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SUPERBOWL LVI

RAMS 23 - BENGALS 20

On Sunday, February 13th the Bengals battled the Rams at the Sofi stadium. The Bengals won the coin toss, but the Rams scored the first touchdown. At the end of the first quarter the score was 7 to 3. It took over 20 minutes of game time, but the Bengals finally found the end zone and they dug into their bag of tricks to get there. Cincinnati scored its first touchdown of the game on a six-yard pass from running back Joe Mixon to wide receiver Tee Higgins, catching the Rams' secondary off-guard. The Rams scored their second touchdown and ended the second quarter 13 to 10.

The Superbowl halftime show was pretty cool with rapping stars Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Eminem, Mary J. Blige, Kendrick Lamar & Surprise

Guest 50 Cent. Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg opened, and surprise guest 50 Cent closed the halftime show.



In the third quarter the Rams only scored a field goal but the Bengals intercepted Matthew Stafford's throw on the first play of the Rams next drive and the Bengals could only add a field goal after securing one first down. The Bengals were in the lead at the end of the third quarter, 20-16.

The only scoring play in the

fourth quarter turned out to be the game-winning play. Stafford led the Rams on a 15-play, 79-yard drive throughout the fourth quarter to secure the 23-20 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals. Kupp found the end zone after countless attempts to score a touchdown on the 15-play drive.

Los Angeles scored on its seventh play inside the Cincinnati 10-yard line. With a minute and 25 seconds left on the clock the Rams scored the winning touchdown, and the Bengals couldn't do anything about it.

At the end of the game the Rams were given the trophy, Cooper Kupp won the MVP (most valuable player) and Joe Burrow had been sacked 7 times.

-Theo Sprenger

BUT WHY A GROUNDHOG?

Groundhog day is every February 2nd. This year it was on a Wednesday. Unfortunately this year, the Groundhog also known as Punxsutawney Phil has seen his shadow, which means there will be six more weeks of winter. If Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow due to clear weather there will be six more weeks of winter, but if he does not see

his shadow due to bad weather or wind there will be an early spring.

Groundhog Day comes from an ancient Christian tradition called Candlemas. On Candlemas priests would bless and then hand out candles needed for winter. The candles represented how long and cold the winter would be.

Germans expanded on this concept by selecting an animal, the hedgehog, as a means of predicting weather. Unfortunately the ground hog's shadow has only been accurate around 35-41% of the time. The whole groundhog day tradition has been going on since 1887.

-Jaidyn N.

Creative Writing

One day Sherrie and Dusty went outside to build a snowman. They built four snowmen because that was as many people as in their family. It became dark and they went inside to eat dinner. The snowman suddenly came to life and went on a stroll in the dark while the kids ate their dinner.

The next morning the kids went out to play in the snow and they all the sudden realized the snowmen were gone. They ran inside and told their parents what happened. Their parents said "How about you go make new ones?" Sherrie and Dusty thought to themselves that that would be a good idea so they started the next morning.

Meanwhile the snowmen were having a nice stroll around town and were looking at all the shops. It became dark and so the snowman went home. The next day the kids they built more snowmen and they all were friends.

-Haillie Burns

I can't wait for summer

I can't wait for summer, summer is so fun. Here are some reasons why. In summer you can go to the lake or the river or even the ocean. When you go to the ocean you can swim with the sharks or you can camp on the beach. At the lake you can go boating or tubing and you can stay on a houseboat. At the river you can go swimming and catch crawdads or float on intertubes.

You can also visit a very warm place and have a vacation. You can walk around town on a warm night and go to shops and have fun with some friends. You can invite your friends over and sleep on the trampoline. There are some things you can do in the summer to have fun with your friends and family.

-Jaidyn Niemeier

P O E T R Y

Funny Poem

Is your hair crazy
Maybe your mood is a little lazy
The sky might be hazy
That is no excuse to be crazy

Is your hair shaped like a pear
Do not be a grumpy bear
O Dear!
Just brush your hair.

Time to wash thy hair
Make a dash to the shower
After you will gain power
If you choose not to wash
You can expect a rash
or even worse DANDRUFF!!!

-Charlotte H.

Seasonal Change

What's your favorite season?
You must have a reason
Spring or Fall
Winter or Summer

All have their Pros and Cons
But one is better than all
I can't tell you which
But you can certainly guess
It brings you rich feelings
And brings your mood out of the ditch
So if you struggle with a good mood
Just don't be rude
Just be like, whats up dude?

-Addy Hall



Athletes of the Month

- Annika H., Charlotte H.



B Team Basketball:

Megan McLouth has received athlete of the month for B team. She works hard and has amazing team work. She helps the team out a lot. She is good at defending and she is good on offense. She has had many great fast breaks. Congratulations Megan on being athlete of the month for B team.

A Team Basketball:

Lily Langford has earned athlete of the month for A team. She has great teamwork and shows a lot of dedication to the team. She has many great fast breaks and is great on defense and offense. Congratulations Lily on being athlete of the month for A team.



Girls' Basketball

Heppner A Team: A team played a great game. They had amazing passes, and many great fast-breaks. A team won. Way to go A team on the win.

Riverside A team: A team won their game against Riverside. They had amazing fast breaks and they worked through their plays really well. They also had really good team work together. Good job A team!

Umatilla A team: A team won against Umatilla. They had great defense and great offense and they had some good fast breaks and good shots. Good job A team!

Irrigon A team: A team won against Irrigon. They had good defense and good offense and some great steals. Way to go, A team!



Photo by Robert McLean



Photo by Robert McLean

Helix B team: B team won against Helix. They had amazing team work and worked hard. They had a lot of fast breaks and had awesome passes.

Riverside B team: B team won their game against Riverside. They had amazing team work and great plays and had awesome fast breaks. Good job B team!

Umatilla B team: B team played Umatilla twice because Irrigon didn't have a B team. They won both games and worked really well with each other. They also had good fast breaks. Way to go B team!

Central B team: B team won against Central 26-6. They had some really good fast breaks. Their defense was really good too. Way to go B team!

A team vs B team: A team scrimmaged B team on Wednesday. We were supposed to play against Irrigon but they didn't show up so the A and B team just played against each other.

-Annika H.

Students of the Month

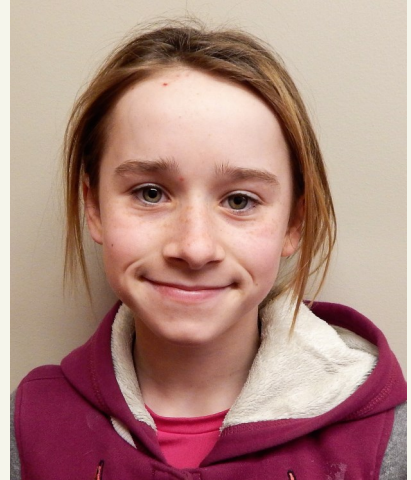
(For the month of January)



Miles Pridgen 4th Grade



Olivia Sargent 5th Grade



Alex Hedgal 6th Grade



Indigo Berry 7th Grade



Scarlett Werhan 8th Grade

Students of the month consistently demonstrate Weston Middle School's values of being safe, being respectful, and being responsible. Congratulations!

Winter Olympics 2022 Review

Opening Ceremony:

The opening ceremony was pretty boring. The things I found cool were the light show on the ice which was pretty neat to watch as well as the Olympic fireworks that were displayed at the end. Otherwise there were too many children singing.

Olympic Highlights:

Nathan Chen from Salt Lake City, Utah returned to the men's short skating program and scored 114 points making it the second highest recorded in the short program. As well as taking home the men's freestyle skating gold with a 124.38!

In women's big jump, China came out with a gold win when 18 year old Eileen Gu pulled off three amazing performances, second was Tes Ledeux from France and third was Mathilde Gremaud from Switzerland.

In 2006, Lindsey Jacobellis was expected to win gold in Snowboard Cross when she suddenly showed off

at the end of her run and crashed, getting silver instead of gold. This year in 2022 she entered again and took gold at 36 years old!

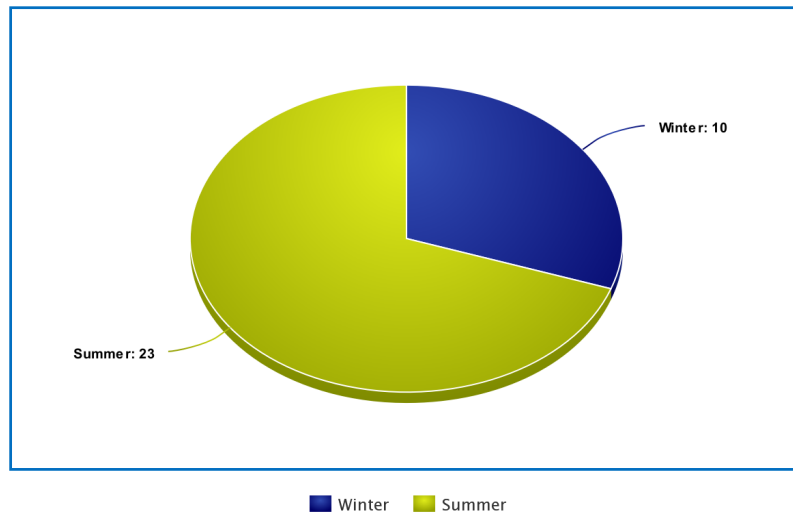
A 15 year old from the ROC was briefly disqualified after testing positive for a banned substance back in December. She was allowed by the IOC to compete. She did not medal in the individual event but won a medal during team skate.

The United States ended up winning 8 gold medals and lots of others but placed fourth in overall medals.



Do You Prefer?

We did a poll that was sent out to every student at Weston Middle School to see whether they preferred summer or winter. When all the results were tallied we found out that more people prefer summer over winter.



meta-chart.com



Supplies: a bag of gummy worms, a mason jar, and a label that says "Hooked On You" or you can make the label yourself, and tape.

First, you are going to add some gummy worms into the jar. Then you are going to add your label and tape it on the jar. (You can print the label or you can get blank paper and write/draw it yourself.) Affix the label to the jar with tape or glue.

For this DIY Valentines Day or anytime gift you are going to need a small glass or plastic jar, a long piece of string, Reese's pieces, and you can print or buy a sticker that says "I love you to pieces". Take the jar, open it and fill it with Reese's pieces. Put the lid back on the jar and tie a ribbon around the lid with string. Then take the sticker and put it right on the front. Now you have a gift for Valentines Day or any special occasion.

-Jaidyn N. & Hailie B.



DIY Crafts for a Special Occasion

The Right Sized Pet

Are you considering getting some new barnyard friends? If so here are some things to consider before getting something that you can't fully commit to.

The first factor you must consider is the area of land that they must stay on: how much, if there's grass, and the type of fencing. If you have over an acre or two you can think about the big animal list, although this list is only suitable for those who can pay for enough hay to sustain them through winter. These animals consist of horses, donkeys, and cows.

If you have around an acre or under you can consider the easier keeping list. The animals in this list can be anything from goats, sheep, miniature horses, donkeys, and pigs. Any pig should be suitable in an acre or less. Breeds such as kune kunes, julianas, and pot bellies. There are tons of different breeds of sheep and goats but they all house and manage about the same.

If you have a very small backyard and you're wanting something besides a dog, there are a few options. If your backyard is decently sized, two dwarf goats can possibly be housed in it as long as a shelter and proper fencing is provided. A small miniature pig is also a good fit for a backyard as long as you understand that all of your grass will probably be torn up. Pigs are very destructive when it comes to plants.

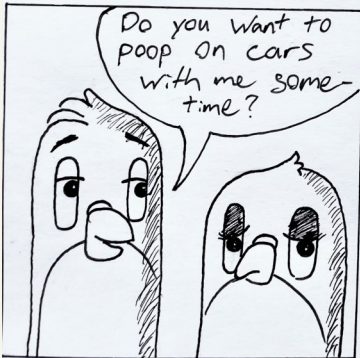
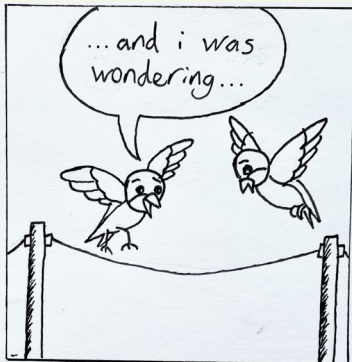
These are the animals you can keep in the different sized pens, hopefully this helps you and your family out.

-Addy Hall

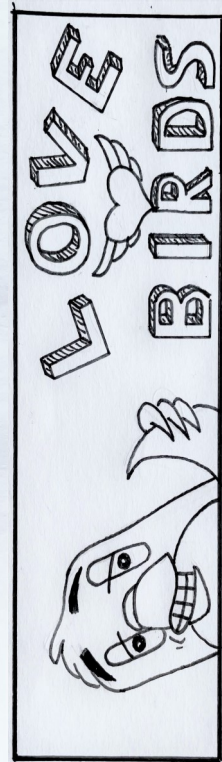


Theo's Thoughts

Original Comic Strips by Theo Sprenger (Guest Jake Sprenger)



SUN COMICS Co.



Written by Theo Sprenger
Illustrated by Jake Sprenger



GAMING CORNER

Enlisted

Welcome back everyone. Today we will be talking about a game based on World War 2 named Enlisted.

What makes this game different from all the other WW2 themed games? The team system. This is a system where you create a team full of troops and you control one of your soldiers while the others are controlled by AI.

There are four teams of players on

each side. The two sides being the Americans and the Germans and

depending on what side you pick you can choose different artillery.



Also, regarding the team system the longer you play a specific team the more upgrades you can get for them.

One of the more obvious upgrades in the game is the graphics. While I honestly don't care how games look, the graphics are excellent and hold up to today's standards. There are some beautiful scenes in the game.

-Hunter Carey

Top Five Milk Tier List

Number 5: Goat milk



Number 4: Almond milk



Number 3: Regular milk



Number 2 : Chocolate milk



Number 1: Strawberry milk



Top Five Chez Tier List

Number 5: American cheddar



Number 4: Pepper jack



Number 3: Babybel



Number 2: Nacho cheese



Number 1: Swiss cheese



-Hunter Carey



CDC: Maintain a distance of 6 ft

*Students at my desk:



Top Ten Lists

Languages

1. English
2. Mandarin
3. Hindi
4. Spanish
5. French
6. Arabic
7. Bengali
8. Russian
9. Portuguese
10. Indonesian

Water Bottles

1. Nalgene
2. Pogo
3. Gatorade
4. S'well
5. Contigo
6. Takeya
7. Hydro Flask
8. Flip lid Water Bottle
9. Thermoflask
10. Contigo Reusable

Horse Breeds

1. Irish Thoroughbred
2. Andalusian Horse
3. Hackney Horse
4. Orlov Trotter
5. Marwari Horse
6. Gypsy Horse
7. Friesian Horse
8. Morgan Horse
9. Arabian Horse
10. Carolina Marsh

-Haillie B. & Charlotte H.

Creative Writing



Snowboarding

Do you ski or snowboard? Well I snowboard, and went snowboarding with one of my friends last year at Anthony's Lakes. We had some complications with riding the lift because we couldn't time it right. We went on twice and it happened each time. Each time we went on the lift we ended up having to jump off it at the end to get off, luckily it wasn't that high off the ground so we were safe and sound. Neither one of us got hurt but it was still an interesting experience. You should try skiing and snowboarding!

-Annika

The Perfect Grilled Cheese

Have you ever wondered how to make the perfect grilled cheese sandwich?

Well, I'm here to tell you the perfect combo. First, you're going to need the perfect two slices of bread. My absolute favorite is sourdough bread, but you can choose any one that you want. After you have the bread chosen, you need to choose your favorite cheese. I use provolone on half and cheddar on the other.

Once you have laid out your cheese onto your bread, don't be afraid to put extra cheese on. Your pan should already be on Medium-High heat and then you need to put butter on one slice of the outside of the piece. Set the buttered piece on the hot pan, then let it get a golden brown color and then once the other side is buttered flip it over until the cheese is melted and both sides are golden brown. Then warm up some tomato soup and be ready for a bite of pure goodness!



-Addy Hall



Aidenn Mahaffey



Cary Elwes



Anthony Manderscheid



Chauncey Leopa (The Sandlot)

Celebrity Look-a-Like

THE STORM PT 3

Last issue...

I didn't know what he was talking about until all pain ceased and the world came back ever so slowly, except it wasn't ours. The ground was red, different lifeforms of all different sizes. All of the world was in a void of dark purple and black. Then I realized: It was his world.

I, we, were on his world, Cody, as I soon learned it was. Still astonished, He showed me around his tiny world, where the memories of what he experienced were flooding into us. The Storm, the void, and something new, a purple light, growing brighter and brighter until there was nothing and started to digitize and disappear, a corruption. We were running around, trying to outrun this corruption when suddenly it went back to the void. Cody was explaining again, still feeling him on my back. *"That is what I have experienced: A corrupted world. This could happen to this planet if we don't work together. We could end this, stop it from spreading. You, Tyler, and KB. All of us could be saved. If not, your loss. You have 5 days to think about it."* Then, he wasn't there, dislodged and off my back.

Think about what? The pain that comes after the connection? What he said about this? Either way, this was going to be the end, but how would I know if he's telling the truth? What was happening though, was the void was disappearing quickly and the world was returning. But was it really our world, or was the Storm, the Storm that started it all, really our world?

5 hours earlier...

A normal day, nothing going on. Having a good day on the beach. Suntanning here, surfing there. Tyler was making something in the sand with a stick, KB was surfing, falling over a lot, and I was walking around, doing nothing. There really wasn't anything we could do except surfing or suntanning as the beach was an apocalyptic mess. We came back to the beach stargazing when it was closed. The stars were beautiful, as it was a clear night. The stars seemed to dance and shimmer in the night sky. The constellations they made were gorgeous as they were also very bright at the time. Almost as if...

The sky was getting brighter and brighter. Too bright! It seem almost daybreak. It was to the point where it was almost unbearable. When the flash settled, there was nothing. Nothing at all. Not a single piece of light was there. Then what happened was a purple-blue sky

that seemed to fade in and out. What happened next was nothing again, except a slight rumbling was happening, and something was coming in the distance, heading straight for the beach.

It was an unbelievable question. I mean, was it? We've been in the Storm for hours on end and it's been crazy since it –or what–engulfed us. To me, it felt like an eternity since I last saw KB or Tyler, being the only noises I hear now are the wrangled screams every so often. The darkness seemed to become almost a natural thing, as we've been trapped in there for a while. Then, the darkness seemed to fade, first unnoticeable, and then it was almost unbearably bright. Then, I saw the land again, with green grass, a blue sky, but something seemed... off. I felt older compared to when I went in, even though it was the same year of 2018. Then, I saw my brothers off in the distance horsing around again, except they also seemed older. I went over to them to hang out, and they didn't even recognize me. When I went to ask them how long we thought we were in the Storm, Tyler was saying "You really don't know, do you? Jeremiah, it's 2032, we've been in the Storm for 14 years."

-Anonymous



Mystery Location Slip

We have a secret paper hidden somewhere around the school. Find where this picture was taken and go see if the paper slip has been found. Make sure to do it on your own time and don't leave your class to search without permission! Follow the instructions on the paper.

-BLOB Staff

Creative Writing

Dear Bloberta

(Advice Column for Weston Middle School)

Dear Bloberta,

I have a friend who invited another of my friends to hang out but not me and then they lied to me about it. What should I do?

Sincerely,
Jealousy

Dear Jealousy,

This is a very hard situation to be in. Now you know how you feel so I would not go around doing the same thing. Maybe you should talk to them about it and see if everything is ok between you guys and ask if next time they will just be straight up with you.

Sincerely,
Bloberta

Dear Bloberta,

My best friend is always grumpy and tired. How do I make them feel happy?

Sincerely,
Help

Dear Help,

If this is just occasionally, I would talk to them and see if there is anything you could do to help them feel more comfortable. Talk to them about what is making them so grumpy and try to sympathize with their situation. Sometimes though, friends act like this because they crave attention. If you feel like this may be the case, you could try ignoring their tired and grumpy behavior and just act like there is nothing out of the ordinary. This might get them to realize that acting this way isn't a positive way to get attention.

Sincerely,
Bloberta



BLOB Staff Now & Then



Theo Sprenger (Age 1)



Theo Sprenger (Current)



Branson Rabb (Age 2)



Branson Rabb (Current)

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