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Manager Marilyn Sisti's Message:

A Few Reminders Regarding Pets:

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Do not tie your dog outside alone at any time, if you are outside with the dog, the leash has to stay well within your yard and does not go anywhere near the street or sidewalk. If your pet has a tendency to jump at people or bark at people walking by then the dog must be taken into the home.

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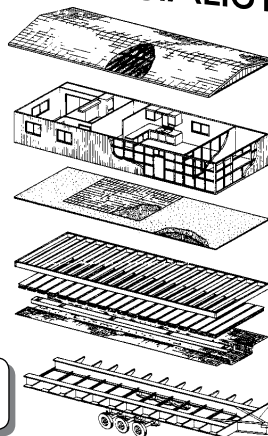
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Please pay attention when Stephanie gives you notices to clean up your yards and paint your homes. We are starting to send repeat offenders that do not listen to her to the attorney for eviction proceedings, this is a rules violation, homes must be kept clean and yards weeded. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know.

March Birthdays:

March 4 - Fred Hinkle
Mach 4 - Trudy Bender
March 5 - Fred Gillespie
March 12 - Sharon King
March 12 - Merv Gigg
March 16 - Chris Alder
March 19 - Ronnie Kimball
March 29 - Kevin Kimball



Police

There have been a few incidents in the park and if you feel that you should call the Police, do not call 911, call 727-562-4242, ask for dispatcher and you will get quicker action.

Scribe – Nancy Labbe’s Message

January was a busy month, thanks to the efforts of Ray and Marge Gillespie. There were numerous activities, all with much success. February moved right along with additional events thanks to Don Brooks, Earl Koorndyke and Nancy Labbe.

The Association elections are March 3. If anyone is interested in running for office please see Ted Czaplewski or President Bill Reilly.

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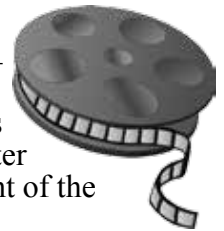


Chairpersons for the month of March are Ronnie & Kevin Kimball:

- March 3 - Association Meeting 9:00 AM. Vote for new officers for 2016-2017. Get the person in office that will support you.
- March 5 - Horse Races in the Hall – 7:00 P.M. – Cost \$1.00 for dessert. If you feel like gambling come on up – a good time.
- March 5 - Taco Night 5:30 P.M. ‘Yum’. Come and enjoy something different, **TACOS**, you get 2 for \$2.00. Please bring a side to share. Soda (pop) and juice will be provided.
- March 10 – Men’s and Ladies Luncheon at “Smokey Bones”. Come one, come all, be there by 12:30 P.M.
- March 12 - Pancake Breakfast – 8:30 - 10:00 A.M. Cost \$3.00. bring your appetite!
- March 12- Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner - 5:00 P.M. Barbara Barczak and Bill Reilly are having a Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner, home cooked and served for your enjoyment. \$6.00 per ticket.
- March 19 – The Last Hurrah - **ACTIVITY DAY.** Shuffleboard, bocce ball, bingo, rope-a-dope, ring toss, and the grand finale the Canadians vs. Americans championship baseball game. Come and enjoy!
- March 26 - **Murder Mystery Dinner Party.** It was a great success last year, so here we go again! Come join in on the fun and try to solve the mystery, find out who will be the murderer. New theme this year, you are going to love it! \$6.00 per ticket which includes the meal. Juice and soda (pop) provided. Starts at 5:00 P.M.

Disney’s philosophy: Strive to go further

In the 1920s and 1930s, cartoons were short features shown in theaters before the main film. Walt Disney had already made his name in these short subjects by employing innovations like sound and color, and by creating the character of Mickey Mouse. But sound and color were becoming old hat, and the advent of the double feature meant that cartoons could only be about six minutes long.



Disney could have continued making distinctive short subjects within the expected parameters, but he had a different idea: He wanted to make an animated feature film. His wife was against the idea, thinking Disney was already doing fine with shorter cartoons. But he wouldn’t let go. His vision was an 83-minute cartoon that took years and millions of dollars to make. People called his absurd idea “Disney’s folly.”

But Disney’s vision and determination won the day. In 1937, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs was declared Best Picture of the Year by the New York Film Critics Circle Awards and the Venice Film Festival, and Disney was awarded an honorary Academy Award.

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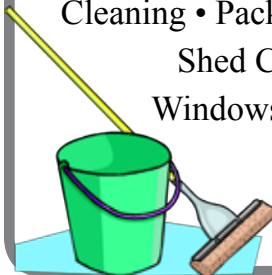
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Music In Our Schools Month. An annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for Music Education, Music In Our Schools Month engages music educators, students, and communities from around the country in promoting the benefits of high-quality music education programs in schools.



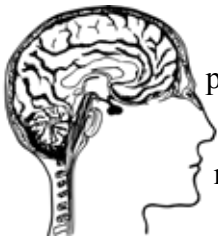
Social Work Month. The goal of Social Work Month is to educate the public about how social workers bring about positive social change and improve the lives of individuals and families. It's sponsored by the National Association of Social Workers, which works to enhance the professional growth and development of its 132,000 members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social policies.

Women's History Month. Women's History Month has its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress authorized the president to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982, as "Women's History Week." Since 1995, Presidents Clinton, Bush, and Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations designating March as "Women's History Month."

Weekly

National Cheerleading Week, March 1-7. National Cheerleading Week recognizes cheerleading athletes around the world. Its goal is to build a more positive image of cheerleading by engaging in group activities, community service, and fundraising projects.

NO MORE Week, March 6-12. NO MORE is a movement to raise public awareness around ending domestic violence and sexual assault. NO MORE Week is a national effort to engage individuals and organizations to say "No more" to abuse, and to make domestic violence and sexual assault awareness and prevention a priority year-round.



Brain Awareness Week, March 14-20. A global campaign to increase public awareness of the progress and benefits of brain research, Brain Awareness Week unites the efforts of partner organizations worldwide in a celebration of the brain for people of all ages. Activities include open days at neuroscience labs, exhibitions about the brain, and more.

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Going the store? Why leave the house?

Shopping online has exploded in recent years. One example: A survey conducted by 72 Point Inc. and commissioned by Door to Door Organics, an online organic grocer, found that shoppers increased their online grocery purchases by an average of 29 percent in the past year, and those shoppers do about 19 percent of their weekly grocery shopping via the Internet.

Extra sleep may not lead to longer life

Most of us look forward to sleeping late on the weekend. After a hard week of work, we deserve a few extra hours, right? But a study from the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism* suggests that sleeping in may contribute to a higher risk of diabetes and heart disease.



Researchers tracked more than men and women age 30-54, using devices that recorded their movement to determine when they fell asleep and woke up for a one-week period. Close to 85 percent went to bed later and got up later on their days off from work, and those people tended to experience lower levels of HDL cholesterol (the good kind) along with higher triglycerides, greater resistance to insulin, and a higher body mass index, even after controlling for factors like physical activity, calorie consumption, and alcohol use.

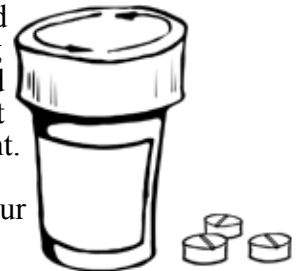
The implications are clear: Maintaining a consistent sleep schedule, even on weekends, is better for everyone's long-term health.

Aspirin prevents skin cancer?

Aspirin is known to cure our aches and pains and improve heart health. It may also be useful in preventing certain kinds of skin cancer, according to an article on the *Discover* magazine website.

Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) like aspirin and ibuprofen are already known to help prevent cancers in the colon, lungs, prostate, and breasts. A meta-analysis of studies, some previously unavailable to researchers, turned up evidence that non-aspirin NSAIDs can reduce the risk of developing squamous cell carcinoma by 15 percent, and that when aspirin is added to the mix, the risk drops to 18 percent. NSAIDs are known to inhibit COX-2, an enzyme produced by skin cells in response to ultraviolet light.

Talk to your dermatologist about aspirin, and otherwise limit your exposure to UV light to stay safe from skin cancer all year round.



Huge exoplanets not as plentiful as thought



Astronomers have discovered more than 100 giant exoplanets orbiting distant stars, but some are now saying that many of those huge worlds aren't planets at all.

According to the website of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), scientists analyzed the findings of the Kepler Space Telescope, which identifies exoplanets by scanning stars for long stretches of time in search of changes in their brightness. These changes suggest the presence of planets or other objects temporarily causing their light to dip.

Instead of monitoring brightness, a second group of scientists looked for signs of movement in the stars as planets circled them. The differences in the slight movements between planets and other objects has led the team to conclude that as many as 55 percent of “exoplanets” have been misidentified. More likely, they're stars themselves—possibly brown dwarfs, a type of failed star, sharing an orbit with a larger sun.

Science is a way of talking about the universe in words that bind it to a common reality. Magic is a method of talking to the universe in words that it cannot ignore. The two are rarely compatible.

—Neil Gaiman

You can't get out what you don't put in

Motivational speaker Zig Ziglar likes to tell the story of his friend, Walter Hailey. Although he became a star salesman, Hailey's early career as an insurance salesman was rough. He endured frustration, anxiety, slammed doors, low sales figures, and uncertainty about his future.

One day he grew so discouraged that he went to his boss and told him that he was going to quit. His boss's response? “You can't.”

Hailey repeated that he was quitting. The manager repeated, “You can't.”

Angry now, Hailey shouted, “Yes, I can!”

His manager replied, “Walter, you can't get out of the insurance business because you have never really gotten into the insurance business.”

The words hit Hailey like a ton of bricks. For the first time in his life he realized that you can't get something out of an endeavor if you never put anything into it. Or as Ziglar puts it, “There are many people who ‘join’ a sales organization but never get into the business of selling.”

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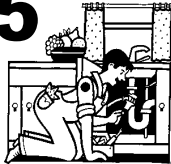
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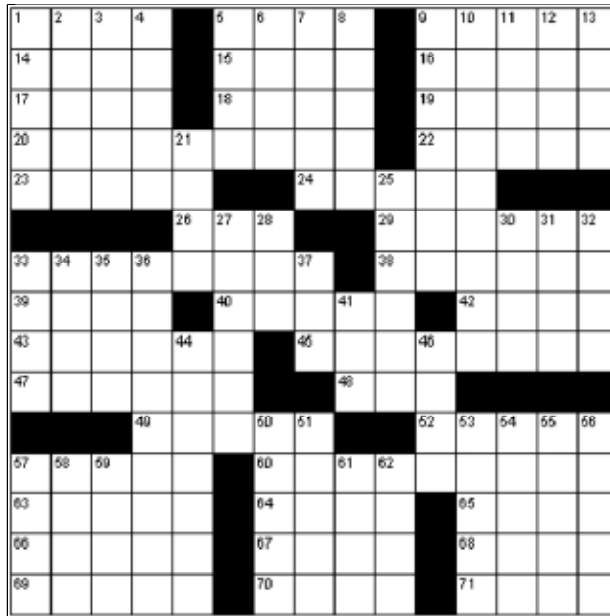
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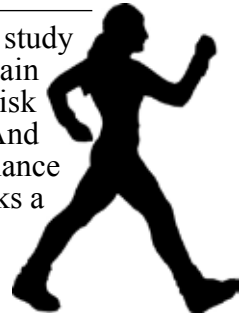
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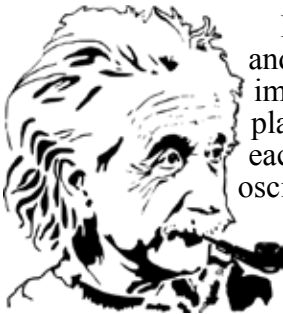
Help your brain stay healthy

Feeding and stimulating your brain well can keep it healthy throughout your life. The American Academy of Family Physicians offers these tips for keeping your mind in tip-top shape:

- Eat a healthy diet. Choose nutritious foods like antioxidant-rich vegetables, fruits, and whole grains, and omega-3 fatty acids, and cut out saturated fats. Avoid fad diets that offer only short-term results.
- Watch your weight. Maintain a healthy weight and pay attention to your blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar, which are all associated with an increased risk of dementia.
- Exercise your brain. Keep learning new things all the time. Puzzles and games that stretch your mind can help you maintain good brain health. So can staying active socially, so keep up your friendships and strive to meet new people.

Mission to gravity: Space probe searches for waves

A European space probe will try to confirm a theory about gravity developed by Albert Einstein, according to the Reuters website. Launched late last year, the LISA (Laser Interferometer Space Antenna) Pathfinder will assume an orbit between the Earth and our sun, collecting data about gravity waves.



Einstein predicted the existence of ripples of gravity that bend space and time some 100 years ago, but finding those ripples on Earth has been impossible. The space-based experiment will monitor two cubes of a gold-platinum alloy to determine whether they maintain their distance from each other in free fall. The results will allow scientists to observe minute oscillations caused by gravity waves.

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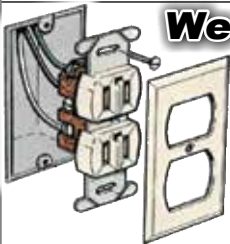
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Take different approaches to imaginative thinking

Creativity comes in many different ways, and no one approach is always right. An article on the Huffington Post website looks at it through two prisms that might be useful the next time you're trying to solve a problem or come up with a fresh idea:

- **Repetition.** You can do the same thing over and over again and still find something new by altering your concept just a little bit each time. You may find something completely new by tweaking one element, or you may simply improve the results with one small difference. Either way, you've generated something unique.
- **Variety.** Take the opposite approach: Throw out everything you've done before and try something completely different. This means setting aside your preconceptions about what works, and being willing to fail a couple of times before you hit pay dirt. Take on a new project, play a game you've never heard of before, or experiment with Legos or other toys to unlock your mind to fresh possibilities.



Break free of boredom to unleash creativity

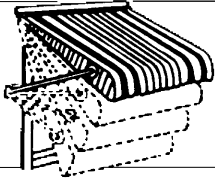
You can't be creative if you're bored out of your skull. We all feel jaded and restless from time to time, but if you're suffering from a complete lack of stimulation, try these tricks for snapping out of it:

- Read something new. Pick a book by an author you've never read, or one that covers a subject you know nothing about.
- Get some exercise. Physical activity will get your blood pumping and stimulate endorphin production, making you feel energetic and happier.
- Talk to people. Pick someone you don't know very well, and find out all you can about him or her.
- Explore your surroundings. Stop ignoring the sights on your way to work, or at work. Pay attention to all you see—look for something different and original.
- Rearrange your space. Sometimes shifting things around at home or at work can force you to look at your surroundings, and your life, in a new light.

- Try a new recipe. Get out of the rut in your kitchen. Pick a challenging recipe for dinner, or stop making the same old sandwiches for your lunch.



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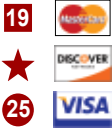
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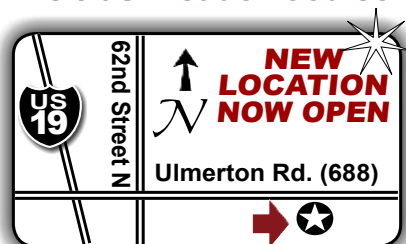
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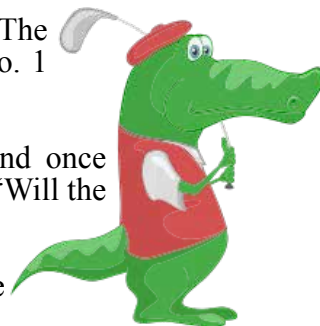
Teed off

Golf courses typically have two sets of tees, one for women and one farther back for men. One day at the first tee a man was stepping up to his ball when a voice came over the clubhouse loudspeaker: “Will the gentleman on hole No. 1 please not hit from the ladies’ tee?”

The golfer looked up, surprised, then addressed his ball again. The voice on the loudspeaker repeated, “Will the gentleman on hole No. 1 please not hit from the ladies’ tee?”

Irritated now, the golfer backed away, took a deep breath, and once again approached his ball. For a third time, the loudspeaker blared: “Will the gentleman on hole No. 1 please not hit from the ladies’ tee?”

The man flung his golf club down. “Will the announcer please shut up and let me hit my second shot?”



An exciting finish

Two bass players performing Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony realized that for some time at the end of the piece, the bassists play nothing. They decided to sneak out of the auditorium for a quick drink at the bar in the lobby.



After a few quick shots, one of them checked his watch. “Uh-oh, we have to get back in two minutes.”

“Don’t worry.” His friend ordered another round. “I tied down the last page of the conductor’s score, so they’ll keep playing the same part over and over. No one will notice.”

After a few more drinks, they staggered backstage and made their way back to their chairs as the conductor struggled to untie his music score with one hand while conducting the orchestra.

One usher at the rear of the auditorium whispered, “What’s going on?”

The other usher answered, “Well, it’s pretty exciting. It’s the bottom of the Ninth, the score is tied, and the bassists are loaded!”

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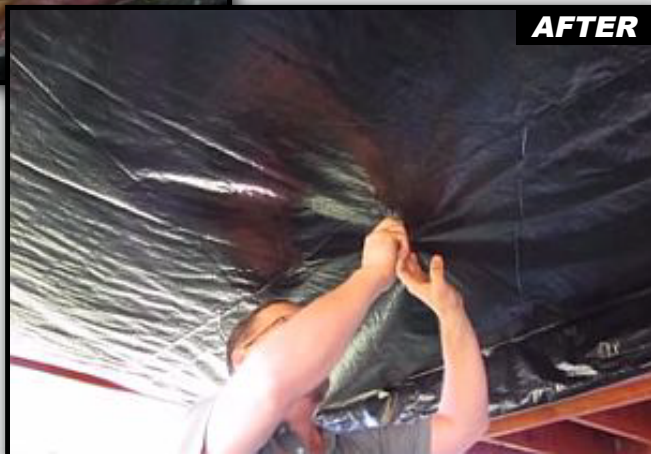
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The mystery of snakes' missing legs

Snakes millions of years ago had legs, but over time their legs disappeared. What happened has been a puzzle to scientists for years, but analysis of a fossil 90 million years old may suggest an explanation.



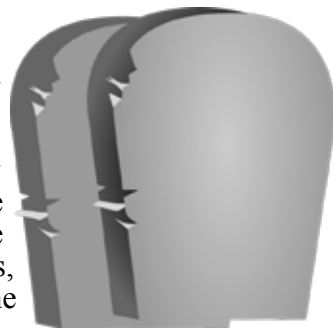
As reported on the (e)Science News website, CT scans of the ancient reptile allowed paleontologists to compare the inner ears of modern snakes to their distant ancestors. They discovered structures similar to those in creatures that burrow in the ground, but are absent in modern-day snakes. This has led them to theorize that snakes gradually lost their legs as they evolved to live and hunt in burrows. The reptile, *Dinilysia patagonica*, is the largest burrowing snake ever known, and its fossilized remains offer clues to a possible ancestor from which all modern snakes are descended.

Behind the walls of ancient tombs

The mysteries of King Tutankhamun's tomb have yet to be fully revealed, according to Egyptologists. Egypt's minister of antiquities is seeking permission to conduct a radar inspection of the Valley of the Kings tomb in hopes of finding the remains of Queen Nefertiti, or possibly King Tut's mother Kia, buried behind the walls of the chamber.

A British scientist believes that Nefertiti lies somewhere in the tomb, although others say that Tut's mother is the more likely possibility. Either way, chances seem good that Tutankhamun's final resting place has more secrets than were previously unearthed.

In other news of ancient times, archeologists have discovered two sealed chambers and a ceremonial platform underneath the Templo Mayor, an Aztec temple in the middle of present-day Mexico City. Explorers found a hidden tunnel in 2013, and recently uncovered a passage to what they believe is a Cuauhxicalco—a space used in rituals to burn the remains of rulers. They speculate that the sealed chambers may be the bodies of several ancient Aztec kings, possibly including the final remains of Montezuma I, who ruled the Aztecs from 1440 to 1469.



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Take the perfect family portrait

Portraits of your children as they grow up can become a treasured memory, but getting them taken can sometimes be a struggle. If you're determined to take just the right picture, try these for tips for portrait photography without tears:



- Take the picture early. A photo session first thing in the morning is easier on everyone. You can dress your kids appropriately and let them change into “play clothes” afterward instead of forcing them to get cleaned up and changed later in the day, when they're more apt to be tired and cranky.
- Have some variety. If you have more than one child, restrain the urge to dress them in matching outfits. A more picturesque option: Dress them in different outfits of the same color.
- Don't overdo things. Keep clothes and accessories simple. Remember that your focus should be on the child's face.
- Plan ahead of time. Get your child a haircut a few days before the portrait session, not that morning. If the cut turns out to be too short or severe, time will relax the look.
- Smile! Try to avoid a forced, insincere smile on your subject's face. Relax and let your child's personality shine through.

Need for confession

A young priest went to his older mentor for help. “Father, no one wants to let me hear their confession. What should I do?”

“Let me sit in the confession booth with you and listen to how you conduct yourself,” the elder priest suggested.

After hearing a few confessions, the two priests met in the senior priest's office. “Now, I want you to try a few things,” the elder priest said. “Practice crossing your arms over your chest and rubbing your chin with one hand.”

The young priest did as he asked.

Then he was told, “Try saying some things like, ‘I see ... Yes ... Go on ... I understand ... How do you feel about that?’”

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Library use on the decline?

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Still, library use appears to be trending downward: Forty-six percent of Americans age 16 and older have visited a library or bookmobile at least once during the past year, down from 53 percent in 2012. Twenty-two percent have used their library's website in the past year, down from 25 percent in 2012, and 27 percent have gone to the library to use computers and Internet resources, down again from 31 percent in 2012.



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