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It was a gobble-gobble day

I do not know about anybody else, but I truly enjoy Thanksgiving Day. It is not just because of the turkey that the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage prepares so brilliantly, although, I cannot think of any other reason.

Of course, there is the idea of family getting together. I enjoy that all the time. I like to hear the stories and get caught up with the latest happenings that have to do with my family.

I remember years ago good old Uncle Bud was my favorite uncle. He could tell a story that was so unbelievable that you ended up believing him.

Even today, I can remember some of the stories that he would tell, and I could see now that he was exaggerating very well. I guess it's in our family.

So, it is wonderful to get together with family and get up-to-date with all the happenings in our family.

However, when it comes to Thanksgiving, my focus is on the marvelous food. Everybody in the family is to bring their special dish to share with everybody else. Some are good at

baking pies, some at doing vegetable dishes (although this year we were not allowed to use lettuce), some at casseroles and a host of other delicious delicacies.

Here's what I like about a good old-fashioned family gathering at Thanksgiving. No matter what the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage says to me, I feel obligated to eat every dish brought in by a family member. After all, I surely do not want to embarrass anybody or shun them.

And, the best thing about this is, I need to have seconds and thirds and sometimes even more. After all, I do not want to offend anybody in my family.

I'm not sure, but I think everybody brought a pie. There were so many different pies on the table that I could not choose which one I wanted. Therefore, being the wonderful family person that I am, I took a slice of each.

My reasoning is simple, if it is a Thanksgiving dinner and the food is brought by family there absolutely no calories attached to it. That's my story, and I'm sticking to it!

Although everything else was rather delicious, I must say that the turkey was magnificent. And, as you might know, my wife prepared that turkey.

She began the preparation for our Thanksgiving Day Turkey somewhere in August. There were some turkeys on sale and she scooped them up as much as possible. After all, she wanted to make sure she had enough turkey for everyone. And, according to her, it is against family rules to leave the family dinner without taking leftovers with you.

To prepare for this, the turkey had to be huge. That meant two and maybe even three turkeys to be prepared. It took her days to cook the turkey. Since I have no cookery imagination, I am not sure how she cooked it or how long it took her to cook it. All I know is, the kitchen smelled delicious for several weeks.

Please, do not let this get out. But she had one turkey that was done, and she put it on the shelf to cool down a little bit before putting it in the freezer. I looked at it. I thought it looked back at me. I looked at it again

and I got to the point of nonresistance. After all, why should I fight with the turkey?

Very carefully I sliced bits of turkey where I thought nobody would notice it and walked away munching on very delicious turkey. My problem was, the turkey was too delicious and I was too hungry. I went back several times and cut off just a little bit so nobody would notice. The nobody that I did not want to notice, of course, was my wife.

I happen to be chewing on a bit of turkey when the wife came into the room and asked the question she always asks me, "What are you eating?"

"Oh," I said rather hesitatingly, "I'm just chewing on a little bit of meat I found in the refrigerator." I thought that would solve the problem and for a while it looked like

it did.

I just got seated in my chair when she, looking at the turkey, said, "Did you get a piece of this turkey to eat?"

When you're found out, you're found out. And trust me, I was found out.

Not all the lying in the world could get me out of this predicament that I was in.

I thought I had come to the end. She had caught me with turkey in my mouth. I was sure I was in some deep trouble.

Then she said something that totally surprised me. "How was that turkey? Was it any good?"

I like to take advantage of situations, so I said, "That was the best turkey I have ever tasted in my life."

With a smile, she turned and walked away. How I got away with that, I am going to have to ponder for quite a few days.

As I pondered my situation, I thought of a verse in Proverbs. "A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!" (Proverbs 15:23).

I do not often say the right thing, but when I do, what a joy it is.

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For out of the heart come evil thoughts: murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.

MATTHEW 15:19, 20



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Pun Alley
Dick Frank

The whole punadulterated history of Pun Alley

Today's Pun Alley is my 600th issue. In 2005 I became the summer replacement punster while Tom Lazarick, the original writer, took a well-deserved vacation.

After that summer, my columns filled in whenever needed.

When Tom passed away in 2007, I inherited the Alley.

Pun Alley began in the mid-90s when then-editor Jim Hunter noticed that Tom was including puns in his Pine Run news column. Jim encouraged Tom to write a separate column. For some reason, the name Pun Alley was inspired by the classic comic strip, Gasoline Alley.

A punster all my life, I immediately become a fan of Tom's writings when Jane and I moved to Oak Run in 1999.

I had never written comedy before, but was familiar with word processing software having written technical specifications for design of telephone switching systems, sometimes sneaking in a pun of two.

I landed the summer replacement writer opportunity because I had been writing publicity for the Oak Run Library and had emailed puns to Tom that were included in his column.

As a writer I depend upon a collection of over 90 books and the Internet. This library started when Tom's widow gave me his collection. It keeps increasing because two volunteers at the Divine Providence Thrift Store save donated comedy books for me and I keep a lookout for them during my volunteer work at the Oak Run Library.

Both the books and the Internet are a good source; however, both have many of the same stories resulting in limited material on some subjects. Since I have a theme each week it can be a challenge when writing holiday columns in trying not to repeat the same material year after year. I have repeated entire columns only several times when I had suffered from a broken wrist and later a broken elbow.

Appropriately, today's Pun Alley has some humor about writers.

Writers' Heaven or Hell

A writer died and was given the option of going to heaven or hell. She decided to check out each place first. As the writer descended into the fiery pits, she saw row upon row of writers chained to their desks in a steaming sweatshop.

"Oh my," said the writer. "Let me see heaven now."

A few moments later, as

she ascended into heaven, she saw rows of writers, chained to their desks in a steaming sweatshop.

"Wait a minute," said the writer. "This is just as bad as hell!"

"Oh no, it's not," replied an unseen voice. "Here, your work gets published."

Priorities

A writer came home to a burned down house. His wife was standing outside. "What happened, honey?" he asked.

"Oh, John, it was terrible," she wept. "I was cooking; the phone rang. It was your agent. Because I was on the phone, I didn't notice the stove was on fire. It went

up in a second. Everything is gone. I nearly didn't make it out of the house."

"Wait, wait. Back up a minute," The man said. "My agent called?"

Short Stories

When a budding concert pianist was asked if she should concentrate on the works of Bach or Chopin, she was advised to go for Baroque.

It's off to the beach with a good book for me. I want to be well read while I become well red.

Your book is fine. The only trouble is the covers are too far apart.

I must say that I find television very educational. The minute somebody turns it on, I go to

the library and read a book.

Customer: "Have you a book called, 'Man, the Master of Women?'"

Librarian: "Fiction shelves are to the left, sir."

I have just taken up speed-reading. Last night I read "War And Peace" in 20 Seconds. I know it is only 3 words but it's a start.

Did you hear about the writer who jumped out the window on the 15th floor? He could have gone to the 16th, but that's another story.

Charles Dickens walked into a bar and said, "I have writer's block. Prepare me a martini."

The bartender replied,

"Olive or twist?"

Check It Out

A visitor to a certain college paused to admire the new Hemingway Hall that had been built on campus. "It's a pleasure to see a building named for Ernest Hemingway," he said.

"Actually," said his guide, "it's named for Joshua Hemingway. No relation."

The visitor was astonished. "Was Joshua Hemingway a writer, too?"

"Yes, indeed," said his guide. "He wrote a check."

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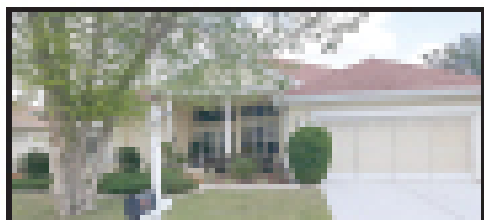
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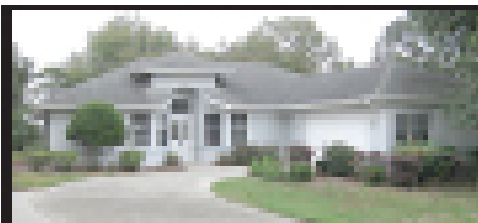


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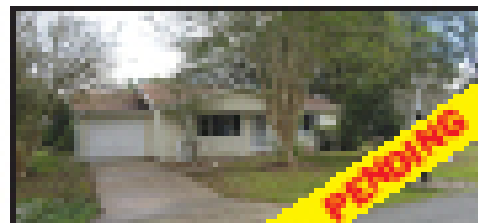


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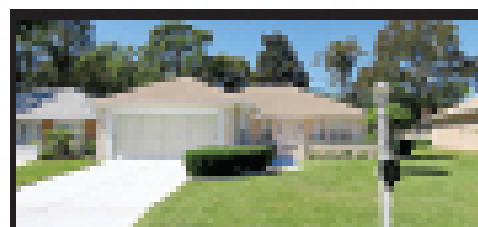


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The Long Road to Mercy

Title: Long Road to Mercy
Author: David Baldacci

In his new series Baldacci creates a female FBI agent, Atlee Pine. She operates a one-agent office in a remote part of Arizona near the Grand Canyon National Park and is eventually tasked with solving a crime that reaches into the highest levels of government. Along the way she's not sure who to trust in the agency's chain of command.

The mystery begins at the bottom of the park's canyon where a slaughtered trail mule is found, its hide carved with strange initials.

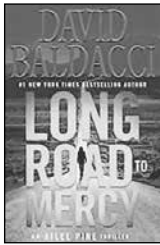
Atlee, we learn, is defined by an horrific event when she was just six-years-old growing up in Andersonville, Georgia. Her twin sister Mercy was kidnapped by an intruder playing a game of eeny, meeny, miny, moe. The word "moe" had landed on Mercy and that's how she was chosen, leaving Atlee with a lifetime of survivor guilt. Mercy was never located, dead or alive and her whereabouts remains a question mark.

In her free time she

pursues any leads to her twin's abductor, leads that take her to supermax prisons where the world's worst monsters are incarcerated—notorious criminals such as the Unabomber, the Boston Marathon Bomber, along with gang and cartel leaders, white supremacists, and even Mafia bosses.

If all this sounds intriguing—well to many it isn't. Even the author's diehard fans have found problems with this latest thriller. Some have called the plot ridiculous even stupid and admit they can't suspend enough disbelief to swallow it. Others more charitable in their criticism believe that Baldacci simply carved out a plot that was too huge and complex for him to handle adequately. A further flaw is not knowing who the bad guy was until the very last.

Still, some fans believe this book is a mere stumble and that the author will soon be back on track.



Drink up to stay healthy and hydrated

Every cell in your body needs water to function. Water transports nutrients and oxygen throughout the body, and carries away waste materials. Water makes up most of your body, ranging from about 75 percent of body weight at infancy to 55 percent of body weight at older ages. Your brain and heart are almost three-quarters water, your muscles and kidneys are almost 80 percent water, and even your bones are about 30 percent water.

According to Darius Mozaffarian MD, Dr. PH, dean of Tufts' Friedman School, older adults are at risk of subtle dehydration, especially in hot weather, which could lead to lightheadedness and falls.

He says the best approach is to be sure to eat regular meals — food has plenty of natural and added salt, which you lose when sweating — and drink plenty of water. Fruits like watermelon, grapes, as well as others, are great options too.

As you age you need to pay extra attention to your body's hydration needs. Older people often have a reduced sensation of thirst, so it is easier to miss the warning signs that you are becoming dehydrated. Older individuals also tend to have lower reserves of fluid in the body, may eat less regularly and may drink insufficient water following fluid deprivation to replenish the body's water deficit. Because of this, older people should plan to drink regularly even when not thirsty.

An adequate intake for a man over age 50 is about four quarts a day, which includes water from beverages and food.

For a woman over age 50 an adequate intake of daily fluid is about three quarts.

Another reason older people need to be more aware of their body's fluid needs is that they are less able to compensate for the increased blood thickness that results from the loss of water through sweating.

The kidneys are important in regulating bodily fluids. The kidneys work more efficiently when the



Health Corner
Patricia A. Woodbury RN MSN

body has plenty of water; otherwise they must work harder and are more stressed.

In addition, the body uses water to:

- Make saliva for food consumption and digestion.
- Keep mucosal membranes moist in the mouth, nose, eyelids, windpipe, lungs, stomach, intestines and urinary system.
- Serve as a shock absorber for your brain and spinal cord.
- Transport nutrients and oxygen throughout the body and remove waste.
- Lubricate the joints.
- Fight inflammation associated with osteoarthritis.

Compared to younger adults, older adults drink more coffee and less plain water, regular soft drinks, and alcoholic beverages. The total intake of beverages is higher for adults under age 60 than those 60 and older. All beverages, as well as plain water contribute to hydration, but water remains the best choice.

So there is no reason to go overboard in drinking water because you cannot cure diseases by drinking lots of water. The exception, of course is reducing the risk of kidney stones. There is plenty of reason to make sure you get enough water. You can help keep yourself healthy and hydrated by avoiding the extra calories of sugary drinks and opting instead for the inexpensive and most available choice of plain water.

Source: Tufts University, Health & Nutrition Letter, June 2016.

"Give a man health and a course to steer; and he'll never stop to trouble about whether he's happy or not."

— George Bernard Shaw

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Pain is inevitable. With age, experience and perhaps a modicum of wisdom, we come to realize that suffering is optional. By clinging, we increase the suffering. The tighter we hold on, the more intense. This all translates to the body, and negatively impacts our overall health. The tension prevents the energy from flowing freely. It's a good thing to practice tensing and releasing each muscle group sequentially and then tightening the whole body with an in-breath and holding and tightening for as long as you can hold the breath and then ... release



Crane's Corner
Ingrid Crane

with a big sigh; very therapeutic. A couple more tips: when you're brushing your teeth, bend the knees deeply, lift the sitting bones and with a flat back, lean over the sink. Same approach at the washing machine. During this holiday season and every day, breathe deeply and practice patience and kindness to yourself and all those around you. Focus, rather than being distracted and possibly hurting yourself. Be the peace you wish to see. Ingrid Crane will be leading Chair Yoga at the Freedom Public Library Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2 and April 6, 2019. For more information, please call 854 - 7950.

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Arbor Outlook

BY MARGARET
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Men are from Mars but women travel there

*"I've been everywhere, man;
I've been everywhere, man;
Crossed the deserts bare, man...
I've breathed the mountain air, man;
Travel, I've done my share, man...
I've been everywhere."*

"I've Been Everywhere" as performed by Hank Snow.

One of the fascinating dynamics of retirement is the difference in attitudes many men and women harbor about travel. Women like it. Men? Not so much.

Yes, this is a generalization, and it's obviously not always true. But it's been my experience that women simply seem to enjoy travel more than men during their retirement years.

If you could transport and replant the Louvre, Broadway theatres, the Caribbean and Hawaii, the Sistine Chapel, the south of France and a quaint Italian village into downtown Destin, my husband would gladly visit several times a week. Then he'd come home at day's end. One of the reasons he espouses for not being a fan of travel is the hotel experience. "I've slept in enough bad hotel beds to last several lifetimes." And, "I always get the room next to the ice machine."

Some men don't like big cities or hotels; they don't like fighting traffic on strange streets; they don't care for eating foreign food, hearing different languages or exchanging dollars for euros. In essence, they don't like their routine disturbed. For many women, this immersion into foreign culture is part of the charm of the travel experience. Small inconveniences are far outweighed by the stimulation and excitement of a journey to a new locale.

Many couples do actually travel together and enjoy it. As we all know, there is an entire subculture of motor home enthusiasts, most of whom are retired couples. For those couples who do travel together, many evolve through the "Go Go," the "Slow Go," and the "No Go" phases of travel in retirement, hitting the road frequently in the early retirement years and less and less as they age.

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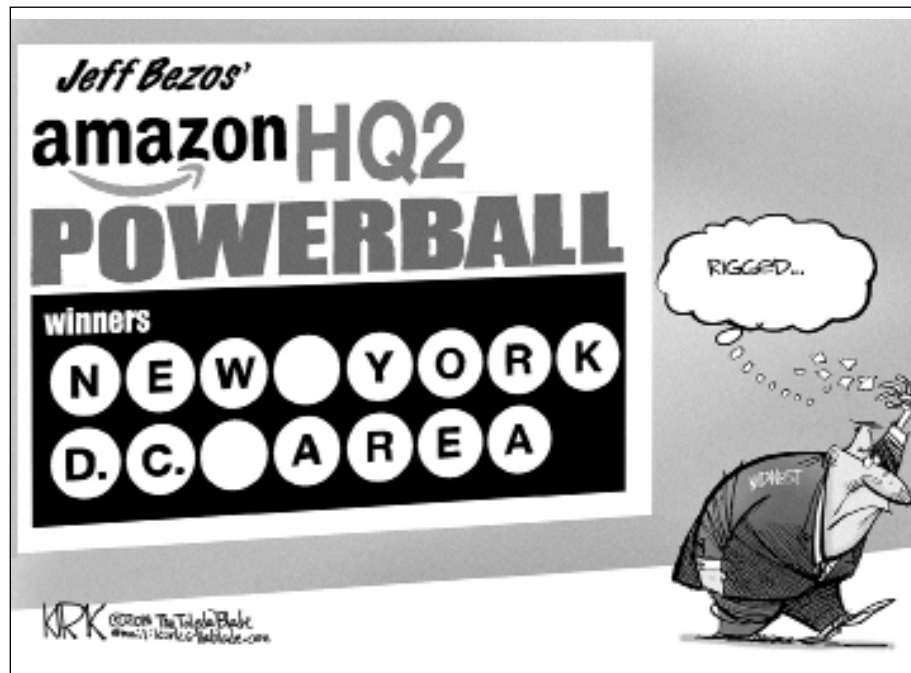
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Advent and Facebook

My wife posted something on Facebook the other day that I thought was sweet. I wish I'd thought of it, but she is more spiritual than me. I try to be sympathetic but often stumble and stutter. My wife *really* is compassionate and relieves the suffering of others through an empathetic ear. She instinctually knows what to do and say or give to others. I believe all of us have a gift from God and I believe compassion is her gift.

Her gift is comforting others. Compassion is a difficult gift to bear. She often feels sad for others and hurts when others see her openness as weakness.

Me? My gift is writing – expressing thoughts on paper, though my gift is not to always express them well. I would like to stop, but it is either write or bust. For me, these weekly columns are a cheap form of therapy.

My wife posted, "Dec. 2-24 is Advent, the coming of Jesus' birth. Like parents expecting the birth of a son or daughter, it would be right for us, as parents, to prepare, and so it is with us now. It is appropriate for us to make ready our hearts for change. In Jesus, God is with us as a guide who shows us our shortcomings; those things we need to work on."

This is what I don't understand. Some people on Facebook must respond negatively when someone else's beliefs differ from their own.

One person responded, "No one knows when Jesus was born, but from some references, we know it could not have been December – and for other reasons, we know that it was not in the first year of C.E. (Common Era). No one celebrated Christmas for centuries. May this be your happy



Mountains from Molehills

By David Davis

est Christmas ever. Since Jesus was a Jew, let me wish you a blessed Hanukkah as well."

My wife replied, "I have a menorah and a decorated tree. No one knows when Jesus was born is absolutely correct, but I am setting aside time for contemplation and changing some habits. I do this in the time frame of Advent, an often overlooked time during the year. This time period and Lent work for me.

"Also, my grandfather did not have a birth certificate because he was born at a time when one was not required. That does not mean he wasn't born. It just means we were not sure of the actual date. What difference does it make that we don't know Jesus' exact birthdate?"

This was the reply, "Just having fun with you. For years now, some ignorant persons, including clerics, have screamed that it is not 'Happy Holidays' and not Hannuka, just 'Merry Christmas.' Tradition and faith are beautiful as expressed in many forms, both liturgical and informal in Judaism and Christianity. Today, a group of us met for dinner. Represented were Jews, Christians, one atheist and one agnostic."

I know this devolves into a circular argument: Christmas is on the Winter Solstice. Easter is on the March

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

Why Trump should fear Joe Biden

Joe Biden is a gaffe-prone 75-year-old Washington veteran – who is exactly what Democrats need.

The suburbs have turned against Republicans, but Donald Trump's working-class base is still with him in a geographic and demographic standoff that will – absent a game-changer – define the 2020 election.

The play for Democrats should be obvious: Make a serious appeal to Trump's voters, take back the Blue Wall states of Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania, and win the presidency. In other words, go with Joe Biden or someone like him with a Midwestern or working-class sensibility (newly re-elected Sens. Sherrod Brown of Ohio and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota come to mind).

His gruff manner, Catholic faith, Irish ethnic background, union-friendly politics and upbringing in Delaware via Pennsylvania make him as close as the contemporary national Democratic Party gets to a working-class match for the Great Lakes states that Trump stole from it in 2016.

From this juncture, those states again look absolutely crucial. If the rest of the electoral map stays the same, Democrats need to win all three of Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania to take back the White House. Even if they pick off 2016 red states Arizona and Georgia, they still need Michigan or Pennsylvania to get over 270.

Conversely, it's hard to see where Trump goes and wins new territory to make up for the loss of Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

Trump didn't win those three states by much, by about 80,000 votes collectively. More than anything, he depended on running against a Democratic candidate who was unacceptable to working-class whites. Right now, it looks like he needs a repeat performance by the Democrats, and he may well get one.

The Democrats don't usually do old and familiar, at least not when they win. The last three Democratic presidents, Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama, were fresh-faced newcomers on the national scene.

And then, there are the party's new obsessions. Class has been trumped by race and gender, and as a white male Biden is 0-2. Inequality is now less of a motivator than intersectionality, economic privilege less of a concern than white privilege. This was a stumbling block for the class-obsessed Bernie Sanders last time, and would surely hamper Biden and Sherrod Brown in today's even more fevered context.

The Democrats are not set up to go with, in the derisive phrase, stale,

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Theater Club presents 'Senior Shenanigans'

Marion Landing's new Theater Club, the Marionutz, have put together a Christmas-themed show called "Senior Shenanigans" which they will perform on Sunday, Dec. 2, in the Lifestyle Center. It's a variety show with special celebrity guest appearances, and they hope you will support their new club by purchasing a ticket. They promise an afternoon that will keep you laughing. Tickets are \$3 each and are available today in the Activities Office and at the door.

Marion Landing rings in the holidays

Thanks to the hard work of a small group of volunteers, Marion Landing's Lifestyle Center is ready for the holidays. Wreaths and swags, trees and garland adorn the clubhouse, inside and out, for a very festive atmosphere. Deb Ledey, Judy Bailey and Lorraine Rusch started early going through every single ornament and decoration to make them ready for the volunteers to set up on Saturday, Nov. 17. The result was newly refreshed wreaths, LED lit trees and some new ideas, including a deer and snowman scene at the front entrance. Again, thanks to all the volunteers: Deb Ledey and Judy Bailey who started in October; Marcy & Ron Chrisner, Sharon & David Kowal, Janye Hendricks, Vi Simmes, Joe & Mary Stagliano, Ann Corrigan, Nellie Mashman, Ann D'Angelo, Betty Williams, Claire & Bill McLaughlin, Alain Ledey, Sharon Dahulich, Teresa Kowtko, Leon Mears, Lina Vallejo, Paul & Marjorie Warden, Mike Soter, Ginny Dillon, Richard Comb and Dave & Lorraine Rusch.

One tradition of Marion Landing is to place

ornaments from our residents on two trees set up on our stage. New residents are invited to bring an ornament which is special to them, whether it is from their home state or town or one that reflects their hobbies or interests, to the Lifestyle Center and place it in the basket on the stage so it can join the hundreds of other ornaments representing our residents. Please put your name and the year you moved into the community on the ornament. Make sure you take some time join in the community spirit of Marion Landing this holiday season.

Another tradition is to "send a card to the community" rather than cards to individuals. These community cards will be displayed in the clubhouse and always add to its festive charm. Put your card in the basket on the table in front of the sound booth and we will make sure it is displayed.

I'm happy to report that all the "angel" tags on the Salvation Army Angel Tree were "adopted" and presents galore are coming in helping the Salvation Army provide gifts to area children who might not otherwise get a present for Christmas. Thank you to all our generous residents who always go above and beyond when it comes to helping those in need.

Dance Club Social

Our Dance Club holds a Social each month in the Lifestyle Center, and the December Social will Saturday, Dec. 8, from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. It is open to all residents and their guests. Please wear your blue Marion Landing resident bracelet and have your guests wear orange guest bracelets. If you need bracelets, you can get them in the Activities Office or the Administration Office. Club

chair Ron Goss invites everyone to "bring your own drinks and snacks and have some fun. We will play any music you want if you bring us the song title. Looking forward to seeing everyone there."

Holiday house decorating display

There are so many Marion Landing residents who are proud of the way they decorate the outside of their homes for the holidays, and we would like to share their displays with others. So, new this year, we are asking for any interested Marion Landing resident to take one or two digital photos of the outside of their home and submit them via email by Friday, December 14, at 9 a.m. Photos will be part of a presentation on display at the Dec. 18 Tuesday morning Social. Please send your emails to: mlcommunicator@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing all the beautiful homes decorated in the community.

Sunshine Cookie Sale

The Sunshine Club Cookie Sale is going on now through Dec. 18 at Tuesday morning Socials. Members bake dozens and dozens of homemade cookies to raise funds so that Sunshine can continue its good work in Marion Landing. Please make sure you bring a few extra dollars to Socials to get your delicious cookies. Sunshine is never disappointed in the generosity of our Marion Landing residents. Thank you in advance.

Holiday potluck

Marion Landing cooks are known to be some of the best around, so if eating is your thing, tickets are still available for the Old Fashioned Christmas Potluck Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 16. The doors

will open at 3:30 p.m., and dinner begins at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$4 each and are on sale at the Tuesday morning Socials and in the Activities Office. Bring your favorite dish for the potluck, and enjoy some surprise entertainment, singing carols and celebrating the season with your friends and neighbors.

New Year's Eve Dance

And don't forget that the New Year is right around the corner, and it's time to think about getting your tickets for the New Year's Eve party. The party is on Monday, Dec. 31, in the Lifestyle Center with music by Times of Your Life Entertainment playing music from the 50's, 60's, and more. Tickets are \$12.50 each. Bring the beverage of your

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The Marion Landing lobby decorated for the holidays.

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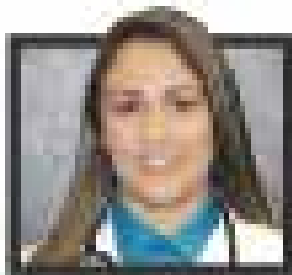
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December: may it be the month of kindness to one another

Oak Run
Laura Smith



Dear reader, I was so surprised to open the daily newspaper and see pictures of Laura Smith, celebrating her 100th birthday. When did I reach 100?

Of course, there was the phone call from a friend who said, "did not know you went to an adult day care?"

Funny. Ha! Ha! A year ago, you heard me complaining that Christmas was around the corner and I have not done any shopping. Well, I am doing it again.

Where did the year go? I know what I will do, go to the Troubadour's concert tomorrow, Saturday, at Palm Grove and Bo, the



PHOTO BY ED GARREPY
Wow Christmas is coming!

director, will get me in the mood to shop.

Palm Grove will look quite festive with a tree and a Memory Tree for Hospice of Marion County. All our entertainment buildings will be decorated with trees and wreaths. It really is beautiful. I wish I could send the editor, lots of pictures

of the decorated neighborhood signs. Halloween had ghosts, goblins and pumpkins. Overnight, they became Thanksgiving themes and I know in a few days it will be Christmas.

I would love to publicize the names of those neighbors who volunteer their talent to do all the decorating. The other day I read an article regarding keeping in contact with family members who are lonely. Today, in our society, many parents, sisters, brothers and other relative live a distance from each other, and lead busy lives. The article encouraged us to take a minute, perhaps once a week and call that

elderly member and say, "Hello, I am thinking of you."

This is a 55-plus community so there must be many residents who have living parents or grandparents. Wouldn't this be a good New Year's resolution? Maybe, even a friend you haven't spoken to in a very long time would appreciate a call.

The holiday parties are ready to go! Reservations have been made with food and entertainment in place for members and guests to have a good time. By the way, you need to get your Christmas sweaters out of storage. I don't like the Ugly Christmas Sweater contests, do you?

Joe and I are ready to enjoy all the festivities. We mustn't forget those whose holiday might not be what they thought it would be, especially, the homeless children in our county.

Diane Church is looking for sleeping bags and ground covering. Yes, friends, many children sleep in a bag on the ground. Walmart, for one has rolls of vinyl and I plan on having them cut some lengths. Some of the clubs are collecting food items for Interfaith at their events. Why not put a couple cans in your car to take with you? Remember it is better to give than to receive and this quote from Douglas

MacArthur, "A better world shall emerge based on faith and understanding."

Peace, love and joy, Laura

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The GBC is a club that works very hard trying to help homeless children living in foster homes, sheriff's ranch and the Ocala Forest. They need used comforters to make into sleeping bags. They also need vinyl table cloths to make into ground covers. Yarn and material are always needed.

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Here in Marion County the Bridges Project, a coalition of concerned citizens, has been working for four years to improve race relations by fostering better understanding among our diverse population and seeking to identify, reconcile and heal racial issues in Ocala/Marion County.

Avelia "Bert" Perkins, president; and Francine Julius Edwards, director of outreach and mobilization; invite the public to its next regular monthly meeting from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Ocala Police Community Room, 402 Pine Ave. in downtown Ocala when working groups will review their accomplishments and plans for 2019.

Highlights include:

1. Publication of a well-received countywide survey of law enforcement practices by a group chaired by John Moxley.

2. With community support distribution by the "Chainbreakers" group chaired by Rev. Peggy Hostetler of 160 sets of U.S. Rep. John Lewis' graphic novels documenting the civil rights movement called the "March Trilogy" to all middle and high schools, and libraries in the county. Students are invited to submit essays by Jan. 11, 2019, describing lessons learned that might effect change. Winners will be recognized by the Marion County School Board and prizes will be awarded at Barnes & Noble March 2, 2019.

3. Skits illustrating racial misunderstandings in order to stimulate "candid conversations" will be presented by the Chainbreakers on Monday, Feb. 4, 2019, in the Ewers Center at College of Central Florida from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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The Tree is in the Recreation Building with lots of tags for needy children. The OTOW Lions are also sponsoring a Children's book drive to promote literacy in Marion County. We are partnering the Early Learning Coalition, the Domestic Violence as well as other community agencies to help in distributions of the books.

You can find donations boxes at the Recreation Building next to the tree, and also at the Market of Marion on aisle H, left side, more locations will be announced at a later date.

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Langford celebrates his 105th birthday



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Harvey Langford Sr., of Dunnellon, celebrates his 105th birthday at Pacifica Senior Living with family and friends. In the photo is one of his daughters, Ann Williams

By DAVID DAVIS
Editor

"I'm going to Kansas City, Kansas City, here I come. They got a lot of pretty women there, and I'm going to get me some," Harvey Langford Sr., sang as well-wishers at Pacifica Senior Living in Ocala stopped by to greet him on his birthday - his 105th birthday - so it's OK if the words to the song aren't exactly right.

His daughter, Ann Williams, 65, was the third of six children of Harvey and Pearlle, and Harvie Langford Jr., 48, is the sixth.

"I just remember him working really hard," she said when asked about her memories of her father. "That's my father right there," said. He has always been kind to others, and he loves to sing. "He always sang around the house. I love him. I just love him."

She said her father worked his way up from bellhop to superintendent of services at a hotel.

Harvey Jr. said their father worked at a hotel in Asheville, North Carolina. Ann said her father was in the Army during World War II, but that was before her time and believes he was

among the first black paratroopers in that branch of the military services.

Harvey Jr. said his perspective is entirely different than those of his siblings because they had already left the house by the time he was born. But, he remembers his father being home half the year and working away from home the other half.

"I think I remember him getting home about a month before Christmas. I think that's what I remember. He would bring us gifts and then there was that hated time when I knew he was going to leave again," Harvey Jr. said. "But when he came home, that's when I got to do a lot of stuff. I got to play baseball, football and we'd go fishing."

Harvey Jr. said their mother, Pearlle, died a little over two years ago and that's when his father moved into Pacifica Senior Living in Ocala.

"They lived in their own home in Dunnellon until she died," he said. "That's when I saw him start to go down because he's outlived all his friends."

He said his father doesn't live too

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JOHN

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In addition, John was a dedicated police officer serving the city of Royal Oak, Michigan. He taught at Macomb Community College Police Academy and was owner of P.R.A. Security Consultants.

When John retired, he and Suzi moved to Florida, where John taught Criminal Justice at Remington College in Largo. While there, he was awarded Instructor of the Year.

Also in John's career, he served for many years as a draw bridge tender, while he pursued writing. Besides eventually writing this column for the Citizen, his articles appeared in publications like Beach Life Magazine and Guest Life Magazine.

John was a gold card member of Lodge 130, Fraternal Order of Police and a member of the American Legion. He was Past Commander of the Army Navy Union and the Royal Canadian Legion. And he was a past Vice President of Cherrywood's Veterans Club.

John attended Church of the Advent where he was a past member of the Vestry and a lay Eucharistic minister.

There's little doubt that John Alan Everlove has left his mark on this world and will not soon be forgotten. His legacy lives on in so many ways. Perhaps one of the most unique ways is through the Patriot Service Dog (PSD) organization, which members of the Cherrywood Veterans Club have long supported.

Through the efforts of PSD's Julie Sanderson and what she calls W.O.O.F. (Women Offering Obedience & Friendship), inmates at the Lowell correctional facility train dogs over a 2-year period. These dogs reside with the women at the facility throughout the week. During that time, they are taught obedience and upwards of one hun-

dred commands. On weekends, outside volunteers keep the dogs in their homes for socialization and other types of training.

Currently, one of these dogs is being trained at the facility in John's name, thanks to the generous efforts of Cherrywood residents Skip and Trude Smith. In early September, John was able to meet his namesake, then a 28-pound, 4-month-old Golden Retriever named Everlove. In an unusual opportunity, Julie made it possible for Everlove to be transported to Cherrywood so that John could get to know the dog that would someday bless and serve a disabled veteran.

John wrote about meeting Everlove for the October edition of Cherrywood Chirp, our community's monthly magazine. These are his words about that meeting:

"When we first met, I recognized my family traits in the little guy. He liked treats; he liked to lay down and he enjoyed back rubs, and, oh, did I mention his large paws? I advised him to study hard, to stay away from the girl dogs and lastly to keep his loving disposition. I am sure that all those who train and work with Everlove will find joy in their efforts and I am even more sure that one day, a disabled Veteran will receive a very loyal, affectionate and efficient service dog that will improve his or her life beyond their wildest imagination. My thanks to Trude, Skip, Julie and all those who through their efforts have blessed both Everlove the puppy, and me."

In the Bible, in Proverbs 22:1, it says that a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and that it is better to be esteemed (favored) than silver and gold.

Thank you, John, your good name and favor will live on in our hearts. We were all blessed and honored to know you!

'Ralph Breaks the Internet'

"Wreck-It Ralph" was one of my favorite movies of 2012. The look inside the lives of video game characters should have won the Oscar for Best Animated Feature that year instead of "Brave." Six years later, we're getting a sequel that finds the oafish, well-meaning villain (John C. Reilly) going on another adventure with spunky, childish racer Vanellope (Sarah Silverman). Maybe it's because I've put the original on such a high pedestal, but I don't think the follow-up quite measures up.

Ralph has what he thinks is the perfect life, doing the same perfect things every day. But Vanellope wants a break from the sameness, even if it means risking imperfection. Ralph tries to cheer her up by building a new track for her "Sugar Rush" game, but he's always been better at wrecking things than fixing them, and soon "Sugar Rush" is broken and in danger of being permanently scrapped. Ralph and Vanellope believe that the answer may lie in the arcade's newest feature - a WiFi connection. They journey to the unknown world of The Internet in search of answers.

The good news is that they find the part to fix "Sugar Rush" pretty quickly. They even win a bidding war on Ebay, so the part can be shipped to the arcade as soon as it's paid off. Small problem: Ralph

At the Movies
Bob Garver



and Vanellope have no money and no idea of how to make it. They try to steal a valuable car from a violent online game called "Slaughter Race" with no luck, but the game's main character Shank (Gal Gadot) gives them the idea to make funny videos to earn money. Ralph teams up with the head of a video site (Taraji P. Henson) for a series of humiliating videos that become a sensation. He's eager to return to the arcade with Vanellope, but she actually prefers "Slaughter Race" to "Sugar Rush." In Ralph's mind, this threatens the friendship, but is it really such a threat if it offers Vanellope a better life?

There's a good message in this movie about how friends can go down different paths and still be friends. In the real world this can apply to friends who move away, take on new interests, or even make

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LOWRY

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pale and male. Perhaps they can find another Barack Obama-type candidate who lights up the base while having just enough draw for working-class whites. There

also is more than one way to win back the Blue Wall -- higher black turnout could make the difference.

But there's a good chance that Democrats will get consumed by the hot-house dynamic of their nominating process, and select someone who, like those defeated

progressive darlings of the midterms -- Beto O'Rourke, Stacey Abrams and Andrew Gillum -- is better suited to going down in a blaze of glory rather than winning over an increment of Trump voters.

If so, Joe Biden will be one of the few people in

American history who could have won two straight presidential elections -- in theory.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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INTERFAITH

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Siegel, Judy Hague and Judy Lankas had the audience participate in singing, clapping and dancing to their Chanukah Medley.

At the communion table three signs showed the word, "Pax", next to the Hebrew word, "Shalom," and the Arabic word for "Salaam," peace for all; the heartfelt hope and prayers of everyone present.

In remembrance of the 11 victims of the horrific act of terror at the Tree

of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, 11 candles were lit by the religious leaders. And Rabbi Allen invited the audience to sign a letter to be sent to that Synagogue to show our support.

After the service everyone walked to the adjoining Enrichment Center for a gigantic potluck dinner, combined with fellowship and making new friends.

Everyone agreed this could and should be an annual event as it is so important for us to keep feeling thankful, in spite of all the chaos of the world we are presently living in.

MOLEHILLS

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Equinox and on and on it goes round and round.

As for me, I personally do not care if anyone greets another with the politically correct

"Happy Holidays;" "Happy Hanukkah" for Jews; "Merry Christmas" for Christians or as a Muslim is apt to say, "Peace be upon you."

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Please call Diane Church 352-873-3471.
Troubadours

The Troubadours' performance is Dec. 1. The chorus and hand bells are ready to perform at 1:30 p.m. along with the Ambassador's tree trimming. Doors open at 1 p.m. Director Bo invites

you to come out and listen to the music which will put you in a Holiday Spirit. The concert is free, and is for Oak Run residents, families and friends. There are usually cookies to nibble on

as you wait for concert to begin.

Oak Run Bocce

The Oak Run Bocce Club will hold its annual midseason tournament Friday, Dec. 7, at 9 a.m.

with a rain date Saturday, Dec. 8. Registration will begin at 8:15 and all league players are eligible to participate. There will be coffee and doughnuts available for players and spectators. Any ques-

tions can be directed to Rick Kamasa at 237-2354.

Ambassadors

The Troubadours and Ambassadors invite all residents to "Trim a Tree with the Troubadours" tomorrow, Dec. 1, from 1-3 p.m. at the Palm Grove. This is a free event. If you want to get in the Holiday Spirit, stop by to hear holiday tunes and help decorate the Palm Grove Christmas trees. (Trees, decorations and light snacks will be provided) This will also be the last opportunity to purchase "Take A Chance" drawing tickets. The drawing will take place during the Randy Riggle Nostalgia Show later that evening. Recipients of Take A Chance items do not need to be present and will be called to claim their item.

Tickets for our New Year's Eve gala event will be sold during the December Donut Drop-In and Pancake Breakfast. Tickets for the Dec. 31 event are \$30 each. The night will offer live music, heavy hors d'oeuvres and a Champagne toast at midnight. If you are interested in reserving space at the Feb. 2 White Elephant Sale, tables can be reserved, first come, first serve at the Dec. 8 Donut Drop-In. Tables are \$10 each with a limit of two per resident. Watch next week's Citizen, Channel 12, the website and our bulletin boards for specifics on this event.

Tickets for the January "Black and White Ball" will also be sold at the Dec. 15 pancake breakfast. The ball is our chance to dress up and enjoy the live entertainment of the 17-piece band "The Southern Express Big Band." Tickets for this special event are \$10 each.

The Ambassadors is an all-volunteer group that plans various events and dances that are open to all Oak Run Residents and their guests. You are invited to our December planning workshop in the card room from 9-10 a.m. Dec. 13, or stop by one of the ticket sale tables to find out how you can help with some of the events.

Oak Run Library

The Friends of the Library will hold their fifth FOL meeting and luncheon Friday, Dec. 7, at 1 p.m. at the Orchard Club. Tickets are needed for the luncheon and available in the library. There will be music and the basket raffle drawing. The library will be closed from 1-3 p.m. for our scheduled librarians to enjoy the festivities.

The monthly book sale will be Saturday, Dec. 8, from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Orchid Club. Hardback books and DVD's are priced 2 for \$1. Paperbacks are 10 cents each. Stop by the Donut Drop-in and enjoy coffee and a doughnut.

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SUNDAY	Jessup's Mule Team FREE Wagon Rides	
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12/14 FRI	The Opry Band & Cheyenne Rose	7:30PM
12/15 SAT	Irlene Mandrell & Family with Charlie McCoy	7:30PM
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Oak Run Women's 18 Hole Golf League

Low Net winners Nov. 20 were in Group I: first Marj Sibley; second, Elaine Bush; Group II: first, Bette Johnson; second, Kim Hessel; third, Joanne Welch; Group III: first, Debbie Bloss; second, Gayle Feeman; and third Patty Dougherty. No one was closest to pin.

Tune In

Tune in to Len Teitler's Do You Remember?

Video is narrated by Anna Boodee and features the Oct. 21, 2011, show "Tell and Sell Hobby Show" following FYI on Channel 12 daily from Nov. 30 to Dec. 7.

Renaissance Women

Our Holiday Luncheon will be held Monday, Dec. 10, 12:00 Noon, at the Hilton, Ocala. RSVP by Dec. 3 to Gloria at 570-606-7107.

Lunch at ROGC: Friday, Nov. 30, 11:30

a.m. Call Geraldine, 585-737-8711; or Annmarie at 352-237-9838.

Dinner at ROGC: Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 5 p.m. Call Pat G. 854-7549 or at Gerry 873-6868.

Movies: Call Peg, 274-9640, for details.

Membership: Call Patricia at 445-7428.

End-of-Year Holiday Meeting: Sunday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. in the Island Club. Bring finger foods to share. Call Patricia, 445-7428, for further information and to RSVP. We are open to all ladies of Oak Run. There are never any dues; new members are always welcome!

Chinese Mah Jongg Club

Play Rummy with tiles -- learn Chinese Mah Jongg.

Oak Run men and women have been playing the Chinese version of one of America's most popular table games twice a week in the Orchid Club Card Room each Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 12-4 p.m.

There are now 3 variations of this game you may choose to learn with

more to come. Newcomers are always welcome and lessons are available. Since up to five can play using one set, you need not own one. However, if you do have a Mah Jongg set, please bring it with you, but you don't need a card or money to play. While we all enjoy the game, the social dimension is just as important, so the atmosphere is always friendly and relaxed. Open to all Oak Run residents and their overnight guests. For more information, please contact Susan at 237-3686.

Well folks, now I can say it, "Next month is Christmas." Peace, Laura Smith csjtpq2@gmail.com



PHOTO BY ED GARREPY
Christmas tree in the Oak Run Clubhouse.

OTOW Softball

The scrabbling for position is going on with Hilton Auto taking the lead this month but not by much. Hilton has been playing tough ball and are at a point where they may just start pulling away as its players are beginning to work as a unit, but it's a long season and the other teams are still struggling to get the players into their best positions.

The Pulse Center team is staying close along with the Dr Dunn team as they are within one game behind Hilton. The Pulse, however, is having trouble with errors which has cost them some close games and have a couple of key players away for a week.

The Dr Dunn team on the other hand is beginning to show improvement and have put together a tough team to beat. It has some speed and is a good hitting team. It is a team to watch as we go into the new year.

The Cebert Wealth and Swinson Chiropractic teams are not far behind and are beginning to show improvement, and with a long season anything can happen. Although the Pearson Nissan team is in the basement, they have the a couple of power hitters that can turn the team around and once they get the positioning of players solved.

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BRIDGES

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4. Rev. Miguel Mack chairs a working group on education which seeks to change the trajectory of youth in this county by enlisting greater parental, pastoral and community involvement, concentrating first on Oakcrest, Evergreen and Fessenden schools

5. Interest in acknowledging Marion County's lynching history has evolved now that the Equal Justice Initiative of Montgomery, Alabama, which recently opened its Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice, offered to make available a duplicate pillar listing all known victims in Marion County once a site has been identified and suitably prepared. Winston Sherman, current chair of this monument working group, is spearheading a campaign inviting individuals and community organizations of all kinds to co-sponsor the local project in an effort to bring Bryan Stevenson, EJI founder, director and author of "Just Mercy," to a dedication ceremony.

Please tell your friends about Bridges and join us. Visit facebook/Bridges Project Ocala or marionbridges.com for more information.

Kiwanis Club of Ocala celebrates its 61st Annual Pancake Breakfast Dec 8

The Kiwanis Club of Ocala (OcalaKiwanis.org), one of Central Florida's most active community service organizations, will hold its 61st annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast—believed to be among the largest pancake breakfasts in Florida—on December 8 at the Eight Street Elementary School cafeteria, 513 SE 8th Street.

The event, which serves over 1,500 pancake breakfasts, begins at 7 a.m. and is expected to finish at 1 p.m.

Cost of the breakfast—which includes sausage, coffee, tea or milk and juice—is only \$5.

"This breakfast is an Ocala tradition," said Ocala Kiwanis past president NC Sizemore. "All the funds stay right here in Marion County and the profits go to support Camp Kiwanis. As with anything we do, it's all about the kids."

Camp Kiwanis, which has

been in operation since 1948 and is a cooperative program between Marion County Public Schools and the Kiwanis Club of Ocala, is a traditional residential summer camp program with five-day sessions for children ages 7-13. Daily activities include swimming, canoeing, field games, arts and crafts, and archery.

The Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast takes place on the same day as the popular annual Ocala Christmas Parade and Santa Claus will make a special guest appearance at the breakfast, giving a book to every child in attendance. This follows the Ocala Kiwanis' emphasis on improving reading skills by giving away more than 8,000 books annually as part of the RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) program.

The book giveaways are just one part of the Ocala Kiwanis' strategy to improve

their community. The Club also has the Terrific Kid and BUG (Bringing Up Grades) programs, swim safety, "never shake a baby" education seminars car seat and crib giveaways (cribs to prevent co-sleeping -parents who share a bed with their infants because of lack of resources). According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, co-sleeping multiplies the risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) five-fold.

In addition to working with kids, the all-volunteer Ocala Kiwanis—celebrating their 94th year in serving the greater Ocala area—participate in a wide variety of adult-oriented activities, including working with the Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity.

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast tickets, which can be purchased from any Kiwanian, at the door or in advance

by mail from Kiwanis Club of Ocala PO box 682, Ocala, FL 34478. Tickets by mail cost an additional \$1 per order to cover postage and handling.

A variety of Breakfast sponsorships are also available and directly benefits kids by sending them to Camp Kiwanis for a week.

A Bronze sponsorship is \$100, while a Silver sponsorship is \$250 and sends a child to camp; \$500 Gold sponsorships send two children to the camp, while Platinum sponsorship of \$1,000 sends four kids to camp. The two largest sponsorship levels, Community sponsor (\$2,500) and Corporate Leader (\$5,000) send 10 and 20 kids to Camp Kiwanis, respectively and are still available.

For more information on Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast tickets or sponsorships, contact Jeff Ruttenber at 352-322-6424.



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United Way VITA Program

United Way of Marion County is looking for volunteers who are interested in preparing income taxes for free through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. No experience necessary and free certification training is provided by IRS certified instructors.

Certified volunteers will provide free income tax assistance to Marion County residents at six VITA sites located in Ocala and surrounding areas in Marion County.

Informational sessions will be held at United Way of Marion County located at 1401 NE Second Street, Ocala, FL 34470 Thursday, Nov. 15, from 1 to 2 p.m. and repeated from 6 – 7 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Doug MacPhail at 352-355-1225 or dmacphail@uwmc.org.

Saturday, Dec. 1

Craft Show

The Altar & Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Christmas Craft Show is Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Father Stegeman Hall. The church is located on the corner of Hwy. 41 and Hwy 40, north of Dunnellon. Over 30 crafters will be there along with several new skilled artisans who will be selling a wide variety of hand made goods. Food will be available for a nominal price. For more information please call Janice at 489-1184.

Freedom Chess Club

The Freedom Library Chess Club will meet from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. The Library is located at 5870 SW 95th Street. All players are welcome! Call 873-2276 for information.

Kingdom of the Sun

Kingdom of the Concert Band under the direction of Les Muncaster perform "A Christmas Wish" Saturday, Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 2, at 3 p.m. in the Marion Technical Institute, 1614 SE Ft. King St. Performances are free to the public. Donations are accepted. For information, please call 624-9291 or visit <http://kingdomofthesunband.org> on the internet.

Fight for Freedom

The City of Ocala Recreation and Parks Department will host the third annual 'A Fight for Freedom: Attack on Fort King' Saturday, Dec. 1 and Sunday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fort King National Historic Landmark, 3925 E Fort King St.

This two-day event will include a re-enactment of Osceola's attack on Fort King and the demise of Indian Agent Wiley Thompson, an event that led to the start of the Second Seminole War. The event will also include a Seminole village and soldiers' encampment to show what life was like back in the 1830s. Those in attendance will experience time-period crafts, traditional skills workshops, food, drinks and games, such as tomahawk throwing. Live cannon demonstrations will also take place throughout the event.

Admission to this event is \$5 per person. Veterans, active military and children ages five and under are free.

Guests are encouraged to park at the Duke Energy power line field located between NE 43rd Avenue and NE 44th Avenue on the north side of E Fort King Street, approximately a quarter-mile east of the Fort. Free shuttles and trams will be running continuously throughout the event for pickups and drop-offs. A special tram will be available for handicapped or disabled guests only.

For more information, please contact the City of Ocala Recreation and Parks

Department at 352-368-5533 or visit www.facebook.com/fortkingocala.

Ugly Sweater

Registration is now underway for the fifth annual Ugly Sweater 5K and 1-Mile Fun Walk, which is scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Blue Run Park at 19680 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Dunnellon.

Fees are \$25 now through Friday, Nov. 25, for the 5K, and \$30 the week leading up to the race. Cost is \$20 for the 1-Mile Fun Walk through the day of the event.

Proceeds benefit the Dunnellon High School athletics programs.

Awards will be given to the top male and female finishers as well as the male and female master's division winners (50 and older) as well as the top three placers in 7 and younger; 8 to 10, 11 to 14, 15 to 19, 20 to 24, 25 to 30, 31 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, 65 to 69, 70 to 74 and 75 and older. In addition, the first 300 participants to complete the event will receive a custom finisher medal.

Registration forms are available at the Dunnellon Chamber & Business Association office at 20500 E. Pennsylvania Ave., or the Riverland News office at 20441 E. Pennsylvania Ave., or register online at runsignup.com/Race/FL/Dunnellon/UglySweater5KandMileFunWalkRun.

For information about the event, visit Rainbow River Runners on Facebook.

Sunday, Dec. 2

You are invited:

Come and Worship with Southwest Christian Church, Sunday at 10:30 a.m. You can find us at: 9045 SW 60th Avenue in Ocala. Our worship style is full of love, joy and faith, as we worship God in a traditional way. You can learn more about us and even view a sermon from our Preaching Minister David Campbell, on our website www.swchristian-church.com.

Christ's Church

If you are looking for a church home where Christ is first, you won't want to miss the services at Christ's Church of Marion County this week.

Sunday, Dec. 9 – 9:30 a.m.: We begin each Lord's day with Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:30 a.m. We offer five (5) adult classes on a variety of topics. A synopsis of each class is available on our website.

Sunday, Dec. 9 – 10:30 a.m.: Our Worship Choir will present the musical "The Cradle, The Cross and the Crown."

Monday, Dec. 10: Monday evening the men come together at 6:30 p.m. for a Bible Study utilizing the Study Book "The Attributes of God" by Dr. Steven J. Lawson

Tuesday, Dec. 11: Women who are interested in crafts meet Tuesday morning at 9:30 to work on group and individual projects.

Saturday, Dec. 15: The "Troy Burns Family" will be in concert at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. There is no admission charge for the concert; no tickets are required. A Love Offering Will be Received for the group.

Christ's Church of Marion County is located at 6768 SW 80th Street off State Road 200. For more information on all our events or for directions visit our website at www.ccomc.org or contact the church office at (352) 861-6182.

Advent at Joy Lutheran Church

The new church year begins on Advent Sunday, Dec. 2. Advent is the time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term is a version of the Latin word "coming."

During Advent there will be the usual Sunday worship services of 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.

On Wednesday each week there will be a brief 2 p.m. service without communion. We will continue our Wednesday evening casual service at 6:45 p.m. service with communion. The theme for the Wednesday evenings will be "Praying with the Saints."

All are welcome to attend the Advent

services. Joy Lutheran Church is located at 7045 SW 83rd Place at SR 200, Ocala. For more information call (352) 854-4509 ext. 2.

Hanukkah Observance

12-foot Menorah to Light Up Ocala as Part of World's Largest Hanukkah Observance

Chabad of Ocala and The Villages to light up one of 15,000 public Menorahs worldwide, symbolizing universal message of religious freedom. A Community-wide celebration will take place on Sunday, Dec. 2, 5 p.m., the first night of the eight-day holiday at The Ocala City Square – downtown, Ocala. The ceremony, organized by Chabad-Lubavitch Rabbi Yossi Hecht will feature prominent community officials, latkes, doughnuts, chocolate Gelt, music, dancing, A & C for the kids and more!

New Jersey and Friends

The next meeting of the New Jersey & Friends Club will be 1 p.m., Dec. 3 at VFW Post 4252, S. R. 200 in Hernando. Following the business meeting, Karen will lead the members in a session of the Holiday Trivia Challenge. On Dec. 12 at 1 p.m., our monthly luncheon will be at the Plantation Inn, Fort Island Trail in Crystal River. Guests are always welcome at our meetings and other activities. For information on club activities, please call Stella at 352-270-8427. For membership information, call Tony at 352-746-9455. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and best wishes to all for a wonderful Holiday Season.

Wednesday, Dec. 5

Car Menorah Parade

To celebrate the 2018 Hanukkah season, The Chabad House of Ocala & The Villages will be having a first time ever Car Menorah Parade on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 4 p.m., departing from The Chabad House traveling through Lake Sumter Landing culminating at The Sheriff Annex on CR 466. your car join the parade visit www.ourchabad.org/carparade or call 352-330-4466 (Menorahs are limited).

Friday, Dec. 7

Christmas concert

The On Top of the World Concert Chorus, which has been an organized musical group for over 12 years, will perform their winter concert titled "Radio Xmas" Friday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 5200 SW College Road, Ocala, 34474.

The music will be presented in four-part harmony by more than 30 of our residents under the direction of Audrey Strong.

Some of the songs will be the traditional holiday tunes such as "The First Noel," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "Deck the Halls." Others will be more contemporary, such as, "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Down, Down the Chimney."

This is a free concert, but a goodwill offering will be appreciated. This concert is open to the community and all are welcome to attend. So, come and join us and enjoy our "radio" show. For more information contact the church at 352-237-2233 or ourredeemerocala.org.

OWUMC Car Show

Car Show and chicken barbecue dinner will be at Ocala West United Methodist Church, Friday, Dec. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the parking lot next to the pavilion. The Men's Fellowship is offering chicken barbecue to eat in or take out prices: \$8 for 1/2 chicken dinner with baked beans, coleslaw, and roll; \$6 for 1/2 chicken only or 1/4 chicken dinners. Boy Scout Troop 707, sponsored by OWUMC, is selling hot dogs with chips and a drink for \$4. Ocala West UMC is located at 9330 SW 105TH St. For information, please call 352-854-9550.

Santa Over the Rainbow

Santa Over the Rainbow 2018, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 - 9. Dec. 14 - 16, join us for food, music and lights. Admission is \$ 2.

Santa arrives at 7 p.m. via his pontoon sleigh boat. A photo with Santa is \$2.

Join us for a light display only Dec. 26 – 27 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8

Ocala 200 Lions Club

The Ocala 200 Lions Club will be holding a Flea Market Saturday, Dec. 8, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bank of the Ozarks at 8375 SW Hwy 200, Ocala. There will be a variety of vendors on hand as well as food/drink available for sale by the Dunnellon Lions Club. The Ocala 200 Lions Club will also be offering free diabetic (blood sugar) screening during the same hours. You are invited to join us for this fundraising event. As always, all proceeds generated by the Lions Clubs will be used for community projects throughout the year. For more information, please call 352-861-2730.

Ocala Lions Club

The 25th Memorial Ocala Lions Club Golf Tournament is Saturday, Dec. 8, at Ocala Golf Club. All proceeds go to various community charities including "Kidsight" which screens for eye problems in pre-K and kindergarten children. For information or to register, please call at Garry Adel 895-1084 or Barry Fies at 362-7713.

Tuesday, Dec. 11

Christian Women Connection

Ocala Christian Women's Connection invites all ladies to join us for our "Glitz and Glam" Luncheon Dec. 11 at the Hilton of Ocala from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The price is \$22. Our feature will be Deb's Adornments with many beautiful jewelry and clothing items for sale just in time for Christmas shopping. Deb Richards from Orange City, Florida, is our speaker. Deb will share her story "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall." Come and enjoy the fun in your Christmas bling. For reservations and free childcare please, RSVP to Claudia at 288-2136 or Eve at 732-7053 by Monday, Dec. 3.

Thursday, Dec. 13

Altar & Rosary Society

The Altar & Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Dunnellon on the corner of Hwy. 40 and 41 is sponsoring a "Clothe the Children" drive Thursday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the church hall. Clothing will be distributed to families in need free. For more info, call Judie at 489-5954.

Saturday, Dec. 15

'From the Manger to the Cross'

Southwest Christian Church presents "From the Manger to the Cross" Saturday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m. Southwest Christian Church is at 9045 SW 60th Ave., Ocala. For more information, please call 352-509-4594.

Troy Burns Family concert

The Troy Burns Family will present their "Where Christmas Starts" tour Saturday evening, Dec. 15, at Christ's Church of Marion County. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m.; doors open at 5:30 p.m. There is no admission charge for the concert and no tickets required. We will receive a love offering for the group.

The group is comprised of Troy Burns, his wife Tammy, Cole Watson and Ethan McNelly. While traveling and singing all over the country the family is known for two very distinct things: their close family harmony and their love for the ministry of Jesus.

Christ's Church of Marion County is located at 6768 SW 80th Street off State Road 200 in Southwest Ocala. For more information about Christ's Church of Marion County or for directions visit the website at www.ccomc.org or call the church office at 352-861-6182.

Annual Holiday Cookie Walk

Saturday, Dec. 15, 10 a.m. - noon at First Congregational Church, UCC Ocala. For information, please call

MOVIES

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new friends. It's not as strong as the "what you think is a weakness might actually be your strength" message of the first film, but it's perfectly practical.

It's in other areas that the film irks me. My main complaint is

that the film can't decide what the rules are for Ralph and Vanellope when it comes to the internet and how they can affect change in the real world. It just seems like a betrayal of "Wreck-It Ralph" lore that Ralph can enter a real bid for a real item, pay for it in real money, and have it really shipped to the arcade. It's the same problem I had with "Inside Out"

and "Frozen" where the filmmakers just seem to be making up this world as they go along and solutions to predicaments can be pulled out of thin air instead of earned. Speaking of "Frozen," there's a much-anticipated scene where Vanellope meets up with Anna, Elsa, other princesses, and the rest of the Disney empire. I'm sorry to say I was disappointed. The

film seems so impressed with the mere act of getting these iconic characters on-screen together that it forgets to have them do anything funny or meaningful other than make tired jokes about Disney tropes. They do serve a purpose later in the movie, but it's too little too late.

Ah, but "Ralph Breaks the Internet" is never anything worse

than harmless fun.

Like just about every Disney animated feature, it's often creative and enjoyable and aspires to be so much more than cinematic junk food.

Grumpy me is coming in and saying it needs more rules, but if you and your family just want to appreciate the film for what it does right, that's perfectly fine.

Grade: B-

"Ralph Breaks the Internet" is rated PG for some rude humor and action/violence. Its running time is 101 minutes.

Contact Bob Garver at rrg251@nyu.edu.

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Sunday, Dec. 16

Ocala Jazz Society

The Ocala Jazz Society Annual Holiday Show is Sunday, Dec. 16 from 2-5 p.m. Playing your favorite holiday Songs, along with our usual swing, big band, Dixieland, and 50s in the smoke-free VFW Post 4781 at 9401 SW 110th Street, across from Oak Run. The band performs on the third Sunday of each month. A suggested donation of \$3 for Hospice is appreciated. For more information, please email ocalajazzsociety@yahoo.com or call 352-237-0234.

Thursday, Dec. 20

Geneological Society

The Marion County Geneological Society will meet Thursday, Dec. 20, at 2 p.m. at the Marion County Public Library

located at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd. in Ocala. A brief business meeting will be followed by the Holiday Party. For further information, contact Joel Swanson at 352-897-0840 or president@mcgsocala.org.

Ongoing

Prostate Cancer Support

The Prostate Cancer Support Group meets each month at 5 p.m. in the West Marion West Marion Hospital on the fourth Tuesday. Every month a doctor or other licensed medical professional speaks to anyone else who is interested.

The nonprofit group's goal is to bring education and awareness to husbands, wives or caregivers the importance of early detection, treatment options and life after cancer. For more information, please call Steve Austin at 352-812-0406.

Kabbalat Shabbat

Holy Hour-Happy Hour Traditional Edition is the first Friday of every month

at 7 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat is followed by a delicious traditional themed buffet and cocktails including challah, gefillte fish, salads, chicken matzah ball soup and brisket. RSVP at www.ourchabad.org/happyhour.

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For more information, please contact Rabbi Yossi Hecht by calling 352-330-4466 on the internet at www.OurChabad.org.

ESL Program

The ESL program at College Road Baptist Church, 5010 SW College Road, meets each Wednesday at 6 p.m. This is a weekly one-hour class. Students practice using their English speaking skills in an informal, friendly environment.

Contact ESL Director Janet Smith at 352 854-6981.

Rainbow Springs Artists

Artists and fine craftsmen are sought

by the Rainbow Springs Artist Cooperative located at 20804 W. Pennsylvania Ave. in the heart of Dunnellon's historic district. Once juried in to the cooperative, artists and fine craftsmen will be able to exhibit and sell their work in our display space. We also have a large area for teaching children and/or adult art classes. Additional information may be obtained by contacting June Johnson, Director, at 352-465-3717.

Sisterhood of Survivors

The Breast Cancer SOS (Sisterhood of Survivors) support group meets at Ocala West Methodist Church, 9330 SW 105th Street, Rm. 235 (chapel).

We meet the last Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. to offer a caring concern to those involved with the battle of breast cancer. We will share experiences, be informed and educated on treatments and medications available during our journey with breast cancer. We shall overcome! So, come one and all to our meetings and share interesting sessions each month. Any questions call Elsa Flescher at 352-209-2661.

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much in the past unless he's around others who are talking about it and then he'll chime in.

Harvey Langford Sr., was born Nov. 14, 1913, to Will and Viola Langford in Dunnellon, who were domestic workers.

"They were mostly commercial workers. There wasn't too much going on in those days because they weren't al-

lowed to work in corporations in those days. They mostly did commercial work in households," he said.

He had one brother and one sister who were all raised primarily by their grandmother, Annie Sloan after his mother and father separated.

"My father came to visit once in a while," but there was no other contact with his father.

When he was old enough, Harvey began doing janitorial work at the Southern Bell Tele-

phone office in Dunnellon.

"Back in those days there was a telephone office, and I was the janitor," he said. "I worked a little over five years for Southern Bell, and from there, I went to New York state in the Adirondack Mountains where he worked in the services department at a hotel."

Q: Did you ever have to serve Al Capone?

"No, I never ran into any of those guys," he said.

Q: Why have you lived so long?

"How long is it," he asked.

105. "That's long?" Harvey asked in reply. "How old was Methuselah?"

"About 900 years old," someone said.

"Well I got to catch him!" he said, maybe joking, but maybe not. "I just never worked too hard. I didn't get broken down. I worked pretty soft jobs in my younger days."

Life for Harvey has been pretty good because

"Life is sweet on the sunny side of the street," he sang.

Q: Would you call me back next year, and we'll do another interview.

"I'll call you again when I'm 110," he laughed.



Medicare enrollment assistance

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs' SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Program is available to provide free, unbiased help for Florida Medicare beneficiaries as they carefully evaluate their health care options during the Medicare Open Enrollment Period.

Contact trained SHINE volunteer counselors at 1-800-262-2243.

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For those solitary travelers, some women join travel clubs or take trips with friends, leaving their partner behind to take care of the home-front. For many years it was considered odd to travel without your partner. Now there's no stigma attached for women traveling alone, which is healthy.

The bottom line is that it's nice to have saved enough to enjoy recreational choices in retirement.

Many underbudget the cost of trips, but overbudget the number of sojourns that will actually be taken.

Travel is supposed to be fun, and doing it with people who enjoy it probably makes it a more pleasurable experience for the happy wanderer. My passport is ready.

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'Bring the Harvest Home' campaign helps those in greater need during the holidays

Marion County is once again encouraging citizens and businesses to help those in greater need by participating in the annual "Bring the Harvest Home" campaign.

The effort to collect canned food and toiletry donations will culminate on Friday, Dec. 7, with a Holiday Food Drive from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the Square in downtown Ocala. Donated goods will help fill area pantries.

Citizens and businesses may assist the ef-

forts by collecting and donating nonperishable items as follows:

- Dry foods and complementary goods (rice, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, crackers, peanut butter and jelly). Plastic containers preferred.

- Canned meats (corned beef, corned beef hash, ham and tuna).

- Canned vegetables and fruit.

- Baby items (baby cereal, diapers and lotion).

- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste

and toilet paper).

Donations may be brought to the Square on Dec. 7, or to many other locations through Dec. 6. Drop-off locations include: public libraries, city and county fire stations, Sheriff's Office district offices, tax collector offices, Solid Waste recycling centers, Ocala Police Department, Supervisor of Elections, Ocala City Hall, Marion County Administration and the Ocala/Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership. For ad-

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Keep your feelings to yourself as you work through an awkward circumstance. Complaining is useless, and also unwise since your words could come back to haunt you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A sudden flash of Bovine practicality shows you how you might be able to turn your artistic pursuits into a profitable venture. A spouse or partner offers some sage advice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be prepared with several "Plan Bs" that you might have to use as backups just in case you encounter some troublesome complications with your carefully constructed schedule.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might think you'll never have a free moment again with the demands of the workplace piling on. Cheer up. The pressure eases as holiday time nears. An old friend brings good news.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Leonine pride might make it difficult to offer an apology to a co-worker you unintentionally offended. But a quick and sincere "I'm sorry" could prevent problems down the line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to tackle those backed-up chores that have kept you from moving into other and potentially more worthwhile projects. A personal matter needs your attention.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You usually have no problem rushing to the defense of someone you perceive as being treated unjustly. But perceptions could be deceiving this week. Check the facts before you act.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before you point fingers at who might be to blame for the unexpected change in your plans, take a few moments to reflect on how this turn of events might be a blessing in disguise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You seek out advice in the first part of the week. But be careful not to let counsel from others overshadow your own sense of perception. Things become clearer by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The trusted colleagues you relied on earlier continue to offer support with your project. But you take more control, and by the week's end, you should be in full command.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Rely on your practical side while exploring investment possibilities. Caution is still your watchword in these matters. Your social life takes a gratifying turn by the week's end.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An already confusing situation appears to grow murkier during the first part of the week. But it all starts to clear by the week's end. Plan to spend the weekend with someone special.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a passion for life that inspires others to follow your example. You could be a motivational speaker.

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by Linda Thistle

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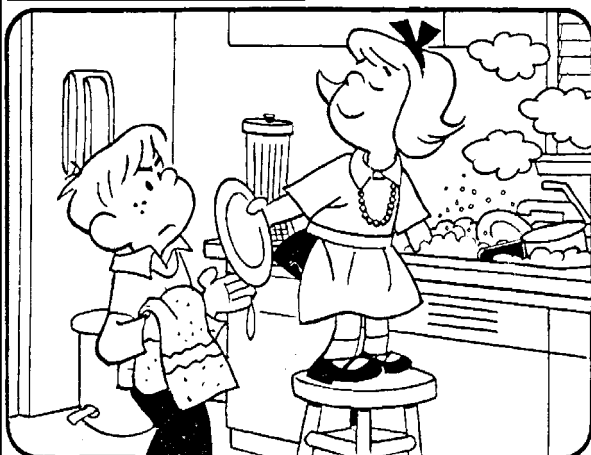
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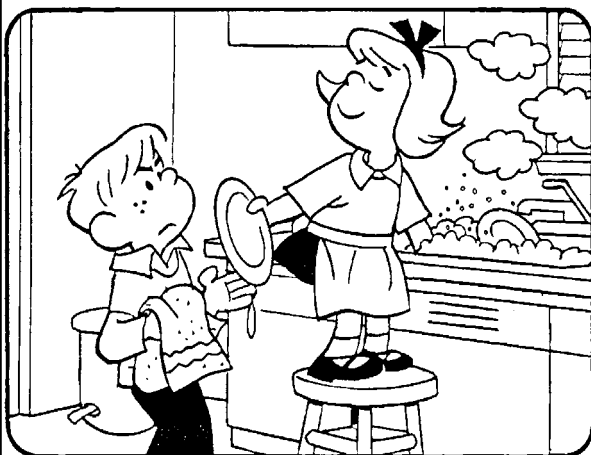
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Super Crossword

NATURALLY SWEET MELANGE

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|---|--|---|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 46 Bite slightly | 90 Pie topping that | 133 Org. against dogfights | 35 Wonderland visitor | 80 Film director Lee |
| 1 Temporarily trendy things | 47 Q-V linkup | 49 Designer Schiaparelli and others | 92 Base for poi | 36 Wife of Niles on "Frasier" | 81 Goad |
| 5 Huge chasm | 54 Jethro — (rock band) | 56 Strong Dutch gin that's inexpensive? | 94 Lung, for one | 38 Feel | 84 "Ti —" (Italian "I love you") |
| 10 Nile serpents | 58 "Oh, gotcha" | 59 "The gloves are off!" | 95 Mail, e.g. | 41 1995-2013 Arizona senator Jon | 85 French film award |
| 14 Navajo neighbors | 60 Flip (out) | 62 Like alfresco events | 96 Lacerate | 42 Free of fluid | 87 Poet Heinrich |
| 19 "Mets' old home" | 21 Mets' old home | 64 Obedient dogs, maybe | 98 Taking the middle out of | 44 Capital of Suisse | 88 Bragging about |
| 22 Blue color of the clear 9-Down | 23 Eau de vie applied to a head injury to reduce swelling? | 65 Rival of HBO | 102 Santa — (some hot winds) | 48 Bit of parsley | 89 Vena cava neighbor |
| 25 Having the same figure as Sheriff Wyatt? | 27 Verb suffix in London | 66 Male bud | 104 Surrounded by a spicy condiment? | 50 Onetime TV legal drama | 91 Cry for help |
| 28 Vast age | 29 Average golf scores | 67 Bert's bud | 107 Grungy sort | 51 Shelled out for | 93 Wilhelm's "Woe is me!" |
| 30 Kindhearted | 31 Clutch, e.g. | 69 14th-century Russian ruler | 111 Fierce whale | 52 Deduced, not observed | 97 Links org. since 1916 |
| 33 Sets of two | 37 Gyro holder | 70 Golf club for extremely long shots? | 113 Tatum with an Oscar | 53 Mil. draft inits. | 99 Trespass |
| 39 "Fish Magic" painter Paul | 40 Drink you can only get by contacting someone by beeper? | 74 Unit for measuring the force of some PC picture files? | 114 Post office gizmo | 55 British noble | 101 Whirled |
| 43 See 8-Down | 45 Her cow was notorious | 77 "I pass," in cards | 115 Sushi condiment | 57 Stirrup site | 103 Film genre |
| | | 78 Cantina cooking pots | 117 Like hand-me-downs | 58 Big name in ketchup | 105 In vogue, in the '60s |
| | | 82 Chast of cartoons | 119 Altar vow | 59 Suffix with capital | 106 Customer |
| | | 83 The sun, e.g. | 121 Vitamin no. | 60 Paint diluter | 107 Fencing tool |
| | | 84 Negatively charged, as an atom | 122 Gusto shown by a wild Asian ass? | 61 Going it alone | 108 Oahu porch |
| | | 86 Banned diet-drug combo | 124 Apt alternate title for this puzzle | 62 — stick | 109 Port in Japan |
| | | 88 Major alarm | 128 Did a fall yard chore | 63 — obfuscate | 110 Deli nosh |
| | | | 129 "I concur!" | 64 St. Pat's isle | 112 Good thing |
| | | | 130 Circus site | 65 Virus in 2014 news | 116 Nap spots |
| | | | 131 Concept, in Soissons | 66 Eye carefully | 118 Peak |
| | | | 132 Clock parts | 67 Puckish | 120 Attack time in WWII |
| | | | | 68 Courier, e.g. | 123 Tase, e.g. |
| | | | | 69 "Grimm" network | 124 Road guide |
| | | | | 70 — helping hand | 125 Nest egg inits. |
| | | | | | 126 Reagan-era teen, e.g. |
| | | | | | 127 — Tin Tin |

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

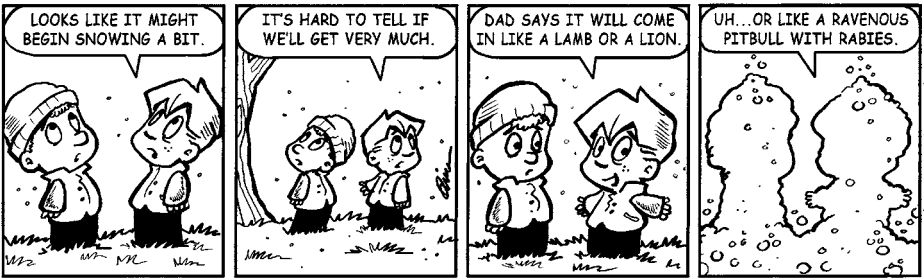
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DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

R.F.D.



by Mike Marland

Go Figure!
answers

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Super Crossword

Answers

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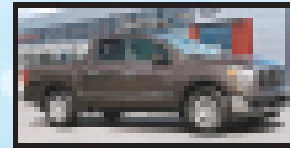
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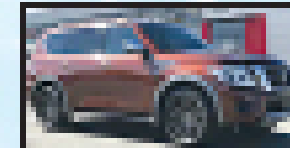
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