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TROJAN ELITE: St. Nicholas (aka Santa

Santa Claus, also known as Saint Nicholas, Father Christmas, Kris Kringle and simply "Santa", is a figure with legendary, historical and folkloric origins who, in many Western cultures, is said to bring gifts to the homes of the good children on December 24, the night before Christmas Day. Santa Claus is generally depicted as a portly, joyous, white-bearded man sometimes with spectacles wearing a red coat with white collar and cuffs, white-cuffed red trousers, and black leather belt and boots and who carries a bag full of gifts for children. His most famous theme song is "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" and flying reindeer pull his sleigh. He is commonly portrayed as living at the North Pole and saying "ho ho ho".



NBA Game Picks Of The Week/Holidays

Tuesday December 16

Timberwolves 7:00 PM
Wizards

Heat 7:30 PM
Nets

Warriors 8:00 PM
Grizzlies

Mavericks 8:00 PM
Knicks

Thunder 8:30 PM
Kings

Thursday December 18

Heat 7:30 PM
Nets

Pelicans 8:00 PM
Warriors

Grizzlies 10:30 PM
Thunder

Wednesday, December 17

Clippers 7:30 PM
Pacers

Rockets 8:00 PM
Nuggets

Nets 10:30 PM
Raptors

Carolina High School Sports

Basketball

Dec.19 – Carolina vs Chesnee

Jan.6 - @ Blacksburg

Jan.9 - @ Landrum

Wrestling

Dec.18 – Carolina Vs Chesnee/Crescent

Jan.5 - @ Blacksburg

Jan.8 - @ Landrum



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"THINGS TO DO" 6/7



Lets Talk Fashion! by Jasmine Irby



Tom Ford was born on August 27, 1961, in Austin, Texas. Ford's parents worked all the time so he spent most of his time at grandma's house. He would sketch and draw all sorts of things. "I was always very visual, always interested in design," he recalls. While studying architecture at the Paris campus of the Parsons School of Design, Ford decided to switch to fashion. In 1985, after graduating from Parsons, Ford sought to land a job with prominent sportswear designer Cathy Hardwick. He became the Womenswear Designer for Gucci in 1990 and Creative Director in 1994. Under Ford's direction, Gucci's annual sales grew to \$3 billion. Since re-signing from Gucci in 2005, Ford has launched his own fashion brand and he also directed Colin Firth in the film *The Single Man*.

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Games: The Gathering - by Angenette Jones

Stop The Presses at PlayStation:

The Drop has released a list of all the new games coming out on The PlayStation store. The list includes *Tetris Ultimate*, the world's most beloved puzzle game, *Super Mega Baseball*, *Loadout*, and *Metal Gear Solid 4: Guns of the Patriots*, the game series with the famous character Snake. For the whole list of games, check out the PlayStation.Blog!

The News at Nintendo:

As of December 5th, the NES Remix Pack and Ultimate NES Remix are available on the Nintendo eShop! On Miiiverse, Nintendo held an NES Remix Championship from the 12th—17th. The top five highest scores in the community are awarded \$50 worth of Nintendo eShop credit.

Exactly What's Going on at Xbox:

Thomas Was Alone is a 2D indie platformer that features colored parallelograms and simple music sound tracks as well as intricate level design and clever puzzles. A surprisingly deep storyline will make you find yourself caring an absurd amount about this little orange rectangle called Thomas. The game is available now on Xbox One and is said to be well worth the price for such an amazing puzzle platformer.

Shhh! It's a secret!

Grand Theft Auto is well known for its hilarious somewhat hidden content. There's one easter egg that's a bit more difficult to find but well worth the effort. Getting to the Statue of Happiness in *GTA IV* isn't too difficult, but once you're there, you'll need to find a suspicious door. Walk through it and discover what's at the heart of liberty city!

International news

By: JEFFERSON HOLLAND



Sweden

a Russian military intelligence plane nearly collided with a commercial passenger jet south of Sweden on Friday, the Swedish air force chief said

Sunday. The passenger flight en route from Denmark to Sweden had to change course. But the Russian Defense Ministry refuted the notion that one of its warplanes nearly collided with a passenger jet. Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said Sunday, according to Russia's state-run TASS news agency. "The flight was being made strictly in compliance with international air space rules, not violating borders of other countries and at a safe distance from traffic routes of civilian aircraft," Konashenkov said the Russian plane was more than 70 kilometers (44 miles) from the flight route of a passenger jet.

Australia/Isis

According to 2GB radio DJ Ray Hadley, who spoke to an unidentified male hostage on his mobile, the hostage-taker is demanding the delivery of an Islamic State (ISIS) flag and a conversation with Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott. Members of the Australian media say that they have been in contact with hostages held in the Sydney cafe by a gunman, calling himself 'the Brother' giving an insight into his possible motivations and demands.



CELEBRITY HIGHLIGHT - by Miay Paden

Taylor Swift 25 B-Day!!

The lovely talented singer, Taylor Swift turned 25 last Saturday. On her birthday she performed in New York, and she asked the crowd to scream loud in honor of her birthday! After that she threw a party in her apartment full of celebrities. Jay-z, Beyoncé, Timberlake, Sam Smith, Karlie Kloss, and so many more attended the party. All of them dressed up, wore party hats, and danced. Taylor Swift announced that "This was the best birthday ever, and I am so lucky"!!!

Music and the Artists

- by Ulises Hernandez

Ariana Grande-Butera was born on June 26, 1993. She is most known professionally as Ariana Grande, an American singer and actress. She began her career in the Broadway musical 13, before landing the role of Cat Valentine on the Nickelodeon television series "Victorious" in 2009. After the show ended, Ariana Grande rose to prominence as a teen idol on her own spinoff, "Sam & Cat". Ariana Grande's music career began with the soundtrack music from "Victorious" in 2011. She signed a recording contract with Republic Records, which released her debut studio album, "Yours Truly" 2013, which debuted at number one on the U.S. Billboard 200. The album's lead single "The Way", became a top ten hit on the Billboard Hot 100 with critics comparing her wide vocal range to Mariah Carey.



TOP TEN DOWNLOADED SONGS OF THE WEEK —by Chris Thompson

This week's top song starts off with Ariana Grande & The Weekend Love Me Harder at number 10, followed by Dangerous by David Guetta Featuring Sam Martin at number 9. At number 8 is Meghan Trainor with Lips are Moving. At number 7 Sam Smith with the same song that seems like it never gets old I Know I'm Not the Only One. Then we have Taylor Swift again with Shake It Off on the top songs list. Meghan Trainor comes along again with the song All about That Bass, at number 5. Moved up to number 4 is Ed Sheeran with Thinking Out Loud after being number 6 last week on the chart. After being number 1, Taylor Swift's Blank Space dropped down to number 3. Then at number 2 we have Hozier Take me To Church. At number one we have Mark Ronson Featuring Bruno Mars with Uptown Funk!

What's Hot on Twitter - Aaliyah Caldwell

Philippine government prosecutors charged a U.S. Marine with murder Monday in the killing of a Filipino, saying the suspect acknowledged attacking the victim after he found out she was a transgender woman. Prosecutor Emilie de los Santos said there was "probable cause" that Marine Pfc. Joseph Scott Pemberton, who has been detained since shortly after the October incident, killed Jennifer Laude, whose former name was Jeffrey, in the motel room where the victim's body was found in Olongapo city, northwest of Manila. She had apparently been strangled and drowned in a toilet bowl. "It's murder," de los Santos told reporters after filing the charge against the 19-year-old Pemberton before a regional court. "It was aggravated by treachery, abuse of superior strength and cruelty." Among the evidence submitted by de los Santos and other prosecutors were statements by Pemberton's three Marine colleagues who went bar-hopping with him on Oct. 11 in Olongapo, a former liberty town when the U.S. Navy was at the vast Subic Naval base, now a bustling commercial Freeport and recreation hub. Pemberton and some of his colleagues later picked up women at a disco bar and separately checked in at nearby motels, then returned to their ship after midnight. Witnesses saw Pemberton check in with Laude at a motel room, where he was seen leaving shortly before the discovery of the killing, prosecutors said in their statement to the court. Marine Lance Corporal Jairn Michael Rose, who went out with Pemberton that night, acknowledged that the suspect later confided back at their ship that he attacked the woman he was with by choking her after discovering that she was a transgender when she undressed, according to the prosecutors.

"I think I killed a he/she," Pemberton was quoted as having told Rose. Pemberton, a skilled boxer, allegedly said he choked her from behind with his arm "for a couple of minutes" until she stopped moving then dragged her into the bathroom, according to the prosecutors. The new details are likely to spark renewed condemnation by left-wing and transgender groups, which have labeled the attack a hate crime.





Local Arts

- by Dieondre McLendon



December 15-16 - The Gullah Kinfolk: Christmas Wish...Freedom Coming - The Peace Center (POP!)

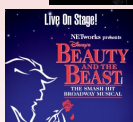


December 16 - Kenny Rogers Christmas Show - The Peace Center

December 19-21 - Holiday At Peace - Greenville Symphony Orchestra



December 23-28 - Disney's Beauty and the Beast - The Peace Center (Broadway Series)



The Muse

A Christmas Wish

(Written by Eugene Field)

I'd like a stocking made for a giant,
And a meeting house full of toys,
Then I'd go out in a happy hunt
For the poor little girls and boys;
Up the street and down the street,
And across and over the town,
I'd search and find them everyone,
Before the sun went down.

CLASSIC CAR OF THE WEEK

by Adrien Cruz-Rimirez

First-Generation Mustang

THE FIRST-GENERATION FORD MUSTANG WAS MANUFACTURED BY THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY FROM APRIL 1964 UNTIL 1973. THE INTRODUCTION OF THE MUSTANG CREATED A NEW CLASS OF AUTOMOBILE KNOWN AS THE PONY CAR. THE MUSTANG'S STYLING, WITH ITS LONG HOOD AND SHORT DECK, PROVED WILDLY POPULAR AND INSPIRED A HOST OF IMITATORS.

IT WAS INITIALLY INTRODUCED AS A HARDTOP AND CONVERTIBLE WITH THE FASTBACK VERSION PUT ON SALE THE FOLLOWING YEAR. AT THE TIME OF ITS INTRODUCTION, THE MUSTANG, SHARING ITS UNDERPINNINGS WITH THE FALCON, WAS SLOTTED INTO A COMPACT CAR SEGMENT.

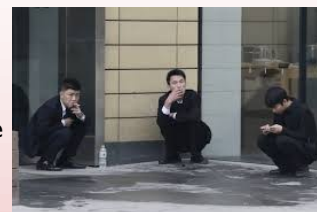
WITH EACH REVISION, THE MUSTANG SAW AN INCREASE IN OVERALL DIMENSIONS AND IN ENGINE POWER. THE 1971 MODEL SAW A DRASTIC REDESIGN TO ITS PREDECESSORS. AFTER AN INITIAL SURGE, SALES WERE STEADILY DECLINING, AS FORD BEGAN WORKING ON A NEW GENERATION MUSTANG. WITH THE ONSET OF THE 1973 OIL CRISIS, FORD WAS PREPARED, HAVING ALREADY DESIGNED THE SMALLER MUSTANG II FOR THE 1974 MODEL YEAR. THIS NEW CAR HAD NO COMMON COMPONENTS WITH PRECEDING MODELS.



It's the Law!

by Brittany Skiens

In New York, You may not smoke within 100 feet of the entrance to a public building. This law came to order because some people were having allergic reactions to the smoke.



All About Aquariums— by Kandice Crawford

Bull sharks

Bull sharks are aggressive and they are common. Bull sharks like high-population areas and live in warm water. Bull sharks can live in salt water and fresh water. You need to check to see if this is the type of shark for you. Bull sharks will eat anything they see like fish, dolphins, and other sharks. Bull sharks can live up to 16 years old. Bull sharks can grow up to 11.5 feet.



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Movie Reviews

- by Lesley Garcia & Alexandra Cruz

“Top Five 2014” (3.7/5)

Director: Chris Rock

Star Cast: Rosario Dawson, Tracy Morgan, Adam Sandler, Gabrielle Union, Kevin Hart

Movie info: Pulsing with the rhythm of his greatest stand-up, Chris Rock's TOP FIVE takes things to the next level, reveling in the high and the low, and blending a star-studded comedic romp with an irresistible romance. TOP FIVE digs under the surface of show business, politics, rap, and the exigencies of being black and famous today-holding it all up to the light in the way only Chris Rock can. Mingling echoes of Woody Allen and Dick Gregory with the energy of Kanye West and Jay Z, TOP FIVE is an original and radically new kind of American movie. Written, directed by, and starring Chris Rock, TOP FIVE tells the story of New York City comedian-turned-film star Andre Allen, whose unexpected encounter with a journalist (Rosario Dawson) forces him to confront the comedy career-and the past-that he's left behind. Starring Chris Rock, Rosario Dawson, Kevin Hart, Tracy Morgan, Cedric The Entertainer, J.B. Smoove, Sherri Shepherd, Anders Holm, Romany Malco, Leslie Jones, Michael Che, and Jay Pharoah. The film is produced by Scott Rudin and Eli Bush. The Co-Producers are Shawn "Jay Z" Carter and Kanye West; the Executive Music Producer is Questlove.

BLENDED / 2014 (Runtime: 1 hr. 31 min.)

After a bad blind date, single parents Lauren (Drew Barrymore) and Jim (Adam Sandler) agree on only one thing: they never want to see each other again. But when they each sign up separately for a great family vacation with their kids, they are all stuck sharing a suite at a luxurious African safari resort for a weekend.

Rating: PG-13



“The Hunger Games Mockingjay – part I 2014” (3.9/5)

Director: Francis Lawrence (II) , Francis Lawrence

Star Cast: Jennifer Lawrence “Katniss Everdeen”, Liam Hemsworth “Gale Hawthorne”, Josh Hutcherson “Peeta Mellark”

Movie info: The worldwide phenomenon of The Hunger Games continues to set the world on fire with The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part I, which finds Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) in District 13 after she literally shatters the games forever. Under the leadership of President Coin (Julianne Moore) and the advice of her trusted friends, Katniss spreads her wings as she fights to save Peeta (Josh



Movies: What's New this week!

- By: Shyanne Hamilton

The Hobbit: the battle of five armies December 17th 2014

Having reclaimed Erebor and vast treasure from the dragon Smaug, Thorin Oakenshield (Richard Armitage) sacrifices friendship and honor in seeking the Arkenstone, despite Smaug's fiery wrath and desperate attempts by the Hobbit Bilbo (Martin Freeman) to make him see reason. Meanwhile, Sauron sends legions of Orcs in a sneak attack upon the Lonely Mountain. As the fate of Middle Earth hangs in the balance, the races of Men, Elves and Dwarves must decide whether to unite and pre-



Annie December 19th, 2014

Ever since her parents left her as a baby, little Annie (Quvenzhané Wallis) has led a hard-knock life with her calculating foster mother, Miss Hannigan (Cameron Diaz). However, all that changes when hard-nosed billionaire and mayoral candidate Will Stacks (Jamie Foxx) takes her in on the recommendation of his advisers (Rose Byrne, Bobby Cannavale). Stacks believes that he's Annie's guardian angel, but the plucky youngster's confidence and sunny outlook may mean that Annie will save Will instead.



FUN ACTIVITIES TO DO DURING YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON AND BREAK!!

-Provided by Brittney Skeins-

Children's Museum

Get up and Grow- Ages 5 & under. On December 16 Children will have fun making a holiday wreath using different color tissue paper and glue sticks. What preschooler doesn't love glue sticks? Come join us for the fun.

Tuesday - Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday: Closed

-5 p.m. and special Holidays



River Banks Zoo: Lights before Christmas

6 to 9pm each evening through January 2, with closings on December 24, 25 and 31.

Adults - \$13.95 (Save \$2.20 per ticket by purchasing online!)

Children (2-12 years)- \$11.50 (Save \$1.75 per ticket by purchasing online!)

Children younger than 2 - FREE

Military (with military ID) - \$12.95

Senior Citizens (ages 62 and up) - \$12.95



Ice on Main

Village Green in front of the Courtyard Marriott

Hours of Operation:

November 29 – December 20,

January 8 – January 20:

2 pm – 9 pm, Monday – Thursday

December 23 – January 3

11 am – 9 pm, Monday – Thursday

Weekend Hours

11 am – 10 pm, Friday and Saturday

11 am – 9 pm, Sunday



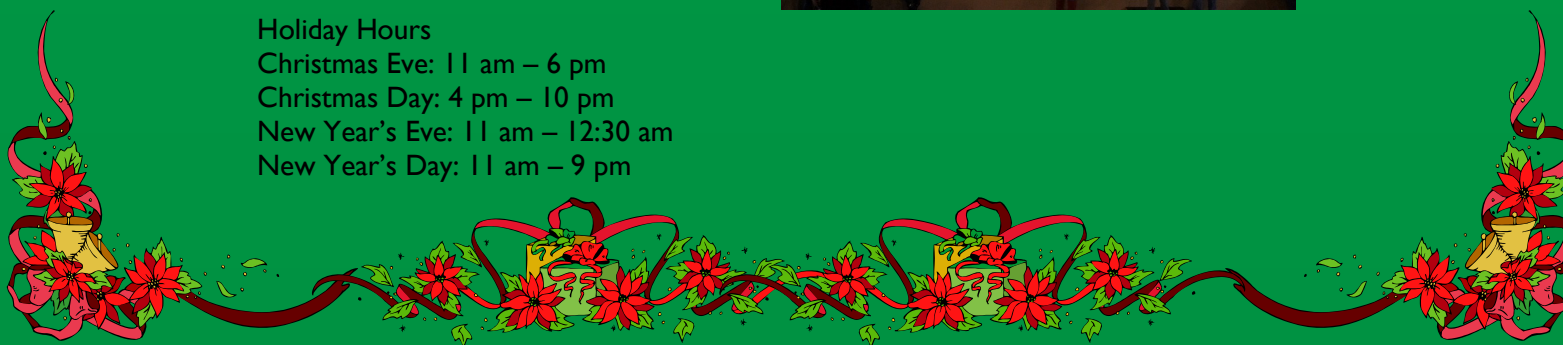
Holiday Hours

Christmas Eve: 11 am – 6 pm

Christmas Day: 4 pm – 10 pm

New Year's Eve: 11 am – 12:30 am

New Year's Day: 11 am – 9 pm





MORE FUN ACTIVITIES TO DO DURING YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON!!

Anderson Lights of Hope opened Thanksgiving Day and closes the day after Christmas. They open every night at 5:30 pm and close around 11 pm each night. The price for entry is \$8 per vehicle for as much time as you want in the park, until you leave. Coupons will be available in local newspapers for \$3 off. They are located at 1000 Anderson Beach Blvd, Anderson, SC 29621. For more information concerning Lights of Hope please feel free to contact them. They cannot wait to see you at their festival of lights, helping their community one person at a time!



Nights of a Thousand Candles

December 4-6, 11-13, & 18-20, 2014

See Brookgreen Gardens come to life amid the soft glow of more than 5,500 hand-lit candles and countless sparkling lights from 3 - 10 p.m. Walk the paths with a warm cup of cider, hear the sounds of hand bells ringing, carolers singing, and celebrate the season with family and friends.

Now in its 15th year, Nights of a Thousand Candles continues to delight guests with beautiful candle and lighting displays and exceptional entertainment. This year's most exciting new feature is the 80-foot-tall Holiday Fir tree decorated with 60,000 lights. Located in the arboretum, this beautiful tree will be lighted at 5:45 p.m. every night in ceremonial fashion. Other new highlights include The Peppermint Forest in the Children's Garden, The Ice Garden in the Lower Left Wing garden, and the addition of a garden by candle light. Ticket prices for "Nights of a Thousand Candles" .



Member Adult: \$14 and Non-Member Adult \$18-Member Child: \$8 and Non-member Child \$10

Saluda Shoals Park will come alive in a blaze of more than a million sparkling lights from November 26th through December 31st, .

Holiday Lights on the River features over 400 themed, animated light displays on a two-mile loop of the Park! Take a hayride to the boardwalk for \$1 per person or walk along the new trail to the Wetland and enjoy a laser light show and the Deck the Doors Holiday door display along the way. Get ready for the slide of your life on the Winter Wonder Ride at Holiday Lights on the River. Zip through a series of lighted arches and experience downhill tubing without the snow on this 125 foot, exciting, fun-packed family ride. Tubes are provided. The Winter Wonder Ride is suitable for children and adults 42" and taller. If you are under the age of (4) you must be accompanied by your parents or guardian. Fee: \$2 per slide with Holiday Lights admission or \$10 for and all you can slide pass. The Winter Wonder Ride is open Thursday through Sunday (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) and nightly during the Nights of Wonder, December 12-23 from 6-10 p.m.

To Contact -Call 803-7723

Location-Roper Mtn. Rd. sits at the intersection of I-85 and I-385, just S. of Greenville. Take exit 37 on I-385 as you approach or leave Greenville.

Fee-Cars, SUV & Mini-vans - \$10 M-Th and \$15 Fri-Sun; Activity Vans - \$20; Buses - \$50 Event Hours: 6pm -10pm

DONATIONS, FOOD BANKS, AND SOUP KITCHENS

Virtual Toy Drive – gives toys to children in the Hospital this Christmas . Make a difference for a child at Children's Hospital of Greenville Health System by purchasing any one of the items you see featured in our Virtual Toy Drive. All items have been identified by Children's Hospital staff as needed to help us in our efforts to go beyond providing traditional medical care.

Log onto the website: www.virtualtoydrive.org

Holiday Sunshine Fund – help Families in need this holiday season and you can warm the life of someone in need. The Holiday Sunshine Fund helps the less fortunate in our community by contributing funds for warm clothing, money for heating bills or just to make sure that Santa remembers every child. Holiday Sunshine Fund, P.O. Box 1688, Greenville, SC 29602

Miracle Hill Ministries: <https://miraclehill.org> to find a store or call (864) 268-4357

Red Cross: donations being taken at 2751 Bull Street, Columbia S.C. 29202 (803) 540-1200

