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French First Lady Valerie Trierweiler has been admitted to hospital after media reports of an alleged affair involving President Francois Hollande. She entered hospital on Friday "for rest and some tests", her office said, after Closer magazine published images linking him to actress Julie Gayet. Mr Hollande did not deny the report but protested at invasion of his privacy. Conservative opposition leader Jean-Francois Cope has suggested the drama has damaged France's image abroad. Ms Trierweiler is expected to leave hospital on Monday, her office told AFP news agency. A presidential news conference scheduled for Tuesday on plans to boost the flagging economy now looks like being overshadowed by Mr Hollande's private life, correspondents say.

BBC

Iran nuclear deal to enter into force on 20 January

Let's hope the Repubs and those Dems that love sanctions don't screw this up.

An interim agreement to freeze Iran's nuclear programme will enter into force on 20 January, it has been announced. The deal, agreed in talks with world powers in November, envisages easing of some international sanctions on Tehran. US President Barack Obama welcomed the news but said more work was needed to strike a long-term deal. He threatened new sanctions if there was a breach. The West accuses Iran of seeking nuclear weapons, but Tehran has consistently denied that.

BBC

Black rhino hunt permit auctioned in US

A permit to hunt and kill an endangered Black Rhino in Namibia has been sold at a US auction for \$350,000 (£212,000). The Dallas Safari Club in Texas says the hunt will help protect the species by removing an old aggressive rhino, and funding future conservation. However, the auction has been fiercely criticised by conservationists, and has even drawn death threats. Namibia is home to about a third of the world's 5,000 black rhinos, and issues just three hunting permits a year. It is the first time a permit has been auctioned outside the southern African nation. 'A sad joke' The auction was held amid tight security at a Dallas convention centre, where dozens of protesters had gathered. The winning bidder - who has not been named - will hunt an old, non-breeding male rhino.

BBC

BP loses bid over Gulf oil payouts

BP has lost an appeal to cancel the terms of its multi-billion-dollar settlement with businesses over the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill disaster. A US federal appeals court on Saturday upheld the terms of the original 2012 settlement. The UK oil giant has supported compensation for businesses harmed by the disaster. But it argued that the terms of the existing deal meant that some huge sums were being paid for false claims. In 2012, BP agreed to make payments to those who suffered economic losses as a result of the disaster aboard the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig, which triggered the worst offshore oil spill in US history. The blast killed 11 workers and released an estimated four million barrels of oil into the gulf. However, BP complained that the payout formula worked out by court-appointed claims administrator Patrick Juneau was too generous and meant that people and businesses were being paid huge sums for false claims.

by Dragon5616

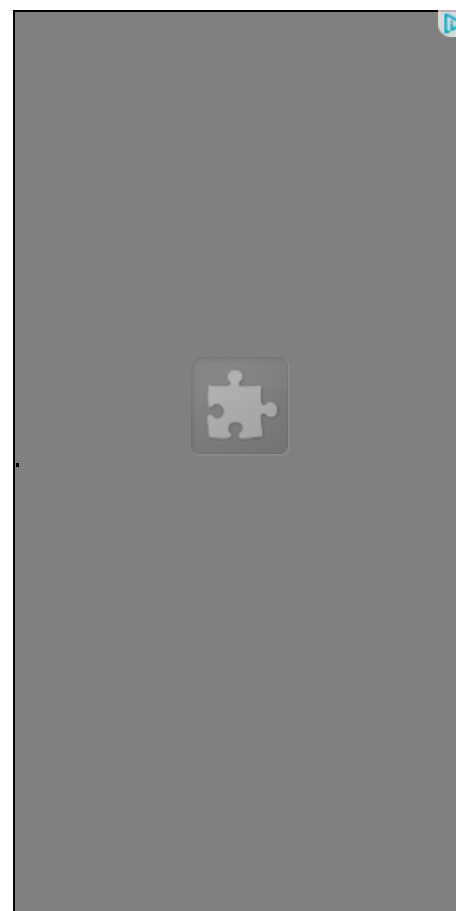
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Santa Anas could bring record highs, increased fire danger

Santa Ana winds are expected to bring summer-like temperatures over the next few days, with the possibility of record-breaking highs on Wednesday. But the weather that will elicit pangs of jealousy from those living in cold climates also will bring potential danger. The high winds, low humidity, built-up stores of dry fuel and lack of rain led the National Weather Service on Saturday to call a red-flag warning for portions of Southern California, meaning critical fire weather is expected. The red-flag warning starts Monday at 3 a.m. and will run until 6 p.m. Wednesday. Although normal seasonal rainfall for this time of year is 5.45 inches in downtown Los Angeles, the city has received less than an inch, said weather specialist Stuart Seto. Temperatures are expected to increase as the week wears on. Downtown highs should hit 74 Sunday, 77 Monday, 80 on Tuesday and 84 Wednesday, which would threaten the record of 85 degrees for Jan. 15 that was set in 2009.

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Golden Globes 2014: 'Breaking Bad' wins best TV drama.

AMC's "Breaking Bad" won the Golden Globe for best TV drama on Sunday night. Created by Vince Gilligan, the series follows the downward spiral of a cancer-stricken high school chemistry teacher turned crystal meth kingpin, played by Bryan Cranston. The final eight episodes of "Breaking Bad" aired on AMC last year to record ratings, and the show picked up its first Emmy for drama series in September. Though "Breaking Bad" is one of the most critically acclaimed dramas of the past decade, the Hollywood Foreign Press Assn. had been somewhat slow to recognize its merits, nominating it in the drama category for the first time just last year.

The drama edged out fellow nominees "Masters of Sex" (Showtime), "House of Cards" (Netflix), "Downton Abbey" (PBS) and "The Good Wife" (CBS). Somewhat unusually, last year's Golden Globe winner for TV drama, "Homeland" (Showtime), failed to receive a series nomination this time around.

Aljazeera America

White House taps Accenture to run health care website

The government's much-maligned health insurance website is getting a new outside contractor to steer the revamped portal through the remainder of open enrollment season.

The Obama administration and lead website contractor CGI Federal said Friday they had mutually agreed to part ways on HealthCare.gov. The site's launch Oct. 1 embarrassed President Barack Obama and prompted a frantic reconstruction campaign. It largely works well now.

Government officials had little to say.

CGI's current contract will not be renewed after February, a person familiar with the situation said Friday. The person requested anonymity because of federal rules regarding the privacy of contractors.

Instead, the administration intends to hire Accenture, a major technology consulting company, to run the federal website serving 36 states.

Aljazeera America

System overload slows Hawaii's solar energy boom

For more than four decades, sunny Hawaii has led the way in clean, renewable energy. Today 10 percent of households in the Aloha State have rooftop solar systems to generate electricity, compared with no more than 3 percent in California. But now Hawaii is facing a problem: the increase of privately installed solar panels has overloaded the power grid.

"When you have all this power flowing around with nowhere to go, so to speak, it can cause reliability problems," says Peter Rosegg, a spokesman for Hawaiian Electric Co. The utility has seen such an increase in private solar panels, prompted in part by federal and state tax incentives, that it stopped connecting them this fall.

Now in the process of studying the grid, the company expects to have a short-term solution for customers in the spring.

But for customers like William Walker, who was affected by Hawaiian Electric's change in policy, the wait is frustrating. He and his wife installed a solar-panel system on their house, hoping to reduce their electricity costs, only to learn of the freeze on new connections

Reuters

Cheesy problem: Kraft warns of possible Velveeta shortage

(Reuters) - Kraft Foods is warning it may run short of its Velveeta cheese product, right at a time of high seasonal U.S. demand for the orangey-yellow foodstuff.

"It is possible consumers may not be able to find some Velveeta products on store shelves over the next couple of weeks," Kraft spokeswoman Jody Moore said in an email on Tuesday. "This is really a short-term issue that's more noticeable right now, given the increased seasonal demand. We have not heard many complaints from consumers so far."

The processed cheese product is popular this time of year for dips and other recipes calling for melted cheese to make snacks often consumed while watching football on television. The National Football League playoffs began last weekend, and college football held its championship game on Monday night.

"The driver is really the increased demand related to the football post-season. This is something that would likely have gone unnoticed at any other time of year," Moore said.

"This is not a marketing/advertising campaign."

Raw Story

Your electricity may someday be generated by micro-windmills smaller than rice

Researchers at the University of Texas at Arlington announced the development of experimental micro-windmills a tenth the size of a grain of rice, which might someday power electronics like cell phones with a wave of the hand.

Hundreds of the windmills could be embedded in a sleeve for a cell phone, the university noted in a release touting the innovation.

The project developed out of work by Smitha Rao and J.C. Chiao as a way to make maximum advantage of an advanced fabrication technique used by a WinMEMS, a Taiwanese semiconductor firm. The micro-windmills can be made in an array using batch processes, reducing the fabrication cost because making one device costs about as much as making hundreds or thousands on a single wafer

Raw Story Easy come, easy go.

Baltimore Museum of Art awarded stolen Renoir found at flea market for \$7

A Renoir painting that was allegedly picked up at a flea market for \$7 was stolen from a museum more than 60 years ago and must be returned, a United States federal judge ruled.

Eastern District of Virginia Judge Leonie Brinkema awarded ownership of the disputed 1879 oil painting on linen to the museum in Baltimore, ruling it had been stolen from there in November 1951.

"The Baltimore Museum of Art is pleased that the US District Court of the Eastern District of Virginia has awarded ownership of the stolen Renoir painting, 'On the Shore of the Seine,' to the museum," it said in a statement following Friday's ruling.

"We look forward to celebrating the painting's homecoming with a special installation in the galleries in late March."

The judge rejected the ownership claims of Marcia "Martha" Fuqua, said court documents which put the market value of the postcard-sized painting at \$22,000.

Fuqua said she bought the painting at a West Virginia flea market for \$7 in 2009

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▼ **Tip Jar (39+ / 0-)**

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by **side pocket** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:00:15 PM PST**

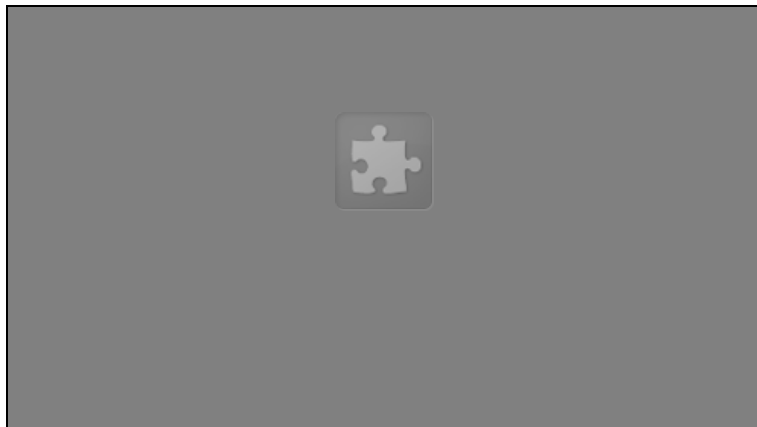
▼ **Thank you side pocket (18+ / 0-)**

for continuing to keep us informed of Sunday news.

*The good thing about science is that it's true whether or not you believe in it.—
Neil deGrasse Tyson*

by **maggiejean** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:02:12 PM PST**

▼ **First trailer for season 4 of "Game of Thrones" (19+ / 0-)**



Season 4 premieres on April 6.

:-)

*I'm a **Silly Rabbit**.*

by **Trix** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:02:22 PM PST**

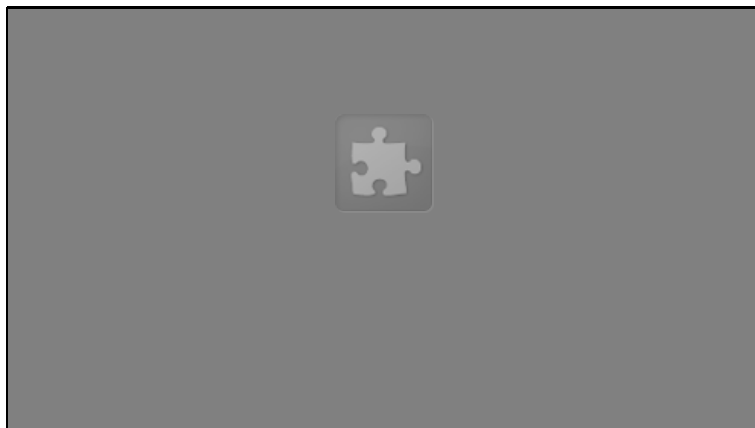
▼ **Ah. Back to the death watch. n/t (15+ / 0-)**

*Don't tell me what you believe, show me what you **do** and I will tell you what you believe.*

by **Meteor Blades** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:19:56 PM PST**

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▼ **Slavery - Crash Course US History #13 (20+ / 0-)**



by **palantir** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:02:31 PM PST**

▼ **palantir (11+ / 0-)**

Good history lesson.

When I started watching it I thought of posting an image of a slave that had been slashed with a whip repeatedly & then it popped up in the video.

Horrific image. (it`s in my archives)

Then the humor part

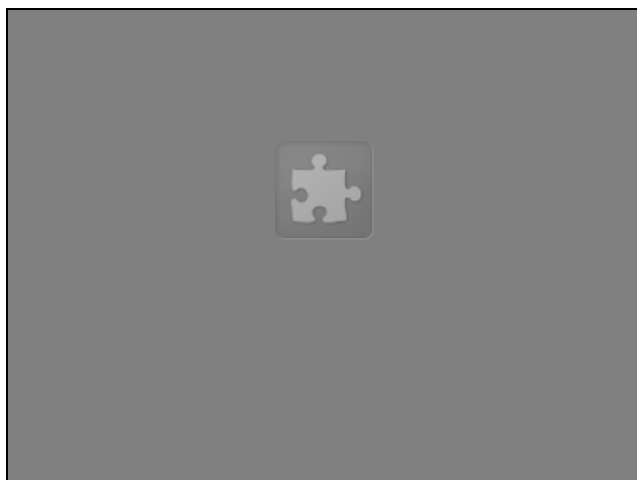
Aristotle; discoverer of dolphins

I`m already against the next war.

by **Knucklehead** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:32:02 PM PST**

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▼ **Colour film of London in 1927 (19+ / 0-)**



by **palantir** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:04:03 PM PST**

▼ Colour film (12+ / 0-)

from even before I was born, how cool.

Ceiling Cat rules....srsly.

by **side pocket** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:07:07 PM PST**

[**Parent**]

▼ palantir (10+ / 0-)

That has quite a good color quality for the time period it was filmed in.

I`m already against the next war.

by **Knucklehead** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:35:29 PM PST**

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▼ ... (13+ / 0-)

Somewhat unusually, last year's Golden Globe winner for TV drama, "Homeland" (Showtime), failed to receive a series nomination this time around.

Hardly surprising, considering the show gets progressively worse each season.

*I'm a **Silly Rabbit**.*

by **Trix** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:04:36 PM PST**

▼ On a related note... (11+ / 0-)

The newest season of the BBC series "Sherlock" (set to premiere on PBS January 19th) is a real letdown from the previous seasons.

:-{

*I'm a **Silly Rabbit**.*

by **Trix** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:06:42 PM PST**

[**Parent**]

▼ Schrödinger's Sherlock nt (6+ / 0-)

I want 1 less Tiny Coffin, Why Don't You? Support The President's Gun Violence Plan.

by **JML9999** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 10:09:52 PM PST**

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▼ Totally disagree (0+ / 0-)

It has a different tone, but what it is is great. I absolutely loved the second episode of this season, probably my favorite of the entire run. So much fun.

What would Bulworth do?

by **Progrocks** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 11:54:16 PM PST**

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▼ I've Been Meaning To Ask.... (12+ / 0-)

What you thought about the ending of the season that just ended.

There were many critics that thought the show "redeemed" itself at the end. But I would argue, if the show found a groove at all, it was only because the writers finally realized they couldn't string out one character's story any longer and it was time to go in a new direction.

*Doctor RJ = Doctor **Rimjob***

by **Doctor RJ** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:14:14 PM PST**

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▼ **To be honest with you... (11+ / 0-)**

I gave up on the series altogether and never watched the final 2 episodes.

I just stopped giving a shit what happened to any of the characters.

*I'm a **Silly Rabbit**.*

by **Trix** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:15:51 PM PST**

[**Parent**]

▼ **I quit after the first episode (0+ / 0-)**

I'm sort of a purist in things, and a real SH fan, so I went into it skeptical. I don't mind a remake but it better be good. (I have all the BBC Sherlock Holmes Series tivo'd)

Part of the problem was, and this problem is prevalent in a lot of BBC things, is that the background music sometimes overwhelms the dialog and it's hard to follow British accents when the people are speaking low. I miss a lot of the plot and, since it's significantly different than the original plot, is hard to follow.

Like you, I thought it was hard to relate to the characters.

I can't follow much of Elementary either.

Happy just to be alive

by **exlrrp** on **Mon Jan 13, 2014 at 06:12:13 AM PST**

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▼ **The Golden Globes (19+ / 0-)**

From **E! Online**: *2014 Golden Globes Winners: The Complete List*



MOTION PICTURES**Best Actress in a Motion Picture, Drama:** Cate Blanchett, *Blue Jasmine***Best Actor in a Motion Picture, Drama:** Matthew McConaughey, *Dallas Buyer's Club***Best Actress in a Motion Picture, Comedy or Musical:** Amy Adams, *American Hustle***Best Actor in a Motion Picture, Comedy or Musical:** Leonardo DiCaprio, *Wolf of Wall Street***Best Supporting Actress, Motion Picture:** Jennifer Lawrence, *American Hustle***Best Supporting Actor, Motion Picture:** Jared Leto, *Dallas Buyer's Club***Best Director, Motion Picture:** Alfonso Cuarón, *Gravity***Best Motion Picture, Musical or Comedy:** *American Hustle***Best Motion Picture, Drama:** *12 Years a Slave***Best Original Score, Motion Picture:** Alex Ebert, *All is Lost***Best Original Song, Motion Picture:** Ordinary Love, *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom***Best Screenplay, Motion Picture:** Spike Jonze, *Her***Best Animated Feature Film:** *Frozen***TELEVISION:****Best Actress, TV Series, Comedy or Musical:** Amy Poehler, *Parks & Recreation***Best Actor in a TV Series, Comedy or Musical:** Andy Samberg, *Brooklyn 99***Best Actress in a TV Series, Drama:** Robin Wright, *House of Cards***Best Actor in a TV Series, Drama:** Bryan Cranston, *Breaking Bad***Best TV Series, Drama:** *Breaking Bad***Best TV Series, Comedy:** *Brooklyn 99***Best Supporting Actress in a TV Series, Miniseries, Motion Picture Made for Television:** Jacqueline Bisset, *Dancing on the Edge***Best TV Mini-Series or Movie:** *Behind the Candelabra***Best Actress, TV Movie or Miniseries:** Elisabeth Moss, *Top of the Lake***Best Actor, TV Miniseries or Movie:** Michael Douglas, *Behind the Candelabra***Best Supporting Actor in a TV Series, Miniseries, Motion Picture Made for Television:** Jon Voight, *Ray Donovan*Doctor RJ = Doctor **Rimjob**by **Doctor RJ** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:05:17 PM PST**

▼ "American Hustle," indeed (n/t) (12+ / 0-)

I'm a *Silly Rabbit*.

by **Trix** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:14:14 PM PST**

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▼ Aside from critics... (13+ / 0-)

I don't know of a single person who thought it was a great film.

I'm a *Silly Rabbit*.

by **Trix** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:17:29 PM PST**

[**Parent**]

▼ A Bit Tangential, But.... (12+ / 0-)

A bit of a spoiler about my column tomorrow.

It's going to be about HBO's *Girls* (which began its new season tonight). And it's similar in that the critics love it, but it gets low ratings for HBO and is incredibly divisive among the public at large.

Doctor RJ = Doctor *Rimjob*

by **Doctor RJ** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:22:16 PM PST**

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▼ I liked the first few episodes a lot... (11+ / 0-)

So much, in fact, that I watched Lena Dunham's debut film, "*Tiny Furniture*," which is basically the exact same thing... and then I lost interest.

I'm a *Silly Rabbit*.

by **Trix** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:26:09 PM PST**

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▼ This Might Sound Weird (10+ / 0-)

And I'm going to get into a bit more with the diary, but I actually find people's responses to the series more interesting than the show itself.

I know Lena Dunham has said that she was going for a realism with the characters, but that realism has left them all as self-absorbed assholes. And I know Dunham has tried to liken them to Walter White in *Breaking Bad*, in that unlikable characters can be interesting, but similar to how you felt about *Homeland*, I don't give a shit about any of the characters on *Girls*.

Walter White or Tony Soprano or Don Draper may be unlikable in some respects, but I cared about what happened with their stories. I don't really care if Dunham's character *Hannah succeeds*, because I don't have any empathy for her.

Doctor RJ = Doctor *Rimjob*

by **Doctor RJ** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:32:01 PM PST**

[**Parent**]

▼ OT... (8+ / 0-)

Have you heard anything about the new "Jack Ryan" film?

I assume it's terrible, and that's why it's being released in January.

I'm a *Silly Rabbit*.

by **Trix** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:37:35 PM PST**

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▼ Can't Say That I Have (8+ / 0-)

It was originally supposed to be released at Christmas, but was **pushed back by Paramount** to give *The Wolf of Wall Street* the date.

Paramount and Skydance Productions are pushing back Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, an increasingly lucrative moviegoing weekend.

Doctor RJ = Doctor **Rimjob**

by **Doctor RJ** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:47:05 PM PST**

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▼ That's weird... (8+ / 0-)

Generally speaking, there's a big difference in the quality of the films released in late December vs. January.

I'm a **Silly Rabbit**.

by **Trix** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:48:50 PM PST**

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▼ I'm looking forward to watching... (7+ / 0-)

the new HBO anthology series "**True Detective**," starring Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson.

I'm a **Silly Rabbit**.

by **Trix** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:55:29 PM PST**

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▼ The "Framing Device" For The Show..... (7+ / 0-)

Is used particularly well, and it's as much (if not more) about the relationship between McConaughey and Harrelson's detectives, as it's about the crime itself.

Doctor RJ = Doctor **Rimjob**

by **Doctor RJ** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 10:01:13 PM PST**

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▼ I saw the "making of/behind the scenes" special (7+ / 0-)

Looks really interesting.

I'm gonna start watching momentarily.

I'm a **Silly Rabbit**.

by **Trix** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 10:02:20 PM PST**

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▼ AbScam the Musical Comedy nt (6+ / 0-)

I want 1 less *Tiny Coffin*, *Why Don't You?* Support *The President's Gun Violence Plan*.

by **JML9999** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 10:10:44 PM PST**

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▼ **I have not seen it (2+ / 0-)**

but is American Hustle a comedy or musical? The trailer sure did not make it seem as such.

What would Bulworth do?

by **Progrocks** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 11:52:24 PM PST**

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▼ **Side pocket (15+ / 0-)**

Another cool OND.

Just as I was leaving for the market today I asked Teri if I should pick up all the Velveeta cheese blocks & sell them on eBay for the Super Bowl. She mentioned something about "getting busted for scalping cheese."

I`m already against the next war.

by **Knucklehead** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:08:33 PM PST**

▼ **side pocket (13+ / 0-)**

Yes, the ever-present fear during the Santa Anna`s is that an arsonist or pyromaniac will strike.

It`s nice & all that we have warm weather, but we do need rain.

I even switched from working inside on a little project I`m working on, to doing the outside work on the project, to try & get some rain to jinx me.

It`s not working.

I`ll post some pix of the finished deck in a few days.

I`m already against the next war.

by **Knucklehead** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:14:21 PM PST**

▼ **I saw the beginning of the deck. (12+ / 0-)**

Your craftsmanship is amazing.

I washed my car like Maggiejean suggested and garnered .4 inches of rain, which at least filled my bird bath.

Ceiling Cat rules....srsly.

by **side pocket** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:18:19 PM PST**

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▼ **side pocket (6+ / 0-)**

Thank you.

Here the bird baths are always filled, from the fountain at the front entry, to 2/3 on the Sunset Deck to 3/4 down in the lower yard, & we sure have clean birds here.

Those bird baths are a hive of activity all day long.

I`m already against the next war.

by **Knucklehead** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 10:03:42 PM PST**

[**Parent**]

▼ **I don't know anymore about the \$7 Renoir... (16+ / 0-)**

...than what I've read here, but the Baltimore Museum of Art ought, *at the very least*, to give the Ms. Fuqua, who bought it at the flea market, a lifetime pass to the museum and free lunches.

*Don't tell me what you believe, show me what you **do** and I will tell you what you believe.*

by **Meteor Blades** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:19:27 PM PST**

▼ **What a story that was** (12+ / 0-)

I thought of my grandmother who ran her little antique shop off garage sale finds. She would have certainly smiled at this story, although I'm not convinced that she would have settled with the museum solely on the prospect of enjoying their delicious salads. Grandma was shrewd.

Steven

by **Steveningen** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:32:12 PM PST**

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▼ **Proof that honor is far from dead MB. Great story.** (8+ / 0-)

Only Punxsutawney Phil can save us now.

by **jwinIL14** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:45:55 PM PST**

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▼ **in case you didn't see this** (13+ / 0-)

<http://www.dailykos.com/...>

The GOP focus on rolling back women's rights is an obsessive-compulsive behavior. They can't stop themselves. ~ Ilyse Hogue, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America

by **anyname** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:25:05 PM PST**

▼ **Hadn't had time to** (10+ / 0-)

read that. Bummer.

Ceiling Cat rules....srsly.

by **side pocket** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:28:14 PM PST**

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▼ **anyname** (8+ / 0-)

I shall read that linked story tomorrow.

Thank you.

I'm already against the next war.

by **Knucklehead** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:38:33 PM PST**

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▼ **syn-op-sis** (7+ / 0-)

Canadian Conservative government orders closure of Science Libraries and the destruction of the library science book collections - no remedy - no recourse - no notice;

The GOP focus on rolling back women's rights is an obsessive-compulsive behavior. They can't stop themselves. ~ Ilyse Hogue, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America

by **anyname** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 10:03:05 PM PST**

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▼ **Since nobody here ever likes a good fish story ...** (9+ / 0-)

Researchers Unveil Rich World of Fish Biofluorescence

Science Daily Jan. 9, 2014 — A team of researchers led by scientists from the American Museum of Natural History has released the first report of widespread biofluorescence in the tree of life of fishes, identifying more than 180 species that glow in a wide range of colors and patterns. Published today in PLOS ONE, the research shows that biofluorescence -- a phenomenon by which organisms absorb light,

transform it, and eject it as a different color -- is common and variable among marine fish species, indicating its potential use in communication and mating. The report opens the door for the discovery of new fluorescent proteins that could be used in biomedical research.

"We've long known about biofluorescence underwater in organisms like corals, jellyfish, and even in land animals like butterflies and parrots, but fish biofluorescence has been reported in only a few research publications," said co-lead author John Sparks, a curator in the Museum's Department of Ichthyology. "This paper is the first to look at the wide distribution of biofluorescence across fishes, and it opens up a number of new research areas."

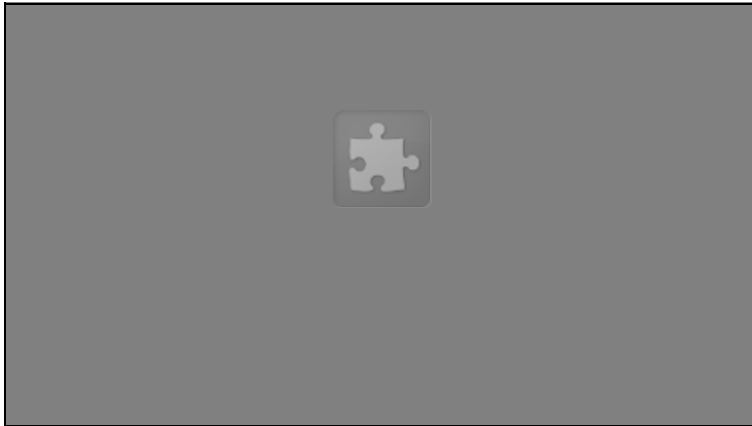
Unlike the full-color environment that humans and other terrestrial animals inhabit, fishes live in a world that is predominantly blue because, with depth, water quickly absorbs the majority of the visible light spectrum. In recent years, the research team has discovered that many fishes absorb the remaining blue light and re-emit it in neon greens, reds, and oranges.

Only Punxsutawney Phil can save us now.

by **jwinIL14** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:38:56 PM PST**

▼ Still watching ping pong (6+ / 0-)

Here's the best rallies of 2013



by **palantir** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:51:16 PM PST**

▼ Squirrel (10+ / 0-)

A few years ago I had a squirrel here that I hand fed & while it was sitting on my leg eating peanuts I even took shots of him & even video. Some I posted here.

Lately Teri has been scaring away a big fat squirrel out of the aviary since as soon as she puts the food for the birds out, here comes the squirrel. Today while planning on finishing touches for the deck I'm building I noticed a big fat squirrel down below chowing on fresh green Nasturtiums (sp?). I didn't move as I watched him for a few minutes. Then I waved my arm at him when he looked up & he didn't run away.

I called him over as I used to do & he scampered right over. He was on his hind legs reaching for my hand that I lowered down below deck level.

That's when I noticed the big notch cut out of his ear & realized it was my long lost buddy.

I went over to the house & grabbed a handful of peanuts & came back & called to him.

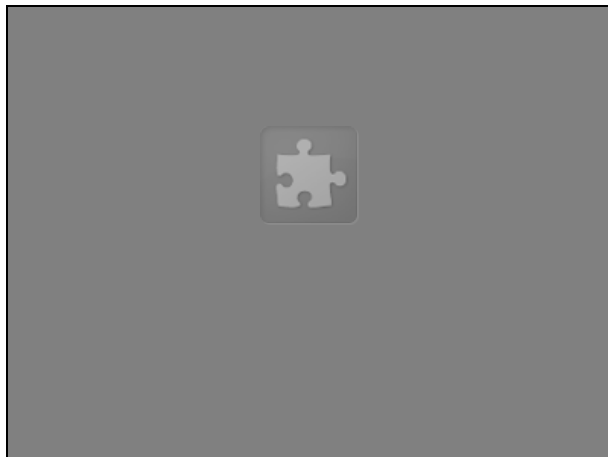
In a flash he was back.

I had him climb a pipe up to the deck & when I crouched down he ran over & leaped up onto my knee to eat peanuts.

My long lost friend is back, & this after more than a year.

Here from the past, i again present

Notch



I`m already against the next war.

by **Knucklehead** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 09:59:23 PM PST**

▼ **Knucklehead, yet one more of (6+ / 0-)**

your many talents. Communicator with wild life. Amazing.

*The good thing about science is that it's true whether or not you believe in it.—
Neil deGrasse Tyson*

by **maggiejean** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 10:03:03 PM PST**

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▼ **maggiejean (6+ / 0-)**

I also have Blue Jays that eat out of my hand & crows that come to feed when I call them.

About 30 come every morning on the ocean side for yesterdays leftovers but I have four that feed on the land side of the house.

The boss of those four has a misshapen bill whereas the bottom half of his beak is longer than the top half so he cannot pick up food normally.

He has to tilt his head sideways & scrape along the ground to pick up the food otherwise it`s like eating with only one chopstick.

See the one on the right. (at this link it is much larger)

<http://www.flickr.com/...>



I`m already against the next war.

by **Knucklehead** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 10:15:49 PM PST**

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▼ **From the kitchen Table Kibitzing (7+ / 0-)**

tonight, re: my walnut tree.

It's a war, however, (10+ / 0-)
between us and the squirrels. We share 50-50.

Ceiling Cat rules.....srsly.

by **side pocket** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 10:05:23 PM PST**

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▼ **Great story/cute squirrel (7+ / 0-)**

Glad you were reunited! :)

I ♥ President Barack Obama.

by **ericlewis0** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 10:07:49 PM PST**

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▼ **ericlewis0 (8+ / 0-)**

Oh it absolutely made my day.
I used to start every day off with Notch.
Then there`s Peaches that fat cage free rabbit.



I`m already against the next war.

by **Knucklehead** on **Sun Jan 12, 2014 at 10:24:52 PM PST**

[**Parent**]

▼ **Solar Installations and Grid problems in HI (1+ / 0-)**

I always thought that the main problem is that people who install solar panels shy away from installing and maintaining their own batteries stacks for storing the engergy.

I am not sure if they are still even allowed to do so. (Just from hear-say that's not easy anymore) Price of the battery packs, maintenance of them and eventually also some restrictions to having them independently, not using the grid, are I believe the main reason.

Going Off the Grid and the Solar Industry's Holy Grail.

But I don't know enough to be sure. Someone who has more current knowledge should dig into that.

by **mimi** on **Mon Jan 13, 2014 at 09:05:12 AM PST**

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