

The Saint Anne Star



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Women's History Month

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In March we celebrate all great women in history, also known as Women's History Month. Women have gone through many challenges and many disputes to get the rights that we have now. This whole celebration started in 1978 in Santa Rosa, California when the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the "Status of Women" planned Women's History Week. Women have been through so much hardship from being forbidden to vote to not being able to do certain jobs. Some women who pushed to change these sexist ways are women like Maya Angelou and Marie Curie. Maya Angelou was an astonishing poet and an award winning author of *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. She was inspiring through her poetry and helped make way for many other African American authors. Marie Curie was an amazing scientist who was also the first woman to win a Nobel Peace Prize. She made the scientific discovery of radioactivity and X-Rays. She was an amazing woman who had many accomplishments that advanced women's rights and the scientific world in so many ways. There are so many more women who are brilliant and we wouldn't have gotten here without the women who paved the way for us. I think that every woman deserves a chance to shine and show how beautiful and smart they really are.

The Fires Which Brought Death to California

By: Alannah Burke and Benjamin Vedantham

Climate change has become a very major problem across the U.s., effects of which have become increasingly more noticeable. Recently, a massive wildfire broke out in Los Angeles, much to the surprise of the residents, many of whom lost houses, and even died. One of the theories as to how the fires started is as a result of climate change, which is becoming progressively more and more devastating. Another more likely possibility was that they were sparked by a campfire. However, I believe that it was a combination of the two, which ultimately led to the rapid spreading of the fires. These fires are a great example of how inaction in fighting off climate change has affected daily life. These fires broke out on January 7, 2025, and lasted all the way until January 31st. Despite being predominantly located in Los Angeles, these fires spread considerably far North along the coast. Despite only spreading 23448 acres, the fires killed 29 people, many of which were actively fighting off the rapidly growing bush fires. The fires also destroyed over 16,000 buildings, as well as costing over 50 billion dollars, which significantly disturbed the socioeconomic status of the big city we know as Los Angeles. It is predicted that many local businesses will have to promptly shut down, due to mass destruction. The L.A. fires were a product of unusual weather conditions. Before the fires, L.A. ironically had incredibly wet winter climates, which promptly vanished in July. According to weather maps, from January 1 to February 14 in 2024, California was wet, and rapidly swung to dry climates from October 1- December 25. These extreme weather shifts predicted the beginning of something bigger to come. These fires also made, on average, 88,000 people evacuate, which also significantly decreased population in L.A., which would lead to extreme drop in economic activity, and would decrease the wealth of L.A. Due to the outcome of the new election, the new administration has tried to ignore these devastating fires. However, the outbreak of these devastating fires have predicted the possibility of new fires to come, so ultimately, the L.A. fires have predicted a need for environmental conservation, and I believe that it is incredibly important for us to try our best to fight off climate change, and in consequence, preserve our environment and eradicate wildfires.

Famous events in History in March

By: Benjamin Vedantham

The new year is progressing and already, February has passed, leaving us in the midst of March. Despite being known to most people as the official beginning of Spring, there are also many other famous historical events which occurred in March, which stand as only echoes as time passes, but nevertheless are incredibly important. Firstly, on March 1, 1815, right after the end of the battle of Waterloo, and following Napoleon's exile to the island of Elba, Napoleon surprisingly escaped. Due to his cleverness, he was able to arrive all the way on the coast of France, without being noticed by authorities. Despite ruling right after the end of the French reign of terror, and being an incredibly frowned upon and controversial dictator, his story is still inspirational, and demonstrates Napoleon's nevertheless incredible intellect. Around a century later, on March 3, 1913, women's suffrage officially launched after a large protest in Washington D.C. This huge protest was incredibly inspirational, and eventually led to women's right to vote. This amendment was ultimately passed in 1919, and greatly impacted the way women are treated now. On March 4, 1933 president Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered a famous inaugural speech regarding the Great Depression, which had just recently broken out. He assured everyone that the only thing they had to fear was fear itself. On March 9, 1841, slaves in La Amistad were freed due to harsh treatment, and the supreme court also allowed them an education. This event sparked the beginning of the abolition of slavery movement, which was an incredibly important movement, and has made our society what it is today. Furthermore, on March 12, 1999, relatively recently, Poland, Hungary, and even the Czech Republic, all victims of a communist regime officially joined Nato. This occurred only ten years after the fall of the Berlin wall, and has greatly weakened the communist dictatorship. However, the quintessential historical event that occurred in March was the assassination of Julius Caesar. Better known as the Ides of March, which supposedly is a time of misfortune and doom, his assassination took place on March 15, 44 B.C.E. Over fifty conspirators from the Republic plotted and repeatedly stabbed Julius to death. Ironically, his murder is arguably the most remembered part of his reign and life. In conclusion, I believe that it is important to acknowledge our history, as it gives us inspiration and wisdom, both of which are incredibly important.

Deepseek? The Better Chat GPT

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AI has been the talk of the world for the past few years. It is extremely amazing that a simple robot algorithm can contain all of the answers on Earth. Traditional AI, however, is very, very, expensive to produce. In fact, Chat GPT4 took around 100 million dollars to train! However, there is a much cheaper substitute to this. The answer is “Deepseek,” a recent Chinese AI, costing only \$6 million to train in total. The difference is an astonishing \$94 million! This is not the only thing added by this Chinese model. According to various sources, Deepseek has shown to be faster to respond, better with mathematics, and better with language and speech. It has been recorded that Deepseek is more human-like and relatable. This new way to train AI, employed and demonstrated by Deepseek, is clearly better. Chat GPT collects information from real people on websites and browsers, while Deepseek has more consistent, computer backed information. Chat GPT may be more diverse and have different views about a controversial thing, while Deepseek will have a straightforward, unbiased answer. Thanks to GPT4’s version of collecting information, it may have more things to give. Deepseek’s AI imaging also reportedly has a more artistic and believable feel compared to Chat GPT. Deepseek, however, has a bit of controversy surrounding it. Some government sources claim it takes excessive personal information from its users. This has been passed off as being used to gain more information for its algorithm, but many still find it sketchy. To conclude, Deepseek, while being controversial, not only excels in things that Chat GPT fails to accomplish, it also has a better and cheaper algorithm.

The Architecture of Disneyland

By: Leila Wong and Eloise Benjamin

The architecture of Disneyland is very rich. It took exactly 1 year and 1 day to build all of Disneyland. The work started on July 6, 1954 and ended July 7, 1955. It costs 17 million dollars, If they built Disneyland in 2023 it would cost 153 million dollars. The most architectural bulb in Disneyland is Main Street USA because they had a limited amount of space. They had to create the illusion of the street being very large. The exact scaling for the first level is $\frac{3}{4}$. The second level is $\frac{5}{8}$, the third level is $\frac{1}{8}$. Some famous architects that worked at Disneyland are Micheal Graves, Arata Isozaki, Frank Gehry, Peter Dominick and Robert A.M. Stern. Some places have specific styles, Disneyland's style is Disney Esque style. The first ride built in Disneyland was the King Arthur Carrousel. The newest ride in Disneyland is Tiana's Bayou Adventure. Although Disneyland is never done, Walt Disney died on December 16, 1966 only 4 years after Disneyland opened. He never got to see Pirates of the Caribbean, this was one of the hardest things for Disneyland workers because this was one of his many goals in life.