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Televised tennis event coming to Golden Ocala

Mikael Pernfors, 1986 French Open singles finalist, will join the four-man, round-robin One-on-One Doubles tournament to be played at the Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club in Ocala on Saturday, April 21, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The half-court, serve-and-volley singles tournament played on the doubles court, known as One-on-One Doubles, will feature two matches played simultaneously on one court. Pernfors will join Johan Kriek, 1981 and 1982 Australian Open Singles Champion, Murphy Jensen, 1993 French Open Doubles Cham-

pion, and Tim Wilkinson, former ATP star with singles wins over John McEnroe, Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi.

This One-on-One Doubles tournament will be televised, broadcast delay, on Tennis Channel.

Starting at 11:30 a.m., the event will kick off with a Pro-Am \$1,500 prize money Doubles tournament played to Rockin' Blues music.

This Doubles tournament will be an eight-team event featuring some of the area's top tennis talents teaming with event sponsors.

There will be a USTA 10 and under program presentation from 2:45-3:30 p.m. with Andy Gladstone, USTA/Florida's Director of Junior Competition. After the One-on-One Doubles tournament, there will be a Rockin' Blues concert performed by legendary Jimmy Hall and Friends starting at 7 p.m.

Hall is the lead singer, saxophonist and harmonica player for the Southern Rock band, Wet Willie.

Two Tennis and Rockin' Blues Events featuring One-on-One Doubles have been held at the USTA Billie Jean King National

Tennis Center, the home of the U.S. Open. Since the game's inception in 2004, One-on-One Doubles has been played at ATP, USTA, USPTA and ITA national events.

The game's founder, Ed Krass, is also the Founder/Director of the College Tennis Exposure Camp, a summer camp program taught exclusively by head college coaches for aspiring college bound tennis players.

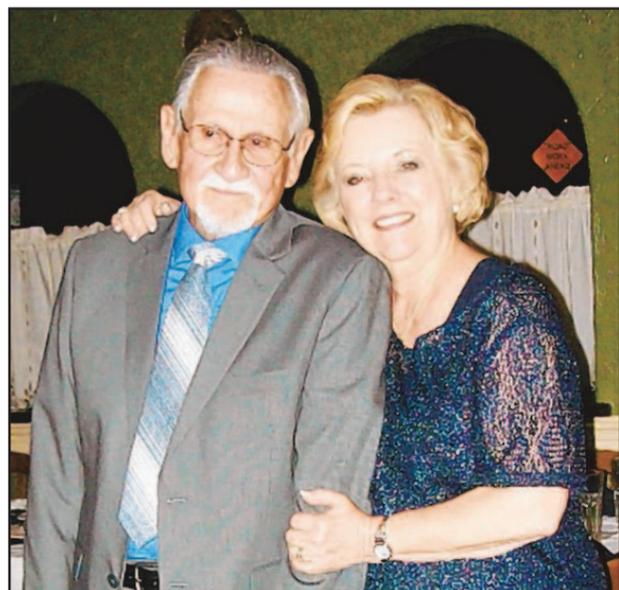
The rain date for the One-on-One Doubles tennis event is Sunday, April 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Jimmy Hall & Friends concert is rain or shine

as the concert area is tented.

A portion of the event's proceeds will benefit the Interfaith Emergency Services of Ocala.

General admission tickets are \$30 in advance, \$40 day of event. VIP Tickets are \$150 in advance, \$170 day of event, and include admission into VIP parking, VIP seating, and VIP areas including food, beer, wine and soft drinks.

To purchase tickets online, go to www.oneonedoubles.com. For more information, call 813-684-9031 or 352-402-4351. For more information about this event, visit www.tennisandrockinblues.com.



60th anniversary

Raymond and Shirley DeBrauwere recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with friends and family at Latino Y Mas in Ocala. The couple were married March 2, 1952 in Miami and have three sons and five grandchildren. They currently reside in Ocala Palms.

National Health Care Decisions Day is April 16

By Lila Ivey

SPECIAL TO THE MESSENGER

Commentary

Everyone knows what a privilege it is to live in this country. No other nation in the world offers its citizens the abundance of individual rights we so enjoy...and so often take for granted. One of those rights is the ability to make our own healthcare decisions. But who thinks about that until it is often too late? Who wants to upset the family with such an unpleasant discussion? It's one of those uncomfortable topics we assume is best swept under the rug until another time. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The truth is, the time to talk about it is sooner rather than later. Just as preparing a will is optimal when we are of "sound mind and body," preparing future healthcare needs when we can think clearly is just as important. There is no doubt that deciding what type of treatment we want in the future is difficult at best.

Making decisions for others is decidedly even more complicated, especially when that person - someone beloved - can no longer speak for him or herself.

With the Patient Self-Determination Act of 1990, Congress affirmed the right of every citizen to set forth future healthcare wishes in a document known as an advance directive. An advance directive can be as simple as a two-page Living Will or as lengthy as the Five Wishes, a detailed-yet-user-friendly booklet. In Florida, an advance directive requires neither an attorney nor a notary - just the writer's signature and that of two witnesses. Despite the simplicity of securing such a document, it is estimated that only about 25 percent of all Americans have done so. Because advance directives can be created without a lawyer for free and are easy to fill out, this fig-

ure is astonishingly low.

Each of us has the responsibility to guide our physicians and our loved ones regarding what we would want in the event of a catastrophic event - whether it's a chronic terminal illness or the result of an unexpected accident. Regardless of age or health status, we owe it to those we love to have the courage to discuss our wishes and follow through with a written advance directive. Be assured that living wills are revocable at any time. There are no wrong answers when determining healthcare choices. Advance directives are recognized by hospitals and the courts, but they must be in the hands of our physician and easily accessible to family members. The worst place to keep it is in the bank safety deposit box; keep it instead in a top drawer where everyone knows its location. Some documents also come with a handy wallet card. By following

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Longtime local sheriff's detective to retire this Friday

By Jim Clark
 EDITOR

He's a familiar face in the Southwest District of the Marion County Sheriff's Office and along the State Road 200 Corridor. He's also known for being a disc jockey who plays for various events, including the annual Halloween Party at the Sheriff's substation. He's also a detective with a strong clearance rate.

All that will come to an end next Friday, April 13, when Detective Ed Mobley retires from the Sheriff's Office.

Mobley has been with the Marion County department since 1990. He served for 10 years as a school resource officer at North Marion Middle School, then became a road deputy in the Forest district and also worked some in the aviation program.

Prior to joining local law enforcement, he was in the U.S. Marines until 1971, and spent three years working at the state prison in Lowell.

"About a year ago when we were talking about it (retirement), it seemed so far away," Mobley said. "Now that it's here, I get emotional about it."

About his time on the Corridor, he com-

mented, "I thoroughly love working out here. You meet so many interesting people."

Asked about his best moments, he noted, "I loved working in the schools, working with the juveniles." He said that some of the students he had talked to and counseled at North Marion are now deputies.

But he decided to end those years in the schools. "After 10 years, I wanted to get back in it," he said, referring to what people would consider more "normal police work."

He laughs a little about some of the incidents, including that of a lady whose new dentures didn't fit right. "She was scared to go back" to the dentist, he said, "so I worked as a mediator."

He said some others laugh at him for things like that, but "I'm kind of old school, taking pride in the work." He noted the local slogan, "To protect and serve."

He's done handyman work for some of the elderly. "I know it has nothing to do with law enforcement, but I never regret doing any of it."



PHOTO BY JIM CLARK
 Retiring Sheriff's Detective Ed Mobley points to some of the items on the bulletin board hanging in his office at the Southwest District. A reception will take place today, April 11, to honor Mobley at the community room of the Brian Litz Southwest Office, 9048 S.W. State Road 200, from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

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Fairfield Village

Curry Andrews: 'I walk for my babies'



Priscilla Geissal

Many of Roosevelt's efforts were initiated during his treatment time at the Little White House in Warm Springs, Georgia. Being a native Georgian, I am one of many people who grew up knowing about the treatment that President Roosevelt received at Warm Springs.

We were always very proud of anything that we could do to help with the efforts to eradicate the dreaded disease. Our March of Dimes fund drive each year was a source of much pride as we filled specially prepared folders with dimes in little slots. Everyone wanted to help, and we all tried to be the first to completely fill the fund-raiser folders that most of us received at our schools.

I clearly remember the young girl in my neighborhood in Rome, Georgia, who spent many months in what was called an "Iron Lung" before she progressed to a wheelchair and then to the very recognizable leg braces and crutches. Thankfully, after many years of treatment, she overcame her illness; but all of us (her friends) knew how very hard her struggle was. She was a heroine to us.

After Dr. Jonas Salk created the miraculous vaccine to prevent the disease,

the March of Dimes took on the cause of helping with premature births and the special problems that face those children as well as other problems for the very young.

Curry Andrews may well be the oldest person participating in this very worthwhile charity, but that will not deter him one bit. At the age of 93 1/2, he shows no signs of slowing down as he pursues his yearly goal.

When he first started his yearly endeavor, the March of Dimes walk/run here in Ocala and Marion County was a full 12-mile course. Over the years, the leaders decided that it would be better to shorten the course to allow more walkers/runners to be able to complete the course. Curry Andrews has completed the course each of his 19 years whether the course was 12, 8, 7, or 6 miles in length. He said, "I will walk whatever they decide the course will be."

Not everyone is as physically fit as one of our favorite Fairfield Village neighbors. His exceptional good health made him an appropriate candidate for heart valve replacement surgery in September of 2010. He followed that with the addition of a pacemaker in March 2011. I would love to be able to



Curry Andrews and Connie Saunders give each other a big HIGH 5 as they celebrate being cancer survivors and regular workers and contributors to the Marion County and Ocala March for Babies.

For the past 19 years, Curry Andrews of Fairfield Village has walked the yearly fundraising course for what has been his favorite charity, The March of Dimes.

This year will be no different except that Curry will be one year older as he completes the six-mile course for what is being called the March for Babies.

As was the case last year, the event will be held on Saturday, April 28, at Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway at 4255 S.E. 58th Ave. Registration is at 7 a.m. with the walk/run to begin at 8 a.m.

The original "March of Dimes" was started during the presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt in order to work toward finding a vaccine to prevent Infantile Paralysis (Polio) which afflicted Roosevelt and left him bound to a wheelchair.

keep up with him as he sticks to his strategy that he has found to be successful each year.

I asked Curry what his plan is for the six-mile effort. He grinned and said, "I use the military method—180 steps per minute. It's worked fine so

far." And those of us who find Curry's method so impressive, we say, "If it ain't broke—don't fix it!"

I asked Curry if he knew how much money he has raised over the past 19 years. He said that he has not kept up with exactly how much that has been,

but he estimates that it is somewhere between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Last year his total was his best at just over \$2700.

Never one to be idle, Curry still works part time at the Publix grocery store in Paddock Park, and he is

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these simple steps, we, not the courts, make our own decisions.

It wasn't so long ago that another Floridian, a 35-year-old St. Petersburg housewife, collapsed and never regained consciousness. Terri Schiavo's situation vividly demonstrates how having an advance directive could have prevented the anguishing seven years that followed. Her parents and husband, bitterly divided over what each side believed Terri would have wanted, ultimately

became entangled in countless court battles ending at Congress's doorstep. There were certainly no winners in this case.

With so many things in life today out of our hands, we should take comfort in the fact that we can control something very important to us and to those who are near and dear: how we are treated should a serious illness or unforeseen accident occur. National Healthcare Decisions Day strives to provide the commu-

nity with this much-needed information to reduce the number of tragedies that occur when a person's wishes are unknown.

In addition, health care facilities and providers can offer informed and thoughtful guidance about advance planning to their patients. With health care, our decisions matter. This is one area where we can have it our way.

Lila Ivey, is director, Community Outreach, Hospice of Marion County.

Cherrywood health fair open to public

The Cherrywood Estates Senior Health Fair, at 6253 S.W. 100th Loop in Ocala, will be the site of an exciting and informative opportunity to meet with local professionals that cater specifically to the needs of seniors.

The Senior Health Fair is free to the public.

The Health Fair has a great lineup of guest speakers with health topics like: "How to eat Healthier" at 10 a.m., "Healthy Aging of your Muscles & Joints" at 11 a.m., "Cancer Prevention, Nutrition & Exercise" at noon, and "Oh My Achy Back!" at 1 p.m. There is limited seating in these seminars you will need to make

your reservations early.

Gold Sponsors for the Health Fair are: db Hearing Solutions, Ecowater Central Florida, Geril Therapy, Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services, Home Instead Senior Care, Integrity Home Health Care, Lifestyle Solutions Medical Spa, McKenney Chiropractic Center, Robert Boissoneault Oncology Inst., The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa, Thermo-Cool Air & Heat, and Unique Lingerie.

Silver Sponsors participating in the health fair are: ADT - Home Health, Hospice of Marion County and Premier Medical Center.

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Capt. Jim Burton, supervisor of the Southwest District, said, "Any issue, police or not, he always takes the time" to talk with people about it. "I've never known him to turn anybody away in need of help," Burton added.

Mobley was asked about his most satisfying case, and he immediately started talking about one that "kind of got to me." It involved an 89-year-old lady who was basically living on Social Security after her husband died. "She had a gold bracelet of his...she slept with it."

Like many people, she trusted delivery people, especially the man who brought her oxygen.

"One day he stole the bracelet. That upset me so bad," Mobley said, that he worked hard on the case and discovered the suspect had pawned the bracelet for \$500. He made the arrest, but there was still the matter of getting the jewelry back. "I remember her crying that she didn't have the \$500, but I worked things out through the court system to get it back.

"I'll never forget the look on her face when I brought her the bracelet."

He said that event shows "the biggest thing that bothers me, when the elderly get taken advantage of."

"That's a lot of what we do out here."

Burton noted that "everything about him is with family and doing the right thing."

Mobley has been honored many times, getting the Sheriff's award for Employee of the Year in 2009, when he was assigned 161 cases and closed 152 of them, more than a 94 percent rate.

That same year he won the VFW's award for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

In 2004 he won the Eagle Eye award. He recalled giving CPR to an elderly man who had collapsed while riding his bicycle near Mobley's house when the detective was off duty.

Outside of law enforcement, one of Mobley's passions is music. He started out young on the drums, went to keyboard and bass guitar and then back to the drums.

Along with that came the disc jockey work, which includes playing for some holiday events and weddings. "I love my

music," he said.

He was honored by his fellow employees at Stone Creek Grille last week, "and a lot of people showed up." He said they talked about how they look at him as a father figure.

His advice to the young deputies is, "You've got to be in it for the long haul. It's got to be in your heart and in your blood to help people."

He told them, "Don't let financial problems create problems in your family. Always be honest, do the right thing, treat the retired and elderly like it's your grandparents, your parents."

"It's not just all about putting the bad guys in jail."

"He's a neat all-around person," Burton said. "I'm really going to miss him."

That feeling is mutual. Mobley said he'll miss the job and the people. "The Sheriff's Office has been great to me; we're a family..."

The interview took place on Tuesday, April 3, meaning Mobley had more than a week left on the job. He said when people asked him why he hasn't cleaned out his office, he says, "I'm not done yet. If there's one more person I can help, I'm going to do it."

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Happenings

Thursday, April 12

Air Force Association changes meeting

The Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 of the Air Force Association will hold its April chapter meeting one week early on the second Thursday of the month, April 12. The time will be 7 p.m. and the location is the same, the Ocala Regional Airport Administration Building 750 S.W. 60th Ave., Ocala.

Any questions call Mike Emig 352-854-8328. Everyone is welcome.

Friday, April 13

Foxwood two-day yard sale

Foxwood Farms on U.S. 27 will have a community yard sale on Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. A bake sale will also take place. The sale is open to the public.

Saturday, April 14

Civil War Show planned

The General Eugene A. Carr Camp 5 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be sponsoring a Civil War Show Saturday, April 14, at the Freedom Public Library, 5870 S.W. 95th St., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On display will be original Union and Confederate artifacts including the original 1864 10-pound Parrott Rifle Cannon.

Randy Kerlin will have his outstanding collection of Confederate artifacts.

The public is invited to bring out any material regarding the Civil War that they wish to share or get help identifying.

For information contact Harvey Linscott at 352-854-9510 or e-mail hkl36ovi@peoplepc.com.

Community-wide sale at Sweetwater Oaks

The community of Sweetwater Oaks, 3151 N.W. 44th Ave., will open its gates for a community wide sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 14. The community is located behind Winn-Dixie off U.S. 27.

Methodist Men serve breakfast

The Methodist Men will serve their famous and delicious all-can-you-eat breakfast on Saturday, April 14 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. A complete menu with a wide variety of breakfast fare is offered for \$5.

Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 S.W. 105th St., Ocala – look for the signs.

Make plans now to bring your friends and attend. All proceeds help fund a variety of local charities.

Garage, bake sale at Christ's Church

Christ's Church of Marion County suggests that somebody's "trash" can become your "treasure." Please visit our garage sale and bake sale, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Christ's Church is at 6768 S.W. 80th St., just off State Road 200. For additional information, call 352-861-6182 or www.ccomc.org.

Book sale for Sheltering Hands

A mega book sale to benefit Sheltering Hands Rescue will take place on Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Winn Dixie at 8445 S.W. State Road 200, Ocala.

Available will be used books, CDs and crafts. Buy five books, get one free.

Also you may donate your aluminum beverage cans. For more information, call 352-291-1962.

Fashion show scheduled

"April In Paris" Fashion Show luncheon sponsored by Queen of Peace Council of Catholic Women will be held April 14, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at On Top Of the World Arbor Club. Fashions will be presented by Belks. Tickets are \$20. Please contact Alicia 352-237-9956 or Bert 352-861-1585.

Authors invited to Expo

The Marion County Public Library System invites writers from Marion and adjacent counties to participate in the 2012 Author Expo, to be held Saturday, April 14, at its Headquarters-Ocala location. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library, the event will provide a forum for local poets, novelists, journalists and

playwrights to network and sell their books.

"Our first Author Expo is a great opportunity for the talented writers in Marion and surrounding counties to get together, talk about their books and share helpful hints with the public," said Roseanne Russo, information services manager for the Headquarters-Ocala.

The event is open to all authors in Marion, Lake, Levy, Citrus, Alachua and Sumter counties. Space is limited; prospective authors must apply by March 16 to participate. Registration includes a \$10 fee in lieu of a percentage of book sales on the day of the event. For application guidelines and forms, visit <http://library.marioncountyfl.org> or www.friendsoftheocalalibrary.org, or stop by the Headquarters-Ocala location at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd. in Ocala. For more information, call 352-671-8551.

Artists on display at Circle Square

Local artists from On Top of the World, Oak Run, Palm Cay, Stone Creek and other communities in Ocala showcase their masterpieces at this annual art expo on Saturday, April 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Circle Square Cultural Center. Works include paintings, sculptures, stained glass, portrait sketches, clay jewelry, metal artwork, watercolors and much more. Enjoy live entertainment by the Paul De Ritter Duo as during the expo. This event is free and open to the public.

Circle Square Cultural Center is at 8395 S.W. 80th St., Ocala. For more information, visit www.csculturalcenter.com or call On Top of the World's Health and Recreation Office at 352-854-8707 Ext. 7530.

Sunday, April 15

Southern Express in concert

The Southern Express Orchestra from Ocala will be in concert at the Ocala West United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 15, at 3 p.m. Featured will be some of the great music from the Big Band days as well as show tunes. This concert promises to be a wonderful afternoon of music. The church is at 9330 S.W. 105th St. in Ocala. Phone 352-854-9550.

German American picnic set

The German American Club of Marion County Picnic will take place on Sunday, April 15, from noon to 6 p.m., at Coehadjoe Park, 4225 N.E. 35th St., Ocala. Admission is \$7 per member or \$10 per non-member. Children under 12 are free.

Music will be provided by Oskar the Bavarian. German American food prepared by club members will be served buffet style and includes: bratwurst, Polish sausage, hamburgers, dessert, coffee and soda. Please bring your own snacks and a covered dish to share. Attire is casual.

For tickets, please call Joe or Liz Dickmann at 352-732-6368.

Polio support group to meet

The North Central Post-Polio Support Group will present the Program "Heart to Heart: Exercise, Heart Disease and Post-Polio", on April 15 at 2 p.m. at the Collins Health Resource Center 9401, S.W. Highway 200, Building 300, Suite 303, Ocala. The speakers will be Fred Shirley, MS, PT, CEAS, from Beverly Hills Rehab Center and Gordon Wertz, RN, Clinical Coordinator and Chrissie Wilson, RN from Take Charge Cardiac Rehab. For more information call Carolyn Raville, 352-489-1731

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Monday, April 16

Legion post to meet

The Ralph J Green American Legion Post 354 will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, April 16 at 1 p.m. in the Sheriff's Brian Litz Building, 9048 S.W. State Road 200. Try to arrive early to enjoy light refreshments and comradeship with fellow veterans.

For more information, telephone Commander Fred Pulis at 352-854-9976.

Thursday, April 19

Rotary golf tournament set

The Ocala Rotary Club is hosting its 22nd annual golf tournament at the Ocala Golf Club on Thursday, April 19, at 12:30 p.m. Proceeds Benefit the Marion County Youth at the Discovery Science Center and other Rotary Charities. The cost is \$85 per player for a four person scramble, shotgun start which includes, lunch, golf and drinks. Prizes will be awarded after play for longest drive, closest to the pin, top teams and hole in one. Entry deadline is April 17 at 5 p.m. Contact Kay Kelly at 352-732-7080 for more information.

Genealogical Society to meet

The Marion County Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, April 19 at 2 p.m. at the Marion County Library, 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.

This month's program will feature Judy Wright, who will answer questions about Family Tree Maker 2012. The public is cordially invited and there is no cost involved. For further information, please contact Barbara Jones at 352-897-0840, MarionGenealogy@gmail.com, or http://MarionGenealogy.tripod.com.

Steel drum ensemble to perform

Young at Heart, College Road Baptist Church, on April 19 will present the Amazing Steel Drum Ensemble. This is a

group of young people using hand crafted drums, to provide "happy" music. Their purpose is to reach the young and their families. This a 6 p.m. event to accommodate school hours. You are invited to bring your children and grandchildren, just bring a covered dish to share. The church is at 5010 College Road.

Baritone in concert

Douglas Ladnier (baritone) will be in concert on Thursday evening, April 19, at 7 p.m. at Ocala West United Methodist Church. He has a repertoire of songs which includes hymns, spirituals, Broadway show stoppers and ballads. He has appeared at Ocala West many times in the past, and we are pleased to have him return again. Don't miss this wonderful evening of music. The church is at 9330 S.W. 105th St. in Ocala. Phone 352-854-9550.

Saturday, April 21

Book sale for Center for the Blind

A book sale to benefit the Florida Center for the Blind will take place Saturday, April 21, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Florida Center for the Blind, 7634 S.W. 60th Ave., Ocala. All proceeds benefit the center.

For information, call 352-873-4700.

Two-day concert band performance

The Kingdom of the Sun Concert Band invites you to their "Swing into Spring: concert series on Saturday, April 21, at 2 p.m. and Sunday, April 22, at 3 p.m. at the Marion Technical Institute (MTI) Auditorium, 1614 Fort King Street, Ocala.

Musical selections include: "Procession of the Nobles," "Highlights from Glee," "Stardust," featuring vocalist Marcia Muncaster; "Old Hound Dog Rag," and, featuring the KOS big band: "Pennsylvania 6-5000," "Don't Get Around Much Anymore," and "Sing, Sing, Sing," and others. All performances are free and open to

the public. For more information call 352-624-9291 or check out the band website at kingdomofthesunband.org.

Contours at Cultural Center

In the summer of 1962, the The Contours with original member Joe Billingslea recorded Berry Gordy Jr.'s, "Do You Love Me," resulting in the group's (and label's) first hit and remained on the charts for five months.

The song was the Gordy label's first million-seller, and it still holds the record as Motown's fastest rising hit of all time. The Contours with Joe Billingslea continue to record and tour extensively.

Their show is jam-packed with dazzling, high-energy choreography, impeccable harmonies and those timeless Motown grooves that everyone knows and loves.

This show is as high energy as it was in the 1960s, though the flips and splits of yesteryear have been replaced by a brilliant choreography more suited to gentlemen in their second half-century of life!

See The Contours with original member Joe Billingslea on Saturday, April 21 at 7 p.m. at the Circle Square Cultural Center, 8395 S.W. 80th St., Ocala. For more information on the 2012 entertainment line-up including times, dates and tickets, visit the website at www.CSCulturalCenter.com or call 352-854-3670.

Sunday, April 22

Jazz Society offers music

The Ocala Jazz Society returns to the VFW Post 4781, across from Oak Run, usually on the third Sunday of each month, 2 to 5 p.m. – well most months. This month, because of a scheduling conflict, April 22 is the date. The group plays more than jazz including favorite songs from past year. Dancing is encouraged.

Admission is \$2 and benefits Hospice in memory of Bea Wilson, founder of the Jazz Society. For more info call Gladys at 352-854-8930.

Tuesday, April 24

Breast Cancer support meeting

The Breast Cancer SOS (Sisterhood of Survivors) Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. We meet at Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 S.W. 105th St.

The April 24 meeting will be a presentation by Dr. Anderson from Boissoneault Oncology Institute who will speak to us on current radiation techniques, benefits and cautions of this type of therapy following or preceding breast cancer surgery. This meeting will be in the Multipurpose Room 235 and is open to anyone who would like to hear Dr. Anderson's message. Please contact Gail Tirpak at 352-291-6904 for more information.

Hands Across the Highway

Art Expo

Saturday, April 14, 2012
10 am - 1 pm

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Local artists from On Top of the World, Oak Run, Palm Cay, Stone Creek and other communities showcase their masterpieces at this annual art expo. Works include paintings, sculptures, stained glass, portrait sketches, clay jewelry, metal artwork, watercolors and more.

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Opinion

Our Message

Be wary of social media

It's human nature: we want to connect to others, to trust, to feel involved. The social media giant Facebook makes connecting and sharing easier — but it also opens the door to privacy and security issues.

Horror stories involving Facebook are common, and they come in different packages.

Small businesses are being encouraged to "get on Facebook" for essentially free advertising and exposure to a wide audience. But they may not be prepared for the repercussions when negative comments, true or not, are posted and distributed to hundreds or even thousands, perhaps worldwide.

There also are stories closer to home. Last December, in a neighboring county, a homeowner's Facebook post unwittingly alerted a thief to the poster's absence from home, with predictable results. That was the user's mistake.

This month we read about a local teacher who had established an on-line relationship with a person in another state. That person allowed her Facebook account to be hijacked by a bad guy, who ended up threatening the teacher and spreading false accusations. This was clearly a misuse of the site by someone determined to do some damage.

Also this month, a wire service story spotlighted a disturbing trend among hiring managers who want to see behind prospective employees' public online profiles. Candidates have been asked to surrender their Facebook passwords at the interview, or log into their private accounts at the interview, or even "friend" the HR manager who could then see beyond the public information.

Facebook is updating its Statement of Rights and Responsibilities, trying, they say, to make Facebook practices and policies more clear. Stay tuned.

If you're concerned about what you've put on Facebook in the past, use the "Download Your Information" tool. And if you need to clean house, use some of the other tools Facebook provides, if you can find and figure out how to use them.

What's the bottom line? Every social media user — not just the Facebook user — needs to think beyond the moment. Be conservative and responsible. Know that everything you do is being observed, recorded, sometimes broadcast to many you don't know and may never know.

Social media use is here to stay, and it will have continuing ramifications we cannot even imagine now.

There will always be bad guys bent on mischief or worse. Careful, responsible online behavior is the best guard against them.

Citrus County Chronicle

Editorial

Among Friends

A television news icon passes on

Slowly and steadily, the old school of television journalists is dying off, leaving the superficial stars of today, many of whom are chosen for either their ability to out-shout their foes, or because they look pretty on the tube.

Another icon of the television news business left us on Easter Sunday, when Mike Wallace, best known for his "60 Minutes" segments, died at the age of 93.

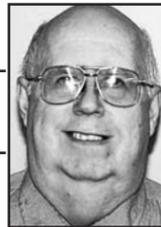
Wallace was one of those newsmen who bridged the gap between the older, more stodgy performers, and the new breed of TV hosts. He was the first to be really good at "gotcha" journalism, and that's what made the Sunday evening show so popular. He would confront suspects in various questionable activities and demand answers on behalf of the viewers.

But he also was an expert on doing a sit-down interview with famous people. One of the best tributes I heard over the weekend came from a woman speaking on one of the cable networks, who said, "He was better prepared for every interview than anyone I've ever known."

That's one of the secrets to being a good interviewer — plan your questions in advance, learn about your subject in advance, and learn how to ask those questions, never proposing a query that takes just a "yes" or "no" answer.

Not everyone liked Wallace or his style, but people in the business respected him for his thoroughness and knowledge.

Jim Clark
Editor



To be sure, he had some problems, particularly with a story that concerned Gen. William Westmoreland in which Wallace and CBS were sued. They settled out of court and, according to some of the stories Sunday, led to a battle with depression for him.

But he'll be remembered for many of the good stories he brought us throughout his career.

Contrast that to some of today's TV performers, especially on the local level, who have one eye on the ratings and the other on the mirror. They should go back and watch some of the tapes of Mike Wallace and see what they could learn.

So even though he hadn't been active in recent years, television news took a hit over the weekend. You have to hope that somewhere, somehow, someone will step forward to take the place of Mike Wallace as the icon of news hosts.

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Guest Column

Oil for the factories of China and India

By Jim Flynn

Oil For The Lamps of China is a movie that was released on my birthday in 1935. The story created an image of big oil as a business giant without a soul. Years later we discovered that the requirements for incorporation do not include evidence of a soul.

Realistically, big oil is a group of artificial entities called corporations, created to produce and sell oil products and earn profits for their stockholders and management. Television caught the spirit of oil profits when Jed Clampett discovered bubbling crude in his outback, moved his TV family from West Virginia to the west coast, and became known as the Beverly Hillbillies.

More recently big oil has received a lot of negative publicity, because of rising prices and occasional disasters, all the while producing growing profits. With so many angry consumers and governments, how was that possible? Quite simple: supply, demand, and speculation.

For many years the price of oil (and gasoline) stayed low in comparison to other commodities, and the U.S. enjoyed a low cost, eight-cylinder, nationwide ride. Now the easy pickings are declining, and world demand for oil is rising rapidly.

Domestic companies pumped out most of America's in-ground oil in the first 100 years to meet the nation's domestic needs of growing industry, wars, and independent transportation for everybody.

During those years, U.S. oil created a private club of multi-millionaires and co-operative politicians who did their bidding.

Current political chatter intended to convince voters that government can affect the day-to-day price of gasoline is bunkum. Politicians create a delusion that an increase in domestic production would be processed, priced, and delivered in the US, but nobody actually says that, because that's not how the markets work.

Oil and gasoline prices respond to world-wide supply and demand, which will continue because nations such as China and India are competing for larger shares of the world supply. Speculators also affect prices by buying oil for use or resale later when prices rise.

Drill-baby-drill has a nice cadence, but it doesn't reveal that harvesting new deposits of oil will be expensive and in some locations hazardous to the planet. Oil sands, shale, deep-water deposits, and far-north reserves are more difficult to mine and more dangerous to recover than shooting holes in Jed Clampett's back yard.

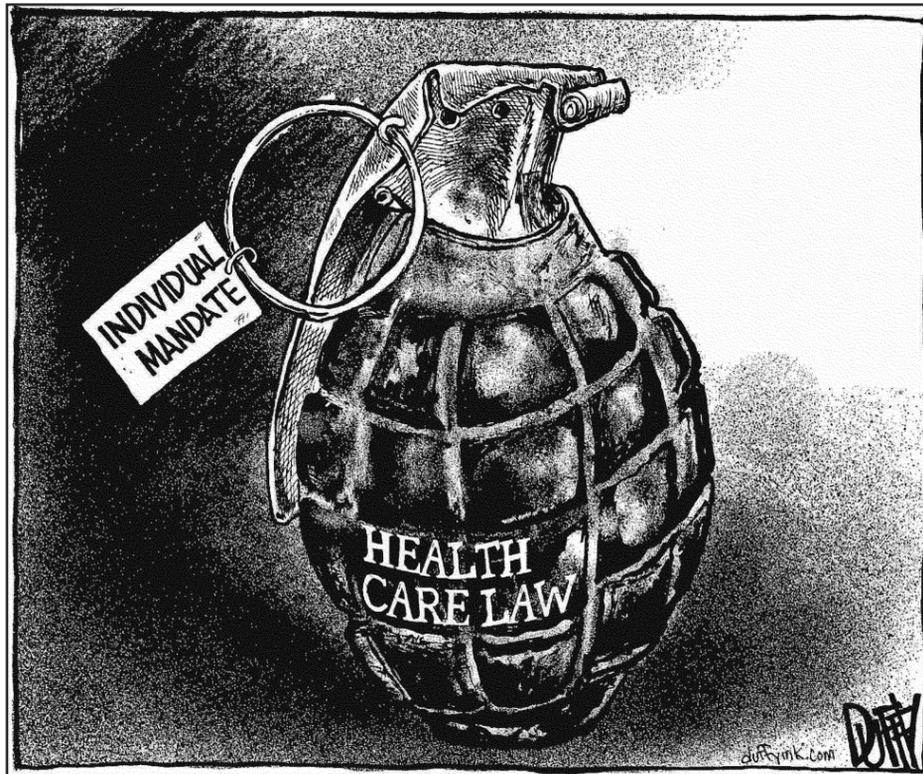
Followers of political news are aware by now that the Obama administration has restricted access to additional sources of oil.

Their unspoken mission is to save the planet, a goal worthy of President Woodrow Wilson's failed League of Nations, which was intended to end wars and guarantee world stability.

President Obama seems comfortable producing less domestic oil at higher prices, until the nation is worn down financially and willing to go shopping on bicycles with baskets.

In the meantime the president is committed to financing dreamy multi-million dollar "green research" until someone perfects an automobile which can be driven coast to coast powered by a rooftop solar panel. Idealists tend to be persistent, but not practical.

On Point



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Persons wishing to contact the editor should call 854-3986.

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Quail Meadow

Spring yard sale was very successful



Carolyn Slocumb

The Spring Yard Sale was very successful for many of our residents. Rain had been predicted for Saturday, but instead we had plenty of sunshine! There were many household items for sale, and even a boat! The sale provided a great time for cleaning out garages and getting rid of those items we thought we just had to have, but found they were no longer needed. The next yard sale will be in the fall.

Do you have a motorcycle? Several of our residents have bikes now and are enjoying them. Would you be interested in forming a "Quail Meadow Motorcycle Club"? This would give you a chance to meet others in the neighborhood with your same interests. If you are interested, please contact Jim Carlson at 351-8448.

It's time for the April Ladies Luncheon. This month the ladies will be going to Roma's (right here in our neighborhood) on April 13th. I know this is Friday, the 13th, but we aren't superstitious! Make your reservations with Marion Gartman or Pat Tobin. This is open for all ladies of Quail Meadow and their guests.

Do you have your ticket for the New Pretenders? This group will provide our entertainment on Monday, April 16. Cheese, crackers,



Some visitors look over the items for sale at the yard sale.

and desserts will be provided, beginning at 6:00 PM; the program will begin at 7 p.m.

Come early and enjoy a snack and social time with friends and neighbors before the program begins. If you have attended a concert by the New Pretenders in previous years, you know how talented they are. Each year they have a new program. Theresa Yoders and Charlotte Payne have tickets (\$3 contribution).

There are only a few more nights of bingo before the summer break. There will be no bingo in June, July, or August.

The swimming pool is open and being enjoyed by many. If you need wristbands, please contact Lil Carie.



This boat drew some attention at the yard sale.

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A SAVORY *springtime* BRUNCH

FAMILY FEATURES

Warm breezes, blooming flowers, pretty pastels — when spring is in the air, there's plenty of reason to celebrate. It's the perfect time to bring family and friends together for a welcoming brunch.

When planning your menu, be sure to have plenty of savory dishes on hand to satisfy your guests. And rest easy, you don't have to spend hours in the kitchen to prepare your feast. Using ingredients already full of flavor, such as Johnsonville Breakfast Sausage, lets you create memorable brunch dishes without a lot of work.

These recipes are simple yet satisfying — and leave you plenty of time to enjoy the company gathered around your table.

For more savory brunch recipes, visit www.johnsonville.com.

Amazing Muffin Cups

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 25 minutes
Yield: 12 servings

- 3 cups refrigerated shredded hash browns
- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 12 links Johnsonville Original Breakfast Sausage
- 6 eggs
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded 4-cheese Mexican blend cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped red bell pepper
- Chopped fresh chives or green onions, for garnish

Place 12 paper liners in a muffin pan; spray liners with cooking spray.

In bowl, combine hash browns, butter, salt and pepper. Press hash brown mixture into the bottom and up the sides of the muffin cups. Bake at 400°F for 12 minutes or until lightly browned.

Meanwhile, cook sausage according to package directions; cut into 1/2-inch pieces. Divide sausage between muffin cups.

Combine eggs, cheese and bell pepper. Pour over sausage. Sprinkle with chives. Bake for 13 to 15 minutes or until set.

Blue Ribbon Skillet

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes
Yield: 3 servings

- 7 links Johnsonville Original Breakfast Sausage
- 3 tablespoons canola oil
- 4 cups refrigerated shredded hash browns
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped orange bell pepper
- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded 4-cheese Mexican blend cheese

In large skillet, cook sausage per package directions. Cut links into 1-inch pieces and set aside.

In the same skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add hash browns, onion, green and orange peppers, jalapeños, salt and pepper. Cook for about 10 minutes until hash browns are lightly browned and tender, turning occasionally.

Return sausage to skillet and sprinkle with cheese. Cover skillet for 2 minutes until cheese is melted.

Option: This recipe can be doubled to make a "2-Skillet Breakfast." Cook sausage in one skillet and hash browns, onion and peppers in another skillet.

Sunrise Breakfast Casserole

Prep Time: 30 minutes
Bake Time: 70 minutes
Yield: 12 to 15 servings

- 2 packages (12 ounces each) Johnsonville Breakfast Sausage Links
- 9 eggs
- 3 cups milk
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 packages (20 ounces each) refrigerated shredded hash browns
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup diced sweet red pepper
- 1/3 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 2 cups salsa or picante sauce, optional

Place sausage on a 15 x 10 x 1-inch baking pan. Bake at 375°F for 15 to 20 minutes or until sausage is no longer pink, turning once; drain and slice into 1/4-inch coins.

In large bowl, combine eggs, milk, mustard, salt and pepper. Add hash browns, sausage, cheese, sweet red pepper and green onions; mix well. Pour into a greased 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking dish. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Bake, uncovered, at 350°F for 65 to 70 minutes or until set and golden brown. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Serve with salsa or picante sauce if desired.

Easy Sausage Roll-Ups

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes
Yield: 16 roll-ups

- 1 package (12 ounces) Johnsonville Breakfast Sausage Links
- 2 containers refrigerated crescent rolls (16 rolls total)
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons sugar

Prepare sausage according to package directions. Drain and set aside.

Unroll crescent roll dough according to directions on package. Place one cooked sausage onto one end of a dough triangle. Roll dough around sausage according to directions on dough package and place on jelly-roll pan with the seam side down. Repeat with remaining sausage and dough. (You will have 2 extra rolls. Bake and enjoy with jam.)

Mix cinnamon and sugar together and sprinkle evenly over roll-ups. Bake according to directions on dough package. Serve hot.

Suggestion: Serve with warm maple syrup, honey or your favorite preserves for dipping.

Leisure



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The Lamb loves to be surrounded by flocks of admirers. But be careful that someone doesn't take his or her admiration too far. Use your persuasive skills to let him or her down easily.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a good time to begin setting far-reaching goals and connecting with new contacts. Aspects also favor strengthening old relationships — personal and/or professional.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A personal disappointment should be viewed as a valuable learning experience. Go over what went wrong and see where a change in tactics might have led to a more positive outcome.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't leave projects unfinished or personal obligations unresolved, or you might find yourself tripping over all those loose ends later on. A relative has important news.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Expect a challenge to the usual way you do things. Although you might prefer the tried-and-true, once you take a good look at this new idea, you might feel more receptive to it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Much work has yet to be done to polish a still-rough idea into something with significant potential. Expect to encounter some initial rejection, but stay with it nonetheless.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) There still might be some communication problems in the workplace, but they should be resolved soon. Meanwhile, that "tip" from a friend should be checked out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A new relationship appears to need more from you than you might be willing to give right now. Best advice: Resist making promises you might not be able to keep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) That restless feeling encourages you to gallop off into a new venture. But remember to keep hold of the reins so you can switch paths when necessary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A demanding work schedule keeps the high-spirited Goat from kicking up his or her heels. But playtime beckons by the week's end. Have fun. You earned it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You're beginning to come out from under those heavy responsibilities you took on. Use this freed-up time to enjoy some much-deserved fun with people close to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Before you get swept away by a tidal wave of conflicting priorities, take time to come up for air, and reassess the situation. You might be surprised by what you'll find.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your leadership qualities are enhanced by a practical sense of purpose that keeps you focused on your goals.

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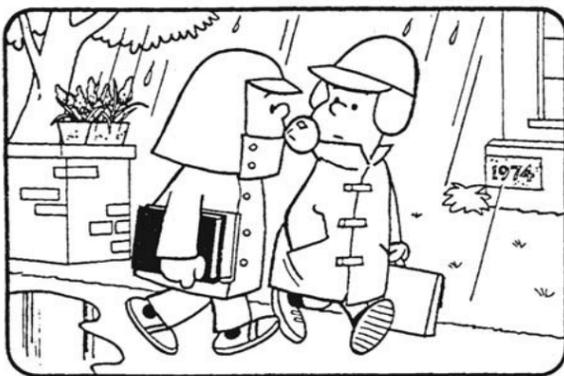
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.
Differences: 1. Plant is smaller. 2. Puddle is smaller. 3. Gum bubble is missing. 4. Cap is different. 5. Briefcase is smaller. 6. Cornerstone is missing.

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Super Crossword TEA PARTY

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 56 "Howards —" ('92 film) | 107 Eyebrow shape | non | 48 Dwight's competitor | 92 Sitarist Shankar |
| 1 Clean the decks | 57 Had a hunch | 109 The sky, at times? | 5 French city | 50 Cry of distress | 94 "Cry — River" ('55 song) |
| 5 "Portnoy's Complaint" author | 60 Nonclerical | 110 Beginning | 6 "Fall back" mo. | 51 "Later, Luis!" | 96 "El Libertador" |
| 9 "Woe is me!" | 62 Assumed mane? | 111 Bright inventor? | 7 Aftershocks | 58 Remove a brooch | 99 Elfin |
| 13 Strength | 64 German chemist Otto | 114 Make Fido fetch | 8 Former Cong. group | 59 Sault — Marie, MI | 100 — bran |
| 18 — Krishna | 66 Hound or hamster | 118 Banyan or baobab | 9 For the birds | 61 Pangolin's morsel | 102 Trace |
| 19 Neutral tone | 67 Forbid | 120 Refer (to) | 10 Loewe's lyricist | 63 Dutch export | 104 Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy |
| 20 Manifest | 68 Outtake | 122 — point | 11 — deco | 64 Possessed | 105 Teach |
| 21 Pointless | 72 On the ball | 125 What Lech Walesa drank | 12 Pencil piece | 65 Citrus cooler | 108 Kilauea, for one |
| 22 What the Three Stooges drank | 74 What F. Lee Bailey drank | 129 What Gregor Mendel drank | 13 Sun screen | 67 Deli choice | 112 Court cry |
| 24 What Yo-Yo Ma drank | 78 Billow | 132 Saying | 14 First | 68 Kind of clasp | 113 Teachers' org. |
| 26 — pole | 79 Longed for | 133 Take the reins | 15 Gangster's gun | 69 Makes money | 115 "Doe, —, a female . . ." |
| 27 "American Pie" singer | 81 Address abbr. | 134 Pennsylvania port | 16 TV's "— Step Beyond" | 70 — trip | 117 Rapiers |
| 29 Overshoe | 82 Exist | 135 Atty.-to-be's ordeal | 17 Singer Chris | 71 Sleep stage | 119 Formerly, formerly |
| 30 Range rope | 84 Tragic fate | 136 Steven of "Wings" | 20 Supervise | 72 Roman fountain | 121 Perlman of "Cheers" |
| 32 Synthetic fiber | 85 What's between Serena and Martina | 137 Guam, for one: abbr. | 23 Property professional | 75 Helium or hydrogen ('78 hit) | 123 "— Heartache" |
| 34 Brahman or lama | 86 Bat wood | 138 Horned vipers | 25 "Alley —" | 76 Plant pest | 124 Shipbuilding wood |
| 38 Broadway backer | 87 — clover | 139 Actress Veronica | 28 Endured | 77 — Claire, WI | 125 Shorten a slat |
| 41 Vulgar | 90 Paddle | | 31 Paul of "A Man for All Seasons" | 80 "L—, c'est moi" | 126 Horatian creation |
| 43 He may woo ewe | 93 Siren | | 33 Storch or King | 83 Wells creatures | 127 Research site |
| 45 Concerning | 95 Steel support | | 35 Punta del — | 86 In pieces | 128 Ideologue's suffix |
| 46 What Sasquatch drank | 97 Myriads of moons | DOWN | 36 Actress Anna | 87 Feast's alternative | 130 Tear |
| 49 What Queen Victoria drank | 101 What Isaac Newton drank | 1 "Quiet!" | 37 Warty one | 88 City near Provo | 131 Demolished dessert |
| 52 Oklahoma city | 103 What Martha Stewart drank | 2 Stick around | 38 Flock o' docs | 89 Produced a cryptogram | |
| 53 Bull in a china shop | 106 Reside | 3 Singer Guthrie | 39 Wordless greeting | 90 Eye amorously | |
| 54 Exploit | | 4 '60s phenome- | 40 Grinds | 91 Parched | |
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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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Some things seem too good to be true



James Snyder

Recently I discovered something. The more I tried to keep up with the latest trend the further behind I get. I am not a complete technical idiot, but I'm not too far off. The only thing I can say about me is that I at least try.

The best example of all of this has to do with my cell phone. Is there anybody on the planet today that does not have a cell phone? And, the most im-

portant question, is there anybody driving a car that is not at the same time on that cell phone? Who in the world are they all talking to?

My guess is they are all talking to each other. At least, they are not talking to me.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage finally convinced me to go into cahoots with her and get cell phones. The plan was this. She got to pick out the cell phones and I got to pay the bill. I must say I beat her on this one.

She only got to take the cell phone once but I, get to pay the bill every month. I was chuckling to myself that I finally pulled one over on her until I realized that I get to pay the bill every month. Every month! This is the last time I will try to pull something over on her. I never win.

Consequently, we now are in the cell phone industry. I am not sure it is all working out for the good.

I have yet to master the technological skill associated with successfully using my cell phone. Although my cell phone is rather small, it has more buttons on it than Bozo the clown's costume. Not only are there more buttons than I can count but each button is smaller than I can see. Who in the world designed such small buttons?

I really think that my cell phone was designed for some midget.

At this point, I cannot tell the difference when my cell phone is ringing or when I am receiving a text message. When a text message comes in I try to answer the cell phone and nobody seems to be on the other end. When I try to read the text message

there are only letters instead of words. It takes me a half hour just to figure out one text message. Where is James Bond when you need him?

I may not be the brightest letter on the keyboard but I do know how to spell words. It seems that in order to use a cell phone today you have to throw out words and start using letters. I will never get the hang of that.

When somebody is on the phone and I am talking, all of a sudden the phone goes dead. I can talk for 3 minutes before realizing nobody is on the other end. I find this most frustrating.

I am not sure that the convenience of the cell phone is worth the frustrating elements associated with having the cell phone.

In a crowded restaurant the other day, my cell

phone went off. Not thinking too much of my environment I answered the cell phone. It was a friend calling me.

The conversation started rather jovial for all practical purposes. Suddenly I became conscious I had an audience.

There are times when I really prefer not to have an audience. This was one of those times.

I realized some of the people around me were eavesdropping in on my conversation. Then the unthinkable happened. My cell phone suddenly went dead. It went dead in the middle of a rather humorous joke I was telling. Now what was I to do?

It really was not my fault that the phone went dead. I did not plan it that way. Besides, I hate it when somebody stops in the middle of a joke and you never get to the punchline.

For a few seconds I was not sure what the proper protocol is when your phone goes dead and you have an audience. I had to do some very quick thinking and come up with, what I thought was, a brilliant plan.

I understand that when you do have an audience you have a certain responsibility with that audience. So, not to disappoint my audience, I continued my conversation on the cell

phone as though somebody was actually on the other end. I was able to finish my joke and then I paused, not knowing what else to do. I merely continued the conversation I was having with my friend who really was not on the other end of this time.

Sometimes it is good just to keep up a good front. From the snickers of the people around me in that restaurant, it was well worth finishing that joke. I hate to waste a good joke. After all, they are so hard to come by these days.

Many things are just too good to be true and many of them I probably will never really get the hang of it. One thing I never really will fully understand is God's love for me.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16 KJV).

Although this sounds too good to be true, it is true nevertheless.

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Curry Andrews holds a bell and his co-worker at Publix, Jennifer, holds a baby's rattle as they encourage everyone to help with the March for Babies.

Go Figure!

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Super Crossword

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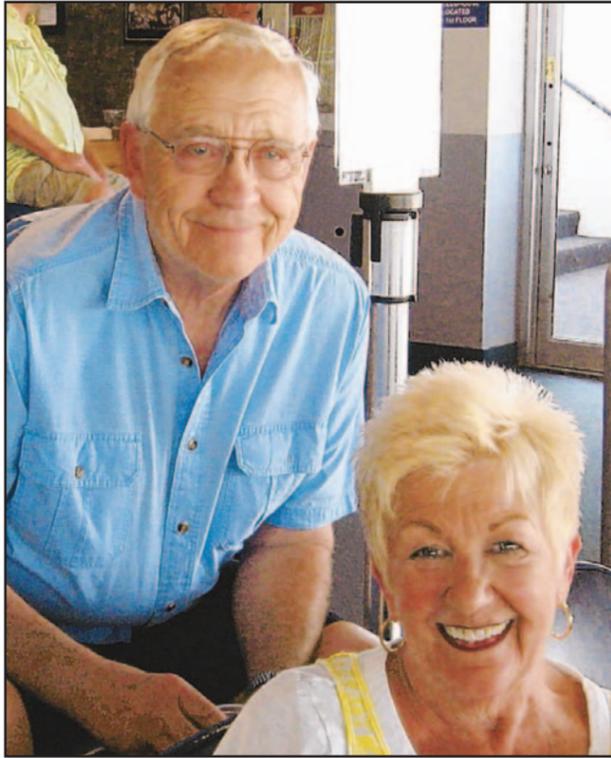
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