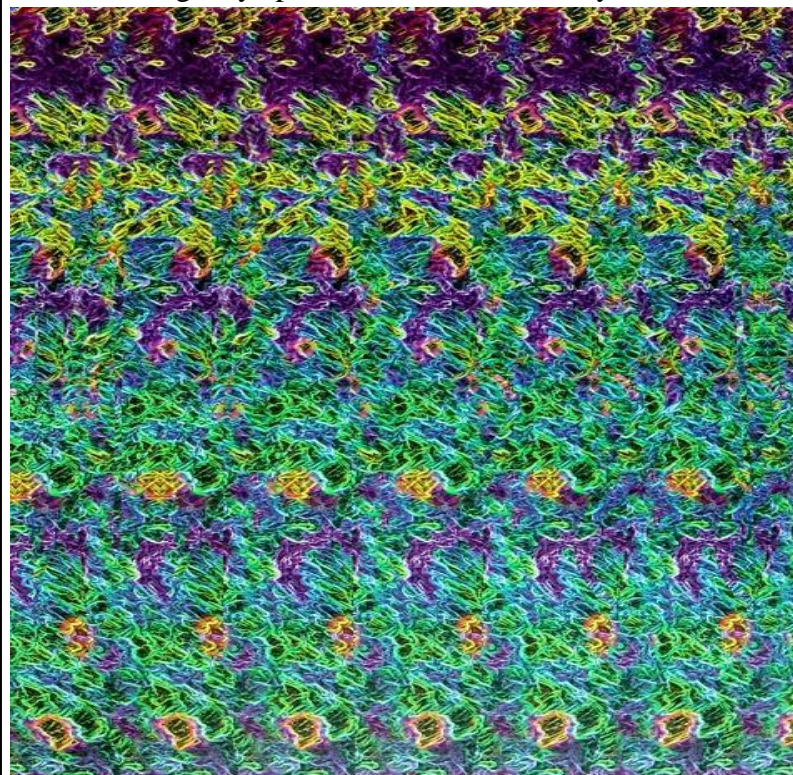


Another three day weekend! I am getting too used to this. I'm not sure what I'm going to do if we have a regular five day week. If I'm not at school next Monday, then I've probably forgotten to come. And, what did you do yesterday? We had an insurance¹ salesman come round to our house. He has a few new types of insurance he wants us to buy. One of them is earthquake insurance. We have been having a lot of aftershocks² recently and some people think we'll have another big shake. I don't think we will, but you never know. That's why we get insurance, I guess.

Something You Don't Know (The Nobel Prize)

1. There were 5 prizes originally. Physics³ chemistry⁴, peace, medicine⁵ and literature⁶. A prize in economics⁷ was added in 1968 making 7 categories.
2. The prize was created by Alfred Nobel who was an armaments manufacturer⁸. He is also famous for inventing dynamite. He didn't want to be remembered for arms, so he created the Nobel Prizes in his will. He left 94% of his fortune, \$186,000,000 to start the prize fund.
3. America has won the most Nobel Prizes. They have won 324 out of the 561 prizes.
4. Two people have refused to accept the prize: Jean-Paul Satre and Le Duc Tho.
5. Four people have won two prizes: Marie Curie, Linus Pauling, John Bardeen and Fred Sanger.
6. Lawrence Bragg was 25 years old when he won the Nobel Prize for physics in 1915!

This is a magic eye picture – what is it? Can you see it?



Last Week's Answers

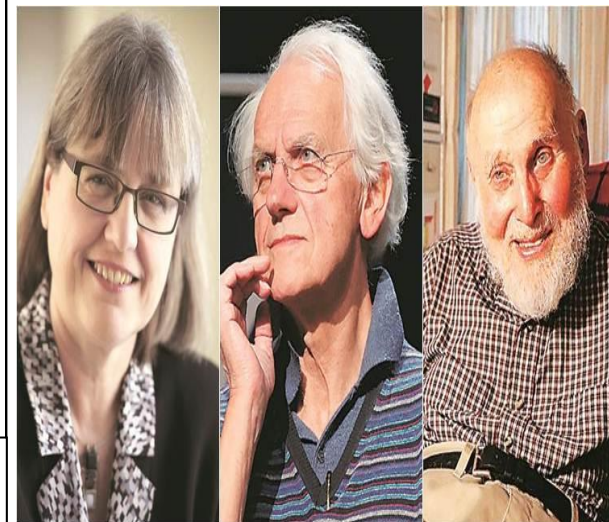
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Announcements

Today, I have one of my Fun English classes. A lot of elementary students will be walking through school. Try not to scare them. On Saturday we have a school open day.

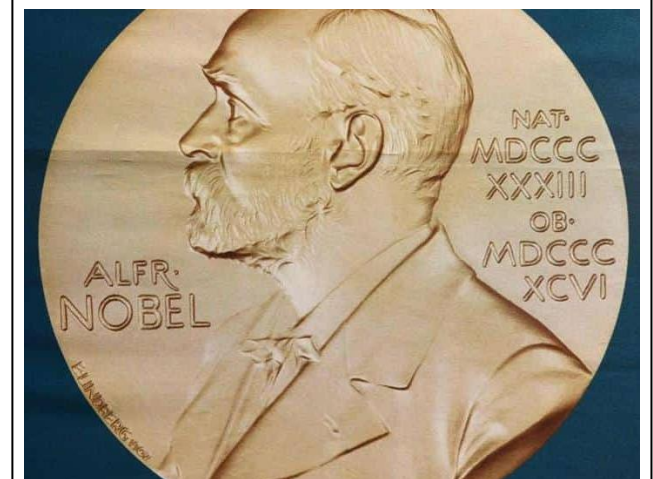
Donna Strickland Wins Nobel Prize for Physics

Donna Strickland, a physicist from Canada has won the Nobel Prize for physics. She, and her two colleagues, won the award for their work on pulse lasers⁹. Ms. Strickland is the first female winner of the physics prize since 1963, 55 years ago. In fact, of all the 923 science Nobel Prizes that have been awarded, women have only won 50 of them. Ms. Strickland hopes that this will encourage more girls to study science.



Their discovery made it possible for lasers to be more powerful, and also for the creation of laser tweezers which are used to hold microscopic organisms¹⁰ such as virus or bacteria. They have shared a prize of \$1 million. Ms. Strickland is only the third ever woman to win the prize for physics. The other two were Marie Curie in 1903 for her work on radioactivity¹¹ and Maria Goeppert-Meyer for her work on atomic structure¹².

Donna Strickland didn't even have a Wikipedia page until a few days ago. Somebody tried to create one for her, but their request was cancelled. Wikipedia said that Ms. Strickland was not notable or famous enough to need a page. Then she won the Nobel prize. She has a page now. Hopefully a lot of girls (all of you) will be encouraged by her story and will start to learn sciences. I think the next Nobel prize for physics winner is reading this news right now!



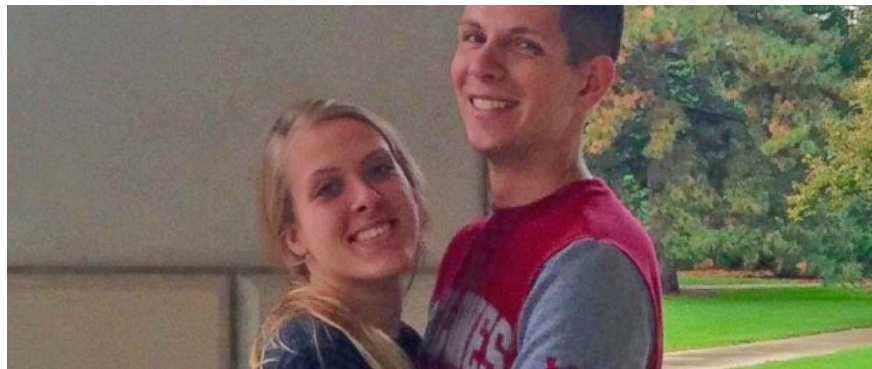
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6. Literature 文学 **7. Economics** 経済 **8. Armaments manufacturer** 兵器製造業者 **9. Pulse laser**
 高エネルギーパルスレーザー **10. Microscopic organism** 微生物 **11. Radiation** 放射線
12. Atomic structure 原子構造

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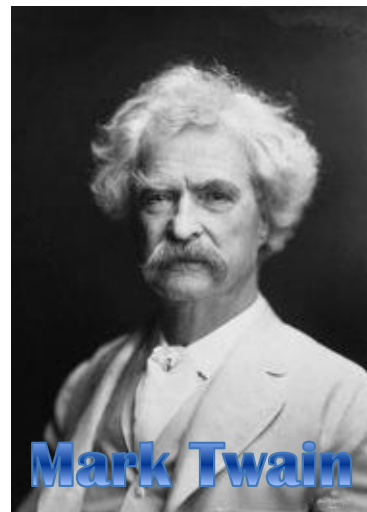


World Records

Do you like to be hugged¹? I like to hug my daughter, but that's it. About 12 years ago Joe tried to hug me and I've never forgotten it. So, I wouldn't be very good at trying for this week's record. Amanda Nerem and Alec Norem, both from Iowa, USA, broke the record for the world's longest hug. They hugged each other for 31 hours! 31 hours of standing there holding someone else! That's incredible. Ok. I give in. Maybe Joe and I can try it.



A person who does not read has no advantage² over a person who cannot read.



★ Places you should visit ★

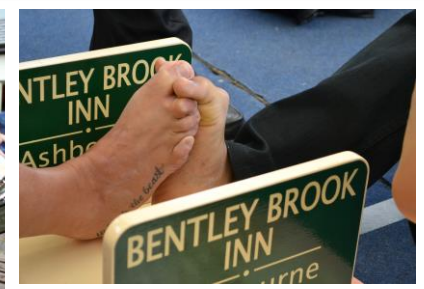
If you have the time and the money, you should definitely visit the Louvre. The Louvre is an art museum in Paris and it houses many famous works of art. Probably the most famous painting in their collection is the Mona Lisa. If you go to see it, you will be disappointed by how small it actually is. However, there are many other things to see in the museum. If you love art, you will find that one day isn't enough. You can stay in one of the many hotels in Paris, you can enjoy eating the wonderful Parisienne cuisine³, and you can spend your days wandering⁴ the halls and rooms of the Louvre. There are over 400,000 works of art on display. It is probably the largest public art collection in the world. You will have a wonderful time.



★ An Interesting Sport ★

Toe wrestling

Here is a sport you can all try at school. You don't need any special equipment⁵. All you need are some toes. And an opponent⁶. Two players lock feet and try to pin each other's leg. There is no time limit. The game was invented in England in 1974. Four drunk⁷ people were sad that England didn't have any world champions. They decided that if they made a new game that only English people knew about, they would be champions.



- 1.Hug 抱き締める 2.Advantage 良い点 3.Cuisine 料理 4.Wander 歩き回る
5.Equipment 道具 6.Opponent 相手 7.Drunk 酔っぱらっている