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Bouncing Brains and Blue Bananas

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Posted on: May 22, 2007 8:00 AM, by [Sandra Kiume](#)



This fun visual illusion was a top ten finalist in the [Best Visual Illusion of the Year 2007](#), hosted by the Neural Correlate Society (donate if you like this annual contest!). From the description: "Some regions in the brains are darker, some lighter than the background. (Please note that we are not denouncing your little dirty thoughts, we just talk about the brains in the picture.) ..."

Researchers who created [Bouncing Brains](#) (Hansen, Hamburger and Gegenfurtner) are also known for an illusion recently published in Nature Neuroscience on why we don't perceive blue bananas. Check out Hansen, T., Oikkonen, M., Walter, S. & Gegenfurtner, K.R. [Memory modulates color appearance](#), Nature Neuroscience, 2006, 9, 1367-1368. [free PDF](#).

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A completely blank space. I get it - it's an illusion of an illusion.

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Not only the illusion, but the links themselves are also broken.

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hmpf... I'm not getting anything either ;)

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I think they may have taken the site down -- links that used to work no longer do.

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What the Brain is Reading

[New adult brain cells may be central to lifelong learning | Science Blog](#)

The steady formation of new brain cells in adults may represent more than merely a patching up of aging brains, a new study has shown. The new adult brain cells may serve to give the adult brain the same kind of learning ability that young brains have whi

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In vagus nerve stimulation, or VNS, a two-inch diameter, .25 inch thick disk is surgically tucked under the skin near the left collarbone, then wired upward to the vagus nerve in the neck. The battery-operated disk delivers intermittent, rhythmic pulses t

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"What might have been" or fictive learning affects the brain and plays an important role in the choices individuals make - and may play a role in addiction, said Baylor College of Medicine researchers and others in a report that appears online in the Proc

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When it comes to financial matters, people tend to fall into two categories: prevention-focused (risk-averse) or promotion-focused (gain-oriented). A study in the June issue of the Journal of Consumer Research tests comparative ads that are positively fra

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Most people don't appreciate an angry look, but a new University of Michigan psychology study found that some people find angry expressions so rewarding that they will readily learn ways to encourage them.

[How the brain's backup system compensates for stroke](#)

The researchers found that the

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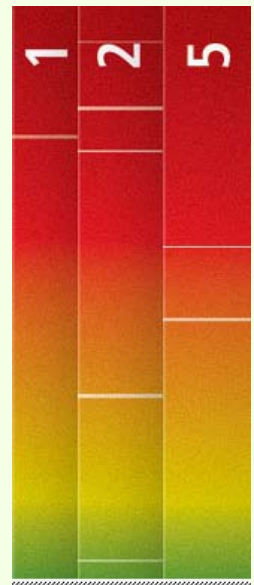
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