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From The President

Kathy Bornick

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From The Office

Kay Tyrrell

Welcome back – snowbirds who have returned to the Park, good to see you all.
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDERS – OFFICE OPEN HOUSE – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH AT THE CLUBHOUSE, FROM 11:00 AM TILL 1:00 PM.

Cookies and Pastries will be served along with Coffee and Juice.

Newsletters Cut-Off Dates

December 12th

Holiday Shores Activities Association

Marie Rapoza

The November 5th meeting was attended by 42 residents. What a turn out!

On November 5th, the Activities Association sponsored the Park Smoke Alarm Canvass. The comments and feedback were all positive. A special thanks to Brad Dykens of the Pinellas Fired Department and his team – American Red Cross and CERT.

The Veterans Day Program was held on November 11th with 40+ residents in attendance.

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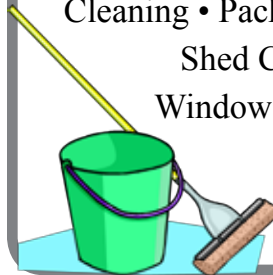
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The program participants did an excellent job. The selections – reading, poem, and songs – were chosen appropriately and presented with style, pride, and feeling. Our presenters – Mark Stevens, Peggy Beane, Ruth Kredovski, Kay Tyrrell, Kathy Bornick, and Kayrn Monroe are due a special thanks for presenting an outstanding program. Their willingness to achieve this activity is appreciated by the Activities Association officers and residents. Thanks to Jim Keady, Lucy, David, Joan and myself for coming through in setting up the clubhouse for this activity.

A very special thank you to our veterans who have served our country to give us our freedom.

Our monthly luncheon was held on November 17th at The Columbia Restaurant in Clearwater with 30+ residents in attendance. Everyone enjoyed a delicious luncheon with a breathtaking view of the water. Lucy really outdid herself in choosing this exquisite “gem” of a Spanish restaurant. The atmosphere, the food, and the service was excellent.

There will be **NO** December luncheon due to the holiday season.

On November 24th, the first catered Thanksgiving Day Dinner was held. The residents enjoyed a delicious traditional dinner. Everyone relaxed and visited with friends and neighbors. thanks to the residents who supported this event.

On November 26, Terry DeVaney – “Mrs Claus” and Her “elves” – Jim and Bonnie Keady, Anne Barboza, Mary Fuller, Ruth Kredovski, Bill and Diane Wall, Jeanne Uhlenbrauck, Joan Taylor and Dolly Lake – decorated the clubhouse for the holiday season. It really looks like Christmas.

In closing, the Activities Association officers – Lucy, Joan, David and myself wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

See you at the December 3rd meeting. Elections will be held! Don’t forget your name tags! And always a 50/50 drawing.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER:

Saturday, Dec. 3rd – 9AM – Social; 9:30AM Meeting/Elections

Wednesday, Dec. 7th – Choralaires Concert – 7PM

Tuesday, Dec. 13th – Candlelight Dinner – 5PM – More details at Dec. Meeting

Saturday, Dec. 17th - Chippers

Tuesday, Dec. 20th – Judging of Christmas Decorations-More details at Dec, Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 25th – Christmas Brunch – 10AM

Saturday, Dec. 31st – New Year’s Eve Celebration-More details at Dec. Meeting



RESERVE THE DATE*****

Wine and Cheese Tasting evening at the clubhouse planned for January 14th.

Please bring a bottle of wine from your home state and any special cheese you may wish to share.

Watch for more details in next month's newsletter and at the clubhouse.

Golf: Holiday Chippers

Priscilla, Shirley and Mark

The Holiday Chippers had their first event in November and it was nice to see many of the residents, especially new ones, showing their putting skills.

The results are as follows: Men-1st- Monty Slaybaugh, 2nd-Charles Dix, 3rd-Mark Stevens. For the women: 1st- Julie Pion, 2nd-Linda Dunn, 3rd was a tie-Judy Garneau and Rose Innocenti. The money given out is as follows: 1st-\$15.00, 2nd-\$10.00 and 3rd-\$5.00.

A 50/50 draw was held, and two winners were drawn. Rollie Audi and Jeff Grimm split the pot of \$45.00.

Joanne Collis won the Hole-in-one-contest. Great job Joanne!

No one won the Mystery Hole.

As many of our Snowbirds are returning for the season, we would like to invite everyone to give golf a try.

The cost for golfing is \$1.00. However, there are hot dogs, done by chef Bill Wall, and drinks for you to purchase. Also for a reasonable donation, we also have beer. Don't forget there is also a 50/50 drawing too.

Dues will be collected in January.

Watch the boards in front of the clubhouse for day and time of the next time the Holiday Chippers will be showing off their skills.

We hope many of you will participate in this event and we welcome anyone new or old to the join in the fun. There is equipment for you to use.

Hope your holiday season is happy and the New Year a healthy one.



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Lo Dykens

We are working on our Christmas program. "The Music of Christmas" which will be on Wednesday, December 7th, at 7:00 pm.

Save the date! Still time to join us as we practice these Holiday favorites.

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Theater

David Middleton



The Way Off Broadway Theatre Group will meet in the clubhouse on Tuesday, December 6 at 2:00 to discuss the Big Show in March. A show has not been selected, so any comments, suggestions or ideas for the upcoming production are welcome. Yes, we will need a lot of help from actors on stage to backstage help to costumers, set builders, etc. Come play with us...we believe theater is not just for the young, but the young at heart. It's never too late to be in the spotlight! The Way Off Broadway Theatre Group offers an exhilarating new learning experience and a fun way to find out what really happens on stage and off. Even if you think you are too shy to be on stage, have never been on stage, or just want to renew your acting skills, we'll find a spot for you in the show. It will be fun times for all - join us! No experience necessary...we're always looking for new talent on stage and off!

Shuffleboard News

Priscilla Donegan

The 2016-2017 shuffleboard season is underway. The courts are in beautiful condition. Thanks to everyone who took care of them this summer.

Nice to see some newcomers joining in this event and we are looking forward to many of our residents returning for the winter.

By the time you are reading this, the annual Turkey Shoot has taken place. The next media will have the lucky winners.

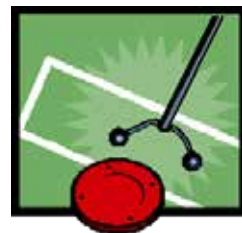
Please watch the marquee as to the starting dates. There is also a flag that is displayed letting everyone know there is shuffling that day.

We would like to welcome everyone back and invite anyone who would like to participate in this event to give it a try. There is equipment for you to use and anyone of the shufflers will be happy to help you.

We shuffle on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1:00. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on the courts. Dues, which is \$3.00, will be due at the beginning of the season and are payable to Tom Smith.

I would like to thank Karl & Mary Guilmette for all you have done in making the Shuffleboard Club a success. All the best to you in your new residence in the North. You will be missed.

Happy Holidays everyone. See you on the courts





Holiday Shores Park Anniversaries – December

Tommy & Nancy Tompkins	December 12
Alan & Janeanne Pope	December 13
Paul & Carrie Gosse	December 14
Greg & Janie Guyler	December 24
Bill & Merrell Morrissey	December 26
Roy & Peggy Harless	December 27
Don & Mary Ciufu	December 28

Holiday Shores Park Anniversaries – January

Norman & Linda Burkey	January 7
Marty & Diane Karan	January 9
Michael & Gaye Haygood	January 13
Michael & Shelbi Otto	January 17
Raymond & Sharon Wilson	January 21
Jerry & Sandy Hackett	January 25
Cline & Mary Stradley	January 27
Roy & Andrea Stearns	January 27



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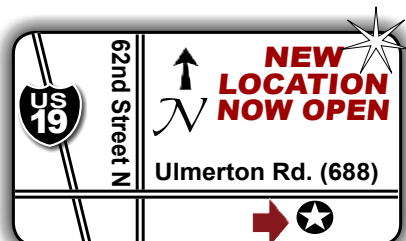
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Holiday Shores Park Birthdays – December

Holiday Shores Park Birthdays – January

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Bryan Martin	December 2	Al Mele	Jan 4
Betty Thacker	December 4	Margaret Cummings	Jan 4
Cas Castello	December 5	Cyrenne Dechamps	Jan 7
Art Pion	December 5	Ed Donegan	Jan 7
John Ricks	December 5	Ellen Rath	Jan 7
Charlie Spencer	December 5	Jack Jones	Jan 8
Martin Karan	December 7	Ginny Erskin	Jan 9
Patty Ayers	December 8	Roy Harless	Jan 9
Dolores Wenc	December 9	Clark Rath	Jan 9
Sandy Opel	December 9	Joanne Guilmette	Jan 10
Beverly (BJ) Hansen	December 9	Diane Wall	Jan 10
Carol Ann Mai	December 11	Jerry Burdick	Jan 12
Paul Blaney	December 14	Randy Brose	Jan 13
Anne Carter	December 14	Bogie Labounty	Jan 13
Doug Brown	December 14	Sharon Wilson	Jan 13
Donald Bruce	December 14	Marilyn Handy	Jan 15
Judy Campbell	December 14	Joan Taylor	Jan 16
Myrna Schaeffer	December 16	Diane McSweeney	Jan 17
Asynthia Sukal	December 16	Helene Bouchard	Jan 20
Gary Lowe	December 16	Bert Hansen	Jan 20
Pat Osentoski	December 17	Carol McAlevy	Jan 20
Jan Lessard	December 17	Jean Mazza	Jan 20
Kenneth Trotter	December 18	Patsy Ross	Jan 21
Frances Bowen	December 19	Denise Close	Jan 22
Bud Caldwell	December 20	Patricia Dempsey	Jan 22
Ralph Thacker	December 20	Joan Chapman	Jan 23
Quincey Perry	December 20	Barbara Lajoie	Jan 24
Yvonne Tarlton	December 21	Judy Garneau	Jan 29
Lucien Bouchard	December 22	Gary Prescott	Jan 29
Russell Cummings	December 23	Al Paul	Jan 30
Eva Domen	December 24	Michael Norman	Jan 31
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Lynne Blaney	December 30		
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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.

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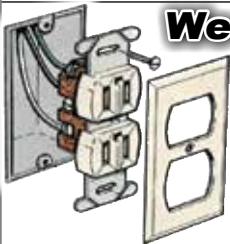
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6 - Zumba - Choralaires Pool/Billiards Games/Cards - Theater Mtg ards	7 9:00A: Exercises 10:00A: Chair Exercises 12-3P – Jam Sessions 1:00P: Shuffleboard 7:00P – Choralaires Program Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8 7:30am - Zumba 9:30A – Board Meeting 5:00P - Wii Bowling	9 9:00A: Exercises 10:00A: Chair Exercises 1:00P: Shuffleboard 3-6P: Residents Happy Hour 6:00P: Cards	10 10:00A -Shareholders Annual Meeting
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Wrong answer

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"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?"

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- **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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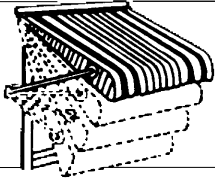
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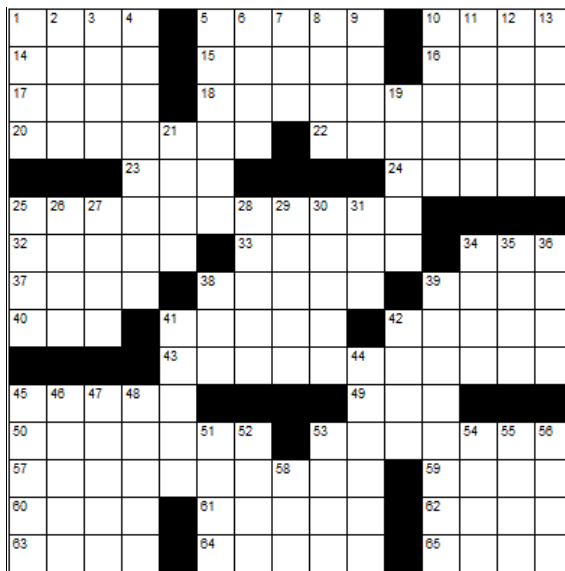
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- 44. Spay
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- 48. Sail supports
- 51. Animal menageries
- 52. Unit of land
- 53. Way in
- 54. Protagonist
- 55. Ear-related
- 56. Every single one
- 58. Uncooked

December Crossword





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 they 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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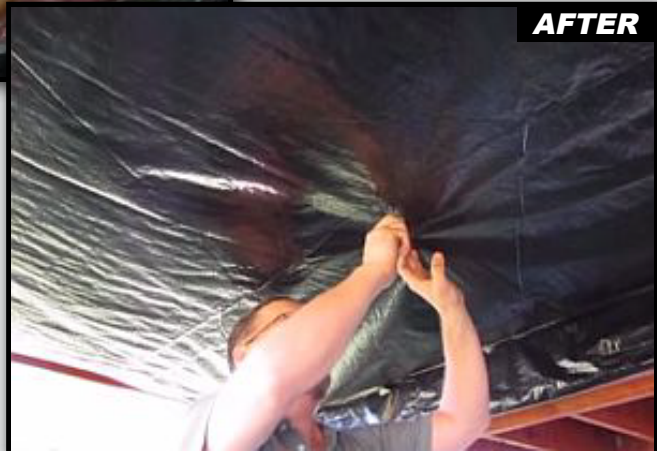
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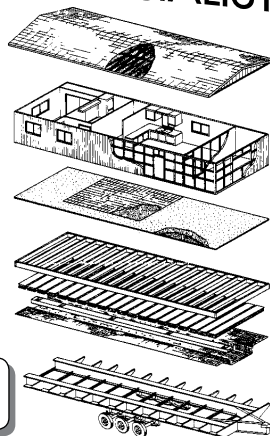
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You can't miss these December holidays

The celebrations and holidays of December come from many different countries and cultures. Here's a guide to what your friends and neighbors are up to this month:

- 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.



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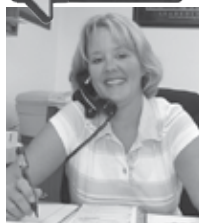
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The smell of hate

A teacher decided to play a game with her class. She told each child to bring in a plastic bag containing a few potatoes and to give each potato the name of a person that the child didn't like. The number of potatoes that the children put in their plastic bag would depend on the number of people they don't like.

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

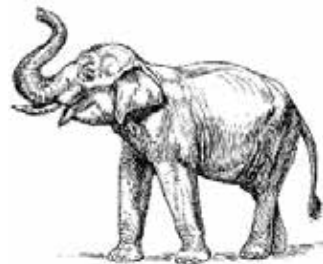
One day a hungry mouse in the jungle found a small nut. He tried to bite into it, but its shell was too hard and thick. Irritated, the mouse said, "Why did the gods give me such tiny teeth?"

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.





'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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