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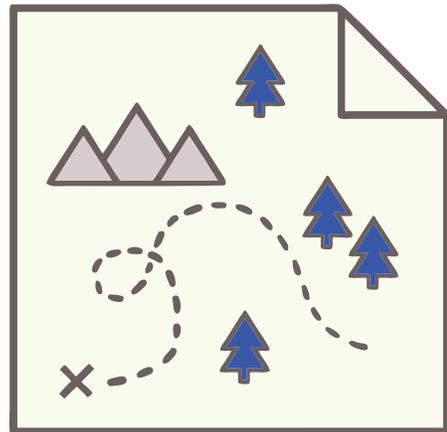
# December



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**LET'S GO ON AN ADVENTURE**

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## **GEOCACHE**

By: Erick Gonzales

Ladies and gentlemen we are disappointed to announce that the October GeoCache has not yet been found. Until the October GeoCache is found we will not be able to announce our next GeoCache.. We will be giving additional hints so you can then have a better chance of winning. Please someone, just find it already!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Clue: A peaceful place where you're on your knees.

Clue: Where one would call someone "Father"



# BIRTHDAYS !

BY: DANNY AGUILAR

## December

Belen Moreno 12/6/2006  
Iliana Rodriguez 12/9/2005  
Stryder Christensen 12/9/2007  
Nicholas Pitts 12/10/2002  
David Enriquez 12/11/2004  
Trey Sandoval 12/11/2004  
Angel Martinez 12/14/2002  
Shay Haizlip 12/14/2004  
Valery Garcia 12/15/2006  
Slater Bovard 12/19/2007  
Natali Martinez 12/20/2004  
Kinlee Wyman 12/21/2007  
Xavier Perez 12/27/2007

## January

Anthony Hernandez 1/3/2007  
Jerin Smith 1/6/2004  
Brock Harmon 1/7/2008  
Chantal Castillo 1/13/2003  
Juliana Martinez 1/14/2005  
Juan Santos 1/18/2007  
Viviana Aguilar 1/23/2006  
Donovan Peterson 1/25/2004  
Ruby Ramirez 1/26/2005  
Melanie Moreno 1/26/2007  
Breck Howell 1/30/2004

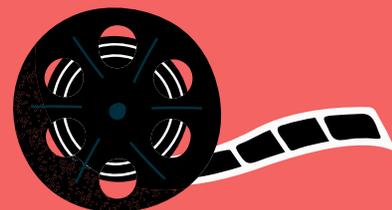


## MOVIE RECOMENDATIONS



Rating: Rotten tomatoes rating for the movie/ Documentary was 96%  
Director: Daniel Lindsay, T.J. Martin Pg -13 movie Genre: Documentary  
Summary/overall: I personally don't care for football at all but this movie was so moving and a real tearjerker that it made me passionate about the sport and the people. This movie was based on real events. It's about this school football team from Manassas High School. The team there really sucks, they can't win any game and have no drive. Then this new coach arrives and wants to change the team and make it the best it can be. He sees the struggles they have. Most of them do not come from wealth or have any goals for their future. This new coach gives them a chance and they work hard for the future. It may seem very typical but it has more to it than you think, so you should watch this movie! In 2011 this documentary also won an Oscar. Where can I find this movie? Netflix, Amazon (buy or rent), and youtube (Rent).

BY: MARLENE AGUIRRE





## NBA Draft Results & Off-season Moves

By: Anthony Cobian

With the draft results coming in, the number one pick of the Minnesota Timberwolves is Anthony Edwards, as predicted. The Warriors pick was James Wiseman because of their need for a center. The most anticipated rookie, Lamelo Ball got selected at number 3 by the Hornets. The reason he didn't get selected at number one is that the Timberwolves already have a player in his position and the same goes for the Warriors. On the other hand, championship contenders are just getting better. Only a few teams aren't making moves to make their team better which will cause them to fall in the playoffs. The NBA championship team, the Lakers, are getting even better and are a bigger threat to the league now while the western conference is just getting weaker. Even some big-name players are talking about going to different teams but nothing is 100%. There are free agents still waiting to be signed as well but only a few select teams are eligible to sign these players with the amount of money they are asking for. All players got tested for COVID and around 30 players came out positive. The NBA set new boundaries to not go to clubs, and if players want to go to a restaurant then only a max of 15 people are allowed inside. Without the bubble this year, the NBA is being twice as safe this time.



## Kazakhstan Culture

BY: VANESSA HERMOSILLO

Kazakhs is a semi-nomadic tribe that has been traveling through the mountain ranges of Kazakhstan since the 15th century. They are an Asiatic Turkish-speaking people that are direct descendants of Mongols and Turkish people. Their tribe is in China, West Turkey, Russia, Uzbekistan, and Mongolia. The Kazakhs are the second most common Turkish-speaking people in Central Asia. They adapted parts of the Uighur Autonomous Religion. In the text, it states that "The Kazakhs believe themselves to be descended from a progenitor who had three sons from whom sprang the main divisions of the Kazakhs: the Great, Middle, and Little hordes (ordas) that occupied the eastern, central, and western parts, respectively, of what became the Kazakh khanate and is now Kazakhstan. These hordes were subdivided into smaller groups; the basic unit was the extended family, embracing not only parents and unmarried children but married sons and their families, who camped together. Groups at various levels in the tribal hierarchy had chiefs, but only rarely was the Kazakh nation, or even one of the hordes, united under a single chief."

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/KazakhTradition> ally,

Kazakhs were pastoral nomads. Nomad pastoral care is a type of herding of livestock, caring for various animals in order to extract subsistence. They lived in a dome-tent like the Kazakhs who migrated seasonally to find milk from livestock. Their diet consisted of milk products and horse meat. Over the 19th century, Kazakhs planted crops along the borders. During World War 1 and under Soviet rule, more than several people were killed along the border. Many Kazakhs have migrated to Xinjiang in China and Afghanistan. Now most of them are farmers and some nomadic groups remain in Xinjiang.

## A PLACE YOU SHOULD VISIT

By Monica Rodriguez

A great place to visit is Verdon Gorge, France. The activities that you can do are go swimming, hiking, paragliding, rock climbing, rafting, and bungee jumping. Verdon Gorge is Europe's most beautiful river canyon. It has a hiking trail to a viewing deck that overlooks the cliff's scenic river canyon with white-water rapids. It is always busy in the summer and millions of tourists go to visit this place. It got its name from the turquoise-green color of the water.



## MEANINGFUL POEM

By: Evelyn Santos

Candlelit Heart

Written by: Mary E. Linton



Somewhere across the winter world tonight  
You will be hearing chimes that fill the air;  
Christmas extends its all-enfolding light  
Across the distance... something we can share.

You will be singing, just the same as I,  
These familiar songs we know so well,  
And you will see these same stars in your sky  
And wish upon that brightest one that fell.

I shall remember you and trim my tree,  
One shining star upon the topmost bough;  
I will hang wreaths of faith that all may see-  
Tonight I glimpse beyond the here and now.

And all the time that we must be apart  
I keep a candle in my heart



## ADVICE

By Angelica Ruiz



Someone will always be  
prettier.

Someone will always be  
smarter.

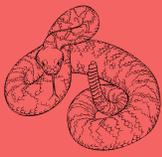
Someone will always be  
younger.

Someone will always be older,  
but they will never be you.

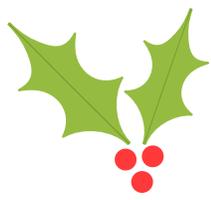
♡STAY TRUE TO YOURSELF!♡

-Angelica Ruiz





# Diamondback's Students of the Month!



## Junior High



The female student of the month in middle school is Melanie Moreno. She was born on January 26th, 2008. A couple of her favorite hobbies include: painting and basketball! Her favorite color is blue and her favorite food is enchiladas. She only has 1 pet, which is a dog. She is the oldest and has a younger sister. When asked what her favorite song is she replied with: "My favorite song is 'It's You' by Ali Gatie." When asked if she thought she deserved getting student of the month she said: "Yes, because I work hard in all my classes and help people when they need help".

By: Audrie Okobia



The male middle school student of the month is Juan Santos. Here are some little facts so you can get to know him a bit better. His birthday is January 18. His favorite color is green. He likes whatever kind of food. He likes to watch movies in his free time. His hobby is playing video games. His dad is his inspiration. He sees himself working in five years. I asked him do you think you deserve student of the month his response was no.

By: Mario Hernandez

## High School

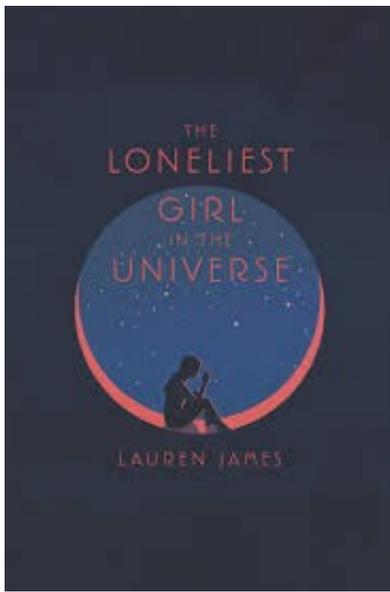


This month's student of the month is Jerin Smith. In an interview I had with her I asked her what her favorite subject is. She replied, "I really enjoy art." I also asked her what her favorite color is. She said she likes the color black. She also mentioned that she likes to spend her time drawing. One last question that I asked her was why do you think you got student of the month. She responded "I think I've been doing my work and been on track."

By: Evelyn Hermosillo

The High School Student of the Month is Westin Gustaveson. Here's a little bit about Westin. His birthday is February 20, 2005. Somebody that inspires him is Mr. Hatfield the science man. His favorite color is red. One of his many hobbies is playing video games. I asked him if he thinks he deserves to be student of the month and he said, "No, I think there are students who work harder than me".

By: Irvin Soto



## NEXT BOOK TO READ

BY: JASMINE AGUIRRE

“The Loneliest Girl in the Universe” is about a girl who is the only crew mate that survived on the spaceship while trying to look for a new planet for humanity. Now she is alone in space but all of sudden she hears a spaceship. I think people should read this book because there are a lot of plot twists to it that bring a lot of tension and excitement to readers. It's also kind of like Romeo and Juliet.

## WILD LIFE

BY: NICHOLAS PITTS

### Pituophis Catenifer

The Pituophis catenifer and another name for it is the yellow gopher snake. The snake is a nonvenomous colubrid snake native to North America. It is often mistaken for the prairie rattlesnake. It can be easily differentiated from a rattlesnake by the less amount of black and white pattern on its tail and by the shape of its head, which is narrower than a rattlesnake's. Wild yellow gopher snakes can possibly live to be 12 and 15 years. But the oldest captive recorded lived for over 33 years. The yellow snake's habitat can be woodlands, deserts, cultivated fields, prairies, chaparral, and shrublands. Adult Pituophis catenifer can reach between 36 and 84 inches in length. The gopher snake can be yellowish or light brown, with a series of large dark brown or black patches, and little dark spots on the sides. The name catenifer is Latin for “chain-bearing” which refers to the dorsal color marks. The Pituophis catenifer defensive mechanism looks like a strike of a pit viper would do. When the gopher snake strikes it doesn't do it with its mouth open, it strikes with a closed mouth as a warning with its blunt nose so that possible things want to kill it will leave it alone. The snake will likely shake its tail to baffle things that want to kill it into thinking it is a rattlesnake. The gopher snake normally hunts on land, but sometimes will go into ponds to hunt frogs. Other common names for the Pituophis catenifer: Pacific gopher snake, coast gopher snake, western gopher snake, and bullsnake. Sources: <https://www.inaturalist.org/taxa/29044-Pituophis-catenifer> [https://animaldiversity.org/accounts/Pituophis\\_catenifer/](https://animaldiversity.org/accounts/Pituophis_catenifer/)



## HOROSCOPES

BY: YARELY GARCIA

Here we come back around to fire signs which is by the way my element sign. This time we will be going over what signs are best and worst compatible with each fire sign. At the end of the day remember not to be clouded by judgement towards your worst match because you never know. Just be sure to have an open mind! All this information is based on the characteristics of each sign. This is why some signs can be considered your best/worst match.

Most compatible signs

Aries: Leo, Gemini, Sagittarius, and Aquarius.

Leo: Libra, Sagittarius, Gemini, and Aries.

Sagittarius: Aquarius, Leo, Aries, and Cancer

Least compatible signs

Aries: Cancer, Capricorn, and Taurus.

Leo: Scorpio and Pisces.

Sagittarius: Virgo, Pisces, Scorpio, and

Taurus.



# The Symbolism In Jewelry



By: Donovan Peterson

Today I want to go over the meaning behind jewelry symbols. Throughout history people have worn jewelry, to represent something hidden about themselves. This month we will uncover three of these hidden messages.



**The arrow - This symbol represents a few different things. Native Americans used this symbol to represent peace, protection, strength, and courage to move forward through life.**



**The evil eye - Wearing the evil eye protects you from those who talk bad about you behind your back. A symbol that shields you from all the dangerous eyes that want to harm you.**



**The anchor - The anchor represents hope, safety, strength, and security. Christians adopted the meaning of the anchor, because they saw how it kept ships stable and secure.**

# RIDDLES

BY: TEGAN HARPER

1. A farmer has 20 sheep, ten pigs, and ten cows. If we call the pigs cows how many cows will he have?
2. A tree doubled in height each year until it reached its maximum height over the course of ten years. How many years did it take for the tree to reach half of its maximum height?
3. I can be cracked, I can be made. I can be told, I can be played. What am I?
4. You live in a one-story house made completely of redwood. What color are the stairs?
5. Mr. and Mrs. Mustard have six daughters and each daughter has one brother. How many people are in the Mustard family?
6. What has six faces and wears no makeup, and has twenty eyes but cannot see?
7. I am not alive, but I grow; I don't have lungs, but I need air; I don't have a mouth, but water kills me. What am I?
8. What runs around the world without running?
9. What can you catch but never throw?
10. Only one color, but not one size. Stuck at the bottom, yet easily flies. Present in the sun, but not in rain. Doing no harm, and feeling no pain. What is it?

Answers:

1. Ten cows. You can call the pigs cows but it doesn't make them cows.
2. Nine years
3. A joke!
4. What stairs? You live in a one-story house.
5. There are nine Mustards in the family. Since each daughter shares the same brother, there are six girls, one boy, and Mr. and Mrs. Mustard.
6. A die (Dice)
7. Fire
8. A fence
9. A cold
10. It's a shadow! <https://www.riddles.com/>



## JOKE OF THE MONTH

BY: KOLE SNYDER

"Why do bees have sticky hair?"  
"Because they use honeycombs."

"What do you call birds that stick together?"  
"Vel-crows."

"Why did the chicken cross the road?"  
"Because the chicken behind it didn't know how to socially distance properly."

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