

## Islands of Adventure Theme Park

This **Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will be headed for adventure! Fall C and Fall B students and LA's will be going down to **Universal's Islands of Adventure** theme park in Orlando. The cutting-edge rides are on five islands: Marvel Super Hero Island, The Lost Continent, Jurassic Park, Seuss Landing, and Toon Lagoon. There is something fun for everyone!

We'll be meeting at **Reitz Union** Sunday morning at **8:00am** and will be returning to Gainesville at around 11pm that night. Van tickets are \$25.00 per person and we will only have 12 spots on the van! As of today (Tuesday, Oct. 31) we have only 3 spaces left. If you want to go, you need to go to the TRiP office right away. You may also buy your ticket to Islands of Adventure at the time for \$45.00 + tax. If you buy your ticket at the park on November 5<sup>th</sup>, it will be \$63.00 + tax.

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### ***Fun Halloween Facts:***

- ❖ Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.
- ❖ Jack o' lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.
- ❖ The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night. They began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.

## Manners and Culture

If you have a question about U.S. manners and culture, please email our *ELI Weekly* editor, Jen Ramos, at [jennlej@hotmail.com](mailto:jennlej@hotmail.com), or put questions in her mailbox (marked *Ramos* in the ELI Main Office).

***Q: I heard there are big bargains on Thanksgiving Day. Is that true? Where is the greatest place for shopping?***

A: Well, it's actually the day after Thanksgiving, when people can't eat another mouthful of turkey and mashed potatoes or watch another football game. Also, most people have that day off (as we will!). But then again, maybe the most people are in the stores on that day, but the prices may not be any better. Usually, the best sales are when a season ends, like when all the summer clothes go on sale in September. Also, big, national department stores like Macy's periodically have excellent sales.

The best place for shopping, of course, would be New York City, for you cosmopolitan types. But around here, I would say the Millenia Mall in Orlando is an "ultra-modern shopping experience."

***Q: Why do American women reveal so much skin in the way they dress?***

It does seem fashion has gotten much more revealing in the last 5 years or so. In the 1990's, the fashions were much looser and a style called "grunge" was popular, which was the opposite of glamour. Now, we say "skin is in". I think Jennifer Lopez certainly helped set the new style in motion with the famous green Versace dress she wore to the 2000 Grammy awards. It was a low, low, low cut dress and was considered scandalous then, but completely normal now.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Oct. 31: Maciek Polok

Nov. 1: Maria La Torre

Nov. 2: Alex Gutierrez

Nov. 6: Abdulaziz Alfayad



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