



The Crusade

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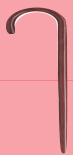
December 2019

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **1st Semester Exams**
Tuesday-Wednesday,
December 11-12
- ▶ **Christmas Parties/
End of 1st Semester**
Friday, December 13
- ▶ **Christmas Break**
December 16 - January 3
- ▶ **Return to School**
Monday, January 6
- ▶ **Griffith Observatory
Field Trip (7th-12th)**
Tuesday, January 14

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IN THE MOOD FOR FOOD: CHRISTMAS

For this month's newspaper we will be talking about traditional Christmas foods around the world. But first, we have got to begin with our specialty here in the U.S.-the all-American apple pie. This sweet treat is a national institution. Forget



people who say pecan pie or key lime pie is better, because they are lying. The simple combination of sugar, buttery pastry, and tart sliced apples produces a dessert so extraordinary people have devoted their entire lives perfecting it.

Now, moving on to other parts of the world. Mexican food choices are favorites at any time of the year. Some dishes are identified as a traditional Christmas food such as tamales, rosca de reyes and chocolate caliente (hot chocolate for the non-Spanish speakers.)

Chinese traditional Christmas food includes western traditional turkey or ham with pork soup and some chicken dumplings.

Australian traditional Christmas food to me is quite interesting. They have prawns. Prawns are giant shrimp soaked in tomato sauce, and added to that dish is some smoked ham on the side with spaghetti. Weird, right?

Italian traditional Christmas food is just purely seafood. They serve dry codfish and eel with their dessert being Panettone bread.

A traditional English or British Christmas dinner includes: roast turkey or goose, brussel sprouts, and bacon in cranberry sauce.

These are a few of the many different traditional Christmas foods that are out there. Hopefully you all enjoy Christmas with family and friends eating your delicious dinners, because there is only one thing that will not be eating on Christmas Eve; It will be the turkey, because it will already be stuffed 😊 Stay hungry kids!

Where to enjoy Christmas this year

While southern California does not have much snow and cold that ushers in the Christmas spirit for most of the United States, there are still tons of great event and activities that allow you to still enjoy Christmas. Here are some three popular places people visit during this time of year:

Ice Skating at Pershing Square in Los Angeles – this large rink right in the center of Los Angeles is a great place to hang out with friends and family. It does give off snowy vibe. Don't invite somebody who has absolute zero ability to skate.

Disneyland – Disneyland is a fun place to spend time with family. This area is full of Christmas spirit. From having Mickey Mouse and his friend skipping around in their Christmas costumes to receiving scrumptious winter meals, you will have a wonderful day there.

Chill at the Queen Mary (also called Queen Mary 2019)- Each year there are different themes (like Alice in the Wonderland 2015) for Queen Mary. This year will include 80-foot Christmas tree, an ice rink, a Gingerbread Village, carolers, lights shows and of course, a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus. It's a perfect place if you intend to bright up a gloomy person!

Naples, Long Beach– Naples is an option for those who choose not to spend their money. If anyone out there likes looking at nicely decorated homes for the holidays this is your place. This is a public place, so you can even bring your dogs for a walk. Lots and lots of cheery Holiday sightseers will be enjoying the sights and sounds of the canals, so small groups will be better. The houses need you to admire their decorations!



The Candy Cane

Nobody actually knows the real origin of the candy cane, but the one story I like says that the candy cane was created by an unknown church choirmaster who wanted to solve the problem of noisy children interrupting the songs. He created a candy that would catch the attention of children, and would also represent the birth of Jesus. The candy was in the shape of a "J" as in Jesus' name, and had red stripes that were symbolic of his blood. At first the candies were only used in his church, but as its popularity increased the tradition of the candy cane was born. The lovely candy created by a choirmaster in the middle of Germany became a worldwide loved tradition.



What sport do you think of when you looking ball? If you thought football, you're to describe rugby.

Now, there are two types of rugby: rugby union and rugby league. The main differences between the two are the number of players on each team, the amount of points scored, the amount of tackles, and other small factors. Other than that, they are quite similar.

If you watched an ordinary rugby union game on TV, the announcer would most likely have an Australian accent, and at a glance it would definitely look like a football game. Allow me to describe what could happen in a rugby game. Picture thirty men, because each team consists of fifteen players, on a field that is 115 yards by 75 yards. The ball is passed backward to a teammate, who then attempts to run the ball down the field to score, but is tackled by an opponent, which causes the ball to be dropped on the ground. But the ball is picked up by another teammate and is backward passed to another teammate. Notice that the ball is still in play and not considered "dead" like it would have been in football. Anyway, the ball is still in play and passed backward, like always, to another teammate, but the pass was unexpectedly intercepted by an opponent, who then runs the ball across the field dodging his opponents and scores a touchdown or "try."

To summarize everything, the objective of rugby is to score more points than your opponents in the eighty minutes provided for a match. In order to score points, the ball must be taken across to the other side of the field and placed in the opponent's dead ball area behind the goal. The ball can be passed or thrown to teammates, but it cannot be passed forward. The ball can only be passed backward or to the side. If the ball is passed forward, then this will result in the ball being in the other team's possession. In some plays, the ball will come in contact with the ground. If this happens the ball will not be dead. So unlike in football, if the ball touches the ground the ball is not dead.

In England, rugby was believed to have been created by William Webb Ellis in 1823. If you are wondering why rugby seems a lot like football, it's because football is based on rugby. Football is a modified version of rugby. Rugby has some characteristics of football but minor differences. One difference in rugby is that there are no shoulder pads, helmets, or any type of protective gear. This means the chances of you getting hurt are very high, but the chances of getting hurt are always high when you're playing a sport (except maybe ping pong).

In my honest opinion, this sport is fun to watch, and think I would want to play it. Although this sport is pretty dangerous because you have no protective gear, I do believe it would be exciting to play.



RUDOLPH
TREE
GINGERBREAD
BELLS
WREATH
ORNAMENTS
CANDYCANE
JOY

WORD SEARCH

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UNCLE SAM'S PATRIARTICLE: DAVE ROEVER

Dave Roever is a pastor's son that originally had no intention of going into the military. He was overweight and no one in his family had ever served before. Dave went to the joined even though he had a home, wife, and a normal life. At 20 years old, he left his wife at home to go into the Navy. After 8 months overseas, he sustained his first 2 injuries. While he was fighting in Vietnam, he was about to throw a "white phosphorus" grenade when he was shot around the shoulder. He was wounded so badly that he thought he was shot by a rocket. But after he was shot, the white phosphorus grenade blew up 6 inches from his ear. He looked down and saw more than half of his face on his boots. Somehow he lived through this part. But the thing about white phosphorus is that it burns, and keeps burning. The good thing was that the burns cauterized the wound from the sniper bullet. He rolled into the river he was next to, but kept burning in the water. Somehow he was still conscious and swam over to the edge of the river where people were coming to rescue him. But while he was on the stretcher, he was still burning, and burned through the stretcher. They eventually got him out of there. White phosphorus needs air to ignite; so two weeks after his injuries, they opened him up to do a surgery. The white phosphorus fragments went so fast into his body that it didn't have time to ignite. So when they cut him open, the white phosphorus was able to ignite; it exploded in his body and caught the operating room on fire.

They finished the operations and flew him to Japan where he would meet his wife. But he was nervous because he didn't really have a face anymore and wasn't sure if she would still love him so he tried to take his own life by pulling the tubes that were keeping him alive. But God gave him hunger pains so he put them back and asked the nurse for food! His wife walked in and gave him a kiss on the part of his face he still had; she said that she would still love him forever and welcomed him home.

Today he is still alive at 73 years old, is a motivational speaker. He also is the founder, president, and chairman of two non-profit corporations.

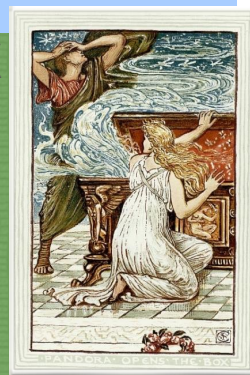
MYTH BUSTERS: PANDORA'S BOX

(Note: All the stories, myths, and characters that will be mentioned are completely FICTIONAL. None of them actually happened.)

Have you ever heard of the saying, "Curiosity killed the cat"? If you haven't, it basically means don't do stupid things even if you're curious about the result. Poor Pandora learned this lesson the hard way. No, I'm not talking about the jewelry store. This is the story of Pandora's Box.

Pandora was the first woman on earth. She was a girl that was created by the Greek gods, and each god gave the girl a gift. They also gave Pandora a box, warning her to never open it. The gods never told her what was in the strange box, and Pandora started to become very interested in this peculiar gift. She couldn't stop thinking about it. Eventually, her curiosity won out and she opened the box. What came out of the box is something I could never describe. All the evils and illnesses of the world came out of the box. Pandora was terrified, and she tried to close the box. But by then it was too late.

We know this isn't how sin came into the world, but Pandora's situation was very similar to Adam and Eve's. They both were told to not break a certain rule, and they knew there would be consequences. But they broke the rule anyway. Our parents and authority give us rules we need to follow. We may not want to obey them, but we should. We have rules to protect us and help us avoid making big mistakes. Deuteronomy 11:27 says, "A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day." God has rules for us too, and wants us to obey him. Not because he hates us, but because he loves us and wants what's best for us.



GUESS WHAT

- The first computer was made in what year?
A.1930 B.1940 C.1950 D.1960
- How many football fields long is the longest wedding veil?
A.22.5 B.37.2 C.58.9 D.63.5
- What mythical animal is the national animal of Scotland?
A.Phoenix B.basilisk C.unicorn D.two-headed eagle
- How many questions a day do kids ask on average?
A.100 B.200 C.300 D.400
- What is the most common letter in the English language?
A.e B.c D.o D.a



Dear Abigail,
What should I do when my friends want me to gossip about another person?

Sincerely, worried friend

Dear worried friend,

This is such a great question because everyone has gone through peer pressure before. It is something we all face. When your friends are pressuring you to do stuff that you know is wrong, make sure to stand up for the right thing, and remember that God is on your side. The people you hang out with will influence you and will help make the decisions you're going to make in life, so that's why it is very important to choose the right friends. While you're going through this situation make sure to pray to God and ask God for the wisdom to do the right thing. Make sure to confront your friends about how you don't think gossiping is right, and if they don't care, it's time for you to get better friends.

Random Facts

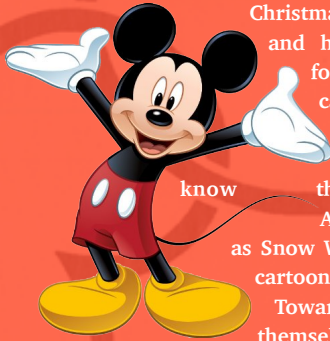
- Rudolph's red nose is probably the result of a parasitic infection of his respiratory system.
- In the Netherlands, Sinterklaas (the Dutch version of Santa Claus) arrives from Spain, not from the North Pole.
- Santa stretches time like a rubber band, in order to deliver all the gifts in one night.
- The first artificial Christmas Tree was created out of goose feathers that were dyed green.
- Iceland has 13 Santas and an old lady who kidnaps children.
- Each year more than 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the U.S. alone.
- Christmas trees have been sold in the U.S. since 1850.
- Christmas trees usually grow for about 15 years before they are sold
- Alabama was the first state in the United States to officially recognize Christmas in 1836

Crusader Quips

- What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?
It's Christmas, Eve!
- I love when candy canes are in mint condition.
- Did you know that the Christmas tree trend started because people thought it would spruce things up a bit?
- If you're lucky this Christmas, Santa Claus will grace you with his presents.
- How do the elves clean Santa's sleigh on the day after Christmas?
They use Santa-tizer!
- What does Rudolph do when Santa drives too fast?
Holds on for dear life.
- What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
Ice crispies.
- What did Santa say when someone inquired if one of his workshops was available to rent?
For lease, Navidad!

WALT DISNEY

Walter Elias Disney, also known as Walt Disney, was born on December 5, 1901 to Elias Disney in the city of Chicago. As a boy he was always interested in drawing and took lessons, while drawing cartoons for his school newspaper. When he turned eighteen, he got a job drawing cartoons for a small-time newspaper route. As Christmas of 1920 approached, he was laid off from his job and had to make his own cartoons for a living. After founding the Walt Disney cartoon studio, he hired many cartoonists to help him with his productions.



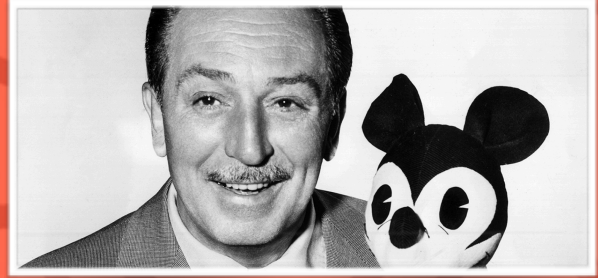
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When creating characters, he decided to make the famous Mickey Mouse (which was strange considering he was afraid of mice). He built much of his comics around this little mouse and his many adventures. Little did he that this mouse would bring him much fame and fortune.

At the beginning of World War II Walt Disney focused more of his work on animated movies and other stories such as Snow White and Bambi. This was the golden age of Disney cartoons. During this time he came out with hundreds of cartoons and movies, some of which we enjoy today.

Towards the end of his life, in 1955, Walt Disney wanted to create a place where children and adults could enjoy themselves. Adding a collection of ideas together, he created a park full of rides and attractions from which everyone would be entertained. He called this place Disneyland.

On December 15, 1966 Walt Disney died of lung cancer due to his smoking habits. Even after his life had ended, people still enjoy his movies and attractions. The world will never forget the young artist known as Walt Disney.



The Riddler

1. What gets wet while drying?
2. What can go up a chimney down, but can't go down a chimney up?
3. What has a neck but no head.
4. What needs an answer but doesn't ask a question?
5. What is as light as a feather but even the strongest man in the world can't hold it for long?
6. Forward I am heavy, but backward I am not. What am I?
7. Poor people have it. Rich people need it. If you eat it you die. What is it?

CRUSADER SPIRIT DAYS

Bible Character Day

Friday, December 13

- Students may come to school dressed as their favorite Bible character.
- Best dressed winners will be awarded a hot chocolate kit.



Buckle up ladies and gentlemen
because I believe it is dolphin time.

Tech Talk: Dolphin Jetpack

Do you ever find yourself saying "Man, I sure wish I could swim like a dolphin"? Well I am here to say that the wait is finally over because with the dolphin jetpack all your wildest dreams can finally come true! Or at least the ones involving swimming like a dolphin. This board appropriately titled the "Fly Board" allows you to flip, hover, and blast your way through the ocean. It uses a system of water jets attached to your feet on the deck and includes hand stabilizers that go on your hands that blast mini streams of water. The way it feeds water into the system is by a hose that goes in the ocean. It is said to be able to climb over 30ft above the ocean.



"That's awesome"

- Ruby Quintana

Pros: This is likely to cause you endless fun and lots of entertainment. You pretty much can't run out of fuel. You have a pretty big playground.



Cons: It is kind of dangerous if you don't know what you are doing. You have to check your local laws to see if you can use it. The price is exorbitant.

Verdict: Suffice it to say that I can't speak for everyone, but for me personally I would definitely want to try this out if I had the money. It really is just personal preference, but I would say to wait until summer.

Crusader Athletics

Friday, 12/6- **Montecito @ GBCS** (Varsity Basketball)
Monday, 12/9- **Pacific @ GBCS** (Volleyball & Basketball)
Monday, 1/6- **GBCS @ 1st Baptist** (Varsity Basketball)
Tuesday, 1/7- **GBCS @ Faith** (Varsity Basketball)
Friday, 1/10- **GBCS @ Lighthouse** (Varsity Basketball)



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1. A towel
2. An umbrella
3. A bottle
4. A telephone
5. Your breath
6. A ton
7. Nothing