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# Secrets of the Happiest Place on Earth

# By Jessica Bird

Disneyland (aka, my second home) hosts some extraordinary facts and hidden gems that many overlook amid the sea of crazed fans and sticky children scurrying to get a spot in line on the popular rides and attractions. But Disneyland is much more than meets the eye! Here are some of the most interesting Disneyland secrets that you've never heard of:

## I. Hidden Mickeys!

These Mickey Mouse heads are camouflaged into basically everything at the park. If you find all of them, Walt Disney's spirit will grace you with an approving head nod and a complimentary churro.

## 2. Mad Tea Party

The lavender teacup spins the fastest. So if you're looking for a hardcore unbirthday experience, hold onto your Mickey Mouse ears and hop in!

# 3. You Officially Can't Die at Disneyland

Or, more specifically, you can't be declared dead at Disneyland. Your corpse would be hurried out of the park through an underground tunnel into Harbor Boulevard, where it would then be pronounced deceased. (But the soul remains behind, trapped as a ghost in the Haunted Mansion. Spooky!) **4. Club 33** 

Many have heard of this fancyshmancy, exclusive club located in New Orleans Square. This happens to be the only place in Disneyland to sell alcohol. And don't even get me started on the shellshaped soaps.

#### 5. Pirates of the Caribbean

The ride was once filled with human skeletons, but they mysteriously disappeared over time (because that's the souvenir I want when visiting Disneyland— a real skeleton!) and the only remaining skull resides over the bed in the treasure-filled room, between the two crossed swords.

#### 6. Matterhorn Basketball Court

At the very top of the Matterhorn is a basketball court. (Dibs on this location for the zombie apocalypse.)

# 7. Disney Imagineers invented their own shade of green.

It's called No-see-um-green, and all of the unnecessary industrial items in the park are painted this color so that they will blend into the surrounding forestry and fade into the background.

### 8. The drawbridge at Disneyland is REAL.

It has only been in operation twice: once when the park opened, and second in the 1980s when Fantasyland was being renovated.

### 9. Free Refills!

Pro tip: If you buy coffee on Main Street, keep your cup! You can get it refilled throughout the day for free. The same goes for balloons; if your balloon pops, you can ask for another!

### 10. Edible Plants!

Enter a world of sustainability and advancement in Tomorrowland, where the rides are thrilling and the plants are edible! Who needs overpriced pizza and Mickey Mouse ice cream bars when you have foliage?!

### II. Snow White's Golden Apple

If you touch the apple by the golden book, the childhood nightmares you've spent years repressing will return to you with horrifying clarity as the Evil Queen cackles manically. **12. Disneyland Fire De-**

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Walt, being busy as he was building the happiest and most beloved place on earth, had an apartment built directly above the Fire Department on Main Street so that he could oversee the park's progress, and you see it from the street! **13. Walt Disney's Frozen** 

# Corpse

It is located under Pirates of the Caribbean, so his spirit migrates from ride to ride and haunts the park. (Okay so this isn't grounded in fact... but that doesn't mean you should discredit it!)

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Isaiah Trujillo, a game night enthusiast, is an English tutor at the Clovis Tutorial Center.



"I got the power because I will work it out over time."



# **Game Nights By Isaiah Trujillo**

It is a Friday night and your friends want to hang out. Suddenly, one of your friends asks the million dollar question: "What do you want to do?" Without any prior thought, this question may catch you off-guard and leave you unsure of what you and your friends could do. With Pokémon Go on a steady decline of popularity, it is not always easy to get people out of the house and willing to do something so-

cial. Well, one idea may be to have a game night with friends and family. While this may seem a bit "oldschool," one might be surprised how fun one of these nights could be. From enjoying some adult-style humor with Cards Against Humanity to destroying friendships in Monopoly, game nights offer an amazing opportunity to connect with a group of people that a person might not usually talk to outside of texting or social media. Even though staring at a phone screen for hours on end has its moments, being around a group of friends or family is more memorable than what happened at the MTVawards, so get a group of people together and have some fun!

# Be a Gem and Major in S.T.E.M.!

## By Annica Navarro

In the fall, I look around at the trees when they take in their chlorophyll

They start to change as I have a new year before me

I wonder to myself, "Where will I find my fill?"

I try to calculate where my center of focus should be in this mass amount of knowledge If it is not within a certain foundation, it seems as if everything will come down due to gravity

I have forces that pull me in every direction Sometimes I am able to catch my breath in the moments of equilibrium However, I find myself in the midst of disruption

What do you mean I have all these classes I need to take?

It will test my limits to infinity and beyond Occasionally I think it is out of range Nonetheless, I am glad I have friends to rely on through our energetic bond

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I find repetitions when I am in the right mode I believe a force will come to help me get moving though

I go into the year with a large amount of potential

Obstacles cause me to think I am falling I ponder on something motivational It is the conservation of energy that keeps my spirits going

I devise a system of equations to help me find some unknowns

I must take the series of steps to venture toward the answer

It appears too much when I can feel the sheer stress as I clench my bones

In these moments, my brain fossilizes with fear

However, I remember to take moment to indulge in some laughter

I hypothesize a new direction to steer I try to have a recollection of something in my cognition

It drives me toward special moments of inspiration within the trials of this experimentation

My static thought causes a stop in my produc- I shall remember this throughout the major of mine

Multiple cups of Java fill in the spaces between I got the power because I will work it out over time.

# **Joining the Conversation** Ratemyprofessor.com



Amanda Sunday

YES! Ratemyprofessor.com has been one of the most helpful websites in regards to helping students plan their schedules out with the hopes of having a good teacher or at least one that fits their style of learning. Since the information gathered on the website allows for other students to

input their experiences, one can learn just how difficult a teacher can be. This online forum allows students to make concerns or other comments on the teachers public rather than only telling the administration in those anonymous questionnaires at the end of the semester. Do not want to have a lot of homework in the class? lust search it up and do some research on the available instructors to see if there are a lot of assignments or lack thereof. Do not prefer just going to class and sitting in lecture? Search up those teachers and see which one has more lecture based sessions and which one has more group or learning activities. Even if schedules cannot be changed, this website can let users know ahead of time just which teachers in their schedule they will have to worry about. The available options show grading difficulty, overall quality, etc. on a Likert scale of 1-5, which can inform a student how hard they are going to have to work over the course of the semester; additionally, students can find out how many papers, how many group projects, and how hot the teacher is.

**NO!** While *ratemyprofessor.com* offers students a convenient way to share information about their experiences with instructors, the website relies on students themselves to provide fair, accurate, and fully contextualized accounts of these experiences – something many students are unable/unwilling to do. This means that helpful, balanced instructor reviews are often hard to come by. In-



Spencer Shadley

stead, students' eyes are drawn to the bright red, frowny-faced reviews left by students with only critical things to say. Students using the site to decide which instructor to take often see one or two of these negative reviews as sufficient reasons to avoid taking an instructors class. The result? Classes taught by favored professors are full practically as soon as the registration period begins. While this may be an effective way of ensuring that well-liked instructors stay on the job, there are also a couple of clearly negative impacts. Firstly, students who only pick instructors that everyone else has liked risk never leaving their comfort zone in the classroom. There's an undeniable and inspiring challenge that comes with taking an instructor one knows will force them to work hard - this is lost when students only select teachers pre-approved by former students. Secondly, instructors who have received negative feedback have fewer students interested in taking their classes, and thus have less opportunity to improve. But this criticism of ratemyprofessor.com wouldn't be complete without mentioning that the site enables students to rate instructors' "hotness." This insensitive and pointless feature embodies the site's larger problem: rate*myprofessor.com* has squashed its opportunity to be a serious forum through which students can share valuable information. Instead, the fundamental flaws of this website have made it just another outlet for superficial criticism.

# **5 Pentatonix Covers to Add to Your Weekend Playlist**

# **By Samuel Montgomery**

A cappella music—one of the oldest forms of musical performance—is making a comeback! With movies like *Pitch Perfect* and countless YouTubers posting their own renditions of the newest hits, it may be hard to pinpoint how exactly this 21st century trend started. However, part of this newfound popularity can be easily attributed to a particular Grammy award-winning musical group: Pentatonix (also known as PTX). In addition to the unique voice that each member brings to the group (and the amazing talent of beatboxer Kevin Olusula), what differentiates this five-member group from other popular a cappella groups is their knack for producing catchy covers of pop, EDM, and other genres. So, whether you're already a fan of a cappella music or not, give PTX a listen! They're guaranteed to entertain with they're infectious vocal groove. Consider adding these Pentatonix tracks to your playlist:

- 1. "Somebody That I Used To Know"
- 2. "Can't Hold Us"
- 3. "Daft Punk"
- 4. "La La Latch"
- 5. "Where Are Ü Now"

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# TUTORS of the MONTH



### **ROBBIE HILL**

Tutor Subjects: WritingMajor: EnglishEducational Path: Transfer to FPU and go into Masters program.

## MIKALAH JONES

Tutor Subjects: Mathematics, Chemistry, and PhysicsMajor: Bio-Medical EngineeringEducational Path: She wants to go to medical school after she gets her degree.



"The CCC Tutorial Center's new online tutoring program allows students to utilize tutoring services from anywhere they can access a computer and internet."

Online Tutoring with GoBoard!



# Inside Scoop By Spencer Shadley

Have you ever wanted to visit the Tutorial Center but simply not had the time or ability to do so? Great news! The CCC Tutorial Center's new online tutoring program allows students to utilize tutoring services from anywhere they can access a computer and the internet.

Using a program called GoBoard, tutors are able to open an online session which students can join

from practically anywhere! GoBoard allows users to insert documents and images into the digital session window, making it easy for students to physically show tutors the essay prompt, math problem, or other assignment they're working on—just like a one-on-one session in the Tutorial Center! Additionally, GoBoard allows the use of both a camera and microphone during online sessions, making interactions between tutor and tutee personal and efficient.

The online tutoring program is open to all SCCCD students, and online tutors can offer students assistance in almost as many subjects as they can in the Tutorial Center itself!

Currently, each online session is scheduled to last for one full hour. This ensures users can have plenty of time to work through any connection hiccups that may arise.

Students interested in participating in online tutoring can contact the Tutorial Center by calling 599-325-5248 or emailing us at: clovistutorialcenter@gmail.com. From there, we'll schedule an appointment and send instructions outlining how to join a session!

Here are some important things to remember regarding the CCC Tutorial Center's online tutoring program:

- Students MUST use a computer with at least a working microphone, if not both a microphone and a camera.
- Out of respect for the learning process, students are asked to work from a quiet, distraction-free environment when

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# Weatherly does the Weather

# **By Catherine Weatherly**

With fall fast approaching, it is time to trade shorts for jeans, and tee shirts for sweaters. It may be asked, "Why is this necessary, since the Central Valley lacks any significant weather change during this time?" Well, while cold weather might be lacking outside, there is more than enough of it in

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Clovis Community College's ACI and AC2. Therefore, the key during this fall semester is to layer. The daily weather forecast may predict clear blue skies and scorching temperatures, but inside the halls of Clovis Community College, a chilly storm rages on. So, when deciding what to wear for the day, keep in mind the severe weather change

your body will need to adapt to. For example, when throwing on a tank top or tee shirt, pack a light sweater or sweatshirt. Or, when picking out your favorite pair of shorts, opt for a pair of fun jeans instead. Remember, fall may not exist in Fresno, but it is very real at Clovis Community College.

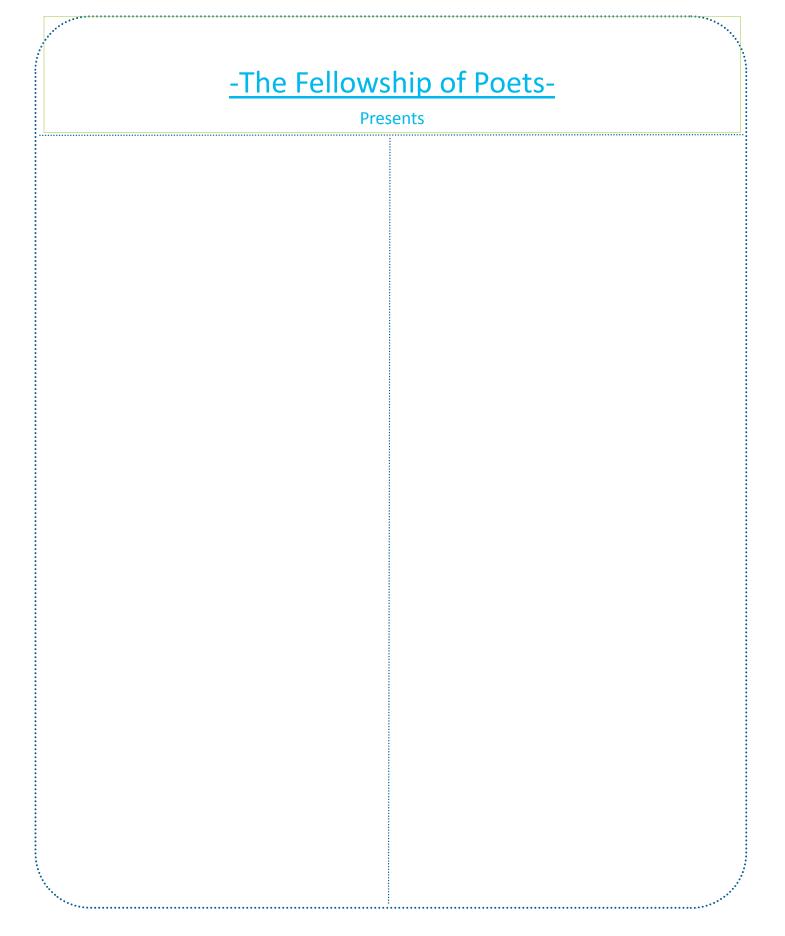
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