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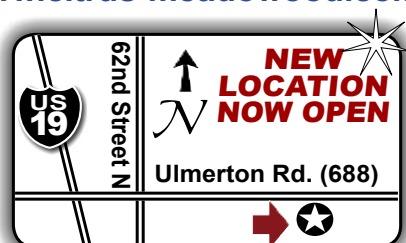
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May Birthdays:

May 8 - Bear Harrison
May 16 - Linda Roy
May 27 - Lois Czaplewski
May 29 - Barbara Harris



Manager Marilyn Sisti's Message:

It is that time of year, everyone is getting ready for summer. The snow birds are heading up North. Please be sure your mobile is in good condition before you leave and arrange for someone to do the weeding and upkeep on your property while you are gone. I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer!

Once again, dogs are a problem. Please be considerate of other individual's property and do not let them damage the grass, especially if someone has spent a lot of money to get the landscape in good shape.

There are still serious concerns about unauthorized individuals in the park. If a person has someone stay with them they need to be registered in the office. If a resident allows a person to stay with them after being spoken to the matter will be turned over to the attorneys and legal action will be taken which could lead to eviction.

If you live in the park, think about how you can be a good neighbor and do not do things to aggravate or upset the people who are in the community whether it be your neighbor or someone living down the street or on the next street.

Enjoy the month of May everyone!

Scribe Nancy Labbe's Message

I think everyone had an enjoyable 'season' at Glen Ellen. There were many activities once a month with a theme. Everyone seemed to have a great time at all the activities. Thanks everyone for your support!

I would like to thank everyone who supported me in becoming the President of the Glen Ellen Association. I appreciate your faith in me and will give 100% effort in making Glen Ellen a great place to live in. Thanks again everyone.

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There are no Chairpersons for the month of May. If anyone wishes to hold a function, please check with Nancy Labbe in Mobile 121.

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Clean Air Month. Supported by the American Lung Association, Clean Air Month educates people about the importance of clean air in their lives. It’s also a time to celebrate the Clean Air Act of 1970 and its impact on the way people think about the environment and on the overall health of everyone.

Mental Health Awareness Month. One in five Americans lives with a mental disorder, with depression topping the list of health-related productivity costs in the workplace, responsible for more than \$51 billion in absenteeism. Strive to make mental health at work a top priority for employers.

National Bike Month. Sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities from coast to coast. Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling—and encourage more folks to give biking a try.



Weekly

Children’s Book Week, May 1-7. Established in 1919, Children’s Book Week is an annual celebration of books for young people. Every year, commemorative events are held nationwide at schools, libraries, bookstores, homes—wherever young readers and books connect.



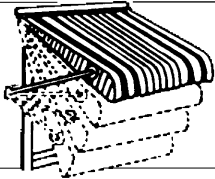
Drinking Water Week, May 7-13. For more than 35 years the American Water Works Association and its members have celebrated Drinking Water Week—an opportunity for water professionals and the communities they serve to join together in recognizing the vital role that water plays in our daily lives.

National Women’s Health Week, May 14-20. National Women’s Health Week is an observance led by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women’s Health. The goal: to empower women to make their health a priority.

Hurricane Preparedness Week, May 21-27. Tropical cyclones are among nature’s most powerful and destructive phenomena. If you live in an area prone to tropical cyclones, you have to be ready. The National Hurricane Center and the Central Pacific Hurricane Center issue watches, warnings, forecasts, and analyses of hazardous tropical weather.



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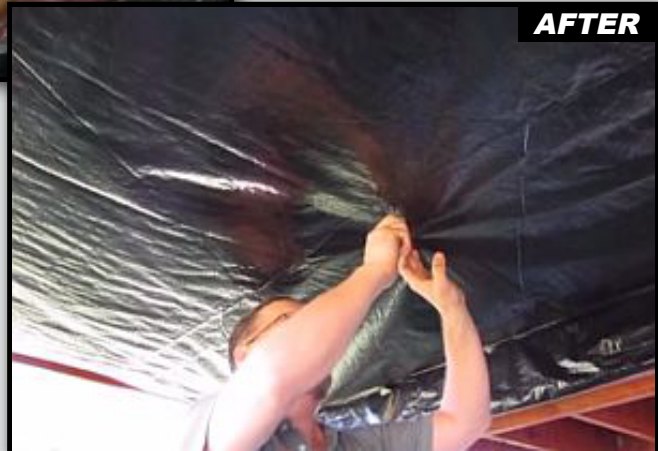
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Decoration Day officially became Memorial Day in 1967. In 1968 the Uniform Holidays Act established it as one of three holidays (including Veteran’s Day and George Washington’s birthday, now called Presidents Day) celebrated on a Monday to create a convenient three-day weekend. Memorial Day is now observed on the last Monday in May.

Wearing poppies is a popular Memorial Day tradition. The custom is generally credited to Moina Michael, a former teacher at the University of Georgia, who was working for the YMCA Overseas War Secretaries at the end of World War I.

She was inspired by reading the poem “In Flanders Fields,” by Canadian poet and doctor John McCrae. The poem’s opening lines read:

In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row . . .

During the Overseas War Secretaries’ annual conference held in New York City in 1918, shortly before the signing of the armistice that ended the war, grateful delegates gave Michael \$10 in recognition of her help with the conference. She spent the money on 25 red silk poppies to hand out to participants (or she may have used the money on materials to make the poppies herself).

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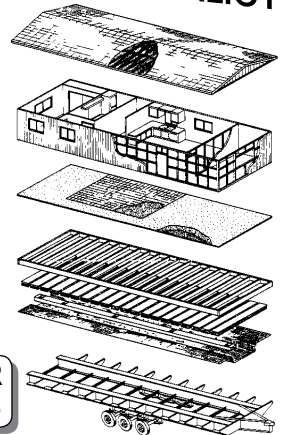
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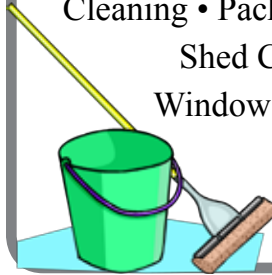
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The woman agreed. The morning passed uneventfully, and then she looked up and saw her husband approaching. “It’s so nice to see you!” she exclaimed. “How have you been?”

“Just great,” her husband replied. “I married the beautiful young nurse who took care of you while you were sick, and we had three more children. I won the lottery. We lived in a huge mansion. We had matching BMWs. My wife and I were taking our yacht on a second honeymoon cruise when I fell overboard and drowned.” He looked around. “So, how do I get into Heaven?”

“You just have to spell one word.

He smiled. “Great! What word?”

She stared at him. “Kyrgyzstan.”



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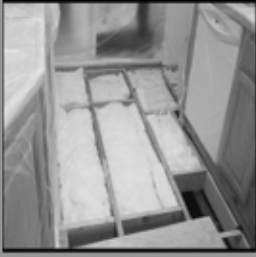
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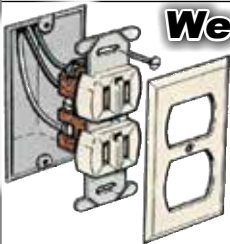
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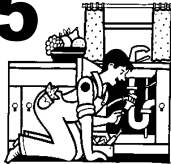
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- **Explore the websites you shop.** Reliable merchants will provide their address (not a post office box!) and phone number. Do some research before giving your credit card to a seller you know nothing about.
- **Look for secure transactions.** The URL's prefix should change from http to https, or shttp, to indicate that sales are encrypted or otherwise secure from hacking.
- **Print out records.** When you make a purchase, save and print a copy of the transaction (and any other correspondence) so you can back up your claims in case of any dispute.

At home

- **Mail with care.** Don't leave outgoing credit card payments or tax documents in your residential mailbox for the letter carrier to pick up. Take them to a Postal Service mailbox or post office to ensure their safety.
- **Shred after reading.** You know this, but it bears repeating: When you discard credit card bills or anything bearing your personal information, rip it up or shred it so garbage divers can't salvage it to use against you.
- **Keep track of your credit cards.** Don't keep more charge cards that you can monitor for fraudulent activity. Pay attention to expiration dates; if you don't get a replacement on time, contact your bank immediately in case it's been stolen.

Everywhere

- **Memorize essential data.** You don't want a lost wallet or stolen briefcase to compromise everyone's identity. Commit Social Security numbers, ATM passwords, and other important data to memory so you don't need to carry them with you and risk losing them.

Living in these cities is expensive

Think your cost of living is too high? You may be in the wrong city. The Crazy Tourist travel agency looked at some recent figures from the crowdsourced data site Numbeo to find the world's most expensive cities. Here are the top 10, based on each city's estimated monthly cost of living:

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New evidence suggests that eating more fish—as long as it's not fried—may help to protect your brain from the shrinkage and decline associated with Alzheimer's. Researchers from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center tracked the diets of 260 people with normal cognitive function for more than 10 years. Using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), they measured the brain volume and function of each participant at the beginning of the study, and again at the end. The results: The 163 subjects who ate fish on a weekly basis (the majority consuming it one to four times a week) had a larger orbital frontal cortex and hippocampus (two areas of the brain that are known to shrink in Alzheimer's patients) and better memory function than those who ate less fish.



The researchers determined that the risk for Alzheimer's and mild cognitive impairment was lowered fivefold within the five years following the brain scans. So start eating more fish today.

Follow this 'Golden Rule' to reduce cancer risk

Want to cut your risk of developing cancer? Check the color of your food—particularly your toast and potatoes. Scientists in the United Kingdom say that cooking those two items too long can increase levels of a naturally occurring chemical called acrylamide, which has been linked to cancer in rats.

Acrylamide is formed when starchy foods like potatoes and root vegetables are cooked at over 120 degrees. To reduce it in your foods, follow these guidelines:

- **Cook until golden.** Whether you're making toast, roasting potatoes, or baking vegetables, cook until the food is gold-colored, not brown.
- **Check the instructions.** Follow instructions for baking or frying packaged vegetables like fries or parsnips.
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Leading by example

Bill Gates, co-founder of Microsoft, has his own private jet now, but he didn't always. On the Business Insider website, former senior vice president Brad Silverberg recalls that in the 1990s, all Microsoft employees were required to travel by commercial airline—in coach, despite the fact that by that time Microsoft was a thriving organization. On one flight from Seattle to New York, Silverberg flew with Gates and some other members of the Windows team:

“And there was Bill, sitting in coach, in a middle seat. It didn't matter to him; he spent the whole flight reading. He wasn't as universally recognized then so it wasn't such an issue for him to fly commercial. It made a big impression on me, a new Microsoft employee, seeing Bill lead by example.”

Different priorities

During a Little League game, one of the batters hit a fly ball to right field that the right fielder made no attempt to catch. After the inning was over, the coach pulled his right fielder aside and asked him why he didn't even try to catch the ball.

“If I had caught that ball,” replied the boy, “I would have killed my new friend.” And with that, he opened up his glove to show the coach a caterpillar he had found in the field.



Remember this story to remind yourself that everyone's priorities are different.

Rules apply to everyone

During the Civil War, Ulysses S. Grant, commander of the Union forces, had to reprimand a guard who had deserted his post. “Orders must be strictly and promptly obeyed always,” Grant told the young soldier.

A week later, the same soldier was told to guard a steamboat loaded with ammunition. His assignment: to make sure that nobody with a lighted pipe or cigar came near the boat. On the guard's first day at his new post, General Grant started walking toward the boat, puffing away on one of his famous cigars.



“Halt!” called the guard. “I have been taught to obey orders strictly and promptly, and my orders are to allow no one to approach this boat with a lighted cigar.”

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