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## Where in the World...

It's the most wonderful time of the year! The world takes on a magic glow, where people are merrier in the winter time. Every country has their own selected rituals and customs during the holiday season. In the Philippines, the Giant Lantern Festival is held each year on the Saturday before Christmas Eve in the city of San Fernando, which is the “Christmas capital” of the Philippines. Eleven villages all participate in building their most elaborate lantern. Originally, the lanterns were created simply from ‘papel de hapon’ (Japanese origami paper). In Iceland, 13 troll-like characters come out to play during the 13 days leading up to Christmas. In Washington D.C., the lighting of the Menorah takes place. This is a ceremony marked with speeches, music, and activities for kids. Whether celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or the holidays in general, think about what traditions are special to you!

## What's Going on Here...

Dec 3 - 5: The Nicholas Center will again be participating in the Americana Manhasset Champions for Charity holiday shopping benefit. Help support our organization by doing your holiday shopping at participating Americana Manhasset and select Wheatley Plaza stores during these three days, when 25% of your designated full-price, pre-tax purchases will be donated back to us! To register for your complimentary “Champion Number” or for more information, visit championsforcharity.org or visit the Americana Manhasset Concierge storefront location.

Dec 1 - 19: “Make a Child Smile Toy & Food Drive” is a charity event to donate toys to children in need in Port Washington. This event is organized by the Port Washington Chamber of Commerce and Port Washington Police Detective Anthony Guzzello. Go on pwcoc.org for more information on drop-off locations. All toy donations should be new

## How's it Possible...

On December 31, 1935, the coolest board game was patented and invented. Since that day, it has been translated into 37 languages and evolved into over 200 licensed and localized editions for 103 countries across the world. Charles B. Darrow of Germantown, PA created the game known today as Monopoly during the Great Depression. In 1934, he presented the game to executives at Parker Brothers and was rejected. A year later, after he sold 5,000 homemade copies of the game. Parker Brothers later bought the game. Monopoly is still a great gift to buy for the holidays, because it's all about keeping and giving money and learning how to play for fun. Monopoly now comes in different animated versions for kids like Disney, Spongebob, Pokemon and Mario Brothers!

## When Did That Happen...

Did you know that December marks the 35th anniversary of Kidsongs? Kidsongs is a show where children have fun singing and dancing to songs like Little Blue Wonder, and B.I.N.G.O. In 1992, Kidsongs made their first mascots Billy and his older sister Ruby in 1993. Billy and Ruby hosted Kidsongs on PBS from 1999 to 2002. You can now find Kidsongs on CD's and DVD's for sale, or download the Kidsongs App. If you don't know about Kidsongs, go ahead and give them a try today!

## Who Knows...

1. You find me in December, but not in any month. What am I?
2. You can start by making a roll then you can mold me, put a scarf on my neck and even a couple of coal. What am I?
3. What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, has a bed but never sleeps?

(Find the answers on the back, under “In The Stars”)

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### That's Incredible!

Did you know that in Uruapan, Mexico, the largest cup of hot cocoa was created? This was achieved by the Municipio of Uruapan. It contained 4,816.6 liters (1272.3 gallons). The cup of hot chocolate was made to celebrate Three Kings' Day and contained more than 600 kilograms of locally grown semisweet chocolate. The beverage was donated and consumed by local citizens, including community kitchens, elderly care home residents and volunteer firefighters. Now that's what you call a big cup of cocoa!

### That's Trendy!

The holidays are creeping up on us, and it is the season to find the perfect gift ideas for your loved ones. The best part about giving gifts is gift wrapping and adding a special touch of your love. Deck the halls with bright gift wrapping paper like emerald green and sapphire blue. Those are the colors trending for this season. There is also an increase in searches for budget-friendly decor and gifts. Try wrapping your gifts with fabric, recycled, or eco-friendly materials. Whichever you decide, be sure to have a great holiday season!

### That's Funny!

What do you call a shark that delivers toys at Christmas?

- Santa Jaws!

Why did Rudolph get a bad report card?

- Because he went down in history

Why don't ants get sick?

- Because they have little anty bodies.

### That's Twisted!

Reindeers ride round and round around a round-a-bout

### That's Inspirational!

"Remember this December, that love weighs more than gold!" – Josephine Dodge Daskam Bacon

### Pet of the Month!



Shadow is a 7 year old Jindo mix with an adventurous spirit! He loves to spend time outside, go for long walks on the trail, and playing with tennis balls. He is a seasoned pro at our agility course- he especially loves the tunnel! Shadow can be aloof at times, which is typical of the Jindo breed, but he absolutely enjoys the company of his human companions. He can't resist a good scratching session! Shadow gets along well with dogs of his own size, but would do best in a home without small sized dogs, cats, or other small pets.

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### In The Stars

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20) You will do well in social settings and new and interesting individuals may spark a romantic curiosity. Lucky Day: Sunday  
TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21) Put some effort into physical fitness programs or activities that make you feel good. Lucky Day: Monday  
GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Make plans to do the things you enjoy. Take a moment to relax and unwind. Lucky Day: Tuesday  
CANCER (June 22-July 22) Things are looking good for you, so open your eyes and get to it. Lucky day: Sunday  
LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You could be motivated to offer advice or a caring shoulder to a friend this month, by bringing some clarity and a little spark back into their life. Lucky Day: Wednesday  
VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 23) Nourish your soul in all the ways that make you feel whole. Infuse positivity into your heart and mind. Lucky Day: Saturday  
LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22) Use your energy wisely. Spend some time with good friends and family. Make self love a priority. Lucky day: Friday  
SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21) This is the month for self-care! Don't forget to take time to stop and smell the roses. Lucky day: Thursday  
SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21) To have the biggest impact in the shortest amount of time, go for the direct approach. Ambition is your middle name, go get 'em! Lucky Day: Saturday  
CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19) You will reap the rewards for your kind actions. Lucky Day: Wednesday  
AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18) Try to spend as much time as possible with friends this month. Lucky Day: Friday  
PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20) Spend more time helping others this month. Surround yourself with positive people. Lucky Day: Saturday

Answers to Who Knows: #1. The letter D #2. A Snowman #3. A River



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5 Mile Winter Run - March 8, 2020  
Citizens of the year - April 20, 2020  
Alper's Karmacas - May 17, 2020  
Golf & Fitness Outing - June 1, 2020  
Manhasset Bay Kayake - July 25, 2020  
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