

Skinner Cares Day

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A few weeks ago, we had our first Skinner Cares Day. Skinner cares day was touching and emotional for a lot of the students here at Skinner.

The event was organized by Mr. Waldon and other staff members more so than Leadership, who will organize another Skinner Cares Day to happen around February. The purpose of the first event is to let people get to know one another, meet new people and hopefully make new friends

Learning families were together all day and played fun games such as cross the line to get to know each other throughout the day.

We also had some students here at Skinner share their stories and then have learning families do the same as some student also shared their “If you really knew me ...” stories.



In addition, we had some guest speakers such as Mr. Dino and Chris Harrell, from Friends First, who told us about digital footprints and how student are all welcome and wanted. Chris also taught us not to be bystanders, accomplices, or indifferent - to get involved and do what's right.

Around February we will have a second Skinner Cares Day. The purpose of the second one, Mr. Waldon stated, is to “dig a little deeper.” He continued to share that in both Skinner Cares Days, (more so the second one) we want to mix cultures because people need to learn how to work with everyone in order to be successful.

At the end of Skinner Cares Day students were joined to make a peace sign. The first time this had been done was made back in 2015.



Last Minute Costume Ideas

By: Jade DeCamillis & Lucy Earley

5 Bs

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Positive
- Be Peaceful
- Be Team-Oriented



AT SKINNER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sign-up today and join us for some after school fun! Providing snacks, academic support and activities such as: STEM Scouts, swimming, silk screening, and fingerboard club! If you have ideas for a class or club you would like, let us know. The Neighborhood Center is focused on helping scholars grow.

Scorpion Fact #26: Scorpions are adaptable; they're mostly known as desert dwellers.

If you're anything like us, you've been putting off Halloween costumes for months. But now it's too late, and you're at risk of going to that party you've been excited for without a cool costume. Got no money? Got no ideas? Here's some *Last Minute Costumes*. We've listed them from most complicated to just plain lazy.

- Feeling mischievous? Get a black-and-white striped shirt, some black pants, a pair of dark boots, and a black beanie. Wha-la, you're a robber! To add to the effect, find a black superhero mask you've had from last years and a pillow sack you've drawn a dollar sign on.
- Here's a classic: grab some face paint you have for some reason or an eyeliner pencil and draw a cat nose and whiskers on your face! Dress in all black (you definitely have some shirts from school) and top it all off with some cat ears. If you don't have one of those trendy cat ear headbands, grab a regular headband, cut some ears out of paper, and tape them on the top. Sure, it might look sloppy, but it's something!
- Get your favorite green tee (or dress, if you're feeling it) and attach some white or black pipe cleaners to it. You're a cactus!
- Polo shirt, khakis, fanny pack... You guessed it: become a tourist. Grab a polo shirt (hawaiian shirt will also do) and some khakis, then deck yourself out in souvenirs and sunglasses. Trusty fanny pack will add to the effect, and don't forget socks and sandals.
- Feeling lazy? Get some name tags from the dollar store and write random names on them. Stick them all over yourself. When people ask what you are, tell them you're an Identity Theft.
- You've seen it many-a-time on T.V. and were probably expecting it to be on this list: the classic bedsheet ghost.
- Feeling *extra* lazy? Find a plain white t-shirt (available in your school wardrobe) and write "error 404: costume not found". That's definitely going to get a few eyerolls.

History of North Denver By: Immanuel Johnson

On this issue's first edition of the "History of North Denver" we have Elitch Gardens a place that many go to have fun. Many people don't know that Elitch's was originally built as a zoo on May 1, 1890 which was the first zoo in America west of Chicago. This gave many people living people in Denver a unique chance to see exotic animals.

In 1904 Elitches opened their first roller coaster which was a simple figure 8 and in 1906 they built their carousel which is still in operation to this day in Burlington.

In 1916 Elitch's was bought by John Mulvihill with the agreement that the name could never be changed as rides began to be added in 1930 the zoo portion of the park was discontinued to make room for gardens and more rides. In 1930 Mulvihill died and gave control to his son in law, Arnold Gulner who in 1935 would give control to his sons.

In 1950 Elitches became the largest supplier of flowers in the country. In 1964 a roller coaster called "Mister Twister" was added which was rated as one of the top ten roller coasters in America until it stopped service in 1994 when Elitches moved to the new location where "Mister Twister 2" was built.

Then in 2006 Elitch's was bought by Premier Parks who bought six flags in 2007 renaming it to "Elitch Gardens."



source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elitch_Gardens



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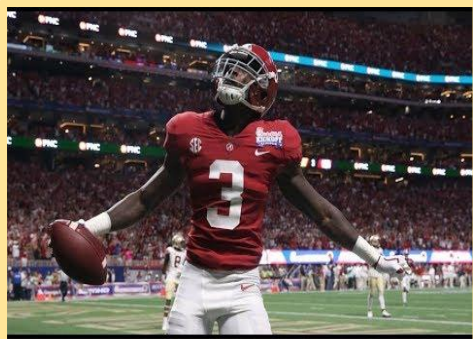
ALABAMA FOOTBALL CRIMSON TIDE

By: Lorenzo Guerra

Alabama won 30 conference titles.

They are the number 1 team. They have 878 official victories. They have played 1,100 games in there 114 seasons. Alabama met obama after winning the 2009 national championship. And made him a alabama football jersey with his last name on it. Alabama has a elephant mascot named Big Al. Alabama gots lots of good coaches, some of them won conference championships. Some are in the college football hall of fame. That's probably why Alabama is number one for college football. Oct 3 2017, Alabama is five and 0. (5 wins 0 losses). The 1925 Alabama college football team finished the season with the record 10-0-0. Not just today the alabama football team is good. Also back in the days like in the 18s-19s, They were also good. The crimson Tide has won 36 bowl games overall, including the cotton bowl on new year's eve. Do you know the meaning for Crimson Tide? In 1907 the Iron bowl played in Birmingham with auburn. The game was played is sea of red mud which stained the Alabama white jerseys crimson. In 2016 Alabama won the national championship.

This is it for now, Alabama is doing great in there football season. I hope I interested you in Alabama crimson tide football. And I hope you learned more about crimson tide football. See you till next time..



Who are the werewolves cousins?

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North High Homecoming

By: Cebastian Gomez

The North High Homecoming week is one of the biggest weeks in all of north's history. In the Homecoming week activities range from going to the parade, or participating in the north colors day. This year, in the north high parade, we had way too many floats! The floats ranged from the freshmen vikings boat (where they packed as many of the freshmen as they could onto the float) to the class of '44', and even the cheerleader masquerade float! This year, the community came together, and held all colors high and proud. There were many different elementary schools that were in the parade too, such as Sandoval, Brown, and even Valdez. There were also many different groups too, of the different classes back then. Such as the class of '55 and of '44. The parade was following JROTC, while they were marching in the front, while the football team was in the front, in a army truck. The cheerleaders took charge of the whole "Masquerade" theme, and built an entire float, wore masks, and did what they do best, cheer! The Skinner cheerleaders cheered with the parade too, and repped the skinner colors. On north colors day, North high school held a pep rally, and all students were decked out in purple and yellow. They had an assembly in the auditorium, were out of nowhere, they had an ice cream eating competition. Throughout all the chaos, North held its colors high and proud, and showed

what we can accomplish if the community comes together.



Scorpion Fact #31:

There are 1500-2000 types of scorpions in the world, with only 25 of those species being deadly to humans.



Mrs. Rodriguez: Spanish Teacher by Day and Pro Soccer Player by Night

By: Sara Hanks, Sonja Probst, and Elise Martinez

*T*oday we will be talking about our former spanish teacher. We interviewed Ms. Rodriguez and received many important and interesting details about her teaching life and her professional soccer career. Ms. Rodriguez is a fun, loving, and dedicated Spanish teacher who puts in a lot of effort and time to help her students grow and thrive in her class. She pushes them to their limits and makes sure that they are learning something new that will help the students later in life. Not only is Ms. Rodriguez someone who is diligent for her first job, she has a second profession that she puts just as much effort and time as she does with teaching Spanish.

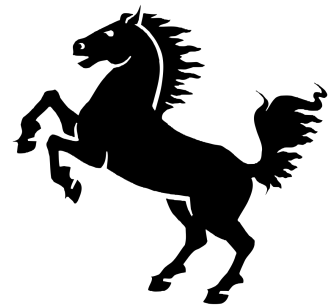
Learning More About Ms. Rodriguez One Goal At A Time.

Ms. Rodriguez, the former Spanish teacher for Skinner Middle School and soccer player has advanced to playing pro for Puerto Rico. "When I was little I wanted to play for U.S.A. national team because those were the players I grew up watching," stated Ms. Rodriguez, instead of being on the U.S. national team, but qualified for the national Puerto Rico team. Now, she is training with people she played with since she was younger and she stated, " The other best part about going back is seeing my teammates. They have been some of my best friends and supports since I was 15 years old and it's so great being able to see them again." Ms. Rodriguez has been working her butt off, practicing with multiple teams along with continuing to teach Spanish at Castle View High School. Although Ms. Rodriguez is no longer at Skinner Middle School, we are glad she has moved on with her career.



What did Betty the Horse go as on Halloween?

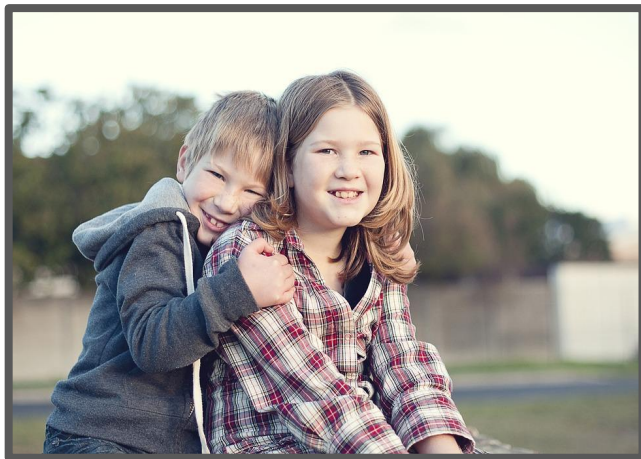
A nightmare



Scorpion Fact #27:
Scorpions have been around for over 400 million years.

Ways Your Siblings Shape You

By: Adan, Marissa, Isabella, and Lia



Your siblings shape you in many ways for example, Tom pushes his sister and brady will wrestle with his brother over a pizza and starts an argument. These siblings will strengthen each other.

What is good about having siblings according to Health Magazine, “They're your earliest teachers and that siblings also help each other learn how to navigate social situations” also that Health Magazine says “they can boost your happiness, too, conflict-free relationship with your siblings is a very good thing. Close sibling connections are frequently associated with lower levels of loneliness and depression, and higher levels of self-esteem” Also that If you are an only child, you probably get your own way a lot. If you have siblings, it is the constant fighting of your own desires because if one siblings whats to go to the mall and one sibling wants to go get ice cream there will be a lot of arguing and or fighting so siblings can toughen each other up.we interviewed people and they said that there “my siblings help me in tough life situations”

But close relationships with siblings help you deal with tough life events. Not only does having a sibling in your life help you deal with stressful life events as a child, the benefits continue into adulthood. “When my brother was small he would like to go play outside, and he was in a abandoned building that was on fire and my older sister noticed him and pulled him and saved his life” said by Marissa martinez.

Siblings can be good in many ways **BUT.....** other times they could be really mean for example they are, a pain, annoying, and aggressive. Interviewing different student gave us the idea of how older siblings treat younger siblings. A 6th grader Grace (not her real name)she said “”They draw on my face when i’m sleeping.”’also a quote from 7th grader named Beau “my sister punches me” #justbecause. From these quotes from different students it shows that some siblings can be a pain, and rude.

There are pros and cons of having siblings but no madder what you always love them, and They will always be there for you even if they could be mean to you sometimes.

How to solve a Sudoku

Well let’s start with the rules

1. You can not put the same number in the same square, in the same column and row.
2. So each square there’s different numbers 1 to 9 if you get the numbers in different squares you win and you have to use your knowledge and skill of sight to win the game.
3. If you get one wrong your timer will go up and yes you have a timer, your goal is to solve it as fast as you can, so if you have a skill for being quick if not you should work on that.

Scorpion Fact #41:
Scorpions can go
months without food

Wendy's Comebacks

By: Finnegan Marshall

Wendy's is currently roasting (making comebacks) to people on Twitter and they are getting a lot of coverage, shown by various big news companies covering it on their websites or their shows.

Most likely Wendy's is doing this to get more customers. Currently, their plan is working and not only are they getting more customers, they are also becoming a huge trend. The roasting started happening this last spring and summer.



Many YouTubers are creating videos on this topic and it is becoming even more popular. The roasting is an uncommon way to get more customers, but that is probably why Wendy's is getting so much attention.

Since 2008, Wendy's stock is now at a record high and in all time it is at the 10th highest it has ever been. The person behind this form of marketing is Amy Brown, who has been the social media director of Wendy's since 2012.

Some of the roasts are actually mean, but some of the others are just funny. People have also been tweeting Wendy's "@Wendys roast me" and in response, Wendy's will usually roast them based on their profile photo or how many followers they have.

One person wrote "@Wendys Help me with my homework and I'll go to Wendy's not Jack in the box". He then posted a picture of his homework and Wendy's actually did it for him.

Overall these roasts are not only funny, but a great help to get customers.

Halloween Word Search

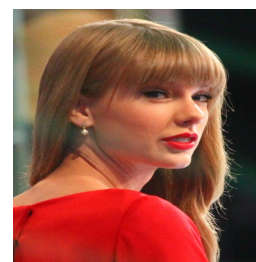
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Scorpion Fact #985: Scorpions are so aggressive they will sting themselves to death

Why didn't the vampire attack Taylor Swift?

Because she had bad Blood!



HORROR MOVIES

By: Sherlyn and Farhiya

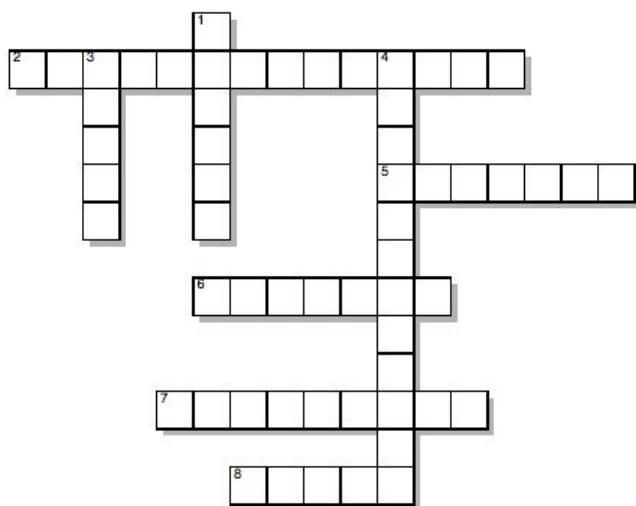
Annabelle. John Form thinks he's found the perfect gift for his expectant wife, Mia : a vintage doll in a beautiful white dress. However, the couple's delight doesn't last long: One terrible night, devil worshippers invade their home and launch a violent attack against the couple. When the cultists try to summon a demon, they smear a bloody rune on the nursery wall and drip blood on Mia's doll, thereby turning the former object of beauty into a conduit for ultimate evil.



IT. Seven young outcasts in Derry, Maine, are about to face their worst nightmare -- an ancient, shape-shifting evil that emerges from the sewer every 27 years to prey on the town's children. Banding together over the course of one horrifying summer, the friends must overcome their own personal fears to battle the murderous, bloodthirsty clown known as Pennywise.



Halloween Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2 I shine bright through a hallowed out pumpkin
- 5 You dress up in a _____ on halloween
- 6 "I want to suck your blood"
- 7 Holiday you go trick-or-treating on
- 8 "BOO!!!"

DOWN

- 1 "BRAINS, BRAINS!!!"
- 3 Sweet treat
- 4 You say this when someone comes to the door



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- **Scorpion Fact #21:** The largest scorpion is the Emperor Scorpion, as long as long as 8 inches long.



You Will LOVE This Halloween Cooking

Halloween Cake Pops

**By: Orlando Forsythe, Jr.
And Cole Coronado**

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package chocolate cake mix (regular size)
- 3/4 cup dulce de leche
- to 8 lollipop sticks
- 2-1/2 pounds milk chocolate candy coating, coarsely chopped
- Chopped cashews



DIRECTIONS

1. Prepare and bake cake mix according to package directions, using a greased 13-in. x 9-in. baking pan. Cool completely on a wire rack.
2. Crumble cake into a large bowl. Add dulce de leche and mix well. Shape into 1-in. balls. Place on baking sheets; insert sticks. Freeze for at least 2 hours or refrigerate for at least 3 hours or until cake balls are firm.
3. In a microwave, melt candy coating. Dip each cake ball in coating; allow excess to drip off. Coat with cashews. Insert cake pops into a styrofoam block to stand. Let stand until set. Yield: 4 dozen.

Credit to Taste of Home and Food.com



Delores

By: Jade Camillis

Empowering, inspiring, and eye

opening are all words to describe Dolores Huerta and the movie about her, *Dolores*. Over the weekend of October 1, I saw the movie *Dolores* with Skinner's LSA group (Latino Student Alliance) and there are so many amazing things I can say about this movie.

Now you may be asking, Who's Dolores? Dolores is so many things to so many people, but a simple summary is that Dolores Huerta is an American labor leader and civil rights activist. She is the co-founder of the National Farmworkers Association which later became United Farm Workers.

I'm guessing you know who Cesar Chavez is, well you probably didn't know that Dolores and Cesar were actually friends and they co-founded the United Farm Workers. Dolores was a hard worker, who made many sacrifices, and Cesar Chavez actually approached her to form a union for the farm workers.

She is still fighting against injustice to this day and has formed the Dolores Huerta Foundation to create healthy communities dedicated to change.

Riddles

Q - What do you call an amish guy with his hand in a horse's mouth?

A - A machanic

Q - How far can a fox run into a grove?

A - Only half-way because then it's running out.

Q - I travel all over the world, but only stay in my corner. What am I?

A - A stamp.

Q - With pointed fangs I sit and wait; with piercing force I crunch out fate; grabbing victims, proclaiming might; physically joining with a single bite. What am I?

A - A stapler.

Q - What coat is always wet when you put it on?

A - A coat of paint.

Q - What has 13 hearts but no other organs?

A - A deck of playing cards.

Q - Why was the chef embarrassed?

A - Because he saw the salad dressing.

Q - What do you break before you use it?

A - An egg.

Q - A man rode into town on Tuesday, and left 2 days later on Tuesday. How so?

A - His horse is named Tuesday.

Q - Why is A most like a flower?

A - Because the B is after it.

Why is your boss like a demon?

They are always ready to fire you!



Questions You Could Ask To Get To Know Someone

It is the beginning of the school year and you are probably going to meet some new people so here are some questions that you can ask to get to know somebody better.

1. If you didn't have to sleep, what would you do with the extra time?
2. What's your favorite piece of clothing you own / owned?
3. What hobby would you get into if time and money weren't an issue?
4. What would your perfect room look like?
5. How often do you play sports?
6. What fictional place would you most like to go?
7. What job would you be terrible at?
9. If you could turn any activity into an Olympic sport, what would you have a good chance at winning medal for?
10. What is the most annoying habit that other people have?
11. What job do you think you'd be really good at?
13. What would be the most amazing adventure to go on?
14. If you had unlimited funds to build a house that you would live in for the rest of your life, what would the finished house be like?

Work Cited: <https://conversationstartersworld.com/questions-to-get-to-know-someone/>

The Game of Football

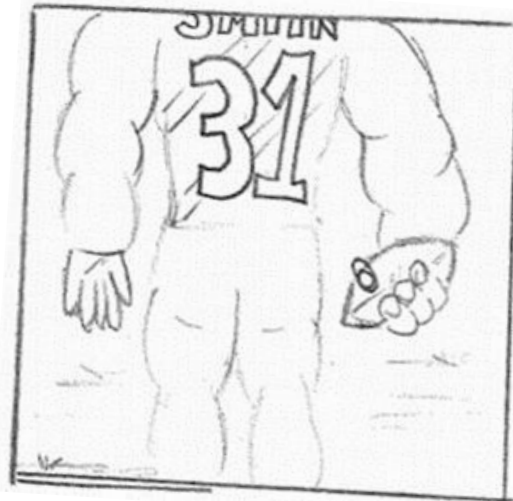
By Roman Ramirez

If you're wondering how to play football, and even if you're not, here are some tips. Football is much more than a simple game, in fact, football needs special equipment. To start off the game is played with a ball known as a football of which the sport is named. Players also have helmets to protect them from injuring themselves, they also have uniforms as well.

In addition to specialized equipment, football has a lot of different people who make up the team: you have the players; the players also have coaches to tell them the plays; there are doctors in case they get hurt; and mascots also play a major part in football as they are the teams' symbols.

The teams themselves have various positions starting with the most important man on the team - the quarterback. The quarterback must throw the ball to an open man; if no one is open, he will hand the ball to the running back or run the ball himself. Other positions in the offense include the already mentioned running back, the wide receivers, the center, the tight end, and the punter. On the defense side there are other positions including the linebackers and the covers.

Now that you've heard all of the things that make up the football team, let's play a "pretend game" to demonstrate how football works.



Broncos vs the Patriots! Both teams have their star players. Looking at the Broncos we see Von Miller, Demaryius Thomas, and Emmanuel Sanders. The Patriots have their favorites, too, but the players they have aren't as popular like Tom Brady.

Here's the punter for the Patriots: Fred West kicking the ball off and who's going to receive the ball? Oh my goodness! It's Swigilehip Smith! Now here he goes! Look at him go! Nobody can catch him! And he's over for a touchdown! The coach taking Smith out of the game he's not taking any chances with his star player.

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The Game of Football

Back to the Broncos who kick for the extra point and it's good! Now the Broncos punter George Geef kicks off to the Patriots. Who has the ball? Why it's Steve Walker! He catches it, but it's fumbled and the Broncos have it again!

The quarterback for the Broncos, Johnny Eyeball, throws the ball and Henry Hannah catches it! Hannahs running it like a rocket! And he's over for a touchdown! What a play! The extra point is kicked and it's good!

Now the kickoff and let's see who's got the ball now? Why it's Eddie Gracey! He's running it but oh my goodness!!! He is tackled hard!

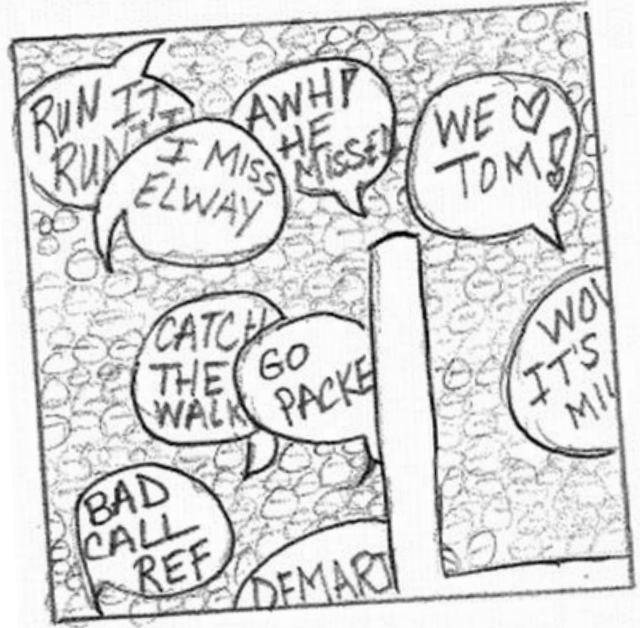
The Patriots quarterback Ben Williams tries to throw the ball, but look at this! He is dancing in the middle of the field! What a dumb quarterback! He is completely sacked!

The Patriots line up on the field and backup quarterback Randy Kinney throws the ball to Larry Berg who catches it, but oh how terrible! I can't look! I'm going to replay that through a fan's point of view.

Cut to player running and then to screams. Yeoww! Ooff! Auughhhhhhh!

Now cut to announcer again. Well, ladies and gentlemen as you saw a moment ago Larry Berg has been tackled and is flat as a pancake. He's being taken out of the game and now the Patriots are on 3rd down.

Kinney looks nervous but he's getting ready to hike it though. "Hike!" now here he goes! He throws the ball, but it's intercepted by Randy Fraser and look, he's running it down the field and he's over the plane for a touchdown! Blam! And there's the gun ending the half!



During the half players are allowed to rest as the head coach attempts to motivate the teams. Here's the Broncos coach motivating his team. "Cmon all we need is to keep showing that we're better than them! Now get out there and fight!"

The players are back on the field and the Broncos kick off to the Patriots. Gracey catches the ball and he is tackled right at his end zone and that's a safety. The referees are getting on the field all of the sudden and they are letting the Broncos keep the ball. Look! The coach is sending Swiglehip Smith back into the game! Eyeball hands the ball to Smith and look at him go! They can't get him! And he's over for a touchdown! Blam! ...

Football is one of the BEST games in America!