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**A Siuslaw High sophomore discovers fresh raccoon tracks along "Viking Creek."**

**Creek** from 1B

The students also observed the flora and fauna.

Castro-Brandt said, "The students finalized the project with a formal lab report, a presentation, and formal scientific inquiry synopsis. We are hoping that it leads to a long-term partnership with LCC and the city as an urban habitat restoration project."

**View** from 1B

I'm not going to get into the specifics, but they took some liberties with the timeline and they foisted a few of the urban legends on him that weren't true (like the Yankees wore pinstripes because he was fat).

So after the movie, using the wonders of the web, I showed my nephew what the real Babe looked like.

"He's not fat, he's just really big!" Exactly. Now watch the guy hit. He may not have hit .390 today or 61 homers every year, but trust me, Babe Ruth would very much be an All-Star in today's game as well.

"Space Jam" is another relic of the '90s. I didn't watch the whole thing, but the parts I did catch made me happy that they will get to know Bill Murray more than anything. Bugs Bunny and the rest of the Looney Toons crew definitely had lost their touch by this time, but they still were getting laughs.

The one thing I wanted to emphasize to the kids was that no matter what anybody said about Oscar

Robertson or Wilt Chamberlain or Kobe or LeBron James, the person they were watching struggle through each of his lines was the greatest basketball player of all-time.

To say that Michael Jordan dominated his era is indisputable. But what sets him apart from all the other all-time greats is the fact that he played with a style that nobody could really duplicate — or at least has not since. There have been great players to be sure, but not like Mike.

Trying to explain this to my nephew sounded a little like this: "You know how when guys dunk, they jump up in the air and fly to the basket? Well, when Jordan jumped up in the air, he flew around for a while like those trick planes you saw at the air show, then he would veer left and alternate his trajectory and vectors and stuff, and then he would dunk. No question, he was the best."

"I have a question," said one.

"What's that?"

"What's a trajectory?"

That's a good question. It's always good to take a look back.

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