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## Letter From the Editor

Welcome to the May issue of the Tiger Tribune! This is our last month in the 2020-2021 school year. Doesn't time fly? It was a great experience working with so many beloved writers and getting to see so many great articles. To our members that will be leaving us, we wish them all the best!

Our co-editors, Zayan Abdallah Khan and Zahra Shaikh will be departing as well, so we give them our best wishes and look forward to our new co-editors.

As always, we look forward to new ideas, creative writing, and more writers, so do consider joining the Tiger Tribune and making change with your writing! We wish you all a happy month and look forward to more writing escapades with you all! Enjoy this issue!

Sincerely, Sana Basheer Editor-in-Chief The Tiger Tribune



# May Survey/ Staff Question

By Amir Chermat

#### Hey! Name a word that rhymes with May!

Melody M.	Day
Sahar Farooq	Ice cream sundae
Omar	According to a couple of friends (Mohammad Khan, and Abdallah

	Khan), I weigh 52 pounds. Not Kg. So, in their honor, the word that I chose that rhymes with May is weigh.
Amir	I don't know what to say; I already used the word "hey" when I created this survey the other day. Is that okay?
Abdallah	my gray cat is a stray that plays in the spray of clay all day instead of relaying delay in takeaway m'padre

## Phases of the Sky: A Collection of Poems

By Melody Moy

The sky was pink, Orange and red At sunrise Bright as the eastern sky Rises high. Birds flock to the east And caw softly They know who is there The presence. We stand by the lake And look at out at the sky And the twilight And dream of the world. The sun rays Peek through the clouds And the birds squawk ever so loud It's a new day With dewdrops and Blue skies (like the sea) Ahead! And my whole story Has been read. ~ Afternoon comes And it's sunny out Blue skies Roll like the sea Like a sapphire. We go outside to play, Because it is a new day And we say, Hooray! ~ Late at night, The sky is blackened and Dark

Void like a black hole. Like the sweeping shadows during daytime. The only bright thing in the sky is The tiny stars out shining, Twinkling Brightly. The moon shimmers lightly And it's so bright!



### The Legendary 6 Sixes in an Over

By Abdallah Khan



Cricket is one of the most engaging and interesting sports ever invented. While it is understandable that some people may strongly believe in the opposite of that, one must fully understand the sport to appreciate it. With that said and out of the way, now is the time to talk about one of the most legendary plays in the sport of cricket. Yes, you heard that right. I'm talking about none other than hitting six 6's in 6 balls, one of *the* most difficult and rarest plays in cricket. Now, for those of you that don't know, points in cricket are based off *runs*. After hitting the ball, batsmen run to the opposite sides of the

*pitch*, the rectangular area in which they bat, to score runs. Both batsmen running to the opposite sides once would make one run, doing that twice would make 2 runs, and so on.

However, running across the pitch isn't the only way runs are made in cricket. Hitting shots also gets you points in a much faster way. In cricket, the edges of the field are referred to as the *boundary*. If you hit a shot that rolls, or bounces before touching the boundary, that's 4 points (provided that the ball actually touched the boundary). And if a shot goes all the way to the boundary without touching the ground, that's 6 runs. Obviously, hitting sixes isn't the easiest thing in the world, given the distance between the batsman and the boundary. However, sixes themselves are common in games. Consecutive sixes, however, are a different matter.

One more technical term before we get to the actual juicy stuff. An *over* refers to 6 *balls*, or one play. A bowler from one team bowls those 6 balls, then the next bowler from the same team does the next 6, and so on. Cricket games usually have around 20 - 100 overs in them. Okay, now back to the good stuff.

Hitting six sixes in an over isn't just rare because of the rare probability of hitting six shots that go over the boundary consecutively, but because of the sheer skill it takes to do so. Additionally, sixes very rarely occur in a row, as bowlers switch up the type of ball they do in order to deter the batsman from reading their ball and being able to hit hard. It takes very skilled batsmen to be able to read the ball and hit sixes for an entire over. In fact, only three notable players are known to have hit 6 sixes in an over in international cricket: India's Yuvraj Singh, South Africa's Herschelle Gibbs, and recently, West Indies's Keiron Pollard. Each of these player's plays have been recorded and preserved, and I recommend you check them out. In my opinion, Yuvraj Singh's 6 sixes were the best, not only because of the way he was able to play them on different sides of the boundary, but also due to the fact that the game itself was a tense one. The captain of the opposing England team, Flintoff, had exchanged heated words with Yuvraj just before the over in which he hit those 6 sixes. To some, those sixes were even more special because of how it symbolized Yuvraj shaking off Flintoff's talk and showing everyone that he wasn't affected by it. It truly was a legendary moment not only for India's team, but also for the entire world of cricket.



1st image-Pictures of Yuvraj Singh's follow through form after each of the six sixes he hit, circa 2007

2nd image- Herschelle Gibbs

3rd image- Keiron Pollard bows towards the crowd after hitting 6 sixes

But while it seems like an impossible feat, it's actually not entirely so. Hitting six sixes definitely happens in amateur cricket; in fact, I myself have witnessed it before. However, it doesn't get as much recognition in amateur cricket as it does in international cricket, for obvious reasons. But it's never a dull moment if you ever do happen to witness six sixes in a game, especially one in which the teams are racing neck-to-neck for victory.

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### **Star Wars Day**

By Anaya Cambridge

Star Wars Day was created by the fans and is celebrated on May the 4th. Star Wars Day was not created by George Lucas but by the fans themselves, mainly because the date "May the 4th" can be used as a play on words for "May the fourth (force) be with you". In celebration of May the 4th, fans often re-watch the original trilogy or some form of Star Wars Content. Some will even time watching the movies so perfectly that at exactly midnight the Death Star will explode. Over time LucasFilm and Disney have acknowledged the fan-made holiday by releasing exclusive content and merchandise. With Star Wars becoming more mainstream, you can find merchandise just about anywhere. Recently, DisneyLand added a whole section just for Star Wars fans, "Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge." There will be new rides, exhibits, and food vendors for all to enjoy the world of Star Wars. I haven't been to Galaxy's Edge yet but would love to once Covid has passed. Star Wars Day is a celebration of what the franchise has created, and, as a fellow fan myself, I would like to say "May the Fourth be with you."



#### World Goth Day

By Amir Chermat

What is the first image to pop into your head when you hear the word "goth"? Is it nail polish blacker than the hair dye of the person wearing it? That one time you walked into a Hot Topic and immediately left once "My Chemical Romance" started playing? Some guy in a hoodie saying, "I don't care"? The aptly named website whatisgoth.com, so Goth that its creator had neglected to provide an actual method of citing it, states that put simply, "a Goth is someone who finds beauty in things others consider dark." For example, this would include things like bulky jewelry, nose piercings, and practically any wearable object in the color black.

Jokes about Goths and the color black aside, you should probably never imply to any Goth that they love the color black. *What is Goth* continues to state that the Goth subculture can be divided into many individual genres. The most notable two of these genres are Emo and Punk. Emo is the style of Goth which you are probably most familiar with. *What is Goth* explains that it is a modern form of the Punk style with a darker fashion sense. Put simply: black. Although Emo is the most iconic form of Goth, it is typically not even considered Goth. Remember that Goth culture is all about finding beauty in what others consider appalling. Now remember the massive amount of fangirls that any young celebrity could acquire by wearing a nose ring for two minutes. As the Emo style has risen in popularity, it is no longer Goth by definition.

Punk Rock, or simply Punk, is another well-known genre of Goth. According to What is Goth, it is actually the beginning of Goth. Many believe the entire Goth subculture to be an evolution of Punk from the 1970s. Similar to Goth, Punk was all about denying conformism and ignoring the mainstreams of society while creating their own. As a result of this, it is difficult to apply any stereotypes to Punk. However, things such as mohawks, dyed hair, and spikes are generally considered Punk.

As you can see, Goth is a surprisingly diverse and historical subculture. This was only a brief overview of what Goth is; I had completely left out things such as the importance of Goth music and the significance of its name. May 22 is World Goth Day, so perhaps you can take the opportunity to investigate the wonders of this obscure and intriguing subculture on your own. Or don't; I don't care.

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### **Claws: Part 6**

By Mohammad Khan

Jack and Smokey had put leaves on their wounds to heal them. Within a few days they were feeling completely better, except for Jack. He was still suffering from the loss of Haze. He told Smokey, "I have to speak to Strong. He hasn't come out of his den ever since we came back. I'll meet you back here."

Jack walked up to Strong's den and went inside. He went through the right pathway to his den, and he saw him lying down, eating a huge chunk of meat. "Hey Jack, what brings you here?"

Jack replied, trying to keep his voice calm. "Strong, I looked everywhere, I couldn't find Haze. Smokey says he saw you going out hunting with her."

"Hm, well you're her brother right? She should have told you where she was going."

"Yes, but I'm asking why she is still not back."

Strong shrugged stupidly and said, "Must have got lost. Want to join my breakfast?"

Jack looked at him coldly, "No thank you, Strong."

Jack left with that, and he looked outside. He was feeling completely hopeless. He had no idea where Strong had hidden Haze. He had to leave and look for her.

Jack was with Smokey, looking for Haze. Smokey suddenly smelled a strange smell.

"Hey Jack, do you smell that?"

Jack nodded and sniffed. His eyes went large. He whispered, "It's lions, but there's another smell."

"Yep, but I can't make it out."

"Smokey, how are we going to kill the lions?"

"What? We aren't even going to go close to them. We could die."

"What if Haze is in there?"

"Fine, but we aren't going to charge in. We need to take some off without getting close."

Jack smiled. "I know what to do."

A few minutes later Jack was getting boulders set up against the cliff next to the place where the lions were. He told Smokey, "Listen, we are both going to push against these boulders, and then they will fall down into the lions. That way, we can take down the guards without letting the ones inside know that we are here."

Smokey nodded, and they both got behind a boulder. They both pushed as hard as they could until the boulder was rolling down extremely fast. Before the lions could yell or run away, they got hit by the boulder and were dead. Jack and Smokey went down to the head of the cave. Jack sniffed, and he smelt Haze. "Smokey! I smell Haze! She must be in here!"

"Yes!" Smokey and Jack both went forward into the hollow, claws out. Jack saw two lions sitting next to a tigress, which Jack recognized as Haze. Lumps of fur were missing from her skin, and her head was bleeding badly. Suddenly a wave of fury went through Jack, and he leaped at one of the lions, and he buried his claws deep into him. Jack quickly bit its neck and leaped at the second lion. He slashed his muzzle, and he

howled. He stabbed it with his claws right into its heart. He took them out and slashed its neck one last time. It slowly fell down with its eyes still showing the shock that it had received from the sudden attack.

To be continued....



### **Minecraft Game Review**

By Lucas Jorrick



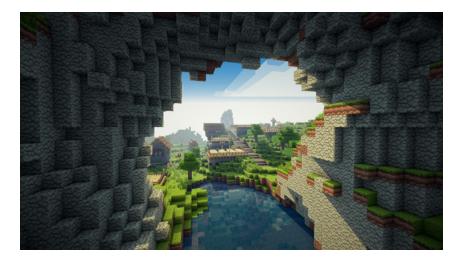
I'm sure you've heard of this game before. Minecraft. Minecraft is a great game for everyone. Plenty of people of all ages have played this game before. It can be a game for your friends and family, it can be a game for people across the world, and it can just be a game to help you end a long day. From my 5+ years of having it, I am confident to say that Minecraft is just an all-out good game.

You might be asking yourself, "If It's such a good game, how is Minecraft played to make it such a good game?" The answer to that question is actually many answers! You can play to get a whole lot of resources, you can play to make the biggest base such as a castle, and you can play for many more reasons. You start in a random world with nothing but your two fists. You start by punching down some trees and making some wooden tools. After that, you can either get some food from some of the animals you might find, or you can go mining for things such as stone and iron.

Minecraft is a very good game to play with your friends and family. You can play on servers that have things such as mini-games, or you can host a private server to play with them. You can play together to beat the game as fast as you can, which is called a speedrun, or you can play to make the biggest base, etc. You end up spending hours and hours together having fun, and you don't even realize it!

You are able to do many things with Redstone in Minecraft. Redstone is basically Minecraft's electricity. You are able to use the Redstone to make different types of automatic farms, flying machines, hidden doors, and many more. Redstone is a game changer if you know how to use it. You are able to make the game easier and more fun. You can make traps for your friends, firework launchers, and many other fun things. Redstone makes the game a great way to mess around and have fun.

Minecraft is one of the best games that I have ever played in my life. It is one of those games that everyone knows about and has either seen someone play or has played it themselves. Minecraft have-started out with just a couple blocks, but throughout the years, the game developer, Mojang, has done and is still doing a great job. As they say, it is an an oldie but a goodie.

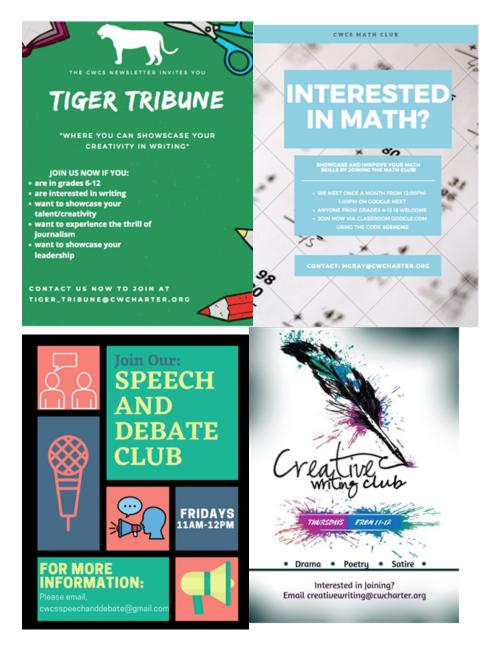




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