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The Decline of Newspapers in the US

Newspaper circulation has continued to decline throughout the years. Reports state that newspaper sales in the summer and spring have been decreasing about 5% each year. This decline has caused serious financial strain in some newspaper companies. The decline of newspapers in the US is attributed to the decrease in readership of newspapers across the country. This decline is also prompted by the change in readership as people more commonly turn to the internet and technology devices to access free news and information. Many companies are adopting online advertisements since they are cheaper considering their global coverage and their interactivity. This has resulted in the newspaper industry experiencing a 44% decrease in advertising revenue.

By Nilah

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The History of the New Year's Ball Drop

The first ball drop was in 1907 in Times Square, one second after midnight! In the beginning, the ball was originally made from iron, 25 light bulbs and wood. Now after being remade seven times, it now weighs 11,875 pounds (about twice the weight of an elephant). Before the ball dropped in Times Square, people would gather at a church to ring bells. Before the 1900s, people would also celebrate by gathering at Trinity Church in Manhattan. When the clock struck midnight the bells would chime. The ball drop has become a signal that the clock has struck midnight on the first day of the New Year. Happy New Year!

By Lunar

The History of Valentine's Day

Valentine's day, also called Saint Valentine's Day, is known as the day of love and is on February 14. Valentine's Day is a holiday when lovers express their affection with greetings and gifts. Pope Gelasius, technically invented Valentine's Day in AD 496 when he established The Feast of Saint Valentine. King Henry VII of England declared St. Valentine's Day a holiday in 1537. The first box of chocolates made for Valentine's Day was made by Richard Cadbury in the 1800's. It is believed that the tradition of giving red roses for Valentine's Day has to do with the Greek Mythology goddess Aphrodite. Aphrodite is the goddess of love and beauty. In Roman Mythology, Venus is the goddess of love. Who is your Valentine?

Did you know that Valentine's Day is the second most popular day for giving greeting cards? Why is the color red the symbol of Valentine's Day? Red is the color of blood. It was once believed that the heart (the body's organ that pumps the blood) is the part of the body where your feelings come from.

By Anyla

Toothache Day

February 9th is Toothache Day. Why is this a holiday? I have no idea what that means or what you would do on this holiday. So, I'm going to research Toothache Day. Toothache Day is a reminder that helps oral hygiene. Yeah, so that's basically it there is nothing else about Toothache Day no one even knows when it started. Toothaches are the pain generated from either one or more teeth. Dentistry is an old medical job with evidence found in 7000 BC. So yeah, try not to hurt your teeth on Toothache Day!

By Quincy

The Real Truth about Sea Quest

Many of you have probably seen SeaQuest at Trumbull mall but have any of you seen the inside? My grandma and I recently went undercover to assist PETA, "People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals" to find out about the backstory of SeaQuest. SeaQuest promotes itself as a, "land-and-sea adventure". SeaQuest says that they are committed to protecting our oceans and wildlife worldwide. They say they educate guest on, "how to find solutions to our number one priority, our quest for conservation."

Nothing can be further from the truth! They say they care a great deal about the environment and the animals that call it home. We were given a behind-the-scenes tour by two of the managers. They walked us through and told us of the many animal interactions for our "birthday party" we told them we were planning. All we saw were sad eyes of animals kept in tiny, dirty, smelly tanks and cages. If you have ever been to a mudflat on the ocean at low tide this is what it smelled like.

SeaQuest is a chain of direct contact, shopping mall aquariums that confine wild animals in horrible conditions for stressful encounters with humans. Wild animals do not want to interact with humans and it is stressful for them and dangerous for everyone involved. Even worse, most SeaQuest staff members are not trained to handle wildlife appropriately. SeaQuest knows all these things as there have been many injuries to visitors and staff in many of its locations across the country. But the company still has not closed its doors. The company is all about the money and not the animals. Some of the injuries at Trumbull include: a pig biting a customer's finger, a kinkajou scratched a child's face while jumping for a bowl of food, and an otter bit two children.

SeaQuest sells itself as a safe, family friendly business while encouraging customers to interact directly with wild animals. These animals can behave unpredictably and can potentially be carrying dangerous diseases that humans can catch. Is paying to see an animal suffering in a tiny filthy cage worth its life and possibly yours? I think not! "Animals are not ours to experiment on, eat, wear, use for entertainment or abuse in any other way". We are all animals!

By Ana



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Black History Month

The month of February is Black History Month. Why is it important that we celebrate Black History Month? Because our country has had issues with racism. Slavery and segregation are two examples of this, but, unfortunately, discrimination still goes on today. Celebrating this holiday is especially important. In January we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Day. He was a very famous civil rights activist. Unfortunately, he was shot while standing on a balcony of a hotel. Dr. Martin Luther King inspired people to stand up against racism. I wish he was still alive today because, sadly, we are still not equal. So, I hope this article will help you understand the importance of celebrating Black History Month.

By Quincy



Who is Cupid?

Cupid is the Roman God of Love, the son of Mercury, the winged messenger of the gods, and Venus the God of Love. He often appeared as a winged infant carrying a bow and a quiver of arrows whose wounds inspired love or passion in his every victim. In some stories, Cupid is portrayed as callous and careless, but he is generally viewed positively. Although he was generally good, he was sometimes mischievous. Mostly because of his mother's requests. In one story, her intentions backfired when she used Cupid in revenge on the mortal Psyche, only to have Cupid fall in love and succeed in making Psyche his immortal wife.

By Maya



A Royal Valentines

The roses are in a pile in the back of the room, withered and forgotten. The store-bought love notes stacked next to them. Meaningless tokens of so called "love" surround me. My mother is gushing over them, saying that I'm so lucky to be so loved. I should be celebrating yet another year of success with her, but I can't bring myself to. How can I be happy over something I know has no meaning? Every year I receive mountains of cards and flowers and various chocolates. I know that it's not heartfelt. I know they're just after the power I hold over the kingdom. What better to become princess than win the heart of the prince? But I have accepted my fate. I know one day I must marry, even if the person has no intention of getting to know me. Though every year, I still have a small slither of hope, a dream. A dream that maybe I'll meet someone that isn't after my power. Someone that actually talks to me, gets to know me, likes me. And yes, it is childish and foolish to hope for such romance, knowing where I stand in the kingdom, but it's better to hope for something more than stay stuck in the bleak life I've succumbed to. So I'll hold on to the hope I've gathered, and maybe the dream I've had for so long will finally become reality.

By Zoya

THE FEBRUARY QUOTE

"May happiness and favor look for you in this new month, and may you find peace. Happy new month to you!"

-Unknown

By Dallas



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The Life of Ms. Riddick

Question: When you were a kid, what job did you want?
Answer: I wanted to be a sports doctor. I wanted to help with sports injuries. But then I realized that I had to go to college for a long time.

Question: How many years have you been a PE teacher?
Answer: I have been a physical educator for fifteen years.

Question: What is your favorite game that we (the students) play?
Answer: My favorite game is capture the flag because it requires the students to work together, strategize and communicate.

Question: What do you like best about being a PE teacher?
Answer: I love teaching life skills through sports. Teamwork, patience, discipline, respect, regulating emotions and leadership skills are just to name a few.

Question: What are your top three favorite sports?
Answer: Growing up I played volleyball, basketball, tennis, and track and field. So, my number one is volleyball, next is basketball, and I don't really have a third favorite sport.

By Aly and Kayden



The Ruined Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a day of love and joy, but there was one valentine's day long ago that was not that pretty.

One year on Valentine's Day a long time ago, there was a family of two women. One was a mother named Jessie, and one was her blonde-haired 13-year-old girl named Karinne. Jessie had long brown hair, about 1 foot long and she had dark green eyes. Her daughter had something odd about her. No one knew why she was so creepy. She had no friends; some say no soul. Jessie went to go out for dinner one day with a man named Jeff. Jeff was kind like her mother and had brown hair, brown eyes, and a shaved beard. He had beauty and love in his smile. They went out to an amazing restaurant called Panelli's. Just as Jeff and Jessie sat down, Karinne was at home. They were ordering a plate of ravioli to share. The waiter looked funny to Jessie but not to everyone else. He had black eyes and messy hair. "May I take your order today ma'am?" he said with a surprisingly regular, crisp voice. "Umm... are you ok sir?" she asked. "I have never felt better in my life," said the waiter. There was something funny about how he said it. She just ignored it. "I will have a plate of ravioli please," she said. "Extra sauce." When the plate came over to her, she saw something moving in it. She leaned forward to get a closer look at it. Then suddenly a bunch of bugs came out jumping on her face! Bugs and spiders crawled down her throat. Her daughter came home with dull eyes watching her suffer. She walked over to her mother. "This is what you get for leaving me home on Valentine's Day."

By Ana



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Riddles



How do you make the number
one disappear?

What comes once in a minute,
twice in a moment, and never in
a thousand years?

What starts with E ends with E
and has one letter?

David's dad has three sons: Snap,
Crackle and _____.

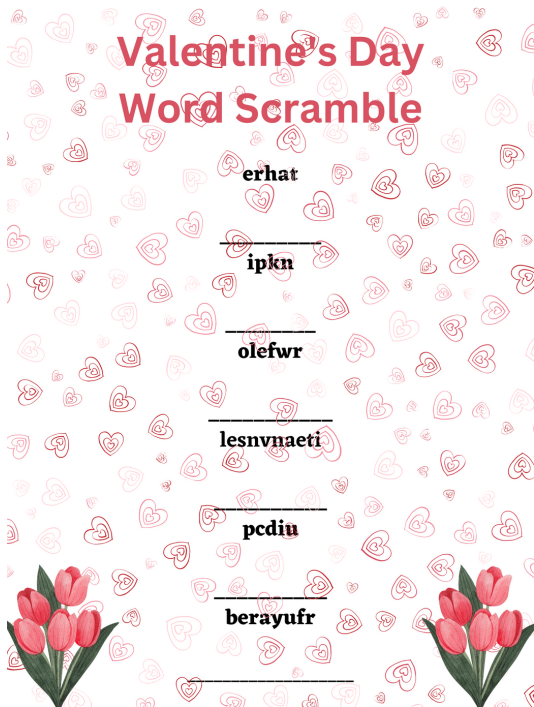
What's black and white and
red all over?

Where can you find cities,
shops, towns, and streets,
but no people?

1. Add a G
2. The letter M
3. An Envelope
4. David
5. Newspaper
6. Mao

By Aly

Valentine's Day Word Scramble

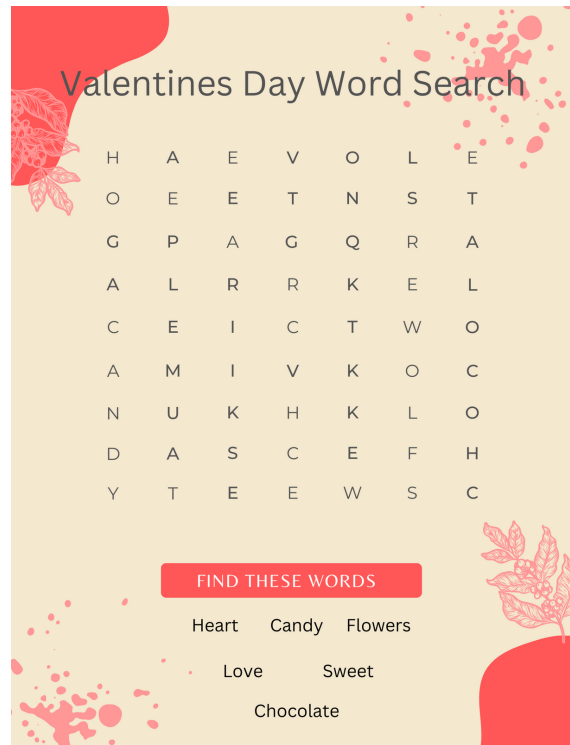


By Karina



By Lunar

Valentines Day Word Search



By Aly