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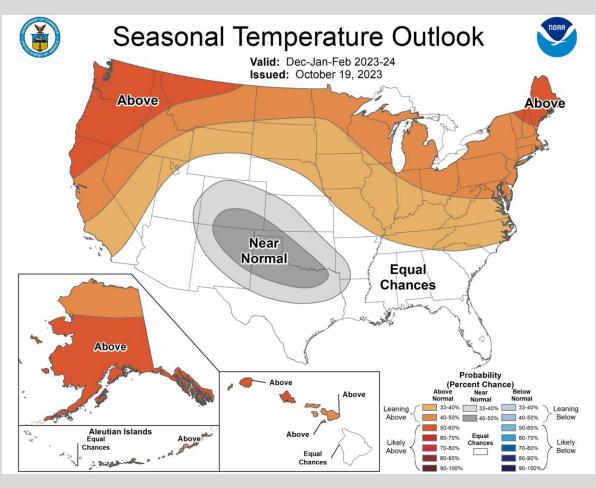
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We're entering a pretty strong El Niño-here's what that means for a US winter



Jet streams also have significant implications for our weather on the ground, as they more or less steer storm systems that affect the mid-latitudes. That is, they in large part determine whether parts of the United States—which lies almost entirely in the mid-latitudes between the tropics and poles in the Northern Hemisphere—will see stormy or serene weather.

(Ars Technica) Continue Reading...





















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HOMESCIENCE NEWS "I'd Rather Not Know" - The Science **Behind Willful Ignorance**



When given the choice to learn how their actions will affect someone else, 40% of people will choose ignorance, often in order to have an excuse to act selfishly, according to research published by the American Psychological Association.



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Husky telling stories gets offended























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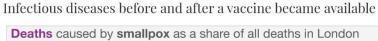
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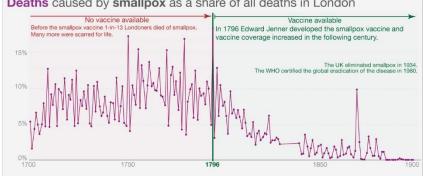
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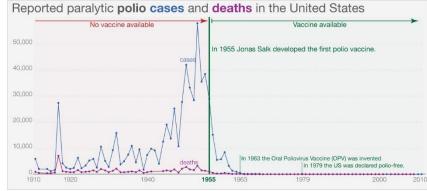
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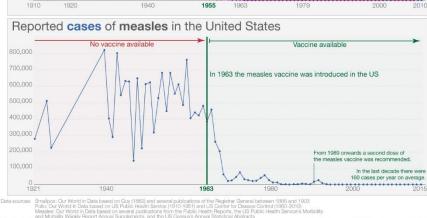
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Our history is a battle against the microbeswe lost terribly before science, public health, and vaccines.









It wasn't even close. We were losing very decisively. Billions of children died from infectious diseases. They were the main reason why child mortality was so high: No matter where or when they were born, around half died as children.



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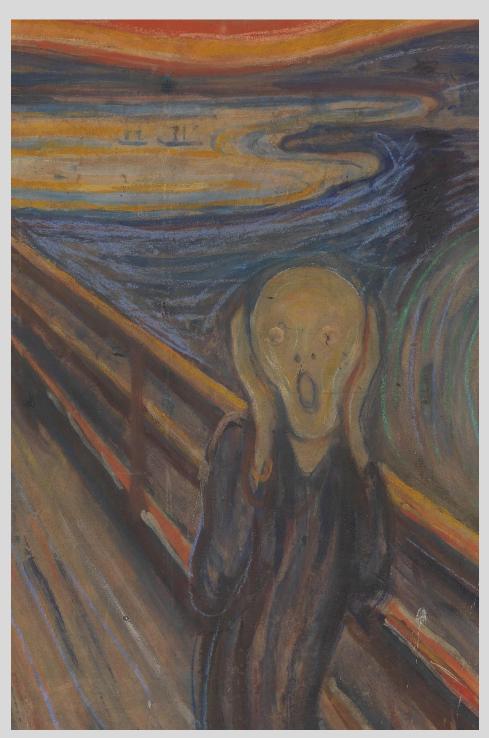
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The Scream, created by Norwegian artist Edvard Munch, in

Edvard Munch, in 1893. The Norwegian name of the piece is Skrik (Scream). The agonized face in the painting has become one of the most iconic images of art, seen as symbolizing the anxiety of the human condition. Munch's work, including The Scream, had a formative influence on the Expressionist movement

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Me after reading the news!

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President's Message

I am still pursuing other venues for our General Meetings. I finally heard back from our contact at Pace about a non-profit rate, and there are none. We currently have 5 other queries outstanding, 3 at local colleges, 1 at a local synagogue, and another at a woman's club. No return from any of them at this early stage. I am looking for other venues to ask. If someone has any connections to or simply suggestions for anything, please contact me directly.

I continue to get the regular scam text about my USPS package not being deliverable. It's the exact same message every time, except for the website. And they keep coming up with weirder and weirder sounding website names. They probably keep getting shut down by the authorities and create new domains over and over again. Don't fall for it, or any other unexpected text or phone call, no matter how legitimate looking or legitimate sounding they may be. It can (supposedly) come from Netflix, Amazon, Citi, Chase, Norton, McAfee, the Geek Squad, and many many more. Be vigilant.

Now that my (former) landline number is on Google Voice, I keep getting texts sent to it. Most are scams, some are simply ads. Which means that they keep blasting texts to ANY number, in the hope of reaching someone. Given that I had that number with Verizon for the past 27 years, you can imagine how many text messages I have "missed". I am so glad I missed them.

Dr. Pierre Darmon

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

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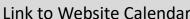








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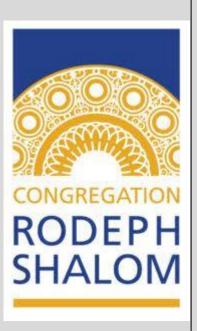
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Shalom is
doing a warm
clothing drive.



A food-insecure family's budget is already stretched to its breaking point—there's no extra for winter clothes, even when children have outgrown them. That's why Knitzvot and Breaking Bread on Broad are co-sponsoring a warm clothing drive for our neighbors in need this winter!

You can help by buying needed items from our Amazon registry. The drive is open now and runs through December 15.



Take a look at the Amazon registry to learn our current needs.



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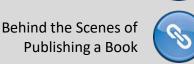




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TED Conferences is an American-Canadian nonprofit media organization that posts international talks online for free distribution under the slogan "ideas worth spreading"

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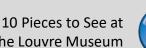


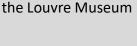
Birds Aren't Real? How a Conspiracy Takes Flight



Canva has taken the design world by storm in recent years and for a good reason. It's an intuitive platform that makes design accessible to everyone, even those of us who may not consider ourselves to be all that creative.

(MakeUseOff) Continue Reading...







Map of Human Migration out of Africa



Book vs Street Smart



Why did renewables become so cheap so fast? (OurWorldinData) Continue Reading...



Hillel's quandary: "If I am not for myself, who will be? ... If I am only for myself, what am I?"











The Best Password Managers of 2023



With every website needing an account to use it, the need for multiple accounts increases—as does the frustration of thinking up multiple passwords. Instead of using the same password for everything, keep your accounts secure with a password manager.

(HowtoGeek) Continue Reading...

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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How an Airliner Cockpit Works



How a Steam Locomotive Works (Union Pacific "Big Boy")



How a P-51 Mustang Works



How a NASCAR Cup Series Race Car Works





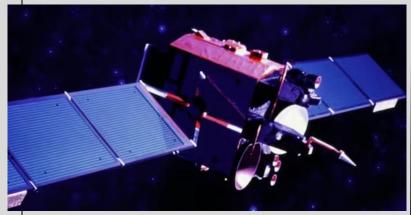






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Do 'sputnik moments' spur educational reform?



Ever since the USSR surprised the United States with the Oct. 4, 1957, launch of the world's first artificial satellite – Sputnik 1 – U.S. politicians and other public figures have used the term "sputnik moment" to describe times of crisis, where some sort of action is urgently needed in the realm of education.

From the publication of the landmark A Nation at Risk report on education in 1983 to the polarizing election of Donald Trump, one moment after another has been compared to the sputnik episode.

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The Largest Civilization in The World

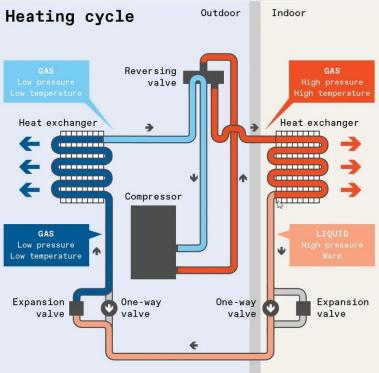


How to View and Print Your Amazon Receipts

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What Is a Heat Pump?



U.S. government began offering tax incentives for the installation of heat pumps, which tend to cost more up front than traditional furnaces but are far more efficient in the long run. So maybe it's time to come up to speed on what a heat pump is and does.

(IEEE Spectrum) Continue Reading...



900 Year Old Viking Church





















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Ukrainian hackers and intel officers partner up in apparent hack of a top Russian bank



(Victor Berzkin/AP)

Two Ukrainian hacktivist groups are claiming to have broken into Russia's largest private bank, Alfa-Bank.

In a blog post last week, the hackers from groups called KibOrg and NLB shared screenshots of what appears to be an internal database belonging to Alfa-Bank, as well as personal details of several Russian individuals as "confirmation" of the breach. Within the database, the hackers say there are over 30 million records including names, birthdates, account numbers and phone numbers of Russian customers.

(NPR) Continue Reading...

Global shift to clean energy means fossil fuel demand will peak soon, IEA says



(Michael Sohn/AP)

For decades, archaeologists thought this area's ultradense and fairly dry landscape would have been too harsh to sustain early settlements of the Maya civilization — the culturally sophisticated Mesoamerican society that dominated the region from roughly 250 B.C.E. to 900 C.E.

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The Top Ten Paintings in The National Gallery - An In-Depth Guided Tour





















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Civics (History and Government) Questions for the Redesigned (New)

Naturalization Test

1. What is the supreme law of the land:
2. What does the Constitution do?
3. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these
words?
4. What is an amendment?
5. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?
6. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?
7. How many amendments does the Constitution have?
8. What did the Declaration of Independence do?
9. What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?
10. What is freedom of religion?
11. What is the economic system in the United States?
12. What is the "rule of law"?
13. Name one branch or part of the government
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14. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?

Answers next month



















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26. We elect a President for how many years?
27. In what month do we vote for President?
28. What is the name of the President of the United States now?
29. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?
30. If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
31. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
32. Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?
33. Who signs bills to become laws?
34. Who vetoes bills?
35. What does the President's Cabinet do?
36. What are two Cabinet-level positions?
37. What does the judicial branch do?
38. What is the highest court in the United States?
39. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?
40. Who is the Chief Justice of the United States now?
41. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?
42. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the states. What is one power of the states?
43. Who is the Governor of your state now?
44. What is the capital of your state?
45. What are the two major political parties in the United States?
46. What is the political party of the President now?
47. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?
48. There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them.
49. What is one responsibility that is only for United States citizens?
50. Name one right only for United States citizens.



















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Is That ATM Safe? 8 Tips to Protect Your Debit or Credit Card



The idea of looking for ATM skimmers before you insert your card isn't new. But checking for tampering on a point-of-sale device can be difficult, and until recently, it wasn't necessary since those devices were usually operated by human employees. Now that more retailers are ditching human cashiers for self-checkout options, there are more chances for thieves to attach credit card skimmers to payment machines and ATMs and steal your money.

(PCMag) Continue Reading...

International Criminal Court systems breached for cyber espionage



The intergovernmental organization disclosed the breach on September 19, a few days after detecting anomalous activity on its information systems.

As an international tribunal, the International Criminal Court (ICC) is seated in The Hague, Netherlands, and its attributions are to investigate, and to hold accountable individuals committing crimes of concern to the international community.

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Don't click Google ads for software downloads. They're dangerous



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Clicking on a Google ad can be like gambling, except that there are no winners in the game. Land on a legitimate website, and you've fed the algorithm info about what ads to keep serving you. End up on a malicious webpage, and well, you may have exposed your PC to danger...especially if you downloaded software from the phony site.

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(TechRadar)

Some of the most popular websites around have a serious security login flaw



(PCMag)

Caught in a Sham Romance? How to Spot Online Dating Scams



Apple's "carbon neutral" claims are facing increased scrutiny



Apple faces scrutiny from European environmental and consumer groups over its claims that its latest devices are "carbon neutral," a term that Brussels proposes to ban in corporate marketing because it is "misleading."

The iPhone maker last month put its "environmentally friendly" credentials at the center of its biggest annual product launch. It called some Apple Watch models its "first-ever carbon neutral products," part of a drive to extend the classification across all its devices by the end of the decade.

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(Ars Technica) Will ChatGPT's hallucinations be allowed to ruin your life?



























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ALL WORKSHOPS ARE ONLINE

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.

DDG-105 takes a nose-dive



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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 1,600 computers and provided them free of charge to deserving people and organizations.

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Dr. Richard, a member of **WPC-Renew** sets up the computers in the cottages at CV.

The kids all think the dozens computers come from her.









Some Off-Beat aphorisms David Shulman <shul****@yahoo.com> Tue, Jan 3, 2012, 7:11 PM

to David

Subject: Some Off-Beat aphorisms



f you're not familiar with the work of Steven Wright, he's the famous erudite scientist who once said: "I woke up one morning, and all of my stuff had been stolen and replaced by exact duplicates." His mind sees things differently than most of us do; here are some of his gems:

- 1 I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize
- 2 Borrow money from pessimists they don't expect it back.
- 3 Half the people you know are below average.
- 4 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- 5 82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- 6 A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
- 7 A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- 8 If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain.
- 9 All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise my hand.
- 10 The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- 11 I almost had a psychic girlfriend, but she left me before we met.
- 12 OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- 13 How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- 14 If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- 15 Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- 16 When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- 17 Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.
- 18 Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.
- 19 I intend to live forever, so far, so good.









- 20 If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
- 21 Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
- 22 What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- 23 My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."
- 24 Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
- 25 If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- 26 A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
- 27 Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- 28 The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread
- 29 To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
- 30 The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
- 31 The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.
- 32 The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.
- 33 Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.
- 34 If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

Editors Choice

And the all time favorite:

35 - If your car could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights



I was cleaning out old e-mails and I found this from an old friend since sadly departed.























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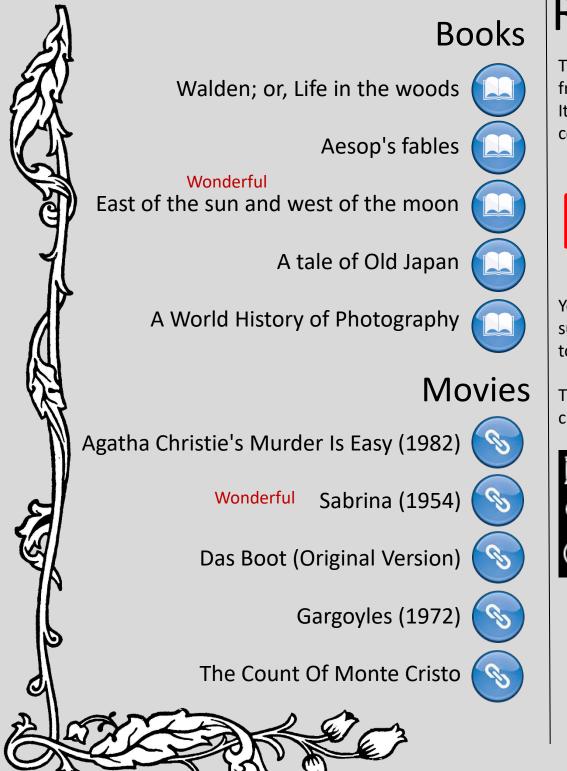
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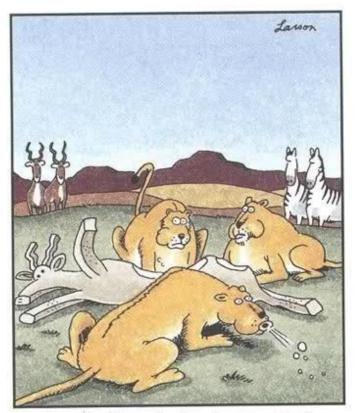
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"I look at people sometimes and thinkReally?
That's the sperm that won?"

The longer I live,
the more
convinced am I
that this planet is
used by other
planets as a
lunatic asylum.
— George Bernard
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She said she missed me. Normally that would be good, but she's reloading.

The Oldest Computer
Was Owned By Adam
And Eve. It Was An
Apple With Very Limited
Memory. Just 1 Byte
And Everything
Crashed!



In sudden disgust, the three lionesses realized they had killed a tofudebeest—one of the Serengeti's obnoxious health antelopes.



