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Character Walk Through Time

Where do you get a chance to meet Lucille Ball, Albert Einstein, Theodore Roosevelt, Elvis Presley, Marie Antoinette, and George Lucas all at one time? At the Fifth Grade Character Walk that was held on March 2nd.

about the events that made their characters famous.

Did you know that Albert Einstein didn't get into college on his first try even though he is considered a genius?



"Lucille Ball"



"Shirley Temple"



"Theodore Roosevelt"



"Marie Antoinette"

Walt Disney was big into cartoons from a young age. As a boy, he drew cartoons and sold them on the street.

Marie Antoinette may have been wasteful, but when she got her head cut off at the age of 37, it was for crimes she didn't do.

The teddy bear got its name from President Theodore Roosevelt.

Fifth Graders each chose a character from the present or past to research. During the week of Character Walk, Fifth graders gave a five-minute speech to their class

Lucille Ball's drama teacher sent a note to her parents telling them that Lucille couldn't act, but she didn't let that keep her from trying again.

At Character Walk, Dapplegray's Third and Fourth Graders got a chance to ask the Fifth Graders questions about their costumes and about their characters' lives. Hopefully they had fun as well as learning some interesting facts!

Luke S.

Upcoming events:

- ART AT YOUR FINGERTIPS—MAR 15-21
- CABRILLO FIELD TRIP—MAR 15-16
- AMERICAN REVOLUTION WALK—MAR 20
- NEW K PARENTS MTG—MAR 21
- MIN DAYS—MAR 22 & 30
- MULTI-CULTURAL WEEK—MAR 26-29

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Letter to the Editors

Dear Sir or Madam:

I recently received an email transmittal of the first three editions of the *Dapplegray Times*, and I wanted to send my congratulations to you for the successful launch of this most impressive publication. I was most impressed by the extremely high qual-

ity of the newspaper's format, its editorial and journalistic content, and its website. It is a wonderful achievement on your part and could become, I think, an award winner.

Your efforts will certainly benefit your classmates, your faculty, and the community-

at-large. You should be very proud of your contribution to our nation's "fourth branch" of government – its free press and its informed citizenry.

Sincerely yours,

Steven Zuckerman
Member, City Council
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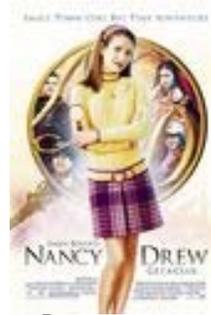


Coming Soon to a Theater Near You ...

Everyone loves the movies, but what movies to see? And what are they about? Well, here are three of the movies that you and your friends can soon go see. *Firehouse Dog*, *Nancy Drew*, and *Underdog* are a few of the new movies that are soon to come to our local theaters.

Firehouse Dog

Firehouse Dog is about a celebrity dog that gets lost and finds a new home with a boy and his dad. The dad works at a fire station so when they decide to keep the dog, things get a little crazy. I watched the movie trailer which can be found on Fandango.com, and I think this will be a great family movie!



Nancy Drew

Nancy Drew is based on the famous series. I have read the books and am a new fan. The movie (from what I could tell from the trailer) is a bit different from the books. The movie is about Nancy Drew and her father going to Hollywood to investigate a crime. Nancy tries to fit into the new school and makes friends and enemies.



Underdog

Underdog is about a dog who gets extraordinary powers including being able to talk. He is soon a super hero battling evil.

These would all be great movies to see and they'll be coming out really soon!

Taylor W.



Pet's Corner—Pet Adoptions

Adopting a pet can be hard. When you go to the shelter to pick out a pet, you find that you want to take all of them home. They all look at you and almost beg you to take them home. But, when your family decided it wants a new pet, it gives you the chance to save an abandoned pet's life. My family adopted our dog, Gracie.

Adoption Costs

Adopting usually doesn't cost too much. It's a lot less than buying a pet at a pet store or from a breeder.

Adopting a dog is only about \$50. This includes the initial vaccinations, spaying and neutering costs, a 7-day exchange, and a free veterinary medical examination

from a vet that supports adoption programs.

The fee doesn't include the dog licensing fee which is about \$10 to \$15 (spayed or neutered dog rate) for dogs living in the greater Los Angeles area. The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care & Control runs the public animal shelters in our area.

If you wish to adopt a cat, the cost is nearly the same. This fee includes the initial vaccinations, spaying and neutering costs, a 7-day exchange, and a free veterinary medical examination at a participating veterinary office. Like with dogs, the fee for cat adoptions doesn't include the cat licensing fee, which is \$5 for cats. Kittens,

under 4 months of age, cost about \$45.00.

Saving Lives

Adopting a pet means you are saving an animal's life. If an animal spends too long in a shelter, after a while the animal will have to be put to sleep. The more people that can adopt a pet, the fewer the animals that will have to be put to sleep.

If you are interested in adopting a pet, you can visit <http://animalcontrol.co.la.ca.us>.

Remember to always have fun with your pet. You can help to make sure your pet has a good life.

TTFN (Ta -Ta For Now)!

Kathleen H.

The Ducks Take the Title

The first round of the Pac-10 Pacific Life tournament was emotional for some teams and stunning for other teams. In the first round, unranked California knocked #3-ranked UCLA out of the tournament with a score of 76-69 in overtime.

But that wasn't it. Oregon knocked Arizona out with a score of 69-50. USC defeated Stanford 83-79 in overtime.

The Washington teams played each other, and Washington State University showed it was the better team by beating the Huskies 74-64.

The Semi Finals

With the first games played, the Semi-Finals followed.

USC played Washington State University, and USC defeated the Cougars 70-61.

The other Semi-Final game was California against Oregon, and the Ducks defeated the Bears 81-63.

The Finals

In the Finals, it was USC and the Oregon Ducks. The Oregon Ducks destroyed USC. The final score was 81-57, and the Ducks were crowned the Champions of the Pac 10.

Brodie V.



Dapplegray Times Interviews Mrs. Pisano

The Dapplegray Times interviews our friendly Health Clerk, Mrs. Teresa Pisano.

DT: When did you first get interested in the medical field?

Mrs. Pisano: When I was 15 years old, in 11th grade, I volunteered at San Pedro Hospital as a Candy Striper. As I spent time in the hospital, I knew I wanted to be a nurse.

DT: Have you been a Health Clerk at another school before Dapplegray?

Mrs. Pisano: No, Dapplegray is the first school where I have been a Health Clerk.

DT: What is one of the most exciting or scary situations that has happened in your office?

Mrs. Pisano: A second grade boy fell off the bars, and cut his head. There was blood all over his head and clothes. Although it looked very serious, he was fine in no time!

DT: What are some common illness/injuries that bring students into see you?

Mrs. Pisano: The most common problems are scraped knees, asthma, and allergies. I keep lots of inhalers in my office for kids with asthma.

DT: When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Mrs. Pisano: When I was very young, I really wanted to work with animals. Then in High School, I changed my mind to medicine.

DT: What are some interesting facts we may not know about you?

Mrs. Pisano: I really enjoy cooking. I am deathly afraid of snakes. My family travels to Italy every two years!

DT: Do you have any family pets?

Mrs. Pisano: Yes, we have MARKY! He is a Jack Russell Terrier. I think he is the best dog in the world!

DT: What advice do you have for kids to stay healthy?

Mrs. Pisano: Remember these three very important

health tips: Do not drink soda, do not eat chips, and wash your hands often, especially before you eat.

The Dapplegray Times asked some of Mrs. Pisano's colleagues, "Why do you enjoy working with Mrs. Pisano?"

Mrs. Kolb: She is very smart, and good at what she does. She is very knowledgeable, and has a great bedside manner.

Mrs. Cobb: She is very qualified to be a Health Clerk. She is always pleasant to be around, and she is fun to work with!

Mr. London: I enjoy working with Mrs. Pisano because she is Italian! Also, she is a great health aid, and very sympathetic toward the students.

Mr. Hector: Mrs. Pisano is very patient with the students and staff members.





Project Epoc

Did you know that we have the technology to create something like Project Epoc?

Project Epoc is innovative because it is a headset that uses sensors to read electric signals produced by your own brain. It reads brain signals such as expression.

Something also great about Project Epoc is that it connects wireless to game platforms from consoles to PCs.

Project Epoc now makes you play games with your mind. This is so much better than wasting energy clicking control buttons instead of using your mind.

Project Epoc is from the company Emotiv and seems like it will be an excellent product, if it delivers all that it promises.

There is no release date yet given for Project Epoc, but the entire gaming community is keeping a close watch.

David L.



Project Linus

Over 300 girl scouts in the Peninsula Neighborhood participated in Project Linus at St. John Fisher this month. The project was organized by Cadette Troop 456 from Palos Verdes Intermediate School.

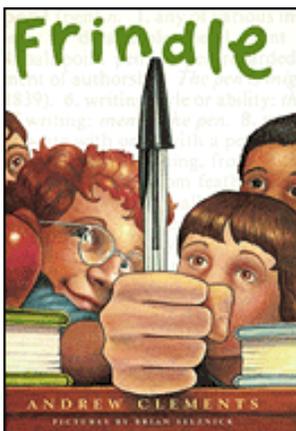
The girls made over 70 fleece blankets, which will be given to children who are patients at UCLA Medical Center through the Project Linus program. The purpose

of the program is to provide comfort and security to children in the hospital.

The girls also wrote note cards to the children that would be receiving the blankets and watched a short *Peanuts* film called, "Why?" The film is a story about one of Linus' friends who gets leukemia. She explains to Linus and Charlie Brown what cancer is and why a hospital stay is sometimes necessary.

The Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Dapplegray girls in Troop 115 enjoyed the community service project.

Tessa S.



Book Review: Frindle

One of my favorite books is *Frindle* by Andrew Clements.

Frindle is about a boy named Nicholas Allen. Nick likes to cause trouble in class. He thinks it is fun, but then he meets his language arts teacher, Mrs. Granger, who has eyes in back of her head.

When Nick is in Mrs. Granger's class, he learns about how words come to be in a dictionary, and he decides to invent his own word. He starts calling a pen a "frindle." Pretty soon, all the kids in the school are calling pens a "frindle."

Nick sounds like he would be fun to know. He thinks of

ways to make the impossible seem possible, and this inspires a lot of other people, including the students, his friends, his family, his neighbors, and people who hear about him.

This book is easy to read and hard to put down. I'm sure you'll like it.

Tessa S.

Dapplegray Fashion: Mrs. Scherba

Megan R., Dapplegray Times' Style Editor, interviews one of Dapplegray's best dressed teachers, Mrs. Christian Scherba.

MR: What are your favorite places to shop?

Mrs. Scherba: My favorite stores are Abercrombie, Anne Taylor, Gap, and Angl.

MR: What are your favorite shoes to wear?

Mrs. Scherba: Ballet flats are fun to wear!

MR: What are some of your favorite accessories?

Mrs. Scherba: I love to wear bracelets and dangle earrings!

MR: What are your favorite jackets to wear?

Mrs. Scherba: Juicy jackets are some of my favorites.

MR: What kind of jeans do you like wearing?

Mrs. Scherba: I like wearing designer jeans.

MR: What do your kids love wearing?

Mrs. Scherba: My girls Madeline and Emily love wearing Abercrombie, Juicy, and designer jeans.

MR: What do the twins Luke and Lucy like wearing?

Mrs. Scherba: They like wearing the cute clothing from Gap Kids!

MR: What does Mr. Scherba like to wear?

Mrs. Scherba: My husband likes the clothing from Abercrombie.

It seems that a great sense of style runs in the Scherba family!

And who does Mrs. Scherba consider to be her style icon? The one, the only, Ms. Calvert!

Megan R.



Reach for the Stars

Reach for the stars.
Shoot for the moon.
Even if you aren't there,
You'll be there soon.

Follow your dreams,
Listen to your heart.
Doing these things
Will make you smart.

Don't be discouraged,
You'll come a long way.
Follow this advice and
You'll get there today.

By Ashley T.



Dear Tessa

Dear Tessa: One of the kids in my class is always getting other kids in trouble. This student always tells on the other kids when it's not true. What should I do?

It's Not My Fault

Dear Not Your Fault: You should try to stay away from the kid who tells on you. If you try to stay away from

the kid, but the kid still tells lies, tell your teacher or yard duty that the other kid is lying and that it's not true.

Tessa

Dear Tessa: Two kids in my class were copying off my paper and got all the same answers that I had. They are cheating. What should I do?

Cheaters Bug Me

Dear Bugs: If someone is copying you, tell your teacher. But if you THINK someone is copying off of you but you're not sure, raise your hand and tell your teacher what you think. Your teacher will tell you what to do.

Tessa

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Colonial Day at Dapplegray

Each of the Fifth Grade classes at Dapplegray attended a Colonial Town Fair on Dapplegray's playground yesterday. The four towns involved were Manhattan Mist, Oakwood, Kellervania and Notre Dame.

Activities included musical chairs, relay races and pie



eating contests, plus corn and pea shucking contests. All participants had fun on such a beautiful, breezy day. Winners got prizes such as freshly harvested fruits and home-made sweet treats.

Here are some of the town folks' comments on the annual fair:

Morgan M. from Oakwood thought that the corn and pea shucking was the most fun.

Alana B. from Notre Dame really enjoyed the pie eating contest; whereas Christopher M. from Kellervania had a great time in the relay races.

Gala S., a musical chairs winner from Manhattan Mist,



thought the Colonial Town Fair was "so cool."

All in all, everyone had a blast. Winners or not, they all got to participate and eat and have a jolly good time.

Dragon S.



The best bread I ever tasted was the Irish Brown Bread baked by Mrs. Rushe.

- Luke S.

Bread Baking—Irish Style

Mrs. Rushe's Irish Brown Bread

The ingredients are:

- 6 oz white all-purpose flour
- 11 oz coarse brown flour
- 2 cups bran
- 1 cup wheat germ
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 dessert spoon of treacle (or molasses)
- 1-1/2 pints milk

Preheat the oven to 475 degrees, gas mark 2.

Mix all the dry ingredients together in a large bowl. Add the treacle (or molasses) and stir in enough of the milk to give a moist but not sloppy mixture. Place in a well-oiled loaf tin and bake for one

hour. After an hour, run a knife around the tin and ease the bread out. If it sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom, it is cooked; if not, return it to the oven for 10-15 minutes.

There is no need to put the bread back in the tin. Turn it upside down and put it directly on the shelf. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Megan

Irish Soda Bread

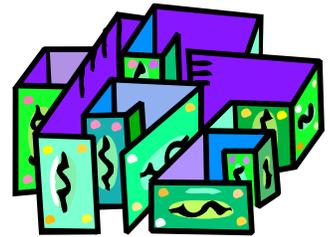
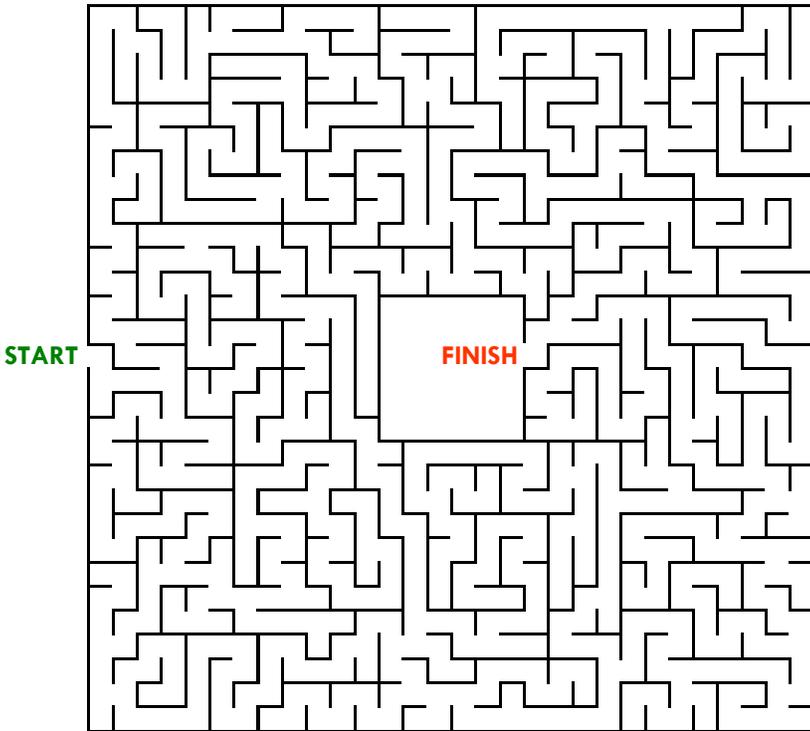
Irish soda bread has been around for about 150 years. Baking soda is used instead of yeast, which led to the name "Irish Soda Bread." Here is an easy recipe from familyfun.go.com.

- 2 C all-purpose flour
- 2 T sugar
- 1 t baking powder
- 1 t baking soda
- 1/2 t salt
- 3 T butter, softened
- 1 C raisins
- 1 C buttermilk

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Sift together the dry ingredients. Cut in butter with a fork until the mixture is crumbly. Add raisins, then add buttermilk until the mixture is moistened. Knead lightly and shape into a 7 inch disk. Place on a greased baking sheet, make a cross on top of the bread, and bake 30 to 40 minutes. Place on a wire rack to cool.

Luke S.

Amazing Mazes



By Hannah K.

St. Patrick's Day Riddles

1. What do you call a fake stone in Ireland?
2. When is an Irish potato not an Irish potato?
3. Knock, knock. Who's there? Irish? Irish Who?
4. Why did St. Patrick drive all of the snakes out of Ireland?
5. What is a nauhcercpel?
6. Why are there so many people in Ireland?



- Answers
1. A Sham Rock.
 2. A French Fry.
 3. Irish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day!
 4. He couldn't afford the plane fare.
 5. Leprechaun spelled backwards.
 6. Because the capital is always Dublin.

March 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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