

The Saint Anne Star



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The Pope

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When a Pope is chosen, they are expected to rule until their death. However, there have been some exceptions. Exactly 6 times, the Pope has retired because of severe backlash over their rule or a disliking of their role. When a new pope must be chosen, whether if the last pope has retired or died, the “College of Cardinals” must choose the new one. This event is known as the conclave, latin for “with key.” A cardinal is a level in the church hierarchy directly subordinate to the Pope. The Cardinals make a vote and eventually, a new pope is decided. But this is much more complicated than it seems. First the cardinals put each candidate’s name in a box, then they do a sort of thumbs up seven up. To become the pope as a cardinal you have to win two thirds of the votes. If a certain cardinal doesn’t get enough votes then the votes are put in a stove and mixed with chemicals to make the smoke black. If a cardinal wins then they burn the votes with chemicals that make the smoke white. In the end the senior cardinal deacon wins.

The present pope has been announced to be sick. He has early kidney failure and double pneumonia leading to many other health problems. The pope has said himself that he hopes to return and keep going. The way that he gained his sickness goes back to his 20’s. As a young man, due to lung problems, Jorge Bergoglio had to get part of his left lung surgically removed. This led to many medical issues over his life, however at this point it has reached its peak. Francis had received a brief spout of bronchitis, until it unfortunately led to pneumonia because of his age. Hopefully our Pope’s health will become better and we will not need to repeat the selection process.

Disney Hidden Things

By: Olivia Larson, Leila Wong, and Eloise Benjamin

There are many things in Disneyland that you do not know about. In Fantasyland Disneyland the Arthur sword in the stone is very hard to pull out, but there is a trick to pull it out without any body strength. The trick is to not grip from the handle, but from the T handle or cross bar. A cast member also switches a switch to ensure that the sword comes up at the right time. The cast members in Disneyland are supposed to smile every place that they go, but not at the haunted mansion. The haunted mansion is supposed to be the saddest place in the happiest place on earth. The light post on main street usa is made of broken pieces of a lamppost in Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles. In Tomorrowland, the plants are edible. You shouldn't consume them, but if it is needed, you can. On main street USA you can look up and see many magical things, one of them is Walt Disney's apartment. In the window of Walt Disney's apartment there is a lamp, the lamp is always on, signifying that Walt Disney is always there even if he is dead. Those are a few of the many hidden things in Disneyland.

2025 Academy Awards

By: Benjamin Vedantham

As society is progressively inventing more and more new types of technology, especially in the last century, the invention of television already seems quite old. However, despite being invented over a century ago in the early 1900s, television is becoming more and more popular, and recently, the 2025 academy awards were handed out. These awards recognize films for quality in several categories. These include best picture, which relates to the quality of the visuals and graphics of the film, as well as best actor, best actress, best director, best international feature film, etc. Due to the many categories, there is a large variety of films which are produced each year, the originality of which grows, as each year progresses. There were many films and actors recognized during the 2025 academy awards, including the recent films, Anora, the Brutalist, a Complete Unknown, Conclave, and Dune 2, which all won best picture. Recently, the film “flow,” which is more accessible to younger audiences won awards for best international picture and best animated feature, and has come as a surprise to the whole of Latvia and Belgium, as this is where the film was made. The film is based around the story of a stray cat who survives a flood, and befriends a whale and several other animals on a boat. It uses no language, and portrays the peace of nature, while also providing an action-packed plot. As well as this, the recently released film Wicked also won many oscars, regarding actors and the original score. It is essentially a take on the wizard of oz, which focuses on the witch of the west, rather than simply the good witch. It challenges the notion that Glinda was always good, and emphasizes how she was originally incredibly snobby, compared to the nice nature of the evil witch of the west. Its plot is extremely action-packed, and also includes an interesting backstory for the Wizard of Oz. In conclusion, due to a wide range of categories for Oscars, many award-winning films are unique, and suit a variety of audiences.

Lent Newspaper

By Achita Seeto

As you know Lent will start on Wednesday, 3-5-2025, or Ash Wednesday. During Lent, most Catholics give something up and do a nice thing every day. Usually, people give up stuff like candy, games, and bad habits. Also on Friday, people give up meat to remember how Jesus sacrificed himself that day. Lent lasts for 40 days and ends on Holy Saturday. This is to represent and honor the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert without food. The main learning points of Lent are almsgiving, fasting, and prayer.

Almsgiving is about sharing your wealth, whether in money or items. The main reason for this is to show kindness and generosity just as Jesus would. The main reason for fasting is to realize that most people do not have a lot of food and that fasting would put us in their shoes. Most people pray during lent to increase their activeness with God. They also do this to prepare for Easter, since it is a massive holiday for Christians. Lent is a time when people give things up to acknowledge the bad and pain going on in this world. Although most people treat Lent as a time to take the bad habits out of their lives, the real reason for Lent is to connect with God better.

Pi Day

By: Sophie LaChapelle & Hadley Hu

You may think March 14 is a regular day in March, but for those who love the never ending number it is something bigger. March 14 is the day that we celebrate Pi! Not the delicious dessert filled with fruits and berries, it is a number that goes on forever. Why March 14 though, it is on March 14 because the date matches the first three numbers of pi, 3.14. Pi day originated right here in San Francisco at the Exploratorium on Pier 15 in 1988, to celebrate the number and mathematics in its entirety. Many people eat actual pie on Pi Day as well, they also recite some of pi, like 100 digits of pie, or just do some math activities. A circle's diameter is always equal to pi, no matter how big or small the circle is. The symbol that represents pi is π or just the first three digits that I stated before, 3.14. One coincidence is that March 14 is also the famous physicist, Albert Einstein's, birthday! One interesting fact about pi is that it has been around for 1,000 years. The ancient Egyptians and Babylonians guessed or approximated its value. Now you know a little bit more about a wondrous number and hopefully can appreciate it a little more now that you know it's backstory, don't forget to have a slice for yourself!

Astrology Horoscopes

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Astrology is a sign that tells you what you might be like . It also predicts human behavior. They do this by looking at the stars' positions. There are 12 signs in astrology, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius ,and Pisces. An Aries is born on the days March 21 to about April 19, and is most likely going to be hot headed and arrogant. A Taurus is born on the days April 20 to about May 20, and is most likely to be practical and stable. A Gemini is born on the days May 21 to June 21, and is most likely to be communicative and adaptable. Cancer is born on the days June 21 to about July 22, and is most likely to be nurturing and emotional. Leos are born on the days of July 23 - August 22 ,and are most likely to be confident and a natural born leader. A Virgo is born on the days August 23 to about September 22, and is most likely to be analytical and detail oriented . A Libra is born on the days September 22 to about October 23, and is most likely to be balanced and diplomatic. A Scorpio is born on the days October 23 to November 21, and are most likely to be intense and passionate. A Sagittarius is born on the days November 22 to about December 21, and is most likely to be adventurous and optimistic. A Capricorn is born on the days December 22 to about January 19, and are most likely to be ambitious and disciplined. An Aquarius is born on the days January 20 and February 18, and is most likely to be innovative and humanitarian. And last but not least, a Pisces is born on the days February 19 to about March 20, and is most likely to be intuitive and compassionate. Even though astrology signs can be fun to learn about, it's important to remember that everyone is different, and the stars aren't the only thing that makes us who we are.

Greek Mythology

By Sophie LaChapelle and Hadley Hu

If you don't already know about ancient Greek mythology and all of the gods that come along with it, this is your article. Greek mythology is full of interesting monsters, titans, and gods. Monsters like the cyclops and the vicious Medusa with snakes for hair that can turn you to stone from just looking in her eyes. Or the titans, the parents of the gods. Titans are much less known than the gods, but they are still very important. Zeus' father, Kronos, is the deity of the sky and his mother, Rhea, was the goddess of earth. Zeus is the chief of the gods and the god of the sky just like his father. Another god who is famously known as the brother of Zeus, Poseidon, who is the Greek god of the ocean and water. Around five Greek gods were mentioned by name in the bible and others were mentioned but not by name. This mythology has stories of creation of not just the world but the universe as well. Lots of Greek mythology influenced art, they had sculptures and paintings, and so many more spectacular pieces of art. That is just some facts about the gods, titans, and culture surrounding Greek mythology.