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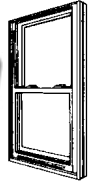
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HARBOR LIGHTS CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA SAT DEC 5TH - 9:00am to 1:00pm

Lunch will also be offered. Please don't forget your baked goods for the sale. The chairperson for this event is Judy Farmer. If you have not already given her your handmade items for the sale please do so. We only have a few days left. Remember the unwanted jewelry in your dresser drawer, it is wanted by someone. Please donate! Thank you in advance for supporting this fund-raising event.

PHONE DIRECTORY FOR 2015-2016 NOW AVAILABLE AT SOCIAL CLUB MEETINGS – for your copy see Diane Piscopo

DANCE – DECEMBER 10TH – 50'S THEME

Put on your jeans, t-shirts, and poodle skirts – slick back the hair guys – remember the loafers – come and enjoy a fun night at the community center – get your tickets!

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN SEMINOLE:

To see some beautiful Christmas Lights – drive down Seminole Blvd to 102nd – turn right – go over bridge – turn left into lighted area – --beginning date not available at this time – check your area newspaper for date – should be announced at Social Club meeting. Well worth a visit if you like Christmas decorations!





CHRISTMAS EVE COCKTAIL PARTY:

More information at Social Club meetings and on the bulletin board in clubhouse. BYOB – tickets \$3.00 – Chairmen for this event are Jo Stead and Chuck Lacrosse

NEW YEARS'S EVE PARTY:

Look on bulletin board for more information, ticket prices, sign-ups for tables, etc. . This is always BYOB . More information at Social Club meetings.



BLANKETS FOR MIGRANT WORKERS:

Harriet Ha-Sidi will again be collecting blankets and comforters to be distributed to the migrant workers in Plant City. They have no heat and winter nights can be very cold. Items will be collected till mid-December. Harriet has a tax-exempt number and will purchase items for you if you wish to make a donation. For further information call her at 398-7012.

THANK YOU TO LEO:

Thank you just doesn't seem words enough to convey to Leo and his kitchen crew how we feel about all the work they do in preparing such a wonderful, delicious Thanksgiving dinner. It is not just the cooking, but the shopping and preparation beforehand. Thanks again for a great dinner.



VETERAN' TREE:



The Social Club will be selling decorations for a veteran's tree that will be given to a veteran's family before Christmas. Please help and buy an ornament to decorate the tree. All money collected is given to the family along with the tree. This is an annual tradition sponsored by our Social Club. Chairmen for this event are Judy Halker and Arlene Kowalchuk. Rosemary McGrath was also on this committee but circumstances are preventing her from returning to the park till January. We all look forward to her return.

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We are now offering unlimited entries into our Monthly Mania drawing by just *SUGGESTING* a business to advertise.

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| • Bingo | • Jewelry Sales/Design/Repair | • Storage |
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SHUFFLEBOARD:

Always looking for new members. Please contact Doug Berman at 388-6638 for more information. Fun shuffling on Wednesdays at 1:30pm, please come and try this exciting sport.

COMING EVENTS:

First pancake breakfast Sat Jan 23, 2016. Bing and the pancake crew want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and to get ready for pancakes in January.



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Fee, Stephen and Pauline at 4612 92nd Lane North

Klaffka, Martin and Christine at 4926 H.L.D.

Mills, Raquel (Bowman) at 9269 47th Ave. North

Correction: K &P Thompkins – change to Tompkins 9219 50th Ave. North

DELETE: Ruffer, Diana

DECEASED: Philip Andrews, Robert Beuler, Frank Galvao

Additional information about Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve can be found on the bulletin board at the clubhouse or at Social Club meetings on Wednesdays. Our park is very active and new activities and trips will be posted on the bulletin board as they become available. Be sure and check, and come to Social Club so you do not miss out on something you would like to do.

All information and announcements for January Scuttlebutt must be given to Trudy Bingham by Dec 6th. Our printer has asked for copies to be sent by early December so his employees can enjoy the holidays. Trudy can be reached at 727-397-6381. I know this is early but we do get our Scuttlebutt free of charge. Thank you for your help in this matter.

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ACROSS

- 1. Rate
- 5. Radiolocation
- 10. Cast a ballot
- 14. Hearing organs
- 15. Delete
- 16. Not under
- 17. Mathematics
- 19. Dregs
- 20. Ear of corn
- 21. Consumed
- 22. Charred
- 23. Capture
- 25. List components
- 27. Antlered animal
- 28. Snuffled
- 31. Liabilities
- 34. Question
- 35. French for "Summer"
- 36. Historical periods
- 37. Cunning
- 38. Extent
- 39. N N N N
- 40. Divinity
- 41. Trifling
- 42. Prisoner
- 44. Many millennia
- 45. Arm of the sea
- 46. A despicable coward
- 50. Corrupt
- 52. Utilizers
- 54. Armed conflict
- 55. Egg-shaped
- 56. Defile
- 58. Adriatic resort
- 59. Fangs
- 60. Anagram of "Seek"
- 61. Plod along
- 62. An analytic literary composition
- 63. What we sleep on



DOWN

- 1. Tranquility
- 2. Moses' brother
- 3. Baby beds
- 4. Eastern Standard Time
- 5. Statement
- 6. Mountain crest
- 7. A romantic meeting
- 8. In an inane manner
- 9. Record (abbrev.)
- 10. Loudness
- 11. Slept through the alarm
- 12. Adolescent
- 13. At one time (archaic)
- 18. Makes well
- 22. Flock
- 24. Catches
- 26. Rubber wheel
- 28. Hotel offering
- 29. French for "State"
- 30. Declare untrue
- 31. Accomplishment
- 32. Sea eagle
- 33. Torture of the feet
- 34. Tranquillities
- 37. Heredity unit
- 38. Dispatched
- 40. Pickle flavoring
- 41. Sheriff's group
- 43. Not digital
- 44. Ribald
- 46. Triangular formation
- 47. Conscious
- 48. Deserved
- 49. Put on clothes
- 50. Volumes (abbrev.)
- 51. Wicked
- 53. Litigates
- 56. Consumed food
- 57. Confederate soldier



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1 Aquacise go	2 9A Social Club Coffee and social hour 10A Meeting 1:30P Fun shuffling HLA Inc. Board meeting after Social Club Meeting	3 9A Aquacise	4 9A Bocce 9:30A Bus to shop NO BINGO	5 Harbor Lights Christmas Extravaganza – Bazaar - Lunch
8 Aquacise go	9 9A Social Club Coffee and social hour 10A Meeting 1:30P Fun shuffling Meeting for those going on Jan. cruise -3:00pm at Clubhouse	10 9A Aquacise December dance – 50's theme –Get your tickets	11 9A Bocce 9:30A Bus to shop 7P Bingo	12 Boat Parade – leaving John's Pass at 6:30pm
15 Aquacise go	16 9A Social Club Coffee and social hour 10A Meeting 1:30P Fun shuffling	17 9A Aquacise	18 9A Bocce 9:30A Bus to shop 7P Bingo	19
22 Aquacise go Day of Winter	23 9A Social Club Coffee and social hour 10A Meeting 1:30P Fun shuffling	24 9A Aquacise Christmas Eve - Cocktail party at Clubhouse – BYOB – tickets \$3.00 Christmas Eve	25 9A Bocce 9:30A Bus to shop 7P Bingo Christmas	26 Boxing day in Canada
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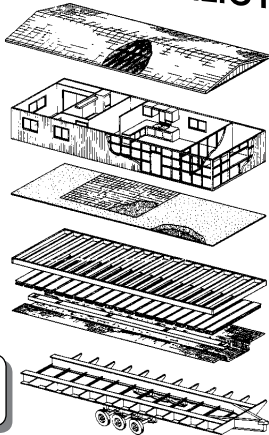
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NEA: Fewer Americans enjoy the arts in person

When was the last time you went to the symphony, the ballet, or a museum? A National Endowment for the Arts study points to a disturbing trend: The number of Americans attending core arts events like the opera, the theater, and other activities is on the decline.

According to “A Decade of Arts Engagement: Findings From the Survey of Public Participation in the Arts, 2002–2012,” only 33.4 percent of U.S. adults attended any arts events between July 2011 and July 2012—down from 34.6 percent in 2008, and down yet again from a decade earlier when the figure was 39.4 percent.

One bright spot in the report: Although only a third of U.S. adults attended a cultural event in person, 71 percent said they had watched, listened to, or downloaded some kind of artistic event via the Internet. That includes streaming pop music, however, lumping Beethoven in with Nicki Minaj.



Americans upbeat about science



Despite controversies and disagreements about climate change, genetically modified foods, animal testing, and other scientific issues, most U.S. citizens have a positive view of science and scientists, according to a study from the Pew Research Center.



The study found that 79 percent of U.S. adults believe science has made their lives better, and a majority of them have a positive view of science’s impact on such matters as food quality, health care, and the environment. Additionally, 61 percent believe that government investment is essential to scientific progress, although 34 percent say that private investment would be sufficient.

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National Safe Toys and Gifts Month. Keep your family safe during the holidays by buying only toys you can trust. Remember to immediately discard plastic wrapping or other packaging before they become dangerous playthings, and keep toys appropriate for older children away from younger siblings.

Universal Human Rights Month. A commemoration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on Dec. 10, 1948. The need for this document grew out of the human tragedy of World War II and represents the first global expression of human rights.

National Handwashing Awareness Week, Dec. 6-12. Fight disease during the winter and all year long by remembering these principles of hand awareness: Wash your hands when they are dirty and before eating; don't cough or sneeze into your hands; and don't put your fingers into your eyes, nose, or mouth.

Hanukkah, Dec. 6-14. Beginning at sundown, this eight-day festival in the Jewish faith celebrates the triumph of light over darkness and the rededication of the Holy Temple (the Second Temple) in Jerusalem.



Computer Science Education Week, Dec. 7-13. Computer science opens doors for students. Learning even the basics will help in virtually any career. Just as we teach schoolchildren how electricity works, every 21st-century student should have a chance to learn what computers do and how they do it.

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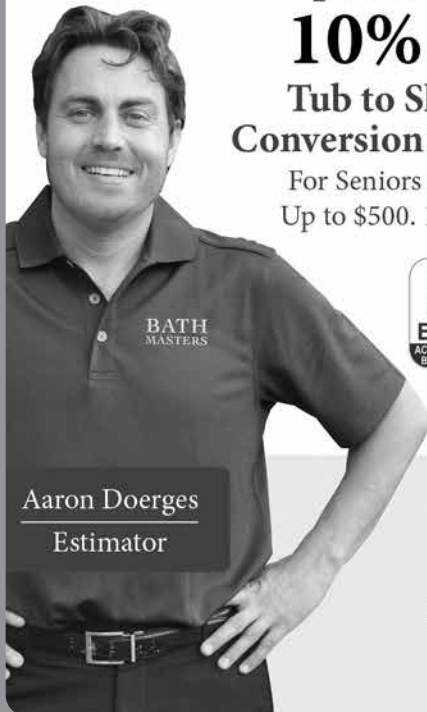
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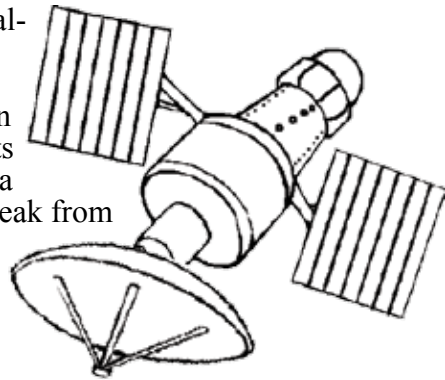
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'Sandwich' material may protect future space travelers

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.

Get on pace for a healthy new year

The end of the year is the perfect time to commit to a healthier lifestyle going forward. How can you maintain your resolve on a daily basis? Try these tips:

- **Pick a partner.** People who exercise with friend have a higher success rate.
- **Set concrete goals.** Don't vaguely aim to walk "more" each day. Set challenging but realistic goals. And be sure to chart your progress.
- **Shorten the duration.** Rather than a single hourlong session, aim for three 20-minute workouts or four 15-minute workouts a day. People who opt for shorter sessions actually tend to work out more over the course of a week.
- **Redefine "exercise."** You don't have to spend hours at the health club to stay in shape. Keep track of your daily activity and try to incorporate healthy behaviors like walking for at least 20 minutes, taking the stairs instead of the elevator, or getting off the bus or train a block early. Exercise will become part of your day, not an added chore.
- **Clear your mind.** Make a regular date with yourself for exercise and train yourself not to think about all the other tasks you could be doing. Focus on the here and now and don't get distracted by the future or the past.
- **Find exercise you enjoy.** Most gyms offer a variety of exercise equipment, so choose an activity that makes you feel good while you're doing it, not something you detest no matter how beneficial it may be. Riding a bike through your neighborhood is just as helpful as sitting on a stationary bicycle in the gym.
- **Set your own goals.** Even if you work with a buddy or trainer, decide for yourself what you want to achieve. Set realistic targets that challenge you, not impossible goals that make you reluctant to try.





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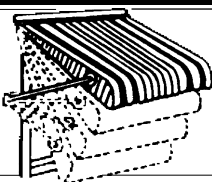
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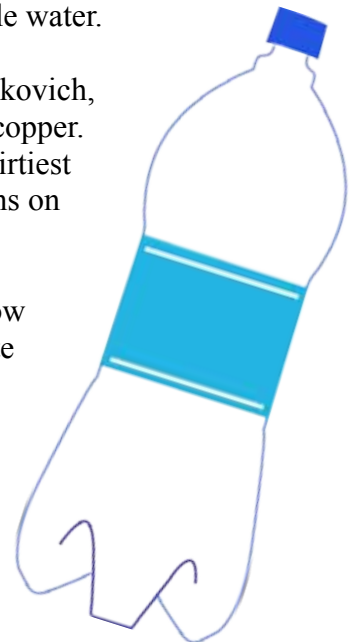
- Put your lunch in a refrigerator as soon as you get to work. Perishables can spoil if you let them sit out for a few hours.
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Drinking water by the book

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Try these tips to get your mind going

Where do you go for inspiration? Try these tips from the Fast Company website when you need to get your creative juices flowing:

- **Find your prime time.** Some creative people are at their best in the morning; others do their most inspired work late at night. Try both options to discover when your best ideas spring up.
- **Wake up and write.** Spend the first few minutes of your day writing down your thoughts or recording your dreams. Your mind may express different ideas when it's just waking up.
- **Seek solitude.** If you can't close your door because you work in a cubicle, find an empty conference room for at least a few minutes every day. Devote your time to free associating ideas and solutions without distractions.
- **Take notes.** Keep a notebook handy to write down thoughts and insights by hand throughout the day. Writing by hand forces you to slow down and activates different parts of your brain.
- **Have a break.** A short siesta will rest your body and give your mind a chance to refresh itself. A 30-minute nap in the afternoon will help you feel recharged and mentally alert for the rest of the day.
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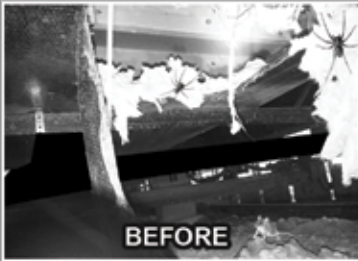
A man arrived at a distant monastery to speak to the master there. "What makes a person wise?" he asked.

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