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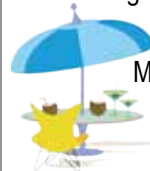
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January 7 - Vicki Souza  
January 17 - Laurie Kestler



## Manager Bob Kelsey's Message

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**T**his is a friendly reminder that the speed limit is 10 miles per hour in the park for all vehicles, scooters, golf carts, segways and bicycles. Please observe. Thank you!

As you all know I am the new Manager of Glen Ellen. Just would like to let everyone know that I am more than happy to help all residents in any way that I can. Please feel free to call me or e-mail me at any time.

May all of you have a safe and blessed New Year.

Manager Bob Kelsey

## Scribe Nancy Labbe's Message

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**J**anuary, 2019. 2018 was a better year with no hurricanes hitting our vicinity. We thank you Lord!

This is our fourth year with Multi-Media. Thank you for your expertise.

I hope everyone had a great **Christmas** and **New Year**.

The Association Meeting has been changed to the second Thursday of January, the 10th due to the holiday.

We need chairpersons for the months of January and February. If you are interested please contact Nancy Labbe in Mobile 121.

I wish everyone a happy, healthy and caring 2019. Be safe and happy everyone!

Your scribe, Nancy Labbe

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## The rest is history

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This is the time of year we dream big, vow to make changes, create goals, and promise to transform into a new and improved version of ourselves. Then we allow life and other responsibilities, naysayers, doubt, and fear to veer us of course.

As you follow your bliss and explore your passions, draw inspiration from the following individuals who found success in spite of the odds against them:

- **Fred Astaire.** He sang and danced his way into our hearts on the silver screen, but his first audition for a major studio was a bomb. The executives were underwhelmed by his performance and offered this critique of Astaire: “Can’t act. Can’t sing. Slightly bald. Can dance a little.”
- **Wayne Gretzky.** Widely regarded as one of the greatest pro hockey players, Gretzky was considered too slow and too small at the start of his career. The popular opinion was he’d never be a success in the NHL.
- **Sir John Gurdon.** He is a pioneer in the fields of nuclear medicine, cloning, and cellular development. Among his many honors are a cancer research facility named in his honor and a Nobel Prize. Yet Gurdon finished last in his prep school biology class because his ideas about science were not aligned with the curriculum of that time.
- **Im Dong-Hyen.** This South Korean archer has won medals and set records. He even competed in the 2004, 2008, and 2012 Olympics—despite being legally blind.
- **George Lucas.** There wasn’t a single studio in Hollywood interested in Lucas’ script for Star Wars. He endured four years of rejection before an executive at 20th Century Fox decided to give Lucas a chance—not because he liked the script, but because he liked Lucas’s film *American Graffiti*.

## What you know

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A CEO was asked by a new hire for any words of wisdom that would be helpful in developing a successful career. “Never lose your sense of curiosity, and always be on the quest to learn something new,” was the executive’s reply.

“When I first started here,” the executive continued, “I never imagined that I would one day become the CEO. In fact, I wasn’t sure if the job I had was a good fit, so I worked in different departments over the course of a few years. Then I became curious, and everything I learned led me on a quest to learn more.

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“Being successful,” the executive said, “is not about what you study or what you read or what you think. It’s about what you know.”

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## Coffee aids in kidney disease fight, study says

**A**mong coffee's health benefits may be a reduced risk of death from kidney disease, according to the Healthline website.

A study recently written up in the journal *Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation* examined data from 4,863 Americans.

The subjects were divided into four groups. Group One consumed the amount of caffeine in one cup of iced tea per day. Group Two took caffeine equivalent to one cup of coffee per day. Group Three had one or two cups, and Group Four had multiple cups per day.

Subjects in Group Two, researchers found, had a 12 percent lower risk of dying from kidney disease. Group Three showed a 22 percent lower risk, and Group Four, which consumed the highest amount of caffeine per day, saw a 24 percent lower risk.

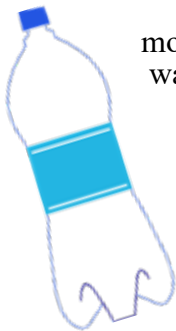


Scientists caution that caffeine poses other health risks, and patients on fluid-restricted diets should take coffee into account of their daily fluid intake. Cream, creamers, and syrups can also cause problems for people with kidney disease, including increased phosphorus and potassium levels. Check with your doctor, as always.

## Water might help reduce women's UTIs

**W**omen who suffer from frequent urinary tract infections (UTIs) may find relief by simply drinking more water, an article on the WebMD website advises.

A yearlong study in Europe followed 140 premenopausal women who experienced recurring UTIs at high rates. At the beginning, the subjects drank less than six eight-ounce glasses of water per day. As the year went on, half the participants drank slightly more than six glasses, while the rest kept to the same regimen.



Researchers found a significant reduction of UTIs among the women who drank more water per day. The average number of UTIs among subjects in the first group was 3.2, but dropped to 1.7 for women whose water intake increased.

“Drinking more water to improve one’s health is probably safe and, if tap is used, pretty inexpensive,” said one doctor (who was not involved in the study). “Producing additional urine—and thus increasing voiding frequency—may raise one’s awareness of the importance of keeping the bladder as empty as possible, which can help reduce UTIs.”

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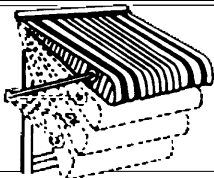
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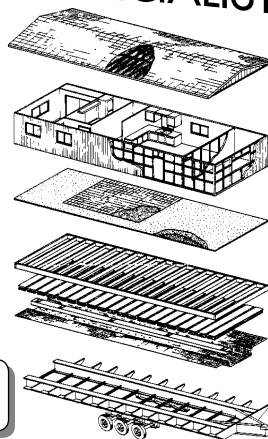
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- **Pay down your mortgage.** You can save more than \$63,000 on a 30-year, \$200,000 mortgage by paying just \$100 more a month.
- **Save 10 percent.** Put aside 10 percent of your income for long-term investments and retirement savings before paying any bills.
- **Track your expenses.** Record every dollar you spend, for at least one week. You'll get a clearer idea of where the money goes and what you can cut back on.
- **Energize your house.** Look for ways to make your house more energy efficient. You'll save on heating and cooling costs and help the environment.
- **Stay home.** Resist the temptation to eat out. Cook more meals at home. Instead of going to the movies, stream a video, read a book, or play a game with your whole family.
- **Don't rely on credit cards.** Credit card debt can eat up your savings and your future. Start reducing your debt, and don't buy anything on credit if you don't have the money to pay the bill off promptly.



## Save money at the grocery store

You have to eat—there's no getting around it for long. You don't have to sink all your money into your next trip to the grocery store, though. The Reader's Digest website shares these tips for saving money on groceries:

- **Know your store's coupon policies.** Many stores offer their own printable coupons on their websites. Some allow you to use that coupon with a manufacturer's coupon (that's called "stacking"). Ask your store what it allows and what's off-limits.
- **Join loyalty programs.** You can get discounts and money back on your purchases through your store's loyalty program. Sign up and check all the rules so you get maximum value from it.
- **Look for final markdowns and clearances.** Many grocery stores place clearance items in a designated area, or use special stickers to help shoppers identify them. Find out what your store does, and keep an eye open for food you can use.
- **Be careful with multiples.** They can trick you into spending more than you want. For example, if a sign on a bag of chips says "Two for \$5," and a single bag of chips is \$3.29, you're getting a good deal (if you want chips). On the other hand, a sign that promises "10 for \$10" for ramen noodles when they're individually priced at \$1 apiece isn't offering any savings. Do the math, and be choosy.

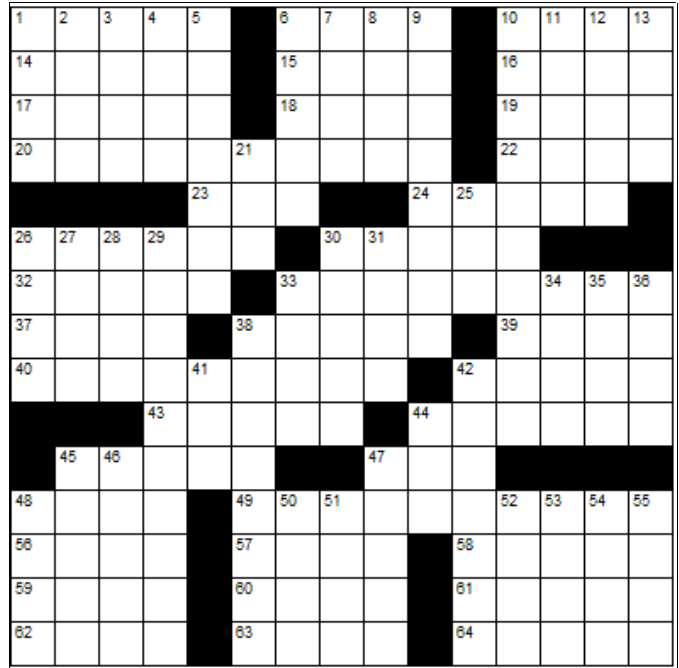


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—Frank A. Clark

**ACROSS**

- 1. Nosed (out)
- 6. Acquire
- 10. Not this
- 14. Plaster
- 15. Beige
- 16. Cravings
- 17. Manner of speaking
- 18. Store
- 19. Indian music
- 20. Coherent
- 22. Affirm
- 23. G
- 24. Not outer
- 26. Stumblebum
- 30. Unadorned
- 32. Not silently
- 33. Car exhausts
- 37. A noble gas
- 38. Feudal workers
- 39. Grotto
- 40. Exterminate
- 42. Consumer of food
- 43. Foolishness
- 44. Attraction
- 45. Coast
- 47. Beer
- 48. Relating to urine
- 49. Paltry
- 56. Rescue
- 57. Broad valley
- 58. Something to shoot for
- 59. Biblical garden
- 60. Not under
- 61. Exclamation expressive of regret
- 62. Fender blemish
- 63. Lease
- 64. Yields



**DOWN**

- 1. Sweeping story
- 2. Carpenter's groove
- 3. Smile
- 4. Prima donna
- 5. Part mortal and part deity
- 6. "Beau \_\_\_"
- 7. Throb
- 8. Press
- 9. Wedding ceremony
- 10. Despotic
- 11. Throw with effort
- 12. Rile
- 13. Russian emperor
- 21. Gender
- 25. Bite
- 26. Alley
- 27. Gorse
- 28. Debatable
- 29. Lavish
- 30. Celebration
- 31. Vitality
- 33. Blue-green
- 34. A Maori club
- 35. Always
- 36. Arid
- 38. Magnificence
- 41. 16 1/2 feet
- 42. Melancholy
- 44. Anagram of "Ail"
- 45. Rank
- 46. Energize
- 47. Watchful
- 48. Utilized
- 50. Overhang
- 51. Secluded valley
- 52. Doing nothing
- 53. Tiny sphere
- 54. Shoestring
- 55. Large North American deer (plural)

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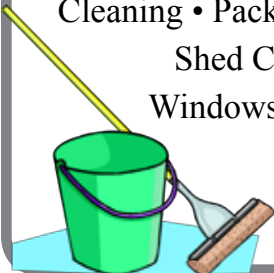
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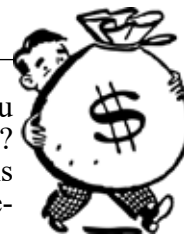
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## Monthly

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**Financial Wellness Month.** Are you saving enough for retirement? Are you saving at all? Will you owe the IRS money this year toward your 2018 taxes? What are your financial goals for 2019? These are just a few of the questions to ask yourself while you review your spending habits and determine your preparedness for any "rainy days" ahead.



**Get a Balanced Life Month.** It's the start of a new year. Use this new beginning as time to review, reconsider, streamline—and maybe even eliminate—the unnecessary commitments, responsibilities, and activities that fill your days.

**Get Organized Month.** It's cold outside, and more than likely you're spending more time indoors fretting that there's nothing to do. Here's an idea: Don't wait for spring to purge your work and living spaces of unnecessary clutter and unused or unwanted items. There's no better time than the present to restore a sense of order to your life.



**Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month.** If saying "yes" to new adventures tops your to-do list this year, why not start things off right by developing your ski legs? Go online to [learntoskiandsnowboard.org](http://learntoskiandsnowboard.org) to find information on destinations, deals, and other considerations.

## Weekly

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**Someday We'll Laugh About This Week, Jan. 2-8.** Don't let the failures and embarrassments of the past continue to cast a shadow over you. Laugh and get over it. Let someday be now.

**Sugar Awareness Week, Jan. 14-18.** Has your daily consumption of sugar gotten out of control? Are you ready to do something about it? Take the challenge and give up sugar for five days. To learn more, visit <http://sugarawareness.com/>

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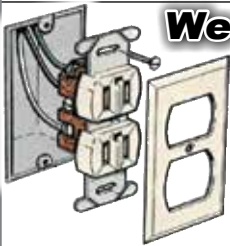
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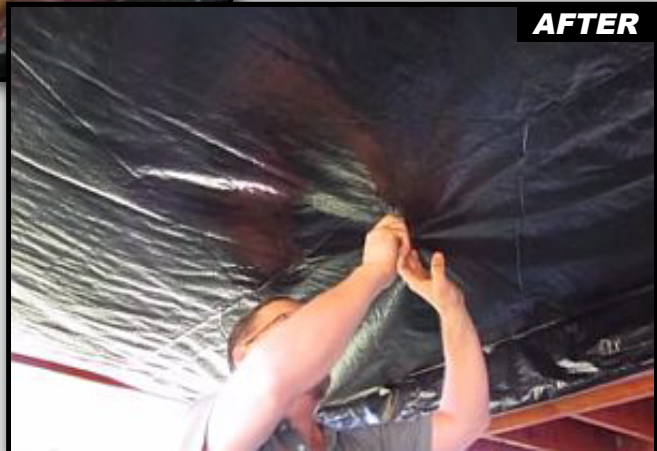
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Here are a few suggestions from AARP that you should consider if you are concerned about the welfare of an aging parent or relative:

- **Stay connected.** Isolation makes the vulnerable among us easy prey. If you are unable to visit with elderly relatives during the week, make sure you are checking in often by phone, and through social media or video if possible. Apps like FaceTime, Skype, WhatsApp, and others allow you to connect in real time. This will make it easier to assess your loved one's health, well-being, and living environment.
- **Keep an eye on caregivers.** Personally interview and check the references for anyone assigned to care for your relative in their home. Keep an inventory of jewelry and other valuables, or keep those items locked in a secure location. Make a surprise visit during a time when the caregiver is scheduled to be there to gain insight on whether the arrangement is working.
- **Create a system of checks and balances.** Get power of attorney to handle the medical and financial aspects of your loved one's care, but remember that those and other financial responsibilities can be shared to keep everyone accountable and informed of what is happening. It's important to note that a relative with a history of substance abuse, gambling, or money problems is not a suitable candidate to enlist for any of these matters.

## 3 ways to persuade your teens to give back

Some high schools require students to complete a certain number of community service hours before graduation, but if you are raising your teens to be generous and thoughtful individuals, stressing the importance of giving back should be taught at home as well. Here are three ways you can help your teen cultivate a spirit of generosity and a willingness to serve:

- **Make it a family affair.** Be the example of stewardship you'd like your teens to follow. Find an organization or a cause that the entire family can get involved with and participate in together.
- **Let them decide.** Your teens might have a service project in mind that they want explore. Support them in their efforts. Their ideas are being shaped by their interests and experiences. Your encouragement at this crucial stage in their development will help to validate their sense of self-worth and provide an additional boost of motivation.
- **Even small gestures count.** Raising money for charity or volunteering a couple of hours a week at a food bank are great ways to give back. So, too, are neighborly deeds such as shoveling out an elderly neighbor's driveway or pulling their trash cans out to the curb. Teach your teens never to overlook small ways they can make a difference.



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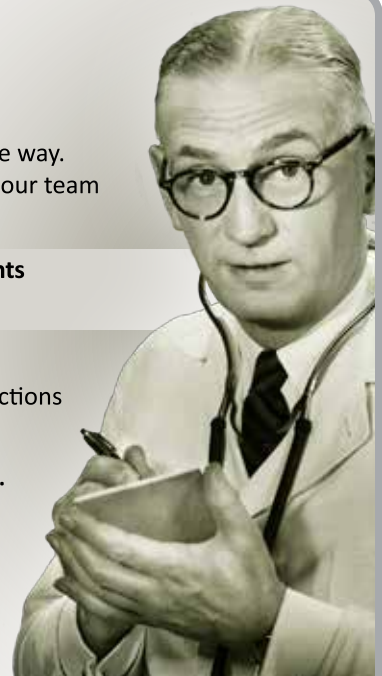
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4	1	3	5	2	6	8	9	7
5	7	8	9	4	3	6	2	1
9	8	6	4	3	5	1	7	2
2	3	5	7	6	1	9	8	4
1	4	7	2	8	9	3	5	6

## Trading places

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A world-famous scientist was being driven to a university where he was scheduled to give a lecture. During the drive he complained to his chauffeur: "I'm not sure how much longer I can do this. I'm so bored with giving the same lecture at every campus we visit."

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"I'll take you up on that offer," replied the scientist. Before they arrived at their destination, the pair pulled into a rest area and traded clothes. The scientist then drove the rest of the way while the driver sat in the backseat reviewing the lecture notes.

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Sat., Jan. 19, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. ANNUAL RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE, Boca Ciega MHP, 11200 Walshingham Road, Largo. Breakfast/ Lunch Served.

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Carport Sale - February 16th, Rancho Village, Ulmerton Rd, 8am-3pm

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## Ancient children adapted to climbing trees - based on foot fossil find

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**K**ids love to climb trees, and they've apparently been doing it for a long time—some 3.3 million years, according to studies of the remains of a 3-year-old discovered in Ethiopia.



The CNN website reports that the child, nicknamed Selam (which means “peace” in the Ethiopian Amharic language) was found with a remarkably well-preserved foot—the most complete foot fossil yet discovered, say scientists.

Analyzing the fossil’s skeletal structure, scientists noted that the base of Selam’s big toe would have made her a great climber. Although she could walk upright, she probably spent most of her time in the trees. A study of her shoulder blades also showed a resemblance to those of an ape, adapted for tree climbing.

Trees provided escape from predators like jackals and saber-toothed cats before the discovery of tools and fire, researchers say, noting that data on chimps show that climbing to an average height of 46 feet makes them feel safe.

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## Ancient sword discovered in lake by young woman

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**I**t’s not exactly the fabled sword in the stone, but it’s almost as astonishing: An 8-year-old girl discovered an ancient sword while swimming in a lake in Sweden last summer.

According to *The New York Times*, the girl, Saga Vanecek, encountered what she thought at first was a stick. When she pulled it up, though, she realized it was a sword, covered with rust and black-brown with age.

The family turned the 33-inch-long sword over to a museum, which determined that it dated from the fifth or sixth century—before the time of the Vikings. Exceptionally well-preserved, it included a cover made from leather and wood.

The discovery was kept secret for a time while archeologists and divers used metal detectors to make a thorough search of the lake. Now that the find has been made public, the sword will be displayed in about a year as specialists perform conservation work on the artifact.



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## Wasted days

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A man was diagnosed with a rare but fatal illness and was told he had one year left. Because he believed he had nothing to live for, he refused treatment, quit his job, withdrew from the company of family and friends, and began to drink heavily and adopt other self-destructive behaviors.

Two years later the man realized he'd outlived his initial diagnosis. He made an appointment with a new doctor, who ordered lab work and a battery of tests. The results were shocking: He'd been misdiagnosed.

As he sat in the doctor's office trying to make sense of the news he'd received, his thoughts turned to how he'd been infected with hopelessness and wasted his days over the past few years. He knew he could never reclaim that time, but he vowed to live a more purposeful life starting that day.

He stopped drinking and took an active role in maintaining his health. He returned to work and spent time with family and friends. He even made the effort to do things that he'd always dreamed about.

His advice to those who might be sick or troubled or simply down on their luck is to make every day count for something meaningful and good. Life is too precious for wasted days.

## It's all about the journey

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Inspirational author and minister Steve Goodier often shares a version of this story to remind us to enjoy the journey as we set out to explore our horizons.

Armed with shovels, two young boys were hard at work, digging a hole in the corner of their backyard. Their older siblings came over to find out what they were doing.

"We're explorers!" one of the youngsters shouted. "We're digging a hole to the center of the earth."

Their older siblings began to laugh. One said, "I hate to tell you this, kiddo, but you won't make it."

"You'd need a lot more than those shovels if you really wanted to go deep into the earth," the other sibling added.

"It doesn't matter," one of the younger boys replied. "We may not get far, but we sure did find some treasures."

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