

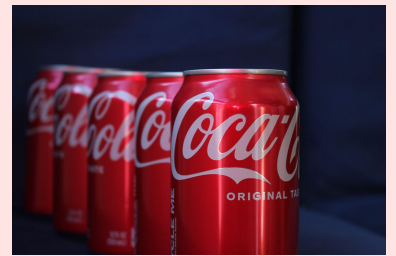
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Accidental Inventions

Riti Gudoor

Ever had a big accident? You're not alone. There were hundreds of other people who made mistakes, and they turned out to be great. Some even went down in history as the greatest mistakes ever. So today I'm going to tell you about one of these accidents.

This drink is well known around the world, but not many know its backstory. Coca-Cola was a mistake! Coca-Cola was invented by John Pemberton, who had been badly injured in the Civil War. He was trying to create a painkiller. In Pemberton's original recipe, there was alcohol and even leaves from the coca plant (which contains cocaine). Then, something happened in Georgia which is where Pemberton lived. So the original recipe was changed to be made without alcohol. Instead of wine, he put in sugar syrup. He then accidentally mixed carbonated water into the drink. Tasting it he proclaimed it as a fountain drink instead of medication. He died two years later but had already sold the business to his partner. His partner then made the drink famous. There you have it. Sometimes mistakes do turn out well.



Unusual Phobias

Brenna Forti

The world of phobias is vast and highly entertaining. Phobias are most commonly gained at a young age and can severely alter a person's life, depending on the phobia. With so many phobias there are plenty of unusual phobias, like botanophobia and nomophobia.

Botanophobia is the extreme and irrational fear of plants. It can be formed from having past traumatic experiences involving plants, having an allergy to plants, or just not having many day-to-day experiences with plants. People with botanophobia might refuse to go outside and begin excluding fruits and vegetables from their diet.

Nomophobia is an interesting phobia regarding mobile phones. This phobia is most commonly formed when someone overuses their mobile phone. Other factors may play into gaining nomophobia, such as low self-esteem, an extroverted personality, and possibly other mental disorders. People who experience this phobia may feel anxiety about losing connection or breaking their phone.

Unusual phobias like nomophobia, botanophobia, and even Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia often peak one's interest, which is why we'll be covering two phobias each issue. To gain more insight on some more phobias, be sure to read the next issue of the newspaper!

The Story of Okassel

Greek Myth by Nichole Butterfield

There once was a small cyclops named Lycurgus. He had always been tormented by the older Cyclops for his small size and his deformed hands, which prevented him from forging anything. Lycurgus decided that to gain the Cyclops' respect, he had to do an act of heroism that no one else had been able to do. He set his eyes upon the ferocious Canisus, a creature tamed by none. He located the beast in Magnesia. The cyclops dug many deep holes and filled them with intoxicated water that would put any creature into a deep sleep. When Canisus came to have a drink, he was captured by Lycurgus and taken into a hidden cave on the island of Ios.

Word spread of Canisus's capture, but it did not have the effect that Lycurgus wanted. The people of Greece sympathized with Canisus and shouted for the arrest and execution of Lycurgus. The small Cyclops had not expected this kind of result. He hid in the mountains of Ios, relatively close to the prison of Canisus, and stayed away from him for all his life. Meanwhile, in Greece, a young warrior named Okassel caught wind of Canisus's imprisonment. He too felt sympathy for the poor creature and made it his mission to free the beast.

Okassel hid in a fishing boat that was headed to Ios. He stole bits of food on the journey but stayed hidden from the fishermen's sight, sneaking off when they got to shore. Okassel climbed the vast mountains and uncovered the cave that Lycurgus hid in. Lycurgus sensed Okassel's arrival and hid in terror of what was to come. Okassel traveled deep into the cave, exploring the depths. When he passed Lycurgus's hiding spot, the large cyclops jumped out and attempted to scare away the young warrior. But Okassel was not swayed. Okassel took out his sword and, in a swift motion, chopped the Cyclops' head off. Okassel took the head of the cyclops with him and left the cave to find Canisus.

He searched all over and eventually found the prison. Okassel fed the beast, breaking his chains and awakening him. Canisus looked at the warrior and bowed his head low. "You, my friend, have forever my thanks. From now on, my people and I shall always serve you, and always be there for you, until the end of time." Canisus then left, back into the wild where he belonged. But he did keep his word. Canisus had many children before his death, and the kind were to be called Canines. Although some picked up Canisus's wild behavior and preferred to stay in the wild, many of the children made friends with men. This sparked a friendship unlike any other. And thus, Okassel and Canisus would be the start of something much greater. A man's best friend.

Top Rated Movies of September

Riti Gudoor

The smell of buttery popcorn tints the air. You are at a movie theater. Looking around, you try to decide what movie to watch. Which one, which one? But then you remember you read an article about the highest-rated films of last month. You're welcome in advance, dear reader! So here they are! We have Sound of Freedom in tenth place. Number nine goes to John Wick: Chapter 4. If you like action, it's for you. Eighth is Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania. Avatar: The Way of Water takes seventh. Sixth is The Little Mermaid. I'm talking about the new one. If it was the old one, that would be weird. Okay, moving on, we have Oppenheimer in fifth. But ask your parents before watching this, it's rated **R**. Well, now we're in the top 4. The Famous Four. Number four is Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3. Beware Rocket fans, it's quite emotional! Three is Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse. Not much to say about that one. Two is The Super Mario Bros. Movie. They owe that all to Jack Black. Give me a drumroll, please. Number one is... Barbie! I saw this one myself and it was amazing. A definite recommendation. Well, there you have it folks, the top movies of September.

Study Tips - How to Improve Your Focus

By Kira Mangan

Studying can be tough. Writing everything down, trying to memorize everything, and anything else really that you need to do. And when the big day comes up...suddenly things can seem pressured on you to remember everything you studied. Here are some tips on how to study for the big test or graded assignment, and how to improve your focus on important things.

1. Always take notes - This may be a simple thing to do, but it helps! After school, you can look back at your notes and remember things you likely wouldn't have without it. Victoria University states "Notes can help store information in your long-term memory, right there in class. These notes will be important for reviewing when you're completing assessments and assignments."
2. Quiz yourself every so often! Quizzing yourself can help you remember and prepare for an upcoming test, module, or any other sort of thing you're studying for. They also allow more critical thinking to happen, as you have to think of what the answer is rather than just seeing it in plain sight. Using flashcards is a good way to see if you're right or wrong in this scenario. Write your question on the front, and the answer on the back, and do NOT look at the back before answering. It's completely cheating then, and you'll just be skimming through questions and answers. Coursera says, "Besides revealing gaps in knowledge and reducing exam anxiety, being tested makes us retrieve information from memory—a powerful, study-backed way of holding onto information we've learned."

3. Join or make a study group - It may not seem too likely, but study groups can actually help you study more effectively and maybe start to look forward to it! Well, as long as you don't get distracted talking about the newest movie that just came out or ways to finally beat that final boss in your game.

Muhlenberg College says that study groups can expose you to different ways of thinking and learning. Besides, if you're confused about something, you can discuss it with one of the members! That's a plus, right?

4. Make Mnemonics - Mnemonics are words that stand for other words or phrases, or phrases that help you remember the order of something. One mnemonic you might know is PEMDAS, the order of operations.

P - Parenthesis

E - Exponents

M - Multiplication

D - Division

A - Addition

S - Subtraction

These can help you remember different things, and you can make them as unique or as wacky as you want!

5. Last but not least: read it, hear it, say it, do it. This may sound odd, but doing all those things can help you remember things the most. If you can read something with your head, then hear it with your ears, say it with your mouth, and do it with your body(or your mind again, depending on what exactly you're doing) can activate almost all your senses and surprisingly enough, you can remember whatever you were studying better!

These tips can help you study better and maybe get your grades up! If you can follow all these, studying could be not as draining or hard as it was before!



The History of the Jack O lantern

By Lydia Werts



The history of the Jack o'lantern originates from an Irish myth about a man nicknamed 'Stingy Jack'.

According to the story, Jack invited the devil to have a drink with him. When they were finished, Jack didn't want to pay for the drink, so he tricked the devil into turning himself into a coin to pay for the drinks. The devil agreed, but instead of paying for the drinks with the coin, Jack took the coin and put it into his pocket next to a silver cross, so the devil could not escape his current coin form.

Later, Jack freed the devil, but under the one condition that if Jack died in the next year, the devil would not take his soul.

One year later, Jack tricked the devil again into climbing into an apple tree to pick an apple. As soon as the devil was on the highest branch, Jack quickly carved a cross into the tree so the devil could not escape.

Jack freed him again under the condition that the devil would not claim his soul in the next 10 years.

During that period of time, Jack died. The devil could not claim his soul because of the agreement they made, and God did not want such a troublesome figure in heaven. Therefore Jack had to roam the earth with only a burning coal in a carved-out turnip for a head. People started calling him Jack of the Lantern or Jack o'lantern. People put faces into turnips and large beets to scare him and other evil spirits away.

Later, when people started colonizing America (or the "New World" at the time), they found that pumpkins made the perfect jack-o'-lanterns.



Portugal Travel Guide

By: Jayna Patel



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Ready for a once-in-a-lifetime trip? In this article, you'll get to know all of the deep travel secrets of a matchless trip to Portugal. Also known as the Iberian peninsula, Portugal is home to Luís I Bridge, Jerónimos Monastery, Belém Tower, and many more phenomenal views and sights.

Suppose you are looking for a relaxing, less adventurous trip to Portugal, a perfect area to stay in the Algarve. It has miles of private majestic views of the ocean. If you want a fast-paced adventurous trip consider traveling down the coast in a rental car. Fly into Porto, Portugal, spend 2-3 days there then drive down the coast and spend 2-3 days in Lisbon the capital, then end in Algarve for a relaxing last few days at the exclusive jaw-dropping beaches. You can also take the more guided and private experience and consider getting a tour guide.

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They will take you to all the hidden gems and talk you through all the historic points. This would also require three different tour guides, but this would be a great way to experience international train stations. If you want to spend time at the pool and beach attached to your hotel but still learn about the Algarve consider only getting a tour guide for a day or two.

Food in all these areas is so easy to find. In Porto, the narrow streets will leave you with a full stomach. There is every cuisine on pretty much every street. In Lisbon, the big party culture will lead you to fun food trucks and fun dance music. In the Algarve, there are lots of excellent casual sit-down restaurants.

There you have it, a travel guide to the stunning destination, Portugal.

Boeing B-29 Superfortress (Airplane of the month)

By Michael Wood

Boeing B-29 Superfortress

Engines- 4 Wright R-3350 Duplex-Cyclone

Year of Entry- 1944

User- America

Armament- 5 Turrets with 2 Browning .50
Caliber Machine Guns Each

Bomb Load- Up to 20,000 pounds

Dimensions- Wing Span; 141 ft. Length;
99 ft. Height; 27 ft.

Speed- 357 mph

Range- 3,700 miles



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The Boeing B-29 Superfortress was a four-engined American heavy bomber first flown in 1944. The plane was widely used in the Pacific theater as part of the American “Island Hopping” campaigns. The most famous B-29, the “Enola Gay,” was the bomber that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. After World War II, the B-29 saw further service during the Korean War.

Fall Photos

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Global Holidays Around the World In September

By Charlotte Chang

The first holiday we'll be covering from September is Chuseok. Chuseok is a Korean holiday that takes place on the 28th of September and ends on the 30th. Chuseok celebrates the bountiful harvest and the hope that next year will be better than the last. People celebrate Chuseok by making platefuls of food such as songpyeon. Songpyeon is a traditional Korean food made up of rice powder and various fillings such as red bean paste, toasted sesame seeds and chestnuts. People also celebrate Chuseok by coming together with their family members to remember their ancestors and to show gratitude for the past, present, and future. For Chuseok women usually wear Hanboks. Each Hanbok consists of two main pieces: the upper garment and the skirt. Hanboks are worn for special occasions like weddings or Lunar New Year—or in this case Chuseok. Men usually wear Hanboks also but instead the men's Hanbok have five pieces including pants, an upper garment, a traditional vest, and an overcoat.

The second holiday we have is the Mid-Autumn Festival. The Mid-Autumn Festival is a Chinese holiday that takes place in the 29th of September. This holiday celebrates family and the moon. People celebrate this holiday by gathering together to light lanterns, appreciating the full moon and eating a ton of food. One of the foods people eat during the Mid-Autumn Festival is mooncakes. Mooncakes are a type of pastry filled with sweet and savory filling. Mooncakes are usually made in a round shape to represent the moon but there are some square mooncakes too. Traditional Chinese mooncakes, especially Cantonese mooncakes, are often baked until the mooncakes look golden brown. Some other foods people eat in the Mid-Autumn Festival are pork, duck, crab, pumpkins, and taro.

Our last holiday in September is Mawlid al Nabi meaning “birthday of the prophet”. This Islamic holiday that starts on the 26th and ends on the 27th of September. Mawlid al Nabi is the celebration of the prophet of Muhammad's birthday. Celebrating this holiday is a sign of respect and admiration to Muhammad, who many people believe to be God's messenger. Muslims celebrate this holiday by going to the mosque and spending time with their family. Mawlid al Nabi is also celebrated by going to the Sufi Festival. The Sufi Festival is like a carnival with large street processors. Stories of Muhammad are often narrated by children in the form of poetry during this festival.



Featured poem: Footprints

By Sae Kadam

As I walk through the sunset-colored trees, breathing in the cold crisp fall air, I heard crunching noises underneath my boots. They were some dry, crumpled, orange leaves.

Fall is a season that isn't too cold or too hot. I hear a few birds chirping on my right and to my left there were the trees; their leaves swaying with the wind.

Fall is a captivating time of year, isn't it? The cool breeze, the beautiful colors. Don't forget the highlight of the month: Halloween. It was Halloween day, and the scary festivities were in the works at my house.

As I set up the inflatable Grim Reaper, my sister tells me to bring her more fake cobwebs. As annoyed as I am, I oblige. Walking out to the small, worn-down storage shed, I shiver at the cool breeze hitting my face as I move.

I grunt in frustration, I finally find the cobwebs and exit the old rickety shed. I hand them to my sister and walk back to my house.

I then hear someone run behind me, I turned around with a confused expression on my face. I choose to ignore the sound and continue with my work.

Later I see footprints in the dirt, and out of curiosity I decide to follow them. As I do the path keeps on getting darker and darker. I took a deep breath, took out my phone, turned on its light, and kept going.



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