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Editor's Note

If you find any errors in the Heat Wave that the staff missed point it out to Mr. Harris if no one else has found it you will receive 1 heat buck!

The Oregon Standoff

By: Giovanni Del Carlo

The Oregon standoff is about the arrest of two farmers and are in prison for five years. Former residence have been saying that the area has not experienced any bullets yet. The reason the area is being held down is because of the arrest of two farmers. They were convicted of arson. They were doing a controlled fire on their property and it spread on accident. The two farmers burned down a few acres of federal properties. Nobody has been arrested for burning down a few acres of land on accident.

The building that they are holding down is a federal habitat for wildlife. A former student

10-11 from a high school said that she wants to feel safe again and wants them to leave the habitat. The people won't leave till the two farmers are free, but the government won't let them free and are refusing to shoot at the federal habitat. This has been the first standoff for people to be set free.

> The cops are telling the people that if they don't come out then they will be going to jail with them. The two farmers are sentenced for five years in prison and the people that are holding down the area aren't coming out until they are freed.



Teacher of the Month

Earlier this month we surveyed the students of West Central about who they would vote for, for Teacher of the Month. Mr. Helt won by a slim margin of two votes. Congratulations Mr. Helt keep looking good and changing lives.





NBA's Best

by: Matt Johnson

Lebron James is the best NBA player right now. It took a lot of work in high school. His freshman year he averaged, twenty one points and six rebounds per game. His team, the Fighting Irish in Akron, Ohio finished 27-0. They finished the season with the division three state championship. His sophomore year he averaged 25.2 points a season, 7.2 rebounds and 5.2 assist. His junior year he averaged 29 points, 8.3 rebounds, 5.7 assists and 3.3 steals game. His senior year he averaged 31.6 PPG. 9.6 RPG. 4.6 APG 3.6 SPG.

James was drafted right out of high school. He was the first pick to the Cleveland Cavaliers. In his first NBA game he got 25 points. He was named Rookie of the Year. That season he averaged 20.9 points a game. 5.5 rebounds a game, and 5.9 assists.

In 2010 Lebron James went to the Miami Heat. Lebron James won 2 NBA championships with the Heat. Lebron spent six years with the Heat. After spending time with the Heat he went back to the Cleveland Cavaliers last year.

The Cavaliers went to the NBA finals last year. Their opponent was the Golden State Warriors. The Warriors won the first game. The Cavs won the next one. The Cavs won the third game. The Warriors won the last two. Lebron has 4 MVPs, 2 championships, and the rookie of the year award. Now you see why Lebron James is the NBA's best.

The Story Behind The Champion
By: Holden Hiatt

Michael Jordan enrolled in the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in 1981. He played guard-forward, he was 6'6, and was number twenty three. He had an average of 19.6 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 2.1 apg, 2.2 tpg, 1.1 bpg, and 1.6 spg. In college Michael Jordan was coached by Dean Smith who was born on February 28, 1931 and he died on February 7, 2015.

Michael Jordan got into basketball in early ages. He was not always interested in basketball, at first he liked baseball more. He got into basketball because he wanted to be like Larry, his older brother. His sophomore year of high school he tried out for varsity but was denied because he was not good enough. The next year he grew four inches and practiced all the time and he averaged twenty five points per game and was selected to the McDonald's all american team as a senior.

Michael Jordan has an overall average of 30.1 points, 2.7 TO, 2.6 PF, 2.3 STL, 0.8 BLK, 5.3 AST, 6.2 REB, 4.7 DR, and 1.6 OR. On his 86-87 years he had his highest point average of 37.1 points per game he also had 3.3 TO, 2.9 PF, 2.9 STL, 1.5 4.6 BLK, 5.2 AST, 5.2 REB, 3.2 DR, and 2.0 OR in his 1986-1987 years. In his 92-93 season his father died. the same year his father James Jordan was shot in a robbery and the people were later convicted. At 30 Michael Jordan had won three straight NBA Finals MVP awards and seven straight NBA scoring titles so he retired and on october 6, 1993 because of his father being shot. In march 1995 Michael Jordan came back to basketball. When he came back he played for the Chicago Bulls again. In the same year he was in a film called "Space Jam" and he was helping the loonie toons play basketball against some alien slavers. The next season he comes back strong and helps the Bulls win seventy-two out of eighty-two of their games and in the same year they win the NBA finals. Michael Jordan retires again after the 97-98 season. In 2001 he comes back again and plays for the Washington Wizards and played for two more seasons before hanging up his jersey for good.

Today Michael Jordan owns the Charlotte Hornets. He joined the team's high ranks as the managing basketball member. In 2007 Michael Jordan's oldest son Jeffery Jordan made it into the University of Illinois basketball team and college. Two years later Michael Jordan was elected into the Nashville Hall of Fame. According to biography.com he made a quote to ESPN in 2012 that said "I don't anticipate getting out of this business. My competitive nature is I want to succeed. It's always been said that when I can't find a way to do anything, I will find a way to do it." On april 23, 2013 Michael Jordan married a thirty-five year old cuban-american model named Yvette Prieto. One year later in april they had a child their first together but Michael Jordan's fourth child.



Serving Up West Central Volleyball January 11 - 15 2016

By: Halee and Megan

West Central's Middle School 7th grade volleyball team had a big week this week. We had three games this week, one on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We played great this whole week. Here are some of our stats and scores for these three games.

Monday's game was played at home against Abingdon/Avon. We started off in serve receive. This was our very first game ever played this season and we won both matches. Mady Reed was our first server of the night. We won both matches just by a great game played.. The final score of the first match was 25-27 and we won that match. The second match we won 25-11. We easily won the second match, the first match was harder to win.

Wednesday's game was played away against Nauvoo. We beat them in the first match 30-28. The first match was very stressful and everyone was on edge. It was a tough match but we stuck it out and won. The second match we won 25-18. This match was not as difficult to play. It always seems like when we play the first game it is close and the second game is not so close and we all worked together to end it quickly. There was also a third match just for fun, it was a game for the people didn't play the first or second matches and unfortunately we lost that one.

Thursday's game was played at home against Bushnell Prairie City. We started off in serve receive. The first time Bushnell served it we got a bump, set, spike and managed to score right off the bat. Halee was our first server of the game. Throughout the whole game Sadie and Mady had great sets, and great tips over the net where the other team could not get it back over. We won both games. As always the first match was a really close one and the second match was easily won.

West Central definitely had a great week this week. They all worked very hard. We all worked together to get all of our wins and to play our best games. Some players might not of got to play but their support to our teammates goes a long way. Our Volleyball team has a few more home games so come support your Middle school Volleyball team.

Seventh Grade Regional Game One

On Saturday the seventh graders played in their first ever regional basketball game. They played United. The score was 32-14 West Central Max scored 9 points Brandon scored 1 Jordan scored 7 I scored 5 Joey scored 7.

Seventh Grade Regional Game Two

On Monday the seventh graders ended their season. They played in their second regional game. They lost against Monmouth Roseville. Max scored 5 points Brandon scored 6 points Jordon scored 8 and Joey scored 1.



Ashley Shultz: By: Laurel Beelman

The 6th grader that I interviewed for this week was Ashley Kay Shultz, she lives in Smithshire, IL. She is 12 years old and was born on January 15. Her best friends at WCMS are Ebony and Chelsea.

Next, I asked Ashley what her favorites are. Ashley's favorite sport to play is basketball but she also plays volleyball. Her favorite Major League Baseball team is the Chicago Cubs. Ashley's favorite teacher at West Central Middle school is Ms. Reynolds and her favorite subject is math with Ms. Fitzgerald.

Finally, I asked her about her family. Her parents names are Jamie and Greg. She has two brothers named Carter and Kaleb. Ashley's family has two dogs and there names are Jackson and Charley. I hope you know a little more about Ashley Kay Shultz.



Jamison Mills: By: Reagan Spence

For our 7th Grade interview, I interviewed Jamison Mills. Jamison is thirteen years old and he enjoys playing basketball, baseball, football, golf, and bowling. His favorite sport/hobby is baseball. His starting position for baseball is catcher. Jamison has been in basketball for four years, baseball for two years, golf for six years, bowling for three years and football for five years.

Jamison has four family members. His mom and dad's names are Jennifer and Ray. Jamison has two siblings, Lainey and Kaylee. His mom is thirty-seven years old and his dad is forty-one years old. Lainey is ten years old and Kaylee is seven years old. His favorite thing to do with his family is going to Saint Louis. While he is in Saint Louis Jamison likes being able to go and watch a Cardinal game. Jamison has two dogs. His dogs names are Tucker and Timber.

Jamison's favorite subject in school is math. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Lox because he thinks that she is funny. Jamison moved here in fourth grade. Jamison moved here from Burlington. He has went to West Central for four years at the end of the year this year.

Jamisons favorite movie is Unbroken. His favorite character in Unbroken's Maddalena Ischiale. His favorite book is a Biography on Albert Pujols. Jamisons favorite color is red. Now you know a little bit more about Jamison.

Meet the 7th grader

By: Emily Lambertsen and Laurel Beelman

This week we interviewed 13 year old Molly Johnson. Molly was born in Peoria, IL on September 13, 2002. She lives outside of Gladstone, IL.

First, we asked her about her family. Molly has a total of 6 siblings. Her sisters are Emily 15, Lilly 8, Sophia 6, and Ryley is 6. Her brothers are Matt 13 who is her twin and Lucas 10. Molly's birth parents are Natalie and Ryan. Her step parents are Ashley and Tyler.

Next, we asked her about her favorites. Molly's favorite color is green. Her favorite subject is math with Ms. Halcomb. Her favorite sport to play is Volleyball. Molly's favorite dessert is chocolate ice cream. Molly's favorite teacher is Mr. Helt.

Now you know a little more about Molly Joann Johnson. Make sure to say hi to her in the halls.



By: Bobby Hennenfent

Today I interviewed Haven Simmons. She is 14 years old, and she was born on September 20th, 2001.

First I asked Haven about her family, I asked if she had any brothers or sisters; her answer was "yes, I have three brothers and three sisters Cade, Lincoln, Lauren, Ava, Laney, and Cameron. "I asked "do you ever get mad at them?" She said yes, yes I do."

The second thing I asked her, was if she had a favorite professional sport. She said "the Bears!" (that's my favorite to, just saying) Her other favorite sport is cheerleading, at first I thought it wasn't a sport but, in the end I was wrong so that's her favorite sport. The sport she plays is cheerleading, she plans on playing powderpuff next year in high school.

Friends was the next category. I asked her who her friends were. Her answer was, "Hannah Roller, Patricia Thomas, Emma Keever."

I asked if she has any comments that she wants me to put in the paper, she said and I quote... "She likes oranges, Her dog got ate by a coyote, She has a clock in her bedroom, her socks are pink but not *pink*, figure *that* one out, She likes salsa, She threw away black binder, and she has four notebooks, there's a roll of wrapping paper in her locker. She thinks the texture of marshmallows is weird, she broke her blender, she has over sixty pairs of shoes. She got a new dishwasher two weeks ago, Her favorite color is black and burgundy."

Well there you have it folks! That's who Haven Simmons is!

This Week's Students





By:Grant Sibley



The New Year is here so that means there are a lot of new movies coming out the first new movie of 2016 is Finding Dory from Pixar. This movie is about Nemo (Hayden Rollence), Marlin, (Albert Brooks) and Dory, (Ellen Degeneres) the forgetful fish on a quest to find Dory's Mother. In Theaters June 17,2016 Rated PG.

There has been a lot of Angry Bird games from Space to Star Wars but now from Rovio

Entertainment comes...... The Angry Birds Movie.

3 birds Red(Jason Sudekis), Chuck(Josh Gad), and Bomb(Danny Mcbride) investigate the mysterious arrival of Leonard the Pig(Bill Hader) and his Pig Sidekicks to their island. In Theaters May 20,2016 Rated PG.





From Dreamworks comes another Kung fu Panda. Kung Fu Panda 3. After reuniting with his

long lost father Po (Jack Black) must train a village of clumsy pandas to help him defeat the Villainous Kai](J.K. Simmons). In theaters January 29,2016 Rated PG. Make sure that you check out all of these movies and make sure to watch the dates and your local theater to see when your favorite movie or sequel is in theaters.

Inside scoop on Jc Caylen

By: Zoe Cook

Jc was born in Houston, Texas on September 11, 1992. His horoscope reading is Virgo. His parents divorced when he was very young. He has two sisters Ava Grace (eight) and Jaylyn (14). He also has a little brother named Joe Felix(six). Jc's birth name is Justin Caylen Castillo and in elementary he got the nickname Jc. When Jc was a teen he worked at Sonic, a frozen yogurt shop and Urban outfitters. Once Jc was old enough he legally changed his name to Justin Cloud Caylen. He has a cat named Vega and a dog named Wishbone.

In the past many years Jc has had many youtube channels some are: LifewithJc, O2I, Thesedudez, KianandJc and his main channel Jccaylen. He got the Teen choice for choice web star: Comedy. He has got several tattoos. He has a cloud on his right wrist, Dream catcher/compass on his upper right arm, a wing on his left arm, Palm tree on his left upper arm, a



quote on his side, a wishbone on inside of his elbow and a balloon with a face on it on his left arm. The palm tree represents O2l's first show in Hawaii. Cloud means to "Stay cloudy" (which is also one of his most famous quotes.) The balloon, wing and dream catcher represent to chase your dreams and be happy.

Jc is now 23. He got nominated for the Shorty award for youtuber of the year last year but lost to Tyler Oakley. Wishbone is now 16 in human years and vega is 1. If you would like to learn more about Jc you can ask me.





Games and ELECTRONICS



Star Wars Battlefront: Review on Xbox One By: Kaitlyn Waugh

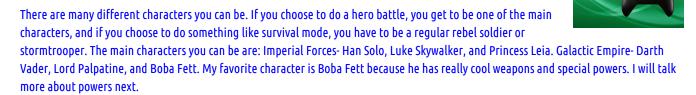
The new highly anticipated Star Wars Battlefront game came out on November 17, 2015, and now I am going to tell you all about its

amazing features. I played the game on an Xbox One, and I personally think that the game is AMAZING!!!! I think that you guys will enjoy it too if you get the chance to play it.

Characters, Places, and Powers:

First, In the game you can go to four different planets: Endor, which is the forest planet, Hoth, which is the planet covered in ice and snow, Sullust, which is the lava planet, and

Tatooine, which is the desert planet. I personally think that the best planet is Sullust because the lava is so cool.



With all the characters, each one has a special power or two they can activate.

Han Solo- has a shoulder charge, which is only if you are up close to the enemy you can shove them and knock them down. He also has a rapid-fire power where you can fire his gun, and you won't have to wait between shots, and a lucky shot where you can shoot one time from his gun and it will create an explosion.

Luke Skywalker- has a force push like Han Solo, and he also has a saber rush, where he can charge forward and mow down a few storm troopers, and a heavy strike which enables him to turn around and can hit any soldiers surrounding him.

Princess Leia- can call for a supply drop, a bunch of powerups will be dropped into the area. She has a shield also, and she has a trooper bane that enables one shot from her gun to explode and kill a few stormtroopers.

Darth Vader- can force choke an enemy, and he can throw his lightsaber. Also, he can deflect any shots with his lightsaber.

Lord Palpatine- can enable a force dash, where he can jolt forward and knock down many enemies. Also, he can enable chain lighting, which gives him the ability to powerfully shock a bunch of enemies if they are close to him. Like Princess Leia, Lord Palpatine can also call for a supply drop.

Boba Fett- can enable a wrist rocket and a grenade can be thrown and creates a huge explosion when it hits something. Furthermore, he has an awesome flamethrower that can immediately annihilate many enemies, and he has an incredibly cool jetpack that he can use to fly around and spot enemies.

What You Can Do in the Game:

Secondly, There are many things you can do on the game. You can play a mission, or practice a mission, play a hero battle, or you can play a survival mode. The missions are just short little things you have to do.





There are missions that you can fly as an A-Wing or an X-Wing, and you can do a practice mission on the planet Endor where you can race through a forest on a speeder bike. My favorite mission is where you can be an AT-ST and you have to protect an AT-AT. Then, you can play on survival mode, and that is where you have to survive 15 levels of enemies, and on every 3 levels you have to protect a drop pod. On this you can only be a rebel soldier or stormtrooper. You can also play a hero battle. A hero battle is where you can play as a main character, and you have to kill the other person's team members. When you kill them you get to pick up a token. Each token that comes from killing your enemies is worth two points. Each token that comes from your team members, if you collect it, takes 2 points from the other team. The first player to 100 points wins!

Extra Features in the Game:

Furthermore, there are some extras in the game I would like to tell you about. If you chose to do survival mode and are just a regular rebel or stormtrooper you can customize your character. You can choose skin tone, hairstyle, gender, and you can buy different clothing styles with coins. You can also add modifications to certain weapons. Anyway, let me tell you about the graphics in this game. They are absolutely AMAZING!!!! The graphics make it look like you are sitting on the set of one of the Star Wars movies. Also, the detail is PHENOMENAL!!!! If you chose to do a hero battle and do it on the planet Sullust you can go into a room full of control panels. It is so cool. One extra feature I want to talk about is the diorama. There is a diorama that you access, and you get to unlock these models in it. There is one of an AT-AT, an AT-ST, and many more.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, I hope that you guys get a chance to play this truly awesome game. It is the best. I haven't experienced any glitches with the game or any bugs, and the gameplay is fantastic. So, I really hope you get to play this.



PS4 vs Xbox

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By: Carter and Payne



What you can do on the Xbox one and PS4. On the Xbox one you can answer messages without closing out your game. On PS4 you can do the same thing but you can't see the game it's still running in the background. It just depends which one you like better. The PS4 home screen you have to go to a whole different screen to look at your things. On Xbox 1 you can look at your messages while having your game going on in the background and on PS4 you can't do that.

In just 2 years, over 30 million PS4 consoles have been sold around the world. It's estimated 15 million Xbox One consoles have been sold since it

was launched a week after the PS4 in 2013. PS4 remotes cost fifty dollars and the console comes with one remote. Xbox one remotes also cost fifty dollars and one comes with the console just like PS4. For Playstation it costs Fifty dollars a year to play online. For Xbox Live it cost sixty dollars a year to play online. For PS4 907 games have been made but for the Xbox 1 only 499 games have been made for it. When the Xbox 1 came out the price for the Xbox 1 was \$500 the lowest price when it came out was \$348. The price for the Xbox 1 now is 349, \$407 if you get the bundle for it. The highest price for the PS4 is three hundred and ninety nine dollars now it's around three hundred dollars and three hundred fifty for a bundle.

The PS4 has a 4 and a half star rating and is beating Xbox 1 by a half star rating. Some people like the

PS4 and some people think the Xbox 1 is nice but the positive side some people say to the Xbox 1 is that the Xbox 1 looks a lot cleaner than the PS4 setup. People that play Xbox 1 and PS4 say everything is there and is quick to get to for Xbox One. Some of the comments made by real life people say that play Xbox One and PS4 say the PS4 would be better with the Xbox 1 homescreen setup. There are not a lot to say about the graphics other than the fact that the PS4 is brighter when you're playing a game. People like the PS4 because they can see stuff a lot better. Neither one is better than each other it depends what you think is better.



Animated Look Alikes By: Carter and Payne

There are a lot of people in real life that look like video game characters, let's take a look at this random guy who looks like Trevor off of GTA V. There is this guy in a yearbook picture who looks like Peter Griffin off of Family Guy. Then Taylor swift looks like a girl off of FALLOUT 4. There are a lot of people who look like animated characters from movies, TV shows, and video games





Motor Trend Car Of The Year

By: Nathan McBride

In this article I will tell you about the car of the year. You will learn about the horsepower, the gas milage, curb weight, engine, and last the car of the year.

First thing is first, the horsepower and the gas milage. It has motor that makes 275 horsepower and the gas mileage is up to 19 city miles and 28 miles to the gallon. The price of the car is \$25,700 for the coupe and \$32,700 for the convertible I think it would be well worth the money.

Next, Curb weight is 3,339 pounds to 3,685 pounds and the motor is a big factor of the weight. The motor is a 2.0l 4 cylinder, 3.6 Liter V6 to a 6.2 Liter V8. Would you rather have a light car, a heavy car, a light car, a car with a big engine, or a small engine.



In conclusion the 2016 Chevrolet Camaro is the 2016 motor trend car of the year there is another reason to like Chevrolet. I will still prefer to drive the Chevrolet Corvette what would you drive?



Car of the year by Brett Dewitt.

This is a new car of the year, it is the best car of the year.

It is the new one and can go 250 miles per hour. It is on sale in April priced from \$48,000. Fewer than 500 models have been made in Canada. The COTY award and has also expanded to separate trophies for pickup UK (for pulling travel trailers). This also refers to the European Car of the Year award selected by a jury of European automotive journalists. Other COTY awards exist across numerous markets such as in Australia from the automobile magazine *Wheels* and the AJAC in Canada. The "Car of the Year" phrase is considered to have been introduced by *Motor Trend* magazine in 1949 when the new publication named Cadillac as Motor Trend Car of the Year. The magazine continues its COTY award and has also expanded to separate trophies for pickup trucks and sport utility **vehicles** (SUVs)

Teachers First Cars

Let's see if you can match the teacher with their first car. Answers at the bottom Good Luck!

1. Mr Conlee A. 1982

Pontiac Phoenix



2. Mrs Lox B. 1985

Toyota Tercel



3. Mrs Burns C. 1960's

Chevy Camaro



4. Ms Halcomb D. 1970

Amc Gremlin



5. Mrs Rankin E. 1982

Honda Civic Hatchback





How To Make Confetti Cookies

By: Emily Lambertsen

Have you wondered how to make cookies out of cake mix, well here's how.

What you'll need

- 1 pkg. of Pillsbury funfetti cake mix.
- % of a cup of vegetable oil.
- 2 eggs
- ½ can of Pillsbury vanilla frosting (or any flavor you would like)
- Flour
- Sprinkles (optional)
- Cooling rack (optional)
- A container
- A large bowl
- A wooden spoon
- Any type of glass
- Cookie sheet



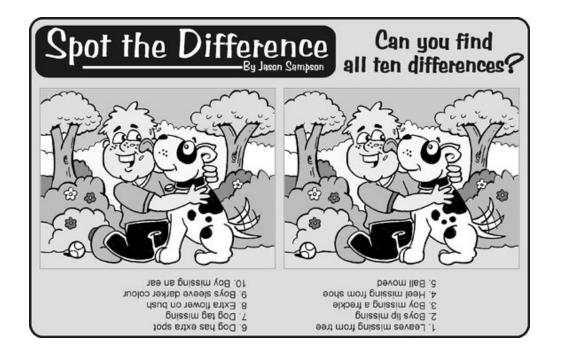
Steps

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
- 2. In a large bowl mix together the cake mix, oil and eggs with your spoon until evenly combined.
- 3. Shape dough into 1 inch balls 2 inches apart on a ungreased cookie sheet.
- 4. Dip the bottom of the glass in flour and flatten your dough to about ¼ of an inch thick.
- 5. Put them into the oven for about 6 8 minutes or until the edges are golden brown.
- 6. Remove cookies from the pan and o nto the cooling rack for 1 minute.
- 7. Spread your frosting onto your cookies and put a pinch of sprinkles on.
- 8. Let your frosting dry before putting them into your container.

Caution

- Make sure your oven is off.
- Make sure your pan is cooled off before putting it in the sink.





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TIGER





PISCES

Horoscopes

By: Megan, Reagan, and Halee

Aries, March 21 - April 19

You are brave, independent, assertive, and impulsive.

Taurus, April 20 - May 20

You are sensual, down to earth, pleasure-seeking and stubborn.

Gemini, May 21 - June 20

You are dynamic, have many talents, like games, crafty, and mischlevous.

Cancer, June 21 - July 22

You are sensitive, friendly, practical, and non-argumentative.

Leo, July 23 - August 22

You are creative, popular, faithful and aggressive.

Virgo, August 23 - September 22

You are successful, creative, clever and a leader.

Libra, September 23 - October 22

You are irresistible, adventurous, indecisive, and happy.

Scorpio, October 23 - November 21

You are self-reliant, powerful, wise, dominant, and secretive.

Sagittarius, November 22 - December 21

You are open-minded, an achiever, loving, and tough.

Capricorn, December 22 - January 19

You are hardworking, straightforward, loyal and stubborn.

Aquarius, January 20 - February 18

You set trends, are innovative, admired, distant, and curious.

Pisces, February 19 - March 20

You are alluring, free, sensitive, and omitted.

















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