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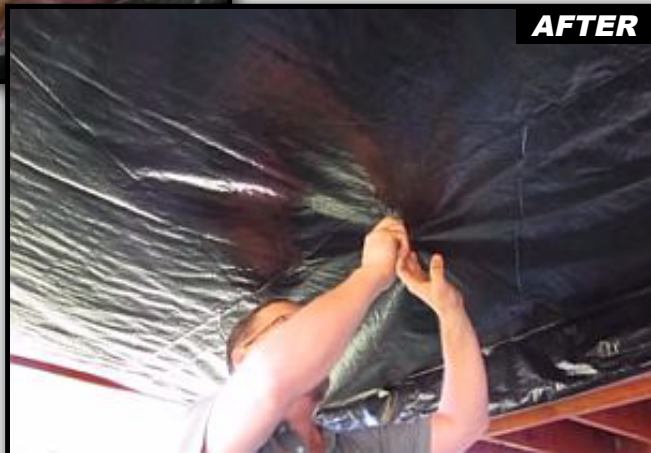
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By Donna Tope, President. Lot #648 727-474-3443

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Oak Crest / Acorn Residents' Club, Inc.

John Brennan, President, Lot #435, 586-365-9951

July is passing us by. Before we know it Fall will be upon us. We have a new bridge linking Basket Oak to Burr, pool maintenance is complete along with the clubhouse being painted. We are lucky to have owners who continually update our park.

Activities Committee

We want to Thank everyone that attended the July 4th Potluck and hope you all had a good time. About 55 people attended and there was a great variety of food to enjoy. August 12th at 6:30 we will be having an Ice Cream Social. Tickets are 4.00 dollars and can be purchased from Nancy @ 437-7415. Come and enjoy and spend some time with your friends and get to know our new residents.

SICK BAY REPORT

By: Margaret Fuller, Lot #456 727-586-1590

DEATHS

Bud Pitstick, 161 Silk Oak, passed away in Illinois on July 6th

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Helen Ward, 457 Basket Oak, is receiving TLC at her daughters home in Maryland.



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Columbus' anchor salvaged from the depths

A team of explorers believe they've discovered an anchor from one of Christopher Columbus' ships in the Caribbean. According to a story on the Fox News website, an analysis of the anchor shows that it dates from somewhere between 1492 and 1550. It weighed 1,200-1,500 pounds and probably belonged to a 300-ton vessel, typical of Columbus' time.

The anchor is believed to come from a fleet of smaller ships called caravels, which included the Pinta. Captained by Vicente Pinzon on one of the "minor voyages" of Columbus' third expedition to the New World, the ship sank in a hurricane near the Turks and Caicos islands in 1500.



In addition to the anchor, the team brought up other artifacts at the shipwreck site, including grappling hooks used for salvaging cargo from shipwrecks, as well as pieces of pottery and an olive jar painted with indigo.

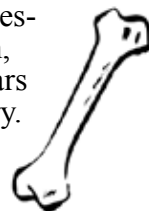
Scientists create negative mass in the laboratory

Negative mass might sound like something out of science fiction, but physicists have created it in a laboratory. The BBC News website reports that scientists at Washington State University have created a particle composed of negative mass by using lasers to trap atoms of rubidium and then cooling them down to just above absolute zero. This caused the atoms to behave as a superfluid liquid, flowing without losing any energy.

Paradoxically, if you push something with negative mass, it accelerates in your direction, following behavior predicted by quantum mechanics. Scientists expect the technique to help them solve questions about black holes, neutron stars, and dark energy in the cosmos.

Ancient bone raises modern questions

An artifact unearthed in Crimea may shed new light on our Neanderthal ancestors, according to the Sci-News website. It's a bone fragment from a raven, and it's approximately 38,000 years old. A mere 18 mm long, the bone bears a series of notches that are too evenly spaced to be the result of everyday butchery. Archaeologists believe that two notches on the raven bone could have been made intentionally by Neanderthals to create a pattern meant to be consistent or symbolic. The bone may have worn as a personal ornament, some speculate.



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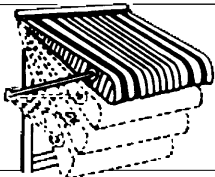
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Publishers and traditional readers alike have long been worried about the rise of electronic books as sales of Amazon’s Kindle and other devices have grown, but their concerns may have been at least somewhat overblown. New studies suggest that the growth of e-book sales is leveling out—and possibly declining.

According to the Chicago Tribune website, during the first nine months of 2016 e-book sales dropped by 18.7 percent compared with the same period a year earlier. On the other hand, hardcovers, paperbacks, and audiobooks did not suffer a similar decline. In the same time frame, e-books’ share of the total market fell to 17.6 percent from 21.7 percent. In addition, sales of hardcover books in 2016 outpaced e-books for the first time in five years.



Don’t panic—books don’t look like they’re being replaced any time soon.

More Americans taking advantage of technology

The digital revolution continues gaining ground, according to the Pew Research Center. Seventy-seven percent of Americans own a smartphone, a figure that’s almost doubled since Pew began tracking smartphone ownership in 2011.



Similarly, broadband access is on an upswing, with home broadband service rising 6 percent in 2016 (after a slight decline from 2013 to 2015). In November 2016, nearly three-quarters (73 percent) of Americans reported having broadband service.

Finally, 69 percent of U.S. adults are using social media, especially young people—86 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds are on at least one social media platform.

New hope for headache sufferers

Cluster headaches, such as migraines, are rare, but they can cause intense pain to the people (mostly men) who suffer from them.

But there’s hope. According to the NBC News website, the Food and Drug Administration has recently approved a device known as the vagus nerve stimulator for treatment of cluster headaches. Sufferers place the small device, named gammaCore, against the neck and send a mild electrical stimulation to the vagus nerve—a large nerve that runs from the brain to the colon. The jolt disrupts signals along the nerve, reducing the pain.

Vagus nerve stimulation is already used to treat ailments such as epilepsy and depression. Gammacore, manufactured by the organization electroCore, is available in Europe, but electroCore plans to begin offering it in the United States later this year.

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Coffee more popular than ever

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The biggest increase is in the 13-18 age bracket. Their daily coffee habit climbed to 37 percent in 2017, up from 31 percent in 2016. Adults ages 18-24 increased their coffee habit from 48 percent to 50 percent, and 63 percent of adults 25-39 drank more, up from 60 percent.

Sixty-four percent of Americans 40-59 drink a daily cup of joe, up from 53 percent last year. The 60-plus crowd moved to 68 percent in 2017 from 64 percent the previous year.



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Unclear on the concept

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Pointing to a flagpole rising from the floor, the guide gave them a tape measure and challenged them to measure the height of the pole—without using a ladder. The managers all exclaimed how easy that would be and started in. But they couldn’t figure out a way to reach to the top of the pole to get an accurate measurement.

Then the guide asked a worker who was walking by on her way to lunch to measure the pole. The woman walked over to the pole and looked at its base. Seeing it was screwed into a stand, she unscrewed the pole, laid it on the floor, and measured it, all in about 30 seconds.

“Ha!” said one of the managers. “That doesn’t count. We were supposed to measure the height of the pole, not its length!”

The wrong assumption?

Two experts in business economics were out for a walk and noticed two men in buildings on opposite sides of the street yelling and screaming at each other out of their windows.

After observing the situation, one of the economists said, “I predict they will never find a way to agree and resolve their argument.”

“Why not?”

“Because,” said the first, “they are arguing from different premises.”

One way to solve a problem

A farmer invested his savings in building a pond to raise fish for sale. But after he stocked the pond, he discovered he would soon have a problem. A friend warned him that kids from the nearby town liked to sneak into farmers’ ponds to go swimming. The farmer knew they would stir up the muddy bottom and kill off his fish.



One evening the farmer, carrying a pail, went down to the pond. Sure enough, a bunch of young people were getting ready to dive in. They outnumbered the lone farmer and showed no signs of fearing him. In fact, they taunted him and dared him to drive them off. But he simply reached in the pail and started tossing chunks of raw meat into the water.

“What the heck are you doing?” asked the trespassers.
The farmer shrugged. “Just feeding the alligator.”

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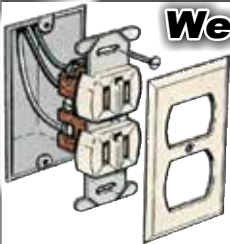
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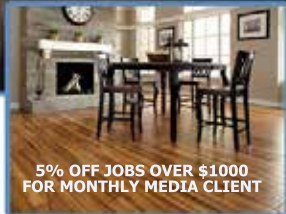
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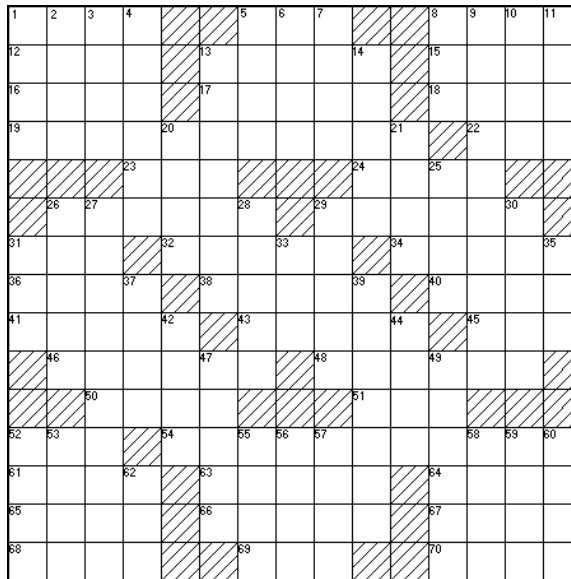
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The science behind creative thinking

Creativity may seem mysterious and magical, but scientists have been studying it for a long time. From the Fast Company website, here's some of what they've learned:

- Creative insights do come in the shower. In one study, 72 percent of participants reported getting new ideas while taking a shower.
- Solitude boosts creativity. The networks in our brains responsible for creativity and imagination work better when we're alone.
- Trying new things helps. New experiences can trigger dopamine, a neurotransmitter that facilitates mental flexibility.
- Trust your hunches. Intuition isn't well understood, but it's led to many creative insights. Learn to let your unconscious mind noodle on problems and ideas without forcing your brain to work.
- Daydreaming has positive effects. Daydreams can enhance creative thought, self-awareness, and long-term planning by giving you a kind of mental incubation for ideas.



Three levels of imagination

Creativity and innovation come in many different forms. An article on the Bizcommunity website points to three distinct levels of imagination:

- Discovery. Sometimes you just see something that looks like a good idea. Keep an open mind as you look around you, and learn to find opportunities in everyday things.
- Invention. Apply the tools you've got to solve the problem in front of you. Look at all your available resources and see which will help you achieve the results you're looking for.
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- Cinnamon. This tasty spice offers many benefits for diabetes patients, including positive results in maintaining appropriate blood sugar and insulin levels as well as decreasing blood pressure. Consult with your doctor before using it as a supplement, though.
- Bitter melon. Used for centuries as a traditional medicine in China and India, the seeds from this melon appear to lower blood sugar levels. It's also effective when its pulp is mixed with water and when consumed as juice.
- Milk thistle. An extract called silymarin from this herb has antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties, which are beneficial for people with diabetes.
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Tolerance for alcohol? Don't count on it

Think you can handle your booze? Think again. Many heavy social drinkers believe they can build up a tolerance for alcohol that lets them perform routine tasks without loss of coordination, but recent studies suggest that may not be the case.



As reported on the LiveScience website, the Chicago Social Drinking Project, begun in 2004, tracked 155 young adults with an average age of 25 at the time over a period of years. More than 80 percent were heavy drinkers, meaning they had consumed 10-40 drinks per week for two years.

In tests carried out over the years, participants were either given a real drink or a placebo beverage that tasted like alcohol and then were tested on some simple fine-motor tasks. Although heavy drinkers actually improved their scores from previous years on the easier tasks, their performance declined on the more challenging tasks—although they still considered themselves less intoxicated than lighter drinkers.

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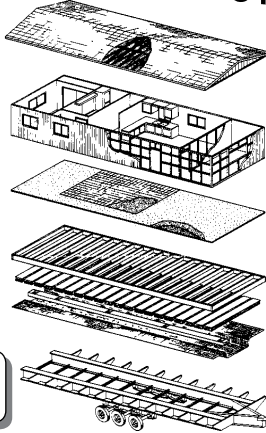
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Did you know that August is also...

American Artist Appreciation Month. From Andy Warhol and Andrew Wyeth to Georgia O’Keeffe and Mary Cassatt, America has been the birthplace for some of the world’s most talented and celebrated artists—all of whom are honored during American Artist Appreciation Month.

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National Truancy Prevention Month. Truancy is a pervasive problem for schools across the country, particularly public schools in urban areas. Students who demonstrate a lack of commitment to school are at an increased risk for substance abuse, delinquency, teen pregnancy, and dropping out.

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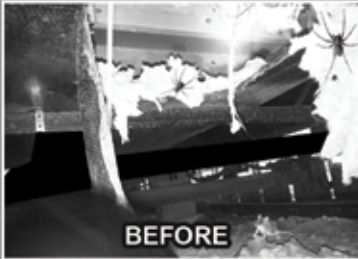
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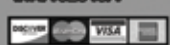


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