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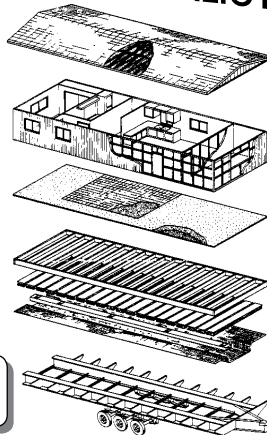
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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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(Provided by: Sonny O’Leary “I got tired of par cooking then stuffing the Bell Peppers for traditional stuffed peppers. Gave this a try and we have not looked back. Same great flavor with the convenience of a casserole)!

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. 90% Ground Beef
- 4 large Bell Peppers, seeded and chopped
- 2 medium Onions, chopped
- 4 cups cooked Rice
- 2 8 ounce cans tomato sauce

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees
 2. Chop bell peppers into bite size chunks, dice onions into ¼ inch dice, saute peppers and onions until tender and put aside
 3. In the same pan, brown ground beef until no longer pink, drain and put aside.
 4. In a large casserole pan combine cooked rice, ground beef, onion and pepper mixture and 2 cans of tomato sauce.
 5. Mix Well.
 6. Bake in oven until heated through.
- This recipe is easily cut in half or doubled.

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

In Ted Dekker’s book, “Bone Man’s Daughter”, Ryan has a wife and daughter. He is an intelligence office stationed in the Middle East. One day he is captured and held captive until he is rescued. Ryan has been tortured and all he wants to do is go home to his wife and daughter! They don’t want him anymore! They feel he abandoned them for his country! His goal is to win them back. Oh yes and in this book there is also a serial killer killing young girls by breaking every bone in their body!

Ted Dekker is an American author of fantasy, thrillers, horror and mysteries that combine adrenaline laced plots with confrontations between good and evil!

Don’t forget the Library is open 10 a.m. to 6A:00 p.m. daily. We have WI-FI. We also have several fund raisers to support our Library, which is run on donations (Mr. Larson pays the power bill). We have Embassy mail boxes, pool cover ups and cute elf bottle toppers for sale! (available in the Office).



THE HISTORY OF NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

The custom of making New Year's resolutions has been around for thousands of years, but it hasn't always looked the way it does today.

The ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year's resolutions, some 4,000 years ago. They were also the first to hold recorded celebrations in honor of the new year---though for them the year began not in January but in mid-March, when the crops were planted. During the massive 12-day religious festival known as Akitu, the Babylonians crowned a new king or reaffirmed their loyalty to the reigning king. They also made promises to the gods to pay their debts and return any objects they had borrowed. These promises could be considered the forerunners of our New Year's resolutions. If the Babylonians kept to their word, their (pagan) gods would bestow favor on them for the coming year. If not, they would fall out of the gods' favor—a place no one wanted to be.

A similar practice occurred in ancient Rome, after the reform-minded emperor Julius Caesar tinkered with the calendar and established January 1 as the beginning of the new year circa 46 B. C. Named for Janus the two-faced god whose spirit inhabited doorways and arches. January had special significance for the Romans. Believing that Janus symbolically looked backwards into the previous year and ahead into the future, the Romans offered sacrifices to the deity and made promises of good conduct for the coming year.

For early Christians, the first day of the new year became the traditional occasion for thinking about one's past mistakes and resolving to do and be better in the future. In 1740, the English clergyman John Wesley, founder of Methodism, created the Covenant Renewal Service, most commonly held on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day. Also known as watch night services, they included readings from Scriptures and hymn singing, and served as a spiritual alternative to the raucous celebrations normally held to celebrate the coming of the new year. Now popular within evangelical Protestant churches, especially African-American denominations and congregations, watch night services held on New Year's Eve are often spent praying and making resolutions for the coming year.

Despite the tradition's religious roots, New Year's resolutions today are a mostly secular practice. Instead of making promises to the gods, most people make resolutions only to themselves, and focus purely on self-improvement (which may explain why such resolutions seem so hard to follow through on). According to recent research, while as many as 45 percent of Americans say they usually make New Year's resolutions, only 8 percent are successful in achieving their goals. But that dismal record probably won't stop people from making resolutions anytime soon---after all, we've had about 4,000 years of practice.

(credit to Wikipedia History Stories)



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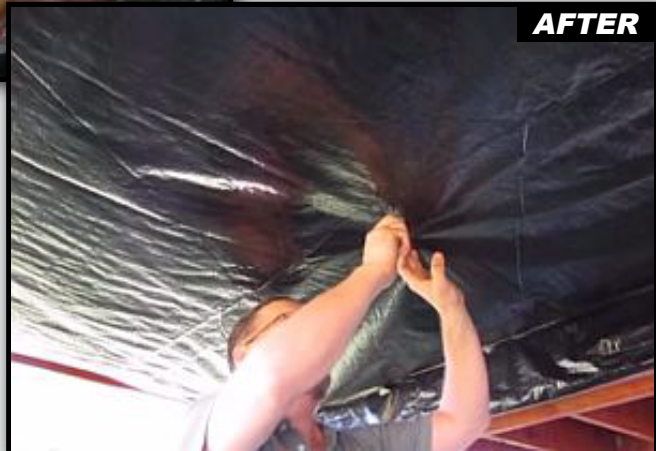
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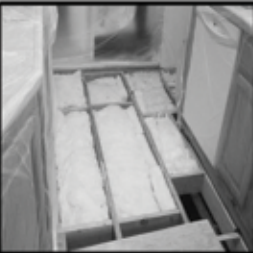
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FROM THE OFFICE:

If you make only 1 New Year's Resolution this year, please make it to re-read the Park Rules and Regulations and the Prospectus.

Thank you for the condolences, prayers and cards on the passing of Chuck's Dad.

The next Manager's meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 9th...cake and coffee at 9:00 a.m., meeting at 9:30 a.m. for one hour. All residents are invited to attend.

Amusing Facts:

- The ancient Romans were the first to celebrate January 1st as New Year's Day. When? In 153 B>C>
- There was no year 0.
- Luckily, there can never be more than three Friday the 13ths in one year.
- What's the only month that's also a verb? March!
- Brazilians consider August an unlucky month

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One on the jokers they used to add a day when it wasn't a leap year.

I guess the other joker was counted as the one who is reading this amazing fact!

Have a nice day!

Submitted by Jeannine Goguen

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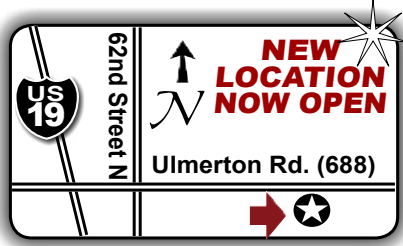
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The Embassy Shuffle Club is bringing back the musical stylings and commit wit of Frank and Dean to our stage for our annual fund raiser. The event will take place on Friday, February 22nd from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The cost will be \$10.00 per person, and we will post notification s as to when the tickets will go on sale.

These two gentlemen have been well received in the past by this park and will be doing two new sets of songs and playing music to dance to in between sets.

ALSO, a permanent bead was recently put on the shuffle courts by the Clubhouse. It is VERY important that these courts are not walked on. Please monitor any visiting grandchildren; every year they are on the courts, racing cars, playing, etc. Being a Senior Park, we have no playground but the Library does have games, DVD's and puzzles to help keep them occupied.

KARAOKE

Amelia Miller will be bringing Karaoke to Embassy residents this season. The first date is January 12th, which will be in honor of Jake Schnarr, who donated his equipment to Amelia so she could carry on this fun night. (Additional dates will be February 23rd and March 30th)



RUSSELL OPEN HOUSE

Everyone who joined us for holiday cheer and snacks seemed to have a good time. We think about 80 or so friends attended. There was music by Billy Grant and Barry Murphy. The weather was great with some people saying it was too hot, but we think it was perfect.

Thanks to all, from Ron & Cathy Russell and Merry Christmas

THE PIRATES ARE COMING TO EMBASSY!

January 29th at 7:00 p.m. the New York Club will welcome all Pirates to the clubhouse for a night filled with music, dancing, drinks and snacks.

To join this Pirate night, you will need \$8.00 hard cash, no doubloons or pieces of eight! Tickets will be on sale Jan. 7th, 9th, 14th and 16th for \$8.00 each, sold from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse

So bring yourself in costume (or not); you could win a prize for best dressed Pirate or Wench. There will be a 50/50 drawing plus door prizes. Hope to see you there, ARRGGHH!



FUN NIGHT REHEARSALS ARE BEGINNING!

It is once again time to begin exploring and planning our 2019 Fun Night. For those who are new to the park, Fun Night is a 2-night show created by park residents for the enjoyment of anyone who would like to attend. We will meet every Tuesday evening in the clubhouse at 6:30 p.m. beginning January 8th. This year we are concentrating on the 1920's and 30's. flappers, gangsters and the Great Gadsby. The show is the second weekend in March. It is a fund raiser for the social club. If you would like to be a part of this entertaining show, just attend and see what it is all about. Everyone is welcome! There is a lot of behind the scenes help needed if you don't feel you are an actor. Please watch your bulletin for dates and times of ticket sales.

Elaine Pepper, Chairperson

BOB'S BRUSH WITH FAME

Most of us have heard of Amelia Earhart. She was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean, and might have been the first to fly around the world but her plane vanished over the Pacific in 1937.

Before attempting the around the world trip she did some solo flights. Honolulu to Oakland, Los Angeles to Mexico City and Mexico City to New York. She was very capable and had various other achievements, and still to this day there are competing theories about her disappearance.

"A new scientific study claims that bones found in 1940 on the Pacific Island off Nikumaroro belong to Earhart...some have speculated that Earhart died a castaway on the island after her plane crashed."

The other competing theory is that: "Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, were captured in the Marshall Islands by the Japanese, who thought they were American spies. He believes they were tortured and died in custody."

It so happens that one of our new residents, Bob Valerio, has a connection to Amelia Earhart. Bob was born in 1928 in Hawaii, his step-father, who raised him, was in the army and stationed in Hawaii. When Ms. Earhart began her attempt to fly around the world she began that first attempt by flying westerly from Oakland CA to Honolulu on March 17, 1937, and this is where Bob comes in.

As Bob tells the story, when the plane got to Hawaii it was pitch dark, and there were no lights on the runway so the plane circled until it was light enough to see the runway. Bob's step-father told him that it was Amelia Earhart and her plane.

So the plane landed and Bob went off to school, but later after he got back from school Bob was able to go to the hangar where the plane was sheltered. He walked around it and even touched the plane, apparently it was not roped off. This would be quite an adventure for a 9 year old kid, I would think.

Bob also noted that a few days later the plane was all set to continue on the trip, but on the

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takeoff run the landing gear collapsed and the plane was damaged. The plane was then shipped to Lockheed, Burbank for repairs.

That round the world attempt was then called off but Ms. Earhart wasn't giving up and got another plane, and pulled things together so that in late May, 1937, she began a 2nd attempt, this time flying easterly, starting from Oakland, CA to Miami. She made it to the last stage of that flight, only the expanse of the Pacific left to cross, but that was roughly 7,000 miles, As they say, the rest is history.

Credits: a lot of the historical background was taken from the Washington Post and Wikipedia

Submitted by: Dave Burris, Lot 1119 (Thank you Dave for taking the time to get to know a new neighbor).

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January Sudoku

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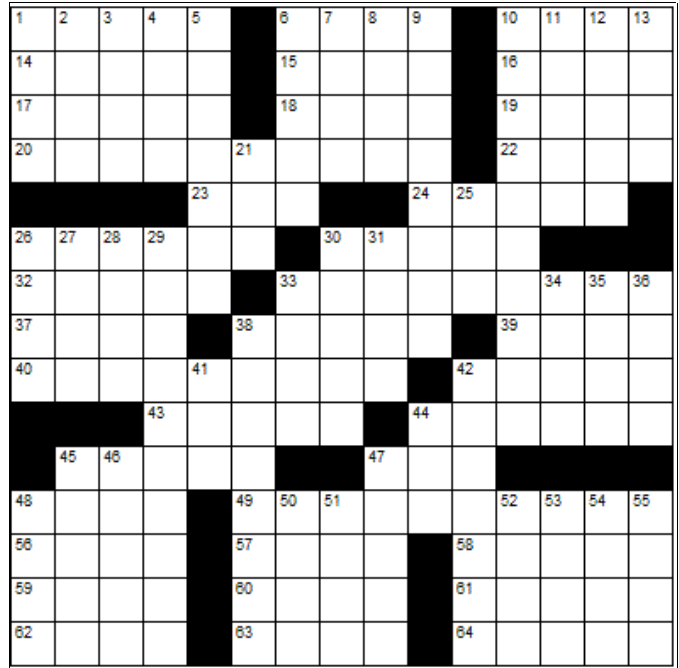
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<p>Texas Hold-em 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Exercise 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Euchre 6:45 p.m. Texas</p> <p>Hold-em 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Zumba 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>Sewing H</p> <p>Choice Po</p> <p>Dominoes</p> <p>Fun Nigh</p> <p>p.m.</p> <p>Bible Stud</p> <p>House</p>
<p>Texas Hold-em 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Exercise 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>New York Club Mtg 10 a.m.</p> <p>Euchre 6:45 p.m.</p> <p>Texas Hold-em 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Zumba 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>New Engl</p> <p>9 a.m.</p> <p>Canada C</p> <p>Sewing H</p> <p>Dealer's C</p> <p>pm</p> <p>Dominoes</p> <p>Fun Nigh</p> <p>p.m.</p>
<p>Texas Hold-em 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Exercise 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>HOA Breakfast 8a.m. to 10 a.m.</p> <p>Meeting at 10 a.m.</p> <p>Euchre 6:45 p.m. Texas</p> <p>Hold-em 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Zumba 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>Chinese A</p> <p>Sewing H</p> <p>Dealer's C</p> <p>pm</p> <p>Dominoes</p> <p>Fun Nigh</p> <p>p.m.</p>
<p>Texas Hold-em 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Exercise 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Euchre 6:45 p.m. Texas</p> <p>Hold-em 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Zumba 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>Sewing H</p> <p>Dealer's C</p> <p>pm</p> <p>Dominoes</p> <p>Fun Nigh</p> <p>p.m.</p>

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>8 a.m. – 10 a.m. 45 a.m. to 8:30</p> <p>H. 9 a.m. Choice Poker 12:15</p> <p>s 1 pm t Rehearsals 6:30</p> <p>Year's Day</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Social Club Meeting 2 9:00 a.m. Poker 1:00 pm Bingo-cards sold 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Bingo begins at 6:00p.m.</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Exercise 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Cribbage 7:00 p.m. Potluck 5 p.m.</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Zumba 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Crafts H.H. 9 am Texas Hold Em 7 pm Court Whist 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>45 a.m. to 8:30</p> <p>H. 9 a.m. Dealer's Poker 12:15 pm s 1 pm t Rehearsals 6:30</p> <p>ly 6:30 at Hobby</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Manager's Meeting 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing 11 a.m. Ladies Luncheon Noon Poker 1:00 pm Bingo-cards sold 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Bingo begins at 6:00p.m.</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Exercise 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Cribbage 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>10</p>	<p>Zumba 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Crafts H.H. 9 am Texas Hold Em 7 pm Court Whist 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Dinner Theater 11 a.m. Karaoke 7 pm</p> <p>12</p>
<p>45 a.m. to 8:30</p> <p>ander's Breakfast</p> <p>Club Mtg 10 a.m. H. 9 a.m. Choice Poker 12:15</p> <p>s 1 pm t Rehearsals 6:30</p> <p>15</p>	<p>Line Dancing 11 a.m. Poker 1:00 pm Bingo-cards sold 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Bingo begins at 6:00p.m.</p> <p>16</p>	<p>Exercise 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Cribbage 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Zumba 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Crafts H.H. 9 am Texas Pool Committee clean up 11 a.m. Hold Em 7 pm Court Whist 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>18</p>	<p>Pancake breakfast</p> <p>19</p>
<p>45 a.m. to 8:30</p> <p>uction 9 a.m. H. 9 a.m. Choice Poker 12:15</p> <p>s 1 pm t Rehearsals 6:30</p> <p>22</p>	<p>Line Dancing 11 a.m. Poker 1:00 pm Bingo-cards sold 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Bingo begins at 6:00p.m.</p> <p>23</p>	<p>Exercise 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. FMO mtg 9 a.m. Cribbage 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>24</p>	<p>Zumba 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Crafts H.H. 9 am Texas Hold Em 7 pm Court Whist 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>25</p>	<p>NY Club Pirates Dance</p> <p>26</p>
<p>45 a.m. to 8:30</p> <p>H. 9 a.m. Choice Poker 12:15</p> <p>s 1 pm t Rehearsals 6:30</p> <p>29</p>	<p>Line Dancing 11 a.m. Poker 1:00 pm Bingo-cards sold 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Bingo begins at 6:00p.m.</p> <p>30</p>	<p>Exercise 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Cribbage 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>31</p>	<p>Sunshine Lady: Janet Patterson 727-531-1549 Please remember to notify Nedra (727-538-9507) if there are any changes to meeting dates or times. Any additional meetings must be scheduled with Nedra.</p>	

ACROSS

- 1. Nosed (out)
- 6. Acquire
- 10. Not this
- 14. Plaster
- 15. Beige
- 16. Cravings
- 17. Manner of speaking
- 18. Store
- 19. Indian music
- 20. Coherent
- 22. Affirm
- 23. G
- 24. Not outer
- 26. Stumblebum
- 30. Unadorned
- 32. Not silently
- 33. Car exhausts
- 37. A noble gas
- 38. Feudal workers
- 39. Grotto
- 40. Exterminate
- 42. Consumer of food
- 43. Foolishness
- 44. Attraction
- 45. Coast
- 47. Beer
- 48. Relating to urine
- 49. Paltry
- 56. Rescue
- 57. Broad valley
- 58. Something to shoot for
- 59. Biblical garden
- 60. Not under
- 61. Exclamation expressive of regret
- 62. Fender blemish
- 63. Lease
- 64. Yields



DOWN

- 1. Sweeping story
- 2. Carpenter's groove
- 3. Smile
- 4. Prima donna
- 5. Part mortal and part deity
- 6. "Beau ___"
- 7. Throb
- 8. Press
- 9. Wedding ceremony
- 10. Despotic
- 11. Throw with effort
- 12. Rile
- 13. Russian emperor
- 21. Gender
- 25. Bite
- 26. Alley
- 27. Gorse
- 28. Debatable
- 29. Lavish
- 30. Celebration
- 31. Vitality
- 33. Blue-green
- 34. A Maori club
- 35. Always
- 36. Arid
- 38. Magnificence
- 41. 16 1/2 feet
- 42. Melancholy
- 44. Anagram of "Ail"
- 45. Rank
- 46. Energize
- 47. Watchful
- 48. Utilized
- 50. Overhang
- 51. Secluded valley
- 52. Doing nothing
- 53. Tiny sphere
- 54. Shoestring
- 55. Large North American deer (plural)

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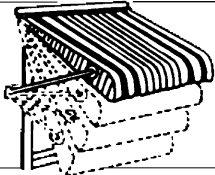
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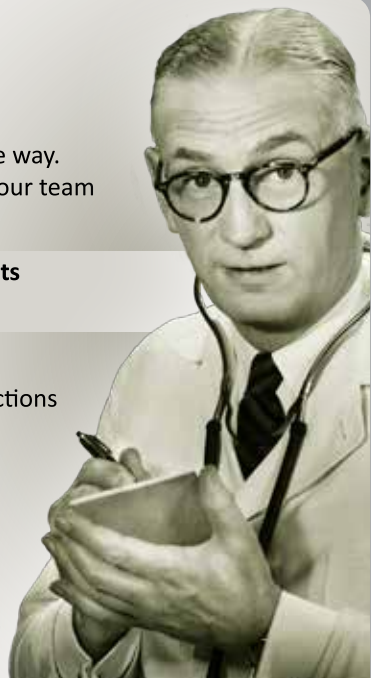
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As you follow your bliss and explore your passions, draw inspiration from the following individuals who found success in spite of the odds against them:

- **Fred Astaire.** He sang and danced his way into our hearts on the silver screen, but his first audition for a major studio was a bomb. The executives were underwhelmed by his performance and offered this critique of Astaire: “Can’t act. Can’t sing. Slightly bald. Can dance a little.”
- **Wayne Gretzky.** Widely regarded as one of the greatest pro hockey players, Gretzky was considered too slow and too small at the start of his career. The popular opinion was he’d never be a success in the NHL.
- **Sir John Gurdon.** He is a pioneer in the fields of nuclear medicine, cloning, and cellular development. Among his many honors are a cancer research facility named in his honor and a Nobel Prize. Yet Gurdon finished last in his prep school biology class because his ideas about science were not aligned with the curriculum of that time.
- **Im Dong-Hyen.** This South Korean archer has won medals and set records. He even competed in the 2004, 2008, and 2012 Olympics—despite being legally blind.
- **George Lucas.** There wasn’t a single studio in Hollywood interested in Lucas’ script for Star Wars. He endured four years of rejection before an executive at 20th Century Fox decided to give Lucas a chance—not because he liked the script, but because he liked Lucas’s film American Graffiti.

What you know

A CEO was asked by a new hire for any words of wisdom that would be helpful in developing a successful career. “Never lose your sense of curiosity, and always be on the quest to learn something new,” was the executive’s reply.

“When I first started here,” the executive continued, “I never imagined that I would one day become the CEO. In fact, I wasn’t sure if the job I had was a good fit, so I worked in different departments over the course of a few years. Then I became curious, and everything I learned led me on a quest to learn more.

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Coffee aids in kidney disease fight, study says

Among coffee's health benefits may be a reduced risk of death from kidney disease, according to the Healthline website.

A study recently written up in the journal *Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation* examined data from 4,863 Americans.

The subjects were divided into four groups. Group One consumed the amount of caffeine in one cup of iced tea per day. Group Two took caffeine equivalent to one cup of coffee per day. Group Three had one or two cups, and Group Four had multiple cups per day.

Subjects in Group Two, researchers found, had a 12 percent lower risk of dying from kidney disease. Group Three showed a 22 percent lower risk, and Group Four, which consumed the highest amount of caffeine per day, saw a 24 percent lower risk.

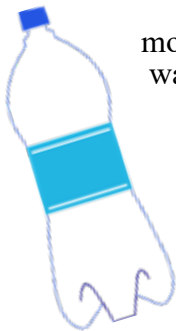


Scientists caution that caffeine poses other health risks, and patients on fluid-restricted diets should take coffee into account of their daily fluid intake. Cream, creamers, and syrups can also cause problems for people with kidney disease, including increased phosphorus and potassium levels. Check with your doctor, as always.

Water might help reduce women's UTIs

Women who suffer from frequent urinary tract infections (UTIs) may find relief by simply drinking more water, an article on the WebMD website advises.

A yearlong study in Europe followed 140 premenopausal women who experienced recurring UTIs at high rates. At the beginning, the subjects drank less than six eight-ounce glasses of water per day. As the year went on, half the participants drank slightly more than six glasses, while the rest kept to the same regimen.



Researchers found a significant reduction of UTIs among the women who drank more water per day. The average number of UTIs among subjects in the first group was 3.2, but dropped to 1.7 for women whose water intake increased.

“Drinking more water to improve one’s health is probably safe and, if tap is used, pretty inexpensive,” said one doctor (who was not involved in the study). “Producing additional urine—and thus increasing voiding frequency—may raise one’s awareness of the importance of keeping the bladder as empty as possible, which can help reduce UTIs.”

A New Year's resolution for fiscal fitness

Most New Year's resolutions revolve around getting fit. Although that frequently means losing weight, one area you want to fatten up is your money supply. Here are some simple resolutions for adding some healthy heft to your overall financial profile:

- **Pay down your mortgage.** You can save more than \$63,000 on a 30-year, \$200,000 mortgage by paying just \$100 more a month.
- **Save 10 percent.** Put aside 10 percent of your income for long-term investments and retirement savings before paying any bills.
- **Track your expenses.** Record every dollar you spend, for at least one week. You'll get a clearer idea of where the money goes and what you can cut back on.
- **Energize your house.** Look for ways to make your house more energy efficient. You'll save on heating and cooling costs and help the environment.
- **Stay home.** Resist the temptation to eat out. Cook more meals at home. Instead of going to the movies, stream a video, read a book, or play a game with your whole family.
- **Don't rely on credit cards.** Credit card debt can eat up your savings and your future. Start reducing your debt, and don't buy anything on credit if you don't have the money to pay the bill off promptly.



Save money at the grocery store

You have to eat—there's no getting around it for long. You don't have to sink all your money into your next trip to the grocery store, though. The Reader's Digest website shares these tips for saving money on groceries:

- **Know your store's coupon policies.** Many stores offer their own printable coupons on their websites. Some allow you to use that coupon with a manufacturer's coupon (that's called "stacking"). Ask your store what it allows and what's off-limits.
- **Join loyalty programs.** You can get discounts and money back on your purchases through your store's loyalty program. Sign up and check all the rules so you get maximum value from it.
- **Look for final markdowns and clearances.** Many grocery stores place clearance items in a designated area, or use special stickers to help shoppers identify them. Find out what your store does, and keep an eye open for food you can use.
- **Be careful with multiples.** They can trick you into spending more than you want. For example, if a sign on a bag of chips says "Two for \$5," and a single bag of chips is \$3.29, you're getting a good deal (if you want chips). On the other hand, a sign that promises "10 for \$10" for ramen noodles when they're individually priced at \$1 apiece isn't offering any savings. Do the math, and be choosy.



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Apurva Shah, M.D., M.P.H.

Board Certified in Internal Medicine

Dr. Shah is a board-certified MD in Internal Medicine and has been in practice for twelve years. He received internal medicine training from New York Medical College and also holds a Master's in public health from the University of South Florida.



Dr. Shah specializes in geriatric care. With his training and experience, he has been very successful in managing and treating high blood pressure, diabetes, back pain, heart problems, respiratory problems, and obesity.

The practice of Dr. Shah and Jill Coots, ARNP strives to remain open minded when building relationships with patients. A trusting relationship with atients and their families enables them to provide the most comprehensive and compassionate care. Emphasis is placed on preventive medicine, screening tests, timely interventions, and follow-up care. Dr. Shah and Jill have been successful with managing acute and chronic medical problems, reducing hospitalization and emergency room visits, and helping patients maintain a healthy and productive lifestyle.

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Sat., Jan. 19, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. ANNUAL RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE, Boca Ciega MHP, 11200 Walshingham Road, Largo. Breakfast/ Lunch Served.

Ranch Mobile Park White Elephant Sale: Saturday, January 26th 2019. 9am to 1pm at Ranch Mobile Clubhouse, 6800 150th Ave. N., Clearwater 33764 (Largo)

Sat. Jan. 26, 2019 COMMUNITY SALE 8AM-1PM. Paradise Island Section of Lake Haven MHP, Main St. (SR580) & Lake Haven Rd. (W of Keene/CR1) Dunedin. Housewares, Linens, Clothes, Small Appliances, Jewelry, Furniture, Baked Goods, Raffle Baskets, Lunch.

COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE -AUCTION- OPEN HOUSE Sat. Jan. 26th, 8am-1pm. Sunset Palms Community MHP 3401 Gandy Blvd. Kitchen Open - Raffle.

FLEA MARKETS & CARPORT SALES - Saturday, February 9, 8am - 1pm. Teakwood Villages East & West join forces to bring you a GIANT shopping experience! Double your fun! Shop for furniture, clothes, jewelry, kitchenware, collectibles, art & more, on both sides of Missouri Ave! Between Largo High School & Walmart. Flea Markets in clubhouses, carport sales throughout both parks. Refreshments in Aloha Hall.

Sugar Creek Annual Carport Sale, 10265 Ulmerton, Largo. January 26, 8am-1pm, Lots to see. Something for everyone.

CARPORT SALE: Gateway MHP, Sat. Feb. 2nd, 8am-2pm. 10100 Gandy Blvd. St. Petersburg

FLEA MARKET & CARPORT SALES: Saturday, February 9th, Teakwood Village East, 800 Missouri Ave, Largo, 8am-1pm. Start @ Aloha Clubhouse, then wind your way through Teakwood Village East. TONS of fab stuff! Look for Balloons.

Carport Sale - February 16th, Rancho Village, Ulmerton Rd, 8am-3pm

East Bay Oaks Annual Carport Sale: Saturday, February 16, 2019, 9AM to 2PM. 601 Starkey Rd Largo, FL 33771

ANNUAL FLEA MARKET: Four Seasons Estates MHP, Largo. Saturday, February 23, 8am-1pm. \$1.00 early bird entry at 7:30am. Furniture, clothes, tools, jewelry, linens, books, baked goods, snack bar, raffles and more. 13225 101st Street, Largo, off Ulmerton behind the Largo Mal land Golden Corral.

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Get a Balanced Life Month. It's the start of a new year. Use this new beginning as time to review, reconsider, streamline—and maybe even eliminate—the unnecessary commitments, responsibilities, and activities that fill your days.

Get Organized Month. It's cold outside, and more than likely you're spending more time indoors fretting that there's nothing to do. Here's an idea: Don't wait for spring to purge your work and living spaces of unnecessary clutter and unused or unwanted items. There's no better time than the present to restore a sense of order to your life.



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Weekly

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No Name Calling Week, Jan. 21-25. Educators and students in K-12 schools, along with nonprofit partner organizations, focus on themes of inclusion, anti-bullying, and anti-discrimination this week to promote kindness as the guide of actions and conversations with peers. To learn more, go to <https://www.glsen.org/no-name-calling-week>

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