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## SECO imposter burglarizes home

SECO Energy learned Monday afternoon that an employee imposter burglarized a Marion County couple's home while they were distracted.

The scammer posed as a SECO worker assigned to assess a project to upgrade lines and transformers on the couple's property. The male imposter was well-dressed, driving a white SUV and seemed educated about

the local area and electric services. The couple discovered that while they were lured to the back of their property by the imposter, an accomplice burglarized their residence. The crime was reported to Marion County law enforcement and is being investigated.

CEO Jim Duncan said, "If you are approached by an individual claiming to be a SECO em-

ployee or contractor, immediately request to see a SECO ID badge. The SECO logo should be visible on all SECO Energy-issued ID badges. SECO employee and contractor vehicles are required to display the SECO Energy logo. If a logo is not visible on the badge or vehicle, immediately disengage from the situation and contact law enforcement. Exercise caution

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### Postage stamps going up to 55 cents

The USPS new postage rates will become effective Sunday, Jan. 27. The First Class Mail letter (1 oz.) rate for postage purchased at the post office is increasing from \$0.50 to

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### Friday Forum

Are you interested in helping to build more racial literacy in our community?

Retired Army Col. Gorham L. Black III and Jill Carel are among the members of the Bridges Project on Race Relations

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### SR 200 Coalition

The guest speaker for the SR 200 Coalition meeting is Advent Hospital CEO Joe Johnson, who will lay out some of his plans for the hospital. It should be very informative. The meeting starts with coffee and cookies at 12:30 p.m. and the meeting at 1 p.m. at TimberRidge, Building 5000, Suite 5001.



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Clydesdale, Percheron and Belgian horses take to the showing Feb. 1 at the Florida Horse Park.

## Draft horses are on tap Feb. 1

The Grandview Invitational is Feb. 1-3 at the Florida Horse Park, 8 miles from On Top of the World. This three-day event that is a true must see. It is the "biggest" horse show in Ocala. Gates open 8 a.m. The show starts at noon and runs to around 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per adult with free parking.

Displaying 120 1-ton draft horses in the showing at the same time is breathtaking. See Clydesdales, Percherons and Belgians competing at World Level in the eight-horse hitch, six-horse hitch, four-horse hitch, unicorn,

team and cart classes. See these giants ridden in both English and Western style. There will be a stagecoach performance. Get up close and personal with these gentle giants firsthand. Walk through the barns, see and touch the horses. Visit with the competitors. Everyone is welcome.

If you know that this is an event you don't want to miss. Get tickets in advance since seating will be limited, so don't wait to buy your tickets at the gate. Go to [www.grandviewinvitational.com](http://www.grandviewinvitational.com).

## Camelia Society hosts annual show Jan. 26

The Ocala Camellia Society will be presenting its annual camellia show Saturday, Jan. 26, through Sunday, Jan. 27, at the Ocala Municipal Golf Course, 3130 E. Silver Springs Blvd. The public is invited to attend the show and enter blooms between 7-10 a.m. Saturday. Admission and entry for flowers are free. The show opens to the public 1-5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday; camellia plants are available for purchase 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days.

Dozens of exhibitors are slated to show off more than one thousand flowers, including the newly named "Jimmy Carter," a locally grown flower developed by the late Clarence and Lillian Gordy, renowned members of the Ocala and national camellia societies. This flower was dedicated to the Carters in early December; both Rosalynn and Jimmy Carter attended. For new exhibitors, experienced club members will be available to help sort, name and place flowers

for judging.

Judging takes place Saturday, Jan. 26, at 10 a.m., and the show will open to the public for viewing from 1-5 p.m., and again Sunday, Jan. 27, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Also, camellia plants for sale will be available on both days starting at 9 a.m. and include dozens of varieties especially suited to growing for this region.

Club president, Jill Reed, said, "We're so pleased to present another flower show. Camellias are a relatively easy-care evergreen perennial that stands up to



COURTESY PHOTO

Shown in the photo is a camellia grown by Bev Piet.

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## Schaefer faults comprehensive plan

BY JOHN SCHAEFER  
*Marion County Audubon Society*

Marion County Comprehensive Plan No. 2045 proposed removal of the portion of Marion County extending south and west from the Farmland Preservation Area to the Marion County boundary

I am writing to urge the Marion County Commissioners to reinstate the south and west portions of Marion County to include the same protection af-

forded to the Farmland Preservation Areas back into the Marion County Comprehensive Plan No. 2045. This protection would encompass these areas up to the Marion County boundary.

The south and west portions of Marion County include the 8,146-acre Halpata Tasthanaki Preserve, named after Chief Alligator, owned and managed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District and Lake Rousseu, managed by Greenways and Trails, the Florida

Fish and Wildlife Commission and SWFMD.

Halpata Tasthanaki was acquired for ground water recharge, flood control and natural systems protection. Horseback riders, hikers, bikers and wildlife viewers and photographers all utilize the trails in that preserve.

In 2014 Sabal Trail Natural Gas Pipeline planned to construct a gas pipeline through the Halpata Tasthanaki Preserve, home to the Federally Endangered Florida Scrub-Jay and

other threatened and endangered species of animals, reptiles and birds. The Florida Scrub-Jays are our only endemic bird that is born and lives exclusively in Florida. Proscribed burns provide habitat where these birds live and breed. Marion County Audubon and Audubon Florida, along with other concerned citizens worked hard to prevent this. As a result, FERC, the Federal Energy Regulatory Agency, voted

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# I thought, then I unthought

**Out to Pastor**  
Rev. James Snyder



Looking back over my life I honestly can say, giving it a great deal of thought, the biggest problem I have is when I actually think. Thinking can get me into more trouble than anything else I do.

This was no more evident than recently we got a phone call from the bank. I hate it when the bank calls because they never call to wish me happy birthday or wonder how in the world I am doing today. They always have an agenda. Usually, that agenda has to do with my money.

When I answered the phone all I could say was, "Here we go again."

Much to my relief, it was not about my account, but rather it was the bank account of the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I cannot tell you the smile that slapped itself all over my face when I heard this.

Immediately I called my wife to the phone and said, "It's your bank calling you about your account." Smilingly I handed the phone to her.

For years, we have had separate accounts, and it has worked out rather well. I remember when we first were married we had a joint account and it was always getting messed up. We had two checkbooks for the same account, which did not make any sense at all. Everything was messed up and checks bounced all over the place.

To solve this dilemma we decided to have our own checking account in separate banks. I am not quite sure about her account, but the

checks keep bouncing in my account and I am not exactly sure why.

The bank was calling my wife because there had been a suspicious activity on her account. I thought about telling them that other activity on her bank account was also suspicious, but sometimes I know when not to speak.

According to the bank, my wife bought a package of wine costing \$600 and they were wondering if she was buying it for the church communion service. I heard my wife laugh and figured out there is something going on. We do not use wine in our communion service, we use grape juice. However, the bank did not know why my wife was buying wine.

The only wine in our house is me, who whines all the time and believe me, according to my wife, my whining is very intoxicating. At least to her it is.

We finally had to go down to the bank and try to sort this mess out. My wife tried to tell them that she did not make such a purchase.

I would like to tell you how delighted I was to go to the bank with her and see her in a dilemma that I did not create. I know I create a lot of dilemma in our

home. The fact that we been married as long as we have been married says a lot for her tolerance of whiny old people like me.

"We did not think," the bank manager said to my wife, "that you were buying wine like this. We thought perhaps you might have been buying wine for the church communion service."

All three of us laughed a very hearty laugh because she knew we did not use wine in our communion service.

However, the truth of the matter was, there was this activity on her account in the amount of \$600. My surprise was that she had that much money in her account. I scratched my head a bit and thought, where did she get all that money? Immediately I had to unthought that and get back to the basics of our visit here in the bank.

The bank manager got out all of the paperwork with this transaction.

The first thing of note was that it took place in a liquor store in Southern California where my wife had never been.

My wife looked at me and said sarcastically, "Why are you smiling?"

I thought about telling her, but then I unthought that and got back to the details of the transaction.

In looking at that transaction, the bank manager happened to notice that it was on a particular Sunday when it took place. That Sunday my wife was in church. In fact, the time of the transaction was when my wife was playing the organ.

"Can you verify that she was playing the organ at that time?" The bank manager asked me.

A thought that came into my mind was to tell the bank manager that my wife was so talented that she could be in two places at the same time. After further thought

on that, I unthought that idea.

The bank manager finally took care of that transaction and we were able to leave the bank knowing us, or rather she, was free from that transaction. I did not say anything on the way home, but I was smiling on the inside.

Thinking can be a very hazardous occupation, but I was reminded what Paul said. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever

things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

I am trying to learn to think about important things and not things that are negative and damaging.

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**At the Movies**  
Bob Garver

# 'Escape Room,' a silly pseudo-fun

The start of a new year is always promising, but when it comes to new movie releases, the year rarely gets off to a promising start. The January box office notoriously sustains itself on holiday leftovers and awards-season darlings expanding into wider release.

I suppose it's understandable that nothing wants to open at a time when the kids are going back to school, adults are getting back to work, and people don't want to leave their houses be-

cause it's so darn cold. Studios tend to use this time to unload movies that they want to release at some point, but not against any serious competition.

"Escape Room" fits the bill nicely. It's a tame PG-13 horror movie that isn't going to give anybody the thrill of a lifetime but can at least be counted on to do well among the "Eh; I like puzzles" set.

The setup is that six strangers get mysterious invitations to the world's most challenging Escape Room - an elaborate in-

teractive game that involves solving a series of puzzles to get out of a supposed prison. At least it's supposed to be a "supposed" prison. The characters are in fact very much trapped. And they're in danger too. Attempts to forfeit at the venue's waiting room go unrecognized as the room heats up to 451 degrees. If our heroes don't figure a way out soon, they'll be burnt to a crisp. Or will they? No responsible Escape Room operator would really cook people, think of all the lawsuits, charges, and messes. Then again, who said this particular Escape Room was being run by someone responsible? At any rate, the engulfed-in-flame room is at least uncomfortable, so it's best to press on. The hot room leads to



a cold room, which leads to a high-up room, which leads to a room with poison gas, which leads to a room with a poisoned salve, which leads to a room that's collapsing on itself, which hopefully leads to some answers or freedom.

The rooms are navigated by nervous student Zoey (Taylor Russell),

cocky stock trader Jason (Jay Ellis), traumatized soldier Amanda (Deborah Ann Woll), folksy miner Mike (Tyler Labine), experienced escape roomer Danny (Nik Dodani), and lifetime washout Ben (Logan Miller).

The opening of the film shows a lone Ben trying to escape the sixth, collapsing room (the film forces him to narrate his thought process, which even to a soliloquist like myself looks weird and unnatural) and we spend most of the time catching up to how he got there and learning why it's only him. Then we get an ending straight off the Wheel of Lame Horror Movie Twists. The wheel ticks past Aliens, Split Personalities, Characters Were Dead The Whole Time, and lands ... I

won't spoil it, but it's not worth getting your hopes up.

The clues and puzzles range from too easy to too hard to downright impossible because they require information that the characters uncover at the last minute. I'll give you an example of one that's too easy: The characters need to come up with a seven-letter word. The room filled with deer antlers. A clue is the phrase, "You'll go down in history."

I told my mother about this scene and how five of the characters didn't know the answer and she replied, "They were obviously deprived as children." And I was deprived of two hours of my time watching a movie that thinks this clue is challenging.

At best, "Escape Room" is silly pseudo-fun. At worst, it's an unscary, unexciting slog that rips off movies like "Cube" and "Saw" (without either's gore, for better or worse). It's the quintessential January release, if not one that's actually toward the higher end of the spectrum when compared to all the garbage we've gotten in January's past. See this, the first wide release of 2019, only if you are truly ready to leave the better releases of 2018 behind.

**Grade:** C-  
"Escape Room" is rated PG-13 for terror/perilous action, violence, suggestive material and language. Its running time is 100 minutes.

Contact Bob Garver at rrg251@nyu.edu.

## A fishy story

Finding Davo is not a sequel to the film, Finding Nemo.

It's a story about a fish that belonged to a woman in Swindon, England, who is frantic to find out what happened to her pet gold fish, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens.

Although she named the fish Dave when she bought it five years ago, her appeal for help in finding Dave has been designated "Finding Davo" on Facebook in an attempt to attract attention.

One wag, upon hearing the story, suggested that Davo might have met the same fate as A Fish Called Wanda in the film of the same name.

Wanda was swallowed whole.





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# Pun Alley's after Christmas clearance

With the end of the holiday season, clearance sales of all kinds have been taking place.

Lots of good items that just didn't sell earlier and specials that didn't fit in with buyers' plans are being cleared out.

Here in Pun Alley the situation is similar. Good stories that didn't fit in any of the themes of last year's columns have accumulated. Today you get to read them in our own clearance event.

## Happy New Year?

The new baby was bawling in his crib as his five-year-old brother stood by. The five-year-old asked his mother as she started to attend to the infant, "Where'd we get him?"

His mother said, "He came from heaven."

The baby screamed again and the five-year-old said, "I can see why they threw him out!"

## No Act Here

An actor walked into a decrepit restaurant for a quick cup of coffee. He noticed another actor busing dishes. "Wow," the first actor said, "What is this? A man with your talent, slaving in a greasy spoon like this."

The other actor retorted, "At least I don't eat here!"

## Shipless

A panhandler was caught trying to sneak aboard a Princess liner about to embark on a three-day trip to the Bahamas. He was caught by the Purser who threw him off the ship telling him, "Beggars can't be cruisers."

## Nickel And Dime

A new household cleaner is named "Bachelor." Jane thought it seemed like a strange name for soap until she saw the slogan, "It Works Fast And Leaves No Ring."

It's called a family tree because if you look long enough you'll find some sap in it.

I met the No. 1 laxative salesman in the country the other day. But he's really just a regular guy. They've come up with a new laundry detergent with fluoride in it. You wash your clothes once and never get a hole in them.

According to recent reports, America produces 92 percent of the world's natural gas, not counting the speeches of our president, senators and congressmen.

A man went to Las Vegas for a change and a rest. The hotel maids got the change and the croupiers got the rest.

## I'll Drink To That

A rich old aunt was paying her nephew's college expenses and her visitor asked if it was expensive. "Well," said the aunt, "Some of the languages run pretty high. My check this month covered \$10 for chemistry, \$20 for Latin, and \$250 for Scotch."

## Practical

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Dick Frank



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# 'True Places'



**Bookmark**  
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**Title:** True Places  
**Author:** Sonya Yoerg

This domestic novel centers on stressed out, over-scheduled wife and mother Suzanne Blakemore.

Her husband Whit is a stereotypical good provider but clueless about his own family.

Son Reid is a rebel and his teenage sister Brynn is out of control and openly contemptuous of her mother.

One afternoon, overwhelmed by it all, Suzanne drives to the Blue Ridge Mountains as her form of therapy.

There she discovers a ragged young girl emerging from the woods and then collapsing at the side of the road.

Suzanne rushes her to the hospital, not realizing how this encounter will drastically change her life.

The ethereal 16-year-old she rescued has never experienced civilization, having lived off the land with her parents and having barely been home schooled.

Her father disappears first, then her mother dies, and she is entirely on her own until something frightens her

enough to escape the woods.

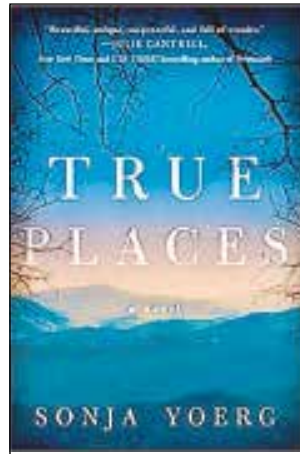
Asked in the hospital why she continued living in the woods she replied, "People. People want to know things about you and make you follow rules."

People put chemicals in the water and good food and hurt animals that are precious."

When Suzanne introduces her to the Blakemores' privileged lifestyle, the girl has trouble coping and often leaves her cozy bedroom to sleep in the backyard.

In time the girl makes Suzanne aware of how far she's drifted from the person she longs to be.

This stranger in the Blakemore home begins to shake things up although she's unaware of her role in the shake up.



Overall this was mostly a satisfying read with realistic characters although the ending may disappoint some readers.

My only criticism is the author's penchant for withholding information.

For instance, we don't learn the girl's name for 40 pages or who Ash is for much, much longer.

## Famous Hispanic writers

Many of the world's most accomplished writers are of Hispanic descent. Whether they're journalists, novelists or screenwriters, Hispanic writers have contributed much to the world of letters throughout history.

■ Isabel Allende: Among the most widely read Hispanic writers, Isabel Allende has authored works of fiction and nonfiction alike. Born in Peru, this Chilean American was awarded the 2014 Presidential Medal of Freedom by then-President Barack Obama. Known as a vivid storyteller, Allende's novels include "The House of the Spirits" and "City of the Beasts." Allende's books have sold well over 65 million copies and have been translated into more than 35 languages.

■ Junot D'az: Dominican American Junot D'az won the 2008 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for his popular novel "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao," which examines life in the Dominican Republic under dictator Rafael Trujillo. In 2010, D'az was selected to serve on the Pulitzer Prize board of jurors, becoming the first writer of Hispanic background to earn that distinction.

■ Pedro Almodóvar: Academy Award-winning writer and director Pedro Almodóvar is a native of Spain, where he first rose to prominence as a writer during La Movida Madrileña, a counter-cultural movement and renaissance that took place largely in Madrid after the death of dictator Francisco Franco in 1975. Almodóvar's screenwriting credits include the 2006 film "Volver," which earned Almodóvar's fellow Spaniard Penelope Cruz an Oscar nomination.

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# Retraining your taste buds for the new year

Each year many of us plan to lose weight and eat more healthful foods. It is a worthy goal, as better food choices can fend off diseases, provide energy and yes, help to lose a few pounds, too. Snacking can help avoid hunger pangs between meals because when we get hungry, cravings can increase and self-control is lost.

High-fat and high-sugar foods can be addictive, similar to drugs, according to registered dietitian Dana Hunnes, Ph.D., UCLA Medical Center. By changing over to healthy snacks, the addictive cycle can be broken and we can retrain our brains and our guts to prefer

healthy foods.

It takes time and effort to transition into a sustainable healthier eating pattern. So, if at first you do not succeed do not give up. Just keep trying because living in a body that has more energy, a cleaner mind and a healthy weight, feels amazing. Allow yourself the opportunity to create and experience this feeling.

Retraining your taste buds enables the full enjoyment of the flavors of unprocessed whole foods. Fruits really can be dessert — mangoes, peaches and dates are sweet and packed with nutrition. Also, herbs like cilantro, rosemary, and basil infuse vegetables with a fresh, natural flavor and can reduce the

need for salt. Vegetables and fruits will regain their rightful delicious flavor as the diet changes from the overly-processed foods filled with chemical flavorings. It will take a few weeks for your taste buds to savor these natural flavorings.

Set yourself up for success by not stocking unhealthy foods. It is a lot easier to eat and snack well if there are no tempting chips or cookies around. A simple trail mix with whole nuts, seeds, and dried fruits is a good healthy choice. We are talking about just a quarter of a cup because these ingredients have a lot of calories. A full cup of trail mix can have 700 calories. Try putting

small portions into separate baggies. Also, add fiber to the mix with bite-sized whole-wheat crackers or cereal. Choose unsalted nuts and check the labels on the dried fruit for the sugar content.

When you eat, taste what is in your mouth. Mindlessly eating in front of the computer or television is not wise eating. Instead, notice the color, textures, flavors and scents of the food. There is much to appreciate when you allow your mind and senses to experience eating fully.

Simply put, food fuels your body, heart and brain, even though the relationship between

## Health Corner

Patricia A. Woodbury RN MSN



weight, metabolism is more complicated. With the right fuel, you will have increased energy, more clarity of mind and reduced risk for

conditions like heart disease and dementia.

Source: UCLA Health, Healthy Years, January 2018.

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### Focus

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## How to respond to wild market swings

What's going on with the financial markets? Specifically, what's behind the price swings of the past several weeks? And, more important, how should you, as an individual investor, respond? To begin with, the recent volatility was not really all that extraordinary. The daily drops pushed U.S. stocks down about 10percent from their recent record highs, although they have regained some of that ground. A 10percent drop represents a "correction" – not a crash – and historically, corrections have occurred about once a year.

So what seems to have caused these market jitters? Here are the key culprits:

- Anticipated slowdown in economic growth and corporate earnings. The stock market is forward-looking – investors make decisions based on what they think will happen. And right now, many investors are anticipating a slowdown in economic growth (partially due to higher tariffs and trade disputes) and corporate earnings (as the jolt from the corporate tax cuts begins to fade). We may still see reasonably strong economic growth and corporate profits, but possibly not at the same level as we had for much of 2018.

- Rising interest rates – The Federal Reserve raised interest rates in 2018. While higher rates are not bad for all market sectors, they can slow the expansion plans for many businesses, resulting in reduced growth prospects. The Fed may continue its gradual rate increases, but investors are closely watching for any signs that might lead the Fed either to pause or increase rates more rapidly.

- Slowing global economy – The global economy is growing more slowly than expected, resulting in lower returns for international stocks and a particularly sharp decline in emerging markets.

While it's useful to understand the factors causing the recent stock market gyrations, you'll want to focus primarily on what you can control. Consider these suggestions:

- Keep realistic expectations. Try

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## Your VIEW

### Equitable use

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While playing pickleball at Coehadjoe park in the northwest side of Ocala, I heard a rumor that the adding eight courts in the same location is a possibility. Since this is 50-mile round trip from Oak Run, shouldn't they consider putting in courts on this side of Marion County?

There are at least two sites that appear to be good locations here in this side of Marion County. The land next to Freedom Library or at Liberty Park both have ample space to install multi-sports facilities.

Theodore DiMarcello  
Oak Run Community

### 'Mary Poppins Returns'

#### at the right time

I read movie critic Bob Garver's review of "Mary Poppins Returns." Although this might be longer than usual letters to the editor, my hope is to inspire and encourage people to revisit movies when "critics" assign their kudos or rotten tomatoes.

Older than Bob, I did see Mary Poppins in 1964 when it was released with Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke. The reception by the world for Mary Poppins has withstood the test of time. And now, Rob Marshall, Director of "Mary Poppins Returns" has stepped up and taken on the daunting job of making a 50-plus year sequel.

I remember so distinctly the criticism Dick Van Dyke received with his "cockney" interpretation of Bert. Phew, the critics were relentless. Now, along comes Bob Garver and Lin Manuel-Miranda receives the relentless criticism of his "cockney" interpretation of Jack. Please, please, read the review of "Mary Poppins Returns" on cinemablend.com by Sarah El-Mahmoud. Thankfully, she gives Mary Poppins Returns a very uplifting assessment (4 1/2 stars out of 5) sharing her experience of seeing the movie with all her personal emotions emerging. The movie is delightful, uplifting, inspiring in words and songs, "The Cover is Not the Book" and "No Where to go but up" to name just two, and yes, magical.

My decision to write this response to Bob's review was precipitated not only by my enjoyment of the movie yet I remember the "dousing" "The Greatest Showman" received by the critics last year. Fortunately, the public did not ascribe to that dousing and "The Greatest Showman" has gone on to inspire young people across the world to create their personal song and dance interpretations of the great musical numbers including "This Is Me."

"The Greatest Showman" has broken all records for box office returns and the DVD, well, they flew – and continue to fly off the shelves.

Mary Poppins Returns will assuredly follow the same path despite Bob's and other critic's downer comments. Emily Blunt and Lin-Manuel Miranda (both nominated for Golden Globe Awards for Best Actress and Best Actor in a musical comedy) transport the viewers to a time and place that brings out the lasting lessons of seeing the bright side of life,

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## THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

### Trump should chill about the stock market

Donald Trump may watch the stock market more closely than any day trader.

For a president who underlined the increasing importance of working-class whites to the GOP coalition and who trampled so much bipartisan economic orthodoxy during the campaign, to be so overtly obsessed with the stock market is a strange disconnect.

In fact, no president in memory has so publicly staked himself to the market. Trump has, in contrast, paid relatively little public attention to wage growth, which is the measure that more closely tracks with his particular political project (especially considering that his election prospects may again depend on Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin).

The market clearly acts for Trump like poll numbers or TV ratings – immediate, easily digestible feedback on his perceived worth, or that of his economic stewardship. This isn't how he should view it, and it was shortsighted to be so boastful about the good times.

The stock market goes up and down. Trump didn't have sole responsibility for the run-up in the market after his election (although taking the regulatory boot off the economy helped) and doesn't deserve the blame for the downward trend now (although the contention with China and general sense of chaos don't help).

Trump has lashed out at Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell for being too tight on interest rates, and he might be right. But the president should be less beholden to the gyrations of the market.

Wages would be a worthy new object of his attention, and it'd be better if wages didn't often take a back seat to the stock market and GDP growth. When Trump hears complaints from employers that they are having trouble hiring, his answer should be: "Good. Pay your workers more."

On the other hand, the political downside of focusing on wages is twofold: Like the stock market, it is a metric that the president doesn't have direct control over, and unlike the stock market, it hasn't mostly enjoyed strong upward momentum over the past couple of decades.

Oren Cass of the Manhattan Institute and author of the thought-provoking new book "The Once and Future Worker" argues that the point of comparison shouldn't be whether wages are better than they were in post-crisis 2010, but how they are doing compared with business-cycle peaks in 2007, 2000 and 1989. Here they are lagging.

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# Give blood, we're asking

The reason most often given by people who do not donate blood is, "no one ever asked me," so, we're asking you now. Why not start the new year by considering donating blood this month? The Big Red Bus will be in the Lifestyle Center parking lot Wednesday, Jan. 16, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., ready to accept your donations. Please remember to drink plenty of fluids before and after donating and bring your photo I.D. Blood donation is safe, easy, and only takes about 45 minutes for the complete donation process. All donors will receive a free OneBlood long sleeve t-shirt and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol

screening. Alyx donors (double red cell) will also receive a movie ticket. After your donation, enjoy some light refreshments in the Library provided by Pat Wurst and her volunteers. So please give blood this month. So many people can benefit from your generosity.

### "Right-sizing"

If you've ever wondered what your family heirlooms are worth, then you don't want to miss this amazing event on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 11 a.m. in the Lifestyle Center. First, you will learn more about "right-sizing" living space: what to keep as well as what to let go and options about what to do with your belongings and estate should you decide to downsize.

Then a light luncheon will be served followed by the antique assessments. Participants are allowed to bring one or two items to be appraised. This luncheon seminar is brought to us by Bid Gray. Frank Gray and Daniel Gray are certified appraisers and auctioneers. Reservation tickets are \$1 and are available at Tuesday morning Socials and in the Activities Office.

### Soup Day

How would you like a hot bowl (or two) of homemade soup on a cold day? Even if it's not cold out, you'll want to come down to the Lifestyle Center on Sunday, Jan. 20, for Soup'er Sunday. Ken Charles will be making homemade Hearty Creamy Chicken with Wild Rice soup and

Potato soup, which will be served along with salad and bread. Tickets are \$4 each and are available now in the Activities Office and at the Jan. 15 Tuesday morning Social. Seating is limited, so get your tickets early.

### Super Bowl Party

Super Bowl Sunday is Feb. 3, and you're invited to come down to the Lifestyle Center for a potluck and to root for your favorite team with a group of enthusiastic friends and neighbors. Tickets are \$1 each, and you are asked to sign up for a Super Bowl food to bring when you purchase your ticket. As usual, it's BYOB. Tickets are on sale now in the Activities Office and at the Tuesday morning Social.

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### Coffee Socials

What are these Tuesday morning Socials we're always talking about? You're invited to join fellow residents each Tuesday morning in the Lifestyle Center and find out. Doors open at 8 a.m. and a volunteer group serves coffee and donuts to all residents who come down to socialize with friends and neighbors. Then at 9 a.m., our volunteer M.C. calls the program to order. We recognize resident birthdays and anniversaries, welcome any visitors, and ask new residents to introduce themselves. Activities and program highlights are reviewed, and group rep-

resentatives come up to invite others to lunches, shows, and events happening in the community. Often the lieutenant from the MCSO SR 200 office updates us on the happenings in the SR200 corridor and how to stay safe and secure. On the third Tuesday, there is a guest speaker, and various topics are covered. This month, we will be hearing from Pat Gabriel, president of the SR 200 Coalition on Jan. 22 right after the Social. Won't you join us? Coffee and donuts are free on the first Tuesday of the month and \$1 for both thereafter. We'd love to see you there.

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# Happenings

Friday, Jan. 11

## Dinner on the Grounds

Christ's Church of Marion County invites you to join us for a special evening Friday, Jan. 11.

We will host a "Dinner on the Grounds" (inside the comfort of the Worship Center) at 5:15 p.m. Enjoy chicken strips, homemade mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, ham, and dinner rolls with coffee and iced tea. There is no cost for dinner; however, those attending must RSVP by contacting the church office at info@ccomc.org or by calling 352-861-6182. Deadline for registration is Monday, Jan. 7.

Immediately after dinner at 6:30 p.m., we will have a concert by local artist Gemma Adams with special guests Backwater, a contemporary bluegrass group. There is no charge for the concert and no tickets are required; however, we will receive a love offering.

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.

Saturday, Jan. 12

## Audubon Birdwatching

Marion Audubon Society Nature Walk Saturday January 12, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in Coehadjoe Park, 4225 NE 35th Street

Ocala. Join us and learn the basics of North America's fastest growing outdoor hobby "Birdwatching." All skill levels welcome.

Meet at the picnic tables. There will be a short 1.5-mile walk. If you have them bring binoculars, a field guide, water and insect repellent. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Marion Audubon is a 501c3 organization, donations are welcome. For more information, please visit www.marion-county-audubon.com.; Like us on Facebook "Marion Audubon Society" or join us on Meetup.

## Genealogical Society

The Marion County Genealogical

Society will meet Thursday, Jan. 17, 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 January program, "Have I Told You About the Murder in our Family? - Researching the Black Sheep in Your Family," by Carole Goetz.

For further information, contact Joel Swanson at 352-897-0840 or president@mcsocala.org.

Sunday, Jan. 13

## You are invited

Come and Worship with Southwest Christian Church, Sunday at 10:30 a.m. You can find us at 9045 SW 60th Ave. Our worship style is full of love, joy and faith as we worship God in a traditional way. Learn more about us and even view a sermon from our preaching minister John Scott on our website: www.swchristianchurch.com

The Merrills will be in concert at Southwest Christian Church, Sunday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. No tickets needed.

## 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, Jan. 13 - 9:30 a.m.: We begin each Lord's day with Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:30 a.m. We offer six adult classes on a variety of topics. A synopsis of each class is available on our website.

Sunday, Jan. 13 - 10:30 a.m.: Our Worship Service opens with special music by our Worship Choir. Our praise time includes a blend of familiar hymns of the church as well as contemporary praise songs with a full praise band. Pastor David Bellows will bring a message of inspiration and encouragement.

Monday, Jan. 14: 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, Jan. 15: Women who are interested in crafts meet Tuesday morning at 9:30 to work on group and individual projects.

Thursday, Jan. 17: Southern Gospel Family "The PERRYS" will be in concert at 6:30 p.m. The doors open at

5:30 p.m. There is no admission charge. No tickets are required; however, we will receive a love offering.

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Tuesday, Jan. 15

## Dementia Caregiver Workshop

Get tips on how to care for persons afflicted with dementia. Learn how to decrease stress in caregivers' lives while increasing the quality of life for the person living with dementia. Receive easy-to-understand printed and verbal information about the cognitive decline patients experience and its impacts as the disease progresses. Receive medical, financial and legal tips and discover local resources available. Each workshop is unique and free on the third Tuesday each month 6 p.m. at Freedom Library, 5870 SW 95th St., Ocala. The workshop and materials are free. To register call Mark Croft (352-861-8788) who facilitates the workshop and is a Florida certified long-term care ombudsman, leads support groups and is a direct caregiver.

Thursday, Jan. 17

## Miles Pike at senior luncheon

Vocalist Miles Pike will be performing at the Young at Heart event Thursday, Jan. 17, at College Road Baptist Church in Ocala. A covered dish luncheon begins at noon followed by the entertainment.

This native Texan's unique voice comfortably spans a freakish five octaves and has inspired listeners around the nation. Five of Miles' radio singles have reached the No. 1 position on radio charts.

Touring full-time nationally since 2006, Miles shares the Gospel through song and word with gripping vocals, candid testimonies, comical anecdotes and a worshipful approach.

College Road Baptist Church is at 5010 SW College Road, 1.75 miles west of I-75.

Friday, Jan. 18

## French Friends

Le Cercle des Amis Français/The Circle of French Friends will meet at 11 a.m., Jan 18, in the meeting room of the Southwest District Office of the Marion County Sheriff's Office at 9048 SW Highway 200. New members are always welcome. Come on over and "parlez français un peu!" For more information, contact Marie McNeil at 352-502-0504 or Dick Riberdy at 352-509-7376.

Sunday, Jan. 20

## Ma Barker Shootout

The Marion County Museum of History and Archaeology presents the next in its series of programs as Joe Voge speaks Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, at 2 p.m. at Green Clover Hall, 319 SE 26th Terrace, McPherson Governmental Complex property, Ocala. Following will be a reception with refreshments and tours at the museum next door at 307 SE 26th Terrace. The Ma Barker/Bradford House Shootout occurred Jan. 16, 1935.

A resident of Ocala since 1956, he has had a fascination with the Ma Barker house since he was a teenager.

For information, call the museum at 352-236-5245. The program is free admission to museum members and \$5 for nonmembers.

All programs scheduled on third Sundays of odd months, at 2 p.m. in Green Clover Hall.

Saturday, Feb. 9

## Italian Dinner in Yankeetown

Yankeetown Inglis Woman's Club Italian Dinner Night at 5 p.m., Feb. 9, in the YI Woman's Clubhouse on 56th Street in Yankeetown. You won't want to miss the opening of the "Neighborhood Bistro" for a fun evening and delicious food. Bring your wine or beer and enjoy a wonderful Italian dinner with garlic bread, salad, coffee or tea, and a decadent Italian dessert. For those not able to make it to the "Bistro," takeout orders are available. Call the clubhouse 352-447-2057 to place your order.

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# Birdwatching outings

## Membership program

Learn about the Ocala National Forest from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 19, in the Marion County Public Library, 2720 E Silver Springs Blvd. at the Marion Audubon Society membership program.

Ocala National Forest is known for its large areas of sand pine scrub forest. Juniper Springs, Alexander Springs and Salt Springs recreation areas have natural pools and canoe runs. Hundreds of lakes and ponds include Lake Kerr and the enormous Lake George. One of many trails, the Yearling Trail, winds past a sinkhole and the remains of 19th-century homesteads.

Snacks and refreshments will be available. The Marion Audubon Society is a 501c3 organization and donations are welcome.

## Silver Springs State Park

Join the Marion Audubon Society Friday, Jan. 18, at 8:30 a.m. on a nature walk in Silver Springs State Park at 5656 E Silver Springs Blvd., Silver Springs, FL., 34488. You might get a

glimpse of manatees.

All skill levels welcome. Meet inside the main gate. There's a \$2 admission fee. There will be a short 1.5-mile walk. If possible, bring binoculars, a field guide, water and insect repellent. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

## Tusawilla Park

The Marion Audubon Society will host a nature walk at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 23, in Tusawilla Park, 829 NE Sanchez Ave.

Join us and learn the basics of North America's fastest growing outdoor hobby "Birdwatching." All skill levels welcome.

Meet at the picnic table across from the Discovery Center. There will be a short 1-mile walk around the ponds. If possible, bring binoculars, a field guide, water and insect repellent. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

*Marion Audubon Society is a 501c3 organization and donations are welcome. For more information, please visit [www.marioncountyaudubon.com](http://www.marioncountyaudubon.com).*

# Whose move is it, anyway?



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Freedom Library Chess club players in deep thought Saturday, Jan. 5, as they consider their next perfect move for the new year of 2019



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# HAPPENINGS

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Monday, Feb. 21

## Ocala Woman's Club

GFWC Greater Ocala Woman's Club is hosting its second men's fashion show with the theme, "Heart of a Hero" will be 6-8 p.m., Feb. 21 at Ocala Marion County Association of Realtors, 3105 NE 14th St. The featured models will be local heroes. Cost of attendance is \$25, which includes a front row seat, libations and hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds benefit local charities. GFWC is dedicated to living the volunteer spirit ... and having a bit of fun. For ticket information call Charlene Earl at 352-624-2175 or Pam Ruder 513-315-1663.

## Ocala Jazz Society

The Ocala Jazz Society invites you to join them Sunday, Jan. 20, from 2 to 5 p.m. for their monthly performance of Swing, Big Band, Dixieland, 50s and all favorites. We look forward to seeing you at the smoke-free VFW Post 4781, 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.

Monday, Jan. 21

## 'Silent Sky' auditions

Auditions for the drama "Silent Sky" will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, and Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Ocala Civic Theatre.

In the early 1900s, Henrietta Leavitt leaves her traditional life as a clergyman's daughter and goes to work for the Girls' Department of the Harvard Observatory. She and two other brilliant women, Annie Cannon and Williamina Fleming, aren't allowed to touch a telescope, only assigned to map the heavens for their male colleagues. One of them, Peter Shaw, seems fated for a star-crossed romance with Henrietta. Meanwhile, back home in Wisconsin, her sister Margaret is balancing life as a wife and mother with a blossoming career as a composer of symphonies. Lit with a luminous beauty, this inspiring drama is based on the true stories of extraordinary women who reached for the stars.

Copies of the script are available at the Theatre and may be checked out from the box office for one week with a \$10 refundable deposit. Box office hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please call 352-236-2274 before coming to make sure a script is in stock.

If you check out a script the week before auditions, you must return it by 5:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18.

## American Legion

American Legion Post No. 354 will meet Monday, Jan. 21, 12:45- 2 p.m. in the Community Room of the Marion County Sheriff's Southwest District Office, 9048 SW State Road 200.

Please look for the American Legion signage next to the driveway.

Members are encouraged to arrive by 12:45 p.m. for coffee, beverages, doughnuts and cake followed by the monthly meeting that starts promptly at 1 p.m.

We will discuss the 2019 Agenda and additional event planning for the year.

All branches of military newspapers will be available. A 50/50 drawing will follow the meeting with free drawings for Local Merchant Gifts.

For more information, please contact Allen Jones by voice or text to his cell-phone at 352-817-0224, or email to DrJones9000@gmail.com.

Thursday, Jan. 24

## Rainbow Springs Garden Club

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet Thursday, January 24, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge 136, 20751 Powell Road, in Dunnellon. (Park behind the building, not the emergency front driveway.)

Our speaker will be Sandra Marraffino, photographer/birder who will present her program "Why Birds are Beneficial For Our Gardens and How to Attract Them". A member of the Audubon Society and our garden club, Sandra has done many bird watching programs, walks, bird counts, and other tasks for the Audubon Society and for garden clubs and special events. Her slide show programs are always fantastic.

Grow and Share tables will have plants ranging in price from 50 cents to \$3, depending on size (if chairwoman Martha Thomson is well enough to attend this meeting).

Bring your extra volunteer plants to share as well.

Pick up the MMM (Members' Monthly Memo) for important information and announcements.

See the bulletin board for last month's meeting pictures and minutes.

Rainbow Springs Garden Club is open to everyone in the surrounding areas. Annual membership (September - May) is \$15.

Visitor fee is \$5 per meeting applicable toward annual membership. Sign in to be included in the door prize drawings. Questions? Call 352-465-0310.

Friday, Jan. 25

## Parkinson's Support Network

The Mind and Motion Parkinson's Support Network meets the last Friday of every month at 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Master the Possibilities Education Center, 8415 SW 80th St.

Each meeting involves an educational or research related element, a unique Parkinson's-related exercise element and break out patient and caregiver support sessions. The speakers for the Jan. 25 meeting are Carol Jackson and Alyssa Ashley of Renstar Medical Research, Ocala - "Parkinson's disease Research Programs and the Value of Clinical Research Volunteers."

For more information, please call Joyce Wood @352 390 2359 or visit our website at mindandmotion.org

## Gospel Music Concert

The Hoppers Family sings at CRBC The Gospel Music Concert Series at College Road Baptist Church continues Friday, Jan. 25, with the multiple award-winning family group, The Hoppers.

This family has been singing to global audiences for over 60 years with appearances ranging from presidential religious inaugural ceremonies and New York's Carnegie Hall to singing conventions and church platforms. They have performed throughout the United States as well as in Israel, Europe and Africa. Their unique blend of harmonies and song choices have created a legacy of musical excellence embraced by leading pastors and event organizers.

Known as America's Favorite Family of Gospel Music, they are favorites on the Gaither Homecoming videos and tours, and their recordings frequently land at the top of the Billboard sales charts and The Singing News radio charts.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. A \$10 donation will be accepted at the door. College Road Baptist Church is located at 5010 SW College Road, 1.7 miles west of I-75.

Saturday, Feb. 2

## Chili Dinner and Bake Sale

The 12th Annual Chili Dinner & Bake Sale, organized by Sister Concepta, who oversees Brother Keeper's Soup Kitchen, will take place from 3-7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2, in the Parish Hall of Blessed Trinity Catholic Church 5 SE 17th St. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

## Tag Sale

Queen of Peace Council of Catholic women will hold a "Tag Sale" Saturday, Feb. 2, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the QOP Church

Hall, State Road 200. Hundreds of items will be on sale. There will be something for everyone. All proceeds go to local charities.

Saturday, Feb. 9

## Family Tree Maker

The Marion County Genealogical Society will meet Saturday, Feb. 9, at 3 p.m. in the Marion County Public Library, Room C, 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., in Ocala. We are pleased to present "Family Tree Maker on Tour," an interactive presentation with Mark Olsen. Mark will answer questions about Family Tree Maker, North America's most popular family tree software, and products will be available for purchase at special show pricing. For further information, go to www.mcgsocala.org, or contact Joel Swanson at 352-897-0840 or president@mcgsocala.org.

Saturday, Feb 16

## Kingdom of the Sun Concert Band

The Kingdom of the Sun Concert Band under direction of Les Muncaster will entertain at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 16, and 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Marion Technical Institute, 1614 SE Ft. King St. For information, please call 352-624-9291 or go to http://kingdomofthesunband.org on the Internet. Admission is free. Donations are accepted.

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Sunday, Feb. 24

## German American Club

The German American Club of Marion County will hold a Fasching (Mardi Gras) dinner/dance Sunday, Feb. 24, at noon at Marion Oaks Community Center. A pulled pork dinner will be served at 1 p.m. Music will be provided by Alpine Express. Costume or dressy casual attire is requested. Bring your own

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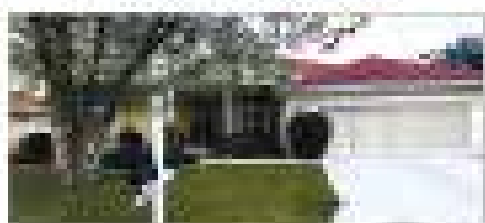
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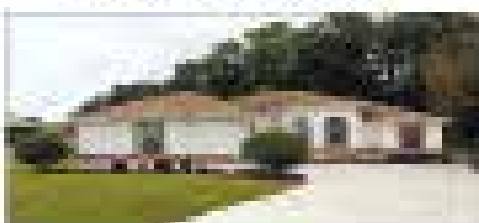
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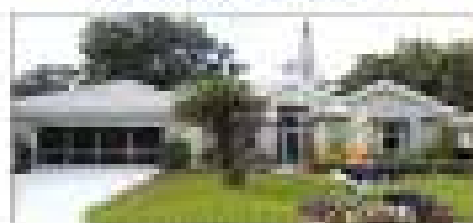
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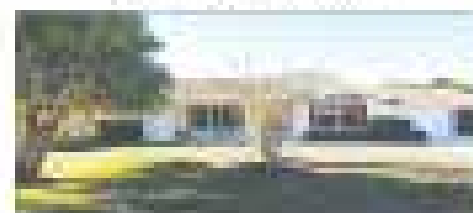
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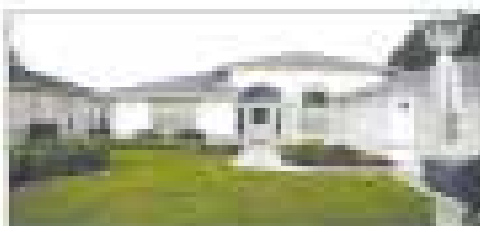


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# Looking ahead in 2019

Now that the holidays are behind us, we will be digging into our usual schedule.



**Spruce Creek North**  
Patricia Bonay

First, on Jan. 8 from 9-10 a.m., bring your dollar and come on out to enjoy a doughnut and a cup of coffee at the monthly "Meet and Greet," which is not only for the new residents but for all residents to get to know their neighbors. Later in the evening, bingo will start again. Purchas bingo cards from 5-6:15 p.m. "Early Bird" begins promptly at 6:30 p.m.

### Election

It is election time at the January board meeting, so please check your newsletter for candidate information, and where and when to cast votes.

### Elvis is coming!

Coming March 13, Elvis will be at SCN. Again, stay tuned for ticket information and time. This event will be open to the public. Seats are limited, so please keep your eyes and ears open for more details as the time comes closer.

### Quilters and Crafters

The Quilters and Crafters are proud to announce the completions of a few projects on which they have been working.

They invite anyone interested in quilting or crafting to join them on Mondays beginning at 9 a.m. at the clubhouse. One week is devoted to quilting the next week to crafting; i.e., Jan. 14 will be quilters Jan. 21 will be crafting.

### Breakfast with Jean

Jan. 26 Breakfast with Jean beginning at 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

The menu will be scrambled eggs, hash browns, ham, pecan pancakes and a fruit cup. Coffee and orange

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**Oak Run**  
Laura Smith

# Water Exercise, Sweetheart Dance, Hoedown and 'Putting on the Ritz'

Dear reader, are you remembering to date checks and papers 2019 and not 2018? I was better this year than usual. I got thinking (never mind any cracks) and it has been a while since I wrote of some interesting history facts of our area, and with all the new residents this might be a good time.

How many doctors, clinics, and specialty doctors do you think are around our area? I don't have an answer, but I do know who the very first doctor Ocala had in the year 1846 was Dr. Willis J. Spann from South Carolina.

He established an apothecary shop near our downtown square. Don't know what an apothecary shop is? That is for another time. George Grouard of Washington, D.C., established the first newspaper in

1847 near the square. How about that? These facts are from a book "Ocali Country" by Ott and Chazal.

Baby Boomers has an article regarding their upcoming event. Our Boomers have a large membership, so they must limit ticket sales and your encouraged to be sure of the date of ticket sales because it's only first come, first serve! It might be time for me to do a stop in at their party.

PACOR is in rehearsals for their March play and ticket sales start Jan. 12, which will be a busy time at Orchid Club.

Jan. 23 is the Club Fair at Palm Grove. This is a good time to meet the folks who belong to various clubs. I encourage all new residents to stop in and find out more about the many activities in Oak Run. I would love to meet some of

you, so please stop by and say hello. It would be a good time to meet my photographer, John. I bet he will have his camera with him.

John and I visited the Upper Midwest Club's Polar Bear Plunge, and I was wondering if it should be called the Florida Bear Plunge.

On the way home, I stopped by Ed's, my other photographer, to cheer him up a bit. All you who are praying for him, please keep it up. This issue includes Bingo's Food Menu and does it sound yummy. Royal Oaks is catering, and they do have carry out.

Don't forget Saturday, Jan. 12, is "Showcase of Stars," at 7 p.m. at Palm Grove.

Be sure to read the following article regarding one of Oak Run's awesome volunteers, Ingrid Crane.

It is time to sign up for Water Exercise, times are listed in this article.

I hope you remember our 2019 resolution - greet each with a smile.

Now, for my word "friend." Thomas Aquinas wrote: "There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship."

I look forward to seeing you at the elections on Jan. 12. Peace, faith and joy. Laura

Oak Run Election News Jan. 12, is Election Day in Oak Run. Voting hours are from 8 a.m. through noon at the Orchid Club. General Election voting will be in the Card Room. Name Your Neighborhood balloting will be in the Auditorium. Enjoy a fresh doughnut and vote, vote, vote.

A golf cart shuttle service will be available to transport

people to and from the door and their cars. Absentee Ballots are available from the Election Committee. Contact Bob Rourke at 419-345-3452.

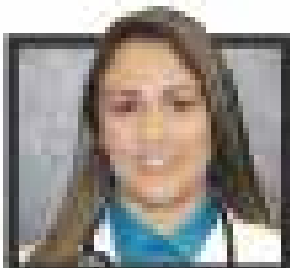
## Walking the Ocala Half Marathon

Ingrid Crane is celebrating the beginning of her 20th year teaching Oak Run yoga classes. Ingrid and her training partner, Sarah Biron, will walk the Ocala Half Marathon Jan. 20. They should cross the finish line at about 10 a.m. The staging area is in the back of the Paddock Mall around the Sears parking lot. It would be great if they were cheered on by fellow Oak Runners, as they cross the finish line. We wish them well and "go girls."

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About 30 hardy Oak Runners braved the 82-degree weather and took the annual Polar Plunge into the bitterly cold 72-degree water.

# UPPER

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## Upper Midwest Club

The Oak Run Upper Midwest Club is off and swimming and running. Our Polar Bear

Plunge was a rousing success as 30 hardy Oak Run residents braved the 82-degree temperature to plunge into the bitter cold 72-degree water.

After thawing out, we had a wonderful potluck dinner followed by bingo and other games. It was a great way to start the New Year.

Our most significant event of the year is coming up Feb. 13 when we have our annual "Get Crooked Party." This party always draws a big crowd, thanks to the great cooks here. This year, we have something very special for entertainment. Award winning Elvis Tribute artist, Cote

Deonath, from Dunnelon no less, is making his first appearance in Oak Run. He has won many Elvis tribute artist contests, including the 2018 World Championship in Memphis. Doors open at 5 p.m. and this year we are asking everyone to be aware that no crockpots can be plugged in at

the Palm Grove facility. Tickets for this event go on sale Feb. 4 and prices are \$7 for members and \$11 for guests.

Reminder: 2019 dues of \$7 are due. We have a limit of about 400 members.

The elected officers for 2019 are president, Tom Osborn; vice president,

Barbara Maurette; directors, Cindy Voyles and Hal Ranney, food director, Lou Maurette; and table decorations, Ines Voss.

Please note: The trip to New Orleans next April is canceled due to lack of participation.

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- 1/27 SUN THE DIAMONDS
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- 1/30 WED THE GRAND OLE OPRY'S - DICK HARDWICK

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- 2/2 SAT RISING YOUNG STARS OF AMERICA
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- 2/8 FRI THE ISAACS
- 2/9 SAT MICKEY GILLEY & JOHNNY LEE
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- 3/8 FRI MAC McANALLY
- 3/9 SAT BILL ANDERSON
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- 3/13 WED DIRECT FROM PIGEON FORGE - HARLEY WORTHIT
- 3/15 FRI T.G.SHEPPARD
- 3/16 SAT LARRY GATLIN & THE GATLIN BROTHERS
- 3/17 SUN DIAMOND RIO
- 3/20 WED JAMES GREGORY - HEARTLAND COMMON SENSE
- 3/22 FRI THE EVERLY BROTHERS EXPERIENCE
- 3/23 SAT LEE GREENWOOD
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- 3/27 WED SHOWTIME, A&E, ABC - NORM STULZ & AL APRIL
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## American Legion to celebrate 100th anniversary

Greetings legionnaires and veterans, Christmas has come and gone, and 2018 is in the books.

I remember when I couldn't wait to be 21, now I'm concerned about 75 running over me.

A 'Special Thank You' to all those who participated in placing Christmas wreaths at veterans' gravesites, Saturday, Dec. 15. This annual event is important to all those who have lost a loved one that served in the military. Mark your calendars to join us for December 2019.

Thank you to all legionnaires and their wives who attended our annual Christmas party. The food, fellowship and a visit from Santa were enjoyed by all.

With the New Year, the American Legion has some community activities planned.

We will also be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion and its service to veterans and communities around the nation.

We look forward to visiting with our Legion brothers and sisters, and inter-



**Commander's Corner**  
 Allen Jones

ested veterans from all branches of military service.

If you are considering joining the American Legion or transferring your membership from another post, please visit with us on the third Monday of each month. This month's gathering is Jan. 21, in the community room of the Marion County Sheriff's Southwest District Office at 9048 SW S.R. 200. Fellowship begins at 12:45 p.m., followed promptly by our regular monthly meeting at 1 p.m.

For questions, please contact post commander Allen Jones by voice or text to 352-817-0224.

We wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

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Stone Creek North Quilters and Crafters invite anyone interested to join them on Mondays at 9 a.m. in the clubhouse.

# HOPS places granite markers in historic districts

The Ocala historic districts began featuring permanent granite markers displaying signs located alongside its sidewalks offering a glimpse into Ocala's past.

"The project is coming to fruition after four years of research and planning," according to Pamela Stafford, current president of the Historic Ocala Preservation Society.

The signs will include the year the home was built and the architectural style as well as other historical information. A smartphone app, On-Cell, allows downloading of images, historical text and a Google map locator.

"This endeavor will assist in preserving Ocala's extensive history using 21st century technology," Stafford said.

The cost of the granite markers and signage to residents in the Ocala Historic District, Tusawilla District, West Ocala, and to business owners in the Downtown Business District is modest.

"We are thrilled that this project

will encourage walking tours and lead to a greater awareness of local history," said R.J. Jenkins, a HOPS board member and a historic district homeowner who purchased a sign and is having it installed this week.

"This is an awesome project that makes Ocala's history come alive" adds Pamela Stafford.

To order a sign or obtain more information, please contact HOPS by calling 352-351-1861, or email [Hops\\_admin@historicocala.org](mailto:Hops_admin@historicocala.org).



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# OTOW New Englanders visited by Santa

By **DONNAMARIE CASTELLANO**

President, *OTOW New England Club*

Our January New England Club Social will be held at The Lodge at Candler Hills at 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 17. Please join us for an afternoon of friendship, fun and refreshments. More

details will follow in my email communication on Jan. 13.

Last month, we all had a wonderful time at our first Christmas dinner catered by Fresh Plate Catering of On Top of the World. Our tables looked elegant and the food was delicious. Thank you to Omer and his team and to all our members who contributed to the cost of the dinner.

Santa and his helper, Elfus, visited and everyone received gifts. We had a 50/50 winner and a proud winner of our raffle as well as all the winners of our door prizes. Our entertainment last month was the On Top of the World Holiday Choir, which never disappoints with the variety of songs and entertainment numbers. The club provides coffee, tea and

water. There will be a 50/50 drawing as well as door prizes. Members who signed up will be bringing refreshments.

Please contact me at donnamarie22452@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining our club. Residents in Indigo must be a gateway pass holder.



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In the left photo, Santa and his helper, Elfus, visited the OTOW New England Club and everyone received gifts. In the right photo, club members wait for Santa to visit their tables.



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down Sabal Trail's request to build the pipeline through this Preserve. The 55-page report documenting the Halpata Preserve available at: <http://www.rainbowriverconservation.com/Education/Halpata-Review-May2014.pdf>

Lake Rousseau also lies in southwest Marion County and is approximately 35 miles west of Ocala and within 10 miles of the Gulf coast. The lake is approximately 12 miles long, 1 mile wide and covers about 3,700 acres. The lake is frequented by fishermen and women, boaters, kayakers and thousands of nesting wading birds. FFWC rewrote its alligator egg collection rules to protect major nesting islands, some containing over 5,000 wading birds. Previously, egg collectors invaded these nesting areas with airboats and helicopters to locate egg nests, scaring adult birds off their nests, leaving the young to die of heat or predation. Of the 14 species of wading birds on the lake, several are listed by FFWC as State Threatened or Species of Special Concern. This study of The Importance of Wading Birds on Lake Rousseau is available on this link: <http://www.rainbowriv->

erconservation.com/Education/Lake%20Rousseau%20Report%203-23-11.pdf

Rainbow Springs State Park: the Rainbow River and KP Hole County Park also provide outdoor opportunities for residents and visitors approximately 530,314 in 2014 and increasing since then. Many water activities on the Rainbow River along with walking, hiking, bike riding, and wildlife viewing in the natural environments of the parks draw these thousands to the city of Dunnellon annually.

Dunnellon is on track to becoming a hub for bicyclists riding to and from Ocala, Citrus County, Levy County and beyond. Paved roads are already in place through portions of the Greenway Trails and a bridge over SR 41 to allow riders safe passage to and from Citrus County is currently in the planning stages.

According to a survey from FFWC, "wildlife viewing is the second most popular outdoor recreation activity in Florida, surpassing such activities as bicycling, fishing, golf and tennis." About 15 million Floridians participated in outdoor recreation activities in 2016, or 75 percent of Florida's population, joined by an estimated 102 million out-of-state visitors. The two groups generated about \$70 bil-

lion in direct spending. Visit Florida, the State's main tourism body reports that 112 million tourists from out-of-state visited Florida last year, generating \$115 billion in direct spending (excluding spending by Floridians). Florida reigns first in all 50 states for wildlife viewing by out-of-state visitors. The economic benefits of preserving habitats such as Halpata Tastanaki, Lake Rousseau, the Rainbow River and our other parks in the south and west Marion County cannot be understated.

As a resident of Dunnellon and participant in all the local preserves, parks, bike trails and waters, I sincerely trust that you will restore the Comprehensive Plan restriction on toll or limited access high-speed roads within our south and west Marion County areas. These protected areas will then continue to provide a myriad of outdoor experiences for residents and visitors alike and will aid in the protection of the many endangered, threatened and other living creatures in our preserves, waterways and parks.

John Schaefer is president of the Marion County Audubon Society. For more information, visit [www.MarionCountyAudubon.com](http://www.MarionCountyAudubon.com).

# Blanco to read poetry collection at CF

The Debra Vazquez Memorial Poetry Series presents poet Richard Blanco

Blanco will read from his collection at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the Humanities and Social Sciences Building 8 and at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, in the Dassance Fine Arts Auditorium, at the CF Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road. Tickets are not required and entry is free at both readings.

Blanco is the fifth presidential inaugural poet in U.S. history – the youngest, first Latino, immigrant, and gay person to serve in this role. Born in Madrid to Cuban exile parents and raised in Miami, the negotiation of cultural identity characterizes his body of work.

He is the author of the memoirs "The Prince of los Cocuyos: A Miami Childhood," and "For All of Us One Today: An Inaugural Poet's Journey;" the poetry chapbooks "Matters of the Sea" and "Boston Strong;" the poetry collections "Looking for the Gulf Motel," "directors to the Beach of the Dead," and "City of a Hundred Fires."

A new book of poems, "How to Love a Country," is forthcoming from Beacon Press in April 2019. Blanco has been featured on CBS Sunday Morning and National Public Radio's Fresh Air. He has been a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow and received honorary doctorates from Macalister College, Colby College and the University of Rhode Island. He has



PHOTO BY ALISSA MORRIS  
**Poet Richard Blanco will read from his collection at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27 at the College of Central Florida.**

continued to write occasional poems for organizations and events such as the reopening of the U.S. embassy in Havana.

The Debra Vazquez Memorial Poetry Series honors CF English and creative writing professor Debra Vazquez, who died as a result of domestic violence in 2004. For more information, contact Sandra Cooper at 352-854-2322, ext. 1361, or [coopera@cf.edu](mailto:coopera@cf.edu). To learn about the College of Central Florida visit [www.CF.edu](http://www.CF.edu).

## Student Aid

High school and college students interested in getting assistance with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid can attend a workshop Tuesday, Feb. 5, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Feb. 6, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the College of Central Florida Learning Re

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# GERMAN

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beverage. Tickets are \$20 per member or \$25 per non-member and may be purchased by calling Mary Wisecup at 352-789-6499.

Tuesday, March 12

## Pastor David Hauck

Pastor David Hauck will speak March 12 to the GFWC Greater Ocala Woman's Club at 6 p.m. March 12 at Ocala Golf Club, 3130 East Silver Springs Blvd.

Pastor Hauck works and lives in the heart of Ocala National Forest among 45,000 needy and often homeless residents. His goal is to break the chain of poverty for 6,500 children in our very own backyard. With the assistance of volunteers, approximately 400 children enjoy summer camp Sozo where they swim, canoe, play games and eat three daily meals. Another child focused support is Turning Point Mentor Centers, which provides

tutoring.

Dinner reservations are \$20. Learn about the incredible life of pastor David Hauck and volunteer opportunities. Reservations are accepted up to March 7. Call Charlene Earl at 352-624-2175 or Pam Ruder at 513-315-1663 for further information. GFWC is dedicated to living the volunteer spirit.

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 treatment concerns such as side effects 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](http://www.ourchabad.org/happyhour).

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# TRAVEL

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Many thanks to Karen who put in a lot of time and effort into this an outstanding trip.

## Travel

Our first trip to Tampa Bay Downs is Jan. 23 and two tickets have become available due to a cancellation. This trip is fun with a great buffet lunch followed by seats in our reserved section to watch the races. Betting windows are right next to your seating area. Call Connie Smith to get the tickets so you can get on the bus and enjoy a day at the races. The total trip cost is \$53 per person for transportation, driver tip and lunch. You are on your own at the betting windows!

## Foodie's Delight

On April 11 we have a trip that has been very popular in previous years. There is a stop at the Yalaha Bakery to sample and buy some fantastic pastries, breads and rolls. Then it is off to the Lake Ridge Winery

for a wine tasting and tour. Next, we go to the beautiful Spanish-themed Mission Inn for a delicious lunch buffet with time to walk around the grounds before we leave for our last stop of the day. This final stop is at the Russell Stover Chocolate Factory where you can taste, and purchase great candy treats at good prices. They also have an ice cream counter for tremendous hand-dipped flavors, sundaes and other sundries that are sure to please you. These four stops provide for a very tasty and palate-pleasing day. Call Kathy and Jim Fountain to sign up for this most pleasant day trip which costs only \$49 per person including the lunch with gratuities, transportation and driver tip.

## Baby Boomers

Baby Boomers "The Party People" presents "Puttin' On the Ritz," Friday, Feb. 22, starting at 6 p.m., at the Palm Grove Club, doors open at 5:30 p.m. BYO drinks and eats, dress casual or glam; come dance to the music provided by DJ

Crew. Ticket sales will be Saturday, Feb. 2, at 9 a.m. and Feb. 8 at 8 a.m., in the Orchid Club Lobby. Prices are \$5 for members and \$7 for guests. Due to our large membership and venue restrictions, the dance is capped at 320 members on a first come, first serve basis. Please check our blog at <http://oakrunbabyboomers.blogspot.com/> for information, updates and upcoming events.

## Ambassadors

There will be a lot going on during tomorrow's Donut Drop In. In addition to the board elections and neighborhood naming voting, the Ambassador's table will be particularly busy with the

following events: This will be the last chance to purchase tickets for the Jan. 19 "Black and White Ball." The dance will be held at the Palm Grove from 7-11 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. Entertainment will be the 17-piece band "The Southern Express Big Band." Be sure to stop by the table to find out if sales space is still available for the Feb. 2 White Elephant

sale. Tables or floor space is available to Oak Run residents only. The cost is \$10 per space with a limit of two.

Saturday will also be the first opportunity to purchase tickets for the Happy Hearts Dance Feb. 9. Entertainment will be provided by Kecher's Jr playing a variety of dance and listening

tunes. The dance is from 7-11 p.m. at the Palm Grove. Tickets are \$6 per person. If you would like to know more about becoming an Ambassador, stop by our sales tables or

visit us at the Oak Run Club Fair Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Palm Grove from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Many Oak Run clubs and organizations will have information tables at this event.

## PACOR

Performing Arts Company of Oak Run Ticket sales for "The Dixie Swim Club" by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten start this week, Saturday, Jan. 12, during the Donut Drop In. We will have a table in the Orchid Club auditorium. Tickets for

the dinner theater (\$27), and the regular shows (\$10 reserved / \$8 general admission) will be sold from 8-10.

The other ticket sale dates in January are the 21st at the Palm Grove from 10:30-11:30, and the 26th in the Orchid Club lobby during the Pancake Breakfast from 8-10.

The performance dates are March 21 dinner theater and March 22 & 23-7 p.m. shows, March 24-3 p.m. matinee.

If you can't make a ticket sale, contact Patty Waddell for dinner tickets and Billie Stevens for the other performances.

This is a wonderful comedy about five women who have been friends since college. They meet every year for a long weekend in the Outer Banks.

The play covers four of those weekends and starts when the ladies are 44 years old and ends when they are 77 years old. If you are interested in learning more about PACOR, or interested in becoming involved with this show, our next general meeting is Monday, Jan. 14, in the Palm Grove at 7 p.m.

## Royal Oaks Lady Niners


The Thursday, Dec. 27, game was Putt Putt. In Flight A, Sue Olmos came in first; Elsa Berbig was second; and Lisa Juhasz and Bette Johnson tied for third.

In Flight B, Maureen Edwards and Mary Kay Frandsen tied for first place; Lisa Juhasz won the closest to the pin contest, and Maureen Edwards made a chip-in.

Jan. 3, the game was First & Last. Since we are now playing the back nine, this means holes 10, 11, 12, 17 and 18 are the ones that count. In Flight A, Bette Johnson won; Lisa Juhasz, Roseann Lavacca and Sue Olmos tied for second. In Flight B, Janet Tully won; Shirley Krug, second; and Maureen Edwards and Ginger Drake tied for third; Roseann Lavacca won the closest to the pin contest on the 11th hole, and Bette Johnson made a chip-in on the 11th hole.

All Oak Run ladies are welcome to play with us on Mondays. There is a signup sheet in the

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## Library

The monthly book sale will be held Saturday, Jan. 12, from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Orchid Club. Hardback books and DVDs are two for \$1, and paperbacks are 10 cents each. Stop by the Donut Drop-In to enjoy coffee and a donut.

The following large print books are now available in the library: "Beauchamp Hall" by Danielle Steel, "Of Blood and Bone" by Nora Roberts, "Robert B Parker's Blood Feud" by Mike Lupica, "Pandemic" by Robin Cook, and "Sea of Greed" co-authored by Clive Cussler Graham Brown.

## Italian-American Club

We are planning a "Sweetheart" Dance for Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Palm Grove from 5:30-9:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m. The entertainer is Mark Raisch; caterer will be Little Joey's featuring baked ziti, chicken Parmesan, salad, bread and butter, coffee and dessert. Door prizes and 50/50 available. Cost: \$16/members and \$19/guests. Tickets go on sale Monday,

Jan. 28, in the Orchid Club cardroom from 10 a.m. to noon. Dues remain at \$6 per person and will be collected at that time -- separate checks, please. New members always welcome! Your 2019 board looks forward to hosting this party and seeing you there! For more information, please call Ann, 873-4755 or Hugo, 237-1731.

## Winter Water Exercise 2019

Sign-ups are Thursday, Jan. 17, in the Orchid Club card room from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. You may register for a friend who is unable to attend that day; however, a contact phone number is required. During the winter session, each participant will attend only one class per week.

The time of classes offered at the Aquatic Club are: starting Jan. 22, Tuesday and Thursday at 4:30 p.m.; starting Jan. 23, Wednesday and Friday at 9, 10 or 11 a.m.

Classes will be filled by random drawing. Good luck and we hope to see you Jan. 17.

For questions, please call Sharon at 854-5590 or Jean at 861-8589.

## Upstate New York Club

It's Membership Time with the Upstate New York Club. We will host a variety of new

events for the coming year, including a Beach Party, a fabulous and dynamic "Salute to Veterans," our Summer Ice Cream Social, a great Fall Dinner Dance, and our unique December Holiday Event.

The Club will host its January Membership Party Monday, Jan. 28, in the Palm Grove Club. The social gathering begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a catered buffet dinner at 6:15 p.m., featuring pasta and meatballs from Sammy's. It's BYOB and promises to be a fun evening featuring Upstate Trivia with Dick Kingsbury, renowned Trivia King. Team up with friends and adjust your thinking cap for an evening of hard work but good laughs. The trivia will cover all areas of the Northeast and beyond.

Annual dues of \$6 are payable at the time of ticket sales. Dinner tickets are \$10 for members and \$12 for guests. Sales are Saturday, Jan. 5, from 10 to noon, and Saturday, Jan. 12, from 8 to 10 a.m. in the Orchid Club Lobby. Make checks (preferred) payable to Upstate New York Club.

New members are always welcome and do not have to be from New York. We are a fun group: one dance a year, the rest are more Cabaret style. Plan on attending and meeting new friends: perhaps someone from near your hometown. For tickets, please contact Mary

Garrepy, 352-322-7377.

## Superbowl LIII

We are pleased to announce that there will be a Super Bowl party Sunday, Feb. 3, at the Orchid Club. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Kickoff about 6:30. Dinner to be served from 5:50 to 6:20 p.m. The menu includes subs, macaroni salad, pizza and cake for dessert. Bring your own beverage and light snacks. Multiple game pools will be available for your amusement. Watch the big game on the big screen with friends and neighbors. The cost is \$10 per person. We are requesting cash only, no checks please! Ticket sales are Saturday, Jan. 19, and Saturday, Jan. 26, in the Orchid Club lobby from 8-10 a.m. for reserved seating.

This event is hosted by Oak Run's very own "Big-Deal Sports." This fun event is open to all Oak Run residents and their legal overnight guests.

FMI: Call Kevin at 315-727-5835; JaeAnn, 352-615-8794; or Ann, 352-873-4755.

**Note:** the next two Super Bowls will be in Florida: 2020, Miami Gardens, Hard Rock Stadium, Super Bowl 54; and 2021 in Tampa Bay, Raymond James Stadium, Super Bowl 55.

## New York Club

The New York Club will

have a Hoedown Throw-down Wednesday, Jan. 23, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Orchid Club. We will have a delicious dinner catered by Chick-fil-A and dancing with Hal Dodd. There will be a wide variety of music, not just country. The price is \$9 for members and \$12 for nonmembers. BYOB, coffee will be provided. There will also be great door prizes. The Hoedown will be a fantastic evening of food, fun, and music, so join us and start the New Year off right! For more information, please contact Carrie Ball at (352) 843-1774.

January Bingo Food Service menu

Just a reminder that all bingo meals are available for carryout.

Jan. 15: Beef stew with either or salad greens with chicken salad.

Jan. 22: Shepard's pie or salad greens with tuna salad.

Jan. 29: Meatball stroganoff and or salad greens with chicken breast.

Hot dogs with bun and chips, burgers with bun and chips, drinks and cookies are also available.

## Genealogy Club

Here are reminders about two events for the Genealogy Club. Saturday, Jan. 19, will be our Annual Club Luncheon at

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# STAMPS

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remain at \$1 (1 oz.), with additional ounces costing \$0.15.

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rates increasing to \$0.50 from \$0.47 currently. Each additional ounce will cost an extra \$0.15, a decrease from the current \$0.21. The five cent discount for online postage on a one-ounce First Class Mail letter represents a savings of 9 percent for consumers and small-business owners.

# FORUM

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who will lead a discussion on recognizing and healing racism when the January 11, 2019 Friday Forum meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Golden Corral, 2111 SW State Road 200, Ocala. Moderator will be the

Rev. Bruce Seaman.

Open to the public, this Friday Forum is a prelude to "Candid Conversations" about living in color, which The Bridges Project is co-sponsoring with the College of Central Florida Monday, Feb. 4, at the Ewers Center from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Skits and narratives illustrating conscious and

unconscious racism will be used to generate discussion among the attendees. Co-chairs of the Feb. 4 event are the Rev. Peggy Hostetler and Prof. Cynthia Moody. Project coordinator is Tracy Ryzan Ross.

For more information email FridayForumofMarionCounty@gmail.com or call Delphine Herbert 352-873-9970.

# LANDING

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## Tampa Bay Downs

A trip to Tampa Bay Downs race track is scheduled for Friday,

Feb. 8.

The bus leaves Marion Landing at 8:45 a.m. and returns at approximately 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$65 p/p and includes roundtrip motor coach, admission to the race track, racing program, reserved seating, lunch

at the Clubhouse Turn dining room, taxes and gratuities. This is always a fun trip with a wonderful buffet lunch, and you might even pick a winner or two. Payment is due by Jan. 28, cash or check payable to American Travel, and tickets are

non-refundable.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Mary Jo Eggers or the Activities Office.

### By the way...

Don't forget the Saturday Night Social is being held tomorrow

night in the Lifestyle Center. This free monthly dance social is sponsored by the Dance club, and no tickets or sign up is required—just come by around 6:30, and bring your own beverage and snacks. "Make some new friends

and have a good time," says Ron Goss, Dance Club chair. "We'd love to see you there."

*Diane Bress is Marion Landing's Activities Director and an employee of Leland Management, Inc.*

# COLLEGE

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sources Center, Room 101K, 3001 S.W. College Road., Ocala.

Students are strongly encouraged to attend with their parent or guardian. Required documents include the student's photo identification, parents' and student's 2017 income

tax returns and all W-2s, Social Security numbers and dates of birth of parents and student, and records of all 2017 untaxed income.

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# POPPINS Focus

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learning to view the passing of loved ones with eyes to know they are always there and keeping your head and eyes up as you travel your daily life.

As to whether "Mary Poppins Returns" will stand the test of time, Bob, as well as each of us, will have to wait 54 years to know.

One final thought, this movie could not have come at a more crucial time in our lives. Children and adults have been encumbered with three years of negativity that has not only paralyzed our government but jaded our outlook on all that is right in our lives. Thank you, Rob Marshall, for giving us all a much needed "reset" for the New Year.

Karen Dailey  
Oak Run

to maintain realistic expectations about how your investments are likely to perform over time. After five years in which the S&P 500's returns have averaged almost 14percent per year, we may well be in for a period of more typical returns, possibly in the 5percent to 6percent range. As always, though, there are no guarantees when it comes to anticipating the performance of the financial markets.

Review your mix of investments. From time to time, and sometimes in response to changing market conditions, you may need to change the mix of investments in your portfolio. So, for example, if higher market volatility makes you uncomfortable, you may want to consider adding bonds or other fixed-income vehicles, as these types of investments tend

to stabilize stock-heavy portfolios during turbulent times.

Don't get scared away from investing. You may not like seeing multi-hundred-point plunges in the Dow Jones Industrial Average, but don't get scared off from investing. After all, recent stock market history has taught the value of patience: If you had given up on investing in March 2009, at the market's low point in the Great Recession, you would have missed out on the 300 percent gains achieved before the current round of volatility. Of course, the market's past performance can't guarantee what will happen next.

The financial markets will always fluctuate - sometimes violently. But as an investor, you should strive for calmness, patience and discipline - because these attributes can help you look past today's headlines toward the future you envision.

# CAMELIA

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blistering Floridian summers as well as our cold spells. An unusual characteristic is that camellias in our area begin blooming in the fall and continue throughout the winter when few other plants are in flower. We hope people will be inspired by the beautiful

blooms at the show and will add camellias to their landscape!"

Although several Ocala Camellia Society members have dozens and even hundreds of plants; two members grow over 2,500 plants on their 7-acre property, and some members have only one or two plants. "The number you have doesn't matter," said club director Patrick Andrews. "What matters is that you

enjoy the plant, its blooms, and have fun taking care of it."

The Ocala Camellia Society meets on the first Thursday of each month, September through March at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Ocala Police Department at 402 S. Pine Ave. Their meetings have guest speakers on a variety of gardening-related topics and of particular interest to camellia growers.

# LOWRY

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Wages are ultimately related to productivity growth, which has been growing more slowly than in the golden age of the American economy in the mid-20th century.

Robert Atkinson of the Information Technology & Innovation Foundation argues forcefully that policymakers should make fostering produc-

tivity growth their foremost goal.

For his part, Cass suggests a worker-friendly, longer-term agenda of reforming education to put more emphasis on the interests of students who won't go on to get a four-year college degree; changing our immigration system to keep the lower end of the labor market as tight as possible; and exploring innovative models of unionization to give workers more leverage.

Maybe these particular initiatives aren't to the liking of the White House, but a working-class Republican should have an agenda very specifically tailored to the interests of workers. Alternately bragging and complaining about the stock market isn't a substitute.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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When the circulatory system is not working at optimal capacity, people may experience tingling, numbness and throbbing or stinging pain in the limbs.

## How to improve circulation

The human body is a complex, efficient machine. One highly important component of that machine is the circulatory system, which sends blood, oxygen and nutrients throughout the body.

In perfectly healthy bodies, blood, oxygen and nutrients circulate throughout the body without issue. However, several conditions, including obesity and diabetes, can contribute to poor circulation, which is not a stand-alone condition but rather a byproduct of another serious health issue.

According to the health information site Healthline, when the circulatory system is not working at optimal capacity, people may experience tingling, numbness and throbbing or stinging pain in the limbs. Pain and muscle cramps also may result from poor circulation, the symptoms of which vary depending on the causes. For example, someone whose circulation issues are a result of peripheral artery disease may experience different symptoms than someone whose circulation has been compromised by diabetes.

Because issues affecting the circulatory system are complex, it's important for men and women to learn how to address such issues if they suspect their systems have been compromised.

■ Visit your physician. Poor circulation results from various health issues, so people who think they are dealing with poor circulation should not try to address the issue on their own. Rather, the best way to improve circulation is to visit a physician the moment you note a symptom.

Doctors will confirm if patients are experiencing circulation issues and diagnose what's causing those issues. Doctors also will work with their patients to devise a course of treatment for the issue that's causing their poor circulation.

■ If necessary, lose weight and keep it off. Obesity is one of the conditions that can contribute to poor circulation. So many people who are diagnosed with poor circulation may be advised to lose weight and keep the weight off once it's been lost. A 2009 study published in the International Journal of Cardiology found that losing weight helped obese women improve their circulation. A healthy diet that includes fish like salmon that is high in omega-3 fatty acids, which have been shown to improve circulation, can help people lose weight and maintain healthy weights going forward.

■ Consider yoga. A 2014 review of an assortment of peer-reviewed studies found that yoga can have a positive impact on risk factors for cardiovascular disease. A low-impact exercise, yoga can compress and decompress veins, potentially improving circulation. It takes time to master yoga positions, but even beginners who cannot fully perform poses during a yoga regimen can benefit from doing the exercises to the best of their abilities.

Poor circulation is a byproduct of various conditions. Once a condition has been diagnosed, patients can help themselves by taking various steps to improve their circulation.

## OTOW Lions have a busy December

BY ESTELLE CLARK  
OTOW Lions Club

It has been a busy December for the OTOW Lions; we had the honor of participating in the Wreaths Across American program and what a wonderful experience some of our Lions had.

We also collected over 250 gifts for the Toys for Tots program. Thanks to the generosity of our neighbors here at On Top Of the World.

We also won first place in the OTOW Golf Cart Parade, thanks to Lions Charlie Hassett and Janela Bledsoe for their great decorations. Then, of course, our Christmas Party that was attended by most of our members.

We were sorry for those who were sick and could not participate in the good food and fellowship.

January starts a new year, and we are busy planning our March fundraiser. Our first Dinner Dance features music by Charlie De, Ken Brady and Stan Princeton. This event will be in the Circle Square Cultural Center.

The Southern Pig & Cattle Co. will cater a menu of pulled pork, chicken, barbecue beans, coleSlaw, macaroni and cheese, tea and water. The cost is \$35 per person or reserve a table for 10 at the cost of \$300. Doors will open at 5 p.m., with dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by the dance

at 7 p.m.

There will be a silent Auction of beautiful baskets, a 50/50 and lots of fun. For more information contact Lions Charlie Calhoun at 352-556-6004 or Bob Czopek at 904-540-1726.

The Lions are always looking for new members who want to help those less fortunate in our community. Make sure you visit us Jan. 12 at the OTOW Health Fair.

OTOW Lions meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.

For information of meeting location call Lions Estelle Clark Michelson at 352-861-7358 and remember: Where there is a Need, There is a Lion.

## NFL players with the most Super Bowl appearances

Fans of professional football need not be told how popular the sport is. For 17 weeks a year, many fans set aside some time on Sunday afternoons to watch their favorite teams and players battle it out on the gridiron. But interest tends to reach a fever pitch once those 17 weeks have come and gone and the National Football League's post-season begins, ultimately culminating with the Super Bowl. According to Nielsen.com, seven of the 10 most-watched television broadcasts in United States history have been

Super Bowls.

Fans with especially sharp eyes and memories might have noticed some players have appeared in more Super Bowls than others.

Tom Brady, considered by many to be the greatest quarterback of all-time, has appeared in eight Super Bowls as New England Patriots' signal caller, winning five of them.

The eight appearances are the most ever, and Brady's five Super Bowl wins with a single team are a record as well.

Incredibly, Brady is still going at age 41, so

he might even add to his record number of Super Bowl appearances.

Even diehard football fans might be surprised to learn Mike Lodish, a nose tackle who played for the Buffalo Bills and Denver Broncos, has appeared in the second most Super Bowls of any player in NFL history.

Lodish was a member of the Buffalo Bills teams of the early 1990s that lost four consecutive Super Bowls. But Lodish would eventually play in two more for the Broncos, winning them both.

Many players have appeared in five Super

Bowls.

Cornelius Bennett, Lodish's teammate on the Bills, appeared in five Super Bowls during his career. Unfortunately for Bennett, he lost all five, including one with the Falcons after he departed Buffalo as a free agent.

On the flip side of that coin is Charles Haley, who shares Brady's record for Super Bowl wins as a player. Haley appeared in five Super Bowls during his playing days with the San Francisco 49ers and Dallas Cowboys, winning all five.

## GENEALOGY

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the Orchid Club auditorium from noon until 2:30 p.m. There will be no regular meeting this month. Club members will bring a side dish or dessert. Members are encouraged to bring their dish no later than 11:30 a.m., so we can set up by noon. The club is providing Lee's Chicken as the entree. There will be plenty of fellowship and activities. This event is the kickoff each year to a great variety of programs at our monthly meetings.

Also, please stop by our table at the ORHA Club Fair Jan. 23 at the Palm Grove. This event begins at 9 a.m. and lasts until 2 p.m. We look forward to meeting you. Maybe we can help you with questions you may have about your research or locating information on a difficult to find ancestor.

### Tune In

Tune in to Len Teitler's Do You Remember! featuring the Dec. 15, 2018, "Show of Stars" Christmas show with host Ron Manford following FYI on Channel 12 daily from Jan. 11 to Jan. 18.

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### Renaissance Women

January Monthly Luncheon: Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 11:30 a.m. at The Front Porch Restaurant and Pie Shop, 12039 North Florida Ave., Dunnellon. For reservations, please call Gloria at 570-606-7107 by Friday, Jan. 11.

**Meeting:** Sunday, Jan. 27, 2 p.m., Island Club. Coleen Griffin (MTP) will speak on the Paleo Diet and lifestyle. Remember to wear name tags and bring money for raffle tickets.

**Lunch at ROGC:** Friday, Jan. 25, at 11:30 a.m. Call Geraldine, 585-737-8711 or Annmarie, 237-9838.

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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 on Thursdays from 2-5 p.m. and Saturdays from noon-4 p.m. There are now three 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. No card or money is required 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, we are into 2019 and busy. Keep well, smile! Laura Smith csjtpq2@gmail.com.

### Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



"In every phenomenon the beginning remains always the most notable moment." — Thomas Carlyle





**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Although you're getting kudos and other positive reactions to your suggestions, don't let the cheers drown out some valid criticisms. Better to deal with them now than later.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Following your keen Bovine intuition pays off, as you not only reassess the suggestions some people are putting in front of you, but also their agendas for doing so.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You continue on a high-enthusiasm cycle as that new project you've assumed takes shape. You're also buoyed by the anticipation of receiving some good news about a personal matter.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your eagerness to immerse yourself in your new assignment is understandable. But be careful that you don't forget to take care of that pressing personal situation as well.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time to learn a new skill that could give a clever Cat an edge in the upcoming competition for workplace opportunities. Enjoy the arts this weekend with someone special.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You could risk creating an impasse if you insist on expecting more from others than they're prepared to give. Showing flexibility in what you'll accept could prevent a stalemate.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Although you can weigh all factors of a dispute to find an agreeable solution for others, you might need the skilled input of someone you trust to help you deal with an ongoing situation of your own.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) The good news is that your brief period of self-doubt turns into a positive "I can do anything" attitude. The better news is that you'll soon be able to prove it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time for Sagittarians to start making travel plans while you still can select from a wide menu of choices and deals, and not be forced to settle for leftovers.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Like your zodiacal sign, the sure-footed Goat, you won't allow obstacles in your path to keep you from reaching your goal. Don't be surprised by who asks to go along with you.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Let your head dominate your heart as you consider the risks that might be involved in agreeing to be a friend's co-signer or otherwise act as his or her backup in a financial matter.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Prioritize: Resolve to close the door and let your voicemail take your phone calls while you finish up a task before the end-of-week deadline. Then go out and enjoy a fun-filled weekend.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your capacity for care and compassion helps to bring comfort to others.

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

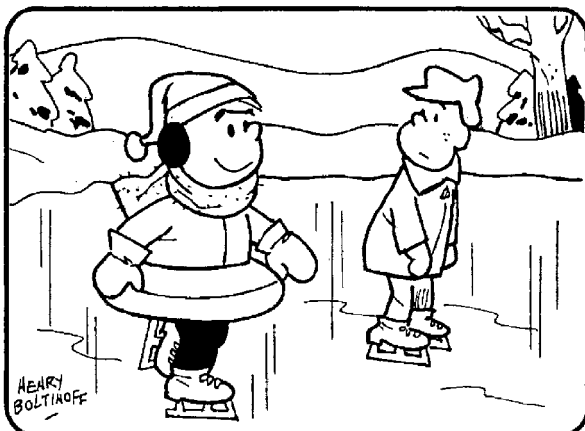
**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

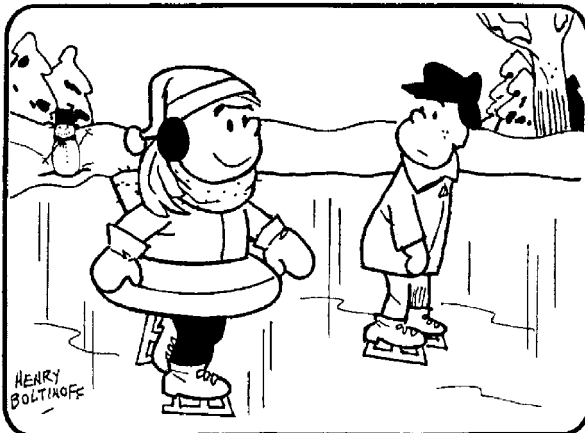
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Snowman is added. 2. Boy's hat is black. 3. Girl's hair is different. 4. Background hills are missing. 5. Tree is added on right. 6. Boy's left arm is hidden.

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# Super Crossword

APT OCCUPATIONS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ship parts
  - 6 One in a veil
  - 11 Very small: Prefix
  - 15 Sealed, say
  - 19 Early TV's Stu
  - 20 Posteriors
  - 21 Stick — in the water
  - 22 Songwriter's creation
  - 23 Martin the ticket collector?
  - 26 Actor Bana or Stoltz
  - 27 Pay to play poker
  - 28 Game with Wild cards
  - 29 Clinton the doctor?
  - 31 Caught at a rodeo
  - 33 Pollen lover
  - 34 Hardly fresh
  - 35 Worldwide
  - 38 Ellington the Peppermint Pattie factory worker?
  - 45 More greasy
  - 49 Ending for Israel
  - 50 ilk
  - 51 Car owners' org.
  - 52 Kelly the minister?
  - 54 "Let's go!"
  - 55 Former Apple messaging software
  - 57 See 64-Down
  - 58 Primate studier
  - 59 Benny the golfer?
  - 61 Markey and Bagnold
  - 63 Actor Hinds of 2017's "Justice League"
  - 65 Negligent
  - 66 Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's purview
  - 67 Bailey the philosopher?
  - 72 Folder flap
  - 75 Meal tie-on
  - 76 Rice-based Spanish dish
  - 77 Ivory's counterpart
  - 79 Benatar the dairy owner?
  - 85 Fuzzy stuff
  - 87 Departure
  - 88 Standoffish
  - 89 Karmann — (bygone VW sports car)
  - 90 Nolte the clockmaker?
  - 92 Skeleton part
  - 93 +
  - 94 Ariz.-to-Kan. dir.
  - 95 Girls in the family
  - 96 Liotta the lamp designer?
  - 100 Gets dilated
  - 102 Basic deg. for designers
  - 103 Supermodel Carangi or actress Scala
  - 105 End profit
  - 110 Behar the chef?
  - 116 Airport stat
  - 117 Hotel chain
  - 118 Morales of film and TV
  - 119 Arden the demolition contractor?
  - 122 Shady giants
  - 123 Get-out-of-jail money
  - 124 Super-mad
  - 125 "The Flea" poet John
  - 126 Blog addition
  - 127 Pot for stew
  - 128 Lauder of makeup
  - 129 Evil smile
  - 7 Alter totally
  - 8 Reply to "Who's in charge here?"
  - 9 Bounced down the court
  - 10 Actress Davis of two "Matrix" films
  - 11 Spam, say
  - 12 Langston Hughes poem
  - 13 Athletic team assoc.
  - 14 Film anew
  - 15 Not wobbly
  - 16 Throw
  - 17 Troop body
  - 18 Pt. of MIT or STEM
  - 24 Nuclear reactor tube
  - 25 Polar vehicle
  - 30 Polar pixie
  - 32 Curved arch
  - 36 High jump on a skateboard, informally
  - 37 Lacking a key, in music
  - 39 "Semper Fi" mil. branch
  - 40 Weirdo
  - 41 Rubik of cube fame
  - 42 Aiea's island
  - 43 Broccoli —
  - 44 Kit — (candy bars)
  - 45 Poet Nash
  - 46 Twisted wit
  - 47 — lazuli
  - 48 Frosted
  - 53 Abbr. on a pay stub
  - 54 "Please, Mommy, will you let us?"
  - 55 "Veni," in English
  - 56 Nero's 160
  - 59 Villain in Disney's "Aladdin"
  - 60 Waitress on TV's "Alice"
  - 62 Spruce (up)
  - 64 With 57-Across, Ali ring strategy
  - 68 Abate
  - 69 "Fighting" Big Ten team
  - 70 Cut, as pizza
  - 71 Cold and wet
  - 72 Like poison
  - 73 Japanese cartoon art
  - 74 Measures of memory
  - 75 Scaring cry
  - 78 — noire
  - 79 One of Henry VIII's Catherine
  - 80 Et —
  - 81 Mug in a pub
  - 82 Jamaican citrus fruit
  - 83 Mean ruffian
  - 84 Wife on "The Addams Family," to her hubby
  - 86 Cover for a truck bed
  - 90 Crystal rubbers, perhaps
  - 91 Jab deliverer
  - 93 Control in a clinical study
  - 97 Certain wind player
  - 98 Very loudly, musically
  - 99 9-to-5er's weekly cry
  - 101 Main dish
  - 104 Art house film, often
  - 106 Went aboard
  - 107 Nitrogen compound
  - 108 Words after all or hole
  - 109 San Fran griddle
  - 110 All-terrain vehicle
  - 111 Fjord city
  - 112 Tasty tubers
  - 113 Egg-shaped
  - 114 Eye, in Paris
  - 115 Nut with caffeine
  - 116 Rock finale?
  - 120 Perched
  - 121 LP replacers

**DOWN**

- 1 Get gold, e.g.
- 2 Target
- 3 Smacks
- 4 Spork parts
- 5 — -cone
- 6 "Viva Zapata!" star

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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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**Go Figure!**  
answers

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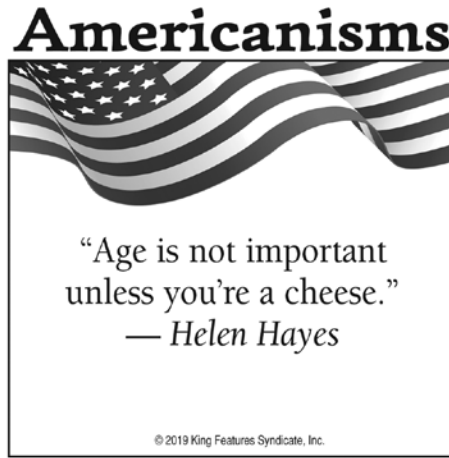
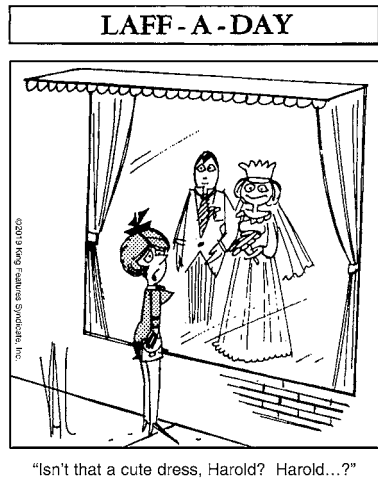
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**Weekly SUDOKU**

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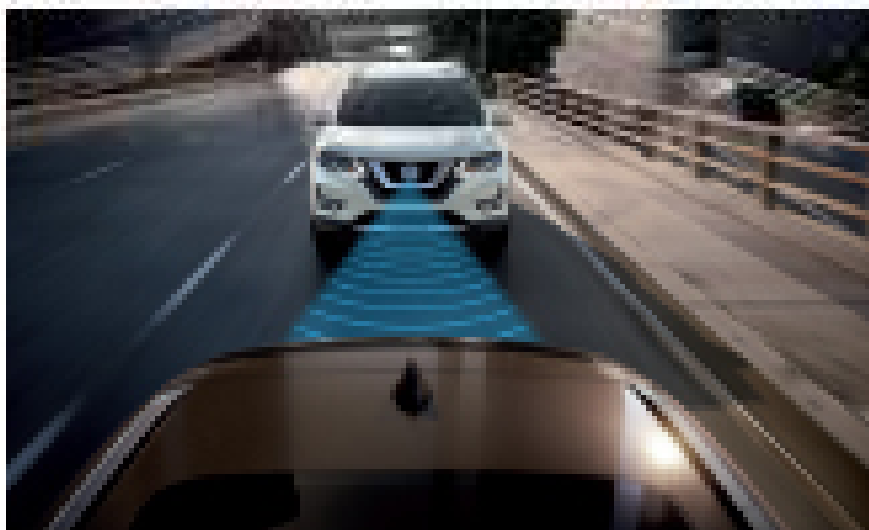


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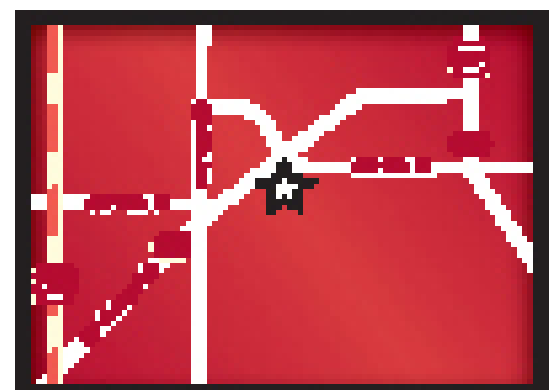
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