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Marijuana complaint lands man in jail

A man who called the Sheriff's Office to report he was the victim of a physical confrontation over a bag of marijuana ended up in jail.

David Lawrence Connelly, 48, of Southwest 73rd Court, Ocala, was accused of possession of marijuana less than 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

When deputies arrived at the house, they found a bleeding Connelly and blood in the home. He told police he had an unloaded gun but didn't know what he did with it. When he was looking for the gun, he allegedly picked up a pipe, and there was a small amount of marijuana in the pipe which tested positive.

He then said he would not press charges against the man with whom he had the confrontation, and refused to give permission to search his house, but he was arrested and taken to jail.

Two women were accused of retail theft and given a notice to appear after an incident at Beall's.

Kimberly Ann Deidesheimer, 24, of Southwest 103rd Place, and Amanda Maria DeLoatche, 23, of Southwest 78th Place, were detained by the store's loss prevention officer after they allegedly took some women's clothes, went into the changing room, put the clothes in their purses and then left the store.

They were given a court date of July 28.

A free clip at age 100



Albert Benson of On Top of the World turned 100 years old last Friday, July 16. Keeping a promise, Gary White of Friendship Barbers and Stylists in the Winn-Dixie Plaza gave Benson a free haircut. The left photo shows him before White took the clippers to him, and the photo at the right shows the end result.

Voter registration deadline is July 26

BY MICHEL NORTHSEA
Staff Writer

Those wishing to vote in the Aug. 24 primary election and aren't already registered to vote must do so on or before July 26.

For those needing to update their records to reflect a change of current address or name, that too needs to be completed by July 26.

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Marion County's 87,729

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Republicans will have the opportunity to choose among five candidates seeking the District 2 seat on the County Commission, now held by Commissioner Jim Payton. Payton is not seeking re-election.

Those vying to move onto the general election include: Republicans, Kathy Bryant, Christine Dobkowski, Tony Mendola, Elicia Sanders, and Les Smith.

In a partisan race, such as county commissioner, the candidates receiving the most votes go on to the general election, explained Dee Brown, supervisor of elections.

The Republican winner of the District 2 race will go on the November general election ballot along with Democratic challenger Ken Nadeau and Florida Whig Party candidate Douglas Shearer.

Neither Nadeau nor Shearer has another challenger from their respective parties so they won't be on the ballot in August.

Also on the ballot for the primary election will be two School Board seats.

Vying for School Board Seat 4 are Dean Blinkhorn, Angie Boynton, Thomas Patrick, and Nancy Thrower.

Three candidates are seeking the School Board

Seat 5. They are incumbent Ron Crawford, Sharon Hagen and Mary F. Williams.

In each School Board race, if one candidate doesn't get 50 percent of the vote, plus one vote, then the top two candidates goes on to the Nov. 2 general election, Brown said.

There is only one contested judicial race, for circuit judge between Denise A. Dymond Lyn and Robert Hodges, the incumbent. That race will also be on the Aug. 24 ballot.

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Jessica has the residents hold their hands up high as they jump forward with their legs together. See more photos on Page 2.

PHOTO BY MIKE ROPPEL

Water walking classes are free during the summer for On Top of the World residents. They are held the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Arbor Club outdoor pool from 1:30 to 2:15. This week had an almost capacity crowd. Twenty-five residents took the class.

Cammy Dennis's aquatic staff rotate as instructors. The instructors encourage all residents to join them in the various types of aquatic classes at the Arbor Club. Some classes require a fitness pass which can be purchased at the H&R desk and Arbor club desk.

Like they're walking on water



These ladies are awaiting Jessica's next set of instructions.



The residents move their arms back and forth as they walk through the water. Sometimes she has your hands slice through the water and other times she wants the hands cupped to get more resistance.

PHOTOS BY MIKE ROPPEL

VOTE

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Also on the Aug. 24 primary election are the races for United States Senator, governor and attorney general.

In the primary, Republicans voters will also select a candidate for state representative District 22. Those candidates are John Deakins, Keith Perry and Remzey L. Paul Samarra. The winner of the primary

will face Democratic challenger Jon Paugh in November.

Marion County has 211,760 registered voters, with close to 41,000 registered as Independents and more than 83,000 as Democrats.

Voter registration must be updated on an official voter registration application. The form may be requested by phone, 352-642-6679, or mail and is available on the website, VoteMarion.com.

Marion deputy chief receives EMS award

Recognized for his dedication and leadership to Florida Emergency Medical Services (EMS) over the last 20 years, the Florida Association of County EMS presented Marion County Fire Rescue's Deputy Chief, Daniel Azzariti, with the Mark Fingeret Award recently.

Known as the highest accolade a member of the Florida Association of County EMS can receive, the Mark Fingeret Award recognizes EMS administrators who have demonstrated the leadership necessary to promote and

advance pre-hospital care.

"As an EMS forerunner, Dan plays an important role in improving and expanding Florida EMS," Florida Association of County EMS Chair Mike Patterson said. "His experience is a resource, and he has become a great advisor to me and the organization."

Awarded on an annual basis, the association regards this award as a lifetime achievement, measuring EMS related work over time. This award was named in memory of New York City paramedic and Volusia County EMS director, Mark Fingeret, who died while scuba diving off



Daniel Azzariti

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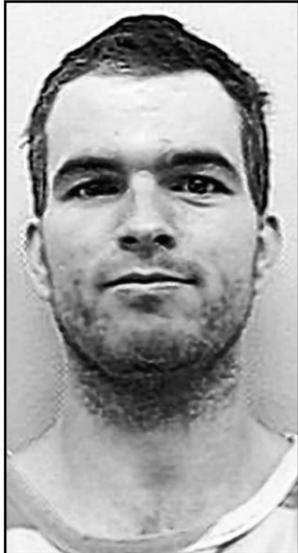
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Chiquita Ponder, 24, violation of probation, retail petit theft.

Rashard Gaskin, 26, felony warrant, burglary of a dwelling while armed, grand theft, burglary of a conveyance, fraudulent use of a credit card.



Laura Freer, 36, capias warrant, battery on person 65 years of age or older.



Wayne Huff, 40, violation of probation, possession of cannabis more than 20 grams, organized fraud.



New county attorney to start work Aug. 2

Minter, 57, comes to Marion County from Seminole County, where he served as the deputy county attorney.



Matthew Minter

During Tuesday's board meeting, Marion County Commissioners unanimously ratified an employment agreement with Matthew G. Minter, the new County Attorney. Minter will start work on Aug. 2, and will replace Acting County Attorney Jeff Fowler, who is expected to retire this year.

Minter, 57, comes to Marion County from Seminole County, where he served as the deputy county attorney in an eight-attorney office. Minter has 25 years of litigation experience in Seminole, Orange, Charlotte and Sarasota Counties. He is also board certified in city, county and local government law and has tried more than 60 cases on a broad range of legal topics.

Under the final contract ratified Tuesday, Minter will initially earn \$165,000 a year. He will also receive

a \$200 per month car allowance and \$2,000 in moving expenses.

Commissioners said they will task Minter with bringing a substantial amount of litigation and legal matters, currently handled by outside counsel, in-house to save money and improve efficiency.

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Community calendar

Saturday, July 24

Lions to hold fundraiser

The Southwest Lions Club will conduct a fundraiser Saturday, July 24, at the Big Lots on State Road 200. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Funds will be used for the Fisher House, the home where families can stay when loved ones are being treated at the VA facility.

Sunday, July 25

Video to be shown at church

Christian Life Assembly of God will show the video "On Winning With Quiet Strength" on Sunday evening, July 25. This will be an opportunity to spend some time with Coach Tony Dungy and discover the principles, practices and priorities of a winning life including how to stay focused on God during life's struggles and disappointments and more.

Join us for this special presentation. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. The church is at 9644 S.W. Highway 484 (near State Road 200). Call 352-237-6950 for information.

Moose public breakfast

A public breakfast will be held at the Moose lodge on Sunday from 8 to 11 a.m. Coffee, juice, eggs, potatoes, biscuits with gravy, toast, choice of bacon or sausage, all

at a great price! Check it out, at the "Friendliest Place in Town."

The lodge is at 10411 S.W. 110th St., one mile north of the State Road 200 main entrance of Oak Run.

Tuesday, July 27

Marion Business meeting

The next general meeting of the West Marion Business Association will be Tuesday, July 27, at the Sheriff's Substation here on the 200 Corridor.

Saturday, July 31

Splash at Circle Square

Join the fun with an evening filled with live music, dancing, and delicious food on Saturday, July 31 on The Town Square at Circle Square Commons from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Enjoy classic summertime games like a water balloon toss, a hula hoop contest and more. Catch a summer apparel fashion show and enter for prize giveaways throughout the night!

For more information visit www.CircleSquareCommons.com.

Fitness Center open house

The Ranch Fitness Center and Spa in-

vites you to attend an open house for members, guests and visitors on Saturday, July 31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attendees will tour the state-of-the-art facility, enjoy exciting fitness demonstrations, and meet personal trainers and spa/salon service providers. Professional health screenings will also be available. All attendees will receive a free trial guest pass.

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Saturday, Aug. 7

Festival at Circle Square

Join the fun and get that tropical feeling from the Pacific and Caribbean islands on Saturday, Aug. 7, when The Town Square at Circle Square Commons hosts the exciting third annual Island Festival.

The excitement begins with the pulsating drum beats of Tahiti and beautiful Island dancers dressed in authentic and colorful costumes. The diverse Latin band Grupo Salsarengue will play Merengue, Bachata, Bolero, and other rhythms to get

you up and dancing. Plus enjoy a special performance by Extensions Dance Studio dancers.

Bring the whole family to the Island Festival on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 5 to 10 p.m. on The Town Square at 8409 S.W. 80th St., Ocala. For more information visit: www.CircleSquareCommons.com.

Yoga in Sholom Park

Yoga will be conducted on Saturday, Aug. 7, in Sholom Park on Southwest 80th Avenue, 2 1/2 miles north of State Road 200. Join us at 9 a.m. for a beautiful hour as we connect to Mother Nature.

Our next session will be on Saturday, Sept. 4, at 9 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 9

Diabetes management

Nancy Gal, Health Educator, Extension Agent IV with University of Florida/IFAS and Marion County Extension, will present the second part to her presentation on Type 2 Diabetes on Thursday, Aug. 9, at 2 p.m. in Benson Hall at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. If you missed the first session in June, you can still attend this next session when Nancy will talk about the Diabetic Diet.

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Azzariti was also inducted into the Larry S. Jordan EMS Hall of Fame in 2008. The Florida Association of EMS Providers also presented him with the Al Ridgeway Award for Administrative Excellence in EMS in 2002, honoring his guidance in the EMS community, advocacy for fire-based EMS and legislative influence at the state level.

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Dear EarthTalk: I heard that some wind farms use fossil fuels to power their generators when the wind won't. Doesn't that defeat their whole renewable energy purpose? Why not let the wind power it or not? Also, I've heard that the low-frequency sounds generated by these turbines can harm people and animals. Is this true? — Ryan Lewis, Plainwell, MI

Indeed, one of the major drawbacks to wind power is the fact that, even in windy locations, the wind doesn't always blow. So the ability of turbines to generate power is intermittent at best. Many turbines can generate power only about 30 percent of the time, thanks to the inconsistency of their feedstock.

In order to overcome this Achilles' heel of intermittent production, some wind companies have developed back-up systems that can spin turbines even when the wind isn't blowing, thus optimizing and keeping consistent the power output. For example, Colorado-based Hybrid Turbines Inc. is selling wind farms systems that marry a natural gas-based generator to a wind turbine. "Even if natural gas is used, the electricity produced...is twice as environmentally clean as burning coal," reports the company. Better yet, if a user can power them with plant-derived biofuels, they can remain 100 percent renewable energy-based.

While some wind energy

companies may want to invest in such technologies to wring the most production out of their big investments, utilities aren't likely to suffer much from the intermittent output if they don't. Even the utilities that are most bullish on wind power still generate most of their electricity from other more traditional sources at the present time. So, when wind energy output decreases, utilities simply draw more power from other sources — such as solar arrays, hydroelectric dams, nuclear reactors and coal-fired power plants — to maintain consistent electrical service. As such, reports the American Wind Energy Association, utilities act as "system operators" drawing power from where it's available and dispatching it to where it is needed in tune with rising and falling power needs.

But just because generating wind power all day long isn't imperative doesn't mean that suppliers aren't doing all they can to maximize output. To wit, turbine manufacturers are beginning to incorporate so-called Active Flow Control (AFC) technology, which delays the occurrence of partial or complete stalls when the wind dies down, and also enables start-up and power generation at lower wind speeds than conventional turbines. The non-profit Union of Concerned Scientists lauds AFC for these

capabilities, which in turn can help system operators create a more reliable electric grid less dependent on fossil fuels.

As to whether or not noise from wind farms can harm people and wildlife, the jury is still out. New York-based pediatrician Nina Pierpont argues in her book, Wind Turbine Syndrome, that turbines may produce sounds that can affect the mood of people nearby or cause physiological problems like insomnia, vertigo, headaches and nausea. On the flip side, Renewable UK, a British wind energy trade group, says that the noise measured 1,000 feet away from a wind farm is less than that of normal road traffic. Here in the U.S., a Texas jury denied a 2006 noise pollution suit against FPL Energy after FPL showed that noise readings from its wind farm maxed out at 44 decibels, roughly the same generated by a 10 mile-per-hour wind.

Contacts: Hybrid Turbines, Inc., www.hybridturbines.com; American Wind Energy Association, www.awea.org; Union of Concerned Scientists, www.ucsusa.org; Nina Pierpont's Wind Turbine Syndrome, www.windturbinesyndrome.com.

Dear EarthTalk: My neighbor told me to pour bleach down my drains every week to keep them clear. Is this safe to do? — Trish Osterling, via e-mail

Bleach is a useful cleaner and disinfectant, but pouring it down the



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drain will not do anything to help keep the drains clear. In addition, you could cause a dangerous chemical reaction if it comes into contact with other household products you might be using.

Common household bleach, also known as chlorine bleach, is a liquid compound of sodium hypochlorite, which is a combination of sodium

chloride (a salt) with water and chlorine. It's often used to whiten laundry or to disinfect kitchen surfaces. Bleach is also an ingredient in other household cleaners, like those used for bath and toilet cleaning. (A different sort of bleach, known as oxygen bleach, is used for laundry stain removal and does not have the same disinfecting/cleaning proper-

ties as chlorine bleach.) According to the Household Products Database at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), chlorine bleach is corrosive to the eyes; injures skin and mucous membranes on contact; and is harmful if swallowed. Bleach is "a lung and eye irritant,"

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warns the Washington Toxics Coalition (WTC), a Seattle non-profit that advocates for green friendly household products. Even used alone, fumes from chlorine bleach can irritate the lungs, so it should not be used by people with asthma or lung or heart problems, says the group. It is also "reactive" with ammonia and acids, forming more harmful fumes.

"One of the most common home accidents is the mixing of products con-

taining chlorine bleach with those containing ammonia," says WTC. The combination creates chloramine gas, which is highly irritating to the lungs. Since many cleaning products contain ammonia, the inadvertent mixing must be avoided. Mixing bleach and acids results in the release of chlorine gas, according to the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, exposure to which can cause coughing and breathing problems, burning eyes and, at high levels, vomiting, pneumonia and even death. Prod-

Bleach alone is not necessarily hard on the environment.

ucts containing acids include vinegar, some glass and window cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, drain cleaners and rust removers. An "incompatibility chart" listing many chemicals that will react with bleach is available at the Chlorine Institute's cl2.com website.

Bleach alone is not necessarily hard on the environment. When use as directed, it will break down mostly into salt

water in wastewater treatment or septic systems, says WTC. A dilution of bleach in water is effective as a disinfectant, and can be scrubbed onto non-porous food-contact surfaces like plastic cutting boards or refrigerator shelves and left to air dry. The Clorox Company recommends a solution of one tablespoon bleach per gallon of water for sanitizing.

So, what are the better

ways to keep drains clear? Home drains in the kitchen and bath generally get clogged by grease, food waste and hair, none of which will be effectively dispersed by bleach. WTC recommends carefully pouring a kettleful of boiling water down the drain to free up a slow drain, or using mechanical methods such as a plumber's snake, plunger or hose-end bladder to clean a clogged drain.

Contacts: DHHS Household Products Database, <http://hpd.nlm.nih.gov>; Washington Toxics Coali-

tion, www.washingtontoxics.org; New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, www.state.nj.us/health; Chlorine Institute, www.cl2.com.

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CITIZEN EDITORIAL

Are you signed up to vote in August?

The deadline is near for voters to make sure they are registered to vote in the Aug. 24 primary. With July 24 falling on a weekend, residents have until July 26 to either register to vote or change parties.

Florida, remember, is a closed primary state. That means only Republicans can vote for Republicans and only Democrats can vote for Democrats.

But everyone can vote in the non-partisan races, which include the race for circuit judge and the School Board elections.

For those who are registered, this is the time you should be getting out and visiting the various forums at which candidates appear. The State Road 200 Coalition has been conducting meetings and will have another on Aug. 9 featuring the County Commission candidates who will be on the ballot. Then the Coalition will come back and have competing candidates for the November elections appear before the residents.

But there are also various clubs, many affiliated with just one party, that conduct gatherings of the candidates. It is to your advantage to attend these and get to know the local hopefuls up close and in person.

Judicial candidates are the hardest to get to know, since they are limited by law as to what they can say. You can go to www.floridabar.org/judicialcandidates and search for any candidates you might want to see. Under circuit judge, incumbent Robert Hodges has posted his personal information. As of Tuesday, his opponent, Denise Dymond Lyn, has not.

But all of this doesn't matter if you aren't registered. With the deadline just three days away, make sure you're eligible to cast your ballot in the Aug. 24 primary.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Back to work

We all know that half the people on unemployment aren't looking, because there are no check and balances. Suggestion: each state set up a website for local business to advertise job openings.

Meanwhile, all unemployed people must establish a resume with the state. Job matches with in this search select best suited candidates. State workers then set up interviews for these corporations. All corporations hiring from this website would be offered half what unemployment pays to the unemployed, (at \$350 a week \$19,600 then take 1/2 approximately \$9,800 for the year).

This fund would be sent every month with proof of employment. This breaks down to about \$1633.00 a month. What company wouldn't try this concept? The catch is that if the employers fire or lay off the candidate then that is divided by the number of months the employee worked. Basically this helps the business employee since the state would be paying the salary for some of their expenses. This creates jobs! The state is paying the full amount!

Why not get people back to work?

Beverly Baird Ocala

Move the library

Freedom library needs more space? Money is tight? The Corridor area needs more library? Well Ocala is over run with empty buildings that have plenty of space and ready made parking lots.

How about the empty Porter's or other buildings in the Friendship shopping center on S.R. 200. Or the two newly emptied Publix stores. The one in Steeplechase Plaza on S.R. 200 or the one on U.S. 27.

I am sure the people on that side of town would also love a library close to home. Or how about the Porter's up off of S.R. 200 near Target. The people up that way could use a library also.

These stores had water and electric already in them. Updating these places to meet the needs of a library would seem like a better deal for the town in more ways than one. for one am tired of seeing "The Tree City" lose more trees and I am tired of looking at all those empty buildings and more empty building being built.

Janet Fragapane OTOW



Websites you might be interested in



Jim Clark

One of the fascinating things about the Internet is that you can find almost any type of information you want. Every once in a while, I like to share some of those I visit. Some may be repeats, but usually these are places I haven't told you about before.

When you get to be my age, you take an interest in obituaries and famous people who have died. That's why I go to www.deadoraliveinfo.com periodically to check on famous people who have passed on. Most of those I found on the recent list I already had heard about, but seeing Art Linkletter's name surprised me. I had missed that one. He was famous for interviewing kids and getting them to say the "darndest

things" on his show, House Party.

As an editor, I get all sorts of town names submitted in stories and information. One of my jobs is to make sure that information is accurate. For that purpose, I use www.hometownlocator.com. On that website, supposedly every community in the U.S., even those that are unincorporated, is listed. It really helps get the correct spelling of some of these communities.

Ever wonder how you get to know that this is national something-or-another month, or week, or day? Go to www.brownielocks.com/month2.html and follow the links (I have no idea what brownielocks stands for).

Want to know what traffic accidents are being worked in your area right now? Go to www.flhsmv.gov/fhp/traffic/ and click on the county you want to know about. All the accidents in that county and surrounding unincorporated areas will pop up. Unfortunately, city accidents don't always show up. (Radio spoiler: When you listen to traffic reports on the radio, most of the time the announcer is just reading from this list).

Along that line, if you want a

current update on road conditions, try www.fl511.com/ and click on your county. I don't use this one that much, because the accident site is much better.

Here's a site that parents should always be checking. It'll tell you about any sex offenders living in your neighborhood. Go to www.marionso.com/sexoffendersearch.php and follow the search instructions.

Speaking of monthly celebrations, this is National Cell Phone Courtesy Month. Without giving you a specific website (there are many), just search for phone courtesy and you'll get all sorts of choices. It always annoys me when people don't identify themselves, either those calling me or those answering my calls. I know who I am, now tell me who you are.

By the way, today (23rd) is Hot Enough For Ya Day. Yes it is, and I'm going to relax with some iced tea to cool down and realize that we still have all of August to go through.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Enough already

Thank goodness you finally printed an article such as "Constant negativity needs replacement." Much more needs to be published regarding positives along with solutions to our current problems. I, as well as others, have stopped reading Robert Beckner's and D.L.'s articles.

Please, D.L., put your "Tea Party" rallies in the upcoming meeting section and not in pastors' ears. Most individuals do not disagree with you regarding religious people having the right to their opinions, protests and voting; however, its place is not in the

pastors' hands to tell people who to vote for. Certainly they can pray for peace, our country, troops and our souls, etc., but once again, it is against the law to mix tax-exempt churches and politics.

Enough already with your constant published crusade as it will surely backfire on you and become meaningless as more and more people become annoyed with your propaganda. It would be great if you and Mr. Beckner would read Norman Vince Peale's (a pastor) "The Power of Positive Thinking" to harness your anger and negativity.

Jeanette Bibb Ocala

No negativity

How utterly refreshing to read Paul Gibson's article "Constant negativity needs replacement" on July 16.

To see our world situation from a compassionate viewpoint, we must foster cooperation rather than confrontation. May be learn from his wise commentary.

There is no way to peace. Peace is the way.

The Buddha said, "A generous heart, kind speech and a life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity."

Ingrid Crane Ocala

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The soap man on his soap box



Wendy E. Binnie

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An open letter to President Obama

You are the 13th president under whom I have lived and unlike any of the others, you truly scare me. You scare me because after months of exposure, I know nothing about you. You scare me because I do not know how you paid for your expensive Ivy League education and your upscale lifestyle and housing with no visible signs of support. You scare me because you did not spend the formative years of youth growing up in

America and culturally you are not an American. You scare me because you have never run a company or met a payroll. You scare me because you have never had military experience, thus don't understand it at its core. You scare me because you lack humility and "class," always blaming others. You scare me because you are a cheerleader for the "blame America" crowd and deliver this message abroad.

You scare me because you want to change America to a European style country where the government sector dominates instead of the private sector. You scare me because you want to replace our health care system with a government controlled one. You scare me because you prefer "wind mills" to responsibly capitalizing on our own vast oil, coal and shale reserves. You scare me because you want to kill the American capitalist goose that lays the golden egg which provides the highest standard of living in the world. You scare me because you have begun to use "extortion" tactics against certain banks and corporations. You scare me because you falsely be-

lieve that you are both omnipotent and omniscient. You scare me because if you serve a second term I will probably not feel safe in writing a similar letter in eight years.

The letter came with this explanation attached: True: Snopes.com. This letter was sent to the New York Times but they never acknowledged it. Big surprise! Since it hit the internet, however, it has had over 500,000 hits. All that is necessary for evil to succeed is that good men do nothing. It's happening right now. Let's disagree and accept that people can actively promote evil, even when they do not intend to. For example, this letter contains a number of nasty, erroneous claims (it takes hard work not to call them "lies," but the wager is that Pritchett just doesn't know any better.)

Open letter to Former Soap Salesman Pritchett

I look at your letter to President Obama, and I fear for my country. Your cynical claims will not go uncorrected. You're nicely retired, sitting on a fat pile of assets from your comfortable job at Procter and Gamble: yet you lash out irrationally.

You say you don't know Barack Obama. Get to

know him.

Barack Obama's been on the national stage since he offered a stunningly beautiful keynote speech to the Democratic National Convention in 2004. There were dozens of profiles written about him in magazines and newspapers, and profiles offered on national television. His race for the U.S. Senate in Illinois, a major state, got heavy coverage when the Republicans offered a carpet-bagging man from Maryland as candidate for the seat, when the duly-selected Republican candidate dropped out when scandal caught up with him.

Obama's popularity was based on many things, including two terms in the Illinois State Senate where he pushed through an ethics reform bill, which most people thought impossible, and on his best-selling book, *Dreams from My Father*: a book contracted for by the publishers after Obama had been elected president of the prestigious journal, *Harvard Law Review*. Published first in 1995, it was re-published in 2004. You've had 14 years to get to your local library and read the book.

After he joined the U.S. Senate, he wrote another book based on his campaign and what he saw in Washington, *The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream*. It topped the New York Times best-seller list in the fall of 2006. So, you say you don't know a guy who strode quickly into the limelight in 2004, wrote two best-selling books spilling his guts on his hopes and dreams as an American for a better and stronger America? Seriously, man, whose fault is it that you didn't bother to check him out?

There is no excuse to claim you don't know about the man we elected president. Your lack of curiosity, failure to pick up a newspaper or go to the library is stunning. If you'd read the books, or the profiles, you'd know that Obama attended Columbia and Harvard on scholarship. He transferred to Columbia and graduated, worked building a powerful anti-poverty program from scratch in Chicago, and went off to law school at Harvard where he was a smashing success as a scholar and good guy.

These are all grand, American institutions. Your claiming that basketball, college, Hawaii, California, New York City, Chicago, and Occidental, Columbia and Harvard are outside American culture is a slander to our entire nation and most of the people who live here. You complain that Obama

doesn't understand the military, but National Guard veteran George W. Bush ignored the advice and wise counsel of the military and led us into a blunder in Iraq. Military experience is no substitute for genuine curiosity, scholarship and wisdom.

You claim, without any cause I can find that Obama lacks "humility and class." And yet he put his campaign on hold for days to fly to Hawaii for a few moments with his dying grandmother, to say "thank you" for her work raising him. It could have cost him the election. Those white, conservatives who voted for him for president of the Harvard Law Review noted what a good leader he was, not cocky but sure, a class act.

Obama has never aligned himself with radicals who want to see America fail. He has never said he wants a government-run health care system. He has said we have a moral duty to find ways to cover the nearly-50 million Americans who lack insurance and access to timely and inexpensive health care. He has said we pay too much (we spend \$7,000 per capita for health care, way more than double any other nation — and we pay that for the 50 million people who don't get health care, too). He has said we need to rein in health care cost inflation, which is double the rate of other goods and services, and which was a major factor in crippling American auto companies competing against foreign producers whose governments offer health coverage for all citizens including auto workers.

Obama has said not one word in opposition to capitalism. When faced with a choice between nationalizing industries to rescue them, and any other choice, he has in every case avoided nationalization. The government is a stockholder in some rescued companies, but not the sole owner. Obama has chosen free market solutions to tough problems where other free-enterprise nations did not.

Since when is it "extortion" to give banks enough money to stay in business? Good heavens, man! The alternative was collapse of our banking system. Most people complain that the banks were "given" too much! Plus, most of the banking actions were done by George Bush's appointee to the Federal Reserve Board, Ben Bernanke, and by the Bush administration prior to Jan. 21, 2009. Since when is funding the Pentagon "wild and irresponsible?"

Obama thinks he is om-

nipotent and omniscient? Then you must have stood and cheered when he noted — wisely — that the U.S. would have no comment in the first days after the disputed Iranian election, noting that any comment would be taken by the rulers as evidence of U.S. interference. The U.S. cannot dictate what happens he noted then. On the one hand you claim Obama thinks himself omnipotent and omniscient, but when he goes to Europe to confer with our allies, saying we are neither omnipotent or omniscient and we need and will honor their views and information, you accuse him of "blaming America." Your bizarre claim about Limbaugh, Hannity, O'Reilly and Beck almost doesn't deserve comment. These are guys who revel in America's failure, whose ratings and income go up if America fails. Rush Limbaugh admits that he wants Obama to fail, damn the cost to you, me and all other Americans.

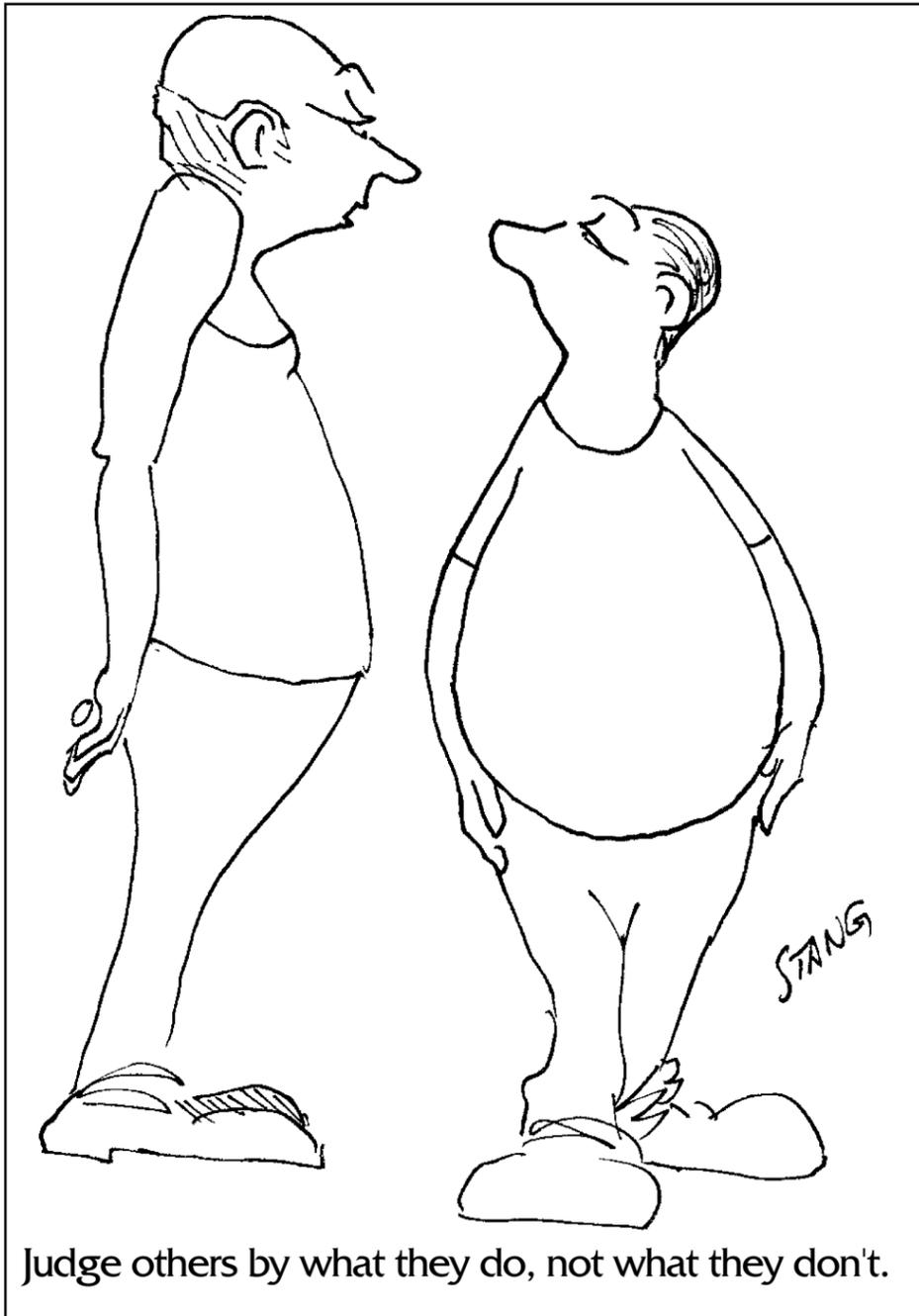
You particularly, should appreciate what is going on here. You worked for Procter and Gamble. Would it be fair to claim you are a satan-worshipper, as Procter and Gamble's old logo "proved?" Of course such a charge is bizarre, ungrounded in fact, and damaging to people who have no intention to worship Satan. Since you worked for a company that had to change its logo due to unfair and wild claims, you should be particularly sensitive to wild and unfair claims against others. You promote wild and scurrilous claims across the Internet. If you don't know better, that's your fault. How many others like you might there be, literally endangering our republic with disinformation and wrong ideas about what is going on?

Madison said knowledge governs ignorance. It's not what we don't know that gets us into trouble: It's what we know that isn't so. You "know" a lot of stuff about Obama that is wrong. If that misplaced "knowledge" governs, America is doomed. That letter was written months ago. Please tell us you've learned and that you now know better.

Pritchett's diatribe was rebutted by too many to list.

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More on the planned Agenda 21



Robert E. Beckner



In last week's column, under Sustainable Development and its blueprint of achieving its goals, The Agenda 21, we covered mostly about their plans for America's land and how it should only be owned by the public and not individuals or private ownership. This week we'll cover as much as possible about the other activities planned.

We'll start with Sustainable Agriculture and its coming changes, such as each community will grow its own food through the use of individual and or "community" owned farms forming a boundary around the community. No industrial farming will be allowed and importing foreign food products will be reduced in order to increase local production. To them the word community is one which promises not

only all its own food, but also air, water and its own energy resources.

The circle around the community is referred to as an "Urban Growth Boundary" (UGB) and beyond this boundary, no urban services such as public sewer and water and transportation will be allowed. This obviously will destroy all property values outside the UGB. Who would buy into an area where there would be no modern conveniences such as power, road maintenance, etc? This creates a shortage of desirable real estate by government edict, thereby destroying the average income earners ability to own a parcel of land. Since everything consumed in the community "foodshed" which surrounds the "Urban Center," called the Foundation Lands Woodshed and is where "Value Added Forestry" products will be produced and a value added tax (VAT) system is introduced. Remember, the word government is not government; it is the framework of rules, institution and practices that set limits on the behavior of individuals, organizations and companies. The

ecological damage to the earth will include "Social Justice" which involves A) progressive taxation; B) Income redistribution; C) Property redistribution; D) Equality of opportunity; E) Equality of outcome.

Foodshed Regulations give these environmental groups and agencies total control of all means of production of food, taxation and regulation. This is pure Marxism in the name of "Social Justice." In Russia under Stalin, 11 million people who were seen as resisting socialism were intentionally starved to death, through lack of food. Food can become the ultimate weapon, the ultimate control. This has all been well thought out and even used; basing their arguments on the idea capitalism, free markets, private property rights and individual freedom is not fair. They contend that without government management, the environment will be ruined, open space will disappear, the poor will be doomed to live in squalor and the rich will continue to exploit the underclass. Actually the opposite is true.

Moving on to Globalists Green Programs, they con-

sist of A) Collectize water; B) Creating connecting "wildland" corridors and fill them with wild and dangerous animals; C) Internationalize the oceans and all ocean products; D) Centralize the production of all timber products; E) Reduce human mobility; F) relocate people and housing into "Smart Growth" zones.

Some details include placing meters on private wells and taxing the use of your own water. Use the tax to fund construction of pipelines to carry water so it can be commingling of water sources. This eliminates the landowner's property rights to the water.

Living units are being approved without garages and the units will be jammed along public transportation routes to get you out of your car. Rural residents will find there will be requirements that all water courses come with a 100-foot setback, which shows their objective to abolish private property.

There are three E's for Sustainable Development to understand, you will see it is the "local" implementation of the globalists mas-

ter plan to create world governance in accordance with principle that deny the existence of unobtainable rights. These three E's are Equity, Economics and Environment. Equity - the first "E" means to restructure human nature. Economy - the second "E" relies on Fabian social economics. Environment - The third "E" is not really about "saving" nature. It is a link-by-link approach to A) subverts the principle of the Declaration of Independence. B) Destroy the governing authority of the US constitution and C) turn America into a globally governed "homeland" where human beings are treated as biological resources subject to "human rights."

Sustainable Development is Reordering America via American schemes which largely ignore the A) foundational basis of freedom, the recognition of individuals' unalienable rights. B) Financial interests in America are becoming lost in the increasingly collapse of America's "fiat" or funny money system; C) Politicians think America is a democracy and that they direct our cause. Uneasiness is rising in mainstream America. People

know that something is wrong and that it is getting worse.

Sustainable Development Philosophy Policy is designed to bring human beings across the globe under control of the human elite. These objectives include an end to national sovereignty, restructuring the family unit, reducing human population, increased limits and restructure on mobility, increased limits and restrictions on individual opportunity.

The methods employed to achieve these objectives are being funded by the federal government (our tax monies), U.S. monetary policy, tax policy, water policy, environmental policy, war policy, education policy and foreign policy.

In America, the Globalists Sustainable Development Movement is composed of the Democrat party leadership, the Republican Party leadership, Communist Anarchists, Libertarian Anarchists, Greens, Public/private partnership including many multinational corporations; Socialists, Neo Conservatives, Capitalists and "Third Way" Fabians.

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It is a documented plan for the creation of a global state collective.

Our U.S. federal notes (dollars) have no real backing. "Fiat" money has a history which always ends in failure. How long before the Federal Reserve or a successor issues a new American currency?

The globalists' takeover has started in the educational indoctrination in our government schools. In May 2007 in Santa Cruz County, California, it announced plans to include environmental agenda in ALL subject areas in ALL grades. The Federal Department of Education has proclaimed 2006 to 2015 as

the "Decade of Sustainable Development Education."

It clearly is time to understand the threat, defend liberty and spread the word. They would have this to be the end to the era of equal justice, replaced with "Social Justice." Its purpose is to create a government-controlled society. Remember this column told about the Trans Texas Corridor, a couple years ago, Public-Private Partnership running across Texas from Mexico ports up the center of our Country to Canada, then East and West. It was always denied by all in the Bush administration, but it's still on going! It was bad then and even worse now. We can say goodbye to American Sovereignty and

the common law. America is falling to the globalists' Green Curtain.

At this time, our defense of liberty is hard pressed to cause any effect on the U.S. participation in globalists organizations such as: The World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, The Bank of International Settlements, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations. All of this is being advanced under cover of a political-environmental spirituality.

Sustainability is happening. We need to rise to meet the greatest challenge mankind has faced, I hope you have gained some ideas becoming informed and inspired and involved through these two columns as to what is hap-

pening because to learn more you would truly need to read a regular full size book!

To help you in doing your own homework as I suggested earlier, try the following websites:

<http://www.takingliberty.us/>

<http://harvester.census.gov/sac/dissement/entity.html>

<http://clinton2.nara.gov/PCSD/Publications/index.html>

<http://www.freedom.org/el-97/eljan97.htm#un>

<http://www.sovereignty.net/Library/sd-2vid/player.html>

I don't believe our human spirit is gone and it's not too late to preserve our greatest achievement - American's Declaration of Independence. Long live Freedom.

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SPRUCE CREEK NORTH

Well is it hot enough out there for all of you? I promised I wouldn't complain until August and I won't but it is a little toasty. Not complaining, just stating a fact!

Feature of the week

Not another "over 50" couple this week? Yep .. this week Lois and Walt Connor are the featured couple who are married over 50 years. 55 years to be exact!

Walt was born in Oldwick, New Jersey, and went to Oldwick Elementary (grammar) School. He at-

tended Flemington high school until the second year and left to get a job farming on an estate. Walt had three brothers.

Lois was born Lois Conover (she didn't even have to change her initials!) in Somerville, New Jersey and went to Oldwick Elementary School and later North Hunterdon Regional High School, graduating in 1955. Lois had six brothers and two sisters.

Lois and Walt met when Lois was 15 and Walt 18. They loved going to square dances. Walt taught Lois to drive in his 1949 Ford. When she went to get her driver's license, the instructor asked her what cowboy taught her how to drive?

They married on Sept. 11, 1955.

Walt worked on the farm estate at Far Hills, New Jersey. They had three children, one daughter, Cheryl, and two sons, Dale and Bradley. Later arrived seven grandchildren (but not all at once). Walt loved NASCAR racing and he

and some friends bought an old car to race at the local speedways. It was fun but they never won much money.

After working on the farm estate for many years, Walt went out on his own and became a contractor. Lois worked as a telephone operator in New Jersey. Later she opened up a day care center for children. She still keeps in contact with many of these children after so many years.

They left New Jersey and moved to the Poconos in Pennsylvania. They used to visit their daughter in Jupiter, Florida, and finally bought a place there permanently. They bought a home in Spruce Creek North in 2006 and they love it here.

They love to travel and go back to see family in New Jersey, Texas and Florida. Walt loves wood-working and remodeling homes plus Lois says he is always helping their neighbors. Lois belongs to the SCN craft club, Bingo and line dancing. She loves to

bake and cook.

A big thank you to Lois for all the information she gathered for me to write their article. Another couple that seem to be blessed to have each other:

Skip-Bo and Bunco

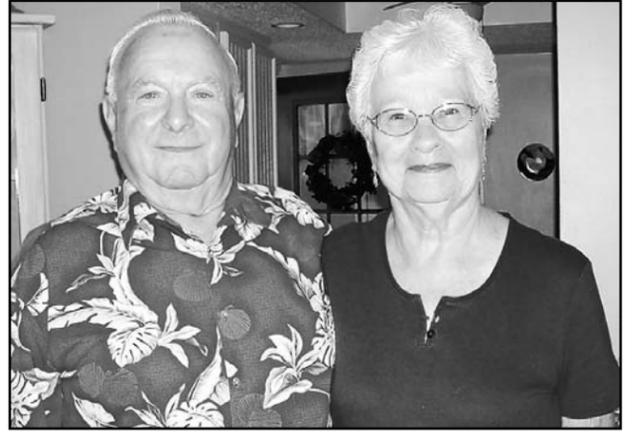
Both the Skip-Bo and Bunco clubs are looking for more players. Attendance has dropped off in both clubs. Non-residents are encouraged to come and join. Call Karen Peterson (Skip-Bo) and Ruth Barker (Bunco).

Crime Watch

Crime Watch needs volunteers to join their team. Contact Chief L.B. Anderson and he will give you all the information. It is only four hours a month of your time. New residents might enjoy something to do.

Ice Cream social time

This Sunday, July 25, is ice cream time at the Spruce Creek North Clubhouse. Time is 5 to 6:30 p.m. The social committee is putting on this event. Price is \$2 per person at the door. Last year was a



Lois and Walt Connor

huge success.

Lions Box

Spruce Creek North Clubhouse has a Lions Box for residents to drop off all old glasses, frames, lenses and hearing aids. A big thank you from Len Dockus.

Belated Birthday Wishes

A belated happy birthday to Dan, our SCN maintenance man. We all wish

him well. He's a very hard-working gentleman who keeps our grounds looking beautiful.

I will be taking a vacation and my column will be back Sept. 3. Have a great August and stay cool.

Jan resides in Spruce Creek North with her hubby Jim. Please e-mail her at Janliber@aol.com or drop news and comments in the mail-slot at the SCN Clubhouse.

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bers. Two vacancies need to be filled.

All applications must be in the Community Center office by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 3. Elections will take place on Oct. 19, after the annual meeting of the Spruce Creek Preserve Homeowners Association. All candidates will be introduced to the community at the "meet the candidates" night, conducted by the Election Committee.

Now is the time to stand up and be counted.

From Koebbes' Kitchen:

Green beans with mushrooms

2 cloves garlic minced
¼ pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
1 tbsp. butter or marg.
1 med. red onion thin

sliced

1 pound fresh green beans, trimmed
Pepper to taste
1 tsp. dry dill
2 tbsp. almonds or pine nuts

Saute garlic and mushrooms in butter or margarine until tender. Stir in onion, remove from heat and set aside. Steam or cook beans in small amount of water until crisp-tender; drain. Combine beans with mushroom mixture. Add pepper and dill weed. Stir garnish with nuts. Enjoy.

Here is but a smidgen of doin's out our way:

Saturday, July 24: Jet Set luncheon changed to Plantation in Crystal River. Depart from CC at 3:30 p.m. Please sign in book.

Monday, July 26: On the Level Club ladies luncheon, Abigail's. Meet at CC at 11 a.m. to carpool. Info, Donna or Sarah.

Tuesday, July 27: Only modification meeting in July. 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 29: Jet Set airboat ride. Meet at CC at 9:45 a.m. to carpool. Depart at 10 a.m. Cost \$30 per person.

Wednesday, Aug. 18: First Senior Day at Tampa Bay Rays ballgame. Press level tickets, special price \$19 for groups of 10 or more. See notice on community bulletin board for

further information. For groups less than 10, check with office.

New Domino game "Double 12" Mexican Train Dominoes. Every Monday 11 a.m. in the multi-purpose room. Info, Babette Sparling.

Open House Sunday continues during the summer months. Every second and fourth Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. Info, Mary K.

Newspaper and aluminum recycling every Tuesday early morning. Bundled or bagged newspapers and aluminum to be picked up by On The

Level Club volunteers. Magazines accepted. Be ready.

Bingo every Tuesday evening for Preservists. Cards on sale 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Games start at 6:30 p.m.

Until next time, God be willing and the creek doesn't rise.

Dee and her husband, Joe, live in Spruce Creek Preserve. To submit news items or announcements leave notices in her library cubby or call her. The Koebbes are listed in the Preserve phone directory.

LEND A HAND

Marion Therapeutic Riding Association (MTRA)

Love horses? Join the committed group of staff and volunteers with MTRA as they work with physically and mentally challenged children, paired with gentle horses to develop improved mobility and other skills. Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of functions, including:

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MTRA will hold a New Volunteer Orientation and Tour on Aug. 17, 21, 25, and 28th at 9:30 a.m. For more information on how to get involved, contact Marge or Kate at 352-732-7300 or e-mail at volunteer@mtraocala.org

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For more information on how to become involved and make a difference, contact Carol Erton at 352-629-0055 or 352-671-5127 or e-mail her at certon@cdsi.org

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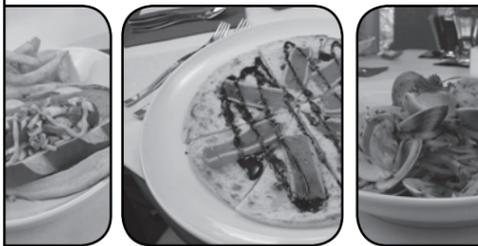
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Quality of Patterson's books deteriorating



Pat Wellington

BOOK MARK

According to one startling statistic, James Patterson is the author of one of every 17 books sold in America. But there's a downside to this prolific output as "Private" demonstrates. Co-authors such as

Maxine Paetro are doing the heavy lifting, and style and plot believability are suffering. Even die-hard Patterson fans complain that the overall quality of his recent books is deteriorating.

Private of the title is a global investigation service catering to the elite, the rich, and the famous and is headed by ex-Marine Jack Morgan who has stocked his company with extraordinary talent and state-of-the-art forensic tools topping anything at the FBI or LAPD.

When the novel opens, Morgan is dealing with the brutal murder of a former lover and, more recently, the wife of his best friend Andy Cushman. Later, a possible NFL conspiracy occupies him as does the identity of a

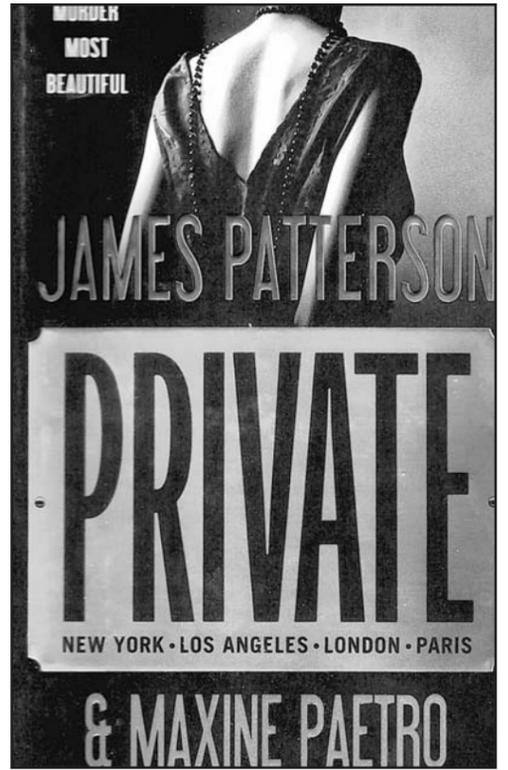
persistent mysterious caller leaving a two-word message — "You're dead." Every time Jack's cell phone rang, he was jolted by fresh anxiety." The voice came through an electronic filter. I called it 'he' but it could be a she or even an it. Sometimes he called in the morning, a wake-up call. Sometimes he called in the middle of the night, or he might skip a day just to keep me off balance, which, he, she, or it did."

Jack doesn't need more anxiety. He's still having nightmares about an attack in Afghanistan when he rescued a comrade Danny while another burned to death. The second victim yelled from the burning plane that Danny was already dead which turned out to be true.

The book seems a bit rushed, the characters under-developed, the dialogue forced, and the pace lacking the twists and shocks of Patterson's best thrillers. Although the three mysteries are solved by the end, they're tied up a little too neatly.

So I can only call this latest effort mediocre. But for some of you there may still be reasons to pick up the book. In a nutshell, you still have the author's three-page chapters, a decent plot, a quick read, and changing viewpoints (if you happen to like that technique).

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Paris dinner dance coming to Oak Run



Carol Ann Wheeler

OAK RUN

The Ambassadors will be having an "I Love Paris" dinner dance on Saturday, Aug. 14, at Palm Grove. The caterer has changed from that announced in the Oak Run Newsletter. Royal Oaks will provide a buffet of tossed salad, baked Virginia ham with pineapple glaze, au gratin potatoes, green beans, rolls and butter and lemon cake from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Diana and Mitch Smallwood will entertain with a big band sound, play oldies, rock, rumbas, cha-chas, swing, line dancing and specialty dance music from the 1930s through the 1990s from 8 to 11 p.m. This is truly live music — live drums and live guitars. Diana is the featured soloist and Mitch also sings. Ticket sales will be Monday, Aug. 2, from 8 to 10 a.m. in the card room and Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Orchid Club lobby. Cost is \$18 per person with checks payable to ORHA. As always, BYOB. There will be door prizes but no 80/20 raffle. You will not want to miss this evening of dining and dancing. See you there, Pat.

Pancake breakfast

It's pancake time again! Great pancakes, sausage,

orange juice and coffee or tea will be served at the Orchid Club tomorrow, Saturday, July 24, from 8 to 10 a.m. for only \$2.50 per person. (Just to see how many pancake readers read this column, let's all wear a yellow top tomorrow.)

Do You Remember?

Tune in channel 12 for Len Teitler's presentation of the Italian American "Hobo Nite" in June 2009, narrated by Anna Boodee. The program airs following "FYT" daily at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. from July 23 to July 30.

Southern States Club
Southern States Club members had a great time at the "Country Hoedown BBQ" in June. Our next dinner meeting will be Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. at Palm Grove. We have great news. Erich Neumann is back and will be serving our favorite summer menu, "The Deli Buffet," plus our very own Damian Romano is the deejay for the evening. Don't miss out on this nice summer get together. Buy your tickets July 26 or Aug. 2 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Orchid Club, \$13 for members and \$15 for guests. See you there!

Renaissance Women

Unattached women get together to plan activities such as dining out, movies, trips, etc. Come to the next meeting on Sunday, July 25, at 2 p.m. at Palm Grove and find out what is going on.

Oak Run Travel

Good news! We were able to obtain more cabins and another bus for the Oct. 18 to Nov. 6, 2011, cruise on the Ruby Princess from Venice, Italy, to Fort Lauderdale. Cabins are going fast so call Bob and Cindy Kocher. Don't delay and be disappointed again.

Do you realize that it is just six months until

Christmas and the wonderful Christmas shows in December? First comes the "Lobbies and Lights Tour" of the decorations at DisneyWorld on Wednesday, Dec. 8, with dinner at the Hyatt Grand Cypress. Call Rita Stotz to reserve.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, we will go to Orlando to see the singing Christmas trees at Orlando Baptist Church. Featured will be more than 500 musicians, dozens of dancers and dramatists, 250,000 lights and a production that rivals Broadway. Call Rudy and Dolores Frey for more information.

A new trip for us this year will be the "Celebration of Christmas Past" at the Carriage House Museum. The Carriage House Museum is amazing by itself but at Christmas time it is beautifully decorated. The costumed guides escort small groups of visitors through the museum, where performers share how our early ancestors celebrated Christmas. Christmas music, sumptuous desserts and hot chocolate complete the holiday mood. Call Connie and Phil Smith to reserve your seat.

The holiday Christmas show on Dec. 25 at the Show Palace is filled but a wait list is needed. Call Russ and Jackie Marcotte to get on this list.

Royal Oaks Women's 18 Hole Golf

On Tuesday, July 13, we played a new game, "Pick Nine Holes." When we were finished golfing, we could pick our lowest net score for any nine holes of the 18. The winners were: Group One - First Place J.T. Lemasters and Sylvia Zappia tied with a net score of 28; Second Place Carole Dygert, Pat Blackburn, Noreen Salo and Dianna Love tied with a net score of 29.

Group Two - First Place B.J. Lassiter and Judy Klein tied with a net score of 26. Second Place Patty Waddell with a net score of 27.

Group Three - First Place Ilene Simnowitz with a net score of 23; Second Place Mary Kay Frandsen with a net score of 26; Third Place Pat Salberg and Arlene Zimmerman tied with a net score of 28.

Closest to the pin on the third hole was Joanne Ellis.

Royal Oaks Lady Niners

"Mutt and Jeff" was the game on July 15. For this game only the scores for the par 3 and par 5 holes count. Flight A was won by Rae Stover. Sally Crass and Charlotte Green tied for second place. Flight B was won by Ilene Simnowitz and Eleanor Cerlenko was second. Diana Schmidt and Joan Scholl tied for third place. Eleanor Cerlenko made a chip-in on hole #1 and Charlotte Green made a birdie on hole #6. All ladies living in Oak Run are welcome to play with the Lady Niners on Monday mornings. The tee-times are noted on the sign-up sheet in the ladies locker room.

Carol Ann's Corner

I have important food safety information to pass along this week. Did you know that mold can form in

old pancake mix and other similar products that can cause a serious or even deadly allergic reaction? There is a documented case of a man with known allergies who died of anaphylaxis after eating pancakes made from an old pancake mix that contained mold. Pancake mix and similar products that have been stored for some time should be thoroughly examined before use and careful note should be made of use-by dates. This is especially true if the food has been stored in a non-airtight contained or a package that has been previously opened. Mix that seems a little dubious should be discarded as the risk of allergic reactions or illness is not worth the few cents saved. Also, if food seems to have an unexpected or unusual taste should be thoroughly re-examined before eating any more.

Who knew? I recently ate some pasta sauce that was quite outdated but I had no ill effects, and neither did Katie Kitty who managed to lick the plate. The information cited above made no reference to other types of packaged food. Maybe the canning process and the fact that pasta sauce comes in airtight containers provides protection. In any case I'm going to go through my pantry and toss everything that is past its

due date.

Some other important pieces of advice have come to my attention. Whenever you have anyone do any work around the house be sure to get an itemized written estimate of the charges involved before work begins. If the price seems too high don't be afraid to ask other providers of the same services for their estimates. It's better to absorb the service call charge than pay more than is reasonable for what you need. Actually it's better to comparison shop for price and ask your friends and neighbors for their recommendations before the serviceman is at the house. Don't find yourself shocked by a much higher bill than you had envisioned. Do your homework up front. And what can you do in emergency situations such as when some vital household appliance or system suddenly breaks down? Be prepared. Ask around and get yourself a list of recommended providers of the various services that will be available to you on a moment's notice.

Send all items for this column to Carol Ann Wheeler at democrat-carol@deccacable.com no later than the afternoon of the Friday before publication. Note there are no hyphens in the address.

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<p>2/2/2 home with carpet in living room and bedrooms, tile in rest of house. New roof and new air. Large Florida room under heat and air and a screen/vinyl room. Very clean home and ready to move in. Located in a gated 55+ community. Palm Cay offers RV parking for residents. MLS #339553 \$82,500</p>	<p>2/2/1.5 Sable Model features split bedroom plan with vaulted ceiling in dining and living room, wood burning fireplace in living room, carpet and vinyl, indoor laundry, new roof in 2008. Located in a gated 55+ community, Palm Cay offers many things to do. Great place to retire to. Parking for RV's for residents. MLS #339926 \$97,500</p>	

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Taking the secretaries and typists to Pun Alley



Dick Frank

PUN ALLEY

On this day in 1829, William Burt patented a forerunner of the typewriter. The typewriter as we know it, came into being after further development. Even though the typewriter is now history, there are some interesting stories about those who pounded on the keys.

In the early days, the girl who operated the typewriter was also called a typewriter. "I say, George," said the young business man to his friend, "where do you buy your typewriter ribbons?"

"I don't," replied the other. "I usually buy her flowers."

Naturally

Discovering yet another mistake in his letters, the enraged employer summoned his new typist.

"You came here with good testimonials, Miss Brown," he barked, "and do you mean to tell me you don't know the King's English?"

"Of course I know it," she replied indignantly, "Otherwise he wouldn't be King, would he?"

Spellbound

Senior Partner: "That new stenographer spells

ridiculously."

Junior Partner: "Does she? Well, if she does, it's about the only word she can spell, so far as my observation goes."

Putting stock in it

The stockbroker's secretary answered his phone one morning. "I'm sorry," she said, "Mr. Bradford's on another line."

"This is Mr. Ingram," the caller said. "I would like to know if he's bullish or bearish right now."

"He's talking to his wife," the secretary replied. "Right now I'd say he's sheepish."

Shorthand

She's a neat stenographer; before going home she puts the boss in his place.

An optimist is a man who marries his secretary thinking he'll continue to dictate to her.

Stenographer: "Boss, will you advance me my next week's salary?"

Boss: "Certainly not. I never make advances to my stenographers."

Girls are like typewriters; press the wrong places and you get terrible words.

He was known in the office as most ungrammatical. Whenever he dictated to his glamorous secretary he ended his sentences with a proposition.

"Wonder why the boss keeps that stenographer, she can't spell."

"No, casting a spell is her strong point."

A man spent three months looking for a suitable secretary because he knew it pays to have a good head on your shoulder.

Old typists never die, they just lose their justification.

The difference between

a beautiful and a dumb stenographer is that you can fire the dumb one.

The book about Teflon contained no frictional characters.

Leprechauns make good secretaries because they're great at shorthand.

Employer to newly hired typist: "Now I hope you thoroughly understand the importance of punctuation?"

Stenographer: "Oh, yes, indeed. I, always get to work on time."

Officially

Down at the station house, a rookie cop hauled a large guy up in front of the sergeant. The man had a desk strapped to his back, was carrying a water cooler under his right arm, a typewriter under his left arm and was wearing a fax machine for a hat. "What's the charge, Murphy?" growled the crusty old desk sergeant. "Impersonating an office, Sir."

Popularity

"I have to have a raise," the secretary said to her boss. "There are three other companies after me." "Is that so?" asked the boss. "What other companies are after you?"

"The electric company, the telephone company, and the utilities company."

Future secretary?

Kathryn's 5-year-old developed a strong interest in spelling once she learned to spell STOP. After that, she tried to figure out her own words. From the back seat of the car she asked, "Mom, what does FGRPL spell?"

"Nothing," Kathryn said. Then she asked, "Mom, what does DOEB spell?"

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The Dead Sea Scrolls: All because a boy lost a goat



Judi Siegal

JUDI'S JOURNAL

In 1947, a young Bedouin shepherd boy went on a quest to search for a lost goat. In the harsh, dry desert region that was his home, the boy naturally assumed the goat had left the herd in search of water. What the shepherd ultimately discovered was to become one of the most significant archeological finds of all time and although the goat may not have found water to drink, the discovery nevertheless would be the spiritual fountain from which three monotheistic religions would drink and be nourished.

What the Bedouin boy

discovered on that fateful day was a cave located in the Dead Sea Area of Israel in a region called Qumran. There buried for centuries in clay jars were ancient manuscripts of huge historical importance which give us a glimpse of life during the Second Temple period, 520 BCE-70 C.E, when the Romans destroyed the Temple and the Jews were sent into exile, the exile lasting until the establishment of the modern state of Israel in 1948. They were called the Dead Sea Scrolls and ever since their discovery, they have proved to be a challenge for linguists, theologians, paleontologists and others who, even after many years since their unearthing, have studied and labored over the manuscripts and fragments in order to decipher their meanings.

Professor E.L. Sukenik of the Hebrew University purchased the original seven scrolls, which are now housed in the Shrine of the Book in Jerusalem, clandestinely, due to the politics of the impending War of Independence, from an antiquities dealer

in Bethlehem. The remaining four scrolls were purchased by Yigael Yadin in 1954 as a result of an ad placed in the Wall Street Journal. The purchase price was \$250,000 part of which was paid for by philanthropist, D.S. Gotesman, whose heirs sponsored the construction of the Shrine of the Book museum where they are now housed.

The seven scrolls are Isaiah A, Isaiah B, the Habakkuk Commentary, the Thanksgiving Scroll, The Community Rule, the War Rule, and the Genesis Apocryphon, this one being in Aramaic. What is so significant about the scrolls and others which were found in other cases in the Qumran region, is what these texts reveal to us about the people who wrote them and their lives and times.

Ultimately, the Dead Sea Area was to reveal manuscripts of the Hebrew Bible that were 1,000 years older than any other previously discovered. The startling fact that was revealed showed that the writings were practically identical to today's Hebrew Bible,

virtually unchanged through the centuries. This is of tremendous importance to Judaism, a text-based faith and to its millions of adherents for which the Torah and other sacred literature form a basis for belief and practice.

The scrolls also give us a window into the times of early Christianity since many of the scrolls were written during the time of Jesus. Scholars have now concluded that the Judaism of Jesus' day was even more diverse as originally thought and that there were many ideas and movements at the time that influenced Jesus' thoughts and actions. There are literary similarities between the Gospels and the Scrolls, which would indicate Jesus' contact point with the Judaism of his day. These ideas were to shape not only Christianity but Judaism as well and were to have a profound effect on world history as a result.

Many of the scrolls are thought to have been written by an ascetic sect of Judaism called the Essenes. This splinter group of Jews

were dissatisfied with the ruling priestly class of the day and retreated to the wilderness to await the End of Days. They believed the world was in a struggle with the Sons of Light (goodness) and the Sons of Darkness (evil) and this struggle would bring the End of Days or Messianic Times. Some scholars believe that the Essenes were a Hassidic, i.e. pietistic sect. No doubt some of these people were martyred on the top of Massada. There are other scholars that believe the Essenes were early Christians because of the apocalyptic nature of their writings. With the impending destruction of the Temple and the oppression of the Romans as well as the ruling priestly class, which they considered corrupt, these people certainly felt the End of Days was near and their writings reveal this concept. They also show us the strict, ascetic life style complete with ritual bathing and prayer. Archeology in the area has unearthed ruins of mikvehs (ritual baths) and areas of communal worship and living quarters.

In all, 800 documents were found in various caves in the area and while some are almost complete like the Isaiah scroll, many are in fragments. There are about 100,000 fragments in all and scholars are painstakingly trying to piece them together. Most of the scrolls are on parchment, i.e. dried animal skins and some of these scrolls when unrolled can stretch as much as 30 feet. The scrolls were written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek with the text done in columns. The scrolls contain all of the Hebrew Bible except the Book of Esther and a few other writings formally only known in Greek or in other languages but now found in Hebrew as well as other writings which were completely unknown.

The tremendous treasure is housed mostly in Jerusalem but some scrolls are to be found in Jordan and Europe. Scholars are given access to the scrolls in order to learn their secrets and slack their thirst at the fount of knowledge. All because a Bedouin boy lost a goat.



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Rev. James L. Snyder

OUT TO PASTOR

The older I get, and I plan to get as old as I can, I am amazed at how monotonous things really are. When I was young, everything seemed to be so new and exciting and I looked forward to the next new adventure.

Now that I have a few years under my belt, along with a couple thousand lunches and suppers, I am in a position to have a better perspective of life. And I have noticed that all the important things repeat themselves over and over again.

I bought a brand new suit a couple of weeks ago. I could not wait to wear

my new suit to church with everybody saying, "Is that a new suit?" And I will reply, "Yes, this is my new suit. How do you like it?" Therefore, the conversation that Sunday revolved around my brand-new suit. I must confess it is better than when the conversation revolves around a black eye. No matter how many times I explain my black eye, people do not believe I ran into my doorknob.

But a new suit is a different thing. I enjoyed everybody talking about my new suit and I could hardly wait until the next Sunday came around to continue the conversation.

When I got to church on Sunday, I was in for somewhat of a shock. Instead of everybody delighting in my brand-new suit as they did the Sunday before, someone said, "Isn't that the same suit you wore last week?"

I can't tell you how disappointed I was. Everywhere I went that Sunday people said, "Isn't that..." and before they could finish I chirped in and said,

"Yes, yes it's the same suit I wore last Sunday." And I said it in such a way that people began to think I was irritated by their query.

I was. I learned a valuable lesson that Sunday. You can only wear a brand-new suit one time and then after that it is an old suit. It does not take long for something to become old but something new has only one shot at it.

I must confess that I was a little down about this whole matter. I liked my "brand-new" suit; I do not care what anybody says.

Even the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage got in on the razzmatazz. Sunday morning as we were getting dressed to go to church, she looked at me and said, "Are you going to wear your brand-new suit today?" she said with a sarcastic tone all too familiar to me.

I had some crazy ideas about my necktie at the time but, being the gentleman that I am, I simply tied it around my neck.

Just as I was lamenting my suit getting older I re-

membered, it was my birthday... again. When will this ever stop? Last year I had a birthday. The year before that, I had a birthday. And I could go on and on all the way back to the day I was born. Every year on the very same day, I have birthday. This is getting to be rather monotonous. I think there should come a time when a grown man should forget about having a birthday.

It is the same every year. On my birthday, everybody calls to wish me happy birthday. How do you have a happy birthday at my age? More to the point, at my age how do I know I am happy?

Here is one thing that bothers me about my birthday. When I was brand-new, I am sure people make all kind of remarks about how cute and cuddly I looked. I am sure wherever my parents went everybody commented, "Is that your new baby?"

I am quite certain this took place although ... and this is what really provokes me ... I do not remember that day. The

most important birthday of my life and I cannot remember anything about it. Oh sure, my parents took pictures, but that is not the same.

I remember waking up on my birthday this year (these days I am glad if I remember anything) and sighed very deeply before I got out of bed. Not only was this another day, but it was another birthday. At my age, I have done so many things for my birthday I cannot think of another thing I want to do for my birthday except ... nothing. A day of doing nothing would be the perfect birthday day for me.

As I made my wishes known to the one who has known me for more birthdays than anybody else, she said, "But don't you remember? That's what you did for your birthday last year."

So, I face a rather delicate dilemma. I am at the stage of life where I have just about done everything I wanted and so there is nothing new I can do for my birthday. Maybe it was better when I could not remember my birth-

day. And so, after sighing very deeply several times I have come to an important decision in my life. Monotony is not as bad as people say it is. I plan for my birthday to do a thing that I have done repeatedly in the past, and that is nothing, but I will do it in my "brand-new" suit.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

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June Roberta

OTOW HAPPENINGS

All of us have gone through bad times of one sort or another. It could be money troubles, a difficult child, loss of a job, illness, and many other difficult problems. We have all found the strength and will to get through them somehow.

When we were younger, we knew there would be trials and tribulations we probably would have to go through. In retirement, we expected all that was behind us. Unfortunately, we were wrong. As long as we're alive, there will be lots of good times but also some bad ones will show up.

At our advanced ages, we think we lack the strength to deal with adversity. We will still encounter illness, death, and a myriad of other obstacles to a carefree life

whether it is ours or those close to us.

All of us have survived the past otherwise we wouldn't still be here walking the earth. Everyone, no matter the age, can always find a way to pull out some small hidden reserves of strength. We can find the strength to go on even when overwhelmed and exhausted from the situation at hand. While doing so, mother yourself with kindness and warmth as you see yourself through yet another difficulty.

Missing OTOW resident!

Last fall, Roger Patterson, who writes in the Citizen for Marion Landing, had an article in the paper praising Bob Kremer's ability to copy home movies to DVDs. He received a phone call from a lady in On Top of the World. She had some 16mm movies that she wanted to transfer. Bob was scheduled for surgery, so he recorded her name and phone number in his computer, and told her he would call when he was able to do this work.

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Master the Possibilities Education Center will finish July with some great opportunities for you next week. Computer classes include Digital Photography, Microsoft Word, e-mail and Internet and Photo restoration.

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The Concert Chorus

A reminder that they have scheduled a Choral Workshop for Aug. 9 from 9 to noon in Suite H at the ACC. Current members

and any OTOW resident interest in learning more about The Chorus are invited to attend.

This workshop is being held to acquaint prospective members with the organization, demonstrate the type of music attempted, and meet the director and officers.

New members should be able to sing four-part music. Interviews and auditions may be scheduled at the conclusion this workshop.

Please contact Suzanne Womack at 352-873-4643 or Connie Slimm at 352-598-2185 for further information.

Christmas and a Whole Lot More

Saturday, Nov. 27 at 7 p.m. kicks off the holiday season as Katie Brooks brings her Vegas meets Nashville holiday show "Christmas and a Whole Lot More" to the OTOW stage.

You may remember when this Nashville singer, songwriter, and musician appeared with Harley Worthit in the show, "Nashville meets Branson" in a previous series show.

Katie sings memories - Broadway, 1940s Swing, 1950s Rock 'n' Roll, Patti Page, Patsy Cline, and more.

Because of her patriot-

ism and her concern for America's military and hospitalized veterans, she is the recipient of a special service award by the Department of Veteran's Affairs. She has performed in ALL of the VA medical centers in the U.S.

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Most noted for his celebrity impersonations, he performs all across the country including the MGM, Mirage, and the Stardust Hotels in Las Vegas.

Tickets go on sale Monday, Nov. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the ballroom and every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday thereafter, \$7 general and \$9 reserved and are for residents in all OTOW communities with a maximum of four tickets per purchase.

Thanks to Dominic Sullivan and his Rallye Wheels across from Palm Cay for making this show possible.

Travel Toppers

Travel Toppers is considering a trip to Jacksonville to see the Radio City Rockettes' performance on Friday, Dec. 10. We know this is a long way off, however; we will not place an order until we can determine there is sufficient interest in the community for the trip. This is necessary because they require a 50 percent non-refundable deposit to place an order. So if you are interested call Allan Rickards ASAP so he can make a decision on the trip.

Some seats are available for the Starlite Majesty Cruise out of Clearwater Beach on Friday, Aug. 27. It is a smooth two-hour cruise on the Intracoastal Waterway with your choice of six entrees for the sit-down lunch, captain's narration and entertainment. Call Toni LaGatutta to make your reservation.

June Roberta is retired and lives in OTOW. She enjoyed a diverse career, including being a legal secretary to a theatrical attorney on Madison Avenue. Call her at 237-9208, or e-mail OTOW news to her at jroberta@cfl.rr.com. Deadline is a week prior to Friday's publication.

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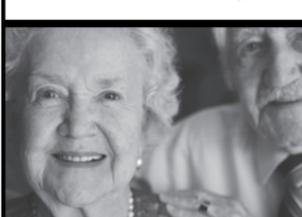
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This week's South Marion Citizen Business Spotlight is on Gem Galleria Jewelers.

Q. How long has your business been in operation?
We bought an existing store that had been in business 20+ years. We took over a year and one half ago.

Q. What do you consider your business anniversary?
April 1.

Q. What is a typical day like at your business?
We are open from 9 am to 5:30 pm Monday thru Friday and Saturday 10-2pm. We are a full-service jeweler supplying something for everyone, from batteries to engagement rings and gifts. We see all ages of people come to our store, and there is never a typical day. Every day there is something different to do or see. We see beautiful jewelry, watches and clocks that need to be repaired. There is nothing better than the smiling faces of people when they pick up their jewelry after it has been repaired and looks just like new.

Q. What do customers like best about your business?
We carry a varied array of jewelry, something for everyone, and, the fact that we are full service. People can come to Gem Galleria Jewelers and have all their jewelry, watches and clocks repaired in one place. Other services provided are: appraisals, gem identifications, gold parties, custom designs and redesigns.

Q. How many employees work at your business?
So far, no employees, just the two of us.

Q. What is something your business offers that people don't expect?
Exceptional customer service. We will go above and beyond to make sure our customers are




Rich and Pat Laugen, owners of Gem Galleria Jewelers

satisfied with their shopping experience at Gem Galleria Jewelers; we will even deliver for those who cannot get out and about.

Q. Why did you choose this business?
This business chose me. I was a nurse for many years before changing careers to become a gemologist. I had always been attracted to gems and stones. There is always something new to learn in the jewelry business, so it never gets mundane.

Q. Where do you see your business going in the next 5 years?
We will grow our business, and continue to provide jewelry services for our community. We have a beautiful store in a gorgeous area and we do not plan on moving.

Q. What is your business address, phone number and email?
Gem Galleria Jewelers
8441 SW Hwy 200, Suite 101, Ocala, FL 34481
352-237-2240 - gemgalleria@gmail.com

Potatoes

Take Center Stage

FAMILY FEATURES

There are so many ways to prepare potatoes that it's no surprise spuds remain a family favorite. People most often think of potatoes as the ultimate side dish; however, it's time to move potatoes to the center of the plate! Prepared mashed potatoes, such as Idahoan mashed potatoes, can help add a little extra flavor, crunch or creaminess to a variety of recipes.

Try crusting ordinary halibut with potato flakes for savory Roasted Garlic Halibut, an easy weeknight meal that can be ready in just 20 minutes. Skip the mayonnaise on these Savory Potato Wraps, a delicious departure from traditional sandwich wraps. And, for a more upscale meal, try Crab-Stuffed Roasted Chicken Breast, which features a rich filling of Four Cheese Mashed Potatoes, crabmeat, fresh basil and shredded Parmesan.

Visit www.idahoan.com for more unique recipes and meal ideas.



Roasted Garlic Halibut

Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes
Servings: 4

- 2 pounds halibut
- 1 4-ounce package Idahoan Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, dry
- Canola oil
- Salt and pepper
- 1 lemon

Cut halibut fillet into 4 pieces (8-ounce portions). Lightly salt and pepper.

Empty contents of mashed potatoes package on large plate. Coat filets liberally, gently pushing potatoes into filets. In large sauté pan, preheat a generous amount of canola oil, on medium heat.

When oil is hot, gently place the halibut in pan, being careful not to splash. Sauté fish until golden brown (approximately 2 to 4 minutes). Turn filets and reduce heat to medium-low. Cover pan and let sauté until done (until flaky, or approximately 8 to 12 minutes). Remove from heat. Add lemon juice to taste and serve.

Idahoan Pizza

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 30 minutes
Servings: 2 medium pizzas

- 2 ounces warm water
- 1 tablespoon active, dry yeast
- 1 4-ounce package of dry Idahoan Roasted Garlic Flavored Mashed Potatoes
- 2 1/4 cups all purpose flour
- 6 ounces cool water
- 1 ounce olive oil
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 6-ounce package of shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 to 1 1/2 cups tomato sauce
- Toppings: diced ham, pepperoni, sausage, hamburger, pineapple chunks, green pepper, onion, extra cheese

Stir the yeast into the warm water. Stir until dissolved. Add mashed potatoes and flour.

Stir all other remaining ingredients into bowl. Knead by hand for approximately 5 minutes, or until dough is elastic and smooth.

Place dough in a mixing bowl sprayed with non-stick spray. Set in a warm area, covered with a towel, and let rise for 1 hour.

Punch down dough and divide into two halves. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough out until it is very thin. The shape of the pizza doesn't really matter — round or square. The idea is for it to be homestyle, not perfect.

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Place dough on baking sheet or pizza sheet. Top with desired amount of pizza sauce, spreading evenly.

Evenly distribute the cheese and your favorite toppings.

Bake for 17 to 21 minutes, or until crust edges become light brown.

When pizza is done, take out of oven and let rest for 3 minutes. Slice and serve.



Crab-Stuffed Roasted Chicken Breast

Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 1 hour
Servings: 8

- 8 boneless chicken breasts, uncooked
- 1 10 to 12-ounce bottle prepared Italian salad dressing
- 1 4-ounce pouch Idahoan Four Cheese Mashed Potatoes
- 1/2 pound crab meat
- 6 ounces shredded Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons fresh basil, finely chopped

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Place chicken breasts in 9 x 13-inch glass baking dish.

Pour dressing over chicken and bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Remove from oven and cool.

Cut a slit in middle of chicken breast with sharp knife. Do not cut all the way through.

Cut a little pocket on either side of slit, again, making sure not to cut all the way through.

Prepare potatoes according to package directions. Mix in crab. Salt and pepper to taste.

Distribute potato mixture evenly among chicken pockets. Sprinkle with cheese.

Place in a non-greased baking dish. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes, or until cheese has completely melted. Remove from oven and garnish with basil. Serve immediately.



Savory Potato Wraps

Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 5 minutes
Servings: 4 wraps

- 1 cup prepared Idahoan Original Mashed Potatoes
- 4 (9-inch) red pepper or flour tortillas
- 1/2 pound cooked turkey breast or ham, thinly sliced (approximately 8 slices), or diced into small chunks
- 1 cup shredded lettuce
- 1 cup diced red bell pepper or tomato

Prepare potatoes as package directs for 2 servings. Cool potatoes to room temperature.

Warm tortillas individually in microwave for 8 to 10 seconds.

Spread each tortilla with 1/4 cup mashed potatoes. Top with 2 slices of turkey or ham, 1/4 cup shredded lettuce and red pepper or tomato. Roll up and place seam-side down.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Countryside Presbyterian

Saturday, July 24
Countryside Presbyterian Church provides Christian Ministry to residents of TimberRidge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9848 S.W. 110th Street, Ocala, at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, July 25
The Rev. Herb McGrath will conduct the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday July 25, at Countryside Presbyterian Church(USA), 7768 S.W. Highway 200, Ocala.

Sunday, August 1
The Rev. Francis Womack

will conduct the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Aug. 1.

Sunday, August 1
Countryside Presbyterian's First Sunday Lunch Bunch will go to Red Lobster immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service in the sanctuary. For details please call the church office at 352-237-4633.

Temple has membership drive

Temple B'nai Darom is having a membership drive. Full membership dues for the year 2010, only, will be \$60 per person, which includes a High Holiday ticket. Non-member tickets for

the High Holidays can be purchased now at \$60 per person. For more information, please contact Helmut at 352-861-9969.

Shabbat Eve services are every Friday at 8 p.m. Rabbi Jaye will officiate. Every one is welcomed. Temple B'nai Darom is at 49 Banyan Course, Ocala.

Rosh Hashanah Eve — Wednesday, Sept. 8 — 8 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah (1st day) — Thursday, Sept 9 — 10 a.m.
Rosh Hashanah (2nd day) — Friday, Sept 10 — 10 a.m.
Sabbath of Repentance — Friday, Sept 10 — 8 p.m.
Yom Kippur Eve — Friday, Sept 17 — 8 p.m.
Yom Kippur — Saturday,

Sept 18 — 10 a.m.
Memorial and concluding services — 4 p.m.

St. Jude Catholic Community

Creole Masses for the Haitians in our community are celebrated every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. The next date is July 25.

The special classes for English or Spanish as a second language are in summer recess.

The classes for our children participating in the LifeLong Learning Program are in recess until September. Registrations for the 2010-11 school year are currently being accepted.

Divine Providence
The Divine Providence Thrift Store, 8888 S.W. State Road 200 (352-873-6257) features good condition furniture and home décor. Check out the countless linen department bargains. Adult and children's clothing is 5 cents each piece. The boutique features quality and ready-to-wear ladies and gentlemen's clothing individually priced.

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Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Fri-

day; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday and holidays.

Newspaper and aluminum recycling bins available for public use at rear of store.

Gospel of St. John studied

College Park Church, 3140 S.W. 26th St., across from CFCC, has begun the study of the Gospel of John on Wednesday evenings. The class is taught by Sr. Pastor, Dr. James Fleming from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Anyone in the community is welcome to attend. For more information, call 237-2247.

Health Club

YOUR DENTAL HEALTH



by **M. E. Hampton, D.D.S.**

TREATING GUM DISEASE
For most adults, gum disease presents a greater potential than tooth decay for tooth loss. With this in mind, dentists recommend the patients floss daily to remove the bacteria-laden plaque that sticks to teeth. Otherwise, the gums may become swollen and inflamed, which are usually the first indicators of gum problems. Regular professional dental cleaning can help remove built-up plaque that causes this inflammation. Without these regular cleanings, plaque may harden into a substance called tartar (calculus), which requires "scaling" for its removal. This procedure involves using sharp instruments to scrape away tartar deposits below the gumline. In the event that gum disease progresses beyond the ability of scaling to remove tartar, "flap surgery" may be necessary.

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Nancy Archer

CHERRYWOOD ESTATES

We would like to thank all of the very kind folks who supported our bake sale and other food items at the Christmas in July craft show, which was a success.

After our summer break, the Songbirds will commence rehearsals on Wednesday afternoon,

Sept. 1, at the clubhouse at 2 p.m. We would like to invite anyone who likes to sing (talent not really a prerequisite - no embarrassing tryouts) to join us for fun and music. The group will be practicing some new music plus holiday numbers and this will be the perfect opportunity to join. We'll have a seat and music ready for you. Questions? Call president, Aprile at 352-237-0924 or Edna at 352-291-8815.

Singles dinner

All singles in Cherrywood are invited. We meet in the Cherrywood lot at 4:30 and carpool from there. On July 25 we go to The Villages.

Cherrywood travel

Brand New Trips for the summer, fall, and winter are here and booking fast. Flyers are available for these trips at the Club-

house on the travel rack. You must call Nancy at 352-861-1432 to get the rates and reserve your seat. Remember you do not need to live in Cherrywood to go on our trips. Just call Nancy to sign up.

Boogie Wonderland (nine seats have opened up on this trip), Thursday, Aug. 19: An all-new musical revue which highlights the fads, fashions and music of one of the most outrageous decades in history. Filled with some of the best songs of the 1970s and tributes to classic commercials and variety shows of the era, this show is a perfect trip for the whole family.

Luncheon Train, Friday, Aug. 27: Come enjoy a two-hour murder mystery luncheon train ride aboard the Star Clipper out of Eustis. Includes bus, two-hour murder mystery train ride, complete lunch, all taxes

and gratuities.

Mystery day trip, Wednesday, Sept. 8: Can't tell you what we're doing or where we are going. Includes lunch, bus, tax and tip and much more. Always fun. Book early, mystery trips always sell out quickly.

Biloxi 3 nights, Oct. 17-20: Call for details.

Clearwater Yacht Cruise, Thursday, Oct. 21: Enjoy a narrated two-hour luncheon cruise of Tampa Bay on board the Yacht StarShip. Trip includes bus, narrated two hour cruise, complete lunch, all taxes and gratuities.

Orlando Outlet Mall, Thursday, Nov. 4: Cost includes bus and tip for driver. Lunch is on your own. Four hours at the mall.

Alhambra Dinner Theatre, "The King and I," Saturday, Nov. 6: Come enjoy

this classic musical. Join us at the Alhambra Dinner Theatre in Jacksonville. Cost includes bus, reserved seats for the matinee show, complete hot lunch buffet, all taxes and gratuities.

Early Bird Dinner Theatre, "How the Other Half Loves," Thursday, Nov. 11: Join us in for this very funny romantic comedy about three couples whose lives intersect. Includes reserved seats for the matinee show, complete hot lunch buffet, all taxes and tips.

Thanksgiving Dinner and Show, Thursday, Nov. 25: The Palace Grand in Spring Hill (on U.S. 19) is celebrating the holiday with The New Dawn Singers. Come enjoy the holiday with friends. Includes a complete buffet, reserved seats, all taxes and gratuities.

First Baptist Church Orlando, Singing Christmas Trees, Saturday, Dec. 11: This show sells out every year. The cost includes great reserved seats for the 3 p.m. show followed by a 5:30 p.m. lavish dinner buffet right there at the church hall, all taxes and tips. Last year's show was excellent as well as the food. Don't miss it this year. Non refundable payment due by Aug. 15.

Two Night, Three-Day Mystery Trip, Monday to Wednesday, Dec. 13-15: Join us on this three day mystery trip. As usual I won't tell you where we are going, but a lot of great stuff involved. Includes bus, nice hotel for 2 nights, breakfast daily, 2 dinners, 2 lunches, other things I can't say, all taxes and tip for Brian. \$100 deposit Final due Oct 13.

Alhambra Dinner Theatre, "It's a Wonderful Life," Thursday, Dec. 16: This classic film has become a favorite holiday musical. Join us at the Alhambra Dinner Theatre in Jacksonville. Cost includes bus, reserved seats for the matinee show, complete hot lunch buffet, all taxes

and gratuities.

Show Palace Christmas, Wednesday, Dec. 22: The Show Palace writes their own Christmas Play each year. Join us for this year's Christmas Show with all the wonderful Christmas songs and dance. Trip includes bus, complete hot and cold lunch buffet, reserved seats, all taxes and gratuities.

21-day National Parks Cross Country Motorcoach Trip, Aug. 1-21, 2011: Visit Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone, Old Faithful, Crazy Horse Memorial, Badlands National Park, Deadwood, Grand Teton, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, Mesa Verde, Durango, Oklahoma City, New Orleans. Includes many side trips along the way, nightly hotel accommodations, breakfast daily, 7 lunches, dinner daily, all taxes and gratuities including driver. Call Laura Kane for rate.

7-Night Western Caribbean Cruise, Carnival Legend, Jan. 23-30, 2011: Sails from Tampa to Grand Cayman, Cozumel, Belize and Isla Roatan. Must call Nancy to book and get the rates. Note: Rates are very good for a seven-night cruise.

Democratic Club

The Cherrywood Democratic Club will have an open house meeting Friday, Aug. 20, at 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse card room. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. Ken Nadeau, a candidate for Marion County Commission District 2, will be the guest. He has served on the Belleview City Council for 12 years and was president of the Marion County Democratic Committee for years.

For information call Harriet Scarpino, president, at 352-873-9955.

Nancy Archer and her daughter Christine are 12-year Cherrywood residents. Get Cherrywood news to her at bluejay10453@hotmail.com by Thursday mornings.

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Golf tourney is Friday the 13th

The 7th Annual Allstate Mortgage/Brady Ackerman Golf Scramble is set for Friday, Aug. 13 at the Ocala Golf Club, 3130 E. Silver Springs Blvd in Ocala. All proceeds benefit the Scholarships for Hope fund, a program of the Heart of Florida Hope Foundation benefiting ARC Marion clients.

The cost is \$85 per player or \$340 per team of four. Corporate and hole sponsorships are also available. All players receive lunch, t-shirts, goody bags and more. Lunch and registration begin at noon with the shotgun start at 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the top three teams with great prizes on every hole. Players can participate in additional raffles and a silent auction as well.

For more information, visit www.heartoffloridahope.org/golf or call 352-387-2210.

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Moose Lodge activities

Members and qualified guests only

Friday, July 23: Taco buffet, all you care to eat, starts at 5 p.m.; Cajun Dave performs 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 24: Queen of Hearts party, 5 p.m.

Sunday, July 25: Open to the public breakfast, 8 to 11 a.m.

Monday, July 26: Men's general meeting at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 27: Pork loin dinner begins at 5 p.m.; Karaoke with David Baldwin 5 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, July 29: Pitch 1 p.m., bowling 6 p.m., shuffleboard and Wii, 7 p.m.

Friday, July 30: Roasted chicken starts at 5 p.m.; Karaoke by Mel, 7 to 11 p.m.

The Moose Lodge is at 10411 S.W. 110th St. Phone is 352-854-5675.

Safe boating tips for inclement weather and emergencies

You know the weather...

It can be both friend and foe. Calm winds and seas make for enjoyable power boating, waterskiing, and fishing. A fresh breeze and a light chop provide an invigorating sailing or wind surfing experience. But the sudden emergence of dark clouds, shifting and gusty winds, torrential downpours and lightning can turn a day's pleasure into a nightmare of distress. Here are some tips on how to keep your pleasure and safety to a maximum.

Plan for boating fun...

Several days ahead of time start listening for the National Weather Service extended 5-day outlooks on NOAA Weather Radio, AM/FM radio, and TV. The outlooks give general information to help you decide whether or not to continue making plans.

Before Setting Out...

Pay close attention to the TV weathercast and listen to detailed marine weather forecasts on NOAA Weather Radio. Take note of small



boat cautionary statements, Small Craft Advisories, or Gale or Storm Warnings in the forecasts. The Advisories and Warnings (see definitions) alert mariners to higher winds and waves either occurring now or forecast to occur up to 24 hours from now. Advisories and Warnings for conditions expected later give mariners time to take action to protect

life and property.

After setting out...

Don't touch that dial! Stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio. You know the weather—it changes! The change often occurs out of your sight and may be headed your way. Updated warnings and forecasts are aired immediately on NOAA Weather Radio, alerting you to changes that may require

action on your part. But you can help yourself... It's up to YOU!

While on the water, stay alert...

Check NOAA Weather Radio for latest warnings and forecasts.

Watch for signs of approaching storms: dark, threatening clouds that may foretell a squall or thunderstorm; a steady increase in wind or sea; lightning flashes.

An increase in wind opposite in direction to a strong tidal current may lead to steep waves capable of broaching a boat.

Heavy static on your AM radio may be an indication of nearby thunderstorm activity.

If a thunderstorm is approaching, head for shore if possible. Get out of your boat and away from the water. Find shelter immediately.

If a thunderstorm catches you while afloat, remember that gusty winds and lightning pose a threat to safety.

Put on your personal flotation device and prepare for rough seas.

Stay below deck if possible.

Keep away from metal objects that are not grounded to the boat's protection system.

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"Nothing," Kathryn answered. This went on for several weeks. Then one afternoon she asked, "Mom, what does LMDZ spell?" Kathryn smiled at her and said, "Nothing, sweetheart."

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