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## **Note from Elaine Schemm Lot 108**

urricane season is here. In case of evacuation, you must have a Shangri-La sticker for your car. You may not be able to get back in without your car sticker. Please call me and tell me how many you need. Thanks 302-798-7777.

## **Activities**

By Penny Campbell and Vicki Dasco

July has passed and on to August. This month there was nothing budgeted for activites. So lets have an old fashioned Pot Luck Dinner. One the bulletin board in the clubhouse you will find our regular sign-up sheets and a sheet to sign up for what ever you want to bring to the Pot Luck. Side dish, main dish, salad or dessert. Date Aug. 12 4pm happy hour, 5pm dinner. Lets all show up and share our dishes and our friendship with each other. There will be no closeing date as we have no food to buy. Free to everyone, just bring a dish to pass.

Our activities and parties do well when you participate. So far we have had a wonderful response to all our summer activities. If you have new neighbors please let them know to come and join us and have some fun.

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# Thank you from the Editor

Id you know this news letter does not cose us anything. The publusher provides it to our park for free. The only stipulation is that it must be hand delivered to each home. the person who agreed to deliver them from June to November abruptly quit, leaving us in a bind. Thank you to Bob Vogel for agreeing to step in. Without him you would not be reading this now. Bob is a terrific person. Always there to see if we need help with parties or anything else. Thank you so much Bob. We would be able to do this without you.

## **Fourth Of July Party**

submitted by Vicki

ur 4th of July party was a big success. To start we were led in a rousing rendition of The Star Spangled Banner by Peter Batchlor. What a nice voice he has. 51 residents and guests feasted on Polish Sausage, Hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixins. A special thanks to Bob Vogel, Bob Doty, Janis Jones, Jenny Combs and Nancy Haven. And to all those who helped clean up. Editors note A big thanks also needs to go to Penny and Vicki for all the hard work they put into these parties.

# **Columbus' anchor salvaged from the depths**

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.

A Complete Listing of Resident Services can be found on the page before your calendar



## 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**

he 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.

Similarly, broadband access is on an upswing, with home broadband service rising 6 percent in 2016 (after a slight decline from 2013 to 2015). In November 2016, nearly three-quarters (73 percent) of Americans reported having broadband service.

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**

luster 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.

Vagus nerve stimulation is already used to treat ailments such as epilepsy and depression. Gammacore, manufactured by the organization electroCore, is available in Europe, but electroCore plans to begin offering it in the United States later this year.

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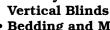
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- 13. Piloted a vehicle
- 15. Italian city
- 16. Protagonist
- 17. Made easier to bear
- 18. Operatic solo
- 19. Was larger in number
- 22. A tribe of Israel
- 23. Before
- 24. Female horse
- 26. A river in the Middle East
- 29. African desert
- 31. Gentle toss
- 32. Labor organization
- 34. Break open
- 36. Passport
- 38. Discarded
- 40. An indefinite period
- 41. A valley in France
- 43. Inheritors
- 45. Born
- 46. Increase threefold
- 48. Drunk (slang)
- 50. Deviate
- 51. Seven in Roman numerals
- 52. A leguminous plant
- 54. Involving carbon compounds
- 61. A river in central Europe
- 63. A poem by Homer
- 64. Cover with asphalt
- 65. Possessing the necessary skills
- 66. Mooch
- 67. Wicked
- 68. East Asian unit of weight
- 69. A potent estrogen
- 70 Banister

### DOWN

- 3. Marketplace
- 4. Not later
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- 8. Macaws
- 9. Marginal
- 10. Genus of the dogfish
- 11. Actor Connery
- 13. Degrades
- 14. Swelling under the skin

- 20. A language of Pakistan and 42. A river in Spain
- 21. Anagram of "Dash"
- 25. Wholly absorbed
- 26. Floor beam
- 27. Evident 28. Alcove
- 29. Escargot
- 30. Directed
- 31. Fifty-six in Roman
- numerals

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- 44. Ketch
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- matter
- 53. A Tuscan island
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# **Coffee more popular than ever**

or more and more people, a morning cup of coffee is part of starting the day off right. According to a National Coffee Drinking Trends consumer survey, the number of Americans drinking coffee daily has increased to 62 percent, up from 57 percent in 2016.



The biggest increase is in the 13-18 age bracket. Their daily coffee habit climbed to 37 percent in 2017, up from 31 percent in 2016. Adults ages 18-24 increased their coffee habit from 48 percent to 50 percent, and 63 percent of adults 25-39 drank more, up from 60 percent.

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

## **Consumers prefer the human touch**

lectronic 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.

• Eighteen percent said they would renew products or services because of good personal customer service, even if they were more expensive.

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# **Unclear on the concept**

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.

"Ha!" 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?

wo 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

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

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

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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## These herbs may ease diabetes symptoms

Type 2 diabetes afflicts millions of people around the world. Medication such as insulin can help keep your blood sugar levels stable, but according to the Medical News Today website, these herbs can also have a beneficial affect:



- Aloe vera. Known for its skin care benefits, aloe may also help increase the amount of insulin produced by the pancreas. It can be consumed as juiced pulp added to beverages or as extracts available as supplements.
- Cinnamon. This tasty spice offers many benefits for diabetes patients, including positive results in maintaining appropriate blood sugar and insulin levels as well as decreasing blood pressure. Consult with your doctor before using it as a supplement, though.
- Bitter melon. Used for centuries as a traditional medicine in China and India, the seeds from this melon appear to lower blood sugar levels. It's also effective when its pulp is mixed with water and when consumed as juice.
- Milk thistle. An extract called silymarin from this herb has antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties, which are beneficial for people with diabetes.
- Fenugreek. The seeds from this herb contain fibers that help slow the digestion of sugar and other carbohydrates. They may also help to lower cholesterol as well.

Always check with your physician before taking any herbs or supplements, of course.

## **Tolerance for alcohol? Don't count on it**

Think you can handle your booze? Think again. Many heavy social drinkers believe they can build up a tolerance for alcohol that lets them perform routine tasks without loss of coordination, but recent studies suggest that may not be the case.

As reported on the LiveScience website, the Chicago Social Drinking Project, begun in 2004, tracked 155 young adults with an average age of 25 at the time over a period of years. More than 80 percent were heavy drinkers, meaning they had consumed 10-40 drinks per week for two years.

In tests carried out over the years, participants were either given a real drink or a placebo beverage that tasted like alcohol and then were tested on some simple fine-motor tasks. Although heavy drinkers actually improved their scores from previous years on the easier tasks, their performance declined on the more challenging tasks—although they still considered themselves less intoxicated than lighter drinkers.

So be careful. That "tolerance" you've built up may be just wishful thinking.



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# Did you know that August is also...

American Artist Appreciation Month. From Andy Warhol and Andrew Wyeth to Georgia O'Keeffe and Mary Cassatt, America has been the birthplace for some of the world's most talented and celebrated artists—all of whom are honored during American Artist Appreciation Month

Child Support Awareness Month. Recognizing the importance of child support and applauding parents who provide financial and medical support for their children, this month is meant to raise awareness of the ways child support helps children reach their full potential and achieve their dreams

National Immunization Awareness Month. An annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages, NIAM was established to encourage everyone to make sure they are up to date on the vaccines recommended for them.

**National Truancy Prevention Month.** Truancy is a pervasive problem for schools across the country, particularly public schools in urban areas. Students who demonstrate a lack of commitment to school are at an increased risk for substance abuse, delinquency, teen pregnancy, and dropping out.

International Assistance Dogs Week, Aug. 6-12. Recognizing all the devoted, hardworking assistance dogs helping individuals mitigate their disability-related limitations.

National Farmer's Market Week, Aug. 6-12. Throughout this week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture celebrates our nation's thousands of farmer's markets, the farmers who make them possible, and the communities that host them.

National Motorcycle Week, Aug. 13-19. For riders, motorcycle lovers, and all enthusiasts of two-wheeled excitement, this weeklong event celebrates one of America's favorite pastimes—riding motorcycles.

World Water Week, Aug. 17-Sept. 1. In 2017, World Water Week will address the theme "Water and waste—reduce and reuse." Held in Stockholm but celebrated everywhere, experts, practitioners, decision-makers, business innovators and young professionals meet to network, exchange ideas, foster new thinking and develop solutions to the most pressing

water-related challenges of today.



# A frugal family tradition

n accountant's thriving business in a small Scottish town had been in the family for generations. The main offices were in an old building, and clients had to walk up a single marble step to reach the front door. Over time, the marble step wore away until a deep dent developed in it from all the footsteps. One day, the accountant asked a stonemason to take a look and tell him how much a new marble step would cost. The stonemason looked at the step and then scratched his head.

"It'll be a big job," said the stonemason. "But I suppose I could give you a new step for 100 pounds."

The accountant frowned. "That's a bit more than I wanted to pay." They both looked at the step, and then the accountant turned to the stonemason: "What if you dug up the step, turned it over, and put it back into the ground? Then it would be good as new."

The stonemason agreed. "20 pounds."

"Do it," said the accountant, and he went back inside the office.

An hour later the stonemason rang the bell. The accountant opened the door and saw the stonemason standing in a hole with the step. A nearly identical dent was evident on the other side

The stonemason chuckled. "From the looks of it, I'd say your great-great-great-grandfather thought of the same thing about 150 years ago."

# Don't let your child or grandchild get lost in the classroom

oncerned about the growing size of school classrooms? Lawmakers and school administrators faced with massive budget cuts are struggling to keep class sizes small, but these days it's a difficult task. Take these steps to ensure your child gets attention in the classroom:

- **Volunteer in the classroom**. If you have the time and want to make the commitment, ask to be a class parent or a teacher's assistant. If you can't be there daily, help prepare displays or complete paperwork.
- **Get involved with the school**. Join the PTA or local school council that's committed to improving schools. Volunteer on projects designed to help ease the burden of teachers and help students learn.
- Get a list of your children's classmates and their phone numbers. Doing this may help your child reach out to peers to make friends or to get help with homework.





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## Warrior and leader

ecretary of Defense James Mattis has a reputation as a tough warrior but also as a strong leader. Nate Fick, a former Marine captain who served under Mattis in Iraq, shared one instance of his leadership on the Business Insider website:

One cold night in 2001, stationed at the Marine base in Kandahar, Fick assigned his platoon to keep two men in every hole around the base's perimeter throughout the night. Everyone else could sleep.

At 2 a.m. Fick went out to check the perimeter. In one hole he saw not two heads, but three. Initially he was angry—either one Marine was in the wrong hole, or someone wasn't getting needed sleep. Then he realized that the third head belonged to General Mattis, doing the same thing Fick was—checking on his Marines.

The general could easily have stayed asleep all night. "But Mattis understood that it all comes down to personal leadership," Fick says. "He's the classic fighter leader. He's the player coach. He's out there with his troops."

# An expensive mistake

ctor Keifer Sutherland, best known for his portrayal of agent Jack Bauer on the TV series "24," had a dream come true when an action figure was made of his character. The manufacturer sent him a model, and he and a friend went out on the town to celebrate.

After a few drinks, the two decided it would be funny to set "mini-Jack" on fire. They burned it into a melted pool of plastic in the parking lot. The next day, though, Sutherland got a phone call. The manufacturer needed the figure back.

The action figure was a prototype that had taken eight months to create. Because of Sutherland's prank, the real figures were delayed by a year.























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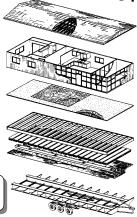


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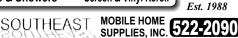
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# Lightning coming? Here's what to do

If you see lightning and you're worried about it striking you, here's how to figure out whether you're relatively safe or not: Count to 30 between seeing the lightning and hearing the thunder. If the span is less than 30 seconds, then you should probably seek shelter. Make sure that you're not near anything large that could fall on top of you, such as a tree. If you're in a group caught outside, spread out.

If you begin to feel your hair stand on end, this indicates lightning is about to strike. Drop to your knees, bend forward, place your hands on your knees, and crouch down. Do not lie flat on the ground; that will only make you a large target.

Other tips on what to do include:

- Stay away from the shower or the bath. If lightning strikes your house it could send a current of electricity along metal plumbing throughout the house.
  - Discontinue use of electrical equipment.
  - Stay off the phone.
  - Keep flashlights handy with fresh batteries in case the power goes out.

# **Dueling theories on the moon's origin**

There did the moon come from? Scientists aren't sure, but according to an article on the Science News website, two major theories are being debated:

• Theia. In this scenario, a protoplanet the size of Mars, known as Theia, slammed into the Earth some 4.5 billion years ago. Debris from the collision floated into orbit and eventually combined to form the Moon. However, scientists believe that would likely have resulted in a moon with a different composition from Earth's, containing matter from Theia—and analysis of Moon rocks shows them to be almost identical in composition to rocks on Earth.

• Small impacts. This theory posits that a series of collisions with smaller objects threw material from Earth out into space. The mini-moons created then attracted each other and formed one big moon over 100 million years.

The Theia hypothesis still has supporters, though. New evidence suggests that the asteroid may have been more like Earth in its composition than was previously thought. Iron-rich rocks tend to sink toward the Earth's core, so any of them found in the Earth's mantle probably arrived later in our planet's development as meteorites. The most likely meteorites could have been a common source material for Earth, the moon—and Theia.

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