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Until further notice, activities listed on the calendar, are on inactive status (i.e. line dancing, euchre, bridge, men's cards, horseshoe, etc.) until our northern friends return. If there any adjustments, please notify the Domei editor.

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BY DOROTHY RAVENER, QM

As most of you know, Maureen Kirslis has decided she needs "winter, snow, and ice" in her life, and decided to return to Massachusetts.

We will miss her and thank her for a well done effort. I have appointed Florence Miller, Vice Queen, to help planning our different events, membership, dues, etc.

October 2016 will be hosted by Florence and myself. Details will follow either by email, in our Domei, or posted on our bulletin board at the Clubhouse.

We need hostesses for November 2015 to April 2016. March 2016 will be held at Kalley K's with the R.O.M.E.O.

Congratulations to Connie Hobbs for winning the Red and Purple Afghan.

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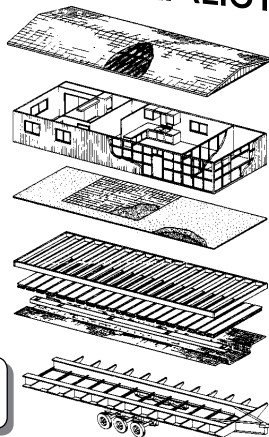
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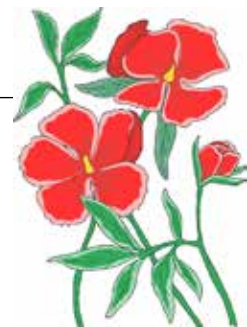
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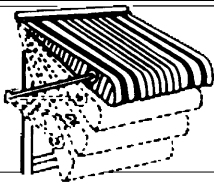
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Here are some reasons why we don't allow cell phones in fuel operating areas, propylene oxide handling and storage area, propane, gas and diesel re-fueling areas.



The Shell Oil Company recently issued a warning after three incidents in which mobile phones

(cell phones) ignited fumes during fueling operations

In the first case, the phone was placed on the car's trunk lid during fueling; it rang and the ensuing fire destroyed the car and the gasoline pump..

In the second, an individual suffered severe burns to their face when fumes ignited as they answered a call while refueling their car!

And in the third, an individual suffered burns to the thigh and groin as fumes ignited when the phone, which was in their pocket, rang while they were fueling their car.

You should know that: Mobile Phones can ignite fuel or fumes.

Mobile phones that light up when switched on or when they ring release enough energy to provide a spark for ignition.

Mobile phones should not be used in filling stations, or when fueling lawn mowers, boats, etc.

Mobile phones should not be used, or should be turned off, around other materials that generate flammable or explosive fumes or dust, (i.e., solvents, chemicals, gases, grain dust, etc...)

TO sum it up, here are the Four Rules for Safe Refueling:

- 1) Turn off engine
- 2) Don't smoke
- 3) Don't use your cell phone – leave it inside the vehicle or turn it off
- 4) Don't re-enter your vehicle during fueling.

Bob Renkes of Petroleum Equipment Institute is working on a campaign to try and make people aware of fires as a result of 'static electricity' at gas pumps. His company has researched 150 cases of these fires.

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His results were very surprising:

- 1) Out of 150 cases, almost all of them were women.
- 2) Almost all cases involved the person getting back in their vehicle while the nozzle was still pumping gas. When finished, they went back to pull the nozzle out and the fire started, as a result of a static spark from their bodies from sliding out of the vehicle .
- 3) Most had on rubber-soled shoes.
- 4) Most men never get back in their vehicle until completely finished. This is why they are seldom involved in these types of fires.
- 5) Don't ever use cell phones when pumping gas
- 6) It is the vapors that come out of the gas that cause the fire, when connected with static charges.
- 7) There were 29 fires where the vehicle was re-entered and the nozzle was touched during refueling from a variety of makes and models. Some resulted in extensive damage to the vehicle, to the station, and to the customer.
- 8) Seventeen fires occurred before, during or immediately after the gas cap was removed and before fueling began.

Mr. Renkes stresses to NEVER get back into your vehicle while filling it with gas. If you absolutely HAVE to get in your vehicle while the gas is pumping, make sure you get out, close the door while TOUCHING THE METAL, before you ever pull the nozzle out. This way the static from your body will be discharged before you ever remove the nozzle.

As I mentioned earlier, The Petroleum Equipment Institute, along with several other companies now, are really trying to make the public aware of this danger.

I ask you to please send this information to ALL your family and friends, especially those who have kids in the car with them while pumping gas. If this were to happen to them, they may not be able to get the children out in time.

Thanks for passing this along.

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ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: Are you sexually active?

WITNESS: No, I just lie there.

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th.

ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year.

ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?

WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?

WITNESS: Forty-five years.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget...

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

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ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you kidding me?

ATTORNEY: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And what were you doing at that time?

WITNESS: Getting laid

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death..

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.



ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

WITNESS: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

WITNESS: Oral...

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WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.



ATTORNEY: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

WITNESS: Are you qualified to ask that question?

And last:

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No..

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law .

August Sudoku

How to play: The numbers 1 through 9 will appear once only in each row, column, and 3x3 zone. There are 9 such zones in each sudoku grid. There is only one correct solution to each sudoku. Good luck!

Difficulty level: medium.

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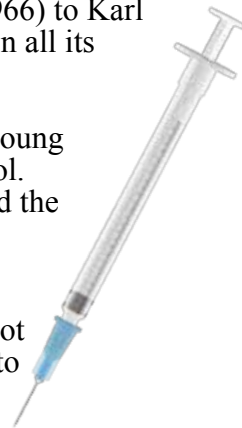
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American Artist Appreciation Month. From Maxine Albro (1903-1966) to Karl Zerbe (1903-1972) and everyone else in between, celebrate American art in all its forms and the people who create it.

Get Ready for Kindergarten Month. This is the time of year when young children (and their parents) prepare for that all-important first day of school. Relieve their jitters by talking about what to expect, visiting the school and the teachers, and getting excited about the upcoming school year.

National Immunization Awareness Month. National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) highlights the importance of immunization—not just for kids, but for everyone. Activities focus on encouraging all people to protect their health by being immunized against infectious diseases.

National Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month. Spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) is a genetic disease affecting the part of the nervous system that controls voluntary muscle movement. An SMA diagnosis doesn't mean an end to your hopes and dreams. Changes and challenges lay ahead, but also opportunity, fulfillment, and hope for a future free of spinal muscular atrophy.



Celebrate Weekly

Clown Week, Aug. 1-7. Everyone loves a clown. Celebrations during this week take on a variety of forms, such as putting on shows in malls, child care centers, hospitals and nursing homes or educational events about clowns and fundraisers for numerous charitable causes.

International Assistance Dog Week, Aug. 2-8. Created to recognize all the devoted, hardworking assistance dogs helping individuals mitigate their disability related limitations.

Elvis Week, Aug. 8-16. Held every year in Graceland, Tennessee, Elvis Week celebrates the life and legacy of Elvis Presley, “the King of Rock and Roll,” with special events, live music, concerts, movies, and more.

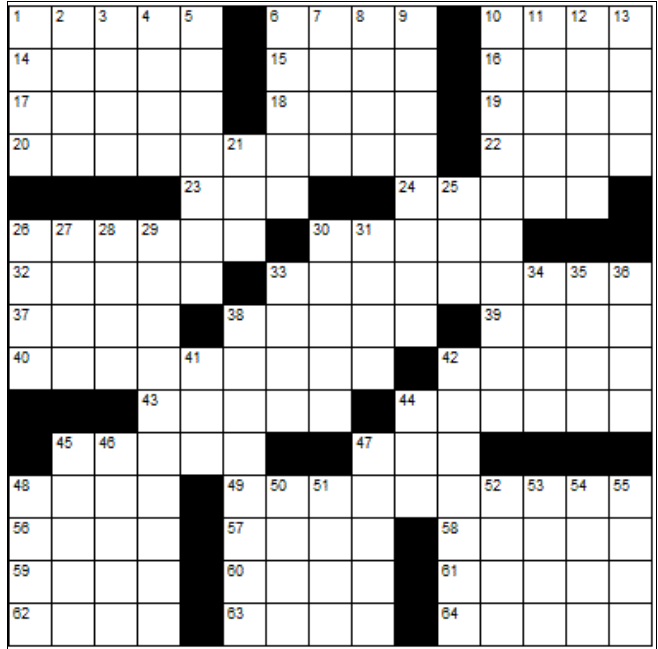
National Safe At Home Week, Aug. 23-29. The National Safety Council estimates that 245 people die of unintentional injuries in and near their home every day. The purpose of National Safe At Home Week is to raise awareness of safety practices to prevent injury and death in and around your home.





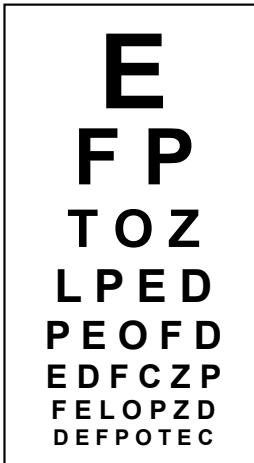
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6. Petty quarrel
10. Hairdo
14. Burdened
15. List of options
16. LummoX
17. Supplemented
18. Weightlifters pumf this
19. Cypher
20. Bad luck
22. Applications
23. Tiny
24. Lariat
26. A change for the better
30. Watchful
32. Flip over
33. Convulsive
37. Tidy
38. City in France
39. Rodents
40. It produces electricity
42. A tart fruit
43. Donated
44. Rat or mouse
45. Welsh dog
47. A small piece of cloth
48. Magma
49. Authorized
56. Adjoin
57. False god
58. Hyrax
59. Man
60. Monster
61. Redress
62. Implored
63. Require
64. Conducts



DOWN

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| 1. Close violently | 21. Ump | 41. 18-wheeler |
| 2. Dry riverbed | 25. Supply with weapons | 42. Rational |
| 3. Probabilities | 26. A step on a ladder | 44. Rodent |
| 4. Coral barrier | 27. Type of sword | 45. A clique |
| 5. Gifted | 28. Low-fat | 46. Small egg |
| 6. Strike | 29. Not segregated | 47. Angered |
| 7. South American country | 30. A cook might wear one | 48. Lantern |
| 8. Nameless | 31. Den | 50. Border |
| 9. Unmelodious | 33. Satisfy | 51. Pierce |
| 10. Habituated | 34. 10 cent coin | 52. Bit of dust |
| 11. Clean between teeth | 35. Computer symbol | 53. Dwarf buffalo |
| 12. Cowboy sport | 36. 1/100th of a dollar | 54. Care for |
| 13. Poems | 38. Large tent | 55. Visual organs |



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By Ron Anderson

My wife and I enjoy visiting St. Petersburg, or occasionally Tampa, to go to a restaurant or whatever. We were told that as disabled parking permit holders we do not have to put money in parking meters. That's nice, but a prudent person will check out such a statement. Here is the straight story directly from the Florida statutes:

FS 316.1964 Exemption of vehicles transporting certain persons who have disabilities from payment of parking fees and penalties.—

(1) A state agency, county, municipality, or any agency thereof, may not exact any fee for parking on the public streets or highways or in any metered parking space from the driver of a vehicle that displays a disabled parking permit or a license plate ... if the vehicle is transporting the person who has a disability and to whom the disabled parking permit or license plate was issued.

(2) The driver of a vehicle that is parked as provided in subsection (1) may not be penalized for parking, except in clearly defined bus loading zones, fire zones, or access aisles adjacent to the parking spaces for persons who have disabilities, or in areas posted as "No Parking" zones or as emergency vehicle zones, or for parking in excess of the posted time limits.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (1), when an on-street parking meter restricts the duration of time that a vehicle may be parked, a vehicle properly displaying a disabled parking permit is allowed a maximum of 4 hours at no charge; however, local governments may extend such time by local ordinance.

Tampa holds to the four hour limit but St Petersburg allows disabled parking all-day, but not overnight parking. Affected persons might wish to take a look at the cited Florida statute to see other limitations concerning parking when there is a street fair, or a convention, or whatever taking place.



Little-known facts about books and language

The world of books, reading, and words is full of surprises. Take a look at some of these stories about writers and other creative people (from the BuzzFeed website):

- **Green Eggs & Ham.** This Dr. Seuss classic was written on a bet. Publisher Bennett Cerf wagered \$50 that Ted Geisel couldn't write a children's book using fewer than 50 different words. Geisel won.
- **Thomas Jefferson.** The third U.S. president (and writer of the Declaration of Independence) invented more than 100 "American" words to distinguish U.S. writing from British usage—including the word "anglophobia."
- **Gone with the Wind.** Margaret Mitchell began work on her first (and only) novel after recovering from an auto accident. During her convalescence, she read so many books from the local library that her husband got tired of going back and forth—so she suggested she try writing a book of her own.
- **Amazon.** The first book sold on the now dominant website was *Fluid Concepts and Creative Analogies*, by Douglas Hofstadter. Its subject: whether machines could be taught to think like people.



Stay optimistic to get ahead

Successful people are optimistic. They're realistic, and they see the challenges, but they don't lose their confidence. Here are some of the characteristics of "intelligent optimists" that anyone can master:

- **Don't deny problems.** Don't try to pretend difficulties don't exist. Learn to live with obstacles while looking for ways to overcome them.
- **Accept reality.** Recognize that you can't solve every problem. Don't get too wrapped up in trying to fix things you can't influence that you ignore what's possible.
- **Don't bury negative thoughts.** Everyone has them—"This will never work," or "Why am I wasting my time?" Instead of trying to repress them, ask what they're telling you, and work on getting past the problems that create negative thinking.
- **Look for different solutions.** Many solutions start as attempts to solve a different problem. Searching the background can provide clues to resolving the current difficulty.

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Could the right diet lower your risk of developing Alzheimer's disease? Maybe, according to an article on the MedicineNet website—although the results aren't conclusive yet. A study of adults who closely followed a combination of two well-known diet plans, the Mediterranean diet and the DASH diet, found that subjects had a 53 percent lower risk of being diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Other subjects who stuck to the diet only moderately well saw their risk drop approximately 35 percent.

The combination diet plan, known as the MIND diet, emphasizes healthy grains, vegetables, beans, poultry, and fish, along with a limited amount of red meat, butter, and sweets. Researchers have noted that other factors, like smoking history, regular exercise, and challenging activities like Sudoku or crossword puzzles, have also contributed to diet followers' results.



On the other hand, both the Mediterranean and DASH diets are believed to be effective at preventing heart disease, making them a healthy choice for other reasons.

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- Use protective equipment. Gloves, facemasks, helmets, and other gear are important for your safety. Check the documentation to find out what you need, and ask your supervisor what he or she requires. Report and replace any defective equipment before getting to work.
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All for the best

A king was friends with a wise doctor. They spent many hours hunting together, talking about the world as they walked through the kingdom. The king was intrigued by the doctor's insistence that events always worked out for the best. He was never convinced, but they remained close friends.

Then one day they went out hunting. The doctor's rifle went off by accident, and the bullet hit the king in the hand. The doctor had to amputate two fingers, and the king was so angry that he had his friend thrown into a dungeon.

Several months later, the king went on a safari in the deep jungle. Bored, he went off by himself and was promptly captured by a band of savages who carried them back to their village.

The king realized that these people planned to eat them, and all his promises of riches and rewards if they freed him were ignored. But when they came to prepare him for their feast, they noticed that his hand lacked two fingers.

Their traditions demanded that they not harm anyone with an amputated limb. They freed the king, and he returned to camp unharmed.

When he got back to his castle, the king immediately freed the doctor. He told his friend the story, and added, "If not for you cutting off my fingers, I might have been killed."

The doctor was happy that the king. "You see, that proves my point about things happening for the best."

"But what about you?" the king asked. "You spent all those months in a dungeon. How did that work out for the best?"

The doctor smiled. "If I hadn't been in the dungeon, I might have been out hunting with you."



Go fly a kite

The mayor of a small town was walking through the park one day when she spotted a little boy flying an enormous and beautiful kite high in the sky. Intrigued, she walked up and asked who was responsible for the keeping the kite in the air.

"I am," the boy said. "I made this kite all by myself, and I got it up into the air on my own."



Then they both heard a whisper in the air. "I am the wind," the voice said. "I keep the kite in the air by holding it aloft with my breath."

A third voice, high-pitched and vibrant, joined in. "I am the kite's tail," said this voice. "I keep the kite stable as it flies through the air. Without me it would crash to the Earth!"

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