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BRIEFS

Book sale set at Center for the Blind

Florida Center for the Blind, Inc. will hold a used book sale inside their building on Saturday, Aug. 13. Books are reasonably priced from 50 cents to \$5. The sale will start at 8 a.m. and go until 3 p.m. The address is 7634 S.W. 60th Ave. Ocala. Florida Center for the Blind, Inc. is located behind Jasmine Plaza on State Road 200.

Sign up now for CERT training

A new Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will begin Thursday, Sept. 8 at the Marion County Sheriff's Office, 692 N.W. 30th Avenue, Ocala. This is an eight-session training which is available either as an afternoon, from 1 to 3 p.m. class or as an evening, 6:30 to 9 p.m. class. The afternoon and evening classes run concurrently and attendance can be mixed, depending upon availability. Only one class can be missed in the eight-session series and the CPR and last class is mandatory.

The CERT program is made up of volunteers under the direction of the Division of Emergency Management of the Sheriff's Office. The purpose of CERT is to train and certify volunteers to be first responders in their communities in the event of a disaster such as a hurricane or tornado.

The CERT training includes basic skills in disaster preparedness, fire safety, assessment and treatment of life-threatening conditions, light search of structural and non-structural damage, psychology of the injured and terrorism.

Consider this opportunity to learn how to form or join a CERT group in your community by signing up for this no-cost training program.

For more information and for an application, contact Bob Conn, Trainer, at 352-812-0853.

Ready, set, shop!

Annual sales tax holiday to be held in Florida this weekend

Florida law directs that no sales tax or local option taxes (also known as discretionary sales surtax) will be collected on sales of clothing, footwear, and certain accessories selling for \$75 or less, or on certain school supplies selling for \$15 or less.

This three-day tax exemption is in effect from 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 12 through 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 14.

The sales tax exemption applies to each eligible item of clothing selling for \$75 or less and to each eligible school supply item selling for \$15 or less. The exemption will

still apply no matter how many items are sold on the same invoice to a customer.

The exemption does not apply to any item of clothing selling for more than \$75, or to any school supply item selling for more than \$15.

Books are not exempt from tax during the 2011 sales tax holiday.

"Clothing" means any article of wearing apparel, including all footwear (except skis, swim fins, roller blades, and skates) intended to be worn on or about the human body. However, "clothing" does not include watches, watchbands, jew-

elry, umbrellas, handkerchiefs, or sporting equipment.

"School supplies" means pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, notebooks, notebook filler paper, legal pads, binders, lunch boxes, construction paper, markers, folders, poster board, composition books, poster paper, scissors, cellophane tape, glue, paste, rulers, computer disks, protractors, compasses, and calculators.

This exemption does not apply to sales of clothing or school supplies within a theme park, entertainment complex, public lodging establishment, or airport (areas

defined below).

Eligible items purchased during the exemption period using a gift certificate will qualify for the exemption, regardless of when the gift certificate was purchased. Eligible items purchased after the exemption period using a gift certificate are taxable, even if the gift certificate was purchased during the exemption period. A gift certificate cannot be used to reduce the selling price of an item of clothing to \$75 or less, or the price of a school supply item to \$15 or less, in order for the item to qualify for the tax exemption.



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How low can you go?

Part of the Island Festival at On Top of the World Saturday, which was moved indoors to the Cultural Center, was a Limbo event for the children. Above, Jada Lacanne, 9, of the Shores, shows perfect form in her performance. More photos on Page 13.

Mosquito disease reported

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) reissued its prevention message for Florida's residents and visitors to protect themselves against dengue fever after a confirmed case in Marion County.

The Marion County Health Department has requested the Marion County Board of County Commissioners conduct a mosquito spray in the area south of Ocala after receiving confirmation of a case of dengue fever. The spraying was to take place on Wednesday.

"We have requested the mosquito spray as a precautionary measure," said Dr. Nathan Grossman, director of the Marion County Health Department. "The risks of transmission from this mosquito-borne disease are very

low, but as part of our mission to protect the health of Marion County citizens, we are taking additional steps to further reduce possible transmission."

This is Marion County's first case of dengue fever this year. The case of dengue fever was contracted outside of the U.S., but because dengue fever can be transmitted to another human from a mosquito that has bitten a person with the disease, citizens should take every precaution to protect themselves from mosquito bites.

Mosquito-borne infections, such as dengue fever, can cause headache, fever, dizziness, confusion, movement disorders and coma.

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Four die: all were shot

A task force has been formed to help solve the case involving the deaths of four people at 5366 N.W. 5th Street, Ocala.

This quadruple homicide was discovered Friday, Aug. 5, after Marion County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a house fire involving multiple fatalities. The victims are: Jocalyn Gray, age 27; Codarrian Hill, age 9; Codericca Hill, age 7; and Bridget Gray, 52.

Detectives know each victim suffered at least one gunshot wound.

"We need somebody from this community to come forward," said Marion County Sheriff's Office Lt. Chris Vorisek.

"For the victim's sake, any information you have could help catch the person(s) responsible for this homicide."

The Marion County Sheriff's Office is offering a reward of up to \$5,000 to anyone with information leading to an arrest. If you have details about this homicide, call 352-732-911.

You could earn an additional \$1,000 from Crime Stoppers by providing anonymous information to the tip line at 352-368-7867.



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Something cool to do

Tyle Laib and Jack McGuire found the water slide a good way to keep cool Saturday at about noon at the Chiropractic USA "Stuff the Bus" event. More photos from the ribbon cutting are on Page 12.

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Marion's Most Wanted



Julie Andrews, 34, Felony violation of probation possession of oxycodone and felony violation of probation possession of cocaine.



Annie Davis, 45, Felony count 1 grand theft count 2 uttering forged instrument.



Arturo Martinez, 27, Felony bench warrant fail to appear trial priority count 1 drive while license revoked as habitual offender.



Adam McQuaig, 28, Felony violation of probation introduce contraband into detention facility.



Gerard McNeil, 33, Felony violation of probation burglary dwelling and grand theft.



Willie Powell, 32, Felony bench warrant fail to appear trial priority count 1 drive while license suspended revoked 3rd offense and failure to appear calendar call count 1 driving while license suspended revoked cancel prior offense.

Man, 82, dies in library lot wreck

An Ocala man died the afternoon of Aug. 3 when his car hit a tree at the parking lot of Freedom Public Library, 5870 S.W. 95th St. Early reports gave an incorrect address for the accident.

Ed Casey, 82, was driving westbound in the lot and drove off the west end of the lot and struck a tree. He was pronounced dead at West Marion Community Hospital.

Marion County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit Detectives are looking for additional clues to help find the suspect(s) involved in the shooting death of Linda Jean Cage, 50, of Ocala. Cage, a grandmother, died Aug. 3 in front of her home on a 10-acre farm in the Westwood Acres North community, Dunnellon.

Just before 11 a.m., MCSO patrol responded to a call about a pickup truck burning along the 17000 block

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of Southwest 34th Street of the Lake Tropicana area. Once the fire was put out, the deputy got the necessary information to ID the owner of the truck and drove to that listed address. When the deputy arrived at 17000 S.W. 46th St., Dunnellon, he saw Cage in the driveway. She was dead.

If you have any details about this homicide or the people who knew Cage, call Crime Stoppers at (352) 368-7867. You could earn up to \$1,000 from Crime Stoppers for your information. Plus, the Marion County Sheriff's Office is offering up to \$5,000 for information that leads to a conviction in this case. You could call the lead detective Rhonda Stroup at

(352) 369-6845.

In another case, Zachary Allen Rice, 20, of Ocala was sentenced July 27, to 10 years in prison and 10 years probation for an Oct. 2, 2010 home invasion robbery with a firearm. Investigators say a couple was at home when someone knocked on the door. The male victim opened the door when Rice and three others pushed their way into the home.

The victim said the invaders asked "Where is the money?" The invaders hit the victim several times with a pistol. The female victim was in the master bedroom at the time of the incident. She was able to get out the door, get to a neighbor and call 911. Rice and suspects took \$180.

Through various investigative techniques, detectives were able develop enough evidence to take Rice into custody.

Seniors vs. crime: It's all about helping others

Did you know that the Florida Attorney General provides a program called Seniors vs. Crime to help citizens who have been cheated out of money or have had someone take financial advantage of them? The primary goal of this program is to reduce victimization of senior citizens who are often targeted for specific crimes

based on their age. All of the Seniors vs. Crime volunteers are at least 50 years of age, hence the title, "Seniors" vs. Crime. Although most clients are seniors, Seniors vs. Crime is not restricted to helping only seniors

Having volunteers from all walks of life is the strength of this program according to Regional Di-

rector, Barbara Thomas. Our volunteers bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the job. They are very successful when negotiating with individuals who have taken advantage of someone or not delivered something as promised. The cases we work are those that law enforcement would deem "civil" and recommend

small claims court or hiring an attorney. Our volunteers, affectionately known as "Senior Sleuths" have recovered over 9 million dollars for Florida citizens since the first office opened in 2001. All money recovered is returned directly to the client, there is no charge for our services.

There is no problem too large, or too small. Each case is handled on an individual basis, and confidentiality is maintained in accordance with Florida Public Records Law.

In the Marion and surrounding area there are two Seniors vs. Crime offices. In Ocala at the Paddock Mall the Seniors vs. Crime office is located in the Ocala Police Community Resource Office (just inside the entrance next to JC Penney). The office is open each Tuesday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The phone number is (352) 873-6377.

In the Villages, the Seniors vs. Crime office is located at the Marion Sheriff's Annex on SR 42. The office is open on Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The phone number is (352) 753-7775

VFW events

Bingo is played at the Post every Monday and Thursday beginning with Early Bird games at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is also available.

Fish Fry, 2nd and 4th Friday of every month (baked chicken is also available). This is served from 5 to 7 p.m. and the price is 2 for \$10 or one ticket for \$6. Karaoke in the Canteen by Richie starting at 6 p.m.

Wings and Shrimp baskets are served the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month serve from 4:30 to 6:30 and Karaoke by Randy in the Canteen.

Wednesday Lunches are now being served with a varying menu. They are served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come by and enjoy an inexpensive lunch with friends.

Sept. 6 - Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings from 4:30 to 6:30. Drop by the Canteen to pick up your advance tickets.

Breakfast is served every Saturday from 8 to 10 a.m.

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DISEASE

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There is no vaccine for preventing dengue. The best defense against this virus is prevention.

The best preventive measure for residents living in areas infested with mosquitoes that carry a dengue virus is to eliminate the places where the mosquito lays her eggs, primarily artificial containers that hold water.

To prevent mosquitoes from living and multiplying around your home or business:

DRAIN STANDING WATER:

■ Drain water from garbage cans, buckets, pool covers, coolers, toys, flowerpots or any other containers where sprinkler or rainwater has collected.

■ Discard old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that aren't being used.

■ Empty and clean birdbaths and pet's water bowls at least once or twice a week.

■ Protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.

■ Maintain swimming pools in good condition and ensure they are appropriately chlorinated. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

COVER YOUR SKIN WITH:

■ Clothing - If you must be outside when mosquitoes are active, cover up. Wear shoes, socks, long pants and long sleeves.

■ Repellent - Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing. Always use repellents according to the label. Repellents with 10-30% DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535 are effective.

■ Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than 2 months old.

COVER DOORS AND WINDOWS WITH SCREENS:

■ Keep mosquitoes out of your house. Repair broken screening on windows, doors, porches, and patios.

For more information visit DOH's Bureau of Epidemiology's website at <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/medicine/arboviral/index.html> or call the Bureau's hotline at 1-888-880-5782 for recorded information.

Additionally, information on dengue fever and other arboviruses can be found at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Vector Borne Infectious Diseases web at: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/index.html>.

OBS August selected yearling sale photos now available on Internet

The first conformation photos of the 172 horses cataloged for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's 2011 August Selected Yearling Sale can now be viewed in the OBS website at obsales.com.

The Selected Yearling Sale will be held Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 1 p.m. followed by the Open Yearling Sale, Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 24 and 25, with each session beginning at 10:30 a.m. Hip No.'s 173-472 will be sold Wednesday; Hip No.'s 473-772 sell on Thursday.

The sale features half sisters to grade one stakes winners Comma to the Top, Hooh Why and Trust N Luck, as well as the produce of graded stakes winning mares Jostle, Lilah and Chispiski.

The 2011 Fall Mixed Sale, set for Tuesday and

Wednesday, Oct. 18 and 19, is next on the OBS schedule. The OBS schedule for 2012 is as follows:

Winter Mixed Sale
January 17 - 18, 2012

OBS Championship Stakes
March 12, 2012

Selected Sale Of Two-Year-Olds In Training
March 13 - 14, 2012
Under Tack: March 8 - 9

Spring Sale Of Two-Year-Olds In Training
April 23 - 26, 2012
Under Tack: April 17-20

June Two-Year-Olds & Horses Of Racing Age
June 19 - 20, 2012
Under Tack: June 15-17

Selected Sale Of Yearlings

August 21, 2012

Open Sale Of Yearlings
August 22 - 23, 2012

Fall Mixed Sale
October 16 - 18, 2012

In addition to catalogs for upcoming sales, the OBS website includes sales results, the latest news regarding OBS graduates, sales schedules, nominations, credit requests, travel information and other news relevant to OBS consignors and customers. E-Mail should be addressed to obs@obsales.com.

For catalogs or more information regarding the OBS August Yearling Sale or OBS website, please call 352-237-2154.

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Community calendar

Friday August 12

Free Gospel Music Concert

Christ's Church of Marion County presents Jimmy Strickland, Southern Gospel recording artist, in a night of "Pure Southern Gospel Music." Jimmy has performed on stage with well-known recording artists Bill Gather, Dottie Rambo, the Oak Ridge Boys, the Goodman Family and a host of others.

There is no admission charge. A free-will offering will be taken.

Christ's Church of Marion County, 6768 S.W. 80th St. (off SR 200), Ocala. Call 352-861-6182 or www.ccomc.org.

Saturday, Aug. 13

Back to School bash

Students are invited to a Back-to-School bash at Crossroads Community Church, Saturday, Aug. 13, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free school supplies while supplies lasts, bounce in the bounce house, eat popcorn and slurp snow cones. Much more.

Crossroads Community Church, 8070 S.W. 60th Ave., turn at the CVS, half-mile on left, 352-291-2080.

St. Jude sets flea market

St. Jude Catholic Community's fourth annual flea market will be Saturday, Aug. 13, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the church grounds at 443 Marion Oaks Drive in Marion Oaks.

Donations of items in good condition are currently being accepted. Anyone wishing to rent a table may do so for \$20. More information may be obtained by calling Iris at 352-307-0565.

Sunday, August 14

Moose breakfast is served

Every Sunday from 9 a.m. until noon, a fantastic buffet is provided at one great price! It includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, potatoes, grits, biscuits with country gravy, juice, fruit, coffee and more.

The Moose is the best kept secret in the SW corridor; visit us before or after church and come help support our mission and community programs.

The lodge is at 10411 S.W. 110th St., one mile north of the State Road 200 main entrance of Oak Run. Phone is 352-854-2200.

Monday, Aug. 15

American Legion post to meet

The Ralph J. Green American Legion Post 354, will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Aug. 15, at 1 p.m. in the community room of the Sheriff's Brian Litz Building, 9048 S.W. State Road 200. Try to arrive early to enjoy light refreshments and comradeship with fellow Veterans. For more information, telephone Commander Fred Pulis 352-854-9976.

Tuesday, Aug. 16

Meeting set for Bahia Oaks

The Bahia Oaks Homeowner's Association will meet Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 6:30 at the Freedom Public Library. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Saturday, Aug. 20

Hard Rock Casino Trip

St. Jude Catholic Community is sponsoring another bus trip to the Hard Rock Café and Casino in Tampa on Saturday, Aug. 20. Tickets are \$30 per person. Each person gets \$25 returned for free play and a \$5 food voucher. The bus will leave the St. Jude parking lot at 9 a.m. and return around 5 p.m. Please contact Ghislaine at 352-245-9962 for more information and reservations.

Monday, Aug. 22

Retired nurses to meet

On Aug. 22 at 1 o.n.m the Citrus Marion Chapter of the Registered Nurses Retired (RNR) will meet at The Sandwedge Restaurant in Spruce Creek. We welcome all members as we discuss speakers and events for the upcoming year. For more information call Gladys at 352-854-2677 or Mary Jane at 352-726-6882.

Saturday, Aug. 27

Back to School Bash

Ocala West United Methodist Church will host a Back to School Bash for Kids, Saturday, Aug. 27, from 3 to 6 p.m., for children 4 years to 5th grade. Magician at 3, clowns at 4, food at 5. Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 S.W. 105th St., Ocala, call 352-854-9550.

Ocala Symphony to hold auditions

The Ocala Symphony Orchestra will be holding auditions on Aug. 27 for specific open positions, and will also be accepting those who wish to audition for the first-call sub-list. Auditions will take place in the Fine Arts Building (No. 4) of the College of Central Florida at 3001 S.W. College Road in Ocala.

If you have auditioned for the sub-list at any point in the last two seasons, there is no need to re-audition unless you are auditioning for a now open position. New sub-list applicants should prepare five standard orchestral excerpts of their choice, while position applicants must follow the excerpt requirements listed on the OSO website.

To sign up for an audition slot, please submit a resume to OSO General Manager, Mary Catherine Wickham at mcwickham@ocalasympphony.com.

The Ocala Symphony Orchestra, founded in 1975, currently performs eight subscription concerts a year at the Ocala Breeders Sales Auditorium plus special performances and outreach to youth. It is a 501c3 non-profit corporation supported entirely by ticket sales, donations, sponsorships and grants, with new offices in the Seven Sisters Inn Annex located at 820 S.E. Fort King St. in Ocala. Performance dates and tickets for subscription concerts, the "SoundArt" series in partnership with the Appleton Museum of Art, as well as Handel's Messiah are available at the OSO office or through www.ocalasympphony.com.

Monday, Aug. 29

Senior bowling league to meet

A meeting for a new senior bowling league will be held Aug. 29 at 1 p.m. at AMF Galaxy East Lanes, 3225 S.E. Maricamp Road, Ocala. The Monday Senior Mixed League will bowl at 1 p.m. starting Sept. 12. There will be four bowlers per team in a sanctioned league. Entries may be as individuals or as a team.

Tuesday, Aug. 30

WMBA sets 'After Hours'

The West Marion Business Association will conduct a Business After Hours at Neighborhood Storage, 6741 W. Highway 40 in Ocala, on Oct. 30 from 5 to 7 p.m.

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Friday, Sept. 16

Fundraiser for Operation Christmas Child

A fundraiser for Operation Christmas Child, collecting items to fill shoe boxes or donations, will take place at the Walmart on State Road 200 on Sept. 16-17, and the Walmart on Southwest 19th Avenue Road and 27th Avenue on Oct. 7-8.

Saturday, Sept. 17

Golf event to benefit Special Olympics

The inaugural "Be a Fan" benefit golf tournament for Special Olympics Marion County, sponsored by the Ocala Palms Community, will be Saturday, Sept. 17, at Ocala Palms Golf and Country Club.

There will be donuts, juice and coffee at 7:30 a.m. and a four-person best ball shotgun scramble at 8:30 a.m.

Cost is \$75 per player and includes green fees and cart, range balls and buffet lunch. There will be prizes and raffles.

For sponsorship and team registration forms contact Peter Kowal at 352-629-5407 or e-mail peterkowal@embarqmail.com, or Diane Peterson, 352-690-1643 or e-mail dlpdiane@embarqmail.com.

Monday, Sept. 19

Christian 12 Step fashion show

The Christian 12 Step Ministry of Ocala, an addiction alcohol and substance abuse recovery program, is holding its first fashion show and luncheon. All proceeds will benefit the Christian 12 Step Ministry in their mission to help those in need of substance recovery.

The show will take place on Monday, Sept. 19 at noon in the Royal Oaks Golf Club Dining Room at Oak Run Country Club in Ocala. Tickets are \$25 per person and include lunch, entertainment, door prizes and a fashion show exclusively by Beall's Department Store.

Christian substance abuse treatment effectively combines spiritual healing with a traditional rehabilitation program. The Christian 12 Step Ministry helps heal lives and families here in our community. This fun event of fashion and pampering will help support their mission and our community.

Please contact Laurie Smith at 352-861-0296, Catherine Vibber at 352-208-4261, or Jeryl Durrand at 352-390-6766 for tickets or information. Tickets are also available at Great American Coffee Roasters, 816 S. Magnolia Ave. in Ocala.

The Christian 12 Step Ministry's mission and direction is to be a community resource providing Bible-based education in recovery and deliverance of substance and behavioral addiction to anyone seeking help, while promoting and protecting spiritual health. For more information, please visit www.christian12step.org.

Saturday, Sept. 24

Church seeks vendors

The Church of the Advent, 11251 S.W. County Road 484, is holding its annual Trash to Treasure sale on Saturday Sept 24. (Rain date Oct 1). This will be an outdoor event. Crafters, Flea Market and Food Vendors are invited to attend. Spaces will be 10 x 10 with many of them being in the shade and rent for \$15.00 each. Set up will begin at 6 a.m. with the sale beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. Call Al Sickle 352-208-5664 or Maryanne Brennan 352-347-2428 for registration foorms and other information. You must provide your own tables.

Friday, Oct. 7

VFW plans flea market

VFW Post 4781 will hold a flea market on Oct. 7 and 8 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. There will be bargains galore inside out out.

The organization needs your donations of household goods, small or large. Proceeds benefit Veterans Services. Small items may be brought in boxes, and left in the corner of the dining room. We can pick up large items. Hot Dogs and hamburgers will be available along with a bake sale. Larger donations - call Art for pickup of large items at 352-209-0668. Want your own table to sell your items? Tables available at \$10 per day, or \$15 for 2 days. Call Phoebe for table rental at 352-854-8535. VFW Post 4781 is located off State Road 200 behind Sims Furniture, across from Oak Run, telephone 352-873-4781.

Tuesday, Oct. 18

Food for Thought at Our Redeemer

A "Food for Thought" luncheon will be hosted by the Parish Nurses at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 5200 S.W. State Road 200. The guest speaker will be John Podkorski.

The event will be Oct. 18 at 11:30 a.m. A count is needed for the luncheon so please call 352-368-4028.

Big Sun Chorus gets new director

BY PETER MUSELLA
Big Sun Chorus

August and the "Dog Days of Summer" are upon us. In spite of the sweltering heat, the Big Sun Chorus of Ocala is moving right along with "cool" plans for our new season of barbershop harmony.

We have undergone major changes in the last few months; Anne Lord Bellis, our music director, resigned after many years of directing and leading us through some fun-filled years.

She set a standard that will be hard to match. Members of the Big Sun Chorus wish her well. Thanks, Anne.

HARMONY CORNER

That is a perfect lead-in to introduce our new music director. Although not new to barbershop harmony, with a background of musical experience and quartet singing, please welcome back John Shaerer, a true professional who has taken over the reins of directing.

John directed our Big Sun Chorus in 2001-2002, and brought the chorus to competition in 2002.

John and his wife Alice enjoy living in On Top of the World. He has shown us what he can do as a leader and what he expects of us as a chorus.

I'm sure you will agree that under his discipline, guidance and enthusiasm, the Big Sun Chorus can look forward to a most successful season of barbershop harmony.

Our chorus is growing and we extend an invitation to all men (who sing in the shower) to join us on Monday evenings and United West Methodist Church on 105th Street at 6:30 p.m.

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Saving money

County adds energy efficient items

BY JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

The signals are everywhere, but the one common goal, besides to keep traffic flowing, is to save taxpayers' money.

So is the installed heat-recovery water heating units and the 50 solar panels installed at the Marion County Jail.

County officials recently touted the efforts of these money-saving devices, all made possible with a \$2.45 million federal Energy Efficiency and Conversation Block Grant secured in 2009.

While not all of the LED traffic lights were paid for through the grant, the funds made it possible for the county to complete their task started several years ago. All told, the county now has LED lights at 107 county-maintained intersections. Officials noted even the traffic signals in Dunnellon were replaced with LED lights.

Those efforts have helped save the county a significant amount, Traffic Supervisor Stan Taylor explained.

"We save about \$75,000 a year," he said, demonstrating the amount of electricity needed for a four-panel LED light is about half of what it needs to maintain just one incandescent bulb.

Also, as part of the money received through the grant, the county changed the school zone lights, replacing them with solar panels to provide power, saving on average about \$10 per month.

Additionally, the county also installed energy-saving windows and waterless urinals at the McPherson Government Complex, county clerk's office and the

courthouse.

The switch to waterless urinals saves the county about 1 million gallons of water usage annually.

However, it's the energy-saving measures at the Marion County Jail officials seem most proud of.

With the installation of the heat-recovery water heating units on one of the two 120-ton air conditioning chiller units that cool the jail and the 50 solar panels, said Andy Race, the Marion County facilities management director, officials will see a significant drop in electric bills in measures that provide what he calls "free hot water."

"We can save up to \$3,000 in electricity on heating hot water alone," he explained.

Using the stimulus funds, the county will see an immediate impact on savings, Race said.

Had county officials financed the project, it would have taken upward of 30 years to see savings.

"We're seeing them now," Race explained.

The heat-recovery system and solar panels produce enough hot water for the jail to prepare about 6,000 meals a day, do dishes and laundry as well as supply hot water for showers.

Plans call for the county to install another heat-recovery unit and up to another 50 solar panels.

Both of those projects would use money from the federal grant, officials said.

Also, most of the county's 22 fire stations are being upgraded with heat-recovery units and solar panels.



PHOTOS BY JEFF BRYAN/RIVERLAND NEWS

Andy Race, the Marion County facilities management director, stands in front of the 50 solar panels installed early this year that produce hot water for inmates at the Marion County Jail to use for showers and to wash their hands.



Traffic Supervisor Stan Taylor explains how less heat comes off of an LED traffic light than what normally is produced by a standard incandescent bulb.

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The Antique Automobile Club of America, Kingdom Of The Sun Region, located in Ocala, has for many years donated proceeds from various fundraising activities to local charities. In 2011, the KOTS Region selected Alpha Center for Women, located at 118 N. Pine Ave., as one of its recipients. Alpha Center for Women is a nonprofit 501 C(3) organization whose mission is to aid pregnant clients with special needs. Lori Chamblin, founder and director, notes a constant need for baby supplies, financial aid and volunteers. KOTS Region supports the Alpha Center with baby supplies as well as financial support. The monetary presentation, left, was made June 22 by Diane Desin, KOTS Charities Committee chair and Mark Dresser, KOTS vice president, and accepted by Lori Chamblin, Alpha Center founder and director. Also, the KOTS Region selected the Legacy House, one of four facilities operated by Hospice of Marion County, as a recipient. Hospice of Marion County is located at 3231 S.W. 34th Ave. For 28 years Hospice of Marion County, a nonprofit 501 C(3) organization, has offered end-of-life care to the terminally ill. The KOTS Region monetary presentation, below, was made June 25 by Mark Dresser, KOTS vice president, Jim Conway, KOTS treasurer, and Diane Desin, KOTS Charities Committee chair, and accepted by Jennifer Harmon, Hospice of Marion County development specialist.





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OUR VIEW

Postal Service needs urgent reform

The U.S. Postal Service is losing business and money, and options for fixing it all have political implications, such as ending Saturday mail delivery, closing post offices, and asking Congress to pay the cost of future health care for its employees.

While the Postal Service is regulated by Congress, it is an independent agency that does not receive direct taxpayer funding. Its revenue comes from the sale of postal products. First-class mail is the most profitable of these, and this business has declined due to email and online bill paying.

In its most recent quarterly filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Postal Service said mail volume has declined by almost 20 percent from its peak in 2006. During the first nine months of this year, the volume of the Postal Service's most profitable product, first-class mail, declined by 6.5 percent. During this period the Postal Service had net losses of over \$5.6 billion.

In response to the loss of revenue, the Postal Service has reduced employees, has discussed but not implemented eliminating Saturday mail delivery, and has proposed closing about 10 percent of its more than 32,000 offices nationwide. But a report prepared by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that the organization needs to do more to remain viable.

In part, the report said, "the status quo is unsustainable as USPS is unable to finance its current operations and service levels. Action by Congress and USPS is urgently needed to comprehensively restructure USPS's operations, networks, and workforce and to modernize its organization."

The GAO recommended that the Postal Service fundamentally restructure its operations to continue meeting its mandate of providing universal postal service in a period of declining revenues. Some of these recommended actions include creating more cost-effective delivery systems, closing some offices and other facilities, and moving more of its retail services to private stores and self-service locations, revising health benefit funding requirements, reducing compensation and benefit costs, and generating revenues through greater product and pricing flexibility.

In today's climate, there is little appetite for a federal bailout, so the challenge to political and postal leadership is to come up with a plan that makes the tough decisions necessary to allow the agency to remain independent by balancing its costs and revenues.

Many of these actions will require congressional approval, but they are essential for the Postal Service to remain a self-sustaining entity and avoid either economic failure and/or government takeover.

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COMMENTARY

The best laid plans for watching TV

Just a couple of weeks ago, we told you about an Ocala-area family that was going to appear on the television show "Family Feud."

The information, provided by the producers of the show in California, was very specific as to the time and date – it was to be on the air on Aug. 4, last Thursday, at 6 p.m. on WRDQ, which is affiliated with the ABC outlet in Orlando and carried on various cable systems.

That night came, and I had to go sit through another of those not-so-exciting scenic road hearings (more on that next week), so I set my DVR to record the show. When I got home later that evening, I plopped down into my recliner and turned on the TV to watch our local family.

Oops!

The names of the families were two that were nothing like "Webb," the family that was supposed to be on. I sat there unbelieving that I had fed wrong information to the people.

When I got to work on Friday

Jim Clark
Editor



morning, I sent an e-mail to the producers to ask what happened. The response was that it must have been the station's fault, that sometimes shows are pre-empted for sports or special programming, etc. Well, it wasn't pre-empted ... I watched the show. It was just the wrong families.

I made up my mind that on Monday I would make more inquiries. I was home Friday evening and decided to turn on the show at 6. Again, it was people I didn't recognize.

But a funny thing happened.

I left the TV station on to watch the local news at 6:30, and when 7 o'clock came around, I was going to switch to a baseball game. But lo and behold, another

"Family Feud" episode came on, and there was the Webb family. Not only that, but the announcer said that if they won that night, they would win a new car, which as I understand it takes five wins. That means they were on all week, but at 7, not 6.

So I sat back and watched the show, and they lost. They didn't get the car, which was blue, but I was turning red.

Evidently the people in California didn't know what was going on with their own show here on the East Coast.

So if anyone followed my instructions and turned on this show to watch the family at the wrong time, my apologies. I should know better than to trust California public relations people.

And congratulations to the Webb family for their week. I'm only sorry they didn't get the car.

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A tip of the hat to members of the Tea Party

Tea Partiers (TPs) are entitled to a celebration for progress with two important issues in their "Contract from America" agenda — to restore fiscal responsibility and limited government in Washington. Resolution of the debt/deficit deadlock may be one small step for the TPs, but it's a welcome breakthrough to many Americans who are tired of out-of-control government growth and spending.

The Tea Party is a populist uprising which has infuriated the leadership of both major political parties.

Democrats see the TPs as Republican extremists who are causing dysfunctional government. Vice President Biden called them terrorists. Seems like the TPs came along just in time to be blamed by Democrats for their already malfunctioning government, which has spent a bundle and produced a bungle.

Republicans on the other hand have been sandwiched between gratitude to TPs for helping them gain majority control of the House of Representatives and aggravation over the TPs' pushy persistency in asserting their goals. Pressure from the TPs however proved to be the backbone of Republicans who were outnumbered in the debt/deficit debate by the White House and Senate.

Popular uprisings have been frequent throughout American history, triggered most often by public loss of confidence in government, the political system, big business, Wall Street, and bankers.

Jim Flynn
Columnist



Uprisings can be healthy. They sometimes morph into significant social changes, such as the civil rights movement. As President Thomas Jefferson observed: "A little rebellion now and then is a good thing. It's a medicine necessary to the sound health of the government."

Where to next for the Tea Party? One of their stars, Rep. Michelle Bachmann, is campaigning for the presidency. We doubt there are a sufficient number of TPs and social conservatives to help her capture the nomination, but these are unpredictable times. Who would have thought the tiny Tea Party could have reshaped the U.S. fiscal debate?

There are several years of

hard work ahead for the TPs, navigating the traps and triggers of the just passed debt and deficit bill. Despite the debt/deficit deal, Washington will still be spending and borrowing 40 percent more than it receives.

The Tea Party will also be busy trying to add like-minded members to Congress in 2012, in hope of turning their one small step into additional changes to Washington's bad habits.

The dedicated duo of Senate majority leader Harry Reid and House minority leader Nancy Pelosi will exercise their best efforts to block the painful prospect of life without unlimited spending. To liberal Democrats it's the worst imaginable trauma.

The president and Sen. Chuck Schumer from New York are already exhibiting withdrawal symptoms, still talking monotonously about the need for additional spending and more revenue (meaning taxes) in order to create jobs (meaning votes).



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tea Party should be ashamed

I didn't expect to be writing another letter concerning the Tea Party quite so soon but due to the problems in Washington and on Wall Street over the last few days I feel compelled to do so. First of all the Tea Party and its lackeys in Congress should be ashamed of themselves. Because of their radical actions and inactions, particularly with reference to the raising of the debt ceiling, they have created such a toxic political environment in Washington that Standard & Poor's has used it as an excuse to lower the credit rating of the United States. This in turn has caused the stock market in New York and around the world to go into a spin and there's no end in sight. A lot of harm will be done by this upheaval and it all could have been prevented if only the Tea Party had been willing to compromise on the debt ceiling debate. This unwillingness to compromise makes one wonder if it's a principal they stand on or is it also their dislike of the federal government in general and the Obama administration in particular. One other thing I would like to comment on is regarding the individual who said that because of my remarks about the Tea Party in a previous letter I must have been drinking Marxist flavored cool aid. Well Mr. Tea Bagger if you're going to say bad things about me you should at least be original. That flavored cool aid bit had been used by the right wings favorite commentator Bill O'Reilly for years. He just might sue you for plagiarism.

**Jim Rogers
Oak Run**

Florida is a ray of hope

While federal government continues to be an obvious blight on America, Florida has made some changes for the better. Despite all the crying from spoiled brat selfish liberals, Gov. Scott has continued functioning like a sensible business man.

It's good that his detractors are watching his every move and even his past. We on the right want no dishonesty in government., just as the left pretends to want none (until a government union, or something else with selfish motives, cries and makes damages because it's asked to pay for its own pensions (not someone else's, as government mandates force on non-union members. How about paying your own way, instead of demanding government steal for you?)

Since good writing has already enumerated Scott's beneficial efforts, I'll just say now, that his bottom lines are showing an improved Florida. Here are a couple of his good moves: 1) 4/8/2011 after targeting more than 1,000 regulations for repeal, Gov. Scott issues Executive Order (less government intrusion and waste into our lives). 2) 7/29/2011 Gov. Rick Scott, Senate President Mike Haridopolos, House Speaker Dean Cannon pledge Florida will be first state to Ratify Balanced Budget Amendment (the first state to show this good sense! Meanwhile, federal government rejected any such honest, sensible thinking, and now has caused the first ever less than AAA debt rating for America (downgraded by Standard & Poor).

In 2008, the Obama answer to recession was "spend, spend, spend."

We see how "wonderfully" that has worked! Instead of improvement, the country is far worse off than when all this government waste/thievery began. But Florida has improved, despite federal government. That's why, out of the many good things the Tea Party promotes, I've recently been inclined to promote, "Return Power to the States." The more that Florida can be separated from federal government insanity/tyranny, the better are Florida's prospects.

Last year, Florida made an excellent turn to the right. These new conservatives, along with Gov. Scott, have improved Florida's achievements and

prospects. New Senator Marco Rubio sums it up, speaking/acting consistently for freedom, prosperity, and opportunity, and against the government dictatorship/parasitism now strangling America.

Central Florida particularly (thankfully) showed a marked swing to the right, even in traditionally liberal Gainesville, where newly elected Keith Perry seems to be for sensible conservatism. The composition of the Marion County commissioners board has made an excellent move right, with two business people newly elected to it last year. It has shown an interest in measures to improve our business/prosperity (not government handouts) for all, while decreasing government waste.

Of special importance, the commissioners are also showing interest in the growing assault on private property owners by homeowner associations, Code Enforcement, and others. The nationwide movement for property rights abuse is called Agenda 21, and we're working to spread the news on that, to government and others. (Be ready for the typical liberal, dishonest name change from Agenda 21, now that they're being exposed. Maybe they'll rename to "liberty movement," or some such absurd lie to suck in the gullible.)

The one area of Marion County government that has shown no improvement is the School Board. Considering the utter failures of liberal public education nationwide, it's understandable why a school board for public "education" would be staunchly entrenched in its liberal waste of taxpayer money and liberal "teaching." But we're working on that, too!

**Paul Zeigler
Pine Run Estates**

Gored oxen

Whose ox is being gored today? Listen for the whining. Someone is howling about their sliver of the pie that is shrinking.

The powers that mean to rule this planet are salivating, wringing their hands, and leering at the scene. More gored oxen every day. Soon there will be no more oxen to gore, and they are poised to move in and begin to rule with an iron fist. Just as they did in Germany, Italy, Russia, Viet Nam, Korea, Africa (take your pick).

When all the oxen are dead, what are your plans then? Will America take note before the last ox is killed? Our rating is now AA+. Oops another dead ox. Not many oxen left to kill. We had better hurry up with our backup plan.

Every generation has its cadre of "Would be enslavers." Are we going to allow ourselves to succumb to that fate? Why do we have brains? Why do some humans embrace a culture of dependency? If we are to be nothing but cattle, why do we have brains?

Who in their right mind would encourage dependency on government? What kind of IQ do these people possess? Anyone hear the screws rattling around in those skulls?

All of our entitlement programs should have been self directed, and managed from the get-go. The government could not have been able to raid those monies if they were our personal accounts. We would have noticed much sooner, and slapped their greedy little hands, and said "No."

Whining is not productive. Get up, and do something. Pay attention to what goes on in D.C. Badger them silly until they stop (not just spending, acting like Santa Claus), but wasting our money.

What's a trillion here, or there? Big deal! Yes, it is a big deal.

**D.I. Larson
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Separation of church and state

A lot has been said recently about the United States being a Christian nation. While it is true that the majority of our founding fathers were Christians, many were also Masons, a group that is multi-faith. This country was established specifically as a nation not tied to any specific religion.

Following are excerpts from an article "Why U.S. is not a Christian nation" By Kenneth C. Davis.

Early in our history, Roger Williams wrote in a 1644 letter of a "hedge or wall of separation between the garden of the church and the wilderness of the world." Williams founded Rhode Island with a colonial charter that included religious freedom. He and other religious dissenters had been banished from neighboring Massachusetts where Catholics, Quakers and Baptists were banned under penalty of death.

While president in 1802, Jefferson wrote in a letter to a Baptist association in Danbury, Connecticut: "Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between Man and his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legitimate powers of government reach actions only, and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between Church and State..."

In 1777, Jefferson drafted the Virginia

Statute for Religious Freedom. Revised by James Madison and passed by Virginia's Legislature in January 1786, the bill stated: "No man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place, or ministry whatsoever, nor shall be enforced, restrained, molested, or burthened (sic) in his body or goods, nor shall otherwise suffer on account of his religious opinions or belief..." It was this simple — government could not dictate how to pray, or that you cannot pray, or that you must pray.

The last statement in Article VI of the Constitution reads: "...no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States."

In 1790, President George Washington wrote to America's first synagogue, in Rhode Island, that "all possess alike liberty of conscience" and that "toleration" was an "inherent national gift," not the government's to dole out or take away.

In 1797, with President John Adams in office, the Senate unanimously approved one of America's earliest foreign treaties, which emphatically stated (Article 11): "As the government of the United States of America is not in any sense founded on the Christian Religion, — as it has in itself no character of enmity against the laws, religion or tranquility of Musselmen (Muslims)..."

— In 1802, Jefferson added his famous "wall of separation," implicit in the Constitution until he so described it (and cited in several Supreme Court decisions since).

The Constitution and the views of these

Founding Fathers trump all arguments about references to God in presidential speeches, on money (not introduced until the Civil War), the Pledge of Allegiance ("under God" added in 1954) and in the national motto "In God We Trust" (adopted by law in 1956).

In conclusion, I say no one group, denomination, religion or government has the right to tell everyone else what they can, should or should not hold as a religious belief.

So says the Constitution.

**James Merrick
Ocala**

Wake up, Democrats

The Republicans have shown their true colors and deep resentment of working people to bring our country down. They hate Obama so much that there cannot be a shred of success left from his Democratic administration now or in the future.

How can the minority Republican Tea Party members of Congress be allowed to kill the American dream without interruption from the majority party of the

House of Representatives. Their total disdain for the welfare of America is unbelievable.

The leaders of the House of Representatives drove their freight train to the brink of destruction and beyond with very little fight from our president.

House Speaker John Boehner and his partners in crime were more than willing to allow America to lose their triple A credit rating and even more willing to allow our nation to become a third world country just to make a point. The Republicans are taking advantage of our very weak president because he is willing give away our negotiated and earned benefits to what is left of his working class supporters.

I don't understand how the Republicans took control of Congress and are now in the process of ruining our economy just like they warned us they would do and we just allow this to happen.

Wake up Democrats, or prepare to move to Canada.

**Jerry Segovis
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Dr. Nathan Cox holds the scissors to get ready to cut the ribbon as he is welcomed by the Chamber of Commerce's Felicia Prather, third from left.



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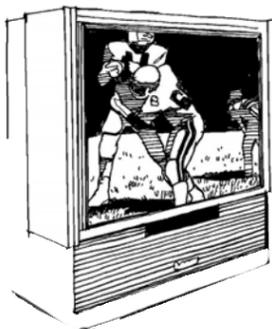
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The pastor has a secret to a great marriage



Rev. James L. Snyder

my relief, she too agreed with my conclusion. This borders on the miraculous. Whenever we agree 100 percent on anything, watch out!

A recent Hollywood wedding got me thinking. According to the reports I have seen, that wedding cost more than one million dollars! Only in Hollywood! Given the way such things go in the west coast marital Mecca, it amounts to about \$100,000 a month of married life.

Our wedding, 40 years ago, cost \$97.73. It took us all summer to scrape and save for our nuptial extravaganza.

So far, our marriage has cost us 20 cents per month. The best 20 cents we ever invested. The amazing thing about this is, each month the cost goes down but the value goes up.

The question I wanted to answer, at least in my own mind was what made our marriage so great?

What is the secret of our marriage?

As far as I can assess, there are four things about our marriage that has made it the great success it is today.

The first is FORGIVE AND FORGET. She forgives me my mistakes and I never forget to thank her for it.

Some couples carry grudges for years. Thanks to my memory challenged mind, I cannot remember what I had for lunch yesterday much less a disagreement several years old. It takes an enormous amount of energy to REMEMBER things that happened years ago. I prefer spending that energy creating new memories.

Another key to our marital bliss is TOSS AND TURN. She tosses everything out and I turn the house upside down trying to find it. This has been the most difficult for me.

I would not admit being a pack rat, but each year they invite me to be their keynote speaker at their convention.

I would go but each year my good wife tosses the letter out before I can respond.

My wife believes that tossing away yesterday's baggage and turning over a new leaf each day is crucial. As my wife is fond of saying, "Today it the first

day of the rest of your life." Sometimes she says it with a twinkle of menace in her left eye.

There is also, GIVE AND TAKE. This has proven beneficial over the years. She gives me a piece of her mind and I usually take it. My concern is, of all the pieces of her mind she has given me throughout the years, how can she have anything left?

Decision-making is not a one way street in a marriage relationship. Thank God it isn't. In every dilemma at least two sides need considering. When you find yourself in a dilemma, do what my wife does, go for de lemonade.

When only one person makes the decision in the marriage, the whole relationship takes on a lop-sided demeanor. There is nothing meaner than a one sided decision.

One last thing that makes our marriage great is PROFIT AND LOSS. This has taken a little more time to take root in my mind. Taking root in a vacuum is hard for anything.

I have discovered that a marriage runs in decades. For instance, the first 10

year period focuses on establishing the relationship. This is discovering who you are as a couple, but by the time this happens, tiny footsteps are heard in the hallway at night coming toward your bedroom.

The second decade centers on trying to raise those children and keep from going insane in the process. If I have any insanity, it is because I have inherited it from my children.

The third decade is the most important. Not many couples get this far. The third decade is devoted to rediscovering who you are as a couple.

No longer are we Rachael's mom or Jason's dad or Sarah's parents. We are discovering our own identity as a couple. And let me say, it sure is the best part of the wedding cake and we are eating it up.

The fourth decade, where we are right now, is relishing all those memories made in the first three decades.

In this PROFIT AND LOSS stage, I have discovered that I profit greatly if I cause my significant other

no loss of face. It is amazing how many single people are married and even live in the same house but go in separate directions and lead separate lives. Becoming a couple is a marvelous process taking years to mature.

My wife and I have found the key to all of this. It is simply SUBMISSION. The Bible plainly states, "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God" (Ephesians 5:21 KJV).

We can do this because we independently anchor our lives to that "rock that is higher than I" (Psalms 61:2 KJV). As a couple, we build our lives upon a common foundation — Jesus Christ.

To my wife: A happy anniversary to the best Mistress to adorn my parsonage.

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OUT TO PASTOR

This week the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary. This week as I pondered our life together it occurred to me, I might be taking some things for granted. Doing this, especially when it involves another person, is dangerous. I decided to take a little stock of myself and my relationship with the Mistress of the parsonage. What makes our marriage so great?

The first thing I had to do was check with her to make sure our marriage was indeed great. Much to

RELIGION

Christ's Church of Marion County

Saturday, Aug. 13: Men's Prayer Group, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 14: Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, "What the Bible Has to Say About Abortion", 11 a.m. Friendship Sunday Fellowship dinner,

"Italian Feast," follows the service.

Tuesday, Aug. 16: Christian Women's Fellowship Membership Meeting, 6:30 pm. Men's Ministry meeting "Caring for the Poor, Praying for the Sick," 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 17: Bible Study, "Healing is a

Choice," 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 20: Men's Prayer Group, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 21: Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, "What the Bible Has to Say About Homosexuality," 11 a.m. Jimmy Strickland Gospel Music Concert. Free concert, love-offering will be taken.

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St. Jude Catholic

The Bereavement Group for those grieving the loss of a loved one will meet on

Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 1 p.m. Meetings are open to anyone in the community with a need to share their feelings of grief. Please call the church office at 352-347-0154 prior to each meeting you plan to attend.

The LifeLong Learning Religious Education Program classes will resume during August.

Sunday classes begin Aug. 21 and Wednesday Sacramental classes on Aug. 24. Parents are reminded that there is a

mandatory Orientation Meeting on Saturday, Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. until noon. Registrations, at a reduced tuition rate, for the 2011-2012 school year are currently being accepted.

Creole Masses for the Haitians in our community are celebrated every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. The next dates are Aug. 14 and Aug. 28.

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Carol Ann Wheeler

OAK RUN

Yep. It's going to be a busy day at the Orchid Club tomorrow, Saturday, Aug. 13. Donuts, coffee and juice will be available from 8 to 10 a.m. Then, without even going into the heat, you can look over the library book sale which will also be taking place in the Orchid Club. On your way out you can check out the tickets for upcoming events on sale in the lobby. (It seems hard to believe that some folks are already hard at work preparing for fall but the fact is that Way Off Broadway will be selling tickets for their new play, "In St. Louis at the Fair." Performances will be Friday, Oct. 14, and Saturday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. and also Sunday, Oct. 16, at 3 p.m.)

Do You Remember? - Fine Arts Show

Tune in channel 12 for Len Teitler's presentation of the February 2010 Fine Arts Show, narrated by Anna Boodee. It airs daily following "FYI" at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. from Aug. 12 to 19.

Blood Pressure

Have your blood pressure taken by members of the Medical Team on Wednesday, Aug. 17, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. in the Orchid Club card room.

Genealogy Club

The Genealogy Club will meet on Friday, Aug. 19, at 9:30 a.m. in the Orchid Club card room. The program will focus on "brick walls," obstacles that hamper ancestry research. All residents of Oak Run with

an interest in genealogy are welcome.

New residents of the community are invited to visit the club blog, <http://orgenealogy.blogspot.com>, for an overview of the goals and activities of the club.

Oak Run Chords

Did you know that there's a group of singers in Oak Run that enjoy entertaining the residents in several local assisted-living facilities? Our programs include patriotic songs, "Oldies But Goodies," a few inspirational songs and, sometimes, a bit of humor. We would welcome some new singers. So if this opportunity "strikes a chord" with you, come out and join us at our next monthly rehearsal on Monday, Aug. 22, at 11 a.m. in the Island Club. If you would like more information, you may contact our director and accompanist, Lois Hammett, at 352-854-1837.

Oak Run Library

As noted above, a mini-book sale is scheduled for Aug. 13 at the Orchid Club from 8 to 10 a.m. during the Donut Drop In. Donations are always needed for use in the library and to help get ready for the semi-annual book sale scheduled for Oct. 8. Clean off those shelves by bringing your unwanted books, CD's, DVD's and puzzles to the library. Remember that books should be clean and undamaged to be salable. All monies generated from the book sales are used to fund the library. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all Oak Run residents for your continued support.

Oak Run Travel

Dale Chihuly has created magnificent glass works including chandeliers, baskets, boats filled with glass flowers, vases, and an entire garden filled with glass flowers. This new museum in St. Petersburg is devoted exclusively to the wide variety of glass designs from Dale Chihuly. We will have a docent tour of the museum plus a trip to the Hot Shop Glass Studio where you get to observe working artists creating their magnificent glass pieces. Call Jim and Naomi Anzalone to get on the Thursday, Oct. 6, trip for only \$38.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, there will be a bus trip, play, and dinner at Ed Fletcher's Dinner Theatre. The show will be "Leading Ladies" which is a hilarious comedy about two unemployed actors who try to pass themselves off as heirs to a fortune except the heirs are heiress. Call Amelia Fiore to reserve your seat on this trip. The price is only \$56.

There are two seats available due to a cancellation for the show "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" along with a delicious dinner at Ed Fletcher's Dinner Theatre on Saturday, Aug. 20. Call Paul and Emily Pike to get on this trip.

Have you made your plans for the Christmas season yet? If not, why not join the Oak Run group and go to Biloxi for casino tours. The bus will leave on Dec. 23 and return on Dec. 26. The three night accommodations will be at the Beau Rivage and you will receive \$22 in food credits and \$25 in rewards play. Call Pat and Art Krei-

deweis at 352-291-1456 to sign up.

Royal Oaks Women's 18 Hole Golf

On Tuesday, Aug. 2, we played "Low Net." The winners were — first flight: Jan Tennant — 1st place, J.T. Lemasters — 2nd place; second flight: Noreen Salo — 1st place, Carol Clark and Bea Terry — tied for 2nd place; third flight: Salita Timmermeyer — 1st place, Joanne Morris — 2nd place. Lynn Houghton was "Closest to the Pin" on the 3rd Hole. It was very warm but 15 brave women played. The course is in great shape but the rough is "deadly!"

Royal Oaks Men's Golf

Welcome to golf in Florida in August! The general consensus of the 44 players who struggled with the heat and humidity was "it ain't no fun." However, all finished, and posted some good scores.

The game was three best net. The winners with a 196 were Bill Start, Bill Staiger, Mike Madill and Steve Casner. Tied for second with 197's were the teams of Bob White, Steve Kollar, Dick Berbig and John Foutty; and Bob Gray, Old Tom Morris, Chuck Engel, and Joe Paller. Closest to the pin on the par three's were Bill Staiger, Sam Owens, Mike Madill, and Dick Berbig.

Congratulations to John Foutty, who had a hole in one on Wednesday of this week. He aced the sixth hole, with swing number 473 of his arsenal. Way to go, John.

We will once again try to

fight the heat next week, so get the water bottles ready.

Carol Ann's Corner

Hi, this is Mr. Cody (the cat formerly known as Katie) with some more tips for my Oak Run neighbors. I don't get out much, like never except to go to the vet. (Now there's a word that should have four letters.) As a result, I haven't seen whether any of you have been working in your yard in this terrible heat. If you have, don't you know heat can kill? If mom says I can't go on the porch, you shouldn't be working in your yards, so stop it, or at least do it very early in the morning.

My second tip concerns the environment. You know what CFLs are? They are those "curly" light bulbs that are both energy-efficient and last much longer than incandescent bulbs. My research shows that they do, however, contain mercury and should be considered hazardous waste. They should not be disposed of with your regular household trash. Burned-out CFLs should be recycled at special locations. Both local home improvement stores have recycling programs.

I also thought I'd share with you the fact that the

confusion about my gender continues. Recently some nice ladies came to the house to play Mexican Train. They had not been over in a while and obviously at least one of them doesn't read this column. She heard Mom call me "Mr. Cody" as I sat in my usual position complaining loudly in front of the kitchen pantry where my food is kept. She asked Mom how she managed to get two cats that both drew attention to their food issues in the same way. Mom had to explain that I am the same cat, just a different gender and name. My identity crisis continues.

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. If you wish to call her, the number is in the Oak Run directory. You may send pictures as jpg attachments. Typed copy or hard copy photos can be placed in Carol's cubby across the street from her house but should be submitted earlier as they take longer to process. The names of the people in all photos must be included.

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Will Rogers and his comments provide great memories



Dick Frank

cial commentator when he was killed in an airplane crash in Alaska 76 years ago this coming Monday. However, many of his comments will live on forever as they still apply today. Pun Alley starts with his very appropriate political jabs.

I don't approve of political jokes. I've seen too many of them get elected.

Alexander Hamilton started the U.S. Treasury with nothing, and that was the closest our country has ever been to being even.

If stupidity got us into this mess, then why can't it get us out?

The more you observe politics, the more you've got to admit that each party is worse than the other.

Be thankful we're not getting all the government we're paying for.

Anything important is never left to the vote of the people. We only get to vote on some man; we never get to vote on what he is to do.

Everything is changing. People are taking the comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke.

Our Constitution pro-

fects aliens, drunks and U.S. Senators.

Ohio claims they are due a president, as they haven't had one since Taft. Look at the United States; they have not had one since Lincoln.

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

Ancient Rome declined because it had a Senate, now what's going to happen to us with both a House and a Senate?

There's no trick to being a humorist when you have the whole government working for you.

A fool and his money are soon elected.

This country has come to feel the same when Congress is in session as when the baby gets hold of a hammer.

On account of being a democracy and run by the people, we are the only nation in the world that has to keep a government four years, no matter what it does.

Lord, the money we do spend on government and it's not one bit better than the government we got for

one-third the money 20 years ago.

More Rogers' philosophy You can't say civilization isn't advancing; in every war they kill you in a new way.

When should a college athlete turn pro? Not until he has earned all he can in college as an amateur.

Never miss a good chance to shut up.

Instead of giving money to found colleges to promote learning, why don't they pass a constitutional amendment prohibiting anybody from learning anything? If it works as good as the Prohibition one did, why, in five years we would have the smartest race of people on earth.

There's two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither one works.

Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else.

I never expected to see the day when girls would get sunburned in the places they now do.

Things ain't what they used to be and never were. Golf is good for the soul.

You get so mad at yourself, you forget to hate your enemies.

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Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

I'm not a real movie star. I've still got the same wife I started out with twenty-eight years ago.

We don't seem to be able to check crime, so why not legalize it and then tax it out of business?

We will never have true

civilization until we have learned to recognize the rights of others.

The minute you read something that you can't understand, you can almost be sure that it was drawn up by a lawyer.

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

Dick and his wife Jane live in Oak Run.

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ALLEY

The recent political shenanigans about raising the national debt and reducing spending brought to mind Will Rogers whose salty comments on the political and social scene made him widely known. Starting out in vaudeville as a cowboy rope-twirler, joking casually with the audience, he went on to gain a wide audience through motion pictures, books, radio, and a syndicated newspaper column.

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Democratic Club mourns loss of one of troops in Iraq



Nancy Archer

It was with deep sadness that we were informed that one of the young soldiers serving in Baghdad to whom we were sending Care packages was killed by a Shiite militia group on June 10. Our prayers and condolences go out to her family and our young people serving our country at this time of year. God bless them all.

WikiLeaks

This month we shall be looking at Pfc. Bradley Manning, who is accused of downloading thousands of state secret documents and passing them onto WikiLeaks. He was arrested last year at a U.S. base outside Baghdad where he

was working as an analyst. He has since been charged with passing on classified information to an unauthorized party.

He has been held in solitary confinement at Quantico Marine Base in Virginia and is going to be moved to Fort Leavenworth in Kansas very soon.

We shall be watching a one hour PBS video of Pfc. Bradley Manning in order to get a better understanding of his motives and those of WikiLeaks.

Come along and see the video and give us your inputs.

We ask that you remember our young people serving our country and if you

are able to make a donation toward their needs you may do so through our secretary to active service personnel in Afghanistan and Iraq. Your donation will be gratefully appreciated.

Voter registration cards are available, so if you know of anyone that is not registered or wishes to change Party affiliation, we are able to make the changes.

The Cherrywood Democratic Club meets on the third Friday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse card room. Harriet Scarpino, president, can be reached at 352-873-9955.

Casino Cruise Day Trip

Brand new casino cruise sailing from Port Canaveral on Thursday, Sept. 15. Must have at least 20 people from Cherrywood to get a bus pick up here at the Clubhouse. The Victory will include slot machines, casino table games like roulette and blackjack and a sports book. Call Nancy Archer at 352-861-1432 for pricing and to reserve your seats.

Travel Club

Federal Reserve Bank and The Sally Corp. - Jacksonville - Tuesday, Sept. 13. This is a very interesting trip. You cannot go and tour the Federal Reserve Bank unless you have a reservation with a group.

You will get a guided tour, see how your money is processed, see counterfeits and learn how to discover them, see millions of dollars being processed, very good trip! We will also go to the Sally Corp. which makes animatronics for theme parks and interactive games. See how it's done. Includes bus, guided tours, complete lunch, all taxes and tips.

Nancy Archer and her daughter Christine of Cherrywood have lived here for 13 years and enjoy writing for the Citizen each week. Please try to get the news to me on Thursday at my new e-mail address: bluejay10453@live.com.

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The Cherrywood Democratic Club will meet Friday, Aug. 19, at 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse card room. Refreshments will be served.

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Green Cafe network tries to 'green' the coffee house industry

E - Environmental Magazine

EARTH TALK

Dear EarthTalk: I heard about something called the Green Café Network. What is it and what are they trying to accomplish for the environment? — Jane Stevenson, Los Angeles, Calif.

The Green Café Network (GCN), a project of the non-profit Earth Island Institute, seeks to reduce Americans' environmental impacts by greening the coffeehouse industry and harnessing cafe culture for community environmental awareness.

By educating and working with cafe owners and staff, GCN helps network members reduce waste, save energy, conserve water and increase community stewardship. GCN's 30-plus cafes scattered across Northern California (as well as one in New York City and another in Keshena, Wisconsin) are committed to reducing their carbon footprints, promoting environmental responsibility and generally operating in as sustainable a manner as possible.

The approach of the GCN is to build on the influence of key institutions — neighborhood cafes and Americans' infatuation with coffee — to try to raise environmental awareness and spur individual action. The idea is that when people see their local café as a positive example of green business practices and community building, there is a ripple effect, and the community is strengthened accordingly.

For cafes interested in getting involved, GCN provides personalized consulting services to help owners reduce their ecological footprints, enhance and streamline their operations, and set a visible good example of environmental responsibility for the community at large.

Services can address specific areas in need of attention, such as energy and water conservation, waste reduction, toxics minimization and eco-friendly purchasing, and also overall efforts to green the business from top to bottom. GCN can also consult on green building issues in the design, construction and remodel phases of a cafe's lifecycle.

With a project tagline of "Love Our Planet a Latte," how could one not love what GCN is doing?

Cafes and coffee shops can take steps to align environmental considerations with business operations even without membership in GCN.

The Barista Exchange website, for one, offers a treasure trove of information and tips on greening up cafes and coffee shops through energy and waste reduction, eco-friendly procurement and the sourcing of organic fair trade coffee.

U.S. coffee shops serve up about 25 million cups every day, so coffee shops can make a huge differ-

ence by being green.

For its part, the nation's leading coffee retailer, Starbucks, has been a pioneer in greening the coffee industry, and the company considers environmental stewardship a priority.

With dedicated programs for increasing recycling, conserving energy and water, sourcing greener beans, using sustainable building techniques and materials in new stores, and offsetting carbon emissions, Starbucks has worked hard to set a green example.

Of course, cafe owners and staff aren't the only ones responsible for greening your coffee habit.

You can play a role too. One obvious place to start is to bring in your own reusable mug to fill up on your favorite blend to cut down on paper cup waste. And requesting fair trade coffee will help ensure living wages for coffee workers out in the fields and send a message to café owners that you value doing the right thing.

CONTACTS: Green Cafe Network, www.earthisland.org/index.php/projects/grn; Barista Exchange, www.baristaexchange.com; Starbucks Environmental Stewardship, www.starbucks.com/responsibility/environment.

Dear EarthTalk: As I understand it, "Debt-for-Nature Swaps" are arrangements by which countries can erase debt by preserving land. Are any being done today? — Bill

Hunt, Topeka, KS

The debt-for-nature swap concept, whereby a portion of a developing nation's foreign debt is forgiven in exchange for local investments in environmental conservation measures, dates back to the mid-1980s when Thomas Lovejoy of the non-profit World Wildlife Fund (WWF) first proposed it as a way to deal with the problems of developing nations' indebtedness and the negative consequences for their natural resources and diverse environments.

The theory goes that if a country with, say, valuable tropical rainforests, is up to its ears in debt, it will sell off or otherwise deplete those natural resources, instead of protecting or conserving them, in order to raise the money needed to pay off its debts.

Debt-for-nature swaps can therefore be useful financial mechanisms for helping countries reduce debt without destroying their most valuable natural resources.

Since the first swap was brokered with Bolivia (to protect its Beni Biosphere Reserve and adjacent areas) by the non-profit Conservation International in 1987, many national governments and conservation groups have engaged in similar types of debt-for-nature swap negotiations, especially in tropical countries which contain diverse and threatened species of flora and fauna.

Costa Rica has ex-

changed tens of millions of dollars in debt to protect some of its most pristine and biologically productive rainforests.

In 1998 the U.S. government passed the Tropical Forest Conservation Act to codify debt-for-nature swaps, including formally welcoming non-profit groups like Conservation International, the Nature Conservancy, WWF and others to help arrange the deals and oversee implementation of local initiatives.

A 2010 Congressional Research Service report found that since 1987, debt-for-nature swaps have channeled upwards of \$1 billion toward tropical forest conservation initiatives instead of back into creditor nations' coffers.

But far fewer deals are occurring today for a number of reasons.

For one, says the Congressional Research Service, other agreements for debt restructuring and cancellation have reduced developing nations' debt by significantly more than debt-for-nature swaps can. Another is that the concept has fallen somewhat out of favor.

Some experts argue that the financial benefits are overstated, that funds are misdirected to less needy countries, that external debt is not a primary driver of deforestation and other environmental ills, and that funding does not necessarily equate to effective implementation of conservation strategies.

Criticism aside, some

deals are still getting done. In 2008, France forgave \$20 million in debt owed by Madagascar to help the biodiversity-rich nation triple the size of its protected areas to better protect its native flora and fauna. In 2010, the U.S. forgave \$21 million in Brazilian debt to fund several ecosystem protection initiatives in Brazil's still vanishing tropical rainforests. The U.S. has also forgiven debt from the Philippines, Guatemala and Peru in recent years in exchange for on-the-ground conservation efforts.

Germany and the Netherlands have each forgiven some of their foreign debt to tropical nations for forest protection as well.

So while debt-for-nature swaps are not as popular as they once were, they are still a key tool in the toolbox of environmentalists looking to promote conservation in tropical countries.

CONTACTS: WWF, www.wwf.org; Conservation International, www.conservation.org; The Nature Conservancy, www.nature.org.

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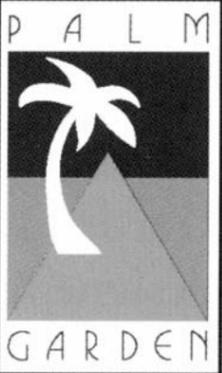
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Bowhunter education course scheduled for Citrus County

Now you can take the Florida Bowhunter Education Course by completing an online, distance-learning component and then attending an abbreviated field day.

According to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) hunter safety personnel, the field day will be Sept. 3 from 8 a.m. until noon in Citrus County. The exact location for this class will be given to those who register in advance by calling the regional office at 386-758-0525 or going online at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety.

This field day is designed to be a hands-on, constructive learning

experience that will include bow setup and shooting, field walks, blood-trail exercises, erecting and safely ascending and descending from tree stands, as well as equipment preparation and survival techniques.

A small fee to take the distance-learning course is payable to the National Bowhunter Education Foundation on its website: www.bowhunter-ed.com/fl. Access the online distance-learning course at MyFWC.com/Bowhunt.

Participants can expect to learn all aspects of bowhunting, including: History of bowhunting;

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Participants should bring all equipment, including bow and arrows.

Students should register for the course in advance by calling the FWC's regional office in Lake City at 386-758-0525.

Boat ramp schedules

In the next few weeks, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will temporarily close two boat ramps in Marion County for repairs and improvements.

On Orange Lake, the ramp at Heagy Bury County Park will be not closed Aug. 15-22 as originally planned. To accommodate alligator harvest season, the closing will be rescheduled for sometime in September. The FWC is coordinating the repairs with Marion County Parks and Recreation.

Beginning Aug. 22, the boat ramp at Lake Bryant Mobile Home and RV Park - and the only ramp that accesses Lake Bryant - will close for approximately four weeks while much-needed improvements are made.

The FWC will replace the ramp, improve the parking lot and stabilize the adjacent shoreline.

These improvements are funded by the FWC through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sport Fish Restoration - Boat Access Program.

For questions on the repairs and closures for both ramps, contact April Secrest at 407-846-5191.

For information on Heagy Bury County Park, contact Marion County Parks and Recreation in Ocala at 352-671-8560.

Two accused of baiting

In the first few hours of archery season on Holey Land Wildlife Management Area in Palm Beach County, FWC officers busted two local hunters using bait to lure deer to a tree stand. It is illegal to use bait on public lands.

FWC officers first noticed corn kernels in a clearing on Friday, the day before the season opened. The next morning, officers and K-9 Gauge responded. The specially trained resource-detection dog tracked one hunter's trail to the tree stand where the bait was placed. The other hunter was stopped as he was leaving the woods.

Anthony C. Orton (DOB 11/02/76) was charged with hunting over bait in a wildlife management area, a misdemeanor. Alex J. Adams (DOB 02/02/78) was charged with placing bait in the wildlife management area, also a misdemeanor. Both men live in Pompano Beach.

FWC Maj. Jeff Hubert said, "Not only is using bait in wildlife management areas illegal, it is also unsportsmanlike."

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You sometimes go to extremes to prove a point. But this time, you won't have to. Supporters are ready, falling over themselves to help you make your case.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Venus might be your ruling planet, but Mars is in the picture as well. So don't be surprised if your romantic relationships are a bit rocky at this time. But they'll soon smooth over.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Geminis might rush into romance and risk being wrong about someone rather than be left with no one. But this is one time when it's wiser to be wary of where your heart takes you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) With all (or most) of those pesky problems behind you, take time for your family and friends. Travel aspects are favored, with long-distance journeys high on the list.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might have started to question the wisdom of being open with someone you hoped you could trust. But be assured you won't be disappointed. You'll soon hear good news.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You have a reputation for honesty and integrity, and that will help turn around a situation that was not only disappointing but also quite unfair. Good luck.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A happy event creates a closer tie with a family member who seemed hopelessly estranged. Positive aspects also dominate in important career matters.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your ruling planet, Pluto, helps you adjust to change. So, stop putting off that long-delayed move, and make it with the assurance that you're doing the right thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You have a wonderful capacity to learn quickly and well. This will help you when you are faced with an opportunity to move on to a new path in life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Good news: You suddenly find that you're not facing that new challenge alone. You now have someone at your side, ready to offer whatever support you might need.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Your versatility — which is just one of those aspects of yourself that make you so special — helps you adapt to the challenges of a new and exciting opportunity.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your sensitive nature picks up on the needs of others. But what about your desires? You need to take more time to assess what your goals are and, if necessary, redirect them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You give your trust openly and easily. People find you easy to be with and enjoy your wit, your good sense, and your capacity to love and be loved.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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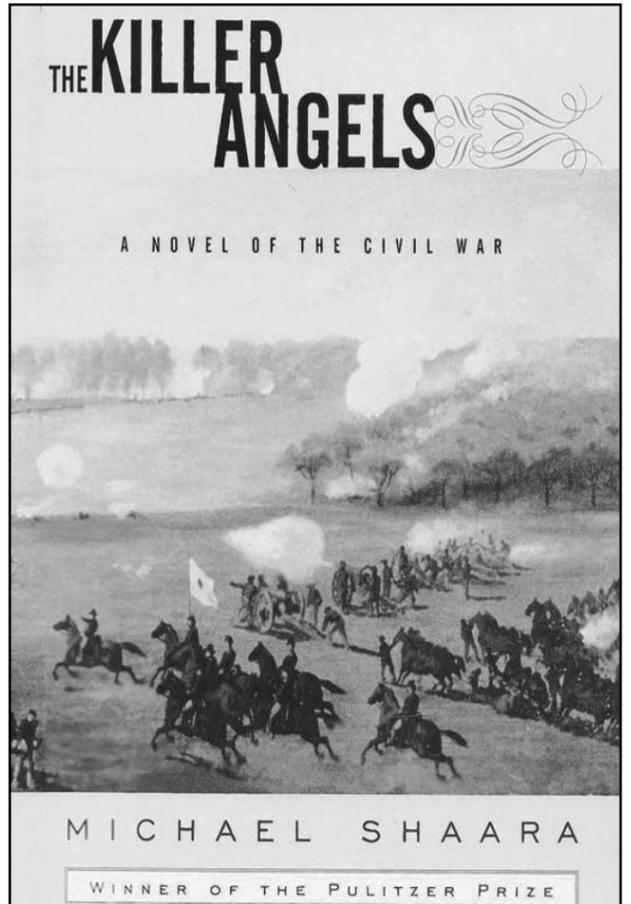
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The annual fall fashion show and luncheon will take place on Saturday, Oct. 1, at noon (doors open at 11 a.m.) in the H&R Ballroom. In addition to a wonderful meal and an entertaining fashion show, there will be gift baskets and door prizes.

Recent OTOW Lions Club activities include the following: (1) Marty Schley, Chairman, Estelle Clark, Carol De Young, Dawn Frantz, and Wendy Phillips completed 34 screenings for diabetes on July 20. (2) Several members gathered on July 30 at the home of Estelle Clark to set up committees to work on the up-

coming annual fall fashion show and luncheon. (3) The club now has its own newsletter, which was delivered via e-mail to members on July 22.

On Aug. 4, the Ocala Lions Club hosted the Lions Club Zone 14 meeting. OTOW Lions Club members in attendance were: John Johnson; Estelle Clark; Ed Michelson; Marty Schley; Carol DeYoung; Dawn Frantz; Robert Frantz; and Steven Snowman, along with other Zone 14 club members. Those present enjoyed an excellent lunch and the beautiful music of Marcy and Stephen Butler. This meeting/luncheon was followed by the Lions Club Zone 14 meeting, officiated by Zone 14 Secretary Audrey Hall.

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