

# Cheval Neighborhood Newsletter

January, 2019



Everyone has been anxiously awaiting this edition to see how the Newsletter staff did with the Cheval predictions we made for 2018 in last January's Newsletter.

Score card:

We did well, of course, else this article would be buried behind the Science & Technology Section, which, by the way, for those who have not noticed, has been moved to follow the Occult and Paranormal Section.

*10. ArtisTree will get the shrubs planted around the backflow preventers. Probability = .99999.*

Nailed it! All planted, and they have been growing in nicely. Though now that the devices are camouflaged, were we to do a prediction on them again for 2019, we would up our percentage for #7, next column. 1 for 1.

*9. There will be two holes-in-one on our #11. Probability = 50%.*

Since we gave this a 50%, and there was one hole-in-one (Jan. 4), we'll take credit for this one as well. BTW, our own Ernie Laginess recorded an ace on another hole on October 19<sup>th</sup>. If we missed anyone else, let us know! 2 for 2.

*8. There will be a hole-in-one on #11 when the "pin" is on the upper deck. Probability = 0.*

Aced it! 3 for 3.

*7. At least one of the new or existing backflow preventers will be run over by a car or ArtisTree.*

*Probability = 50%.*

Wrong. These things have been run over here in Cheval, but not in 2108. Must be the new driver ed courses for seniors.

3 for 4.

*6. Cheval Drive will be re-paved. Probability = .00211*

Got this one, for sure. 2021, anyone?

4 for 5.

*5. Venice will have another hurricane strike. Probability = .2245..*

No hurricane....low percentage....credit us with an accurate prediction. Let's hope the same for 2019.

5 for 6.

*4. We will have an annual member meeting. Probability = 100%.*

This was a fluff prediction. An annual meeting is required by our documents and the law governing HOA's.

6 for 7.

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3. Cheval golfers will win the Cheval-Wild Pine-Cedarbrook outing. Probability = .63425.

We awarded ourselves a split on this one. And if you want to know how we arrived at .63425, that will be in another Newsletter.

6.5 for 8.

2. One of our grand oaks will be removed. Probability = .33333

What could we possibly have been thinking! Getting approval to remove a Grand Oak would be as likely as Schrodinger's formula

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being wrong! But, you already knew that, likely using that formula regularly in everyday life! So, since we gave it a low %, we'll take credit for it! ED: Our Science department is taking over! They are very scary folks!

7.5 for 9.

And finally, our number one prediction:  
1. We will all come to love those screaming limpkin birds. Probability = .00034.

No chance of missing this one. Not now, not ever.

8.5 for 10.

Given our less than perfect performance for 2018, we will make no predictions for 2019.

BTW, we did some fact checking on YOUR personal resolutions. See those results following TRUTH OR FICTION.

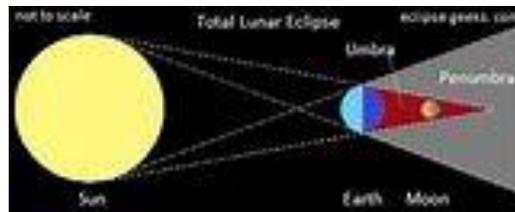
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It was a crystal clear night for viewing of the total lunar eclipse. Hopefully everyone got outside for the spectacular display!

Here is what you all already know:

A total lunar eclipse occurs when the moon passes fully through the earth's shadow.



But the Newsletter is not really known for the reporting of "just the facts." And so:

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We'll have the following information fall into the category of TRUTH OR FICTION, YOU DECIDE!

The full technical name of the event was "Super Blood Wolf Moon Lunar Total Eclipse."

And here is the breakdown:

**SUPER:** Yes, this does mean as it appears: very large, huge, monstrous in size, even perhaps, humongous. This particular eclipse occurred when the moon was at its closest point to the earth during rotation. It thus *appears* to be larger than normal. Still, it is only 2,159.2 miles in diameter. That's about the distance from Cheval Drive to Mesa, Arizona.

**BLOOD:** Zombie apocalypse aside, this has nothing to do with actual blood but the color red. As the light from the sun passes through the earth's atmosphere, it picks up a reddish color from our atmosphere. That reddish color is refracted to the moon and reflected back.

**WOLF:** Yes, wolves do howl at the moon. Some humans, those who may be "a few inches short of a hole in one," in golf lingo, may also do so. This is the mating time for wolves, so they howl excessively. They can also be aggressive during this time, so be careful out there.

**MOON:** Large chunk of rock hurtling around the earth at 2,288 MPH. Not a good vacation destination.

**LUNAR TOTAL ECLIPSE:** Every bit of the moon falls within the earth's umbra.

**COLUMBUS:** In 1504, while Columbus and his crew were basking on the beaches of what is now known as Jamaica, the Arawak natives were starting to feel as we do when friends and relatives stay too long. And so, they cut back on the food supplies to Chris and company.

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This apparently did not sit too well with Chris, and he told the Arawak that the gods would send them a message to that effect “through the red darkness.” Well, either Chris was either (a) lucky, (b) prescient, or (c) very well up his astronomy, we don’t know, but lo, there was in fact a Super Blood Wolf Moon Lunar Total Eclipse that year. The natives were apparently impressed, the crew did not starve, and the rest is history.

**SHOCKER!** Much like being on Mt. Washington in New Hampshire and stepping out of the weather station into minus 25 degree temps, the moon undergoes much more drastic shock as its surface temperature goes from about +170 degrees to about -150 degrees during an eclipse, about a -320 degree change in a short time. Rocks crumble and pop as gasses escape. Think about pop rocks in your mouth, but on super steroids.

**EARTHQUAKES:** While there is a clear effect on the tides given the proximity to earth, there is no evidence that there is an increase in earthquake activity during such an event. We can relax next time. Nor are sinkholes effected, btw. 2 myths debunked.

**NEXT TIME?** Be patient, but mark your calendar or record it in your smart phone. August 12, 2045 will be the next coast to coast full lunar eclipse.

**TRUTH OR FICTION, YOU DECIDE!**

Several of you have submitted the email (vs. paper) notification form to receive neighborhood official correspondence via email vs USPS. Our target is 100% participation by our Cheval Members. It will save Cheval money, paper, and mail costs, and it will most definitely help us deal with a new legal requirement. That requirement states that if the address we have on record here at the VGCC differs from that of the County Appraiser, we must send notices to the address on record at the Appraiser’s office. The first step in that process would require that we go through the addresses on the appraiser’s site, one by one, to identify differences. Then, those differing must be entered into our VGCC system. It’s work and cost we hope to avoid. If you have not yet signed up for e-notices, let me, Rich Bartholomew ([rbarthol001@aol.com](mailto:rbarthol001@aol.com)) know, and I will get you the needed form.

**Also, when you want to change the exterior portion of your property, don’t forget the ARC request form!**



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Last year, some of you made some very positive, constructive, self-improving resolutions. Congratulations! Our interviewer found the most frequent to be: “I resolve to make no New Year’s resolutions for 2019, or 2020, for that matter.”

We followed up on the others, which, while sometimes positive, may not have been fully realized.

*1. I will be absolutely resolute that I will not re-post anything to Social media until I have confirmed it.*

We here at the newsletter are thorough and persevering. Immediately after that person posted the above resolution on their Facebook page, they re-posted this story, headlined:

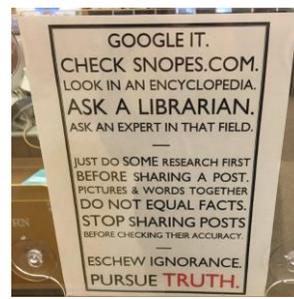
“SASQUATCH EATS SCHOOL BUS”

*2. When I begin typing a request into Google, I will not, without thinking, accept any “suggestion” Google makes.*

Well, that person was curious enough to click on this one, which changes daily:

why  
why does google say topeka  
why is google called topeka  
why can't i own a canadian

*3. I will NOT accept all that I find on the internet as fact.*



Librarians are getting a little hard to find nowadays, btw.

But, “The truth is out there.”

*4. I WILL use spellcheck on texts, emails, and internet posts.*

Yes, we checked on Twitter for that person, and we found this:



We hear at the Newsletter hope that everyone will be cautious in 2019 so they don't embarrass themselves with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade typing errors.

Nuf sed!

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5. *I will correctly identify all food intolerances and allergies, so as to be respectful of those who have them.*

Ok, that sounds reasonable, even though folks with food intolerances or allergies have not yet won protected class status. But how well researched was the following, do you think?

██████ at the yogurt shop said their was no dairy in the yogurt but i think their was n im lack toe tolerance

10:03 AM Feb 16th via GoodPhone Pro  
Retweeted by 3 people

Reply 1



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We don't think it is the yogurt store person who should have had their name redacted! And no, it did not stipulate how many "toe(s)" Princess is lacking. How difficult is "lactose?"

6. *I am going to do all my homework on time, and I will get it all right.*

This came from one of our own who is taking night classes at an undisclosed college.

after doing my math problems last night i feel like i just concord something huge,i feel so accomplished!!

29 minutes ago · Like · Comment



likes this.

have you done your english homework yet?

2 minutes ago · Like

DITTO that tweet follow-up!

The Staff has decided that we will do no more follow up on these in 2019, for obvious reasons. And, of course we will protect the names of those involved, at least for a while.

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The staff apologizes for the excessive length of this newsletter. We will make up for it next month. Trust us.

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STAFF WISHES  
EVERYONE A VERY  
HAPPY, HEALTHY,  
AND PROSPEROUS  
NEW YEAR!



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Most importantly, a continental breakfast may be served.

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