

The Convention E-ear

61 (Y)ears of Telling It Like It Isn't!



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Corrections & Additions to Saturday's Longevity List

Apologies to those left off
the Longevity List:

10 Years

Kevin Rutherford, MA
Drew Alvarez, LA

11 Years

Nora Murphy, OH

12 Years

Melisande Santos, TX
Cortney Herring, TX
Jose Molina, MA

13 Years

Marianne Wallach, WI

14 Years

Amanda Datesman, IN
Gabriel Molina, MA

16 Years

Connor Harrison, MA

Lastly, Martina Bright is
from CO, not CA.

CAJCL Says No LA, More L.A.

Reports are rolling in that the California JCL is planning to hold what it is referring to as “the real 2022 LA convention” in Los Angeles. “Everyone knows that the one and only L.A. is Los Angeles, not Louisiana. I mean, like, dude, where even is Louisiana? I think it’s farther away than Anaheim. With traffic, it will take over a year to get there!” said Jamie McCrimmon, CAJCL Convention President.

“We want to make sure that the 2022 L.A. convention includes all the things that make L.A. great,” said CAJCL Southern Rep, Sarah Jane Smith. “All meals will come with complimentary avocado and goji berries, and water will be available on request. We’ve arranged to have hordes of paparazzi all over convention to ensure that everyone is able to have the full JCeLebrity experience. Each room will have its own smog-scented candle.” Smith said some things will be different at this first post-pandemic in-person convention, “Out of an abundance of caution, all delegates will be required to have undergone an aura reading. They will also have to submit to a daily screen test.”



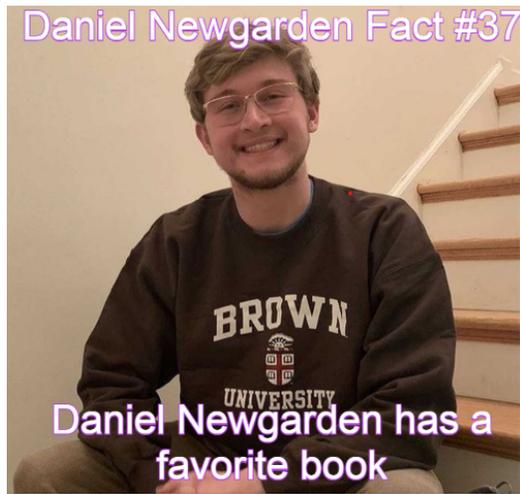
About
ten minutes
of NJCL Chorus

30 minutes
of NJCL
Chorus: the Musical

A special California-themed Olympika event, Park Hopper FASTPASS Line Standing, is being added. In Park Hopper FASTPASS Line Standing, the goal is to be the first delegate to ride Space Mountain, Pirates of the Caribbean, it’s a small world, and California Screamin’.

The National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory

After learning that the top search result for “NSCL” directs one to the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory, the National Senior Classical League sent several undercover agents to infiltrate and learn more about this rival NSCL organization during the course of convention. The National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory, hosted on the campus of Michigan State University (their mascot is the Spartans... come on, they’re not even trying to hide it...) boasts the “#1 nuclear physics graduate program in the country” (according to US News & World report). The National Senior Classical League’s spies, originally sent to sabotage and undermine the Laboratory’s activities, actually ended up quite satisfied with their education and all successfully completed the program and are very proud of their Masters of Science degrees. These individuals retained membership in both the NSCL and the NSCL, and very quickly became the Classical League’s go-to experts on inner workings of atoms and their role in the universe.



Want to help plan convention 2022? Now’s your chance! Create your very own convention event using the table below!!

First Letter of First Name	First Letter of Last Name
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A: Ludi • B: Meet the • C: Impromptu • D: Mottoes, Abbreviations and • E: General • F: Olympika • G: Intermediate • H: Classical • I: Novice • J: Drawing and • K: Dramatic • L: Ancient • M: That's • N: Creative • O: World series of • P: Hellenic • Q: Farewell • R: Graphic • S: History of • T: Roman • U: Modern • V: Greek • W: Mythological • X: Advanced • Y: Nominations • Z: Ultimate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A: Entertainment! • B: Derivatives • C: Daily life • D: Geography • E: Banner • F: Quotations • G: History • H: Mythology • I: Reading Comprehension • J: Swimming • K: Oratory • L: Recitation • M: Arts • N: Chess • O: Painting • P: Greece • Q: Soccer • R: Grammar • S: History • T: Frisbee • U: Basketball • V: Romans • W: Greek • X: Volleyball • Y: Assembly • Z: Rome

Letters to the Editor

As the editor of this fine publication, I receive a decent amount of fan mail. However, I am occasionally sent messages of confusion and panic instead. Please enjoy some of my favorites.

TO THE EDITOR:

THANK YOU FOR JULY 27 MINECRAFT TRAINING PLAN. WORKS.
NJCL+ WORTH EVERY CENT. BUT...AM NOW STUCK IN MINECRAFT.
SEND HELP. VERY HARD TYPE WTHOUT FINGERSS.

SINCERELY,

BLOCK-C-L-ER {192.168.76.82, INTERNET}

Hi Editor,

There I was watching *That's Entertainment!* for an hour and seventeen minutes when what do I feast my eyes upon but... Well, honestly, I don't know. I've never been to an in-person convention. 🤔 What am I missing? Enquiring minds want to know. Because we're legit confused right now. "It's true." What's true?!?!!

Sincerely,

Margaret Blaine (Cardif, Wales)

Salutations, Editor:

While I did enjoy the NJCL Chorus' *Wizard of JCL*, the distinct lack of bee beards consigns it to the merely entertaining, not the sublime. One hopes that next year's musical directors will take heed.

Winston Jennings-Smythe IV (Dededo, Guam)

Magistra Whistledown

CONVENTION PAPERS



Dearest Reader,

The sun rises on yet another day of my interest in Ms. Julianne Campbell's affairs. In this whirlwind of a week, she has courted the likes of Mr. Roger Mackendale of Texas during Round 1 Certamen, danced with the possibility of Mr. Vincent Ford of Wisconsin during a *That's Entertainment* watch-party, and discovered the regards of Ms. Ramone Guilles of Georgia.

Approached with the choice of whom she will walk away from convention with and the looming Certamen Finals, Ms. Campbell prepared most diligently because Mr. Mackendale was on the opposing team... and the winds of Texas carried rumor that Mr. Mackendale had no intention of sacrificing the Advanced National Certamen title, and worse, degraded Ms. Campbell's name. Thus, Ms. Campbell, refusing to succumb to her feelings, embraced her studies.

Seeking respite from such strenuous activities, Ms. Campbell attended Codenames, whereupon, she is placed on the opposing teams of Ms. Guilles. Here, a shy dialogue, of sorts, broke out between the two women... and blossoms into a playful, gay conversation.

And behold, at the 2021 Advanced Certamen finals, Ms. Guilles attended the Zoom meeting and cheered as Ms. Campbell stole questions from Mr. Mackedale. We can only hope this JCLove has grown the wings necessary to travel the distance between these young lovers. Will these two still be together at the 2022 NJCL Convention in Louisiana? Alas, the story of Ms. Campbell and Ms. Guilles concludes our journey through JCLove affairs... for this year...

Yours Truly

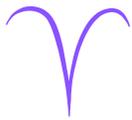
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Answers to past DIY crosswords are available now!

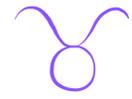


NJCL Convention Horoscopes

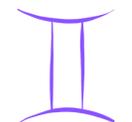
Will you contract a serious case of Post-Convention Depression, or will you thrive once you can receive more than 4 hours of sleep? Let's ask the stars.



Aries: As the sleep deprivation of convention kicks in, take time for yourself to rest and reflect on your convention experience. Now is not the time to make big decisions, rather to celebrate your successes.



Taurus: You have learned a lot at this convention, and it's time to share that with the world. Perhaps share your valuable lessons in your post-convention recap.



Gemini: Today is the day you set your JCLIntentions for the next year. What do you want out of this year? Make the certamen team? Practice piano so you can be in That's Entertainment next year? Run for office?



Cancer: It seems like this convention came with a bit of disappointment, and that's ok. Maybe virtual convention was not for you, so give yourself some grace and buck up! There's still one more day to turn things around.



Leo: The beauty of online convention is we can prioritize our health and be involved at the same time. No one cares if you're stuffing your face with a sandwich during a Zoom call or doing yoga in GA.



Virgo: The universe has a plan for you as convention ends, and it is very much out of your control. What have you been manifesting? Take a step back and watch the fruits of your labor emerge.



Libra: It's time to speak up. You've been silent for too long about a grievance, and you need to advocate for yourself. Remain confident and trust that you will reach peace once again.



Scorpio: It's time to see life from a different perspective, as you are always so caught up in your own. Try something you haven't done before. See what else JCL has to offer outside your comfort zone!



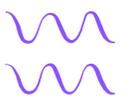
Apes: Get that caffeine buzz on. You have a busy day today! All those goodbyes will beee difficult, but we beelieve in you.



Sagittarius: It's starting to dawn on you how many tasks have piled up on your to-do list, as you have been preoccupied with convention. Take a breathe and evaluate what needs to be done. Do your laundry, take out your trash, and maybe shower for the first time in a couple of days too.



Capricorn: Today is your last day of convention, but don't let this pressure you. You are in no rush to find a JCLove or the perfect convention activity, so come back next year or join SCL to continue to find your place.

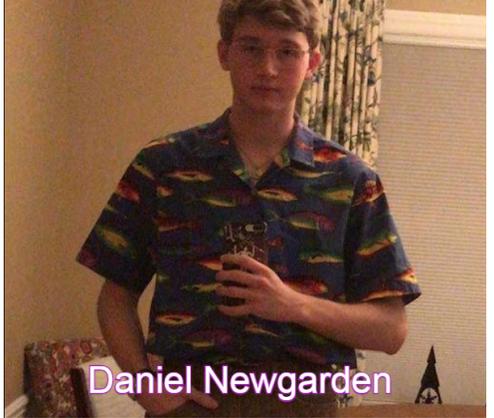


Aquarius: You love new things, and this convention was no exception. Make an action plan and evaluate how you can maintain your JCLife throughout the year.



Pisces: Lean into your intuition, and do whatever makes you happy today! Zoom with JCL friends, aye and nay in the chat, and go back to read all the past *Convention Ears*.

Daniel Newgarden Fact #83



Daniel Newgarden



PIKS
DON'T DO IT

This meme dump has been brought to you by The FANiel Newgardens.

LJCL's Declassified Louisiana Convention Survival Guide

Louisiana is a special place that requires preparation on the part of the average JCLer before the 2022 convention. With this task in mind, the Ear staff has interviewed several native survivors of the state. We have compiled their answers into a tell-all tome that will be made available to NJCL+ members. Here are some excerpts:

Getting Around (Chapter 3):

[...]

Alseaux, don't forget to pack your Alligator Bells. These are even more important now that carving one's own single use pirogue is seen as less environmentally friendly than riding an alligator. If your delegation takes a side trip to the bayou, be sure to have a full set of Mosquiteaux Whistles for obvious reasons.

[...]

Making Friends (Chapter 6):

[...]

Whenever in public, keep an eye out for native Latin enthusiasts. You can recognize them because they will be wearing JCL purple and gold paraphernalia adorned with the "Latin Scholars United" logeaux.

[...]

Food (Chapters 7,8,9, and 10):

[...]

Finally, twist, then pop (see figure 3a). After removing claws (keep whole), place to the side for later consumption. When consuming claws, it is a point of pride to find a particularly large and "full" example. [...] Be careful when pinching from the side; the bottom ridges can be sharp. Place your index finger on the left side of the crustacean opposite the thumb (see figure 3c.), hold the thorax firmly with your other hand and twist clockwise. The crawfish should now be in two pieces. Place the head aside, but do not discard. You will need this half later. [...] Your results should look like the final step in figure 3f. Use caution when disposing of the remains of the shell, as these pieces, especially near the end of the tail can be quite sharp. The two ounces of meat remaining is known as a "Crawfish Tail" and can be consumed immediately or stored for bisque.

[...]

Wildlife (Chapter 12):

[...]

If you see beads in trees, please don't touch them. They are unripe, and you will ruin the Mardi Gras harvest. A poor bead harvest can disrupt large sectors of the local economy, as these beads, along with king cake babies, are the two primary exports of the region.

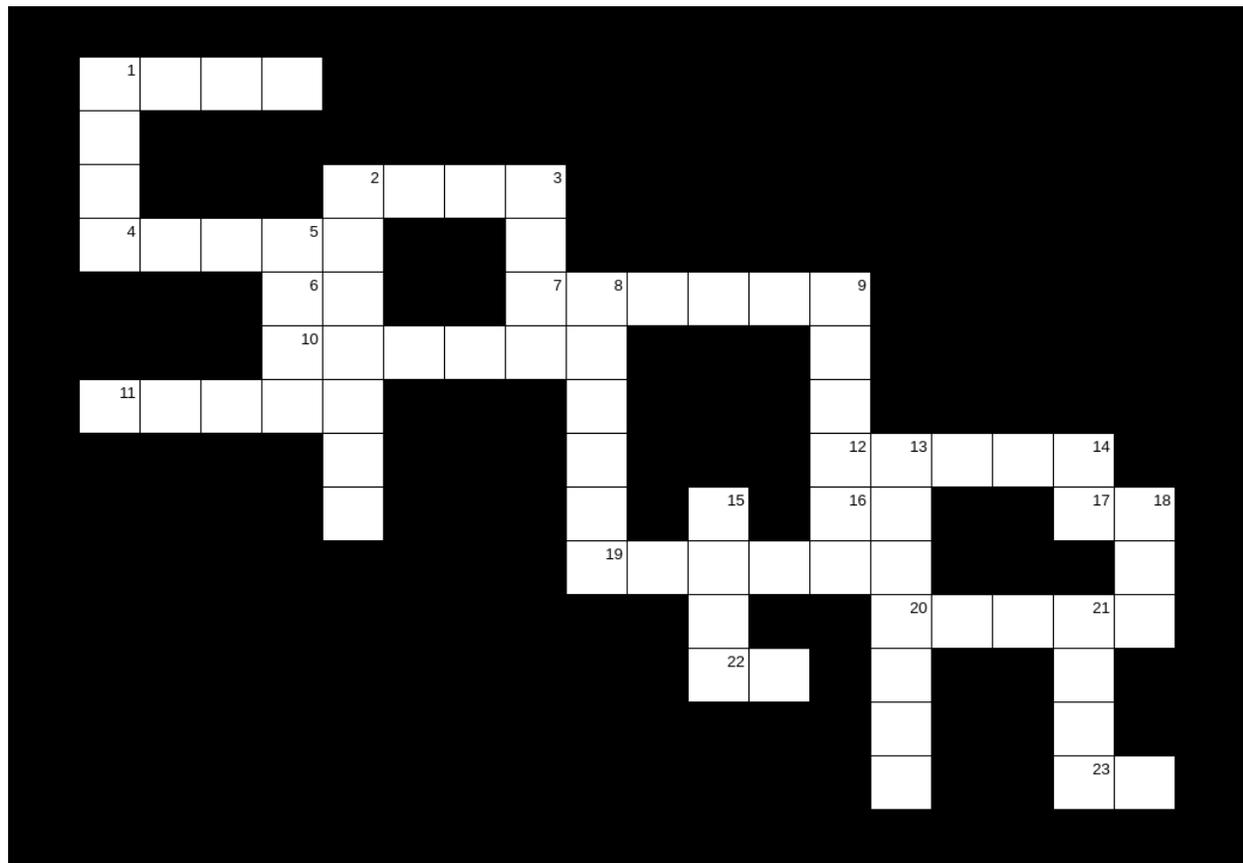
[...]



Editor's Note: As a true Louisianian, it is my responsibility to inform you all that the information presented above is completely true and offers invaluable advice.

Odd Man Out

NSCL Crossword Committee
Rating: Oops! All Bees



Across

- 1 What Nike should have done to reverse their Greek faux pas.
- 2 How Charon pays his convention fee.
- 4 How Charon submits his personals.
- 6 OMG U R 
- 7 What a wealthy mob might do to their *accolens*.
- 10 $(29.388, -89.597) \Rightarrow (44.811, -86.060)$
- 11 Location of 2022 Convention.
- 12 LATN ILNYGAOKFLIN AZMATX WINJVANC OHCAMEKY.
- 16 A quick response to the second half.
- 17 Org. you know.
- 19 Named for the vacillation of Andromeda's Dad.
- 20 classicy classic shield something something? Test letters until it clicks.
- 22 
- 23 Not 17A, the other one.

Down

- 1 You're saying it wrong.
- 2 Of a 5 ring circus.
- 3 No one is in here with Polyphemus.
- 5 Cleopatra and Marc Antony, but like, in high school.
- 8 Simplify $(2x-2)(x^2+x+1)(3x+3)(x^2-x+1)$ with Latin!
- 9 When you cut it short, but get the gimmick.
- 13 Pythagoras was right.
- 14 After school Latin activities, outside running, Abrv.
- 15 Do we need to spell it out for you?
- 18 The start and end of your odyssey to Ulyssippo.
- 21 What you get if you leave your scrolls on the capital.

PERSONALS

"VA Novice Certamen - stay hypissimē! Bonam fortunam for finals, Jainen, Jaylan, Kevin, Laura, Mackenzie!"

-Ms. Treadway & Mr. Kim

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Stellae,
I love you guys. -S

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Kashi, Natasha, and Neah – thank you for everything you’ve done to help me get where I am. Natalie, Reva, and the rest of my board not here – you’re all amazing humans with bright futures. Thank you for always supporting my dreams. Love you, VA!

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“Great job, Anju, Jimmy, Vlad, Esther, and Rex! It’s been hypissimē working with you and we are so proud of you!”

-Ms. Treadway & Mr. Kim

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Asher, Audrey, Cash, Cristian, Maddie, Marco, Natalie, Nick, Riley, Victoria, Will:

I hope y'all are enjoying convention! Way to represent Tom C. Clark! I am so proud of you!

Mr. Lee

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To Daniel, Raees, Lyndie, Nolan, Ann, and Vivian: thank you all for being awesome this year! The laughter and fun we shared really made this year shine brighter for me. Hopefully someday we can all go to Canada and finally meet each other <3 - Irene

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Dear SCL editor, Hi, it's me again. I feel like we had some confusion yesterday. I saw in the ear this morning that you included my introduction and that didn't leave any room for the actual personal itself. So this time, if you could please just pri

Emma,

Thank you for a great race for editor. Congrats on your win! I can't wait for the amazing things you'll do this year!

Ann

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“Great job, Anju, Jimmy, Vlad, Esther, and Rex! It’s been hypissimē working with you and we are so proud of you!”

-Ms. Treadway & Mr. Kim

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Salve, baby Eli! Aunt Erin loves you! Gratias, Bethany for the play date!

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Alright, so tabs count, but how do you feel about carriage returns? In some ways they aren't a character at all, but in other ways I feel like they define the character of a statement. You know, like with poetry... or this personal. *

**Editor's Note: The carriage returns were painstakingly removed for the greater good. You're all welcome.*

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Hi, Trace ;)

(by the way, it's so funny how Kurt Ristroph is still the name associated with this account!)

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Chloe's sock is still lost, but the Chloe Cult Leader Shrine Foundation would like to send it to the Fairy Godmother instead. This is because the Leader's President has been kidnapped and taken to Turkey, so she is currently indisposed. Thanks.

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What's next?

PERSONALS (cont.)

Jen, Ian, Neha, Kyle, Shannon, Gentle, Melissa, and Todd,

Thank you for an AWESOME TE watch party and week-long group chat! Here's to in-person spirit, broken elevators, impromptu and graphic arts, soft serve, and silver bowls in person next year!

Erin

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Hi, Editor, it's me again. It just occurred to me that I spent a lot of space in my last email explaining my earlier situation. I thought I should email again to be very specific: please don't print that first part, just the personal part. I'll repea

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Here comes some contentttt. SCLers made you some content, open wiiiidee.

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Proud of you, Banana!

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Before I go, I just want to tell you: you were fantastic. Absolutely fantastic. And you know what? So was I.

Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the *Ear*!

Olivia Ruble (IN) Aidan Gregg (IN) Kashi "KDNMax" Nikore

Jordan "Jordan John" John "Space Jam" Lee Elizabeth "Netflix Original" Foster

Hilary "iHeartRadio" Cheney Shandi "CBS All Access" Burrows

Jamie "Blockbuster" Doyle Clare "Microsoft Solitaire Collection" Plunkett

Joey "HBO Max" Chatelain Christopher "Netflix DVDs by Mail" Warrington

Kris "YouTube TV" Plunkett Christopher "Crunchyroll" Rourke

Drew "<video>" Alvarez Kristian "Discovery+" Jackson

Rachael "C-SPAN" Cox Lexi "RedBox" Harrell

Liz "Disney+ Pixar Collection" Noone Kyle "Peacock" McGimsey

Grace "Westworld" Weston Maddie "Roku" Briner Bob "NatGeo" McDonald

Steve "River(dale)" Gentle Ian "Prime" Anderson Caitlin "NHL.tv" Johnston

**SCLove,
Ann "Loki Series Soundtrack" Nguyen** 

That's Ozma the Sequel, The Musical Coming soon to NSCLmax

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Delegates attending NJCL General Assembly IV were treated to the inaugural premiere of the NJCL Chorus musical. Typically, the NJCL chorus presents two to three songs. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they produced a 25-minute musical, *Wizard of JCL*.

Critics immediately drew comparisons to the previous evening's *That's Entertainment!* Harriet Jones noted, "Unlike the scattershot approach of *That's Entertainment!*, the single unifying theme—the overlapping reality and unreality that is Oz—is what we needed to see right now. The crisp lines of the anime characters are so evocative and remind us that we must rebuild the barriers in our lives that we've let blur."

When asked how they were taking the criticism, *That's Entertainment!* 2021 hosts Grace McIntire and Kashi Nikore could not be directly reached for comment. They were last seen rehearsing *That's Ozma!: Greener and Meaner*, a musical sequel to *That's Entertainment!* Their publicist, Vizlor

Turlough, confirmed that *That's Ozma!* would premiere on **NSCLmax**. "We have a few creative differences to work out, like who gets to wear the Spider-Man suit this time. Once those are resolved, we expect to have filming and editing complete in under 24 hours. At **NSCLmax**, we pride ourselves on our flawless record of on-time productions."

When asked if they were just trying to cash in on the Oz fever, Donna Noble, **NSCLmax** Vice President of New Program Development denied the allegations, saying, "We've had this in production since 9PM Eastern. There's no way we could have known that the NJCL Chorus was also going to produce an Oz-themed musical. We resent the implication that **NSCLmax** produces anything other than 100% original content."

That's Ozma!: Greener and Meaner, starring Grace McIntire and Kashi Nikore, can be streamed on **NSCLmax** starting on July 29.