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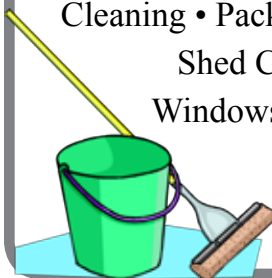
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5 Debbie McQueston
5 JR Morales
7 Charles Turner
9 Tara Schroff
12 Arleen Downs
12 Madonna Leonard
13 Ron Marvo
19 Bonnie Wild
20 Ralph Cornelius
20 Dennis Eby
20 Dolores Lyday
20 Michele Newel
20 Doug Ross
24 Roz Bogoslawski
24 Tony Power
25 Noel Maurice
28 Dave Baldwin
29 Rosanne Marvo
30 Joyce Yohn

January Birthdays

2 Heidi Groff
2 Flora Turner
3 Antoinette Miller
7 Fran Turner
8 Lissa Califf
11 Tom Lodeski
13 Deanne Simon
13 Louise Thompson
15 Lori Reed
16 Bryce Reed
19 Butch Persons
21 Elizabeth Power
22 Carla Sue Venable
24 John Tirschman
25 Ed Leonard
28 Martin Wild



December Anniversaries

1	Maude & Bill Davis	1962
2	Ilva & Pat Petruccelli	1972
27	Elda & Donald Fitzsimmons	1953

January Anniversaries

2	Bonny & Robert Nemecek	1965
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Editor's Corner

Roz and Brian Bogoslowski

We are always looking for pictures from the different park activities and events. They can be sent to me as a TIFF. or JPG. file, also include the event or function along with the names of the people in the picture.

Please forward all newsletter material to: **editor.bocaciega@gmail.com**

All reports and any articles of interest for the newsletter must be emailed or mailed and received by the 14th of the month.

Thank You.

2016/17 Social Calendar

Dance	Dec. 3/16	
Christmas	Dec. 25/16	
New Year's Eve	Dec. 31/16	Bill, Hope, Tom, Karen
Meet & Greet	Jan. 5/17	
Dinner Play	Jan. 12/17	Dennis, Ingrid
Garage Sale	Jan. 21/17	Persons
Dance Theme Night	Jan. 28/17	Tom, Sue, Ernie, Mary
Horse Racing	Feb. 4/17	Butch, Carol, Bill, Maud, Ann
Italian Nite/Dance	Feb. 18/17	Pat, Ilva - Tony/Music
Charleston Trip	Mar. 5-7/17	Dennis, Ingrid
Beer & Pizza	Mar. 12/17	Michigan Street Gang
End of Year	Mar. 25/17	
Easter	Apr. 16/17	





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Social Committee Tidbits

Ingrid Eby

Fall is here and the frost has definitely been on the pumpkins up North. The clocks have all fallen back and preparations for Thanksgiving and Christmas are well on their way. The stores have had the Christmas decorations out for many weeks and people are busy shopping.

Down in the park many of the Snow Birds are returning and getting their places all set for the winter season. As more people return the activities begin to resume. Coffee Klatch is up and running along with Hand and Ponytail. Our first Early Bird Dinner will be held November 16th, Pot Luck was canceled due to the Early Bird Dinner and the following week Thanksgiving Dinner. The hall is festively arrayed in its Autumn Splendor and looks great.

Up coming activities that you need to sign up for are the Dinner Theater in late January -- date will be firmed up by next newsletter. Then there is the trip to Charleston South Carolina. We need to know by January 25th to make sure all reservations for hotels can be made. Please contact Dennis or Ingrid Eby with any questions.

News and Notes

Since our return to Boca Ciega we have found out the latest news and some that happened over the summer.

Audrey & Jerry Igielski have moved back to "Wisconsin will no longer be in the park. This was a real shock. they had been in the park for over twenty years and very active in all the park activities. Many of you would remember Jerry's updates on the Green Bay Packers at Coffee Klatch and his inside information from Brett Favre. They will be sorely missed.

On the same note, Linc Zwicker has been down for a short time and has sold his mobile. Linc and Liz were long time residents of Boca Ciega. Both Liz and Linc were very active in all of the goings on at Boca Ciega. From being on the board to playing cards and joining in all of the Social Activities. We wish you well Linc.

Bonnie Nemecek had quite a time this summer with her hip. After an operation and six weeks of being in a wheel chair she is up and around using a walker in the park. We are happy to see her doing so well and pray for a complete recovery.

I saw on face book that Don Heaphy broke his foot. He has to see an orthopedic doctor and hopes to be back before the end of the year. Prayers going out for your recovery.

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Karen and Tom Hopkins won't be returning early. Karen's Mom is in Hospice and we pray for comfort for the entire family.

My cataracts are all taken care of and it is wonderful to be able to see again. Even colors are brighter. Thanks for all the well wishes.

All in all, it's wonderful to be back in the park with our Boca Ciega Family.

As Always,
Stay safe and be well.

PLANNING AHEAD - 2017 RUMMAGE SALE

Our annual Rummage and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2017, so please mark your calendars. It'll be here before you know it.

A list of committee heads will be posted in the clubhouse. If you would like to work in any specific area, please contact the committee head to let them know if you haven't already done so. If you are told no more workers are needed in that area just let me know and we'll either find a permanent place for you somewhere else or you could be used to relieve some of the other workers during the day, which would be much appreciated. We will not turn away any willing workers.

Our great bake sale is well known and is a big money maker. If you are willing to contribute something to our bake sale it would be appreciated if you could have your baking done and delivered to the clubhouse by 3:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon, January 20, 2017, so Yogi and her crew can get everything set up and priced.

We will need items for our gourmet gift baskets to be raffled off and your contributions are greatly appreciated. There will be a box in the clubhouse for your contributions or they can be delivered directly to Ginny Tracey or Terry Maegdlin. Please just gourmet food items and wine or alcohol. No candles, lotions, scarves, or clothing of any sort.

Once again, we will have a small boutique set up in the library. Because we are limited in space, we only want clothing, shoes, purses and perhaps better class jewelry. I would suggest these items not be placed in the sheds with everything else but kept separate so if you could keep them in your possession until just before the sale, that would be great. If you need to

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There will be a short meeting for workers on Thursday, January 12, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the clubhouse to cover the basics of the sale. It is not mandatory that you attend but everyone is welcome to attend if they wish.

Starting about 8:00 a.m. Thursday, January 19, 2017, the chairs will be removed from the clubhouse and the tables arranged for the sale and the trucks will begin emptying the sheds and delivering everything to the clubhouse so we can begin setting up. The trucks will also go around and pick up large items from your individual residences. You may either leave them at the end of your driveway or in your carport or give us a call (616) 889-2211 or (616) 889-3646 or e-mail me at carolpersons@hotmail.com previous to then if you need the workers to retrieve the items from your unit so we can make arrangements to also make those pickups. Anyone with a strong back is invited to meet the trucks at either shed to start loading up. Please have things ready on Thursday when we will have all the help we need. If you need something picked up from your residence but won't be home on Thursday morning, please arrange with a neighbor to allow the workers access.

Also, a dumpster will be delivered to the Clubhouse on Thursday morning and will remain there until Monday morning. You will be able to use this dumpster for any large items you wish to discard with the exception of large appliances and/or electronic equipment. If you have any questions about what can be deposited in the dumpster just check with one of the outside workers.

The sale will be open to park residents on Friday, January 20, 2017, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. To give our workers a chance to have a relaxing dinner before starting work, the clubhouse doors will be locked until 6:30 pm.

A big thanks to all of you for your contributions and hard work all year long to make our sale a big success. Looking forward to working with you again this year. Pray for good weather!

Butch and Carol Persons

PS: This is our 10th year of handling the Rummage Sale and we would love to pass the reins on to someone new. Please let us know if you are interested and we will work with you this year to get you up to speed.



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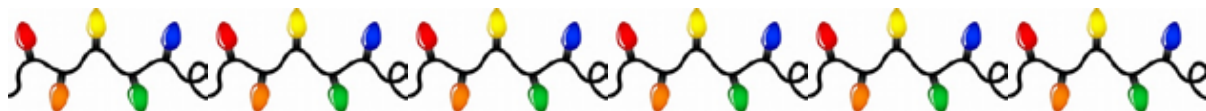
It's time to start saving your gallon milk jugs. Please make sure they are clean and remove the labels from them. They can be stored in the laundry room until needed.

We will start getting the luminaries ready at 8:30 Christmas Eve morning so please mark your calendars to help either prepare the luminaries or load up your 3 wheelers and help set them out.

We try to do this in the morning before everyone gets busy with your day but don't forget they all need to be lit around 5:00 p.m. and we will need your help then also.

For those of you who have never seen them, they're a sight to behold and really help to get us in the Christmas spirit. In years past I understand we even had carolers going around Christmas Eve and if anyone is interested in getting a group of carolers together please feel free to do so.

Merry Christmas to all!



December Sudoku

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			3					4
		4		5	2			6
					9			
1				6			8	



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3	9	4	8	5	2	1	7	6
5	1	6	3	2	7	8	9	4
8	2	9	5	4	6	7	1	3
4	3	7	9	8	1	6	5	2
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6	8	3	7	9	4	5	2	1
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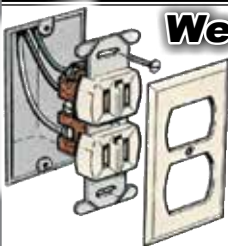
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<p>Christmas Dinner</p> <p>Christmas Day</p>	<p>Kwanzaa begins</p> <p>1-3PM Poker</p> <p>6.30-9PM Pony Tail</p>	

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Youngsters have some good and creative ideas

Children are naturally creative and inventive because they don't know what's impossible. Try checking out these inventions created by kids across the years:

- **Trampoline.** Sixteen-year-old George Nissen was captivated by the sight of trapeze artists dropping into nets at the finish of their shows in the 1930s. In his parents' garage he developed the "bouncing rig," a metal frame with canvas stretched over it. Years later he switched out the canvas for nylon and came up with a new name—"trampoline," adding the letter e to the Spanish word for "diving board."
- **Popsicle.** One cold night in San Francisco in 1905, 11-year-old Frank Epperson mixed up a concoction of soda water powder and water and left it outside all night. In the morning he looked at the frozen mixture with the stirring stick still inside and realized it might be fun to eat. He began giving them out as treats, and as an adult patented the product with the name "Eppsicle"—later changing it to "Popsicle" after his own children started calling it by that name.
- **Earmuffs.** At age 15, Chester Greenwood's ears grew painfully cold while ice skating. A scarf around his head didn't help, so he went home, built a wire frame, and asked his grandmother to sew some beaverskin pads to it. Greenwood patented his earmuffs in 1877 and eventually sold them to soldiers fighting in World War I.



Use these three boxes for creative thinking

Experts often encourage people to think outside the box when trying to be creative. According to K.H. Kim, writing at The Creativity Post website, you should consider three distinct boxes to unleash your imagination:

- **Inside box.** This box holds your expertise and knowledge, and it's useful for narrowing things down, focusing on specifics, and identifying options.
- **Outside box.** This box is flexible and holds all the possibilities. Let it relax your focus and explore everything, whether it's related to what you're working on or not.
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The smell of hate

A teacher decided to play a game with her class. She told each child to bring in a plastic bag containing a few potatoes and to give each potato the name of a person that the child didn't like. The number of potatoes that the children put in their plastic bag would depend on the number of people they don't like.

The next day some children had two potatoes, some had three, and some had five potatoes or more. The teacher then told the children to carry the potatoes with them wherever they went for a week.

Days passed, and the children started to complain about the unpleasant smell let out by the rotten potatoes. Also the children with five or more potatoes complained because they had to carry heavier bags. The children were relieved when the game finally ended.



Then the teacher told them the meaning of the game: "This is what happens when you carry hatred for somebody inside your heart. The stench of it spreads everywhere, and you carry it with you wherever you go. If you can't tolerate the smell of rotten potatoes for just one week, can you imagine what is it like to have the stench of hatred in your heart for a lifetime?"

The elephant's teeth

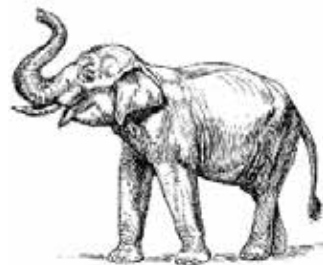
One day a hungry mouse in the jungle found a small nut. He tried to bite into it, but its shell was too hard and thick. Irritated, the mouse said, "Why did the gods give me such tiny teeth?"

Suddenly he heard the voice of a god from far above. "Mouse, go out and look at all the animals in the jungle. If you find one whose teeth you like, I'll give them to you."

Overjoyed, the mouse ran through the jungle, looking for the biggest teeth he could find. He looked at many animals but didn't find any teeth he liked until he spotted an elephant. Envious of the beast's thick tusks, he wandered over and asked, "Sir, are you happy with those big, long teeth?"

The elephant answered: "Friend, these are just for show. I can't use them to chew food as you do. At least you don't have to bear the weight of these huge teeth."

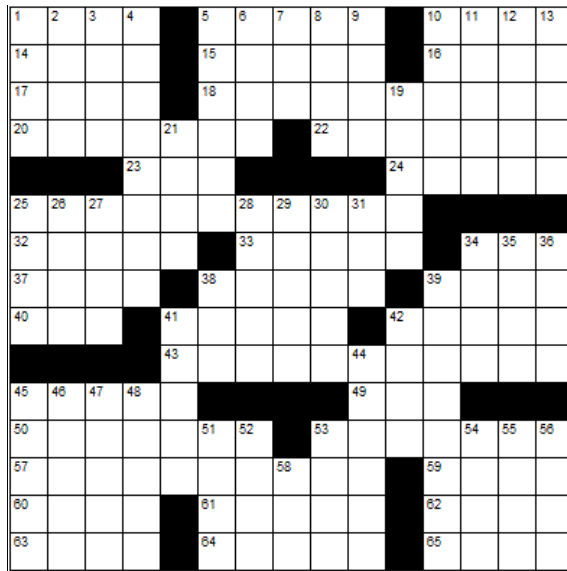
Hearing this, the mouse realized he was better off having tiny teeth and went off to find his nut again.





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1. On-line journal
5. Rhinoceros
10. Gangs
14. Former Italian currency
15. A red fluorescent dye
16. Send forth
17. A Freudian stage
18. Totally
20. Vixen
22. Hypodermic
23. L
24. Donkeys
25. Class chums
32. Held on tightly
33. Japanese cartoon art
34. Beer
37. Not yours
38. Inscribed pillar
39. Make unclear
40. Damp
41. Villain
42. Communion table
43. Self-restraining
45. A long-legged S. American bird
49. Dawn goddess
50. Windfall
53. Detective (slang)
57. Noble
59. Greek cheese
60. Actors in a show
61. Give a speech
62. Relating to urine
63. Beers
64. Waste conduit
65. Lake (Scottish)



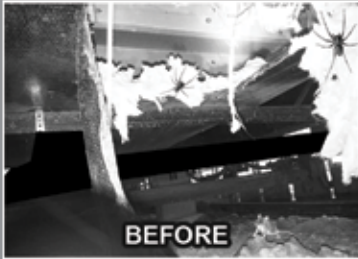
DOWN

1. Ho-hum
2. Connects two points
3. By mouth
4. Square-rigged sailing ships
5. Summon to return
6. Owl sound
7. Belief
8. Bites
9. Unique
10. Anagram of "Smite"
11. Portents
12. Cause to leak
13. Infections of the eye
19. Delete
21. Blockage
25. Flat-bottomed boat
26. Hint
27. Offended
28. Married partners
29. Concerning (archaic)
30. Diacritical mark
31. An uncle
34. Countertenor
35. Hawaiian feast
36. Makes a mistake
38. Bro or sis
39. Happy
41. Lose consciousness
42. "Smallest" particle
44. Spay
45. Hemp
46. Small goat antelope
47. Licoricelike flavor
48. Sail supports
51. Animal menageries
52. Unit of land
53. Way in
54. Protagonist
55. Ear-related
56. Every single one
58. Uncooked

December Crossword



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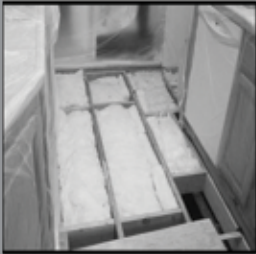
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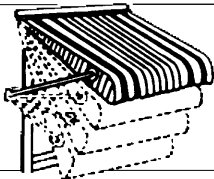
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The scientists, part of an international team, believe their research could lead to the creation of materials for other applications such as supercapacitors to store and release electrical energy rapidly and efficiently.

Rare shark may have lived almost 400 years

Trees can live thousands of years. Animals don't live nearly so long, but scientists have discovered what they believe may be the longest-living vertebrate animal—a Greenland shark. Analyzing carbon in the eye lenses of one Greenland shark after its death, marine biologists at the University of Copenhagen determined that the shark was 392 years old, give or take about 120 years. That beats the previous record holder for vertebrate longevity, a bowhead whale that lived about 211 years.



Little is known about the Greenland shark. It's one of the largest carnivores in the world, and dominates the food chain in northern waters. The scientists studied Greenland sharks accidentally caught by fishing boats, analyzing their eye lenses because sharks don't have the kind of bones that build up calcified rings as they age. Although some scientists disagree that the shark's age is typical, they concede that we know little about the average lifespan of this mysterious predator.

Particles may halt bleeding, save lives

Saving a life after an accident or injury is often a matter of stopping blood loss as quickly as possible. The Science Daily website reports that scientists have devised nanoparticles that can locate the site of a bleed and help form blood clots to stanch the flow.

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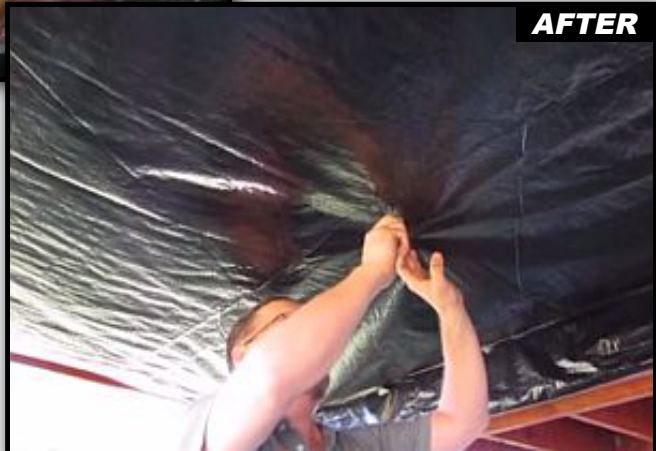
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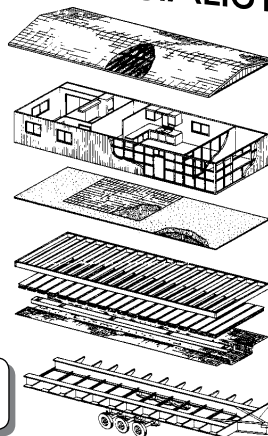
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Seeing Santa Claus

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In a very loud voice, the boy said, "I want a NINTENDO, and a NEW BIKE, and some BOOKS, and—"



"You don't have to shout," Santa chuckled. "Santa isn't hard of hearing."

The boy leaned forward and whispered, "No, but my grandma is."

Wrong answer

A man was being sentenced in a California court for shooting and eating a condor—an endangered species. Looking for mercy, the defendant made a passionate speech.

"I'm truly sorry, your honor," he said. "I just moved here and I don't have a job, and I was hungry and cold. I'd never seen a bird like that, and I had no idea it was endangered. I've never done anything like this before, and I'll certainly never do it again."



The judge gave him probation, telling him not to let it happen again. Then he said: "I'm curious. What does a condor taste like?"

"Oh, kind of like a cross between a whooping crane and a spotted owl."

Reduced sentence

A criminal with a long record of transgressions was on trial for his latest crime. The jury found him guilty on 33 counts, and the judge sentenced him to 189 years in prison. Realizing that even with time off for good behavior he would be more than 100 years old when he was finally released, the prisoner burst into tears.

Touched by this display of remorse, the judge paused to reconsider. "I didn't mean to be so severe," she said. "Thinking it over, I can see that I've imposed an extremely harsh sentence. So you don't have to serve the whole time."

The prisoner beamed with new hope until the judge leaned toward him. "Just do as much as you can."

Watch the sunrise for better health

Want to lose some weight? Try getting out of bed earlier. In a study conducted at Northwestern University, researchers gave 54 people wrist monitors that tracked their sleeping patterns and exposure to light for a week and asked them to keep detailed records of what they ate. The researchers also measured participants' activity level and age, as well as the season they were being monitored.



The researchers found that exposure to early morning light, whether natural or artificial, was associated with a leaner body weight. The reason, they speculate, is that light may play a role in regulating the metabolism, similar to its effects on wakefulness and alertness. The connection isn't conclusive, but getting up a little earlier couldn't hurt.

Coffee may benefit heart attack survivors



If you've suffered from a heart attack or know someone who has, this news should perk you up: A study by York University in the United Kingdom found that drinking one or two cups of coffee a day can apparently cut the risk of premature death by 20 percent among heart attack patients.

Researchers kept track of 3,721 U.K. heart attack survivors and their coffee habits in the UK. They're not sure how coffee helps them, but other studies suggest that drinking three to five cups of coffee daily has a beneficial effect on people with Parkinson's Disease, and it may also help people with liver cancer.



Don't let wet dishes breed disease

Make sure your clean dishes are completely dry before you start putting them in the cupboard. Researchers have found that still-wet, stacked dishes can be prime breeding grounds for bacteria. In one study at a Veterans Affairs hospital, dishes were washed in a commercial dishwasher. Half were air-dried for 24 hours and the other half stacked while wet. Although researchers found no significant difference in the amount of bacteria found on either sets of plates after 24 hours, the dishes stacked wet teemed with bacteria after 48 hours. The best solution? Air dry.

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