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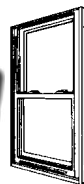
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June Anniversaries and Birthdays

Submitted by Robert Newman #46, 724-6283 pcfriar64@yahoo.com

June Anniversaries

- 4 Nick & Eleanor Papathanasopoulos
- 18 Ed & Helen Dennison
- 22 Larry & Kristie Taylor
- 23 Dick & Karen Nesco
- 28 Keith & Gaele Johnstone



June Birthdays

- 1 Charles Nolfo
- 2 Marjorie Ellis
- 2 Juana Rich
- 3 Karen Custy
- 3 Cathy Gabbert
- 5 Marion Plavchak
- 8 Helen Dennison
- 8 Barbara Einwiller
- 9 Frank Arnold



- 9 Thomas Stone
- 9 Helen Straka
- 10 Judith Goldsberry
- 12 Anthony Kijonka
- 16 Joyce Pertinaci
- 16 Diana Twomey
- 18 Fred Mecke
- 22 Larry Taylor
- 26 Joi Dumont

Ladies Breakfast Bunch

Submitted by: Karen Custy, #229

On Tuesday, May 5th twelve Island in the Sun ladies enjoyed a great breakfast at Bob Evans Restaurant on Gulf to Bay Blvd in Clearwater. It's always fun to get together on the first Tuesday morning of each month with the ladies and enjoy a great breakfast and great conversation.

Bob Evans is a favorite spot for us to go because the food is wonderful and it's fairly close by.

Next month we will visit the new restaurant called Another Broken Egg at McMullen Booth and Enterprise. It just opened recently and the menu looks scrumptious. They have an extensive





menu with items like handmade biscuit beignets, gourmet omelets, six different types of eggs benedict and scrambled skilletts. So there is surely something to please every appetite. So ladies, plan on attending the next breakfast in June. There is a sign up sheet at the clubhouse. If you need a ride just ask and come out for a morning of fun. Hope to see you there.

PARK TELEPHONE BOOK Changes

Bob and Dottie Newman, #46, 724-6283, pcfriar64@yahoo.com

Correction:

Rich Juana	36 Leeward	230-0564
Dennison Ed	Helen	754-6977



IITS Food Bank

Submitted by: Larry and Kris Taylor, Lot 257, 727-286-7740

We pick up at 1:00PM on the 2nd Saturday of each month by your mailbox. All food, dry and canned goods, soaps, and paper goods are appreciated. If anyone knows of someone who needs a little assistance, please contact us.

Thank you!

Spotlight on Residents Bill and Marcy Shiels, Lot 133

Submitted by Judy Koonter

Take a drive or a walk by Lot 133 and you will see beautiful landscaping/flowers around the home. While they did not enter the contest, other residents did submit their name for consideration and they received the landscaping award from our park management. This is the home of Bill and Marcy Shiels, a couple that gives back to our park in many ways. Bill is a retired architect where he was a partner in a firm in Michigan. Their firm did high-end homes, work for Ford, Chrysler and GM, funeral homes, churches. Bill still dabbles in his architectural design on an "as I want" basis. Bill has three children and four grandchildren, all in Michigan. Marcy is a retired civil servant, where she was the secretary to the Chief of Police in Livonia Michigan and supervised the administration office.



Bill and Marcy met through their love of music. Marcy plays the piano and bought a new Yamaha Clavinova (electronic) piano. This was a new concept in pianos and she signed up for lessons. Others had done the same thing and they formed a group. They would go out for

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pie and coffee after their lesson. Bill eventually did likewise and shortly thereafter joined the "pie and coffee" group that eventually led to their life together.

Bill and Marcy are world travelers. Marcy started travelling when she was 12 and she and her family always went to the Keys. When she and Bill married, she naturally introduced him to the Keys. They have since traveled to many countries - Tahiti, Africa, Italy, Germany, London, Paris, Scotland, and many more.

Bill and Marcy have been married for 22 years and eventually bought a park model in Port Richey. They were snowbirds in their park model for eight years and were very involved in that park. They helped operate a church for the park that included twelve different denominations. They have been residents of IITS for five years, four as snowbirds and one year as full time residents. Bill is the co-director of the IITS chorus. You have probably heard him playing the piano at various park functions. Marcy loves to read and has many favorite authors. She is always willing to share her book and author knowledge. Marcy is our librarian but she calls it the "book shelf" rather than a library due to the space limitations. Bill and Marcy add such beauty to our neighborhood. They both have heads of beautiful white hair. Their flowers are enjoyed by many. Their love of music is evident and also enjoyed by many. They have positive attitudes and are role models we can all take lessons from. At the conclusion of our interview when I was preparing to leave, Marcy said "Tell everyone we love living in this park". Wow - that says it all about them.

LADIES MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

Submitted by Pat Henderson, #266

TUESDAY JUNE 16 AT 10:30 AM CLUBHOUSE COMMUNITY ROOM

As part of our "A NEW YOU" monthly programs, I have scheduled a wonderful speaker to come talk to us about areas of interest to women, such as low self esteem and depression. I have personally suffered low self esteem and depression most of my life, but did not address these issues until I was about 60 years old. I have continued to be in regular counseling since that time and it has helped me tremendously. The good thing is that Medicare pays for it. I have been in contact with quite a few ladies in the park who have some of the same issues that I have had. This is a free, but very informative workshop. You might want to bring pen and paper and even take some notes. We will be able to ask questions after our speaker is finished.

Guest Speaker: Theresa Ellis MSW, LCSW

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Psychotherapist

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Pat Henderson #266
727-400-6002

GENTLEMEN: Please respect the privacy of the ladies and do not attend, as this workshop may be about some items of a personal nature to women.



Fun Facts about Pinellas County

Submitted by the Editor

The Name Pinellas

Pinellas is derived from the Spanish words Punta Pinal meaning point of pines. It was an accurate description for this area when it was discovered by Panfilo de Narvaez in 1528, 36 years after Columbus arrived in the Caribbean and 37 years before the founding of the city of St. Augustine.

Birth of a County

Established January 1, 1912 after a local referendum passed calling for the separation from Hillsborough County. It became the state's 48th county.

Most Densely Populated County in Florida

There are 3,347 people per square mile in Pinellas County. The next closest county with a highly concentrated population is Broward with 1,445 people per square mile.

280 Square Miles, 24 Municipalities

Clearwater is the County Seat, St. Petersburg is the largest city with a population of 244,769, and Tarpon Springs was the first incorporated city in 1887. Pinellas is Florida's second smallest county in land mass, larger only than Union County.

Pinellas County is 38 miles long, and 15 miles at it's broadest point, for a total of 280 square miles. 588 miles of coastline. It is the 2nd smallest county in the State of Florida.

Visit a Park

The Pinellas County Park Department maintains 4,242 acres of the county's most beautiful examples of pristine Florida landscapes. Sun-drenched beaches, tranquil lakes, and lush emerald green expanses of native habitat along with playgrounds, learning centers, and convenience facilities provide park visitors immeasurable opportunities for relaxation and recreation! In addition, Pinellas County has 15,525 acres of preserves.

Getting Around

There are 4,521 miles of paved roads in the county, which cross 142 bridges. The first bridge to span Tampa Bay was the Gandy Causeway in 1924, and shortened the traveling distance between St. Petersburg and Tampa from 43 to 19 miles. Pinellas connected with Manatee County when the Sunshine Skyway Bridge opened in 1954.

Additional Facts

- Pinellas County has 43 golf courses and 1059 tennis courts
- 2865 shuffle board courts
- 3,638 miles of sidewalks countywide;
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- 469 signalized intersections

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Gonna be a Bear!

Submitted by Sharron Hendrixon, #28

In this life, I’m a woman. In my next life, I’d like to come back as a bear.

When you’re a bear, you get to hibernate. You do nothing but sleep for six months. I could deal with that.

Before you hibernate, you’re supposed to eat yourself silly. I could deal with that too.

When you’re a girl bear, you birth your children (who are the size of walnuts) while you’re sleeping and wake to partially grown, cute cuddly cubs. I could definitely deal with that.

If you’re a momma bear, everyone knows you mean business. You swat anyone who bothers your cubs. If your cubs get out of line, you swat them too. I could deal with that.

If you’re a bear, your mate EXPECTS you to wake up growling. He EXPECTS you to have hairy legs and excess body fat.

Yup..... gonna be a bear!

The Angry Senator

Submitted by Linda Webster, #27

A member of the Senate, known for his hot temper and acid tongue, explodes one day in mid session and begins to shout, “Half of this Senate is made up of cowards and corrupt politicians!”

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Inspirational Prayers

Submitted by Linda Webster

Dear Heavenly Father,
Sometimes I’m so critical of the way you made me, comparing myself to others, striving to improve my outer appearance without appreciating the unique work of art You’ve created in me. Yet I know “I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” Help me appreciate the gift more every day.

Thank you for the talents and abilities You’ve given me to use and enjoy in this life. Help me use them well. Continue to make me the person You had in mind even before I was born. Bring out my unique beauty in wonderful ways, even when wrinkles and gray hair form the outer frame for the masterpiece You call “me”.

Amen

Dear Heavenly Father,

You’ve not only placed me in a family but also in a neighborhood of potential friends. You have given me a place to live, as well as a purpose in that place. The trouble is that I often get so busy that I forget about those who live just around the corner.

Give me a passion to make a difference in the lives of my neighbors, Lord. Help me respond to Your urging to learn not only their names but also their needs. Then help me reach out to help, listen, and share Your Word and my life with each one.

Amen

Dear Heavenly Father,

So many days go by when I don’t even think about my body, when I don’t appreciate the fact that it keeps on working, keeps moving the way I ask it to. Only when something goes wrong, when I feel sick or hurt myself, do I turn to You for help.

Today I’m turning to You just to say “thanks”. Thank You for giving me a body that’s so strong and healthy. Thank You for the simple joy of walking and talking, breathing and eating, hearing and seeing. Help me be more aware of this awesome gift you’ve given me. Help me take care of it the way I should.

Amen





Presidents Message

Submitted by Larry Taylor, Lot 257, 727-286-7740

We had our May HOA meeting on the 5th. We had a very lively meeting and a good turnout. Sheila from Cal-AM commented on 5 topics for us. She is the Regional Supervisor for Cal-AM. When we hear of someone who needs to be in our remembrances and concerns column, please make sure the information you give to us is accurate.

Thank you. Enjoy the great weather.

Lunch Bunch

Submitted by Rose Montgomery Oliver 301-332-9358 or 727-726-0637

Our monthly Lunch Bunch met at Johnny's Italian Restaurant on April 16th. What a fun time was enjoyed by all. We had two tables and were given lots of attention from the waitresses. The weather was so warm that we agreed to eat inside.

Shirley Savage, #146, told us that this would be her last luncheon until the next time she returns. She has enjoyed our lunches and is going to miss all her friends and residents from IITS. We will miss her very much.

Mary Jane Baxter, #180, shared the joys of her new driveway designed for her golf cart. Indeed it is a beauty!

Debbie Rhoads, #20, enjoyed Johnny's but didn't know many of the ladies. It will be great to be back for all our future luncheons.

It is always great to see Sally Shoop. She chooses fun places for our luncheons. She was happy as ever!

It is always a treat to have Linda, Marcia's sister join us for lunch.

Linda Webster, #27, thought Johnny's was always a place for good food and great company! Suzanne had the same opinion.

Joyce Nauheimer, #185, always looks forward to the special bread.

Nancy Fields and Sarah Pree also had pleasant things to say.

We are so fortunate to meet Helen Dennison's daughter, Kathy Holzer. Helen has been very busy entertaining family. She loves it! God is good.

Nancy Fields was with us again. It is always good to see her.

Alta Keith was telling us about her planned trip to Cape Cod to see their 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren!

Joyce Pertenaci, #32, hadn't been to Johnny's since last spring. She loved the fellowship and Johnny's food.

Ladies, please join us next month. We always have a great time!

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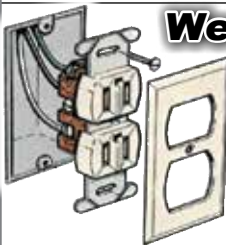
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Men's Breakfast

Submitted by Richard Oliver, #184, 727-726-0637

The "Men of the Hood" met on April 16th for their monthly Men's Breakfast. The restaurant of choice this time was the Cozy Corner. It recently underwent a change in ownership. Typically, the new staff was learning their jobs. The service was a little touch and go. The food, however, was well prepared and delivered in a way that everyone could eat at the same time.

The conversations centered on the migration North of the "Snow Birds" and Canadians and how much they will be missed. Concern was also voiced about the number of homes that are up for sale and the apparent lack of aggressive action to sell them.

There were 12 attendees: Gene, 2 Johns, 2 Bills, Larry, Dick, Wayne, Ed, Ken, Paul and Jim. A good time was had by all. So fellow men, please join us at our next breakfast. A sign-up sheet is located in the club house. See you at the next Men's Breakfast!

Remembrance and Concerns

Submitted by Rose Montgomery Oliver, #184 301-262-3057 or 727-726-0637

Bad news came to Roger Nauheimer, #185, this past month. On April 13th, Rogers brother met his death. Roger and Joyce are both saddened by hearing this news.



On May 8th, Joyce Nauheimer was walking her dog. Joyce fell and broke her hip. After being taken to the hospital, the doctor scheduled a hip replacement for May 9th. Roger was taken to the hospital for care. Please remember them in your prayers.

Diana Twomey, #170, needs prayers for one of her sisters who is suffering with cancer.

Terry Cleveland, #183, heard the sad news that her former sister-in-law died this past week. She and Wayne are saddened by this news.

This past month, we heard several positive comments about the excellent care our friends have received at the Morton Plant Hospital located on Pinellas Street in Clearwater. It is always a good thing to hear these comments.

Please remember all these friends in your prayers.

May all of you have a happy and healthy month!

Art and Irene Kelsey 75th Anniversary

Submitted by the Editor

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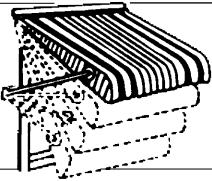
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Spotlight on Residents Don and Jaci Salisbury, Lot 221

Submitted by Judy Koonter, Lot #81

Some of the definitions of eclectic in Merriam Webster's Dictionary are "including things taken from many different sources"; and "a person who likes many different kinds of things". These definitions definitely apply to Don and Jaci as a couple. They are very definitely an eclectic assortment of talents, interests, hobbies, and opinions. I was initially clued in to what I would learn when I read a sign in the window near the door that said "Beware of Attack Artist". Jaci is an artist in many different venues. She is a potter. She has paintings on many walls of the home, some by colored pencil, some watercolor, some charcoal, etc. If you would like to see some of her artistry, she has her work on display and for sale at Lucy May's Gift House in Dunedin. In addition, she is an artist of the eaten dessert. She is a certified Master Sugar Artist and has published a book on cake decorating and the skill involved.



Don is totally different in his interests. He is a voracious reader and has been involved with several book groups. He was involved in a study group at church that included a four-year study.

Don has even given two sermons at their church. (His daughter also gave a sermon and Don traveled to Delaware to hear her - like father, like daughter?). He has been involved in two investment clubs. He is faithful to their beloved dog, Natasha. He likes to play bridge and does so with others in the park. He has made some attempts at pickle ball and he has many

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Could a couple be any more eclectic than that? I don't think so. They said their wedding was at the Unity Church (Jaci's) and the reception was at the Unitarian Church (Don's). One of Jaci's friends went to the wrong church for the wedding. Of course, no one was there. She sent a note to Jaci saying she knew it wouldn't last. That was 33 years ago. Their union was a second marriage for both of them and they renewed their vows on their 25th anniversary. Don and Jaci each have three children and they have 5 and a "skooch" (one on the way) grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Don worked in Washington, D.C., for an insurance company. He also had 13 years in various consulting jobs, and had 15 years of computer work in North Carolina.

We live in an eclectic community of people with various talents, interests, opinions, etc. Don and Jaci are an eclectic couple in our neighborhood.

Inhabitants in IITS

By Terry Cleveland #183, 727-643-9450

A visitor was seen in our community on April 16th, a beautiful morning to take Bella for a walk. In coming to the pickleball pond, in deep shadow, was a beautiful wading bird. The body was dark slate gray with dark head, white stripe across its head, white cheeks, black bill and orange legs. It had a long yellow plume flowing down its back. Wayne took some great pictures, sneaking closer and closer. We were surprised at seeing this beautiful Yellow-crowned Night Heron about 25 inches tall. We will be looking every day now, hoping to see one again. Of course, we almost missed the pair of mallards swimming along. Each day we look for new visitors from our natural world.



Ladies Luncheon for June

Submitted by Sally Shoop, #214, 727-239-7856

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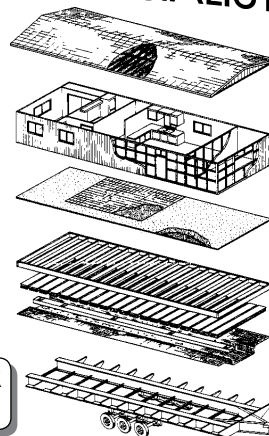
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Annual Baseball Game at Bright House Field

Submitted by the editor

Our annual trip to Bright House field was on April 11th . There were more than 80 residents that attended the game and we enjoyed a victory by the Clearwater Threshers over the Dunedin Blue Jays. The food in the Big Shark Café was delicious as usual. We enjoyed hot dogs, slider burgers, BBQ pulled chicken, ice cream sandwiches, chips, peanuts soft drinks and water.

The fireworks show after the game was fabulous. We look forward to our baseball outing again next season!



Fun Facts, Strange Facts and Trivia

Submitted by Linda Webster

- An ostrich’s eye is bigger than it’s brain.
- The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is “uncopyrightable”
- Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
- Iceland consumes more Coca-cola per capita than any other nation
- The youngest pope was 11 years old
- The average number of people airborne over the US at any given hour is 61,000
- The percentage of Americans who have visited Disneyland/Disneyworld is 70%
- The city with the most Rolls Royces per capita is Hong Kong
- The state with the highest percentage of people who walk to work is Alaska
- Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors
- Cat’s urine glows under a black light
- Michael Jordan makes more money from Nike annually than all of the Nike factory workers combined

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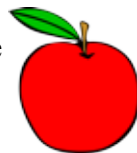
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Eat Better to Spur Creativity

Some great artists and writers are known to have used drugs or alcohol to seek inspiration, but you don't have to risk your health when you need a creative boost. The Medical Daily website suggests trying some of these foods to help stimulate the brain:

- **Fruit.** Fruits have lots of an amino acid called tyrosine, which helps synthesize proteins and may influence your ability to think deeply. In one study, students performed better at completing puzzles when they drank orange juice strong with tyrosine.



- **Chocolate.** The flavanols in chocolate may enhance short-term cognitive skills, according to one British study, because flavanols boost the amount of oxygen in the brain. Try a cup of hot cocoa before you need to be at the top of your mental game.

- **Carbohydrates.** Carbs deliver a quick dose of glucose to your body and brain, providing aid to concentration and memory. Potatoes, oatmeal, and other carbs may have a beneficial effect on brain function.

- **Walnuts.** Rich in omega-3 fatty acids, walnuts can help memory and increase brain function, according to the journal *Plant Foods for Human Nutrition*. The results of one study showed that rats given a diet of raw walnuts for 28 days showed better learning and memory than rodents on another diet.



Money Matters

Try these smart shopping tips at the grocery store

Everyone wants to stretch his or her food dollars. You don't have to live on ramen noodles and cold cereal three times a day to do it. Here are some tips for savvier shopping at the store:

- Don't fall for fancy displays. Items stacked at the end of the aisles, like sodas, aren't necessarily on sale. The display can make them seem like they're marked down, but often they're still regular price.

- Remember that you pay for convenience. Skinless chicken breasts cost more than those packaged with skin. The same applies to the pre-cleaned and cut carrot sticks. In both cases, they're a little more expensive. Decide whether the convenience is worth the extra money.

- Try the store brands. If you compare the contents and nutritional value of name-brand versus no-brand items, you'll often discover that they're almost identical. In many cases, they're made in the same plant and just packaged with the store label.

- Use coupons. How often have you clipped coupons only to allow them to expire? Develop a system that will ensure you remember and use them.



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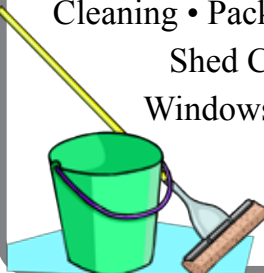
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June Facts and Trivia

Basic Facts

- June is named for the Roman goddess Juno. The month of June is a popular month for weddings, perhaps because Juno was the goddess of marriage.
- In ancient Rome, June was the fourth month of the year. When the Gregorian calendar was adopted, it became the sixth month of the year. It is one of the four months with thirty days.

Birthstones

- The traditional birthstone for June is the pearl. It is a symbol of purity and is the only gem that comes from living sea creatures.
- Alexandrite is an alternate birthstone for June. This unique gemstone changes color depending on the lighting conditions. It is greenish brown in color when exposed to daylight and fluorescent light, but changes to a purple, reddish hue by incandescent or candlelight. It is a symbol of joy and good fortune.
- Another alternate birthstone for June is moonstone. It is considered a sacred stone in India. Moonstone varies in color from clear to bluish white or peach. It is a symbol of health and longevity.

Flower



- The flower for the month of June is the rose. Roses are a symbol of love and appreciation. They are also known as the flower of passion.
- Roses come in a wide variety of colors. Each color has a different meaning. Red roses symbolize love; white roses symbolize innocence and purity, and light pink roses are a symbol of admiration or sympathy.

Astrological Signs

Gemini and Cancer are the astrological signs for June. Birthdays from June 1st through the 20th fall under the sign of Gemini. June 21st through the 30th birthdays fall under the sign of Cancer.

Historic Events in June

- Benjamin Franklin discovered electricity on June 15, 1752.
- Continental Congress adopted the United States flag known as the Stars and Stripes on June 14, 1777.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recognized by Congress on June 22, 1942.
- The Korean War began on June 25, 1950.



Famous People Born in June

Many famous people were born in June. Here are just a few of them.

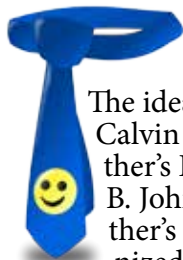
- One president: George H.W. Bush
- Several actors and actresses: Tim Allen, Courtney Cox, Johnny Depp, Michael J. Fox, Angelina Jolie, Nicole Kidman, Toby Maquire, Marilyn Monroe, and Meryl Streep
- Singers/Musicians: Paul McCartney and Lionel Ritchie
- Athletes: Joe Montana, Michael Phelps and Venus Williams





Here's to you, dad: The start of Father's Day

Father's Day started with a dedicated woman: Sonora Smart Dodd, the daughter of a widowed Civil War veteran who had raised her on his own. Dodd came up with the idea for a special day celebrating fathers when listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. She held her own special tribute for her father on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Wash., and began a campaign for an official celebration thereafter.



The idea of Father's Day initially met with some skepticism, but in 1919, President Calvin Coolidge expressed support for the holiday, and in 1926 a National Father's Day Committee was formed in New York City. In 1966 President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a proclamation designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day, but it wasn't until 1972 that President Richard Nixon officially recognized it as a national holiday.

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—Mark Twain



Quick zingers and fast chuckles

Need to get a laugh in a hurry? Try some of these handy one- or two-liners:

- Explaining puns to kleptomaniacs is hard because they always take things literally.
- I used to think the brain was the most important organ. Then I thought, "Look where that idea comes from."
- A dwarf fortune-teller who kills his customers might be known as a small medium at large.
- Did you hear about the dyslexic devil worshipper who sold his soul to Santa?
- During a prison break I saw a dwarf climb over a wall. As he jumped down he sneered at me, and I thought, "That's a little condescending."
- A blind man walks into a bar. And a table. And a chair.
- You never see a hippopotamus hiding in a tree. They must be really good at it.



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Danger at home: Keep your children and grandchildren safe

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- Bathroom. Don't leave children alone in the bath, or anywhere near water.
- Hallways. Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and check their batteries at least every six months to ensure they're working properly.
- Bedrooms. At bedtime and nap time, remove any blankets, pillows, stuffed animals, and toys from your baby's crib to prevent accidental suffocation. Make sure your baby sleeps alone and on his or her back.
- Staircases. Put up safety gates to keep children from tumbling down staircases. Install similar gates for every window a child might reach.
- Medicine chest. Store all medicine in cabinets above the reach of children, and lock cabinets they might get into. Keep track of any medication you might carry in your purse or briefcase.
- Living room. Install brackets and braces to secure bookshelves and other furniture against accidental tipping. Secure television sets to the wall or place them on low platforms.
- Kitchen. Use the back burner of your stove when cooking with children present. Turn pots and pans so that their handles face away from the edge, out of reach from tiny hands. Store household cleaners in high cabinets and shelves, or lock lower cabinets to keep children out.



Keep kids safe from bugs during summer months



As summer comes, so do the bugs. And some of those bugs can bite. Follow these guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics to protect your children from getting stung or bitten:

- Avoid using scented soaps, hair sprays, and perfumes on your child. The scents can draw insects and bugs and increase your child's risk of being bitten.
- Stay away from nests or places bugs might congregate. This includes stagnant pools of water, areas where uncovered foods are abundant, and gardens where flowers are blooming.

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Scientists delve deep into the heart of the world

Jules Verne's *Journey to the Center of the Earth* described an inner world of jungles, seas, and dinosaurs. The reality is quite different, but no less interesting to scientists, and it's changing all the time.

The latest discovery about the nature of the Earth's core comes from a professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The inner core, about 3,000 miles beneath the world's crust, actually contains a second core about half the radius of the outer one. This inner core contains iron crystals, which are oriented in an east-west alignment. The outer inner core's crystals align north-south, although they appear to have flipped several times in the distant past.

Scientists liken the twin cores to the rings on a tree, which allow researchers to peer directly into the past. The discovery could provide important clues to the formation and development of our world.



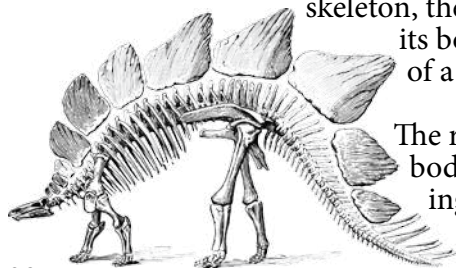
'New' solar system is the oldest ever found

The oldest solar system in our galaxy is 11.2 billion years old, according to data from NASA's Kepler space telescope. By comparison, our home solar system is about 4.5 billion years old. The new find is about 117 light-years from Earth, with five Earth-sized planets in an orbit too close to their star to allow for life. But the discovery of a solar system's formation only a few billion years after the Big Bang some 13.8 billion years ago suggests that life could have proliferated throughout the cosmos much earlier than scientists previously believed.

Sophie the Stegosaurus steps on the scale (sort of)

How much did the dinosaurs weigh? That question has been answered—at least for one specimen at London's Natural History Museum.

Sophie the Stegosaurus is about 150 million years old, and was discovered in 2003 by paleontologists in Wyoming. It now resides at the British museum, its skeleton 85 percent intact. According to the Yahoo News website, British researchers created a 3-D digital version of the skeleton, then calculated the amount of flesh it would have had around its bones, and compared that with data from modern animals of a similar size.



The result? Sophie tipped the scales at about 1.6 tons, with a body mass roughly equivalent to a small rhinoceros. Knowing its weight will allow paleontologists to learn more about stegosaurus metabolism, food needs, and growth rate.



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