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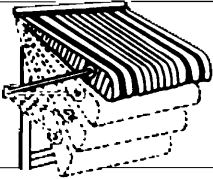
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Phone Directory for 2016-2017 now available.

See Diane Piscopo for your copy.

**Hope you have all bought tickets for our first dance
Dec 1st. See you there!**

Gulfport 8th Annual Holiday Hoopla

Dec 10th – 10am to 6pm

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Christmas Parade – Sat Dec 17th – 5:30 – 6:00pm – Harbor Lights

Please meet at clubhouse with your decorated golf cart. Bikes and walkers also welcome. There will be a parade route thru the park. There will be a social gathering after the parade at the clubhouse. BYOB. Last year 22 carts participated along with quite a few bikes. Let's do better this year! More info from chairman Don Halker as the date gets closer.



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No ticket sales after Wed Dec 21, 2016

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First pancake breakfast Sat Jan 21st – Bing and pancake crew wish all a happy holiday – see you in January

Remember those blankets for migrant workers!

See Harriet Ha-Sidi, or call her at 398-7012. Winter nights are cold, the workers have no heat, please help and donate either a blanket, comforter, or money to purchase those items. Collecting till Dec 10th.

New Year's Eve Party:

Look on bulletin board in clubhouse for more information. Tickets on sale after Thanksgiving. Be sure and get your ticket, then sign up for your table. BYOB. More information about prices at Social Club Meeting.



Thank you Leo and his wonderful kitchen crew

For another delicious Thanksgiving Dinner. We want to let them know how we appreciate their efforts in providing us with an opportunity to not only have a wonderful dinner but to share that dinner with our friends and family here at Harbor Lights. At this time of year when we give thanks for our blessings we need to remember those like Leo and his staff, and all our volunteers, who make our park such a special place to live.

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Travel:

- **Royal Lipizzan Stallions – Thursday Feb 16, 2017 - \$69.00 – lunch**
- **Florida Strawberry Festival – Thursday March 9, 2017 - \$55.00**

For more information please consult bulletin board in clubhouse. Any new trips for next year will be announced at Social Club meetings and posted on bulletin board. If interested please sign up so trip is not cancelled or seats given to other parks.

Additions/Corrections

DeBois, Kim 9252 47th Ave. N
Gonzalez, Pam - 9300 50th Terr. N. - 216-233-1404
O'Rourke, Don – 9264 47thAve. N. – 315-3283

Delete:

O'Rourke, Don – 9067 47th Ave. N.
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Smith, Mike – was a new resident – lived at 4856 92nd Lane N.

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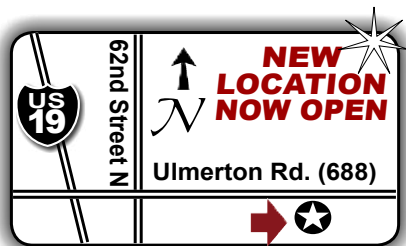
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- Hanukkah, Dec. 24-Jan. 1. Hanukkah marks the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem following the Jews' victory in the Maccabean Revolt in 165 B.C. According to the Talmud, the Jews had only enough olive oil to keep the eternal flame in the Temple 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.



Did you know that December is also...

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National Impaired Driving Prevention Month. This holiday season, make sure to plan for a safe way home, especially if your plans involve alcohol. If someone you know is drinking, don’t let that person get behind the wheel. Remember, too, that just because you’re driving sober, others on the road may not be. Always buckle up, drive with caution, and call 911 to report a suspected drunken driver.

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.



Universal Human Rights Month. This month commemorates the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on Dec. 10, 1948. Driven by the human tragedy of World War II, this document represents the first global expression of human rights.



National Handwashing Awareness Week, Dec. 4-10. Remember these four principles of hand awareness to stay healthy: Wash your hands when they’re dirty and before eating; don’t cough into your hands; don’t sneeze into your hands; and avoid putting your fingers into your eyes, nose, or mouth.

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.

Computer Science Education Week, Dec. 5-11. Computer Science Education Week (CSEdWeek) is an annual program dedicated to inspiring K-12 students to take an interest in computer science. CSEdWeek is held in recognition of the birthday of computing pioneer Adm. Grace Murray Hopper (December 9, 1906).



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.

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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

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."

Hearing this, the mouse realized he was better off having tiny teeth and went off to find his nut again.



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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

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

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?

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

Trees 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

Saving 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.

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Watch the sunrise for better health

Want 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



If 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

Make 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.



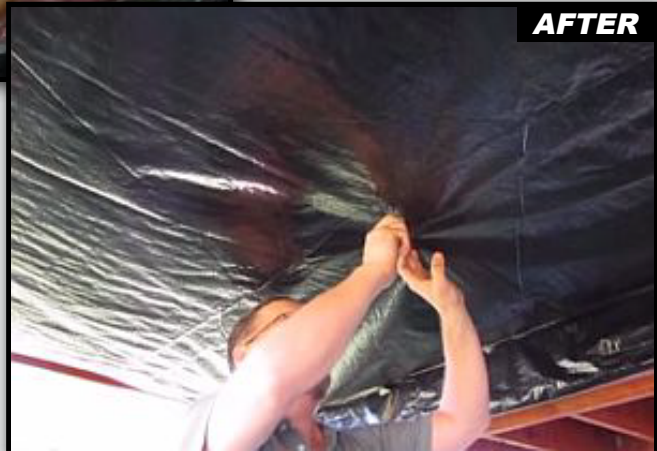
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To tip or not to tip? That soon may not be the question

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 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

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

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

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

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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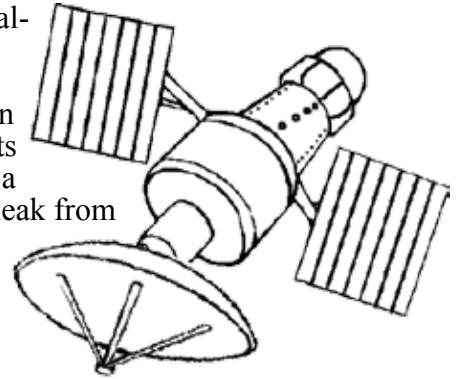
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'Sandwich' material may protect future space travelers

One danger posed by long space voyages is damage to a spacecraft's hull by micro-meteoroids and other space debris. Even a very small object racing at high speeds can strike like a bullet, poking a nasty hole in the side of a spaceship millions of miles from Earth. Shields offer some protection, like the one used by the International Space Station to vaporize objects before they hit. But according to the Science Daily website, scientists may be close to perfecting a self-sealing substance that can repair a small breach in a short time.

The material is made by placing a reactive liquid between two layers of a solid polymer. In experiments shooting bullets into the "sandwich," the liquid was able to quickly establish a solid plug once it was exposed to air, preventing an oxygen leak from inside a spacecraft. The substance could also be used in cars and other terrestrial structures, the researchers say.



Undersea monolith poses a mystery

It may not be the imposing black monolith from the film "2001: A Space Odyssey," but it's mysterious nonetheless: Explorers have discovered a man-made stone structure deep in the waters off Sicily, and its purpose is a puzzle.

The object, originally on an island in the Sicilian Channel that became submerged during a flood 9,300 years ago, is 12 meters long (39 feet) and weighs 15 tons. Scientists estimate that it's about 9,350 years old. Broken in two pieces at a depth of 40 meters (139 feet), the object has three roughly similar holes: one on the top, and two more on its sides. The structure would have required cutting, extraction, transport, and installation, suggesting its makers had fairly advanced engineering skills. Its purpose remains unclear.

How do you weigh a dead dinosaur?

Paleontologists routinely tell us that a particular dinosaur or mammal from millions of years ago weighed X pounds, but how do they measure the weight of an animal that's extinct? Here's one new technique scientists have developed:

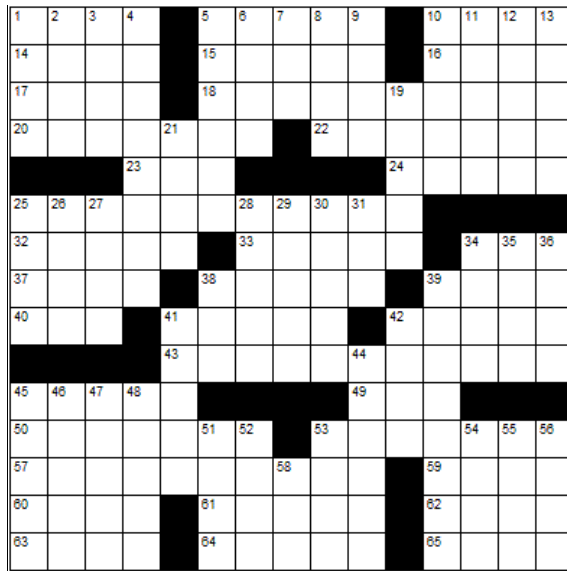
The first step is constructing a digital model of the bones recovered. Then a computer program covers the model in a digital "shrink wrap" to estimate the animal's volume. In the final step, they come up with an estimate using a volume-to-mass conversion based on 14 living mammals starting with the red deer (90 kilograms) to the African elephant (2.7 metric tons).

This process allows researchers to calculate that the woolly mammoth weighed in at 3.6 metric tons, and the giant ground sloth was 3.7 metric tons.



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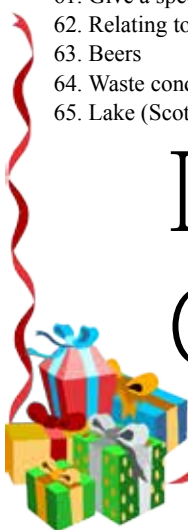
- 1. On-line journal
- 5. Rhinoceros
- 10. Gangs
- 14. Former Italian currency
- 15. A red fluorescent dye
- 16. Send forth
- 17. A Freudian stage
- 18. Totally
- 20. Vixen
- 22. Hypodermic
- 23. L
- 24. Donkeys
- 25. Class chums
- 32. Held on tightly
- 33. Japanese cartoon art
- 34. Beer
- 37. Not yours
- 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

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