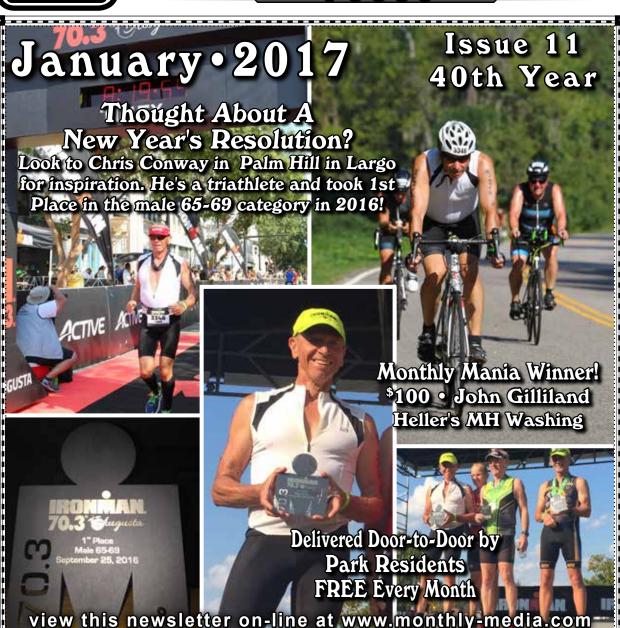


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#### Manager Marilyn Sisti's Message

wanted to announce that Stephanie is no longer with the company, she had to take care of medical issues. I will miss her, she did a wonderful job in helping to keep our park clean and making our homeowners realize they need to be proud of the place they reside in.

During the transition in getting a replacement, the office will be open Monday-Thursday 1:30-4:30. If anyone needs to reach me before that please call over to Shangri-la 727-585-2850.

Regarding cats, if you have a cat it must be in doors at all times. If this cat has kittens, then you must take the responsibility to take care of them or take them to the Humane Society. Leaving them outside defenseless and helpless is cruel! Dogs must be on a leash at all times – no exceptions.

I want to address also the disruptions going on in the park. We need to stop all the bickering and arguing and calling the Police for any silly reasons. You need to talk things out and see why the other person is making you angry. If you cannot do this, my advice is just to ignore that person or move. If you have a problem fill out a complaint form and I will see what I can do to help resolve the situation.

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

Manager Marilyn Sisti

#### Scribe Nancy Labbe's Message:

Tanuary, 2017 the beginning of a New Year! I hope everyone had an enjoyable 2016.

There was sadness, sickness and serious problems in Glen Ellen but this is a New Year, let's think positive.

It has been two years now since we started coordinating our "Focus" with the "Monthly Media Newsletter". It keeps all of our residents informed about what is going on and is delivered right to their home. I would like to give a special 'thank you' to all the 'Media' staff and let all of you know your expertise is greatly appreciated!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year.

I wish everyone a happy, healthy and caring 2017. Be safe and happy everyone! Your scribe Nancy Labbe



#### **January Birthdays**

January 1 - Steve Burson

January 4 - Ted Czaplewski

January 6 – Lisa Uchida

January 6 – Joan Schuring January 7 – Jim Spiro

January 17 – Laurie Kestler

January 22 – Don Brooks (In heaven)



#### **January Chairperson**

There is no Chairperson(s) for the month of January. If anyone would like to help out please contact Bill Reilly in Mobile 218.

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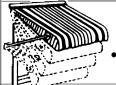
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#### Brain drain: Control your appetite after a long day at the office

Lit mainly at your desk? Scientists, as reported by The New York Times, say it happens because your brain, feeling tired, starts to want more fuel to keep going—even though you haven't exactly been digging ditches for eight or nine hours. The problem is that you're consuming calories your body doesn't actually need because your brain is telling you to.

One way around this dilemma is exercise. In an experiment at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, 38 college students met to discuss what their favorite pizza was. After the discussion, they were allowed at eat as much pizza as they wanted. On another day, they were brought back and given a series of tests from college entrance and graduate-level exams. Afterward, half the students worked out on treadmills while the rest sat quietly. The entire group was again served all the pizza they wanted, but the treadmill group ate less—about 25 fewer calories than at their previous session. On the other hand, the rest of the group actually ate 100 calories more.

The study suggests that a light workout after a mentally strenuous day may curb one's appetite—good to know before you sit down to eat.

#### Eat lots of these foods to prevent prostate cancer

Prostate cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer in men—more than 180,000 cases are diagnosed each year. Diet can be a factor, doctors say, especially one of foods high in saturated fats found in meat and dairy products. Men may be able to reduce their risk of developing prostate cancer by eating more of these healthy foods:

- Broccoli. Benefits: Low in carbohydrates and rich in antioxidants and phytochemicals that may prevent cell changes contributing to cancer.
- Salmon. Benefits: Lots of omega-3 fatty acids that can inhibit prostate cancer.
- Brazil nuts. Benefits: Selenium; six to eight nuts contain 700 percent of a daily serving.
- Tomatoes. Benefits: Lycopene. Men who eat 10 portions of tomatoes a week may reduce their risk of prostate cancer by 18 percent.
- Walnuts. Benefits: Walnuts and walnut oil have been shown to reduce levels of the hormone IGF-1, which has been linked to prostate cancer.
- Coffee. Benefits: Antioxidants, as well as stimulating the body to metabolize sugars more efficiently. Green tea shares similar qualities.

#### The five-second rule may not be so safe after all

Te've all heard of the five-second rule: If a piece of food drops on the floor, it's safe to eat if you grab it in five seconds or less. That may not be true, though, according to an article on the Medical News Today website.

Researchers at Rutgers University decided to test the rule. They used four types of surfaces: stainless steel, ceramic tile, wood, and carpet. They also choose four kinds of food: watermelon, bread, bread with butter, and gummy candy. Finally, they tested four different contact times: less than a second, five seconds, 30 seconds, and 300 seconds.

They cultivated bacteria similar to salmonella and spread it on the different surfaces, allowed it to dry, then dropped each food on each surface for each designated time period. The results: The bacteria was able to contaminate the food almost instantly in every case, although with different degrees of contamination. Watermelon soaked up the most bacteria because of its moisture; the gummy treats were affected the least due to their hard surface. Nonetheless, the scientists are confident that their findings disprove the five-second rule. So you're probably safer throwing out any food on the floor.

A fit, healthy body—that is the best fashion statement.

—Jess C. Scott

#### Plutonian moon's red spot explained

Jupiter is famous for its great red spot, but it's not the only red patch in the solar system. Charon, a moon of Pluto, also sports a reddish blotch near its north polar region, and scientists now know what causes it, according to the Sci-News website.

The spot, nicknamed Mordor Macula, covers an area the size of New Mexico, and is made of methane that comes from Pluto. Once the methane escapes Pluto's atmosphere, it falls to the surface of Charon's north pole and then freezes (winter temperatures in Charon's polar region can drop as low as negative 430 Fahrenheit). UV light from the sun turns the methane into heavier hydrocarbons that eventually become reddish organic materials known as tholins.

Data came from the New Horizons space probe. One of the project's scientists characterized the discovery as the realization that Pluto is a cosmic graffiti artist, spray-painting its nearest neighbor red.



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#### Marriage in trouble? Watch for these signs

Just because you're not having fights with your spouse doesn't mean everything is fine in your marriage. It could be in trouble without you and your partner realizing it. Watch for these signs that you need to get back on track.

- Your partner isn't first on your list. When you've got big news, whom do you tell first? If it's not your spouse, you may be disconnecting from him or her. Communicating about what's important to both of you is vital in an honest, healthy relationship.
- You're focused on yourself. Strong marriages rest on mutual goals. If you forget your partner's needs while making your own plans, he or she may begin to do the same. Although you each may want some personal time, carve out time to spend with each other—talking, taking a walk, watching a movie, or something else you both enjoy.
- You compare your spouse to others. Try to avoid thoughts like, "I wish Lynda was more like Diane," or "Why doesn't he bring me flowers like Paula's husband?" Comparisons lead to dissatisfaction and resentment. Be open about what you want so your partner has a chance to fulfill your needs.
- You lead separate lives. You may not be fighting, but you're also not doing much together. Do you watch separate TV shows, go to bed at different times, eat meals without the other person? Make more of an effort to get in sync so you don't find yourself living alone without actually moving out.

#### **Quick hits**

7 ant to liven up the conversation at your next party? Try some of these one-liners:

- "I've been diagnosed with a certain type of brain disorder where I deny the existence of certain 1980s rock bands. There is no Cure."
- "My wife probably tells me I never listen to her."
- "And the award for best neckwear goes to ... well, look at that. It was a tie."
- "No matter how nice your son or daughter is, German children are kinder."
- "Thank you for my student loans. I don't think I can ever repay you."

#### **Monthly**

**National Bath Safety Awareness Month**. In the United States, an average of 370 people across all age groups suffer bathtub or shower-related injuries every day. Slips, falls, and hotwater burns are the prime causes of accidents in the bath and the second leading cause of accidental death and disability. Remember: Bath safety is an integral part of general home safety.

**National Blood Donor Month.** Some give blood because they've been asked to. Some know a family member or a friend who might need blood someday. Some simply believe it's the right thing to do. Whatever your reason, the need is constant and your donation is important to maintaining a healthy and reliable blood supply.

National Stalking Awareness Month. The National Center for Victims of Crime launched National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM) in January 2004 to increase the public's understanding of the crime of stalking. The National Stalking Awareness Month website (www.stalkingawrenessmonth.org), launched in January 2009, provides a wealth of information about this crime and about the nationwide observance.

National Train Your Dog Month. The Association of Professional Dog Trainers began the National Train Your Dog Month campaign in 2010 to raise awareness of the importance of socialization and training, to inform the public that training your dog can be easy and fun, and to help new pet parents start off the year right with their newest family member.

#### Weekly

**Diet Resolution Week, Jan. 1-7**. This week is about focusing and altering the types of food you consume rather than just reducing the amount. Try eating at least one piece of produce every day (fruit or vegetable), eating fish at least once a month (once a week would be better), and drinking at least two glasses of water a day.

National Sugar Awareness Week, Jan. 16-20. Can you go five days without sugar? Take the challenge to find out how difficult finding foods that do not contain some form of sugar can be, as well as how this substance can affect your body, mind, emotions, and life.

**No Name-Calling Week, Jan 16-20**. No Name-Calling Week was inspired by the popular young adult novel The Misfits, by James Howe. The No Name-Calling Week Coalition was created by GLSEN and Simon & Schuster Children's publishing and has been adopted by schools around the U.S., growing into one of the largest bullying-prevention initiatives in the country.

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#### Oldest fossils may have evolved during hellish times

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The stromalites are 220 million years older than stromalites found in western Australia, previously thought to be the world's oldest fossils at 3.48 billion years old. If they're confirmed as evidence of ancient microbial life, the fossils will push back the estimated date of the formation of life on Earth to about four billion years ago, during a period when the planet was bombarded by meteors that turned oceans into steam and the surface into lava—a time dubbed the Hadean stage of Earth's history.

#### Genes may control your coffee intake

The amount of coffee you drink may be based on your genetic makeup. A study by an international team of researchers, written up in the journal Scientific Reports, identified a gene that regulates the expression of other genes connected to caffeine metabolism.

The gene, PDSS2, hampers cells' ability to break caffeine down, which causes it to remain in the body longer. Thus, people with the gene will feel the effects of caffeine longer, reducing their desire for more.

The scientists examined genetic data from two groups of people in Italy, and they asked participants to record how many cups of coffee they drank each day. People with a variation in their PDSS2 gene tended to drink less coffee than those without the variant. The study was replicated in a similar study carried out in the Netherlands.

So if someone ever tells you that you're drinking too much coffee, you can blame it on your genes.

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#### Pew-pew-pew! Gaming racks up high scores—and sales

mericans love their games, especially the electronic variety. The Entertainment Software Association surveyed more than 4,000 U.S. households on their gaming habits. If you've ever spent 12 hours slaughtering virtual zombies, these findings might be of interest:

Sixty-three percent of U.S. households in the survey have at least one frequent gamer. Forty-seven percent of gamers are between 18 and 49 years old. The average male gamer? He's 35 years old; the average female gamer is 44. The typical frequent game purchaser is 38; 60 percent of them are men.

They're spending a lot, too. Gamers spent \$23.5 billion on gaming in 2015, \$16.5 billion on gaming content alone.

#### We're living longer (at least some of us are)

ife expectancy has increased by five years since the year 2000, according to the World Health Organization, but like many things, it's not evenly distributed. Here's a look at the average life expectancy at birth in the top and bottom five nations:

Highest		Lowest	
• Japan	83.7	<ul> <li>Cote d'Ivoire</li> </ul>	53.3
<ul> <li>Switzerland</li> </ul>	83.4	• Chad	53.1
<ul> <li>Singapore</li> </ul>	83.1	<ul> <li>Cent. African Republic</li> </ul>	52.5
<ul> <li>Australia</li> </ul>	82.8	• Angola	52.4
<ul> <li>Spain</li> </ul>	82.8	<ul> <li>Sierra Leone</li> </ul>	50.1

Women in Japan can expect to live the longest—86.8 years. For men, the highest life expectancy is in Switzerland, where the average male lives to 81.3 years.

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With me, everything turns into mathematics.

—René Descartes

Ninety-nine percent of all statistics only tell 49 percent of the story.

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#### **Punctuation is powerful**

aria Feodorovna, the wife of Tsar Alexander III of Russia, was known for her charitable works. According to one story, she once saved a condemned man from exile in Siberia by moving a single comma in the warrant signed by her husband.

The original document read: "Pardon impossible, to be sent to Siberia." The Empress moved the comma so the warrant read: "Pardon, impossible to be sent to Siberia." The man was saved and released.

There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you.

—Maya Angelou

### Entice children and grandchildren to go on walks

Taking a walk is one of the simplest forms of exercise you can imagine. It's also a fun way to spend time with your family, especially your children. Try these tips for getting them out of the house and on the trail:

- Make it an adventure. Don't just say, "Let's go for a walk." Spark your child's interest with something like, "Let's look for leaves to collect," or "Let's find some animal footprints." This makes the walk sound like more of an activity and less like a chore.
- Think ahead. Before setting off, think about where you want to go. Will it be safe for your child? You don't want to wear children out, let them get too muddy, or force them to dodge cars and other obstacles. Plan a short walk at first. If children are still enthusiastic, you can always lengthen it.
- Walk at your child's pace. Don't make it a race (unless your child actually
  wants to run one). Match your speed to your child's. Encourage kids to
  stop and look at things—bugs, rocks, trees, etc. Be willing to go off and
  explore in a different direction if your child wants.
- Take your pet. Most children love animals. If you don't have a dog of your own, ask your neighbors if they'd like you to take their dog for a walk. Children will get a chance to run and play, making the walk more energetic and enjoyable.
- Dress appropriately. Make sure you and your children have the right shoes and other clothes. Sunscreen and hats are a must for bright days. Dress in layers so you can add or remove clothing depending on the temperature. If the weather is wet, wear boots.

#### Use limitations to your advantage

ometimes our limitations and constraints force us to find creative solutions. Here are two examples:

- Django Reinhardt. This jazz musician had two fingers fused together due to an accident as a child. Undaunted, he learned to play the guitar with his remaining fingers and became internationally famous—so much so that Black Sabbath guitarist Tony Iommi copied Django's technique when he lost the tips of his right hand's middle and ring fingers in an accident at a sheet metal factory.
- Sir Richard Branson. The British businessman has turned his dyslexia into as advantage. He says it's forced him get better at hiring and delegating, and prevents him from micromanaging employees' tasks because sometimes he literally can't take over.

#### Making the bed

outh African leader Nelson Mandela was known for many things, not the least of which was his humility even after he became famous around the world. Mandela always made his own bed, no matter where he traveled. One time he was visiting Shanghai, where he stayed in a very fancy hotel. Chinese hospitality requires that you allow the maid to clean your room. Doing it yourself can be regarded as an insult.

An aide tried to explain this to Mandela. In response, the leader asked for his maids to be sent up to his room. The aide talked to the hotel manager, and soon Mandela was speaking to the staff. He explained that he always made his own bed wherever he was, and the maids agreed.

"He never really cared about what great big people think of him," the aide wrote later, "but he did care about what small people thought of him."

#### No magic

n elderly gentleman was being treated by his doctor. "You're in pretty good shape for a man your age," she said. "But I'm only a doctor, not a magician. I can't make you any younger."

"I know that," the man said. "All I want is to go on getting older."

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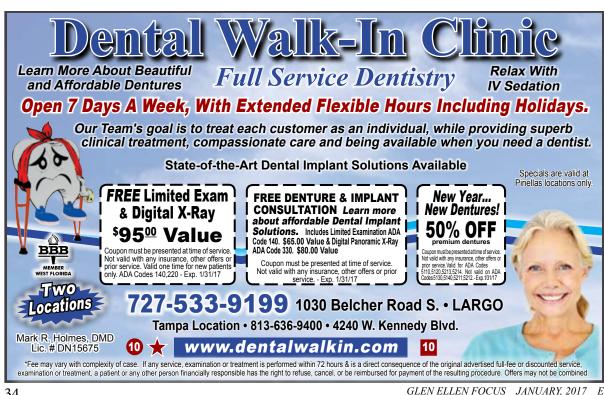


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#### Learn the ABCs of skin cancer

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- A: Asymmetry. Is the spot or mole generally circular, or does one side look different from the other?
- **B:** Border. Is the edge of the item uneven, notched, or blurry?
- C: Color. Does the object vary in color in different areas?
- **D: Diameter.** Is the area larger than a pencil eraser?
- **E: Evolving.** Has the object changed its size, shape, or color?

Contact a dermatologist if you answer "yes" to any of these questions.

#### Just a rash? Check it out

rash may be nothing to worry about, but sometimes it can be a sign of something serious. Doctors recommend you pay attention if a rash exhibits any of these symptoms:

- The rash spreads quickly across your body, which could indicate a major allergic reaction
- You have a fever along with the rash. This could be a sign of a serious infection, so get to the hospital immediately.
- Your rash forms blisters or becomes painful.



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—P. T. Barnum

#### Giant lizards once roamed Australia

ovies like *One Million Years B.C.* show humans battling dinosaurs, but T. Rex and other prehistoric creatures died out long before Raquel Welch's ancestors designed the first fur bikini. Still, recent discoveries suggest that prehistoric could have fought large reptiles, or at least co-existed with them at one time.

Scientists from the University of Queensland have dug up a small bone that they have determined could have come from a gigantic lizard that lived in Australia as recently as 50,000 years ago.

As reported on the eScience News website, the bone is only 1 centimeter long, but scientists are certain that it belonged to a huge creature that may be related to the Komodo Dragon or another species known as Megalania Prisca. Megalina once roamed eastern Australia, and reached a length of 11 to 16 feet. Its sharp, curved teeth would have been a ferocious challenge for early humans in the territory, but so far no evidence of any terrifying encounters have been unearthed.



#### How much do you know about science?

Te rely on science and technology for many of the necessities and conveniences of modern life, but how well does the average U.S. citizen really understand science? A survey by the Pew Research Center sought the answer to that question. The survey asked a series of basic science questions and received these results:

- The core of the Earth is our world's hottest layer: 86 percent answered this correctly.
- Uranium is needed to create nuclear energy and weapons: 82 percent.
- Comets comprise a core of ice and a tail of gases: 78 percent.
- Tides are created by the moon's gravity: 76 percent.
- The polio vaccine was developed by Dr. Jonas Salk: 74 percent.
- Astrology is different from astronomy: 73 percent.
- Cell phones use radio waves: 72 percent.
- A light-year is a measure of distance: 72 percent.
- Amplitude (height) determines the loudness of sound: 35 percent.
- Water boils at a lower temperature in Denver than in Los Angeles: 34 percent.

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