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MAYA ANGELOU

Maya Angelou is one of the world's most honored women but her life has not been an easy one.

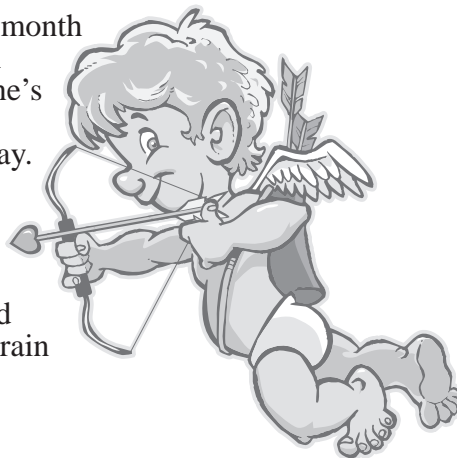
Learn how Maya triumphed over adversity by immersing herself in a variety of art forms and civil rights activism.



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12, 2012

FEBRUARY FUN

February is a month full of special days—Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day. This week, Kid Scoop provides a tidbit on each with fun-filled puzzles and brain teasers, too.

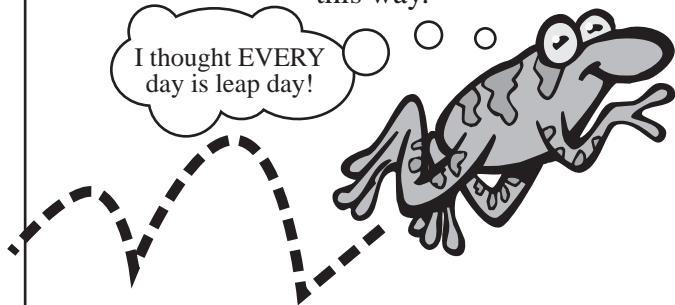


WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2012

LEAP DAY

Every four years we need to make that giant leap of an extra day to keep the Earth in the correct position in its solar orbit. This week, Kid Scoop explains why and how it has been calculated this way.

I thought EVERY day is leap day!

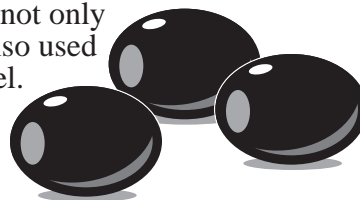


WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 2012

OLIVE TREES & OLIVES

Homer called the olive tree "liquid gold" because it was a source of food, wealth and power to the Mediterranean peoples. The olive branch is a universal symbol of peace and the oil taken from the crushed drupe is not only healthy to eat, it is also used to make soap and fuel.

Today's Kid Scoop page teaches all about olives.



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