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There's A Lot to Celebrate About October



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October is a fantastic month filled with excitement and festivities. As the leaves change colors and the air becomes crisp, it's a time to embrace the beauty of autumn. One of the most exciting things about October is Halloween. It's a time when people of all ages dress up in creative costumes, carve pumpkins, and go trick-or-treating. These spooky decorations and haunted houses add to the thrill of this season.



Another highlight of October is the arrival of fall harvest. It's a time to indulge in delicious seasonal treats like apple cider, pumpkin pie, and caramel apples. The vibrant colors of the changing foliage create a picturesque backdrop for outdoor activities like hayrides and corn mazes.

Additionally, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness and support those affected by this disease. It's a month that brings communities together to support a vital cause. Overall, October is a month that offers a mix of fun, beauty, and meaningful moments.

The Halloween Debate Continues!



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Should Halloween stay distinctively on October 31st, or would it be better on a weekend? Well, Halloween is a fun family holiday, with trick or treating, apple picking and a lot more. It usually changes every year. One year, it could be on a Monday and then the next, a Wednesday.

Unfortunately, this year Halloween falls on a Tuesday. Trick or treating is a lot of fun, but it is not as enjoyable on a school night. For example, you are walking through a big neighborhood, excited for all the candy you're going to get. Unexpectedly, your dad says, "Oh! Would you look at the time, 7:30, well it's time to go!"

Appalled, you whine in horror, but you can-



not do anything about it, because it is a school night. It does not seem very fair, does it?

Even if you do not go trick or treating, you might want to stay up all night and watch scary movies. And I do know it is

tradition for Halloween to be on the 31st of October, but would it genuinely hurt anyone to change it?

Originally, Halloween celebrated the dead when it was called All Hallows Eve. People went from door to door and performed a trick/dance for food. But nowadays, people only celebrate Halloween for trick or treating, or for just the decorations and movies. So, in conclusion I think it would be more fun for everyone to just have it at the weekend.



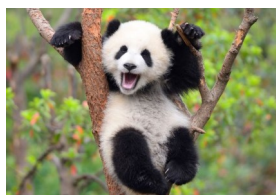
Pandas Heading Back to China



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Pandas are popular, cute, lovable bears. But they are also an endangered species, with only about 1,500 living in the wild forests of China.

If you are lucky, you may have seen one at the zoo or on a trip in another country. But did you know that China is taking the pandas back home? For a long time China gave pandas out to different countries as gifts. Then in 1984,



they stopped and started loaning the bears out to zoos in about 20 countries.

In the entire United States, there are only two zoos with pandas left. They are in the Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington, DC and the zoo in Atlanta, Ga.

The pandas in Washington, DC are set to be returning to China in December and the ones in Atlanta are set to go back sometime next year. So if you can, try to get a glimpse of them before the United States is left Panda-less.

If You Had to Make a Choice . . .



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If you were stranded on a deserted island and you had to pick three things from a plastic water bottle, string, a volleyball, a paper bag, a candle, magazine, stuffed animal, or pencil, what would you choose?

I would bring a plastic water bottle because you need it to survive. On average, humans can last around three weeks without food, but can only last around three days without water. Therefore, water is a much-needed necessity. Once you finish the water, you can use the bottle to collect rainwater, which is drinkable, therefore making it reusable.

Even though it may sound like a weird decision, if you were on a stranded island, you should



bring a volleyball. A volleyball would provide you with entertainment while stranded. It can release and distract you from the stress you would be facing, according to Psychreg. A volleyball is also able to float, so it would be hard to lose in the ocean. Lastly, you should bring a pencil. Sounds pretty funny, right? However, a pencil would be a smart thing to bring. According to Sarah Jane, and many other sources, pencil shavings are great fire starters! You could also use a sharp pencil to kill a fish to eat for food.

If stranded on an island, three things I would recommend you bring with you are a pencil, a volleyball, and a plastic water bottle. Pencil shavings will help you start a fire, a volleyball will give you entertainment, and a plastic water bottle will provide you with water and help collect rainwater.

Celebrating a Culture that Appears All Over the U.S.



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Spanish Heritage Month, also known as Hispanic Heritage Month, is an annual celebration that takes place from September 15th to October 15th. During this time, we honor and recognize the contributions, culture, and achievements of Hispanic and Latino Americans.

This month holds great significance as it commemorates the independence anniversaries of several Latin American countries, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Additionally, Mexico, Chile, and Belize celebrate their independence days during this time. These celebrations provide an opportunity to reflect on the history and diverse heritage of the Spanish speaking world.

Spanish Heritage Month serves as a platform to showcase the vibrant traditions, customs, and art forms that have shaped Hispanic culture. From music and dance to literature and cuisine, the influence of Spanish speaking countries can be seen and felt around the world. It is a time to appreciate the beauty of the rhythmic beats of salsa, the poetic works of Gabriel Garcia Marquez, and the mouthwatering flavors of the food.

This month also allows us to acknowledge the countless contributions of Hispanic and Latino individuals in various fields. From artists and musicians to scientists and activists, their impact on

society is immeasurable. There are many people to this day who are inspiring generations of people to keep on celebrating.

Furthermore, Spanish Heritage month encourages cultural exchange and understanding. It provides an opportunity for people from different backgrounds to come together, learn from one another, and embrace diversity. Through that festivals, exhibitions, and educational programs we can foster a sense of unity and appreciation for the richness of Hispanic culture.

In conclusion, Spanish Heritage Month is the time to celebrate the contributions, culture, and achievements of Hispanic and Latino Americans. It is a month filled with festivities, cultural expressions and a chance to deepen our understanding of the Spanish speaking world. Let us come together to honor and appreciate the diverse heritage that has shaped our society and continues to enrich our lives. Adios!!!



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