

John Muir Times

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The Sports Guys

The NFL playoffs are here, and at this point, if you lose, your season is over, but if you win, your team has the chance to hoist the most coveted award in the NFL, the Lombardi trophy. The NBA season is heating up, and the Western Conference is an absolute mess (in a good way), while the Eastern Conference has been sub-par. The MLB off-season has begun, and teams like the San Diego Padres have been very active, and have already completed trades with the Oakland Athletics, Los Angeles Dodgers, and the Atlanta Braves.

Kai's Corner by: Kai Rensberry

In the first edition of the John Muir Times, I predicted which NFL teams were going to win their respective divisions. There were some teams that really surprised me, like the Dallas Cowboys, and the Pittsburgh Steelers, but with surprise teams, also comes disappointing teams. The New Orleans Saints were a disappointment, along with the Chicago Bears, both teams had big expectations, and neither team was able to deliver. I predicted that the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Diego Chargers were going to win the AFC wildcard places, I was incorrect, and the two wild card teams from the AFC were the Baltimore Ravens, and the Cincinnati Bengals, the Steelers winded up winning the division. The Steelers made late season surge to capture the AFC North, beating out two very good teams, the Cincinnati Bengals. and the Ravens.

In the NFC, the Detroit Lions, and the Arizona Cardinals were the winners of the wildcard spots, thankfully I got predicted one of the teams correctly. The Lions were a bit of a surprise to me, I didn't think their defense could step up as much as they did, so I have to give them credit for performing very well. There are still a bunch of twists and turns to be taken as the NFL playoffs progress.

Hover Boards By: Jake Howard

The future is now. Hover board technology has arrived. The company Arx Pax recently released a video and statement showing that they now have hover technology. They invited Tony Hawk to test ride their hover board, and video tape it for advertising. The video showcases Tony Hawk (along with some other scientists/testers) riding the board. However, the hover board can only work over non-ferrous surfaces, meaning metal surfaces other than iron or steel. Thus, the hover board works using magnets. So this won't work on streets anytime soon. The board in the video weighs 90 lbs, and even for skating legend Tony Hawk, is extremely difficult to ride. "It's really weird, it's like a skimboard that's out of control." Is how he described it. However disappointing this may appear, to the company's founders this really doesn't matter. Their goal with this technology lies in a different direction. "Transportation is obvious, but factory automation is another important one. The underlying technology can go into all sorts of areas you would never imagine—in health care, for instance, food processing, and, our personal favorite, seismic isolation: hovering buildings. That's where this concept came from." Said Greg, co-founder of Arx Pax; along with his wife Jill. "Jill and I are very passionate about being able to protect people's lives and property from the destruction of Mother Nature's bad days. In particular: earthquakes. And so that's where this started and ultimately where Jill and I would like to take this technology." So while the actual "hover board" may not be incredibly useful or usable, Greg explained further "the hoverboard really is just a way of capturing people's attention and getting this technology out there into everyone's hands. It's an opportunity to explore this technology and inspire co-creation on a global scale".

New Year 2015!!! By: Sadie Wager & Raven Williams

We are in the first month of the year, January, so you know what that means? Starting fresh and new, so you change things about you that you don't like. One way of starting new is by making New Years Resolutions. If you didn't come up with any, or didn't like the ones you made, we have a few suggestions about some:

- Don't make them too broad
- Focus on what you really want
- Don't let other people bring you down
- Just take it week to week
- It is okay if you change the resolutions or don't follow them

Also with starting fresh is trying to do better in things. Everyone wants to get those good grades or make their parents proud or just have a happy life, so we have some suggestions for this too:

- Take care of your body
- Don't stress out about the unimportant things
- Study and do your school work all the time
- Go with the flow
- Just try and have a positive attitude on things
- Talk to your family if something's wrong

Can Stars and Planets really tell your Future? By: Emmery Garcia

It's been said that stars and planets can tell if you're going to succeed in your life and goals. Over the years people started a chart that was defined by the month you were born in. There is the total of 12 signs. Each month was given a different sign. The horoscope is a prediction of a person's future determined by their character and circumstances you are in. interested in what sign you are?

| Signs of the Zodiac Constellation | English Name | Symbol | Dates |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|------------------|
| ♈ | Aries, The Ram | | Mar. 21–Apr. 19 |
| ♉ | Taurus, The Bull | | Apr. 20–May 20 |
| ♊ | Gemini, The Twins | | May 21–June 21 |
| ♋ | Cancer The Crab | | June 22–July 22 |
| ♌ | Leo, The Lion | | July 23–Aug. 22 |
| ♍ | Virgo, The Virgin | | Aug. 23–Sept. 22 |
| ♎ | Libra, The Balance | | Sept. 23–Oct. 23 |
| ♏ | Scorpio, The Scorpion | | Oct. 24–Nov. 21 |
| ♐ | Sagittarius, The Archer | | Nov. 22–Dec. 21 |
| ♑ | Capricorn, The Goat | | Dec. 22–Jan. 19 |
| ♒ | Aquarius The Water Bear | | Jan. 20–Feb. 18 |
| ♓ | Pisces The Fishes | | Feb. 19–Mar. 20 |

Fashion By: Elsa Velasquez

Don't know what to wear? Well let's give you pals and gals some ideas of what outfits are trending today! A lot of autumn colors are still in. Here are some ideas of what outfits are trending today, Girls have been wearing high waisted jeans, boyfriend jeans, crop top, big warm coats, scarves, and boots. You can customize your lady outfit any way you like but these are just suggestions. These clothes are easy to find at any stores which are Forever 21, Dear Alice, Charlotte Russe, JC Penny, etc. Lucky for you there has been ongoing sales online! You can browse the internet and find what you're looking for. Men have been wearing joggers lately which could be found at Tilly's, Pacsun, Zumiez, etc. The same colors women are trending men are too, but they are being worn a different way. Men tend to wear jeans with graphic long sleeves or just plain long sleeves or regular shirts with a warm sweater. It's never too late to go find clothes you like! Make a change, change your wardrobe up just a little.