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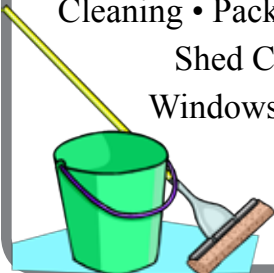
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December 6 - R. J Swartz  
December 6 – Melissa Foldable  
December 17 – Bob Blankenship  
December 21 - Yvonne Campo  
December 27 – Norman Poisson



## Manager Bob Kelsey's Message:

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All the snow birds are coming back. Welcome everyone! If anyone has any concerns regarding Glen Ellen, please feel free to call me at 727-585-2850. Also I will be at Glen Ellen from 12:30 P.M. until 3:30 P.M. Monday through Thursday every week until further notice.

## Nancy Labbe's Message:

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A special thank you to Joan Schuring, Barbara Barczak and Mary Fialkowski for chairing the month of November. It was a fun filled month with a lot of activities.

A special thank you to Agnes and Ferenc for the delicious meal they cooked for Veterans Day and Sandy Ward for cooking biscuits and gravy for coffee hour to be finished by the Thanksgiving Dinner by Joan, Mary and Barbara. It was a great month and much appreciated.

Kevin and Ronnie started Bingo with our new machine. It takes up a lot of time for Bingo and is sincerely appreciated. It is awesome.

Martin Guthe is faithfully having Movie Night every Friday at 7 P.M. and Martin Egnasher is doing Texas Hold 'Em on Sunday night.

All the activities are in full swing and I personally thank everyone for their efforts.

Nancy Labbe and Fred Gillespie are Chairpersons for the month of December. Look for a schedule of events.



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## Boost your thinking with Limits

Sometimes a few constraints can boost your creativity. As recounted on the Fast Company website, publisher Bennett Cerf bet one of his authors, Theo Geisel—better known as Dr. Seuss—that he couldn't write a children's book with just 50 different words. Seuss stepped up to the challenge and won the bet with his book, *Green Eggs and Ham*.

“Putting limits to encourage creativity might sound counterintuitive,” writes JotForm CEO Aytakin Tank on the website. “But the thing is, constraints encourage more divergent thinking—and you can leverage built-in limits or apply them to the project at hand. For example, sometimes we'll tell our designers that they can only have 10 elements on a product screen. These limits stretch their problem-solving abilities and typically produce surprising results.”

### Four paths to inspiration

Creativity calls for patience and a willingness to make mistakes along the way to success. The Thrive Global website offers some advice on how to begin this sometimes difficult path:

- Anticipate the future. Look at trends instead of the status quo. What's changing, and how can you take advantage of it? This helps you challenge conventional thinking and start finding new areas to explore.
- Let yourself play. Don't take your projects too seriously. Take time to relax and do something different. When working, give yourself the freedom to try something new and outlandish. Even if it leads nowhere, it should loosen up your mind so you can spot new possibilities.
- Let your mind wander. Focus is important, but so is a wide perspective. Think about the project you're working on, and allow your mind to explore all the angles without worrying about what's “right.” A wandering mind will sometimes come across a useful idea.
- Embrace ambiguity. Look at elements that don't seem related, and try to forge connections in your mind. Looking for similarities instead of differences can help you link ideas usefully and develop more options than what's immediately apparent.



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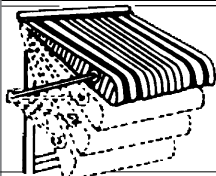
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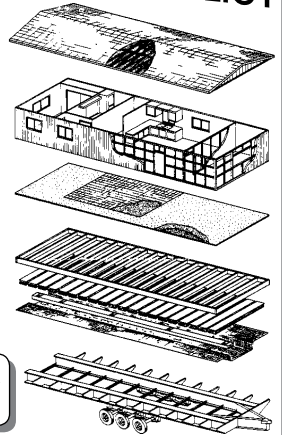
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# Creativity

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## Inventive women from history

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- Circular saws. Tabitha Babbit, a weaver in a Shaker community, suggested that instead of a two-man pit saw that worked only when being pulled forward, a circular saw would be more efficient. She attached a prototype to her spinning wheel in 1813 and filed a patent thereafter.
- Paper bags. Margaret Knight created the modern, flat-bottomed paper bag in 1868. Before then, paper bags looked like envelopes. A man tried to steal the idea and file a patent, but Knight filed a lawsuit and won the rights to her creation.
- Windshield wipers. Mary Anderson invented the first manual windshield wipers in 1903. They didn't take off because most drivers thought it was safer to simply drive through rain and snow than keep pulling a lever to clear it. Another woman, Charlotte Bridgwood, invented an automatic version in 1917, but it wasn't accepted either. Still, by 1920 windshield wipers were everywhere, starting with Cadillac, which began installing them on all its cars.
- Liquid paper. A secretary named Bette Nesmith Graham corrected her typing mistakes with white tempera paint. After years perfecting the formula in her kitchen, she patented Liquid Paper in 1958. Gillette bought her company in 1979 for \$47.5 million.
- Kevlar. This lightweight material will stop a bullet. It's five times stronger than steel. A chemist named Stephanie Kwolek discovered it by accident in 1966 as she was trying to develop a lightweight fiber for car tires.

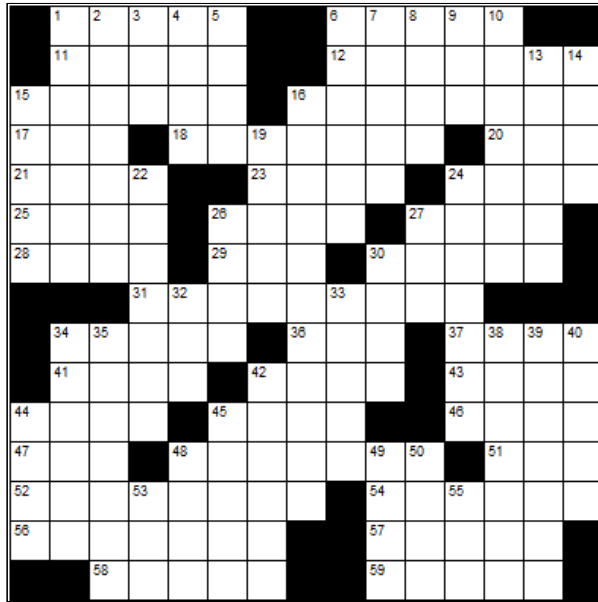
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**The writer must have a good imagination to begin with, but the imagination has to be muscular, which means it must be exercised in a disciplined way, day in and day out, by writing, failing, succeeding, and revising.**  
—Stephen King



**ACROSS**

- 1. Tranquility
- 6. Top of the head
- 11. Fervor
- 12. In the direction of
- 15. Ring around the nipple
- 16. Haggard
- 17. Flee
- 18. Disgraced
- 20. A state of SW India
- 21. Footnote note
- 23. Beers
- 24. Prune
- 25. Countertenor
- 26. Smile
- 27. Make secure by lashing
- 28. Clairvoyant
- 29. Donkey
- 30. Closes violently
- 31. Cabaret
- 34. English county
- 36. Furrow maker
- 37. Baroque composer
- 41. Bumpkin
- 42. Fix
- 43. Reflected sound
- 44. Common people
- 45. Paw
- 46. Apothecary's weight
- 47. Hole-making tool
- 48. Books on unusual subjects
- 51. French for "Summer"
- 52. Fast
- 54. Pact
- 56. Ablation
- 57. Habitual practice
- 58. Tubular pasta
- 59. Tropical nut



**DOWN**

- 1. A short moral story
- 2. A Christian recluse
- 3. Pother
- 4. Soft drink
- 5. Historical periods
- 6. Flower part
- 7. Essential parts
- 8. Blown away
- 9. Legislation
- 10. Standalone computer software
- 13. Sags
- 14. Break
- 15. Pseudonym
- 16. A type of light exercise
- 19. Abrasive
- 22. A heavy damask
- 24. Groused
- 26. A measuring instrument
- 27. Grippe
- 30. Sleigh
- 32. Bother
- 33. Condominium
- 34. A brief period of precipitation
- 35. Peak
- 38. Land
- 39. Personal property
- 40. Cozy
- 42. Relating to the sea
- 44. Notability
- 45. A Great Lake
- 48. Metal money
- 49. Counterfoil
- 50. Backside
- 53. East southeast
- 55. "Dig in!"

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“That’s easy—we’ll catch him fast because he only has one eye!”

The police officer frowned. “That’s because the picture I showed is his side profile.” Annoyed by this ridiculous response, she flashed the picture for five seconds at the second man. “This is your suspect. How would you recognize him?”

The second man smiled. “Ha! He’d be too easy to catch because he only has one ear!”

The officer grew angry “What’s the matter with you two? Only one eye and one ear are showing because it’s a picture of his side profile! Is that the best answer you can come up with?”

Extremely frustrated, she showed the picture to the third man and in a very testy voice asked, “This is your suspect—how would you recognize him? Think hard before giving me another stupid answer.”

The third man looked at the picture intently for a moment. “The suspect wears contact lenses.”

The policeman was surprised. “Wait here for a few minutes while I check his file.” She left the room and went to her office, checked the suspect’s file on his computer, and came back with a beaming smile on her face.

“Wow! I can’t believe it. It’s true! The suspect does, in fact, wear contact lenses. Good work! How were you able to make such an astute observation?”

“That’s easy,” the third man replied. “He can’t wear regular glasses, because he only has one eye and one ear.”



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The survey found that 36% of dog owners describe themselves as happy, and 18% of cat owners said the same. (Twenty-eight percent who have both a dog and a cat agreed)

Does that mean you'll be a happier person with a dog as opposed to a cat? Not necessarily. The survey found that dog owners are more likely than cat owners to be married and own their own homes, two factors that influence happiness and life satisfaction. Dog owners are more likely to engage in outdoor physical activity, another factor in overall happiness.

Whatever kind of pets you have, enjoy them and they'll bring you lots of happiness.



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## It's hard to make friends

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**H**ere's some sad news: The average American hasn't made a new friend in five years, according to a survey of 2,000 adults by OnePoll, reported on the Sputnik News website. Forty-five percent of respondents said they struggle to make new friends.

Thirty percent said they have trouble finding new friends because they don't like going to bars. About 33% said they're worried everyone already has a well-established circle of friendships, and 29% said their hobbies aren't good for making friends. Twenty-one percent said moving to a new city had made it difficult to forge new connections.

Age may be a factor. A majority of participants felt that making friends was much easier in their early 20s. Most said they had the largest circle of friends at 23. The survey noted that the average U.S. adult has 16 active friendships.

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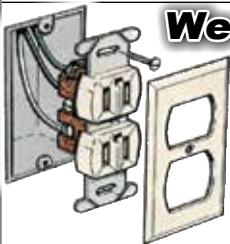
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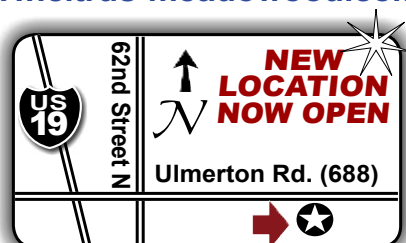
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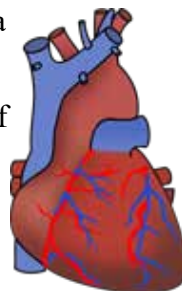
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### Learn about stroke - and how to recognize one

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The main causes of a stroke, according to the CDC, are high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking, obesity, and diabetes. How can you tell if someone is having a stroke? Remember the acronym FAST:

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**S:** Speech. Is the person slurring his or her words, unable to speak, or difficult to understand?

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**World AIDS Day, Dec. 1.** World AIDS Day is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness.



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**L**eonardo da Vinci is known for such paintings as "Mona Lisa" and "The Last Supper," but he was also a masterful engineer. According to the LiveScience website, in the 16th century he designed what would have been the longest bridge in the world at the time, connecting Constantinople to a nearby area called Galata over the Bosphorus Sea. He was responding to a request for proposals from Sultan Bayezid, the ruler of the Ottoman Empire.



DaVinci's bridge was never built, but modern researchers from MIT have built a 3D replica of the bridge, using materials and construction equipment that would have been available in the 16th century. They found that da Vinci's design, using only a single arch, would have been structurally sound, thanks to compression that would have held the bridge's stones together. Leonardo was a true Renaissance man.

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## Meeting James Bond

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**R**oger Moore was one of the many actors to play James Bond in the long-running movie series. The website for The Independent tells the story of one young fan who met his idol in an airport—and what happened afterward.

When Mark Haynes was 7 years old, he spotted the actor in the airport in Nice, France, and implored his grandfather to ask “James Bond” for an autograph. Even though he had no idea who the actor was, Grandpa dutifully obliged, and Moore signed the boy’s plane ticket with his name—Roger Moore. Young Haynes was confused, and Grandpa, embarrassed, handed the ticket back, saying that Moore had signed the wrong name.

Moore beckoned the young boy over. “I have to sign my name as ‘Roger Moore,’” he explained, “because otherwise Blofeld [Bond’s archnemesis] might know I was here.” He asked Haynes not to blow his cover, and the boy boarded the plane excited to be working with James Bond.

There’s an epilogue: As an adult, Haynes, now a scriptwriter, met Moore when he was recording a video for UNICEF. Haynes told him the story, and Moore smiled and said, “Well, I don’t remember, but I’m glad you got to meet James Bond.”

Then, as he was heading out to his car, Moore motioned Haynes over. “Of course I remember our meeting in Nice,” he whispered. “But I didn’t say anything in there, because those cameramen—any one of them could be working for Blofeld.”

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