

LAWNDALE KIDS NEWS

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Athens Olympics

While women's part in the Olympics have been delayed, they still have managed to set an outstanding number of world records in many events, from Gymnastics All-Around to Rhythmic All-Around Gymnastics.

For example, Polina Astakhora won 1st place on the uneven bars in the 2004 Olympics. That took place in Rome, Italy.

In floor exercises in 1972, Olga Korbut and her teammates took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in these Olympics.

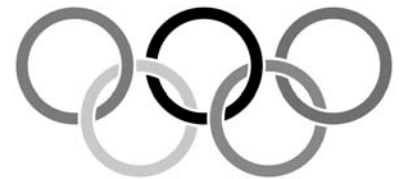
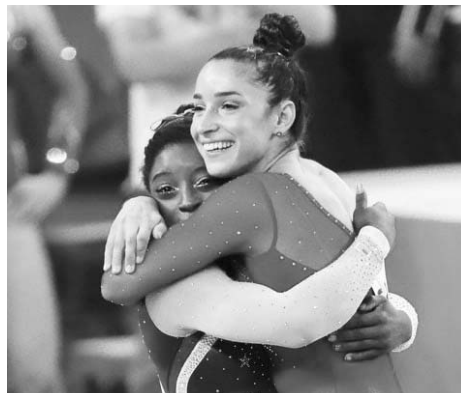
Mary Lou Retton took 1st place in the All-Around event in the sport of Gymnastics. That took place in Los Angeles, 1984.

Nadia Comăneci took 1st place on the Balance Beam in 1976 in Montreal.

Marina Lobach took 1st place in Rhythmic All-Around Gymnastics at Seoul in 1988. Ekaterina Serebrianskaya won the gold medal in the Atlanta 1996 Olympics.

In closing, many women, of all ages have made many world wide records of strength, skill, beauty, and agility.

by Rachel S.



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No Place Like the Movies

In 1939, a great movie called *The Wizard of Oz*, based on a book, came out. This musical is directed by Victor Fleming. This movie is about a young girl named Dorothy, played by Judy Garland, and her dog Toto. In the beginning there is a Tornado and Dorothy and Toto get swept up by the Tornado. They wake up in a land that is now in color instead of black and white.

Dorothy wants to go back home to Kansas, so she travels to the Emerald City to ask the Wizard of Oz to help her get home. On the way home, she meets three characters on the yellow brick road. She first meets the Scarecrow, played by Ray Bolger, he does not have a brain. The next person she meets is the Tinman who is played by Jack Haley, he is missing a heart.

Lastly, she meets the Lion played by Bert Lahr, who does not have courage. The three of them want what they are missing. The four of them travel to meet the Wizard because they want him to grant their wishes, but the Wicked Witch of the West is mad at Dorothy for accidentally killing her sister, so she tries to stop her. This is an amazing movie that people of all ages will enjoy.

by Terrion H.



Cleopatra's Tomb

Cleopatra's was the most mysterious Egyptian queen. Cleopatra made many alliances by giving knowledge. Cleopatra committed suicide by taking a venomous viper and stabbing it into her chest. Many people and archeologists think Cleopatra was buried in Alexandria. She was actually buried in the Faposiris Magna temple located in outside of Alexandria. Kathleen Martinez was the one who found

Cleopatra's tomb. At first Kathleen Martinez only had a four month permit to explore the temple but when she found a next work of tunnels, her time was extended. She also found a stone with many hieroglyphs, more amazingly it out dates the Rosetta Stone by two years. Kathleen Martinez also found what looked like a grand avenue. In the documentary, "Secrets of the Dead", Kathleen talked about how they found

Cleopatra's tomb and what the causes were as to why she died. In the documentary, they shared many fun and amazing facts.

by Olivia S.



Life

Life is very interesting because everyone experiences it, but they all experience it in different ways. We all know how to walk, talk and maybe even write by the age of seven. Even though everyone has memorized how to do these things, almost no one

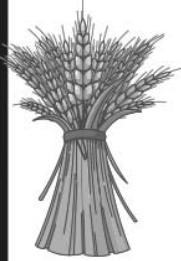


knows when or how they learned how to walk, talk, read, and write. We do these things every day without thinking about how we do them. When you stand up, you walk and you do not think about anything except where you are walking. You do not think about balancing, you just do it. When did you learn to walk? Why? How? Think about these questions. This goes for video games too. If you played

the Xbox since you were ten and you're now nineteen, then you are probably really good at the controls and play the game without thinking about it. When you battle someone on an Xbox after playing for many years you could probably beat them very easily. Living is one of the simplest things you will ever do because you go through life without thinking about it.

by Charles W.

Autumn Crossword Puzzle



DOWN

- 1. Carved pumpkin
- 3. Leaves on trees
- 5. Used to gather leaves
- 7. Horn of plenty
- 12. Month preceding December
- 13. They change color in fall
- 15. Fruit of the oak tree



ACROSS

- 2. Holiday for giving thanks
- 4. In astronomy, the first day of autumn is called the autumnal _____
- 6. Month preceding November
- 8. Holiday on October 31
- 9. Traditional Thanksgiving bird
- 10. To gather; to reap
- 11. Grows on tall stalks
- 14. Mexican Holiday on the first of November



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ANSWERS: Across: 2. Thanksgiving, 4. equinox, 6. October, 8. Halloween, 9. turkey, 10. harvest, 11. corn, 14. Day of the Dead Down: 1. Jack-o'-lantern, 3. foliage, 5. rake, 7. cornucopia, 12. November, 13. leaves, 15. acorn

Big Bear

Big Bear mountain is a fun place to go. People can go snow skiing down the side of the mountain. The best time to go to the mountain is in the winter, because it snows at that time. Snow makes it more fun because kids can build snowmen and lots of other cool stuff. The best activity is

to have a snowball fight. It is more fun to go with your whole family. Another really fun activity is to go river rafting, which takes place on the bottom of the mountain. It is also fun to go hiking through the caves, and its especially fun when it is snowing. When a person steps into the snow,

their feet sink. People can also go fishing on boats in some parts of the lake. There are also small stops while driving to the top of the mountain to admire the view. People can also see the lake from these stops. Big Bear Mountain is a really great place to go on a trip.



illustration by Hannah S.

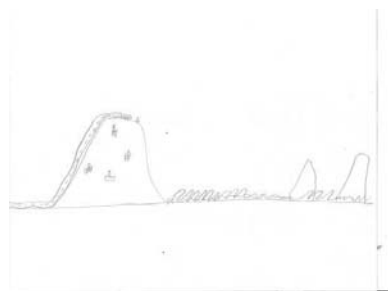


illustration by Umar B.

Tragic Love Triangle Gone Mad!

This is Jane Williams reporting for you here at the scene of a crime in Willow Grove, Connecticut. At a local bank stands plenty of witnesses to testify what happened.

Here we have little Helen Johnson to tell us what happened. According to Helen, the suspect was still wearing his prison uniform, and tossed on a red cape. He came running out with a carful of money,

laughing like a maniac! So in the bank, they're helping the bankers with any medical needs, and explaining what happened.

According to the banker, Fred Jenkins, the Red Baron got married to Susan Jones, who then fell in love with Fred Jenkins after the Red Baron went to prison for stealing a ring from the jewelry store for his wife.

According to Billy Joe McGuffery, a close friend of the Red Baron, he then began to seek vengeance on Fred Jenkins. It has just been released that Detective McLean is now on the case of finding the Red Baron. The police are putting up warnings to be on the lookout for the Red Baron. This is Jane Williams, signing out.

by Hannah S.

Beyond the Kingdom

In The Land of Stories: Beyond the Kingdom, By Chris Colfer, there is magical love. One of the many great quotes in book number four is “It’s better to be the hero of your own story, then to become the villain of someone else’s.” Throughout the book, love is shown in comedy and tragedy. There is more comedy than tragedy, but the readers prefer more comedy because it is really funny, hilarious and

sometimes painful. Adventure comes when trying to unite a family. From keeping kingdoms free, they are able to unite a family. Sometimes it is sad, but full of love. Mother Goose decided not to go back to the Land of stories and get married to Merlin to be together forever. Alex shows love for the Land of Stories by leaving Arthur even though she loved him, because if she did, she would doom the



kingdoms. Although every story has important characters, all stories are equal for their adventures, truths, comedy, tragedy, and love.

by Elizabeth S.

The Excitement of Soccer at Lunch

Soccer is a fun sport to play during lunch break. Hamza began playing soccer with his friends at lunch break. Everyone split into two teams. Hamza was on one team at first, then he switched to another team.



The other team started off with the kick-off. The game started and the other team scored a goal. Hamza was not on that team yet.

After the goal, Hamza was switched onto the team that made the goal. Once Hamza was on this team, a kid from his former team almost scored a goal, but the kid that almost scored the goal tripped.

A kid from the other team kicked the ball out, and then another kid kicked it in and

scored a goal. This made the score 2 to 0 and Hamza was on the winning team.

Later on in the game, a kid from Hamza’s team kicked the ball so hard that it went into the bushes.

At the end of the game, Hamza and his teammates went to class in a good mood. Soccer is fun to play at lunch time because you get to play with your friends.

by Hamza B.

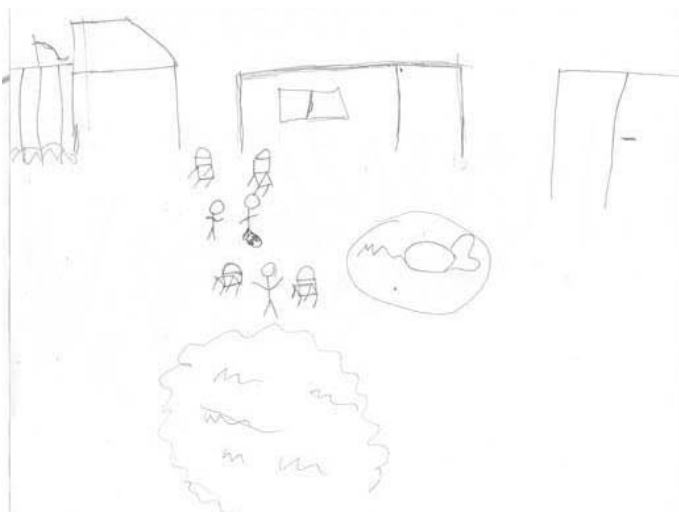
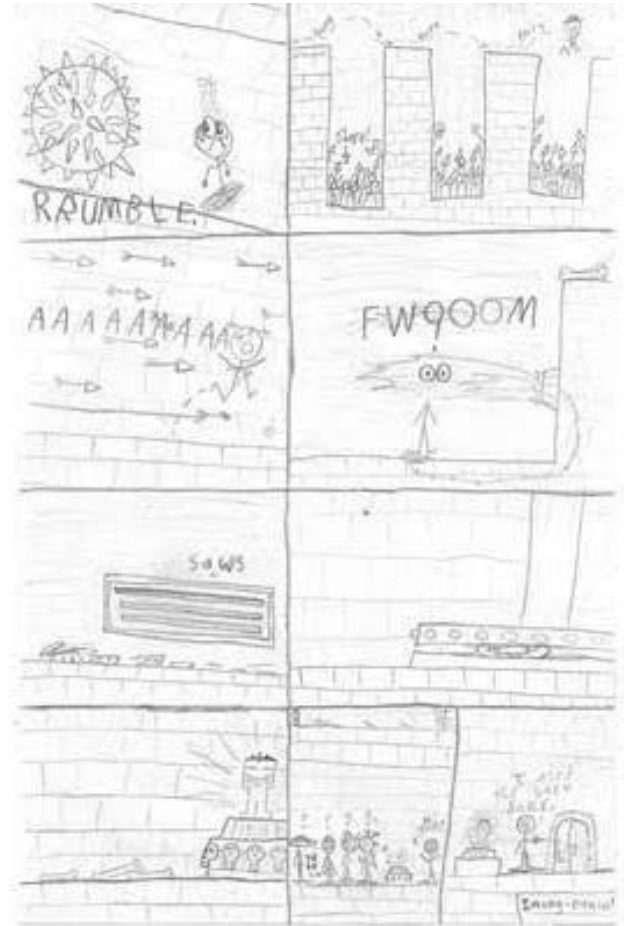
Visiting Peru

Peru is a very fun place to visit, but it is better to visit in the winter because in the summer it gets up to 100 degrees. In the winter the best thing to do is hike. There are many places to hike in Ayacucho. The best place to hike there is in the mountains. You have to be careful when hiking in the mountains because there are no signs for the trails so you can get lost easily. It is also good to go in the winter because you get to play in the snow. If you are visiting Peru in the winter, your room will be icy because it is so cold. If you are traveling there you will think it is very cold but to the people that live in Peru all year, they are used to the cold. No matter if it is cold or warm you can still enjoy the food. For someone visiting from America, they might like the chicken because it is similar to American chicken. If you want to try a food unusual to an American, you should try the bread. The bread tastes very different from American bread but it is still very good. You should try the bread if you visit Peru because it is a Peruvian specialty.

by Alex B.



Artists Share Their Work!



Turkey Pilgrim Cookies



Ingredients

- 84 pieces candy corn
- 24 double-stuffed Oreo cookies
- 3/4 cup canned chocolate frosting
- 12 miniature peanut butter cups
- 12 Hershey Kisses of your choice
- 3/4 cup canned vanilla frosting
- Orange food coloring
- 6 miniature marshmallows, halved
- 6 mini Oreo cookies
- 12 Rolo candies

Directions

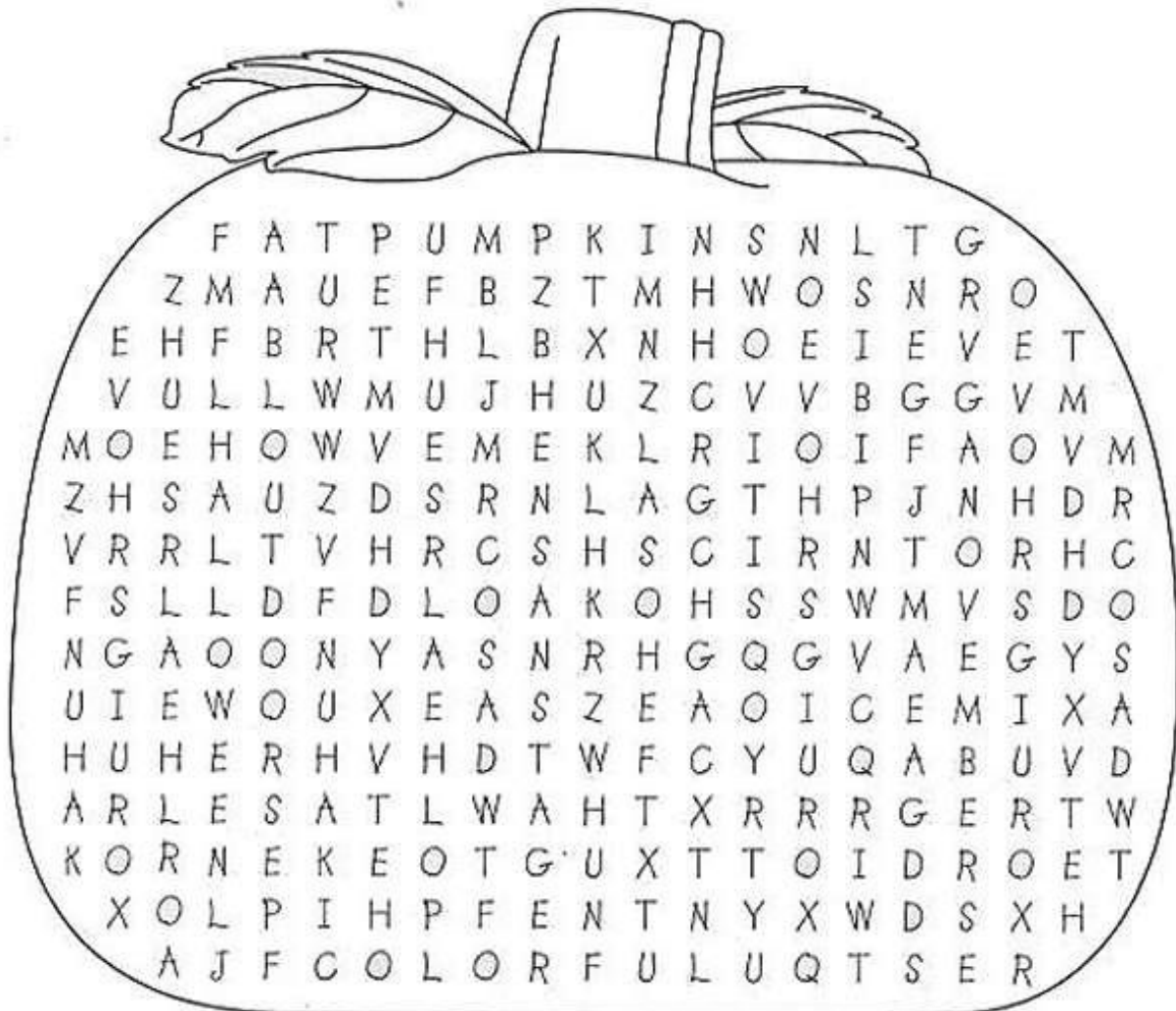
- 1 Insert seven pieces of candy corn in a fan shape into half of the double-stuffed cookies. Position each cookie perpendicular to a remaining double-stuffed cookie; attach with chocolate frosting.
- 2 Using chocolate frosting, attach a peanut butter cup and a kiss to the front of each cookie. Tint vanilla frosting orange. For eyes, attach two marshmallow halves to each kiss with a small amount of orange frosting.
- 3 Twist mini cookies apart; remove and discard cream filling. Attach a Rolo to each mini cookie half with chocolate frosting and attach to tops of turkeys.
- 4 Using remaining frosting, pipe pupils, mouths and legs on turkeys. Let stand until set.

Makes: 1 dozen.

www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/turkey-pilgrim-cookies

PUMPKIN WORD SEARCH!

Find and circle the fall words from the word list.



Word List

AUTUMN
 COLORFUL
 FARMERS
 FIELDS

GOURDS
 HALLOWEEN
 HARVEST
 HAYRIDE

LEAVES
 NOVEMBER
 OCTOBER
 OUTDOORS

PUMPKINS
 SCARECROW
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