee yesterday?

Yes dog, you kept wondering why it got bigger and bigger...

...and then it hit me.

OH, 'YOU!
There's no cows in the ocean so that means...

Krabby Patties must be made of fish.

Tiggers don't bounce with seasonal affective disorder.

Snap! Jerry! Tom... Kill me...
ROCK CAMP!!

ACM@UCO

Rock Session 1: June 15-19, 2015

Rock Session 2: July 13-17, 2015

Open to ages 10-18 with basic knowledge in guitar, bass, keyboard, drums and/or vocals. Participants will be placed into bands and will be coached by ACM@UCO faculty. Final jam session on Fridays at 2pm for family and friends 10 am to 4 pm, daily.

$200 registration fee

Pick up a registration form from Mr. Irons in the band room today!
Senioritis (n.)

A crippling disease that strikes high school seniors. Symptoms include: laziness, an over-excessive wearing of track pants, old athletic shirts, sweatpants, athletic shorts, and sweatshirts. Also features a lack of studying, repeated absences, and a generally dismissive attitude.

The only known cure is a phenomenon known as Graduation.

Good luck Class of 2016!
H & 8TH

By: Steve and Karen Nguyen

H&8th, the local food truck gathering that is a must see. On the last Friday of each month, local food trucks from around Oklahoma gather on 1 spot, Hudson and 8th street, where people come out and enjoy some good food. Some of the many great trucks include Kaiteki Ramen, Pagoda Pizza, and Roxy’s Ice Cream Social, all while listening to some local artists. To find the list of trucks and a map visit www.h8thokc.com/ or follow their twitter @h_n_8th, and if you can’t make it, you could always visit the Bleu Garten for your fix of food truck goodness.
Young Talent
Photography Winners

Sydney Mitchell

Evan McKinnis

Alice Fall

Mikayla Haynes
Baseball in the 1920s was no joke. Nearly 60% of American families had radios so that they could tune in to get all the updates on games and hear the broadcasters bring every single game to life. The 1920s was known as the Babe Ruth Era. Born on February 6, 1985 he began his career as an outstanding pitcher for the Boston Red Sox. He actualized his great fame as the slugging outfielder for the New York Yankees. Babe Ruth came to be known as “The Bambino” and “The Sultan of Swat”

Babe Ruth began playing baseball because of Brother Matthias Boutlier. At the age of 19 Ruth was signed to play with the Baltimore Orioles in minor-league baseball. A couple of years later Ruth was sold to the Red Sox and played with them for nearly 3 years before he was sold again to the New York Yankees. This was a very controversial move at that time because in Ruth’s 15 years with the Yankees, Ruth helped win them 7 American League championships and 4 World Series championships. In 1927 The Yankees were also called Murderer’s Row. The name mostly refers to the first six hitters: Earle Combs, Mark Koenig, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Bob Meusel, and Tony Lazzeri. The Yankees are now considered one of the best teams in history.

During his time with the Red Sox, Ruth broke a record of most home runs in a single season with 29 breaking the record of 27 set by Ned Williamson in 1884. In 1914 Babe Ruth married to a woman named Helen Woodford. When he joined the Yankees in 1920 he was only paid with an annual salary of $10,000. But that did not deter him whatsoever because he absolutely destroyed his record with 54 home runs in a single season in 1920. His salary then went up to $52,000 in 1922. That year Helen Woodford showed up with his daughter. But, in 1923 Ruth encountered and fell in love with actress Claire Hodgson. Ruth then got legally separated from Helen in 1925 and was single until Helen died in a fire in 1929. Ruth was now able to freely marry Claire. They adopted Dorothy and Claire’s daughter Julia.

In 1934, due to Ruth’s deteriorating health he could no longer field or run he accepted a pay cut of $35,000. Nearly a decade later, Ruth began experiencing severe pain in his left eye and trouble swallowing. In 1946, Ruth was admitted to a hospital in New York for tests, the test revealed a malignant tumor between his skull and neck. In February, he was discharged having lost 80lbs he went to Florida to recuperate. Later in his life Ruth decided to get an autobiography written about him but could barely help due to his health. In 1948 he visited Yale University to donate his book “The Babe Ruth Story” to its library. Babe Ruth made one last trip and then entered Memorial Sloan where his life ended. May he rest in peace.

“Baseball is the greatest game in the world and deserves the best you can give it.”

By: Tommy Nguyen
Charles “Lucky” Luciano Hits the Jackpot

If You’ve Angered the Five Points Gang, You’re Out of Luck….  

Salvatore Luciana, an infamous member of the Five Points Gang’s chopper squad, has supposedly become lieutenant to Gieuseppi “Joe the Boss” Masseria himself. Joe’s Five Point Gang is the largest crime syndicate in the state of New York.

Joe the Boss has his holds in the flapper, bootlegging, drug distribution, and many other illegal industries which will all be bolstered with the skills possessed by Luciano.

Life Before the Mob

Luciano was born in Sicily Italy like most mobsters in 1897. He came to the states in 1907 and started his first enterprise at the mere age of 16. He sold out the services of several lower ranked Irish and Italian mobsters as bodyguards to Jewish school kids for 10 cents a week according to our source Solomon Jacobi age 9.

Earning the Name Lucky

Luciano apparently earned his nickname after miraculously surviving his throat and face slit by a rival gang. He was found near death on Staten Island Beach.

What YOU Can Do

Luciano is and will always be another sleazy mobster who will extort others for personal gain. Don’t allow yourself to be roped in by the mob. Call the NY Police Department if you ever see Luciano and help them to put punks like him away for good.

By Ken Nguyen
The Band-Aid

When you’ve cut yourself, get a splinter stuck in you, or just scrape yourself cause you’re no bimbo, Band-Aids will be there for you. The Band-Aid is a sticky covering with gauze in the middle used to cover minor wounds. This bee’s knees invention was invented in the roaring 20’s. There is virtually no beef about this product! It is so portable, and easy to use, you can bring it almost anywhere. Whether your wounds heal at a copacetic pace without this product, it would heal so much faster with the Band-Aid and it would help ensure that you wouldn’t get that wound infected!

The creator of this invention was no one other than Earle Dickson. He was inspired to create this bandage from his wife Josephine. His wife Josephine was just another common housewife at this time. While doing her everyday routine of cleaning and cooking and so much more, she often got cuts or burns. So every time she would hurt herself she would cover the wound with adhesive tape and some gauze (you could say it was their Band-Aid prototype). Since Josephine would hurt herself so often this would soon become a real time consumer making and applying these bandages. So Earl “prepared some ready-made bandages by placing squares of cotton gauze at intervals along an adhesive strip and covering them with crinoline”. All the gal had to do now to use it was cut as much of it off as she needed and it was ready to apply.

Still after almost 100 years, this product is currently being used all over the world. Last year Johnson & Johnson, the company that owns Band-Aids, reported to have sold 62 billion dollars worth in products including Band-Aids. Since their big debut in 1920 they have made more varieties of Band-Aids. From different fabrics holding the gauze in place, to the colors, prints and designs on the cover. There are also different sizes and shapes for different wounds.

All in all, the brand has come a long way since their first appearance in 1920. From what they were inspired by to how much they are still manufacturing today. You can imagine the success that Johnson & Johnson has had with one of their signature items, selling it for nearly a century. From them producing so many different styles of the product, to them using the product in more areas than the finger, or instance nose bandages or arm bandages. Band-Aids were one of the biggest inventions of the roaring 20’s and even a big six would use it every once in awhile.

By: Thulan Pham
The new, modern way to protect small injuries.

Sulfa-thiazole *Band-Aid!

Johnson & Johnson
In the 1920’s Jobs were scarce so “gangsterism” was an easy money maker. All this was started because of the 18th amendment that was passed in October, 1919. Alcohol was seen as a terrible substance and was banned for what they thought would help improve the life of American citizens. Because of this people found many ways to hide their alcohol. People hid them in books, hollowed out canes and other items. A whole black market soon formed.

Another big thing was labor racketeering. This is organized labor for criminal purposes. In other words it was like another form of slavery. This included interrupting trade, and other work related things with violence. Other things were sexual exploitation of minors, bribery, and illegal gambling. These were just the major things during this time.

The Mafia also called “La Cosa Nostra was a HUGE part of crime in the 1920’s. This involved contract killing, drugs, and many more of the highly illegal criminal activities of this time. A person in the mafia would be considered ”a man of honor”. Pretty much how this worked, if you were to kill a member of the mafia, everyone in your family was killed in revenge. The Mafia was not a group to be messed with.

Overall, crime in 1920’s was at a national high. This amount of crime was just something that the U.S. did not need and innocent people were affected everyday by these organizations that thrived during this time period. The congress finally had enough and on December 5, 1933 the Prohibition Act was ratified. Crime rates started to decrease rapidly and the U.S became a better place.
ECONOMICS

By: Chris Ashton

What a time to be alive! People are spending and stock prices are soaring! Despite rumors of rising unemployment and lower manufacturing, stock has been through the roof! More and more capital is being represented by stocks. This is causing more money in the pocket of you, the investor. The great war has caused some recession, but the American consumer has decided to on a shopping spree for the past several years.

With the mass production of goods, paper currency has become increasingly popular. It is lighter and easier than coins, one can make the same purchases and only carry a fraction of the weight! The downside is that the dollars are becoming worn out more quickly, and thus are being replaced just as quickly. More money is being printed, rising inflation and rising the values of the stocks as well.

Here is my advice for riding this stock market gravy train well into the thirties. Need to get a share broker, this makes it so that you only have to pay 10% down. If the stock market starts to fall, sell your shares so that you don't lose all of your money. And borrow as little money as possible. Debt is the last thing you want to go into.

One last piece of advice, the stock market is approaching it's maximum potential. Once that is reached there will be detrimental consequences. Take my advice and your experience won't be as catastrophic. But once something has reached rock bottom, there will be no place to go but up.
World War 1 is now over, and the Allies emerge victorious, but the cost for victory is substantially high. We lost many of our sons in the field of battle, and Europe is in ruins. The future is bleak for them but we emerge even stronger, we are now officially become a small superpower. As a result of the high costs of World War 1, our president favors the idea of isolation. When the European nations created the League of Nations, we refused to join which shows more evidence of our isolation. Although President Wilson was a good President, it's time we move on. Our wartime economy is in collapse, we have strikes everywhere, and there are communist and aliens running around in our country. The Republican Party shows a promising chance of saving our country from the abyss of darkness it has fallen into now.

Now with President Wilson's term just about over, the presidential election is just around the corner. For the Republican party, they chose Senator Warren G. Harding, while the Democrats chose newspaper publisher and Governor James M. Cox.

Because of the death of former president and would be presidential candidate Theodore Roosevelt, there was a deadlock in choosing a candidate. In order to break the deadlock, the Republican party chose an “inoffensive” candidate, named Warren G. Harding. Warren Gamaliel Harding was born on November 2, 1865, in Blooming Grove, Ohio. He promises that America will "return to normalcy" and end violence and radicalism. He also promises a strong economy, and independence from European intrigues. He quotes "America's present need is not heroics, but healing; not nostrums, but normalcy; not revolution, but restoration; not agitation, but adjustment; not surgery, but serenity; not the dramatic, but the dispassionate; not submergence in inter-nationality, but sustainment in triumphant nationality." Harding represents the conservative wing of his party. His running mate is Calvin Coolidge.

On the Democratic Party side, they chose Governor James M. Cox. Cox was born on a farm near Butler County, Ohio. He is the youngest son of Gilbert Cox and Eliza Andrews. Cox practiced a variety of trades throughout his early career life, such as working as a high school teacher, reporter at the Cincinnati Enquirer, and owner and editor of several newspapers. Cox served in the United States House of Representatives from 1909–1913 representing Ohio. He resigned after winning election as Governor of Ohio in 1913–1915, and once again from 1917–present.

Cox supported the internationalist policies of President Wilson and supported U.S. entry into the League of Nations.

With an entering of a new era come many new things, like women voting in the presidential election! IT'S BALONEY. By: Eugene Lee

The ruins of Caen, France after German bombing.
The 20s are full of fun! Girls are becoming rebellious and beginning to working for rights, the war is over, and the economy is good. It's a fun time for everyone. Drinking, partying, and smoking is the new way of life. Alcohol is popular all over the nation, but new legislature is to ban our favorite fun time. This isn't the first time the war on alcohol has been tried, it was first brought up in the early nineteenth century but was dismissed as “another crank motion.”

On October 28, 1919, Congress passed the Volstead act. This makes the manufacture, transportation and sale of intoxicating liquors illegal. It isn't, however, illegal to consume or possess alcohol. ;) So brewing your own should be fine. After hearing about this law and through further research, it has been discovered that there is multiple loopholes to be maneuvered.

With the prohibition in effect, places called Speakeasies, are becoming common hang outs. Speakeasies are illegal drinking spots. The government has troubles actually enforcing this law because of the black market. Even with prohibition, more than a million gallons of alcohol are still consumed a year. This is possible by home brewing, but also gangsters and organized crimes.

Criminal activity is rising quickly because of prohibition. Al Capone, a notorious gangster, is making about $60 million annually from smuggling and speakeasies. He is just one of many gangsters. Gang activity is also rising. There is a profit to be made and many people who wanted to make it, so of course it leads to violence. Do you think outlawing alcohol is worth the crimes it is fueling? Let us know! Your response may be put in next month's edition.

The prohibition ended on March 22, 1933, when Roosevelt signed the Cullen-Harrison Act, which allowed the manufacture and sale of 3.2 beer. As Mr. Roosevelt said upon signing it “I think this would be a good time for a beer.”
Radio is arguably the most popular form of entertainment today. Who doesn't love hit radio shows like Amos ’n Andy? The first radio station was launched in 1919, and ever since then the radio industry has inflated drastically in value. In 1922, 60 million dollars’ worth of radios were sold, compared in which sales are 426 million dollars! But we must give credit where it's due; radios aren't just for entertainment. They’re also for advertisements telling us to spend, spend, spend, and for news stations giving us the latest updates. Radios have been there to tell us about Charles Lindbergh flying nonstop across the Atlantic Ocean as well as the latest and greatest deals, and no doubt they’ll stay with us for years to come.

Music is now a greater part of our life than any other time. Jazz and blues have taken the world by storm, with talented artists such as Louis Armstrong and bringing a new genre to us. When these gifted musicians moved to big cities such as Chicago and New York, they rose in popularity and were soon playing on everyone's phonograph. Mamie Smith, the famous blues singer, released a record early one month. Within that same month, her album ended up selling 75 thousand copies, then a million copies at the end of that year! In a way, these artists have inspired us. Girls rebelled

Over the past decade, a lot has happened. America won a war, and soon the celebrations started… and never stopped. We've learned to love life, party, and most of all to be entertained! In only 9 years, America's entertainment industry has soared in popularity, thanks to inventions such as the radio and movies. It’s time to take a step back and look at the history of just what’s kept us interested all these years.

A Decade of Entertainment
Looking back at the W1920’s
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Film is a relatively new industry, but it already is flourishing. Within the past decade, an astonishing 800 movies have been made each year! But who doesn’t love going to the local picture palace, sitting in a comfy seat, and watching a movie? At first these movies had no sound, and instead we listened to an orchestra flavor our film with their instruments. But in 1926, work began on movies that came with their own sound. At first they were designed to be movies that came with their own musical score, but movie producers decided to release so-called “talkies” with dialogue only recently, during a slump in the industry.

Radio, music, and film are arguably the largest two sources of entertainment in our country, but what else do we do to be entertained? Well, we can talk on the telephone with our friends now, thanks to Alexander Graham Bell. Phones have been around for quite a while, since 1876 when Bell patented his first model of the telephone. But ever since then, he’s battled against furious claims that he was not the sole inventor.

We’ve had a great time in the past decade, using all sorts of new technology and ideas to keep us entertained. No doubt this country will continue to flourish, always discovering new forms of entertainment.

By: Rider Coates
Extravagance, Elegance, and Individuality are the forefronts to the Flapper movement. The past few years have rolled in new concepts that bend society’s view towards women as well as contort and change social norms across the nation. The English language has been introduced to a variety of slang that Americans will no doubt be using for decades, and has also been introduced to new ideas that push for more equality between men and women. One of these ideas is to change the views on what women look like physically and how they carry themselves. Quickly yet gradually, women all over the nation were “bobbing” their hair as well as throwing out their corsets and girdles. They would began to take hold of their own bodies. And soon they would be giving a new meaning on what it meant to be a free-spirited woman.

A Flapper is a stylish young woman who wears short skirts, has short hair, and does not wear formfitting clothing. She is one of many girls who has thrown out old-fashioned ideals of what it means to be a female and has captured a new light from the world around her. Versatile and luxurious clothing is what captures her eyes; and she is always dolled up from her gams to her shoulders. Whether she has a boyish figure or a curvy chassis, as a flapper she will be able to enjoy the comfort and beauty of her loose dress. Designers from all around are beginning to create fashion that will accommodate to our generation of women who are changing the social norms. Many people may look down upon her and the girls who follow suit. But flappers from all around are continuing to set flight and revise the definition of what it means to be a woman. The modern woman has long endured society’s beliefs that girls dress to appease men.
Women from all across the nation have picked up their long locks of hair; chopping it off until it reached at or above their chins. Their new hairstyles have been coined as bobs and are deemed beautiful by society. Irene Castle is known primarily as the pioneer for the boyish haircut dating back as far as 1916. From then on women would begin to go to barbers requesting to get their hair cut short in many different bobbed styles. The bobbed hairstyle received national recognition from the New York Times. And even The Great Gatsby author Scott Fitzgerald wrote the short story, Bernice Bobs her Hair which entailed the story of a girl who transforms into becoming a flapper. Society has grown to love women who wear their hair bobbed.

Some might ask what factors have made the last decade so extravagant and roaring, and there are multiple answers to this question. Many could point out the fact that the nation had loose morals and had grown to flourish in as much money and happiness that it could. Others could point out that the 20’s was the era that began to seek out new styles of music such as jazz, and create such dance moves like the Charleston and the Banana dance. Through my eyes, I see the 1920s as a time where social norms were contorted, changed, and individuality was at its prime. A time where spirits were wild, optimistic, and were close to living the American dream. A nation that engulfed itself into a new life full of happiness and freedom.

By: Paige Warrior
Over the past nine years technology has changed in some very major ways. From cheaper, more reliable cars, to the creation of the radio, each invention has made its name in history. Here we will examine just what made these creations apart of history.

In 1913 Henry Ford, the founder of Ford Motor, integrated a moving assembly line into the creation of his cars. Since then, the cars have become a lot less expensive and easier to mass produce in large quantities. Because of this Ford’s model T started out at only $680.00 and was lowered over the years, with 1927 only being around $360.00. Also because of Ford’s determination to create a better car, he kept making improvements to older models. In mid-1927 Ford stopped production on the Model T after its 15 millionth purchase. Later, in 1928 Ford produced a new car to fill the Model-T place of absence. This new car was called the Model A and is known as being more reliable and safe, as well as cheaper.

Because of the moving assembly line, countless businesses have grown both economically and financially. When we look at Ford
Motor, we see a proud business that has used whatever necessary to help build them to be one of the best car companies. And with the integration of a moving assembly line Ford was able to make cars faster, thus having more stock and driving prices down for the cars. So not only can the rich have cars, the middle class citizens can have them too. And with most of our population being able to buy a car now, we can all do our jobs more quickly and efficiently.

Another piece of technology that’s been booming around is the radio, but I guess being the first of its time and all can do that to an industry’s leading component. Its major use to be seen is its mass marketing potential. Because with this new medium for news the limits for marketing new products or even the sheer entertainment potential is limitless. Along with the new technology in Hollywood, the radio made a smashing hit when first introduced around 1927. Even though radios are expensive, they’re still a great way to receive news and even entertain the family.

By: Mikayla Haynes
Trendsetters are raving for coordinated and accessorized outfits – hats, handbags, jewelry, gloves and stockings all bond together to create an evolution of sensual class and elegance. Following the end of the First World War, women are incited by prohibition to rebel for women’s rights and equality. This, therefore, leads to a less constricting silhouette. Getting past bustles and corsets, designers aim at a drop waist and loose fitted outline – glamorous and bejeweled minis for the parties and flamboyant garbs that hit right below the knees for casual wear. Little innovations such as pleats, fringes and slits define the new era of fashion from the dragging hems of ruched ball suit for more casual long coats and shorter suit jackets for less formal occasions. Most aristocrat males even switch in and out of several suits per day. Trends that developed during the First World War were thinner lapels, cuffetrousers, and flannel. As for shoes, they gave up spats and single toned boots for black and white to brunch and the normal oxford with fringed tongues or winged tips for business meetings. Patent black leather are still reserved for black tie events. The workplace saw the transformation from padded slouchy jackets to slim forms adorned with fashionable bow ties and knit ties -- which prompted the collegiate look. Mens’ fashion evolved to accentuate their strong shape, which brings us to the striking front crease and trouser cuffs.

Adorned with such attires are pointed-toe shoes with a curved or block kitten heel ornamented with either a clinching t-strap for dance nights, an oxford-esque design or classic mary jane straps. These are often made with fabric exteriors such as makeup, men was never polished without a hat. Skimmer or boater hats in the months of summer and felt fedoras regulated the streets any other months. Much like indulging in sports, many men splurged on cars. They wore flat English caps made of wool or tweed, leather gloves and jackets and the occasional silk scarf. The introduction of catalog shopping made it possible for the men and women of the 20s to shop for luxurious fashion until the sudden stock market crash of 1929.

Silk satin, velvet, or lace over a leather foundation. Some often have beadings, embroideries or shoe clips on them. Daytime dress shoes are constructed of more durable fabrics than those of evening shoes such as leather or silk faille. Sling-backs are slowly creeping in but aren’t quite prominent yet, but we feel like it will the next few years (30s). Other accessories include cloche hats (French for “bell”) that evolved from wide brim ones decades before; embellished or feather headbands on defined wavy bobs. Ladies’ hair are often styled with minimal volume to fit under those nug hats and headbands. Every part of a flapper’s outfit is glitzy and jewelry is definitely not an exception. Females wear layers of pearls around their neck and minimalists tie them into a knot. Dark pointed lips, defined brows and vixen eyes complete the whole ensemble.

By: Bao Han Nguyen
For those who were born in the month of May the Emerald is the traditional birthstone. The May birthstone poem reflects some of the properties with which the Emerald is associated - loyalty, faithfulness and friendship. The Traditional Metaphysical Properties for the May Birthstone Emerald are memory, clairvoyance and faith. The healing properties of the May birthstone are reputed to be effective for health problems relating to the eyes, fertility, the spine and headaches. The Emerald is also used to enhance mental capabilities. It is also a symbol of rebirth, believed to grant the owner foresight, good fortune, and youth.

Emerald, derived from the word smaragdus, meaning green in Greek, was mined in Egypt as early as 330 B.C. Today, most of the world’s emeralds are mined in Colombia, Brazil, Afghanistan, and Zambia. The availability of high-quality emerald is limited; consequently, treatments to improve clarity are performed regularly. Emerald is a stone of great harmony, wisdom and love and is used by healers to help heal the heart. The power of the Emerald is highest at the full moon.

By: Chris Lee
Wave® Spreading Petunias
Choose the Wave that’s right for you!

Tidal Wave®
Height: 16 to 22 in. (40 to 55 cm)
Spread: 2.5 to 5 ft. (75 cm to 1.5 m)

Easy Wave®
Height: 6 to 12 in. (15 to 30 cm)
Spread: 2.5 to 3.25 ft. (75 cm to 1 m)

Shock Wave®
Height: 7 to 10 in. (18 to 25 cm)
Spread: 2.5 to 3 ft. (75 to 90 cm)

Double Wave®
Height: 6 to 8 in. (15 to 20 cm)
Spread: 18 to 24 in. (45 to 60 cm)

Wave®
Height: 5 to 7 in. (13 to 18 cm)
Spread: 3 to 4 ft. (90 cm to 1.2 m)
If you’ve never sowed your own petunias before, or haven’t had wild success, the tips below should be helpful. Follow these guidelines and soon you’ll be planting your seedlings and enjoying bright color in your garden. Sowing in seed trays. Sow your Wave petunia seed into a moistened germination media or potting soil. Petunias benefit from light for best germination, therefore do not cover the seeds. Place the tray in a warm and bright location. Fluorescent lights are suitable for a light source, both for germination and for growing on. Place the fluorescent light approximately 3-6 inches, above the top of the tray. The lights can remain on for 14-16 hours per day. A timer may be helpful to turn on/off the lights. And though light is important, you don’t want to place the tray in direct sunlight. For tray temperature, you’re looking for 70-75 degrees F at the soil level for optimum germination. The seed tray should be kept moist, not soaking wet or dry. Misting the tray with a clean spray bottle is the best method to water in this early stage, as this does not disturb the seed. Check your tray daily and water when the soil looks dry on top and the trays feel light. Do not allow the tray to completely dry out. Here’s a quick tip: Covering the tray with clear plastic may help maintain temperature and increase humidity. After germination, once germination occurs and small green leaves are visible, remove the plastic cover. These early first leaves emerge in about 5-12 days. Keep your tray in the bright or fluorescent-lit area. The temperatures can start to cool, ranging from 65-70 degrees F. Night temperatures can go down to 55 degrees F. As the plants grow, and if you’re using fluorescent lights, move the light fixture up to maintain the 3-6 in. Distance from the top of plants. Once the young plants have between 4-6 sets of “true” leaves, it’s time to transplant them to individual pots or packs. Finishing time! Keep the fluorescent lights over the young plants as described above and continue to monitor for moisture. While you don’t want the soil to completely dry out, you’ll want to wait to water them until the soil is light brown and the container feels light when picked up. Then you can water thoroughly, allowing water to run through the bottom.
of the transplant pot or pack. Now it’s time to feed your seedlings! Fertilize with a liquid feed weekly, following the instructions on the package. Soon your plants will be established with roots growing to the edge of the pot. To determine this, gently pull plants and soil away from the container to check for root growth. Once your roots are strong, your plants can then be “hardened off.” Move the plants outside on sunny and warm days. Bringing them inside at night will help acclimate the plants and will protect them from frost and prepare them for planting. During this step, be sure to maintain the water and fertilizer regime as described above. Finally, after all your hard work of growing small seedlings into young plants, your new Wave petunias can be planted outside or in patio containers; once any danger of frost has passed.
As the rainy spring months pass by, the season starts to change, and the hot summer sun starts to shine through you realize its time to update your wardrobe. You finalize that buying online is your best bet but wait! how do you know if you are buying from the right online store and not getting scammed?

Here are a few tips to help you shop online this summer without getting scammed.

Before handing over payment details to an unknown website, use these tips to see if it is genuine or not. Fake online shops are websites set up to lure you in with promises of super cheap offers – in order to rip you off.

You may never receive the goods you purchase as they likely don’t even exist or are fakes/seconds. Such scam sites pop up regularly and close just as quickly – after they have stolen your money but before too many complaints can be acted upon.

The reason this scam is so popular is...
that it is incredibly simple and cheap to buy a website name and create a fake online shop – even offering payment facilities via debit/credit card or Paypal is easy to do. It is important to check the following tips to see if the site is genuine or not:

Does it have a contact address?
A reputable shop will show at least 1 contact address, usually the Head Office or registered address for legal purposes – it is illegal in many countries not to display a contact address.

Does it have a contact telephone number?
A reputable shop is likely to show a contact number for customer queries.

Does it have a contact email address?
Not all reputable shops show a contact email address (they may use a contact form instead) but it is a promising sign if they have one – obviously it should be a proper email address matching the company’s name, not a free disposable hotmail or gmail address!

Does it look amateurish or full of spelling/grammar mistakes?
A reputable shop website may have an occasional spelling mistake but it is very unlikely to look as if it was thrown up in a hurry by a teenager with little grasp of the English language!

Does it offer a variety of payment methods?
Offering payment by debit/credit card is the norm. Some reputable shops will offer payment via Google Checkout or Paypal as well as but not instead of card payment. Think about whether the payment method fits what the site is selling – a hobbyist personal website selling a few handmade bracelets for $5 each can be expected to offer Paypal only but a supposedly professional website selling designer leather jackets at $500 each to a worldwide market should not!

Is it a brand new site?
A site that has been around for a few years is less likely to be a get rich quick scam. If it is a .com website you can find out when the website was created by typing in the domain name in the Domain Name search box here and clicking the Submit button. The search results displayed below your query will include the creation date of the website – if it was within the last few months you should be more concerned.
Is the site registered for more than 1 year?
It only costs a few dollars per year to register a website name so reputable sites often register for 10 years at a time. Scam sites often scrimp by only registering for one year – because they know they will not be around that long! You can find out the expiration date by looking in the results of your query above – if the expiration date is less than a year away you should be more concerned.

Does the site have a good rating?
In safe searching software like WOT (Web Of Trust), no rating does not mean a site is bad but bear in mind that a shopping site selling genuine bargains like Ipads for just $200 would very soon build up a good rating!

Are there any reviews of the site?
Search for online reviews or comments about the site – if they are bad (or there aren’t any) you should be more concerned.

Above all, use your common sense – does the site offer prices that are just too good to be true?

If it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck…

By Nylainah Brewer
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Simple Things
To Do In Summer

By; Megan Dixon & Iramdy Reyes

Start a project: Those first few days of summer are also the best time to do the majority of your gardening. Plant vegetables you can harvest later in the season and into the fall or pick up some fresh new buds for your flower beds. Summer is the perfect time to remodel, build or redecorate.

Enjoy the weather: The first days of summer are typically nice and warm, but not too hot. This is the perfect time of year to spend a little time outdoors. Take your kids to the park for the afternoon, or wake up early and take your morning jog since it’ll be light already. A weekend camping or hiking trip is ideal in the early summer when the temperatures are just right.
Refresh your wardrobe: Pick up a few fun summery pieces to wear. A pretty sundress is perfect for a sunny afternoon, and a new swimsuit and sandals are a must for the beach. Clean out your closet and donate any pieces you haven’t worn in a while and box up all your winter clothes to make room for a light, fresh summer wardrobe. Bright pops of color will really turn up your summer style.

Take a vacation: Summer is the best time to get away. Whether you’re planning a weekend at a bed and breakfast or a week abroad, make the most out of your vacation. Make sure you have good luggage that’s easy to carry with you, and if you’re flying, take an approved carry-on bag to keep your essentials close during the flight.

Start your reading list: Everyone needs some time to relax, even during the summer, and an afternoon in the hammock with a good book may be just the thing you need. Pick up a classic you’ve always wanted to read or check out a few new releases. If you don’t know what books to put on your summer reading list, the top-sellers list is always a good place to start.
Preparing for College

9th Grade
- Take challenging core classes. Most colleges require four years of English, at least three years of social studies, three years of mathematics, and three years of science, and many require two years of a foreign language. Make sure to also take classes in computer science and art.
- Begin saving for college if you haven’t already.
- If you qualify, apply for Oklahoma’s Promise.
- Get involved in school activities and volunteer work.
- Keep track of your awards, paid and unpaid work hours, and extracurricular activities.

10th Grade
- Begin thinking about colleges and their requirements so that you can make sure you meet these requirements by the time you graduate.
- Consider taking the PSAT.
- Plan to use your summer for volunteer work, a summer job, or summer classes.
- Continue to keep track of your awards, paid and unpaid work hours, and extracurricular activities. Also, make sure to continue to sign up for challenging core classes.
- If you qualify, apply for Oklahoma’s Promise. This is the last year you can apply.
11th Grade

All Year
- Think more about specific colleges you are interested in applying to.
- Keep up with your classes and grades, and continue to keep track of awards, paid and unpaid work hours, and extracurricular activities.
- Go to college fairs and college-preparation presentations.

Fall
- Take the PSAT. You must this in 11th grade to qualify for scholarships and programs associated with the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Spring
- Register for and take the SAT and/or ACT. Consider taking SAT subject tests as well, depending on what the colleges you are interested in require.
- Research scholarships that you might qualify for and see what you need to do to get these scholarships.

Summer Before 12th Grade
- Create a list of colleges you are thinking about applying to. If possible, visit the schools that interest you.
- Contact colleges to request information and applications for admission.
- Ask about financial aid, admission requirements, and deadlines.
- Use the FAFSA4caster financial aid estimator, and compare the results to the actual costs at the colleges to which you will apply. To supplement any aid, FAFSA4caster estimates you might receive, be sure to apply for scholarships.
12th Grade

All Year
- Keep up your grades - second-semester grades can affect scholarship eligibility.
- Continue to keep track of awards, paid and unpaid work hours, and extracurricular activities.

Fall
- Make sure you are on track to graduate and fulfill college admission requirements.
- If you haven’t done so already, register for and take the SAT and/or ACT. Check with the colleges you are interested in to see what tests they require.
- Apply to the colleges you have chosen. Prepare your applications carefully. Follow the instructions, and make sure to meet all deadlines! Well before your application deadlines, ask your counselor and teachers to submit required documents (such as your transcript or letters of recommendation) to the colleges to which you’re applying.

Winter
- Encourage your parents to complete income tax forms early. If your parents have not completed tax forms, you can provide estimated information on your federal student aid application, but remember to make any necessary changes later.
- As soon as possible after January 1, complete and submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid, along with any other financial aid applications your school(s) of choice may require. You should submit your FAFSA by the earliest financial aid deadline of the schools to which you are applying.

Spring
- Visit colleges that have invited you to enroll.
- Review your college acceptances and compare the colleges’ financial aid offers.
- When you decide which school you want to attend, notify that school of your commitment and submit any required financial deposit. Many schools require this notification and deposit by May 1.
Congratulations to the Classen SAS highschool choirs. They received 6 awards at Festival Disney in Walt Disney World! The choirs received 3 superiors and best in class. Madrigal received 2nd overall nationally and Women's Chorus received 3rd overall nationally! Congratulate a choir student when you see them in the hall!!
~Choir Disney trip of 2015~
Choir Disney trip of 2015~
Throughout my years at Classen School of Advanced Studies I have learned so much and have made amazing friends. But on the first day of school I was lost and confused because I had never been in such a big school before. My school before Classen was quite small. It was only one floor compared to Classen’s three. The biggest difference was the amount of students! There were more kids in my class than in my entire old school!

Consequently, my freshman year was nerve-racking because I didn’t know a single person when I first came and didn’t have any friends. I knew that lots of the students had already been together since sixth grade and I began searching for a place to fit in. Lunch was SCARY. I didn’t know where to go, who to try and sit with, or who to talk to. I took it day by day and eventually, as I got more used to the school, I started talking to people and started being friends with everyone. When I was young I was raised in an orphanage with over 250 other children; I was taught that they were all my brothers and sisters no matter if they were nice, mean, kind, rude, smart, not-so-smart, shy, bold, or any of a thousand other personality traits. It was a good lesson to learn and made it easier for me to become adjusted to Classen.

I noticed right away that Classen is a very diverse place. Not only is the student population diverse in and of itself, but so are our talents and interests. You never know when you might hear someone reciting lines or playing the trombone or rehearsing a voice solo in the hallway. Something new is always happening!

When it was time for my first dance class at school I was so scared to go in because I didn’t know if the kids would like me or if I was at the proper skill level. After my first class, I was sorer than I had ever been at my local dance studio! It was tough! But it was an amazing class!!! I made new friends that would eventually become my Classen dance family and started learning new dance techniques.

Later on in dance my teacher talked to us about what we were going to do for the rest of the semester. She told us that we were going to go the High School Dance Festival which was at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. I was so excited because it meant getting a chance to work with other dance teachers and getting an opportunity to see their dance department perform for us. I didn't perform on stage my freshman year since I was new, but I had a lot of fun!

I also enjoyed being a part of the Classen cheerleading squad. Maybe we haven’t always had the best win/loss record of Oklahoma City high schools. But our athletes are dedicated and work hard, even after late nights of homework or long performances in any of the arts. They have strenuous and time-consuming practices IN ADDITION to all their homework and project requirements. I have a lot of respect for how hard they work.

I was so excited my sophomore year because I finally had friends that I could eat with and hang out with at school and outside of school. I wasn’t the new kid anymore. Homework levels had been a hard adjustment, but by 10th grade, I had gotten used to the regimen and what was expected of me. I wasn’t up until midnight or after doing homework like I was my freshman year. Since we live in Norman, my sister and I were now in a Norman carpool. Our 30 minute rides were interesting to say the least. We had a drama major, two music majors, two IB majors, and two dance majors. Among us were a potential diplomat, music producer, author, actress, and a research scientist. Our conversations (those we had when we weren’t all just asleep because we left home at 6:15 am) were loud, fun, and even sometimes inspirational.
When my junior year came I knew that it was time for me to be thinking about what I would be doing after high school. Junior year was actually the easiest year for me at Classen although Chemistry and Algebra 2 were pretty challenging. I was required to do TONS of math projects. Math is far from easy for me, and I had to pay close attention to class and my homework. I understood how important grades are for getting into college, and college was fast approaching. Despite math struggles, junior year was a great year! The summer before it started, I got to use my dance skills in Poteet Theater's Dream Girls dance ensemble. I started assisting Ms. Trait-Lira in dance class. I got a boyfriend, went to prom, and danced, danced, danced. As junior year was coming to an end, I knew that I had to start deciding on what I was going to do after high school because I knew that my senior year would be crazy. I had so many things in my mind, but only one thing was really speaking to me, which was becoming a dance teacher. I love teaching little children dance and I just love being around them. I started setting goals of the best way to achieve this career path.

When senior year finally arrived I was so excited but FREAKING OUT because I had so much that I had to get done before I graduated. The first thing that I was thinking was “what college has the best dance program for a person that wants to be a dance teacher after she graduates?” The first college that I looked up was, of course, the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. We worked a lot with UCO throughout my dance career at Classen. I was surprised to find out that UCO offers the only dance program in the state that, upon completion, also includes a teaching certificate. So senior chores began…. getting senior pictures taken, ordering announcements, applying to colleges, filling out the FAFSA, and looking for scholarships. I had no time to think about anything but finishing my last year at Classen SAS strong. I had to choreograph a dance solo and a group dance. That involved listening to hours of music, trying to decide on a theme for the dances, configuring the choreography for both pieces, coming up with costumes, holding try-outs and selecting dancers, and practice, practice, practice. I also had to focus on my other core classes. I thought non-stop about keeping up my grades. I’ve had so many exciting experiences here at Classen and even though the work hasn’t always been fun, I have enjoyed every teacher. Many of them were tough but I know that’s exactly what I needed. I am so thankful for everything that God has given me, for my parents and for each person who has helped me along this journey. All I want to say is THANK YOU.
Classen School of Advanced Studies is the first school of its kind in Oklahoma. Classen offers students grades six through twelve a rare and compelling educational opportunity. Classen offers two challenging college-prep programs: International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB) and the Visual and Performing Arts Program (VPA). Every student majors in one of the programs, the VPA program consists of these majors: Band, Dance, Dramatic Arts/Technical Theater, Guitar, Piano, Orchestra, Visual Arts and Vocal Music. Classen’s mission is to ensure that all students learn at high levels to become high quality, academically prepared, global citizens!

DANCE

The dance majors are pushed to complete seven years of hard work to create a perfect body. The goals of these young dancers starting off are to be shaped into the best dancer they can be and creating close friendships/bonds with those who share the same goals and dreams. Being a dance major means never giving up and pushing beyond your perceived limitations; always having the determination to continue in a difficult path to success.
The Classen SAS Piano Department teaches kids basic skills on the piano, technique, and musical styles. Each student is also required to learn music theory, music history, and the periods of music. Students in Piano are enrolled in competition where they prepare a piece and perform in front of a judge who then gives them a rating. Students in this competition also take a music theory test, depending on piano experience students go on to the next level of difficulty each year. After performing for the judges students with a 1 go on to state contest. Piano students participate in annual recitals and contests, each class has a recital but kids can also audition for the Best of the Best. Ms. Cory holds the Classen SAS Piano Ensemble Festival, where students from other district schools join the Classen piano students for a day and prepare for the ensemble recital. Piano students are encouraged to do their best and achieve their goals.
BAND

The band’s mission is for students to grow in their musicianship, showmanship, citizenship and lastly loyalty. Mr. Irons encourages students to be prompt and dedicated in their years at Classen. All band students must have their music and instrument every class period, if not they will be forced to complete push-ups. Beware; you might get sore arms!

VISUAL ARTS

The Visual Arts Program’s mission at Classen is to provide students with a supportive learning environment that teaches the importance of Visual Arts in today’s society. In this program they offer Ceramics, Drawing, Photography, Sculpture, and Videography. The staff strives to provide a quality education in the arts that prepares students for college and enhances their career opportunities. Art Majors lastly are required to take a variety of art classes along with creating their own portfolio.
**THEATRE**

The Classen SAS Theatre Department is dedicated to the study of theatre. Students will reach excellence with college prep-curriculum and performances in productions. Drama majors must take Theatre History, along with learning the technical and backstage aspects of the theatre. They also participate in Theatre Design and Competitive speech, and in their High School Career they must write and direct their own play.

**GUITAR**

The Guitar Program is designed to encourage the students to further their academic career and their skills in college. Guitar majors take several general guitar Theory, and curriculum students to music and their own at Classen years of classes, Music Piano. This inspires appreciate develop skills. They also have class requirements such as performances and after school rehearsals.
The IB program is a 2-year program where students take three higher level classes and three standard level classes. IB majors take pre-IB classes up tell their junior and senior year and then begin their true IB curriculum. The IB program has its own individual grading system, with internal and external assessments for every subject. The scoring ranges from one to seven, seven being the highest ranked score. IB has three core requirements: Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge, and creativity, action and service. An IB diploma is given to students who receive 24 points or more, the maximum number of points that can be received is 45.

**ORCHESTRA**

The Orchestra Program at Classen pushes students to be the best they can be. All orchestra students learn challenging music to perform at the end of the semester and to compete with in competitions for superior ratings. Orchestra majors are required to take two years of piano and two years of music theory along with two years of pedagogy.
As a choir major your goal is to compete in all vocal competitions that push you to your vocal limits. To reach these goals you spend hours spending time memorizing and working on the same music over and over until you get it right. To be a vocal major you must be able to sight sing with little to no mistakes and sing in multiple languages. As a vocal major you will take Music Theory 1, AP Theory, Piano and all required vocal classes. Don’t forget the Hot Tea!
Mr. Jones Stress Relief Lines
Relieving Lines

By Tai Nguyen and Christiana Selmon
Bizarre and Unique Holidays in May

Mother Goose Day
May 1st
Mother Goose Day isn’t a day about a mother goose, but a day to appreciate nursery rhymes and stories. They are a favorite of children and their parents. Enjoy “Mother Goose Day” by reading Mother Goose stories and rhymes to your children or grandchildren.

Lumpy Rug Day
May 3rd
So do you like rugs? Then Lumpy Rug Day is a day for you. The day is intended to appreciate a good rug. If you have a lumpy rug, then toss it out and get a nice, lump-less rug and then take a minute to remember the feeling.

International No Diet Day
May 6th
Do you care about how your body is shaped? Well stop, because International No Diet Day is to appreciate our body. Appreciate the body you have, because people come in all shapes and sizes.
Lost Sock Memorial Day
May 9th
Lost Sock Memorial Day recognizes your drawer of unmatched socks. Never throw away mismatched socks, because you’ll never know when it will show up. Spend a little time on this day to look for your lost socks.

Eat What You Want Day
May 11th
Are you on a diet? Then this day isn’t for you. Give the diet a break and eat whatever you want this day! Just relax and enjoy food for the day. If you still decide to stay on a diet, then just eat a small amount.

Lucky Penny Day
May 23rd
A penny might not buy anything, but in the past, it bought a lot of things. Now pennies could serve as luck. Go out and find a lucky penny. You will never know what that penny could do to you. It might give you the best day you ever had.

Water a Flower Day
May 30th
Water a Flower Day isn’t a day to water a flower. It is day to water all your flowers. You can’t just water one and leave the others. Go out and water all the flowers you see and make them happy!

By Tai Nguyen
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TEAGAN HAMILTON
CARA HOOVER
MADISON JAMISON
RAJAHN JOHNSON
CHRIS LEE
STACIA MARCUM
HATCHER MATHENY
KURTIS MAYO
KIMMER MURPHEY
JACOB NAKANASHI
MINDY NGO
KAREN NGUYEN
STEVE NGUYEN
TAI NGUYEN
EMMA ONTKO
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