

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

May Events

- May 1st May Day
- May 2nd Kentucky Derby Day
- May 4th Star Wars Day
- May 5th Cinco de Mayo
- May 6th National Nurses Day
- May 10th Mother's Day
- May 16th Armed Forces Day
- May 25th Memorial Day



How To Decide Whether Home Schooling Is For You

If you are thinking about home schooling your children, there are some questions you should ask yourself before you take the leap.

Your first step, though, is to define what home schooling means to you. This will help you get a clear concept—and that will allow you to make a good decision for you and your family.

Once you have your definition, you will want to ask yourself if you like being with your children—a lot! Home schooling can mean that you and your children don't get a break from each other. Ask yourself honestly whether this will work for you and your family members.

A very important question to ask is whether you and your spouse are in agreement about home schooling, because it will affect how your household is run. Are you the type of person who can let some household duties go until later in the day—or will that drive you crazy? Will your spouse be willing to help out more around the house?

Another big issue: Can you afford to home school your child? Home schooling likely means one parent will need to be home full time. If this will mean a loss of income, you have to ask yourself if it is really possible for your family to survive on one income—and whether home schooling is viable option for your family.



'White Road' May Have Been Built By Mayan Warrior Queen

More than 1,000 years ago, ancient Mayans built a 60-mile long road to invade another city. According to the Fox News website, archeologists believe it was the work of Lady K'awiil Ajaw, warrior queen of the city of Cobá, who ordered the construction of the road to conquer the city of Yaxuná in the Yucatan Peninsula.

Lady K'awiil Ajaw was one of the most powerful and ruthless leaders of Cobá. Carved stone monuments show her standing over captives. The Yaxuná invasion may have been motivated by the growing power of Chichen Itza, some 15 miles north—an attempt to counter Chichen Itza's dominance and establish a stronghold in the center of the peninsula.

The raised road was constructed of plaster made from limestone, earning it the name "sacbe," or "white road." It was the longest of such roads at the time, and would have called for a large investment in time and resources.

Surveys using lidar—light detection and ranging, which can penetrate heavy jungle canopies—show that instead of being a straight line, it curved in some places, probably to bypass smaller settlements. This suggests to archeologists that the purpose of the white road wasn't just to conquer and control Yaxuná, but also to enlist and possibly control other small towns and cities.

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Selling Yourself Without Selling Out

It's one of the oldest clichés in the business: Sell yourself. But lots of people loathe the idea of selling at all. They associate it with con-artistry and insincerity.

The biggest problem with the concept of selling is that it puts the focus on something that is outside rather than inside. It poses the impossible task of climbing into the heads of clients or customers and pretending to know what they want.

But if you want to improve your career opportunities, you'll want to start with a clear focus on yourself.

The first step is to know yourself. You do this by knowing what you want and where you want to go. Ask yourself some clarifying questions. What strengths do I possess? What are my most common stumbling blocks? How can I enhance my effectiveness? What is my biggest challenge?

You also need to know your value. What accomplishments are you most proud of? What do you do best? How are you unique?

Once you know what you want and what your value is, the next step is to communicate. True communication will reveal a genuine passion and will be conveyed clearly and honestly. When you do this, you might be surprised how things start "falling into place."

Riddle



A girl has as many brothers as sisters, but each brother has only half as many brothers as sisters.

How many brothers and sisters are there in the family?

Answer: Four sisters and three brothers

Keep The Drive Alive When You're A Project Manager

When you're in charge of a project team or task force, good planning is essential. Build your team around these crucial elements:

- ✓ **Structure.** Roles and responsibilities need to be firmly established for everyone, from the leader to the most junior member. The mission and objectives of your project should be explained clearly, so everyone understands how his or her work supports your goal. Set up procedures for keeping track of everyone's performance and progress, so no one falls behind and holds up the team.
- ✓ **Communication.** If you're running a virtual team with members in distant locations, take advantage of as many technologies as you can to stay in contact—the phone, email, instant messaging, texting, and video chats. Even if you're all in the same workplace, pay attention to communication needs to avoid misunderstandings and other problems. How often do you need to meet as a group? Which members should meet more often? What's the best way to get hold of people?
- ✓ **Leadership.** The role of the leader is paramount. Leaders aren't just in charge of telling people what to do; they should encourage, support, and hold people accountable. A complex project may have more than one leader for different segments, but they should all share the same expectations and objectives.
- ✓ **Trust.** Team members must be able to trust one another—which means relying on people they don't know well and may have little direct contact with. Ideally, the team should meet at the beginning of the project so members can get to know one another. Leaders should emphasize the importance of following through on commitments and alerting colleagues about problems.
- ✓ **Motivation.** A long, challenging project can be demoralizing unless leaders and colleagues know how to maintain team members' drive. Praise and recognition are vital, but so is the work itself. If it's engaging, members are more likely to stay focused. Try to divide up the work so everyone has the opportunity to use his or her skills on a high level.



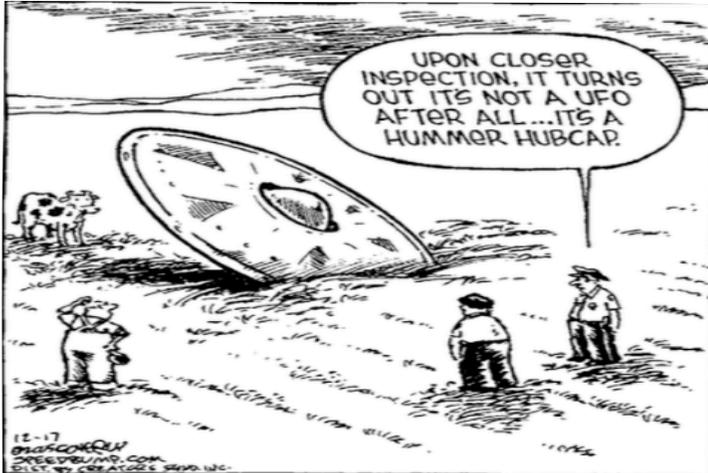
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Sea Turtles May Be Eating Ocean Plastic

Plastic in the ocean is a growing environmental threat, and ecologists have recently recognized a new danger—to sea turtles. The Science News website reports that plastic in ocean water smells like food to the turtles, who then eat it or get tangled up in it and die.

Plastic debris in the ocean degrades, producing a chemical gas that smells like phytoplankton, an important source of nutrition to birds and fish. A study of loggerhead sea turtles in tanks found that the turtles generally avoid fresh plastics. Then scientists puffed air into the tanks containing the scent of food and ocean-cooked plastic. That led to the turtles foraging more above water for food, and they were unable to distinguish between the smell of food or plastic. Thus, they were more likely to either eat the plastic or get entangled in it, both of which are harmful.

Another reminder to be careful of what you throw in the trash. You don't know where it might end up.



Mother

(Author Unknown)

***The sound of your voice,
The light of your smile,
These are the things that
Make life worth while-***

***The touch of your hand,
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