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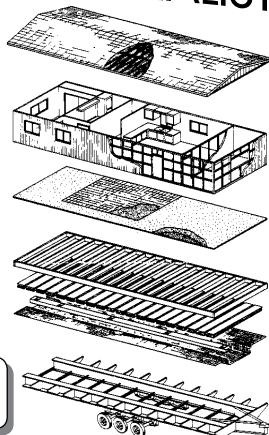
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## August Birthdays

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- 2 Walter Mantz
- 5 Cindy Costello  
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- 6 Lawrence Palmisano  
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Elaine Russell  
Lisa Stoner
- 7 Doug Griffiths  
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- 9 Beverly Baselj  
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Jennifer Nesbitt
- 11 Roger Noel
- 12 Anne Martin
- 13 Don Cyr  
Janice Klink  
Vicki Thurlow
- 14 Parker Turner
- 15 Ted Blair  
Bob Hartley
- 16 Joseph Dawson  
Janet Hudson
- 17 Helen Lenhart
- 18 Mary Cosgrove  
Ken Gregory  
Karin Winter



- 19 Jacqueline DeBar  
Dan Jaros  
Roy Vieira
- 20 Kimberly Pepin
- 22 Shirley Bourne
- 23 Roland Girouard
- 24 Donna Butts  
Al Souliere  
Joe Spencer
- 25 Stephen Kyle
- 26 Judy Bailey  
Charles Bullock  
Jane Fantino  
Jill Lemay
- 27 Esther Emery  
Donald Lamy  
Lou Morneau  
Linda Raimondi  
Beverly Redman
- 28 Theresa Berard  
Peggy Jones
- 29 Chris Gregory  
Jim Martin  
Felix Mozo
- 30 Maurice Lamontagne
- 31 Gloria Davis  
Ruth Ann Dixon



## August Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|------|
| 14 Harold & Donna Cranmer | 1955 |
| Chick & Jackie House      | 1962 |
| 16 Tom & Ruth Walsh       | 2008 |
| 19 Gary & Ricki Burk      | 1972 |
| 21 Randy & Donna Butts    | 1965 |
| Gerry & Rose Paquette     | 1965 |
| 26 Don & Joan Cyr         | 1972 |
| Roland & Anita Girouard   | 1967 |
| Gordon & Beryl Olson      | 1989 |
| 28 Bill & Pam Westerman   | 1982 |





## On This Day in August

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1. Francis Scott Key was born in 1779.
2. National Ice Cream Sandwich Day.
3. Christopher Columbus set sail on his first voyage in 1492.
4. 44th President Barak Obama was born in 1961.
5. Astronaut Neil Armstrong was born in Ohio in 1930.
6. Wiggle Your Toes Day.
7. The Hatfields and McCoys feud in 1882. 100 wounded or die.
8. Thomas Edison received a patent for the mimeograph machine in 1876.
9. Betty Boop was created in 1930.
10. 31st President Herbert Hoover was born in West Branch, Iowa, in 1874.
11. Author Alex Haley was born in 1921.
12. The IBM PC was first announced in 1981.
13. International Left-Hander's Day.
14. Japan surrendered in WW II, 1945.
15. The Transcontinental Railroad was completed in 1869.
16. The vertical loop roller coaster was patented in 1898.
17. Davy Crockett was born in Tennessee in 1786.
18. Bad Poetry Day.
19. 42nd President Bill Clinton was born in Hope, Arkansas, in 1946.
20. International Homeless Animals Day.
21. Wilt Chamberlain was born in Philadelphia, PA, in 1936.
22. First female newspaper editor, Ann Franklin, was born in 1762.
23. National Sponge Cake Day.
24. Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD.
25. The National Park Service was established in 1916.
26. Women's Equality Day which commemorates the anniversary of women getting the right to vote by the signing of the 19th amendment in 1920.
27. Mother Teresa was born in 1910.
28. Martin Luther King gave the "I have a dream" speech in 1963.
29. Speedy Gonzales debuted in 1953.
30. National Toasted Marshmallow Day.
31. National Trail Mix Day.

## Ice Cream Sandwich Fun Facts

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**A**n ice cream sandwich is a frozen confection composed of a layer of ice cream sandwiched between two biscuits/cookies or slices of cake.

Although ice cream sandwiches were made by hand and distributed by New York street vendors in the early 1940s, it wasn't until 1945 that the first ice cream sandwiches were mass produced.

The current version was invented in 1945 by Jerry Newberg when he was selling ice cream at Forbes Field, in Pittsburgh, PA.

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Pictures from the Jersey Shore circa 1905 "On the beach, Atlantic City," show Ice Cream Sandwiches were popular at 1c each.

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The Coolhaus food truck empire has taken ice cream sandwiches to a new level. You can buy one of their pre-packaged ice cream sandwiches, pints of ice cream, or hand-dipped ice cream bars at one of 4,000+ markets ranging from Whole Foods to Kroger and Safeway, in all 50 states.

The ice cream sandwich ranks as the second best-selling ice cream novelty in America.

The average number of ice cream sandwiches eaten per second nationally is 48.

If all of the ice cream sandwiches made last year were placed end to end, they would circle Earth 3-1/2 times.

The 30-44 age group buys the most ice cream sandwiches.

The eastern seaboard consumes almost 50 percent of all ice cream sandwiches.

The ice cream sandwich is so American it is sold at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

## Amazing Facts About Left-Handed People

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### Scientific Left Handed Facts

- Make up roughly 12% of the population
- More likely to have allergies
- More prone to migraines
- More likely to be insomniacs
- Use the right side of the brain the most
- Three times more likely to become alcoholics - the right side of the brain has a lower tolerance to alcohol
- More likely to be on extreme poles of the intelligence scale
- Tend to reach puberty 4 to 5 months later than right handers
- More likely to suffer stuttering and dyslexia
- Twice as likely to be a man
- Better at 3D perception and thinking
- Better at multi-tasking



### Interesting Left Handed Trivia

- Left Handed Pens are a thing! Who knew!?
- Make especially good baseball players, tennis players, swimmers (almost 40% of the top tennis players are lefties)
- Celebrate left handed day once a year - August 13th - International Left Handers Day
- Draw figures facing to the right
- Recover from strokes faster
- More likely to pursue creative careers
- Of the eight most recent U.S. Presidents, 4 have been left handed
- Left handed college graduates go on to become 26% richer than right handed graduates

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- On a QWERTY keyboard there are 1447 English words typed solely with the left hand whilst only 187 are typed with the right hand.

## **Bizarre Left Handed Statistics**

- Some people are scared of left-handedness! It is called Sinistrophobia
- Adjust to seeing underwater quicker
- Less able to roll their tongue than a righty
- Nails grow faster on the left hand than the right

## **The Old Coot Knows Fixes the Educational System**

*By: Merlin Lessler*

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Politicians complain about the school system all the time: "We need to raise the math scores; we need higher science scores. We have to compete with the rest of the world!" It's all bogus. Our education system is fine. Or would be. If we just kept the politicians out of it. You don't create Edison's and Einstein's by Albany and Washington setting standards in schools. They create themselves; it has nothing to do with the school system.

But, here we go again. The State Education Department recently issued "draft" guidelines for evaluating teachers and principals in response to a new law from the legislation. The guidelines use the results of the standardized English and Math tests that the kids take every year. If the class scores poorly on the tests, the teacher gets the axe. I wish we had this system when I went to school; my gang would have used it to get rid of the "mean" teachers. We would have failed on purpose. Especially, since the results don't count toward a student's grade. As it was, we didn't take standardized tests very seriously. They were called the Iowa Tests back then. A "fill-in-the-circle" answer sheet was used so that a computer-like device could scan the sheets and grade the results. We pretended to read a question and then filled in a circle. But, we weren't taking the test. We were goofing off; we were daydreaming. We never read a single question. We made designs and patterns on the answer sheets with a #2 pencil, the mandated writing implement of the day. One year, I got the highest math score in my class doing this. So much for the reliability of the new teacher evaluation system mandated by Albany.



Test scores aren't the way to evaluate teachers. It makes them spend the academic year focused on the tests, sacrificing a well-rounded education. Ex-students are the best source of information on teacher performance. It's the only way you can really find out who is doing a good job. And, who needs to be sent on a long recess. Go to a class reunion, or any gathering of former students, and you will discover the truth about the teachers. And, it's usually the "mean" ones, the ones the pupils wanted to get fired when they were in their class, that come out on top. The school principal can evaluate the teachers by surveying a group of former students. And, we can still use the standardized tests. Put them to even better use; make the politicians take them; see how they like it. If they fall into the lower percentile, they lose their job. It would improve our education system immensely.



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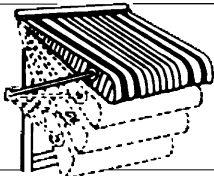


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- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 c. sour cream
- 1-1/2 c. flour (divided)
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 c. packed light brown sugar
- 1 c. peeled, cored and chopped apples (about 1/2" pieces)
- 1/3 c. caramel sauce, warmed

### Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Butter and flour an 8" x 8" baking dish.

- **Make batter:** In a large bowl, combine 8 tablespoons of butter and sugar. Using a hand mixer, whip until light and fluffy. Add the egg and mix until smooth. Then add vanilla and sour cream and mix until evenly incorporated. Add 1 cup flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt and mix until just combined. Fold in chopped apples.
- **Make Streusel Topping:** In a medium bowl, combine remaining 4 tablespoons butter with brown sugar and remaining 1/2 cup flour. Add a pinch of salt, if desired. Stir with a fork, or use your hands, to create large clumps.
- Pour the batter into the prepared baking pan then top with streusel. Bake until the top is golden brown and a toothpick inserted into the middle of the cake comes out clean, 35 to 40 minutes. Drizzle with caramel sauce then let cool for about 10 minutes.
- Serve warm or at room temperature.

## 37 Things You Probably Don't Know about Disneyland

There are things about Disneyland that everybody knows.

Multi-day tickets are a much better deal than single-day admission. Peter Pan's Flight is ridiculously crowded. The number of strollers per capita is way above average.

Yet the park holds many secrets, from hidden icons to clever design tricks. Last year, as Disneyland celebrated its 69th anniversary, we presented 46 things you probably didn't know about the park.

What better way to prep for the annual summer trek to the Happiest Place on Earth than to offer another 37 things you (probably) don't know about Disneyland.

1. A model of the ride vehicle for Soarin' Over California (to be Soarin' Around the World starting June 17) was conceived and built with an Erector set.

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2. Take a close look at the popcorn carts. Each barrel-turning figure represents the particular land, such as Davy Crockett in Frontierland and the abominable snowman near the Matterhorn.
3. Should you feel the urge while approaching the load area at the Indiana Jones ride, ask a cast member if you can unload at the "secret" bathroom just down the hall. It's intended for employees, but those in need are permitted.
4. You can decode the mysterious symbols in the Indiana Jones queue with a decoder card that was given out when the ride opened in 1995. Or just Google "Decode Indiana Jones Disneyland." Either way, you'll have the answers.
5. Mary Blair, a legendary Imagineer who designed It's a Small World, is immortalized in doll form. You'll see her atop the Eiffel Tower, in a yellow poncho.
6. Good grief! Look closely at the postage stamps near the end of It's a Small World. Among the smiley faces, you'll see the likeness of Charlie Brown.
7. Those clicks sounding from the telegraph office by the New Orleans Square Station? It's Morse code broadcasting parts of Walt Disney's opening-day speech.
8. You'll need a sharp eye to spot the logo of "The Lion King" musical in the Jungle Cruise ride. It's on a shield leaning against a hut to the left of dancing tribesmen.
9. Those who can afford an exclusive Club 33 membership probably won't bat an eye at this: The minimum food charge per visit is \$105. That's equal to the price of a one-day adult admission to the park.
10. Club 33 allows neither shorts nor cellphones, yet hundreds of members pay thousands of dollars to dine there.
11. Club 33's men's bathroom includes a bookcase filled with vintage tomes.
12. A spider camouflages a web-shaped crack in the window over the ballroom scene in the Haunted Mansion. It's said the damage was caused early on, and Imagineers let it be because the large pane of glass was almost impossible to remove.
13. Past the Heffalumps and Woozles room in the Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh, turn and look up to spot the mounted heads of a moose, stag and buffalo. The animatronic trio appeared in the site's previous attraction, the Country Bear Playhouse.
14. The R2-D2 and C3PO droids in Star Tours: The Adventure Continues appeared in the films.
15. While in line for Roger Rabbit's Cartoon Spin in Toontown, knock on the door of the Ink and Paint Club. A panel slides open to reveal the face of a menacing bouncer.
16. Hidden Mickeys are everywhere, but check the wallpaper by the player piano in Mickey's House (Toontown) to spot a hidden Donald Duck.
17. Clever crossover: Someone left a town from the Hollywood Tower Hotel (Tower of Terror) inside the locker room at Monsters Inc. Mike and Sully to the Rescue.
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19. Much of the mining gear along Big Thunder Mountain Railroad was purchased from abandoned mines in Nevada, Minnesota, Colorado and Wyoming.
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21. A plaque near Sleeping Beauty's Castle marks the spot of a time capsule to be opened July 17, 2035. It was buried on Disneyland's 40th anniversary in 1995. A similar plaque near the entrance of California Adventure marks another time capsule, this one to be opened June 15, 2017. It was buried in 2012.
22. The two skeletons bent over a chess board inside Pirates of the Caribbean are locked in a game that can't be won, thanks to the placement of the pieces.
23. What was perhaps the oldest abandoned structure in Disneyland recently was demolished to make room for Star Wars Land. Since 1994, the alpine-themed terminus of the Skyway (opened in 1956) remained empty, hidden by vegetation. Don't be surprised if pieces of it turn up somewhere in the new land. Imagineers enjoy hiding bits of old rides among their replacements.
24. Boris Badenov ("The Rocky and Bullwinkle Show") and the Haunted Mansion's Ghost Host are one and the same - vocal actor Paul Frees. His distinctive voice also can be heard throughout The Pirates of the Caribbean.
25. When Autopia opened in 1955, it did not have the center rail to guide cars. Frequent collisions by tiny uninsured drivers forced designers to install the rail in 1965,
26. Shortly after Haunted Mansion opening in August 1969, a costumed cast member (a knight, for example) would wander through the attraction. Guests reacted in ways that convinced officials to discontinue the practice.
27. Walt Disney would slide down the fire pole linking his apartment to the fire station below. As more kids discovered it could be used to ascent as well, Disney had it removed.
28. The "Happiest Place on Earth" motto was coined not by Disney but by a member of the marketing team.
29. The tiny trees along the Storybook and Canal are dwarf pine trees and not, as many believe, bonsai trees. Bonsai trees were more expensive and would require considerable maintenance.
30. Disney first use the term "Audio-Animatronics" to describe the animals in Nature's Wonderland. The term appeared in a 1960 ad for the attraction.
31. The park has an official flower, the Disneyland Rose, available at Jackson & Perkins, a South Carolina nursery.
32. Fantasyland hosts the largest share of rides and attractions that date to the park's opening in 1955: Peter Pan's flight, Mad Tea Party, Mr. Toad's Wild Ride, Snow White's Adventures and King Arthur Carousel. Others are Mark Twain Riverboat, the Disneyland Railroad, Horse-Drawn Streetcars, Main Street Cinema, Penny Arcade, Autopia, and Jungle Cruise.
33. The chandelier clock installed inside Sleeping Beauty's Castle in 1996 has never worked. Despite rumors, there is no significance to the time displayed.
34. When Space Mountain opened in 1997, it was the first single attraction to cost more than the original park - \$20 million, compared to the \$17 million required to build Disneyland.
35. Sorry, Sedona. Big Thunder Mountain is based on Utah's Bryce Canyon National Park and not, as some urban legends insist, your red rocks. You'll always have your vortexes.
36. On opening day in 1955, attractions were shut down at 4 p.m. so they could reopen with TV camera's rolling.
37. The character costumes worn on opening day were borrowed from the Ice Capades.



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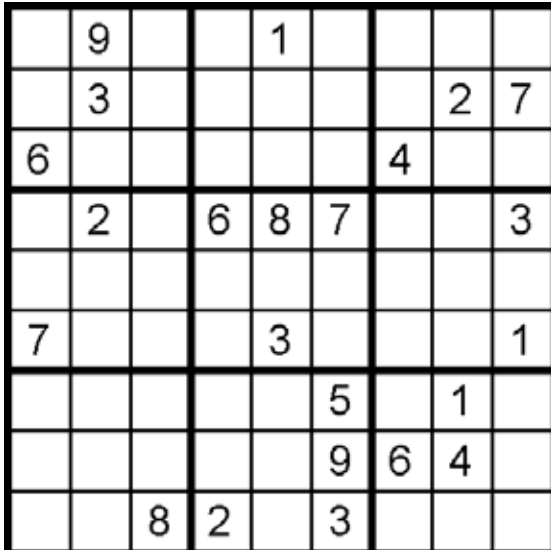
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## Columbus' anchor salvaged from the depths

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

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



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

## Scientists create negative mass in the laboratory

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

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

## Ancient bone raises modern questions

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





## Traditional books are alive and well

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

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



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

## More Americans taking advantage of technology

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



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

## New hope for headache sufferers

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

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

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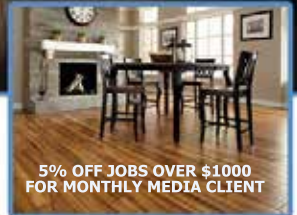
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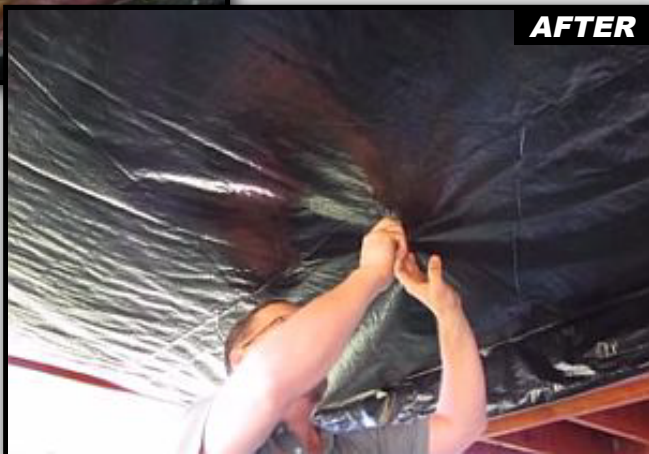
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Sixty-four percent of Americans 40-59 drink a daily cup of joe, up from 53 percent last year. The 60-plus crowd moved to 68 percent in 2017 from 64 percent the previous year.

## Consumers prefer the human touch

Electronic self-service may be the wave of the future for many organizations, but lots of consumers are bucking the trend. The CRM Buyer website reports that researchers surveyed more than 24,000 consumers in 12 countries about customer interactions, and here's what they found:

- Eighty percent prefer customer service from a human instead of an automated system.
- Eighty-three percent say that interacting with a customer service rep is important on the phone or in a store.
  - Sixty-eight percent believe they're more likely to get a better deal when negotiating in person instead of online.
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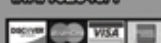


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## Unclear on the concept

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A group of managers who had never taken the time to understand the technical aspects of their organization's product line took a tour of their plant. They made several disparaging comments about their manufacturing employees' intelligence until their guide decided to challenge them.



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

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

"Hal!" said one of the managers. "That doesn't count. We were supposed to measure the height of the pole, not its length!"

## The wrong assumption?

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

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

"Why not?"

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

## One way to solve a problem

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



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

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



## The science behind creative thinking

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

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



## Three levels of imagination

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

- Discovery. Sometimes you just see something that looks like a good idea. Keep an open mind as you look around you, and learn to find opportunities in everyday things.
- Invention. Apply the tools you've got to solve the problem in front of you. Look at all your available resources and see which will help you achieve the results you're looking for.
- Creation. Dig deep into your personal experience for something only you can create. Remember that ideas may be common, but how you put them to work is what makes them stand out.

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