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| <b>Birdgroups</b>  | <b>Chairperson</b>                       | <b>Month Assigned</b> |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Sandpipers.....    | Judith Reid, #632, 727-954-6123. ....    | February 2017         |
| Flamingos.....     | Brenda Manfredi, #631, 727-914-4154..... | March 2017            |
| Blue Jays .....    | Nancy Hope, #303, 727-546-4746.....      | November 2016         |
| Cardinals .....    | Heather Hachey, #525, 727- 826-0298..... | December 2016         |
| Mockingbirds ..... | Louisa Rice, #535, 727-827-7442.....     | January 2017          |

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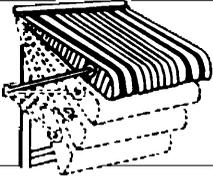
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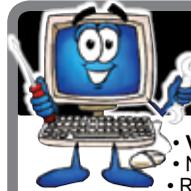
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## From the Co-Op President...

**W**elcome to all our Snowbirds, it's good to see you back. You must have noticed to all that was done during the summer months. The restrooms in the large hall look lovely and I think, ladies, no longer big lines waiting. There are lots of things left to do around, but time will take care of all.

Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Theresa Charron  
President

## From the Crosswinds Office.....

**W**elcome back everyone. Please remember to sign back in at the Office.

As you can tell we have been very busy around the park this past summer from road work to new pool equipment installation to those beautiful new bathrooms in the large hall. We are all proud of the work James & Jeff did with the remodel and a thank you to Art & Tom for their help as well.

Our bank, C1 was bought out by The Bank of the Ozarks so we will start to see that name around.

As a reminder the speed limit in the park is 10 MPH. Please obey all stop signs and treat any intersection as a 4 way stop if the stop sign is not posted. Please be mindful of the pedestrians and bicyclist as they are out enjoying their time within Crosswinds.

Please note – you can always view the Chronicle on the internet at [www.monthly-media.com](http://www.monthly-media.com) even if you are not in the park. We are trying to utilize this tool to get information out to our residents.

Have a safe and happy holiday,  
Merry Christmas to all!

John McNaughton  
Manager &  
Bethany Bever  
Office Assistant – Management Team





## **Activates Looking Forward with your Bird Groups.....**

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### **The Carninals Bird group will be hosting events in December.**

Dec 06 is our coffee hour  
Dec 13 Ham Dinner  
Dec 31 New Year's Dance

Tickets will be sold on Dec 06 see you there Heather lot 525

The Mocking Bird group will be hosting events in January.

Tuesday January 3rd is coffee hour 9:30 am. Tickets for the month's activities go on Sale at 10:00am

Thursday January 19th Pizza Party 5:30 pm followed by Dancing by our Park's own Pam Fairclough. Tickets \$8 per person.

Friday January 27th Soup & Sandwiches 11:30 am. \$5 per person.

## **Christmas Parade & Christmas Tea Special Events...**

*by Glenys Forrester*

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**T**he first event of the 2016-17 season will be the Christmas Parade, which will take place on Saturday December 10, 2016. Starting at 4:30 PM at the Large Hall, the parade will wind its way throughout the park. Once again we will be soliciting canned goods to donate to a local food bank. After the parade a pot luck dinner is held in the large hall. All are welcome!

The annual Christmas Tea will be held on Sunday December 18, 2016 at 2 pm. This year's theme will be

“Garden Tea Party” and we will be repeating the scones and petit fours as they were a huge hit last year.

The Special Events Committee is under the Activities umbrella and is in charge of the free events put on by Activities during the winter season. These events are put on at no charge to residents. The Activities Association is able to do so through the sale of 50/50 or share the wealth tickets at all the other park events. By purchasing a ticket, you are enabling the Activities Association to offer these events. Remember, we need everyone's support to continue to present the wide range of activities offered by Crosswinds Activities Association!



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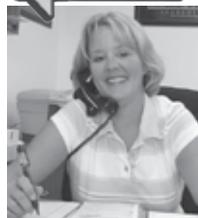
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## Shuffle Board News: As a Reminder

When using the courts please sweep courts before using the beads. When play is over sweep the courts. When sweeping between the courts, be careful not to let any beads fall into the drain. Use the brush to pick up the beads and put in the bucket provided.

Hope everyone had a great summer,  
John Parent, Captain

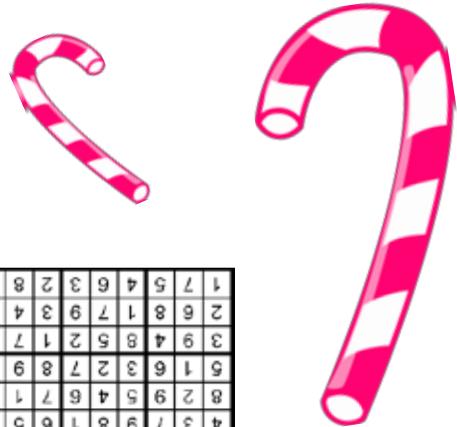
## New Owners we would like to welcome to the park:

227 Patrick & Ann Harbinson,  
745 John & Denise Keay



# December Sudoku

|   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 |  |   |   |   | 5 |   |   |   |
| 6 |  | 3 |   | 9 |   | 5 |   |   |
| 9 |  | 1 |   |   | 8 |   |   |   |
|   |  |   |   |   |   | 6 |   | 2 |
| 8 |  |   |   |   | 6 | 7 |   | 3 |
|   |  |   | 3 |   |   |   |   | 4 |
|   |  | 4 |   | 5 | 2 |   |   | 6 |
|   |  |   |   |   | 9 |   |   |   |
| 1 |  |   |   | 6 |   |   | 8 |   |



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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 9 |
| 2 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 6 |
| 4 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| 5 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 3 |
| 6 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| 7 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 8 |

## Birthdays

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|      |                      |        |
|------|----------------------|--------|
| 0645 | Hoffman, Gladys      | 2-Dec  |
| 0536 | Wood, William Jr     | 3-Dec  |
| 1048 | Nelson, Gail         | 5-Dec  |
| 0210 | Whealy, Bernard      | 6-Dec  |
| 0506 | Flannigan, David     | 6-Dec  |
| 0924 | Badali, Grace        | 7-Dec  |
| 0318 | Parkinson, William   | 10-Dec |
| 0529 | Charbonneau, Marc    | 10-Dec |
| 0511 | Steffen, Sandra      | 13-Dec |
| 0512 | Munroe, Charles Owen | 13-Dec |
| 0831 | Smith, Stephen       | 13-Dec |
| 0846 | Boehm, Vicki         | 15-Dec |
| 0729 | Parent, John         | 18-Dec |
| 0437 | Fisher, Eileen       | 21-Dec |
| 0631 | Manfredi, John       | 22-Dec |
| 0006 | James, David         | 23-Dec |
| 0408 | Asselstine, Sharon   | 23-Dec |
| 0003 | Kubisty, David       | 24-Dec |
| 0743 | Brabant, Rachel      | 24-Dec |
| 0716 | Wiley, James         | 25-Dec |
| 0631 | Manfredi, Brenda     | 27-Dec |
| 0433 | Brown, Pat           | 29-Dec |
| 0438 | Bragg, Marilyn       | 29-Dec |
| 0830 | Schreiber, Elsie     | 29-Dec |



## Anniversaries

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|      |                                   |        |
|------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 0614 | King, Randolph & Debbie           | 1-Dec  |
| 0447 | Forrester, Gary & Glenys          | 16-Dec |
| 0618 | Keith, James & Marsha             | 18-Dec |
| 0610 | Hennessey, Donald & Linda         | 24-Dec |
| 0011 | MacNeill, Murray & Arlene         | 27-Dec |
| 0640 | Hallett, Linda & Ioanidis, George | 28-Dec |





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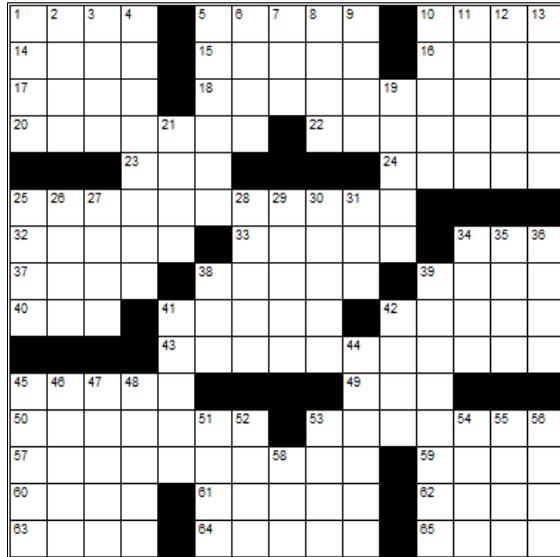


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- 1. On-line journal
- 5. Rhinoceros
- 10. Gangs
- 14. Former Italian currency
- 15. A red fluorescent dye
- 16. Send forth
- 17. A Freudian stage
- 18. Totally
- 20. Vixen
- 22. Hypodermic
- 23. L
- 24. Donkeys
- 25. Class chums
- 32. Held on tightly
- 33. Japanese cartoon art
- 34. Beer
- 37. Not yours
- 38. Inscribed pillar
- 39. Make unclear
- 40. Damp
- 41. Villain
- 42. Communion table
- 43. Self-restraining
- 45. A long-legged S. American bird
- 49. Dawn goddess
- 50. Windfall
- 53. Detective (slang)
- 57. Noble
- 59. Greek cheese
- 60. Actors in a show
- 61. Give a speech
- 62. Relating to urine
- 63. Beers
- 64. Waste conduit
- 65. Lake (Scottish)



**DOWN**

- 1. Ho-hum
- 2. Connects two points
- 3. By mouth
- 4. Square-rigged sailing ships
- 5. Summon to return
- 6. Owl sound
- 7. Belief
- 8. Bites
- 9. Unique
- 10. Anagram of "Smite"
- 11. Portents
- 12. Cause to leak
- 13. Infections of the eye
- 19. Delete
- 21. Blockage
- 25. Flat-bottomed boat
- 26. Hint
- 27. Offended
- 28. Married partners
- 29. Concerning (archaic)
- 30. Diacritical mark
- 31. An uncle
- 34. Countertenor
- 35. Hawaiian feast
- 36. Makes a mistake
- 38. Bro or sis
- 39. Happy
- 41. Lose consciousness
- 42. "Smallest" particle
- 44. Spay
- 45. Hemp
- 46. Small goat antelope
- 47. Licoricelike flavor
- 48. Sail supports
- 51. Animal menageries
- 52. Unit of land
- 53. Way in
- 54. Protagonist
- 55. Ear-related
- 56. Every single one
- 58. Uncooked

# December Crossword



## You can't miss these December holidays

The celebrations and holidays of December come from many different countries and cultures. Here's a guide to what your friends and neighbors are up to this month:

- Hanukkah, Dec. 24-Jan.1. Hanukkah marks the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem following the Jews' victory in the Maccabean Revolt in 165 B.C. According to the Talmud, the Jews had only enough olive oil to keep the eternal flame in the Temple burning for a single day—but miraculously, the oil continued to burn for eight days, during which time the Jews were able to produce and consecrate fresh oil for the flame. The eight-day Jewish holiday begins at sundown. Hanukkah is observed by the lighting of a nine-branched candelabrum, called a menorah. One candle is lit each of the eight nights, with a central candle lit each night to light the others.



- Christmas, Dec. 25. This Christian holiday celebrates the birth of Jesus, sometime between the years 7 and 2 B.C. The word “Christmas” comes from “Christ’s Mass,” a phrase first recorded in old English in 1038. Christmas began to be observed with feasts and celebrations in the Middle Ages—the online encyclopedia Wikipedia notes that King Richard II of England hosted a Christmas feast in 1377, with 28 oxen and 300 sheep eaten. The colonial Puritans of New England disapproved of Christmas celebrations, banning them during the 17th century. But other colonists observed the day with Christmas trees and nativity scenes. President Ulysses S. Grant signed the law making Christmas a federal holiday in 1870.



- Kwanzaa, Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. A seven-day celebration of African heritage and culture, Kwanzaa was created in 1966 by activist Maulana Karenga to provide African-Americans with a holiday that emphasized their shared history and experience. The name Kwanzaa derives from “matunda yakwanza,” a Swahili phrase meaning “first fruits.” Houses are decorated with African art and colorful cloth, and seven candles are placed in the kinara, a candleholder. The central candle in the kinara is black, with three red candles on the left and four green candles on the right. The candles represent the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa, which are contemplated each day as one is lit: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith.





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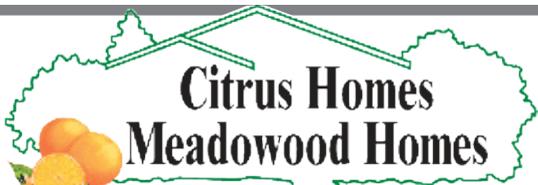


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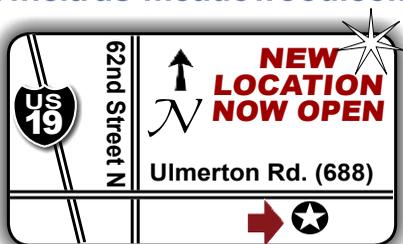


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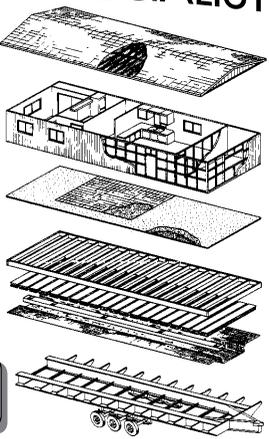


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| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   |
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| 15 16 17 18 19 20 21  |  |   |
| 22 23 24 25 26 27 28  |  |   |
| 29 30 31  |  |   |
| 4   | 5  |   |
| 10am Church   | 8am Walk Away the Pounds<br>9am Yoga Classes<br>10am Shuffle (Instruction & Practice Lessons)<br>10am Bridge Lessons for Beginners (small hall)<br><br>6:30pm Billiards (small hall) | 8am Exercise<br><br>9:30 Coffee Hour<br>Years Eve Dance<br><br>1pm Horse Show<br>person<br><br>6pm Poker (small hall) |
| 6:30pm Wild Cards Poker (small hall)                            |  |   |
| 11  | 12   |   |
| 10am Church   | 8am Walk Away the Pounds<br>9am Yoga Classes<br>10am Shuffle (Instruction & Practice Lessons)<br>10am Bridge Lessons for Beginners (small hall)<br><br>6:30pm Billiards (small hall) | 8am Exercise<br><br>1pm Horse Show<br>\$1 per person<br><br>6pm Poker<br><br>Ham Dinner                               |
| 6:30pm Wild Cards Poker (small hall)                            |  |   |
| 18  | 19   |   |
| 10am Church   | 8am Walk Away the Pounds<br>9am Yoga Classes<br>10am Shuffle (Instruction & Practice Lessons)<br>10am Bridge Lessons for Beginners (small hall)<br><br>6:30pm Billiards (small hall) | 8am Exercise<br><br>1pm Horse Show<br>Shuffle \$1 per person<br><br>6pm Poker   |
| 2pm Christmas Tea (large hall)                                  |  |   |
| 6:30pm Wild Cards Poker (small hall)                            |  |   |
| 25  | 26   |   |
| Large Hall Closed<br>Private Party<br>Coordinated by Nancy Hope | 8am Walk Away the Pounds<br>9am Yoga Classes<br>10am Shuffle (Instruction & Practice Lessons)<br>10am Bridge Lessons for Beginners (small hall)<br><br>6:30pm Billiards (small hall) | 8am Exercise<br><br>1pm Horse Show<br>\$1 per person<br><br>6pm Poker<br><br>Bingo will                               |
| Christmas   |  |   |

# Crosswinds

| Monday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|--|---|---|---|
|   |  | 1   | 2   | 3   |
|   |  | 8am Exercise Class<br>9am Line Dancing (Beginners)<br>9:30am Line Dancing (Regular)<br><br>10am Decorate the Hall<br><br>1pm Shuffle Doubles<br><br>6:30pm Billiards (small hall)<br>7pm Cribbage | 8am Walk Away the Pounds<br>9am Yoga Classes \$5 Per Person<br><br>6pm Poker (small hall)                                     | 6:30pm Wild Cards Poker (small hall)  |
| 6   | 7  | 8   | 9   | 10  |
| Exercise Class<br>Hour - Buy your New Dance Tickets<br>Dollar Shuffle \$1 per person (small hall) | 8:30am Low Impact Workout<br>10am Bridge (Intermediate) (small hall)<br><br>1pm Crafts<br><br>6:45 Bridge (Regular)(small hall)<br><b>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</b> | 8am Exercise Class<br>9am Line Dancing (Beginners)<br>9:30am Line Dancing (Regular)<br><br>1pm Shuffle Doubles<br><br>6:30pm Billiards (small hall)<br>7pm Cribbage                               | 8am Walk Away the Pounds<br>9am Yoga Classes \$5 Per Person<br><br>6pm Poker (small hall)                                     | 4:30pm Christmas Parade (large hall)<br><br>6:30pm Wild Cards Poker (small hall)    |
| 13  | 14   | 15  | 16  | 17  |
| Exercise Class<br>Dollar Shuffle per person (small hall)<br>Dinner - TBD                          | 8:30am Low Impact Workout<br>10am Bridge (Intermediate) (small hall)<br><br>1pm Crafts<br><br>6:45 Bridge (Regular)(small hall)<br>7pm Darts Sign Up                   | 8am Exercise Class<br>9am Line Dancing (Beginners)<br>9:30am Line Dancing (Regular)<br><br>1pm Shuffle Doubles<br><br>6:30pm Billiards (small hall)<br>7pm Cribbage                               | 8am Walk Away the Pounds<br>9am Yoga Classes \$5 Per Person<br>10am Board Meeting (Shareholder)<br><br>6pm Poker (small hall) | 6:30pm Wild Cards Poker (small hall)  |
| 20  | 21   | 22  | 23  | 24  |
| Exercise Class<br>Dollar Shuffle \$1 per person (small hall)                                      | 8:30am Low Impact Workout<br>10am Bridge (Intermediate) (small hall)<br><br>1pm Crafts<br><br>6:45 Bridge (Regular)(small hall)<br>7pm Darts                           | 8am Exercise Class<br>9am Line Dancing (Beginners)<br>9:30am Line Dancing (Regular)<br><br>1pm Shuffle Doubles<br><br>6:30pm Billiards (small hall)<br>7pm Cribbage                               | 8am Walk Away the Pounds<br>9am Yoga Classes \$5 Per Person<br><br>6pm Poker (small hall)<br><br>Dinner - TBD                 | Spread the Holiday Spirit with Christmas Caroling - TBD<br><br><b>Christmas Eve</b> |
| 27  | 28   | 29  | 30  | 31  |
| Exercise Class<br>Dollar Shuffle per person (small hall)<br>Start in January                      | 8:30am Low Impact Workout<br>10am Bridge (Intermediate) (small hall)<br><br>1pm Crafts<br><br>6:45 Bridge (Regular)(small hall)<br>7pm Darts                           | 8am Exercise Class<br>9am Line Dancing (Beginners)<br>9:30am Line Dancing (Regular)<br><br>1pm Shuffle Doubles<br><br>6:30pm Billiards (small hall)<br>7pm Cribbage                               | 8am Walk Away the Pounds<br>9am Yoga Classes \$5 Per Person<br><br>6pm Poker (small hall)                                     | New Years Eve Dance - TBD<br><br><b>New Year's Eve</b>                              |

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**Safe Toys and Gifts Month.** Prevent Blindness America has declared December Safe Toys and Gifts Awareness Month, encouraging gift-givers to consider whether the toys they plan on giving suit the age and individual skills and abilities of the child who will receive them—especially for children under age 3.



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**Older Driver Safety Awareness Week, Dec. 5-9.** Promoting greater understanding of the importance of mobility and transportation so older adults can remain active in the community by shopping, working, or volunteering—with the confidence that lack of transportation options will not strand them at home.

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**Kwanzaa, Dec. 26-Jan. 1.** A weeklong celebration held in the United States and in other nations honoring African heritage in African-American culture, culminating in feasts and gift giving. Kwanzaa was created by Maulana Karenga and was first celebrated in 1966–67.

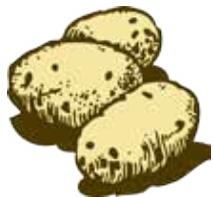
## The smell of hate

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A teacher decided to play a game with her class. She told each child to bring in a plastic bag containing a few potatoes and to give each potato the name of a person that the child didn't like. The number of potatoes that the children put in their plastic bag would depend on the number of people they don't like.

The next day some children had two potatoes, some had three, and some had five potatoes or more. The teacher then told the children to carry the potatoes with them wherever they went for a week.

Days passed, and the children started to complain about the unpleasant smell let out by the rotten potatoes. Also the children with five or more potatoes complained because they had to carry heavier bags. The children were relieved when the game finally ended.



Then the teacher told them the meaning of the game: "This is what happens when you carry hatred for somebody inside your heart. The stench of it spreads everywhere, and you carry it with you wherever you go. If you can't tolerate the smell of rotten potatoes for just one week, can you imagine what is it like to have the stench of hatred in your heart for a lifetime?"

## The elephant's teeth

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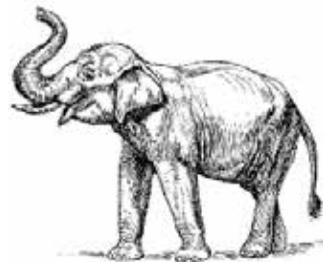
One day a hungry mouse in the jungle found a small nut. He tried to bite into it, but its shell was too hard and thick. Irritated, the mouse said, "Why did the gods give me such tiny teeth?"

Suddenly he heard the voice of a god from far above. "Mouse, go out and look at all the animals in the jungle. If you find one whose teeth you like, I'll give them to you."

Overjoyed, the mouse ran through the jungle, looking for the biggest teeth he could find. He looked at many animals but didn't find any teeth he liked until he spotted an elephant. Envious of the beast's thick tusks, he wandered over and asked, "Sir, are you happy with those big, long teeth?"

The elephant answered: "Friend, these are just for show. I can't use them to chew food as you do. At least you don't have to bear the weight of these huge teeth."

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## Seeing Santa Claus

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A grandmother took her grandson to the shopping mall in December to see Santa Claus. The young boy was very excited to sit on Santa's lap. "Now, little boy," Santa said, "tell Santa what you want for Christmas."

In a very loud voice, the boy said, "I want a NINTENDO, and a NEW BIKE, and some BOOKS, and—"



"You don't have to shout," Santa chuckled. "Santa isn't hard of hearing."

The boy leaned forward and whispered, "No, but my grandma is."

## Wrong answer

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A man was being sentenced in a California court for shooting and eating a condor—an endangered species. Looking for mercy, the defendant made a passionate speech.

"I'm truly sorry, your honor," he said. "I just moved here and I don't have a job, and I was hungry and cold. I'd never seen a bird like that, and I had no idea it was endangered. I've never done anything like this before, and I'll certainly never do it again."



The judge gave him probation, telling him not to let it happen again. Then he said: "I'm curious. What does a condor taste like?"

"Oh, kind of like a cross between a whooping crane and a spotted owl."

## Reduced sentence

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A criminal with a long record of transgressions was on trial for his latest crime. The jury found him guilty on 33 counts, and the judge sentenced him to 189 years in prison. Realizing that even with time off for good behavior he would be more than 100 years old when he was finally released, the prisoner burst into tears.

Touched by this display of remorse, the judge paused to reconsider. "I didn't mean to be so severe," she said. "Thinking it over, I can see that I've imposed an extremely harsh sentence. So you don't have to serve the whole time."

The prisoner beamed with new hope until the judge leaned toward him. "Just do as much as you can."



## 'Smart windows' coming soon?

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**A** new flexible material for windows and sunroofs may be able to control the heat and light they receive from the sun, according to the Phys.org website. Scientists at the Cockrell School of Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin used a low-temperature process to create a material with a unique structure that doubles the efficiency of the coloration process, allowing it to switch between clear and tinted more quickly than other coatings.



The scientists, part of an international team, believe their research could lead to the creation of materials for other applications such as supercapacitors to store and release electrical energy rapidly and efficiently.

## Rare shark may have lived almost 400 years

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**T**rees can live thousands of years. Animals don't live nearly so long, but scientists have discovered what they believe may be the longest-living vertebrate animal—a Greenland shark. Analyzing carbon in the eye lenses of one Greenland shark after its death, marine biologists at the University of Copenhagen determined that the shark was 392 years old, give or take about 120 years. That beats the previous record holder for vertebrate longevity, a bowhead whale that lived about 211 years.



Little is known about the Greenland shark. It's one of the largest carnivores in the world, and dominates the food chain in northern waters. The scientists studied Greenland sharks accidentally caught by fishing boats, analyzing their eye lenses because sharks don't have the kind of bones that build up calcified rings as they age. Although some scientists disagree that the shark's age is typical, they concede that we know little about the average lifespan of this mysterious predator.

## Particles may halt bleeding, save lives

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**S**aving a life after an accident or injury is often a matter of stopping blood loss as quickly as possible. The Science Daily website reports that scientists have devised nanoparticles that can locate the site of a bleed and help form blood clots to stanch the flow.

The nanoparticles are coated with molecules that adhere to a glycoprotein in activated blood platelets and bind to those platelets to form clots. The particles have been tested in rats and pigs, and they soon will be tested for their effectiveness in human blood—potentially saving thousands of lives.



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## Watch the sunrise for better health

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**W**ant to lose some weight? Try getting out of bed earlier. In a study conducted at Northwestern University, researchers gave 54 people wrist monitors that tracked their sleeping patterns and exposure to light for a week and asked them to keep detailed records of what they ate. The researchers also measured participants' activity level and age, as well as the season they were being monitored.



The researchers found that exposure to early morning light, whether natural or artificial, was associated with a leaner body weight. The reason, they speculate, is that light may play a role in regulating the metabolism, similar to its effects on wakefulness and alertness. The connection isn't conclusive, but getting up a little earlier couldn't hurt.

## Coffee may benefit heart attack survivors

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**I**f you've suffered from a heart attack or know someone who has, this news should perk you up: A study by York University in the United Kingdom found that drinking one or two cups of coffee a day can apparently cut the risk of premature death by 20 percent among heart attack patients.

Researchers kept track of 3,721 U.K. heart attack survivors and their coffee habits in the UK. They're not sure how coffee helps them, but other studies suggest that drinking three to five cups of coffee daily has a beneficial effect on people with Parkinson's Disease, and it may also help people with liver cancer.



## Don't let wet dishes breed disease

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**M**ake sure your clean dishes are completely dry before you start putting them in the cupboard. Researchers have found that still-wet, stacked dishes can be prime breeding grounds for bacteria. In one study at a Veterans Affairs hospital, dishes were washed in a commercial dishwasher. Half were air-dried for 24 hours and the other half stacked while wet. Although researchers found no significant difference in the amount of bacteria found on either sets of plates after 24 hours, the dishes stacked wet teemed with bacteria after 48 hours. The best solution? Air dry.



## To tip or not to tip? That soon may not be the question

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Tipping serves in restaurants may not be going away completely, but more and more owners are experimenting with a no-tipping model for their eateries. A survey by American Express found that approximately 18 percent of restaurant owners have already adopted a no-tipping policy, and another 29 percent are planning to do so.

Still, 27 percent of respondents said they have no plans to eliminate tipping, though 17 percent said they might if competitors did so as well. Ten percent were undecided.

## There's an app for that, but many won't use it

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Will developing a mobile app help your organization increase sales or boost your brand? Don't be too quick to jump on the bandwagon. According to data from Localytics, an analytic firm, 23 percent of users delete a new app from their device after just one use. The good news is that it's a slight improvement from 2015, when 25 percent of users did away with their apps after trying them once. Overall user retention increased from 34 percent to 38 percent in the last year as well. Even so, 62 percent of customers will use an app less than 11 times.



## Digital content taking over schools

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The digital revolution has come to U.S. classrooms, according to the Digital Publishing News website. More than 80 percent of schools use some form of digital content such as e-books, audiobooks, and digital textbooks in teaching.



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## Youngsters have some good and creative ideas

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Children are naturally creative and inventive because they don't know what's impossible. Try checking out these inventions created by kids across the years:

- **Trampoline.** Sixteen-year-old George Nissen was captivated by the sight of trapeze artists dropping into nets at the finish of their shows in the 1930s. In his parents' garage he developed the "bouncing rig," a metal frame with canvas stretched over it. Years later he switched out the canvas for nylon and came up with a new name—"trampoline," adding the letter e to the Spanish word for "diving board."
- **Popsicle.** One cold night in San Francisco in 1905, 11-year-old Frank Epperson mixed up a concoction of soda water powder and water and left it outside all night. In the morning he looked at the frozen mixture with the stirring stick still inside and realized it might be fun to eat. He began giving them out as treats, and as an adult patented the product with the name "Eppsicle"—later changing it to "Popsicle" after his own children started calling it by that name.
- **Earmuffs.** At age 15, Chester Greenwood's ears grew painfully cold while ice skating. A scarf around his head didn't help, so he went home, built a wire frame, and asked his grandmother to sew some beaverskin pads to it. Greenwood patented his earmuffs in 1877 and eventually sold them to soldiers fighting in World War I.



## Use these three boxes for creative thinking

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Experts often encourage people to think outside the box when trying to be creative. According to K.H. Kim, writing at The Creativity Post website, you should consider three distinct boxes to unleash your imagination:

- **Inside box.** This box holds your expertise and knowledge, and it's useful for narrowing things down, focusing on specifics, and identifying options.
- **Outside box.** This box is flexible and holds all the possibilities. Let it relax your focus and explore everything, whether it's related to what you're working on or not.
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