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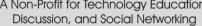
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President's Message

Over the past two issues of the newsletter, I have talked about resuming faceto-face General Meetings at Pace University. First I said the first hybrid meeting would be September, then October. That is now unfortunately put on hold. The reason is that we were informed that Pace University has changed its process for renting rooms in the new school year, and even though we were sponsored, they now want to charge us, possibly to the tune of about \$300 per meeting. This is obviously not compatible with our budget so I have asked if they were going to have a non-profit rate and am awaiting an answer. So for now we are investigating other avenues. In the mean time, we will continue to meet online via Zoom as we have done for the past 3.5 years.

At its August 30th meeting, the TechEdConnect Board of Directors authorized a membership incentive from September until the end of the year. Any member in good standing who recruits a new member will get a six-month extension in his/her own membership. Please have the new member mention your name after they have paid their membership, by sending an email to membership@wpcug.org with the subject "New member incentive". May each of us bring one or more member before year's end and enjoy the savings.

Dr. Pierre Darmon

President, **TechEd** ConnectSM (formerly Westchester PC Users Group) PC/Mac Computer Support and Education Consultant



Lockdowns and face masks really did help to control covid-19



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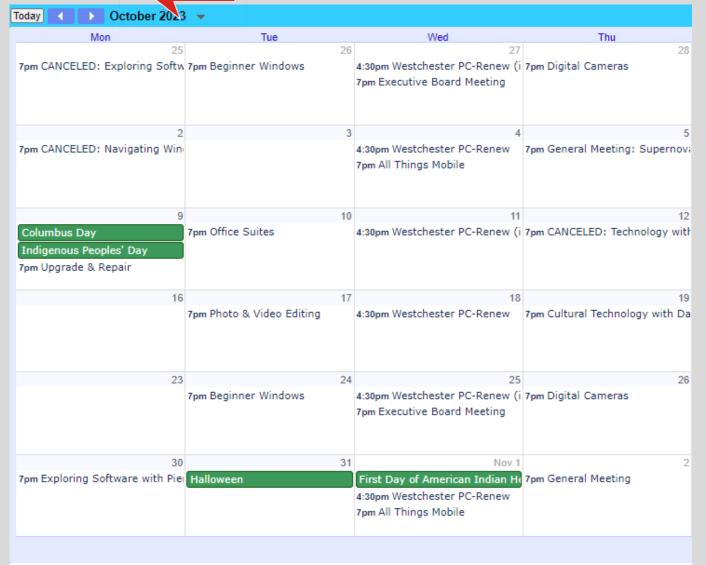


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Border collie wins back-to-back titles at the 2019 WKC Masters Agility



Catalog - Sears, Roebuck and Company 1918



























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What the Luddites Can Teach Us about Al



(CBS News Image)

Exciting new technology is on the rise, doing the same work that humans can but faster and more cheaply. That's great news for the people rich enough to buy these machines, but it's disrupting the lives and livelihoods of less powerful workers. And some of those workers are ready to fight back.

(Scientific American) Continue Reading...



Should AI be permitted in college classrooms? 4 scholars weigh in (The Conversation)



How AI Could Save (Not Destroy) Education - Sal Khan - TED - YouTube



"Artificial Intelligence Will **Destroy Truth"**



A sculpture made of electronic waste in Tel Aviv. Foto: Amir Cohen / REUTERS

Amitai Etzioni was one of the most influential U.S. intellectuals of the 20th century, his son Oren, 59, is a pioneer in the study of artificial intelligence. Both have given numerous interviews in their lives, but this is the first one they have given together.

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Dog Dancing World Championship 2022, Anastasiia Beaumont and border collie Yuki





























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Iran's ancient 'wind catchers' beat the heat naturally



YAZD, Iran: Tall, chimney-like towers rise from centuriesold adobe houses in Iran's desert city of Yazd, drawing in a pleasant breeze for residents of one of the hottest cities on earth.

(Arab News) Continue Reading...



How This Desert City Stays Cool With An Ancient Air Conditioning



How to cool our homes (even without ACs)



Jacob O'Neal is a graphic designer, 3D artist, and creator of Animagraffs, animated infographics that explain how everyday things work.

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Robert Oppenheimer in LIFE | What to know about EG.5, the



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Oppenheimer first appeared in LIFE in 1945, the year the first atomic bombs were dropped. The pictures here show Oppenheimer with General Leslie Groves (played by Matt Damon in Nolan's movie), who led the Manhattan Project that developed the bombs, and also addressing reporters who came to New Mexico to see the site of the first atomic bomb detonation.

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Power over Ethernet (PoE) Explained



Moderna Says Updated Vaccine Is Effective Against Emerging Variant



New COVID boosters likely to protect against worrisome variant



Mom Has To Stop Herself From Laughing



What to know about EG.5, the most prevalent covid subvariant in the U.S.



(Dan Kitwood/Getty Images)

The coronavirus has not disappeared. With the advent of successful vaccinations and better social management, however, it has waned.

Globally, over 1 million new covid-19 cases and more than 3,100 deaths were reported in the 28 days up to Aug. 3, according to the latest World Health Organization report — bringing the death toll to almost 7 million since the pandemic began.

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Is it wiser to get a booster now or wait for the new fall booster?

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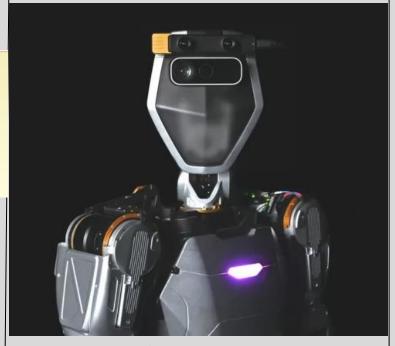
An Illustrated Book of Bad Arguments Ali Almossawi



(PCMag) Elon Musk Blaming the ADL for Twitter's Collapse Is an Antisemitic Dog Whistle



How long until a robot is doing your chores?



(Image: ilikeyellow /Phoenix: A humanoid robot developed by Sanctuary AI)

The Vancouver-based firm is developing a humanoid robot called Phoenix which, when complete, will understand what we want, understand the way the world works and have the skills to carry out our commands.

(BBC News)

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ose art is a decorative painting or design on the fuselage of an aircraft, usually on the front fuselage.

While begun for practical reasons of identifying friendly units, the practice evolved to express the individuality often constrained by the uniformity of the military, to evoke memories of home and peacetime life, and as a kind of psychological protection against the stresses of war and the probability of death. The appeal, in part, came from nose art not being officially approved, even when the regulations against it were not enforced.[1][2]

Because of its individual and unofficial nature, it is considered folk art. It can also be compared to sophisticated graffiti. In both cases, the artist is often anonymous, and it relies on materials immediately available.[1]

Nose art is largely a military tradition, but civilian airliners operated by the Virgin Group feature "Virgin Girls" on the nose as part of their livery. In a broad sense, the tail art of several airlines such as the Eskimo of Alaska Airlines can be called "nose art", as are the tail markings of present-day U.S. Navy squadrons. 301st Bomb Group B-17F which had its girl-riding-a-bomb on the dorsal fin.[3]

History

Placing personalized decorations on fighting aircraft began with Italian and German pilots. The first recorded example was a sea monster painted on an Italian flying boat in 1913.[citation needed] This was followed by the popular practice of painting a mouth beneath the propeller's spinner begun by German pilots in World War I. What is perhaps the most famous of all nose art, the shark-face insignia later made famous by the First American Volunteer Group (AVG) Flying Tigers, first appeared in World War I on a British Sopwith Dolphin and a German Roland C.II, though often with an effect more comical than menacing.[4][page needed] The cavallino rampante ("prancing horse") of the Italian ace Francesco Baracca was another well-known image.



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Eddie Rickenbacker with SPAD XIII (note the "Hat in the Ring" 94th Aero Squadron insignia), France, 1918

The History of Nose Art | Part 1 | World War 1



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The Best Aircraft Nose Art from World War II - Telling their Stories - Ep 2



WWII Bomber Nose Art



Nose art painted on WWII Military Airplanes



- Brendan Finucane's Spitfires wore a shamrock with a "B" within it. Ireland's top ace in World War Two who also was the youngest wing commander in Royal Air Force history.
- •Pierre Clostermann's Hawker Tempest Le Grand Charles featured the Cross of Lorraine.
- Adolf Galland was famous for painting Mickey Mouse on his aircraft, and the mascot was adopted by his *Gruppe* during the early airwar phase of World War II.
- Don Gentile's North American P-51 Mustang named "Shangri-La", with an eagle sporting boxing gloves.
- Ian Gleed's Hawker

Hurricanes and Supermarine Spitfire featured Figaro the Cat, from the 1940 Disney animated movie Pinocchio.

- Erich Hartmann's Bf 109s featured a distinctive "black tulip" design on the very front of the cowling, immediately behind the spinner.
- John D. Landers' P-51D, which sported a distinctive black-and-white checkerboard with red trim.
- •Ted W. Lawson, who (along with journalist Bob Considine) famously wrote about the 1942 Doolittle Raid in Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo, piloted a North American B-25 Mitchell bomber nicknamed The Ruptured Duck, after a minor training accident in which the aircraft tail scraped the ground during takeoff; this was decorated by a caricature of an angry **Donald Duck** figure with crutches and wearing a pilot's headphones.
- •James MacLachlan, who flew with an artificial arm, had his Hawker Hurricane adorned with a picture of his amputated arm giving a V sign
- Chuck Yeager's series of aircraft named "Glamorous Glennis", with bright letter art.



















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y First Tattoo

Tattoos are all the rage today but there was time that it wasn't considered Sheik.

Prior to Mayor Giuliano legalizing tattoo parlors in the '90's they had been illegal since 1911. In 1970 or so I came home from college and Mom made me lunch. She was so excited. She had just seen the movie Papillon with Steve McQueen whom she loved. My mother loved handsome strong man type actors. I was named after Gregory Peck. She then told me that she found a tattoo parlor in Islip and that she wanted to get a tattoo of a butterfly or in French Papillion. A homage to Steve McQueen. She said, "Dad said I was crazy so, you're going to take me." I put my mother on the back of my motorcycle and drove her to Islip. The place was quite sketchy, but she was determined. She got a big tattoo on her shoulder. The wife of a prominent corporate executive. She then turned to me and said, "now it's your turn." I said, "I don't want a tattoo." Quickly she gave me the mom look and said, "if I'm getting a fucking tattoo, so are you!". Well, I had been studying medieval history and the Unicorn Tapestries hanging in the Cloister's popped into my head, so, I got a Unicorn tattoo. The legend went that only a virgin can capture the Unicorn, which sounded good to me. So began the accumulation of tattoos which now number about 25.

Years later, I saw a man with a tattoo on his arm identical with my second tattoo. It was a heart with a name through it with a key symbolizing that the person was the key to your heart. So, I said, "I have the same tattoo with my wife's name on the heart." He answered that it was not his wife's name but his daughters." I looked at him, "why not your wife's name?" His quick retort, "daughters are forever, wives are not". And me, 3 wives later ...?

Jon Dobbs Editor



















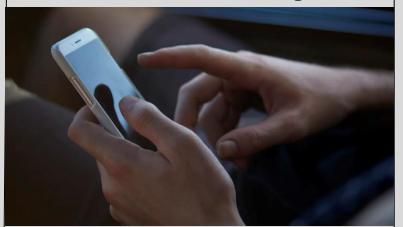


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FCC issues historic \$300 million fine against the largest robocall scam it has ever investigated



The globe-spanning illegal operation violated US telecom laws by making more than five billion robocalls to more than half a billion phone numbers over the course of just three months in 2021, the FCC said in a release Wednesday.

(CNN)

(Wired)

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China Demands Tech Firms

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PSA: Scammers Are Using Parking Meter QR Codes to Rip You Off



It turns out that parking meter QR codes aren't just convenient for all of us looking to quickly pay for our parking spot, but also for scammers looking to lift your credit card data. Here's what you need to know.

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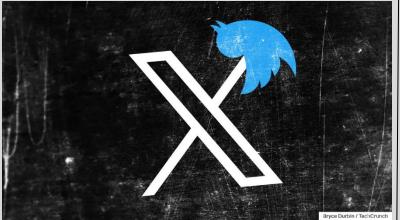






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Elon Musk to sue ADL for accusing him, X of antisemitism



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In the newest uproar you might have missed, Elon Musk says X, formerly Twitter, will file a defamation lawsuit against the Anti-Defamation League. Musk accused the ADL, an organization that works to combat antisemitism, extremism and bigotry, of falsely accusing him and X of being antisemitic.

Musk also blamed the ADL for X's falling U.S. advertising revenue.

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Rhino destroying a car completely



Moderna CEO made \$400M last year—2,435x the median salary of employees



Topping the income chart is the CEO of Moderna, the company that developed one of the leading COVID-19 vaccines in the world—with significant support from US taxpayers and federal scientists.

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Video shows bull named 'Howdy Doody' riding shotgun on Nebraska highway



















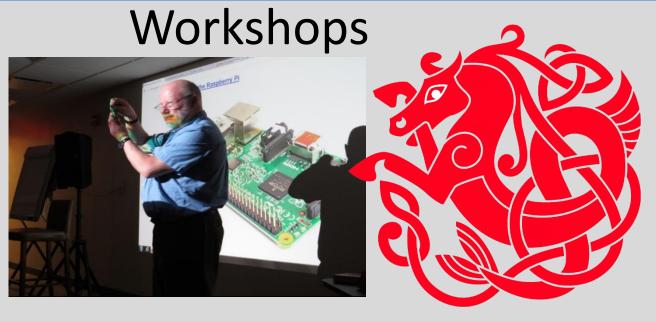








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TechEdConnectSM has workshops for everyone who uses a computing device. Some workshops have a formal classroom-type approach; others are informal meetings where ideas and problems are discussed. Below is a list of the various workshops and the leaders.

PHOTO & VIDEO EDITING Jim Iscaro

Learn to take pictures off your phone or camera, save them in an organized manner, back them up, and select the best. We then edit them so they look like the picture we wanted to take. We'll use an easy photo editor that is available in Windows and Mac and we will cover apps on Android and iOS devices.

TECHNOLOGY Anthony Tedesco

Meeting starts with discussions on any related area of technology attendees feel interested in. Followed by a presentation on a different technology topic each month.

NAVIGATING WINDOWS (Alternating months) **Pierre Darmon**

Q&A to address questions on Windows, from printing to device drivers, from changing default apps to addressing performance issues, and much more.

THE CURIOUS LION John Moore

What to do if a light does not light. What to do when your hair dryer will not turn on. How to map the circuits in your breaker panel. How to hook up a generator if you don't want to hire an electrician. How a 208-volt circuit differs from a 120-volt circuit. Bring your questions to find answers.









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UPGRADE & REPAIR Jonathan Hauff

We cover hardware and software. The good, fun, and bad stuff. Sessions feature adding to your PC (cameras, phones, mass storage, backups) and upgrades; error messages; stubborn installations; dreaded "blue screens of death," conflicts, and buggy programs, virus/spyware/identity issues and how to understand and solve them all!

DIGITAL CAMERAS Allan and Heather Turnbull

Do you want to know about the symbols and buttons on your camera? Do you want to know how to take a decent picture, download your pictures to your computer, and send them by email? Bring your digital camera and manual. We show you how to use it in a relaxed, informal, and hands-on environment.

ALL THINGS MOBILE

A roundtable discussion of Android and Apple devices. Share your phone and tablet experiences, apps, and favorite websites. We'll learn together. You don't need a device; we'll share ours with you. Open to all levels.

OFFICE SUITES George Hauss

Ah, you think you are an expert and don't have to come to George Hauss' workshop? In fact, George has been piling in the tips and tricks that make MS Office, LibreOffice, OpenOffice, and even the Mac Office Suite (iWork) much quicker and easier to use. Bring your own shortcuts to share. Put this workshop on your calendar and learn what you think you already know.

APPLE FOR BEGINNERS (Alternating months) **Pierre Darmon**

This workshop is geared for beginners. It is conducted as a Q&A for the most part. We cover all things Apple, from the Mac to the iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch, Airtags, and their relationship.

CULTURAL TECHNOLOGY David Lerner

Recent discussions on archaeology, gorgeous stained glass windows, World War II history, ships from the classical age. David Lerner shares his many interests with us and holds our attention throughout his workshop.

EXPLORING SOFTWARE Pierre Darmon

A different topic each month. Topics span from computer security to the paperless office to Chromebooks and printers, just to name a few.

BEGINNER WINDOWS Mark Lindemann

For those new to Windows or who recently bought their first computer, this workshop is for you.

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65 years of NASA – an astrophysicist reflects on the agency's legacy

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Westchester PC-Renew Gary Feiman or Jimmy Lamake at 914-297-8490 email to wpcrenew@wpcug.org. Learn to rehab computers and help our community at the same time. This is a hands-on workshop that refurbishes computers. No experience is necessary; we will teach you. We show you how to check out and install hardware and operating systems. Then all computers are given to nonprofit organizations in our community.

WPC-Renew is continuing to meet online and has also resumed in person workshops.

Since its creation WPC-Renew has refurbished approximately 1,550 computers and provided them free of charge to deserving people and organizations.

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To whom this may Concern,

thank you dearly For the computer. Now I can complete School Projects on time and correctly. I will use this computer For my homework Projects and most likely college study. I don't have to go running out or time, or my work not saving. I truly thank you, I wish to excell in life with this.

This sweet child in Foster Care received a WPC-Renew computer. The last line could break your heart.





Thomk you.



















DIGITAL CAMERAS Allan and Heather



Jon Dobbs went to Heather & Allan's workshop to learn to use his camera.

The Acropolis from downtown Athens

Greek Orthodox Monastery built on a mountain

























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He then went to Greece & took pictures with his cellphone. They are amazing anyway.

Greek Orthodox Monastery

Sunset on Mykonos



























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Wonderful Quotes from a Book of Wise Sayings



book may be as great a thing as a battle. Disraeli.

Absence of occupation is not rest; / A mind quite vacant is a mind distressed. Cowper.

A burnt child dreads the fire.

Accidents rule men, not men accidents. Herodotus.

Accuse not Nature; she hath done her part; Do thou thine. Milton.

A countenance more in sorrow than in anger. Hamlet.

A crowd is not company. Bacon.

"Experience is the best teacher," only the school-fees are heavy. Hegel.



xperience to most men is like the stern-lights of a ship, which illumine only the track it has passed. Coleridge.

Falsehood is never so successful as when she baits her hook with truth. Colton.

Fanaticism is a fire which heats the mind indeed, but heats without purifying. Warburton.

Faults are beauties in lover's eyes. Theocritus.

Feather by feather the goose is plucked.

Few are fit to be entrusted with themselves.

Few may play with the devil and win.



ew minds wear out; more rust out. Bovee.

Few things are impossible to diligence and skill. Johnson.

Fine sense and exalted sense are not half so useful as common sense. Pope.























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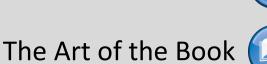
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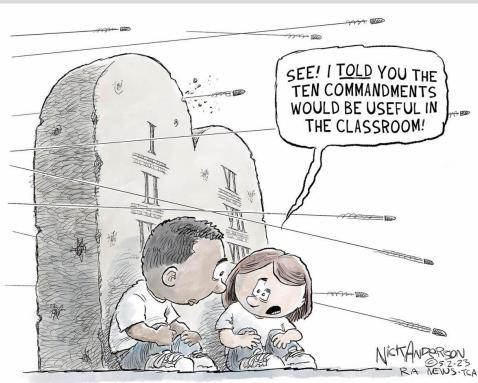
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