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Manager Marilyn Sisti's Message

reminder to all of you who have pets, please do not allow them to go on other resident's yards, this is very rude and inconsiderate.

When Stephanie gives you a notice to clean up your home please take these seriously, we all want the park to look great and everyone needs to comply with clean-up, pressure washing and painting.

Be sure you look behind your homes as well and clean up the items in the back.

If you see a stranger walking around please do not hesitate to call the police, also after ten o'clock in the evening you can call on any noise, dog barking, yelling, loud music, etc., again please call the police.

To all you snowbirds we wish you a very safe trip home, please be sure that someone is taking care of your yard while you are away for the summer, if you would let Stephanie know who it is she will be sure they do the job you are paying them for.

Scribe, Nancy Labbe's Message

arch was another great month in Glen Ellen thanks to the efforts of Ron and Kevin Kimball. Also, the corn beef and cabbage dinner put on by Barbara Barczak, Mary Fialkowski and Bill Reilly was delicious! It has been a great season for Glen Ellen with everyone working together to make sure residents and friends had fun.

Administrative Assistant Stephanie Scalise has changed her hours. She now works from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Thursday.

A special 'thank you' to everyone who gave their time and effort to our 2017-2018 season.

A SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF GLEN ELLEN. THERE IS NO SMOKING IN THE HALL AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY WHATSOEVER!!!



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ACROSS

- 1. Streetcars
- 6. Zulu warriors
- 10. A Levantine ketch
- 14. Consumed
- 15. Groan
- 16. Linoleum (abbrev.)
- 17. Fragrance
- 18. Pornography (abbrev.)
- 19. Hebrew month
- 20. Journalist
- 22. Add on to the end
- 24. Bobbin
- 25. Braids
- 26. Works bread dough
- 29. The closing section of a musical composition
- 30. Lacking sensation
- 31. Written reproduction
- 37. A magistrate of the Roman Republic
- 39. Vase
- 40. Strange or weird
- 41. Lycanthropes
- 44. Sheet of glass
- 45. Sword
- 46. Representatives
- 48. Male ruler of an empire
- 52. To cover a wide area
- 53. Quagmire
- 54. Not faithful to religion or cause
- 58. "Negative cheers"
- 59. Neither good nor bad (2 words)
- 61. More reasonable
- 62. Nature of being
- 63. Genus of the pearly-shelled mussel 9. Internal organs
- 64. Go inside
- 65. Accomplishment
- 66. Characterized by malice
- 67. Stalks

- 5. Caught
- 6. Cause to move forward with 28. Chieftain
- 7. Secure with cables or ropes
- 8. Equality

- 12. Fatuous
- 13. Units of cut wood

- 1. Rip
- 2. Scarce
- 3. At the highest point
- 4. Unforgettable

- 10. Smacks
- 11. Anagram of "Aside"

- **DOWN**
 - 21. Quiz or exam 23. Tranquility
 - 25. 1000 kilograms
 - 26. Was aware of
 - 27. Naked

 - 29. Engrave
 - 32. Monarch
 - 33. Expressing remorse
 - 34. Modern-day Persia
 - 35. Half a quart
 - 36. T T T T
 - 38. Pitchers
- atmosphere 48. Set deeply

marsupial

49. Large northern deer

42. A North American

43. Anagram of "Soap"

47. They make up the

- 50. Not verse
- 51. Alleviated
- 52. Eating utensil
- 54. Largest continent
- 55. Anagram of "Neat"
- 56. Swarm
- 57. Goes astray
- 60. A single thing





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The ther you enjoy candles for a romantic dinner or holiday celebration, you should handle them carefully. The National Candle Association says to properly put out a candle's flame, hold your finger in front of the flame and blow at it. The air will flow around the finger and extinguish the candle from both sides, preventing hot wax from splattering.

Other tips for candle keeping and use:

- Never leave a burning candle unattended.
- Keep lighted candles out of the reach of children and pets.
- Keep burning candles away from combustible materials like drapes.
- Store candles in a cool, dark, dry place.
- Before using, light and extinguish the candles so they burn better.
- Avoid drafts to prevent rapid, uneven burning or excessive dripping.
- Keep wicks trimmed to one-half inch.
- To remove wax from fabrics, scrape off excess and run boiling water through the material.
- Remove wax from holders by running hot water over them.
- Candles refrigerated before use will burn more slowly and evenly.
- Extinguish candles when they get within 2 inches of the bottom.

Walk safely in traffic

ow that spring is here and walking is more manageable in milder weather, here are some reminders about walking safely along busy streets:

- Stay on the sidewalk and crosswalks. If you can't avoid walking on roads with no crosswalks or sidewalks, walk facing traffic.
- Cross at intersections. Most people are hit by cars when they cross the road at places other than intersections. Make sure you stop at the curb. This signals to drivers that you intend to cross.
- Stay out of the driver's blind spot. Make eye contact with drivers when you cross busy streets.



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Autism Awareness Month. With one in 68 children in the United States diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, the focus of this month is to educate the public in an effort to foster an atmosphere of acceptance and understanding in our society.

National Garden Month. Grow herbs in a window box, plant flowers that will attract the butterflies and bees, or cultivate a melon patch on a vertical grid. There's still time to plan what you will grow in your garden this year.

National Humor Month. Laughter truly is the best medicine, so why not strengthen your funny bone? Visit HumorMonth.com to find projects and resources that will help bring the laughter.

National Poetry Month. Reading a poem each day is one of the 30 ways the Academy of American Poets suggests you celebrate poetry this month. To learn more, visit Poets.org.

National Library Week, April 8-14. If you haven't been to your local library in a while, you're missing out on all of the free yet valuable resources they provide to your community. Visit a branch this week to learn all of the ways "Libraries Lead," which is the theme of this year's campaign.

National Volunteer Week. April 15-21. Let a cause near and dear to your heart inspire you to take action. Go to AllForGood.org to find a service project in your area and get involved this week.

Week of the Young Child, April 16-20. The National Association for the Education of Young Children shines a spotlight on the importance of early childhood education. Go to NAEYC.org to find out what you can do to engage the little ones in your life.

World Immunization Week. April 24-30. "Protected Together, #Vaccines Work" is the message the World Health Organization is sharing to remind individuals and governments that fatal yet preventable diseases are an all-too-common reality for more than 19 million children throughout the world.

Earth Day, April 22. Since 1970, people around the world have focused on issues that affect our planet. The theme of this year's campaign is "End Plastic Pollution." Go to Earth-Day.org to find out how you can be an environmental steward.



So many worries

recent MBA grad interviewed for a job running a small, family-owned business. "I'm looking for someone with your skills and education who can take on all of the worries that comes with this place," the owner said.

"Worries?" the grad questioned.

"Yes, worries," the owner replied. "I worry about this and I worry about that. I have so many worries I barely have time to keep this place running. If you want the job, I can pay you \$100, 000 plus benefits. What do you say?"

"That sound great, but I'm curious," the grad replied. "How can a small business such as yours afford to offer such a competitive salary?"

"That," the man replied, "would be your first worry."

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• The brown bag lunch. Embrace sustainability when you take your lunch to work by eliminating the amount of disposable products you use. Carry your lunch in a cloth sack, bento box, or small basket. Pack food in glass, metal, or some other kind of reusable containers. Swap out paper napkins with cloth napkins, and plastic straws with metal ones. Consider keeping a coffee mug and set of flatware at your desk in an effort to generate less waste.

A broadband of conservation

In 1989, attorney and activist Susan Tixier mobilized a group of "mature" women on a hike through Utah's Grand Staircase-Escalante. Most of them were already involved in wilderness preservation efforts, but their goal was to discuss conservation issues surrounding many of the U.S. national monuments and make sure that the voices of older Americans were represented in that conversation.

A member of a passing group of hikers saw them and said, "What a bunch of great old broads!"

On that day, Tixier and her colleagues decided to officially call themselves "Great Old Broads for Wilderness." Since then they've grown their membership to 8,000 across 38 "Broadbands" nationwide.

The group advocates for issues affecting the environment and wilderness protection causes. Their ranks include "Young Broads," and men of all ages, "Bros." They host "Broadwalks" where they dedicate a day of stewardship to an area, address conservation issues there, and spend time hiking and exploring.

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The mask of kindness

here once lived a man who was disliked by everyone in his village because of his surly demeanor and foul temper. He was known to mumble and grumble unpleasantries to passersby and therefore had no friends. He lived alone, with the only knocks at his door coming from the rocks thrown at his cottage by the children of the village.

One day after his kitchen window was smashed by a rotten gourd, and the man visited the village elder to complain about his miseries as well as the ill treatment he felt he was subjected to by the other villagers. He demanded that something be done.

"I have a solution for your problems," the elder said, and he disappeared into an adjoining room where he could be heard rummaging through a great many things.

He returned holding a mask of a smiling face. "What I'm about to share with you will have the power to transform your life," the elder said.

"The only thing that needs transforming is my broken window!" the man sneered.

The elder let out a heavy sigh. "As I was saying, this mask will not only transform your life, but it will correct any grievances you might have. Though, I must warn you," he continued, "to wear this mask carries a great responsibility, an obligation to speak kind words, think kind thoughts, and perform random acts of kindness. Can you agree to uphold this edict?"



The man grudgingly agreed, reminding the elder he was owed a new window before he put on the mask and began the walk back to his home. Along the way the people he encountered greeted him with a wave or a smile. Occasionally someone inquired about his day. Because of the mask, he felt inspired to answer with a positive remark and this led to a pleasant conversation with a neighbor who noticed the man's broken window and offered to fix it.

As the days and weeks passed the man grew more grateful and astonished by the effect the mask had on him. Because of the mask, the man never let a stranger pass him by without expressing a kind thought; he sought out opportunities to help others; and now had friends. For the first time ever, he was happy. The mask had transformed his life.

One day there was a knock on the man's door. It was the elder, who'd come to take back the mask.

"But without this mask I will lose the ability to smile and show kindness," the man objected.

"The mask didn't make you kind," the elder said. "The mask simply revealed to you all of the possibilities that exist when you are kind."













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- **Don't make eye contact.** You really just want to let a driver know that he or she's been driving like an idiot, so as you pass the car, you give the driver a look that lets her know you're not happy. Remember that you don't know a thing about that driver or what frame of mind he or she's in. Don't risk a confrontation.
- If you're being followed by a hostile driver, don't go home. Drive instead to a public place like a gas station or restaurant. Better yet, head to a police station if one is nearby. If you have a cell phone, call the police and report the driver.
- Never get out of your car. A confrontation at a stoplight is not worth risking violence. The other driver may have some kind of weapon. If the driver gets out of the car, lock your doors and close your window. If you can drive away, do so. If you have a cell phone, call the police.
- **Follow the golden rule.** The best defense against road rage is to drive as you would have others drive.

Scientists track thoughts through the brain

ow does a thought travel through the brain? If you've ever wondered that, neuroscientists think they have the answer, as reported in an article on the Sci-News website.

A team of researchers at the University of California-Berkeley recorded the electrical activity of neurons from the surface of the brain in response to a simple task like repeating a word. They found that the brain's visual and auditory cortexes were first to react to the word, and then the prefrontal cortex interprets it and supplies its meaning. The prefrontal cortex then coordinates all the other areas of the brain involved in the response.

For a harder task, such as supplying the antonym of a word, the brain takes several seconds to reply, with the prefrontal cortex using other areas of the brain like memory networks.

The researchers noted that the brain appears to prepare its motor areas to respond very quickly—even before it knows what the response will be—possibly explaining why people sometimes speak before they think.



The waters on Mars: Where did they go?

The surface of Mars was once covered in an ocean 100 meters deep, but most of that water has disappeared. What happened? NASA now believes it knows the answer: dust storms.

According to the Science News website, researchers studying more than a decade of satellite imagery have deduced that the massive dust storms of the red planet, which can engulf Mars for months at a time, are responsible for the water loss.

Water vapor was detected almost 80 kilometers above Mars' surface during a massive storm in 2006-2007, rising on convection currents similar to those found on Earth. At that altitude, ultraviolet rays from the sun can break down the chemical bonds holding hydrogen and oxygen atoms together, allowing the lightweight hydrogen to escape into outer space.

The same phenomenon happens on earth, NASA scientists say, but it's not an issue because of the amount of water we have on our planet.

This substance may revolutionize solar power

olar power is expanding at a breakneck pace thanks to breakthroughs in a crystalline material called perovskite. Perovskites can darken windows on sunny days and clear them on cloudy ones. Now scientists are using them to generate electricity.

Perovskites are a combination of elements with a specific crystalline structure. According to the AAAS website, solar panels made of perovskites are almost as efficient at transforming sunlight into electricity as the best modern solar panels. The best perovskite panels can convert 22 percent of sunlight energy into power, compared with 25 percent produced by standard silicon panels—and the building materials for perovskite are cheaper than those for today's solar cells, making them a prime candidate for smart windows that can also act as solar panels.

We are at the very beginning of time for the human race. It is not unreasonable that we grapple with problems. But there are tens of thousands of years in the future. Our responsibility is to do what we can, learn what we can, improve the solutions, and pass them on.

-Richard Feynman





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Scientists turning CO2 into plastic

Excess CO2 in the atmosphere contributes to climate change, but removing it isn't an easy proposition. A group of scientists is working on one solution—converting CO2 into plastic.

The Science Alert website reports that researchers at the University of Toronto are using X-ray spectroscopy and computer modeling techniques to create a carbon dioxide reduction reaction, which can convert CO2 into other chemicals after being hit with an electrical current. Using copper as a catalyst, they can create ethylene, a primary component in plastic.

Although plastic is a problem for the environment, this technique could reduce the need to produce plastic using fossil fuels, which could turn out to be a net gain for the Earth's climate.

The golf lesson

man was taking his first golf lesson from a well-respected pro.

Every time the instructor offered advice on how the man could correct or improve his swing, the man countered with a differing opinion and tried another technique. This went on throughout the duration of the lesson.

The instructor remained gracious and encouraged the man to try out his own theories. With each failed attempt the instructor would ask the man what he thought went wrong and how it could be fixed. The man always had an answer and continued to lead his own lesson.

When the lesson was finished, the man thanked the pro, and scheduled another lesson for the following week. "This was very helpful," the man said before he walked away.



Another golfer who witnessed the lesson approached the instructor and said, "I don't get it. You gave that guy solid advice, but he disregarded everything you said."

"Oh, he didn't want my advice," the instructor replied. "He wanted my agreement."

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