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Clara Cokewood is shown with her birthday cake and other memorabilia as she celebrates her 100th birthday in Ocala Palms. Below, she's shown with her daughter, Marilyn Hinds, on the left, and Maxie Hotz, Marilyn's sister-in-law.

**Celebration held for Ocala Palms resident**

Ocala Palms resident Clara Cokewood celebrated her 100th birthday on July 18 at a luncheon at Blanca's Restaurant.

There were more than 75 people in attendance and she was wished many more years of health and happiness with a champagne toast and a beautiful cake.

Most of the guests were friends she joins in the pool for Luanne Mayer's Water Aerobics class and a great many were her partners in Bridge

and Hand- and-Foot. In Clara's Bridge group she is known as a "barracuda."

She was presented with a Happy 100th Birthday shirt which was signed by all her friends as well as receiving gifts, flowers and over 100 birthday cards.

Other parties were held in her honor by other groups of friends including her Snow Bird friends and the Singles Club.

Happy Birthday, Clara!



**Murder-suicide ruled in deaths at Ocala Palms**

BY JIM CLARK  
 Editor

The community of Ocala Palms lost two residents recently when the shooting deaths of a couple were ruled to be a murder-suicide.

According to a report from the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Margaret J. Morlan, 79, and Weldon G. Morlan, 82, were found dead on Monday morning, July 16, in their home.

They were found by neighbor Warren Grund, who checked on the couple when they hadn't been seen since Friday, July 13. He noticed that the mail in the mailbox had not been retrieved. He found the Morlans' car un-

locked and gained access with the garage door opener.

He found the bodies in the back bedroom and immediately left after calling officials. According to the report, he described the scene as a female lying in the bed deceased with blood around the body, and a male in the doorway, also covered with blood, with a small caliber handgun lying on the floor nearby.

Deputies arrived and noted that both bodies apparently had gunshot wounds.

Another neighbor said she had seen the couple on Friday, the 13th.

Eventually the case was ruled a murder-suicide.

**Patron shoots pair attempting robbery**

BY JIM CLARK  
 Editor

Two young men were arrested after an attempted robbery at a Corridor Internet café on Friday the 13th was foiled by a patron who shot at the two suspects.

According to reports from the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Davis G. Dawkins, 19, of 19556 S.W. 36th St. in Dunnellon, and Duwayne B. Henderson, 19, of 1318 S.W. 33rd St., Ocala, allegedly entered the Palms Internet Café, 8484 S.W. State Road 200. One carried a baseball bat and struck a computer, while the other brandished a weapon and threatened customers.

One of the customers, identified as Samuel Williams, pulled out a gun which he was reportedly legally carrying and shot at the two men, chasing them out the door, then locking the door

behind them. Blood was found at the scene indicating that at least one of them had been struck by a bullet.

Later the Sheriff's Office received information that two men were being taken from the Marion Oaks area to Shands Hospital with gunshot injuries. A detective interviewed them, and Dawkins said he had been confronted by two subjects at Scott Carrigan Field and forced to assist in the robbery. He also said he had previously worked for the Internet café.

The report states the same information during the arrest of Henderson, who allegedly was the robber with the weapon.

Both men were arrested and eventually booked into the Marion County Jail. Dawkins bonded out on \$11,000 bond, while Henderson was released on \$31,000 bond.

**United Way seeks school readers**

United Way of Marion County is looking to recruit 100 volunteers to be placed in local elementary schools this fall and be paired up with one child to work on literacy skills. The volunteer commitment consists of one hour, once a week for 25 weeks. Training and materials will be provided.

This volunteer recruitment effort is in response to a grant that United Way of Marion County received from Carol and Barney Barnett. The grant is focused on

engaging, training, and deploying volunteer "reading pals" in 10 Florida regions to increase the number of students who are reading at grade level by the end of third grade.

Working with local school districts, United Way's Women's Leadership Councils, Early Learning Coalitions, Children's Services Councils and others, this initiative will focus on engaging students from pre-kinder-



Fairfield Village

# Strong opinions expressed over Olympic attire



Priscilla Geissal

Over the past weeks, reports have surfaced about the Ralph Lauren attire for the Olympic athletes especially for the opening and closing ceremonies in London. The fact that all these ensembles were created "in China" has elicited mixed reactions, but with mostly negative tones.

First, I would like to make my own public comment.

Priscilla Geissal: "I have followed the Olympics as long as I can remember and even researched much of those

things that are so special to me about the Olympics even prior to my birth. I was a track and cross country coach for many years and have many exceptional athletes in my family, though I am not one of them.

"People like Jim Thorpe captured my interest as did many other athletes who struggled because of some very sad incidents because of rules or prejudice. Jesse Owens was another of the ones for whom I felt such empathy. Hitler's unbelievable disrespect of that great athlete just made me want to cry.

When President Jimmy Carter convinced the Olympic committee to not allow our athletes to compete in the Moscow games unless the Russians removed their military forces in Afghanistan in 1980, I was appalled. To use those athletes and their participation in Moscow as a pawn for or as some exchange commodity by our

President was just unconscionable to me. It still infuriates me, and I did not know one single Olympic athlete or anyone associated with them.

"Now with this latest news about the manufacture of the designer Ralph Lauren uniforms made in China... well, I want to know if our athletes should have stand on the podium and listen to the Chinese national anthem when they receive their gold medals?

"There have been many times when that podium was used as a place for protests or even inappropriate (by most standards) behavior. Now an act by our own Olympic committee has come to light, and I feel I must say something about this as my one time to stand up for the Olympic symbolism.

"We, as a nation, have taken the greedy and easy way very often just for the sake of that almighty dollar. It is time that those of



PHOTO BY PRISCILLA GEISSAL

Sandy and Norris Williams have white hair, wear red and blue, and love the Olympics. They are not happy about the outsourcing of the Olympic attire to China so they say, "No more Ralph Lauren at our house."

us who want to believe that this is the best and most authentic country in the world and that we should

show our national pride even by our sacrifices in the market place if necessary actually do something

and not just talk or complain about it.

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“For the past 2 years, I have avoided merchandise “made in China” as much as possible. Now, however, I plan to go to much greater lengths to do that because it is a matter of my supporting our own working class in a way that shows my genuine realization that many do not have jobs for this very reason.. Personally, that will be my position from this point on..No more Made in China in my shopping cart! I am very pleased to say that a group of us in Fairfield Village have taken this opportunity to give some opinions regarding this announcement; and in so doing, we have come up with some other comments that seem to have close to consensus credibility.

As is true in almost all communities like ours, we are a mixed group of people from many different parts of the U.S. and even world wide. We represent different religions, ethnicities, political positions, ranges of income and social standing, professions, and (of course) ages past 55 for the most part.

Generally, tolerance works very well here in FFV..most of us seem to respect the fact that our community does represent many different points of view. We seem to be able to agree or to disagree without being disagreeable so different opinions can be expressed without fear of hostility. I certainly hope that this will continue to be the case once I put into print what I have received from many neighbors as opinions about the Chinese made Olympic attire.

Some of the comments follow:

T and D SP:  
“We think it’s a disgrace. Olympic outfits should be made in America.”

Sandy and Norris Williams:

“SHAME ON YOU, UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE! And shame on you, Ralph Lauren!

“Perhaps I misunderstood? Was my donation to the Olympic committee for our athletes or was it actually to support the Chinese clothing industry?

Let’s hope the news about 2014 is true. ALL U.S.Olympic gear is to be strictly American-made.

Oh, and by the way—Mr. Lauren’s brands will not be seen at our house anymore. Perhaps he should have to sell to the Chinese!”

Carolyn Edwards:

“The whole Olympic uniform situation has gotten out of control. For now, they (athletes) need to wear what we have more than likely already paid for. If not, let Ralph Lauren pay for them as he has caused all the fuss and made the U. S. look stupid. From now on, there needs to be a rule that ALL U.S. uniforms, of any type, be made in this country. Period!!!”

An unidentified neighbor:

“There are plenty of uni-

form manufacturers that probably would have made them for free”

Another unidentified neighbor:

“Like Bernie Goldberg said last evening on Fox news..the clothing should be burned..and absolutely made in the good old USA.”

Still another unidentified neighbor:

“We have been outsourcing everything since the ‘70’s, and I am astonished to find so few people apparently haven’t bothered to pay attention all these years. Where have they been when the Chinese started making the American flag? And, of course, everything else. Do they like the inferior goods foisted on us? We have been the laughing stock of the world for a long time and being indignant over the Olympic clothing made for the U. S. by China is nothing new!!!”

Even yet another unidentified neighbor:

“Totally agree with you, (Priscilla) and thanks for taking the time to stand up on this issue.”

Julie Pawlak:

“I find this outrageous. The quest for cheap labor at any cost to our country’s workforce is very damaging at the least. More and more profits enable bigger executive compensation packages and give them the ability to make political donations to control our government representatives. Our loss of the middle class and excessive wealth concentrated at the top will be the downfall of our country as we know it.”

Ginie & Dave Keller:

“We think it’s terrible! What a ‘slap in the face’ for the United States. Is it really all about money?? Did

they get a break on cost by going to China? Whatever happened to PRIDE for our country?”

Sandy Leslie:

“You want to know my feelings? Oh, boy, well, I guess it can be called a travesty. Yes, they have some uniforms made in the U.S. and maybe ones that didn’t look so much like we were representing France. But then again, I think our country is facing far more travesties than this and that we as a country need to prioritize what is important. Is our uniforms at a ‘sporting event’ THAT important? I think I would like to hear more about how we as a country can fix things even in our own community first; our cities, second; our state, third; and, of course, our country. So I guess it really comes down to what is it we consider a travesty. I personally find it a travesty that we have millions of people who can’t afford the basic necessities. I find it a travesty that there is so much hate in our country. These are far bigger travesties that what the Olympians are wearing.”

Dave Hanson:

I must have a perverse sense of humor. I find the incident amusing and symbolically accurate.

Becky and Bob Kelsch:

“Shameful ! If you’re



PHOTO BY PRISCILLA GEISSAL

**Dave Hanson (an avid Buffalo Bills fan) manages to find humor in most things as a way to stay positive. He is shown as he leaves to visit his wife Shirley, who is ill and recuperating in a local rehab center. Shirley is doing remarkably well...probably aided by her "hubby's" wonderful sense of humor.**

going to represent the United States you should be wearing clothing that is made in the United States.”

Don and Dolores Smith:

“Everything should be all American in the Olympics.”

P.L. & C. G.

Even though we haven’t kept up with the news

lately, we want to let you know that we definitely agree with you on the Olympic matter. Thank you and God bless you.

O. & M. L.  
“..couldn’t have said it better than you.”

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# Happenings

## Friday, July 27

### Spaghetti dinner at Queen of Peace

There will be an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner at Queen of Peace Catholic Church on Friday, July 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. T

The dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, bread, beverage and 25 item salad bar.

Everything is all you can eat. The cost is \$7 per person.

Children under 18 eat free.

## Saturday, July 28

### Book sale for Sheltering Hands

A book sale to benefit Sheltering Hands Rescue will take place Saturday, July 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Winn-Dixie, 8445 S.W. State Road 200. There will be used books, CDs, videos and crafts. Buy five books, get two free.

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

### Worship Service at TimberRidge

Countryside Presbyterian Church provides Christian Ministry to residents of TimberRidge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9848 S.W. 110th St., Ocala and holds bimonthly worship services.

If you have a loved one, or friend at the TimberRidge Center you are invited to attend our next service on Saturday, July 28, at 10:15 a.m.

For further information, please call the church office at 352-237-4633.

## Sunday, July 29

### Joy Night at Christ's Church

Joy Night! Lift up your hearts in praise! Everyone is invited to an evening of traditional and contemporary worship, fellowship and refreshments, 5 p.m., on Sunday, July 29. Christ's Church of Marion County, 6768 S.W. 80th St. (off State Road 200), Ocala, 352-861-6182, <http://www.ccomc.org/>.

## Tuesday, July 31

### Breast Cancer group to meet

The Breast Cancer SOS (Sisterhood of Survivors) support group meets the last Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 S.W. 105th St., Room 104.

The July 31 meeting will be an open information exchange and an opportunity to get to know everyone better and introduce new members. We will have a speaker at our meeting who will share some information and ex-

periences with stereotatic biopsy treatment.

If you have any questions or need more information, call Gail Tirpak at 352-291-6904. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

## Saturday, Aug. 5

### Book sale at library

The Friends of the Ocala Library will hold their quarterly book sale in Rooms B and C of the main library on Silver Springs Boulevard on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thousands of gently-used books will be on sale, hardcovers at 50 cents, and paperbacks at 25 cents each. Come for a good read and help the Friends in their ongoing goal of helping the main library with non-budgeted items, including the successful children's programs.

And go to [friendsoftheocalalibrary.org](http://friendsoftheocalalibrary.org) to learn how to become a member of the Friends.

## Thursday, Aug. 9

### Clothe the children

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Dunnellon will be hosting a "Clothe the Children" drive on Thursday, Aug. 9 in the church hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church hall.

New and used clothing will be distributed to families in need.

Applications will be available at the door. For more information, call 352-489-1984.

### Palm Cay GOP to meet

On Aug. 9, the Palm Cay Republican Club will be holding its monthly meeting at the Oasis Club in Palm Cay. The speaker is Mike Graves. Mike is a candidate for Public Defender.

The Club will then be open for discussion on the upcoming proposal to increase the sales tax. The meeting will begin promptly at 7 p.m. and last until 8. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

For more information please contact James Pettus, 352-438-9662

## Saturday, Sept. 15

### Autumn run for autism

The ninth annual 5K Autumn Run for Autism at Silver Springs will take place Saturday, Sept. 15, at 7:30 a.m.

Race day registration starts at 6 a.m.

Adults are \$15, students 19 and under \$12. All entries after Sept. 10 are \$20.

Take part in one of Marion county's most scenic 5K road races. All pre- and post-run activities take place in the Wild Waters parking lot. The first 200 entrants will receive complimentary custom shirts.

Male/female awards given to the top overall, top masters, and top three in each 5-year age group from 9 and under to 70+.

Walkers are invited and will begin after the runners.

There will be a free kids 1 Mile Fun Run.

Post-run activities include a drawing for prizes from local businesses and area attractions (Disney and Sea World), lots of food and fun, autism information.

Race benefits New Horizon Academy for Exceptional Students.

Registration can be done online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or forms can be picked up at most health clubs, YMCA, local businesses and mailed or done at Ocala Sports (Holly Plaza on Easy Street).

For additional information call 352-207-2347 or 352-629-1785.

## Saturday, Sept. 29

### Trash to Treasure sale

The Church of the Advent will be presenting its annual Trash to Treasure sale on Saturday, Sept. 29. This is an outdoor event.

Spaces are 10 feet x 10 feet and rent for \$15 ea. Crafters, flea market and food vendors are invited to participate.

Many spaces will be in the shade, these will be assigned on a first come basis.

The church is at 11251 County Road 484, just in front of the new fire station. For registration and information call Al Sickie at 352-208-5664 or Maryanne Brennan at 352-347-2428.

## Monday, Oct. 1

### Knights plan golf tournament

The Knights of Columbus Council 9649 is having its fifth annual Queen of Peace Charity Scramble Golf Outing at Stone Creek Golf Club on Monday, Oct. 1 (rain date is Oct. 8).

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Registration fee is \$65 per person and includes a packet of free items, complimentary morning coffee, golfers buffet lunch, and golf with cart. There will be door prizes and a chance to win hole-in-one prizes including \$10,000 or iPad or two airline tickets to any city in the continental U.S.

Proceeds will permit the Knights to continue their support of Marion County charities. Contact Fred Roberts prior to Sept. 17 at 352-502-3093 for details and registration form.

## Friday, Oct. 19

### Two-day VFW flea market

The annual VFW flea market is Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19-20, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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# It's OK for pigs to fly, but please, not with me



**James Snyder**

It is time for good old Uncle George to pay up. For years, at least as long as I can remember, he always eluded everything by saying, "I'll do that when pigs fly." Or, "I'll give you \$100 for that when pigs fly." My favorite might be, "I'll go to church when pigs fly."

Well, Uncle George, it is time for you to pay up for all of those promises in the past.

According to some airlines, pigs can fly. I am not sure I have all of the facts, but then again facts have little to do with most stories going around these days.

All I know, certain airlines will allow you to carry on board your pet pig if it is important to you for your mental well-being.

After all, only the pilots are allowed to be mentally off when it comes to flying.

I must confess that my least favorite mode of transportation is flying. Now, according to some rumors flying around, I have more reasons not to like flying.

I think the cost of flying his discouraged me from enjoying the flight. It seems terribly expensive to squeeze your body into the seat made for a person half your size so that you can

pay double the price.

It takes me about a half hour to get myself squeezed into a seat and manipulate the seatbelt to go all the way around me. By that time, I need to go to the restroom.

Why I do not think of that before I sit down is one of those mysteries of nature that never will be solved. Another half hour to extricate myself from the seat and go and stand in line at the restroom for another half hour and then come back and squeeze myself back into the seat and again manipulate the seatbelts.

By that time, I am totally exhausted.

Another reason I am not too fond of flying has to do with the cuisine.

When you mentioned airline food, the term cuisine does not readily come to mind.

Whatever they serve on board has nothing whatsoever to resemble nutritious cuisine.

I think some of these people who are going to begin taking their pigs on board might take this into consideration.

If the food is as bad as it has been, somebody, like yours truly, might look at that pig with a certain cuisine activity in mind. I am not adverse to a nicely roasted pork for lunch. In fact, I am going to start taking apples with me when I fly just in case the occasion

presents itself.

I suppose the biggest reason I do not like flying has to do with the seats. Whoever designed airline seats never had an encounter with a real man. I believe they thought that the only people who would ever fly an airplane would be height-challenged people, those who would not take up much space.

Perhaps also they were thinking of people who were posteriorly-challenged.

Have you looked at people lately?

There are very few posteriorly-challenged people left in the world anymore. Perhaps they were thinking of those days when people had to work their butts off making a living.

Now, no such activity is being exercised in our country.

Now that pigs are going to be able to fly the friendly skies, what's next?

I have endured all kinds of people during my years of flying. Now, not only do I have to share my seat with suffocating, boring, chatty people, but also I need to make room for pigs.

Who was it that made this decision? Who was it that sat down and said, "You know, I think it would be a good idea if we allowed pigs to fly on airplanes."

It is obvious that the people who made this decision are not familiar with pigs.

Perhaps they were thinking of Porky Pig. Now, there is a pig I would not mind traveling with in the friendly skies. The conversation would probably be better than some of the conversations I have had in similar situations. Of course, his stuttering might drive me crazy.

Being a country boy, I know what a pig is. My grandfather used to raise pigs, so, I have been around pigs and know what they are like and, most importantly, how bad they smell. It is a well-known fact that the reason pigs have such large snouts is because they smell so bad. And they enjoy smelling bad.

I can think of one reason why the airlines want to include pigs in the list of passengers. Most of them serve food only a pig would like.

I know that being "politically correct" is a mandate in our culture. I further know that criticizing stupidity in our culture is a

huge no-no. In fact, to recognize such absurdity is a reflection upon your character.

For anybody to think that a pig does not belong in a seat beside you as you fly the friendly skies is some kind of antediluvian moron.

I think Solomon got it right when he said, "And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit. For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow" (Ecclesiastes 1:17-18 KJV).

Uncle George, it is pay up time, I'll see you in church Sunday.

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garten to third grade. Local United Ways are tasked with partnering with their local school system, using a common state-wide pre and post assessment, tracking volunteer hours and providing books for children to take home. Implementation of the program is left to the discretion of each community.

"When schools improve, communities improve and sometimes kids just need someone who believes in them," Maureen Quinlan, president of United Way of Marion County said. "United Way recognizes that everyone can contribute to a child's academic success."

Volunteer training will be offered Thursday, Aug. 2 from 9-11 a.m. at the Marion County Public Library Headquarters located at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala. Volunteers will be placed when school begins in the fall. Please contact the United Way by calling Jan Hathaway at 352-732-9696 ext. 212 or jhathaway@uwmc.org.

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# Opinion

## Our Message

### Security at Internet cafe

The recent attempted robbery and subsequent shooting of the suspects at an Internet café raises some questions about security at these establishments that have popped up all over Marion County.

The café, one of several along State Road 200, was entered by two young men, one armed with a gun and the other with a baseball bat, seemingly with the intent of robbery. Unknown to them, one of the patrons was also carrying a weapon, and he came up shooting, chasing both men from the store and locking the door behind them.

No one is seeking penalties against the patron, who undoubtedly saved the customers from being robbed and perhaps worse. He reportedly had a concealed weapons permit, and although he was close to the suspects, he apparently didn't shoot to kill, so he did a lot of things right.

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In fact, the two men got away, only to be apprehended when they called for medical help and deputies were notified.

But the fact that a customer was able to walk into a establishment such as this, fully armed, without being checked by anyone is a little disconcerting. In this case, he was the "good guy." But what if that weren't so? Was there no security to check people for weapons, especially at a business that deals in a lot of cash?

Maybe the county and/or state ought to tighten up regulations on these establishments, making sure that they have things in place to protect their customers.

In the meantime, when you go into an Internet café, look around and see if you can find out who has a weapon. If you locate one, just hope that the person "packing" is on your side, especially if the bad guys come calling.

### Just right

The penalties handed down by the NCAA to Penn State seem just right. Fines of \$60 million, cuts in scholarships and a bowl ban for years, plus the stripping of 113 victories, sends a strong message. No longer is Joe Paterno the winningest coach. Current football players have freedom to transfer.

For a change the NCAA penalized the right people. With Paterno's statue gone and Sandusky in jail, maybe the school can straighten itself out. For the victims' sake, we hope so.

## Among Friends

### Clothing from China just a symptom

Take a moment to look in your closet and check the label on your clothes. Look to see where your clothing was manufactured.

If you're like a lot of us, it's something you haven't done before. And chances are, your clothes weren't made in the U.S.

Apparently, the U.S. Olympic Committee doesn't check the labels, either.

There was a big stink raised last week when it was discovered that the Olympic team was wearing clothing that was made in China. Some people were quick to jump on the U.S. Olympic Committee for making this choice.

Olympic officials scoffed at the complaints. The clothing, they say, came from an American company, Ralph Lauren, which supports American athletes. The opening and closing ceremony clothes and casual clothes to be worn during the Olympics are all being supplied by Ralph Lauren.

Committee officials also pointed out that the Olympics are privately funded, not run by the government as they are in many other countries. In other words, we have to save money.

Congress reacted negatively immediately. Sen. Harry Reid, a Democrat, said the clothes should be put in a big pile and burned. Rep. John Boehner, a Republican, said that the Olympic Committee "should know better."

But let's face it. This is just a result of a major problem with America. While our textile industry suffers, people like the Chinese, Japanese and Koreans are providing products that meet the needs of the American people. Americans tend to buy things that look good, are durable and are not overly expensive. When the U.S. starts producing items equal with those standards, the tide will turn toward buying American goods.

Jim Clark  
Editor



I laugh when I read complaints that one of the presidential candidates led the way in outsourcing jobs to other countries. People who say that know nothing of history. This is nothing new. I remember when my children were young, they used to praise the electronics they had from Sony. To them, that was the best electronic company there was. At their age, they didn't care about jobs or factories or workers or things like that. All they knew is when they turned on a Walkman, it worked perfectly.

The foreign invasion of goods extends to almost all walks of life, to all types of products, and has for some time. And we're all probably guilty of buying items that were made elsewhere. Sometimes, you can't get stuff made in America.

So before we look negatively at the Olympic officials, let's try to fix the problem in America. Let's bring jobs back to our country. Some of it has already been done. Some people drive foreign cars, but they were made at assembly lines here in the U.S. That can be done with a bunch of other products.

And let's send some Olympic clothing to the Chinese. Maybe their athletes will wear items that are made in the U.S., and we can cancel each other out.

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## Your Letters

### Hatred

Where does all of this hate toward the Democrats come from throughout this election period, not only from the far right but also from our elected representatives in congress?

There has never been a time in our recent history when the Republicans have lied to mislead the American public with so much slander and outright lies against our democratically elected president. Some of these so called representatives with an R after their name know better but have so little respect for the voting public that these lies have become everyday language from the Republican leaders in the House and Senate.

Why would the Republicans not support the Senate Disclose Act which would highlight who secretly contributes large amounts of money to influence our elected representatives on issues that hurt our country. The American voter wants to know who is running our country, whether it be Carl Rove and his pac money or come foreign country paying to elect those un-American representatives who have sold their soul for campaign contributions.

The president wants to put Americans to work building bridges, highways and infrastructure to help our economy but the Republicans say no because it might help Obama. The president wants to have the rich help the economy by paying their fair share in taxes but the Republicans again say no because the poor and middle class aren't paying enough to help support those with money.

It seems in my opinion that the Republican leadership in the House and Senate are fully ready to destroy this country by leading us to once again default on the payment our responsibilities. With the world economy in its present fragile state their leadership will not only bring down our economy but we may see the rest of the world fall with us. Are the Republicans really willing to take that chance just to defeat Obama?

This is my country too, and when I see these elected Republican representatives treat America as poorly as they do I can't help but ask, what kind of people vote for someone who wants to destroy our country at any cost?

Jerry Segovis  
Ocala

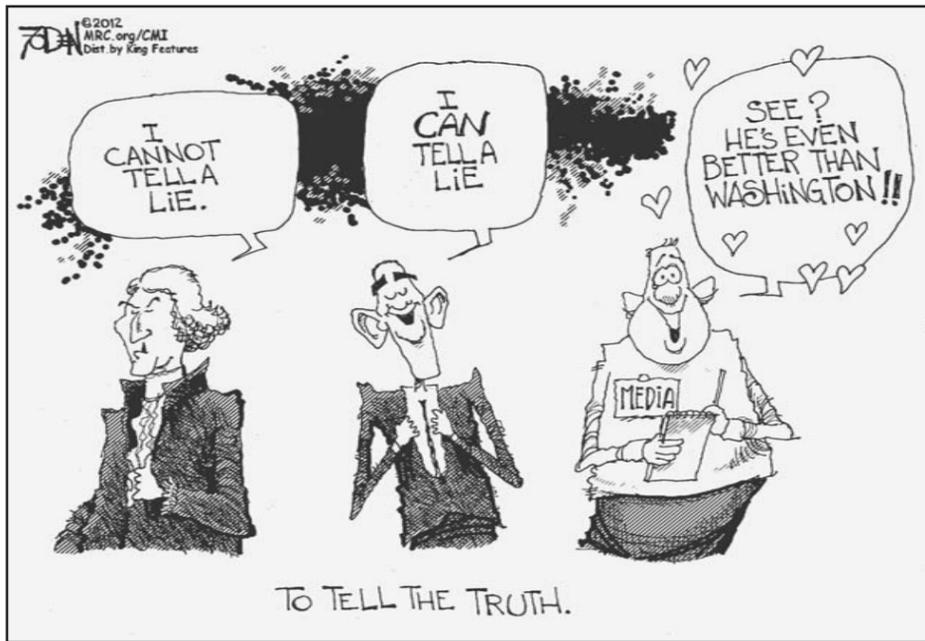
### Millage as a taxing entity, unfair to property owners

Well, they're at it again. The county, whether it be teachers, hospitals or any other group, wants to use millage rates as the method to raise money for any county project. Not fair or realistic.

We know Munroe Regional Medical Center (MRMC) wants a one mill increase in real estate taxes, to provide money to help the hospital out of a financial crisis. Then along comes the county school system, with a 1/2 millage increase proposal for teachers and one for the same amount for school operations. Now, if both MRMC and the school millage proposals pass, which I don't think will happen, it would represent a \$200 increase in real estate taxes per \$100,000 of property value. Now, this seems like a good idea for those who don't own property in Marion County.

Back in 1964, when I first came to the area, there was a millage "battle" with county commissioners and the populace, regarding funding for schools. Senior citizens felt they should not be paying taxes to educate young parents' children, and to their credit, they were right. In a sense. But of course other people, older than

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Fabric Crafts – looking for someone who is able to sew/quilt/knit, etc to help lead in activities involving fabrics such as a quilting club, embroidery club, etc.

Green Thumb Assistant – looking for someone to help keep our garden growing.

We are working with Feed the Need to establish vegetable and fruit gardens as well as a flowering garden. Volunteer will be doing the gardening with the residents.

Billiard Instructor – looking for someone who is able to play billiards for fun with our residents or someone who would like to teach beginner lessons.

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Must be able to count change, write receipts, etc. “Mini” librarian – looking for someone who is able to organize library and keep books in proper categories. Help residents make selections. Perhaps lead a short story time.

Cooking Class Instructor – looking for someone who enjoys baking/cooking to assist in cooking classes such as baking cookies, decorating cupcakes, etc. with the residents.

Fitness Leader – looking for someone to lead small fitness groups, light chair aerobics, stretching yoga, Thai chi, zumba for seniors, chair dancing.

Volunteer positions at Brentwood may include a free lunch while serving in your volunteer station.

On-site training will be provided as needed. For additional information contact Barbie Smerecki at 352-464-3802.

## College of Central Florida, RSVP of Marion County - Reading Readiness Volunteers

Volunteers that can give 1-2 hours per week in a head-start early learning center are needed to help 4-year-olds become ready to read. A dramatic reading voice is helpful however training in this area will be provided. Volunteers will be reading simplistic “picture” books multiple times in a way that helps students develop emergent literacy skills and encouraging students to participate in the reading experience. Background screenings and TB test are required at no cost to the volunteer. These positions will begin in the fall. For additional information contact Joyce Wright at 352-291-4444.

## College of Central Florida, RSVP of Marion County

Living Green Volunteers-- Volunteers who are committed to a sustainable green environment and who are willing to teach others the importance utilizing simple techniques for “living green” and sustaining natural resources are needed for a speaker’s bureau or team to present educational materials in public venues and small group discussions. Training by environmental professionals will be provided at no cost. For additional information contact Joyce Wright at 352-291-4444.

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## Marion County Literacy Council - Receptionist

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themselves, helped fund their children’s education, and in those instances they both had a point.

But both groups were boondoggled. To rely solely on property owners for tax money to fund any county or state project is not equitable. Schools, hospitals, roads, parks, etc., are a benefit to the total population, and so should be supported, through funding by the total population.

Think of all the communities west of I-75, which are primarily senior citizen communities, as is the Villages and even a great proportion of those in eastern Marion County. It would appear the older population is asked again, to support the rest of the county through a millage increase. Not fair!

What about the rest of the population who will benefit from good old grandma and grandpa again? I don’t know why the county commissioners support millage rate increases, rather than across the board small sales tax increases. Even tourists would be supporting our community. In that light, even the tourism commission wants to raise taxes on tourists. Where will it all end?

I’ve discussed these millage increases with many in my peer group, and not one, whom I’ve talked to, is supporting any millage increase. If you will recall, this country was founded on the premise of, taxation without representation. Now we have taxation without full residential responsibility. In a sense the same

thing. At least back in the 1700s, we had our own people looking out for us. Not the same prevails now.

I’ve already sent in my absentee ballot and of course the two school millage proposals were on the ballot. Again, in my opinion, neither the school nor hospital millage increase will pass and that will not help either schools or MRMC. I’m certainly hoping, after the upcoming elections, we are represented by a more intelligent and responsible county commission. To lean on property owners and let the rest of the residents of Marion county be freeloaders, is irresponsible management.

Bill Ford  
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**Grilled Chicken Fajitas**

Serves 6  
Prep Time: 20 minutes, plus 30 minutes marinating  
Cook Time: 25 minutes

**Marinade**

- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/3 cup lime juice
- 4 cloves minced garlic
- 5 tablespoons Bertolli® Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon dark brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 3 Tyson® Boneless Skinless Chicken Thighs, pounded to 1/2-inch thick

**Vegetables**

- 1 large red bell pepper, cut into 1/4-inch strips
- 1 large green bell pepper, cut into 1/4-inch strips
- 1 large white onion, cut into 1/4-inch strips
- 1 tablespoon Bertolli® Classico Olive Oil
- Kosher salt

**Condiments for fajitas**

- 12 La Tortilla Factory® Hand Made Style White Corn Tortillas
- Sour cream

In small bowl, mix together all marinade ingredients. Place chicken breasts and marinade in a large sealable bag. Seal bag, removing as much air as possible, and marinate for 30 minutes in the refrigerator.

Preheat grill, charcoal or gas. If using charcoal, light one chimney full of charcoal. When all charcoal is covered with gray ash, pour out and spread the coals evenly over charcoal grate.

Remove chicken from marinade and cook over high heat until browned on both sides and cooked through, 4 minutes per side, until cooked to an internal temperature of 170°F. Remove and allow to rest five to ten minutes. Slice into 1/2-inch strips.

Toss peppers and onion with a little olive oil and pinch of salt.

Place a cast iron skillet directly on the hot coals, or on grill grates for gas grill. When heated, add in the peppers and onions. Continue to cook, stirring frequently, until they are soft and nicely browned, about 5 to 10 minutes.

Heat tortillas on grill until warm.

Assemble fajitas with vegetables, chicken and a dollop of sour cream.

**Grilled Chicken Soft Tacos**

Serves 6  
Prep Time: 25 minutes  
Cook Time: 10 minutes

**Marinade**

- 3 tablespoons Bertolli® Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh ground black pepper
- 6 Tyson® Boneless Skinless Chicken Thighs

**Salsa**

- 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped ripe tomatoes
- 1 large ripe avocado, peeled and diced
- 6 green onions, white part only, chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro, finely chopped
- 1 1/2 tablespoons minced jalapeño
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

**Condiments for tacos**

- 1 cup grated Monterey Jack cheese
- Iceberg lettuce
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, heated
- 10 La Tortilla Factory® Hand Made Style White Corn Tortillas

To make marinade: In small bowl whisk together marinade ingredients.

Rinse chicken thighs under cold water, and dry with paper towels. Put marinade and chicken in sealable bag. Seal bag, removing as much air as possible, and marinate overnight.

To make salsa: Combine salsa ingredients, including salt and pepper to taste.

In separate bowl, combine milk and sour cream.

Preheat grill, charcoal or gas. If using charcoal, light one chimney full of charcoal. When all charcoal is covered with gray ash, pour out and spread the coals evenly over charcoal grate.

Grill chicken over direct medium heat 8 to 10 minutes until meat is firm, and internal temperature reaches 170°F, turning once. Remove and allow to rest 5 to 10 minutes. Cut chicken into bite sized pieces.

Place chicken, cheese, drained black beans, sour cream, salsa and lettuce in grilled tortillas. Add a dollop of sour cream.

# spice up the grill



## Fajitas Your Way

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**Ranch style**

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**Jamaican jerk style**

**Marinade**

Coat chicken with 2 teaspoons jerk seasoning and marinate.

**Vegetables**

Add 1 1/2 teaspoons jerk seasoning during sauté.

**Salsa**

Combine 1/4 cup each diced papaya and pineapple, 3 tablespoons red onion, 1 garlic clove, minced, 2 teaspoons lime zest, 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice, 1 tablespoon minced cilantro.

**Lime sour cream**

Add zest and juice from 1 medium lime to sour cream.



**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** A turn in a relationship upsets the amorous Arian, who is puzzled by Cupid's romantic antics. Be patient and considerate. The confusion soon will sort itself out.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** It's a good time for travel-loving Taureans to take off for fun-filled jaunts to new places. And don't be surprised if Cupid tags along for what could be a very eventful trip.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You appear to be of two minds about continuing a relationship that seems to be riding roughshod over your emotions. A frank talk could help you decide one way or the other.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Stepping back from a relationship problem provides a new perspective on how to deal with it. Meanwhile, watch your words. Something said in anger now could backfire later.

**LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)** A changing situation makes the Big Cat uneasy. But hold on until things settle down around the 4th. Meanwhile, continue your good work on that still unfinished project.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)** A decided improvement in a workplace situation results in an unexpected, but very welcome, added benefit for everyone. Personal relationships also improve.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Money matters remain a bit unsettled but soon will ease into the kind of stability you appreciate. Meanwhile, an expanding social life offers a chance to make new friends.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Use an unexpected roadblock in your monetary dealings to reassess your financial plans and make changes, if necessary. It soon will be smooth sailing again.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Aspects of love are strong for both single and paired Sagittarians. Professional dealings also thrive under the Sag's clever handling of difficult situations.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)** Set a realistic goal and follow it through to completion. Remember: You're more likely to impress the right people with one well-done job than with lots of jobs left undone.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)** You like to plan ahead. That's fine. But be prepared to make some changes because of an unsettled period that influences your aspects through the 4th.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)** A brief phase of instability affects your usual work cycle. Use the time to catch up on chores around the house or office. Things settle down soon after the 4th.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You love being the center of attention and probably would be a big success in show business.

# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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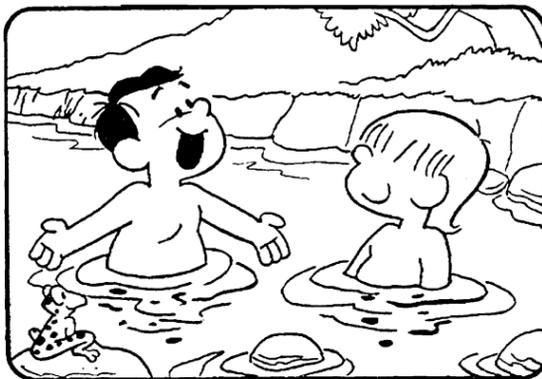
**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.  
Differences: 1. Dock is missing. 2. Arm is missing. 3. Poles are missing. 4. Clothes (in tree) are missing. 5. Bird is missing. 6. T-shirt is missing.

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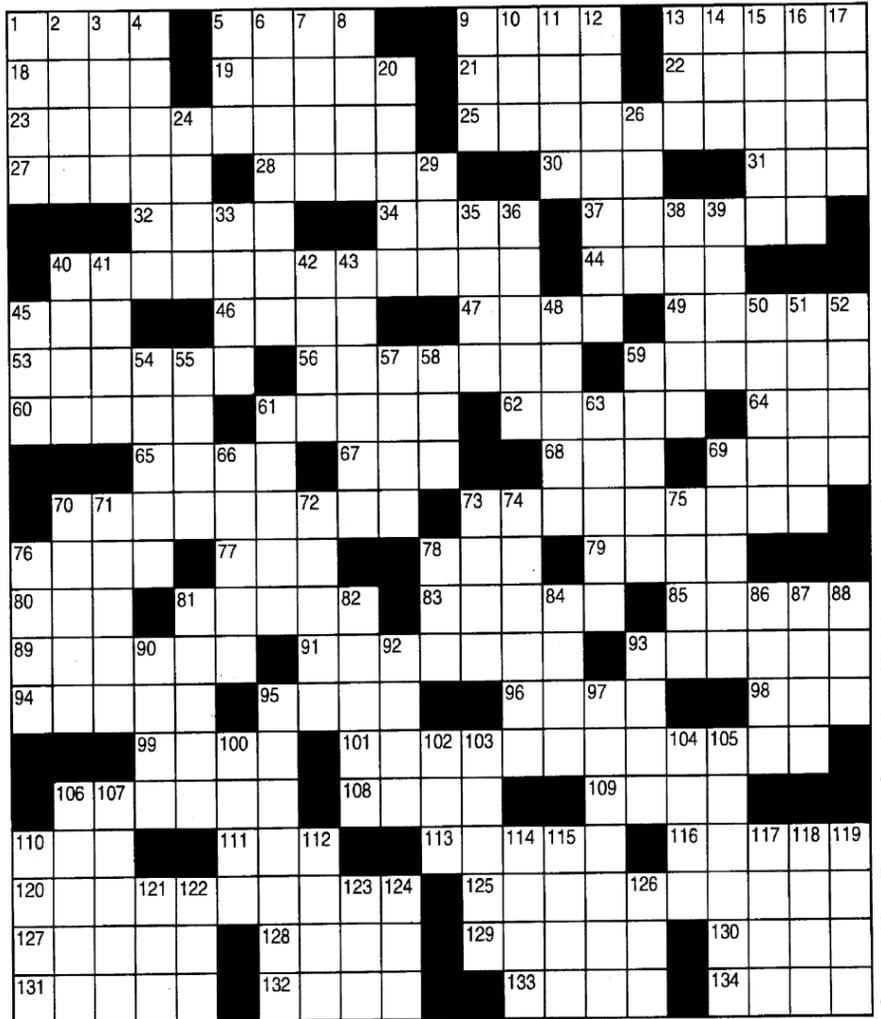
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# Super Crossword

SIX-FOOTERS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Kite or coot
- 5 Chihuahua snack
- 9 "Goodbye, Columbus" author
- 13 Egyptian Nobelist
- 18 Sore
- 19 Addis —
- 21 Merrill melody
- 22 Menander's marketplace
- 23 6' actress
- 25 6' comedian
- 27 Cook clams
- 28 Trickle
- 30 Clean-air org.
- 31 Cartoon cry
- 32 Wool gatherer?
- 34 Not — many words
- 37 "Animal Farm" author
- 40 6' actor
- 44 Garfield's pal
- 45 Tie the knot
- 46 38 Down, for one
- 47 — impasse
- 49 Sour sort
- 53 Swallow up
- 56 Undergoes
- 59 Make a pile?
- 60 Pool person
- 61 Puzzling problem
- 62 Scarlett's sweetheart
- 64 Actress Hagen
- 65 Potter's need
- 67 Browning's bedtime?
- 68 Diva Marton
- 69 Young or King
- 70 6' designer
- 73 6' author
- 76 Art deco figure
- 77 Marsh
- 78 Parenthesis shape
- 79 Melodious
- McEntire
- 80 Deli loaf
- 81 Robert of "The Citadel"
- 83 Feline, familiarly
- 85 Force
- 89 '66 Michael Caine movie
- 91 Supervise
- 93 Take for granted
- 94 Attack
- 95 They may get cold
- 96 Ring out
- 98 Fix a fight
- 99 And others
- 101 6' singer
- 106 Paraguayan title
- 108 Mediocre
- 109 When pigs whistle, to Tennyson
- 110 Mongrel
- 111 Address abbr.
- 113 Actress Hedren
- 116 Gettysburg commander
- 120 6' trumpeter
- 125 6' anthropologist
- 127 Doll up
- 128 Ireland
- 129 County in 128 Across
- 130 Scorch
- 131 Pass on
- 132 Crowd-burst?
- 133 Part of a threat
- 134 Connecticut campus
- DOWN**
- 1 Supermarket supplies
- 2 "New Jack City" actor
- 3 Korean statesman
- 4 Go-getter
- 5 Lincoln son
- 6 Disconcerts
- 7 Spelunker's spot
- 8 Tony's cousin
- 9 Scott's "The — Quartet"
- 10 Mispickel, e.g.
- 11 Become winded
- 12 Queequeg's weapon
- 13 Mr. Mineo
- 14 Season firewood
- 15 Peg
- 16 Shake-spearan sprite
- 17 Chore
- 20 Clear jelly
- 24 Love, to Livy
- 26 Grounds
- 29 —-Cat (winter transport)
- 33 Relief initials?
- 35 Constellation component
- 36 Furry fisherman
- 38 Cowes' locale
- 39 First name in architecture
- 40 Fellow
- 41 Brink
- 42 Role for Liz
- 43 Has a hunch
- 45 Craven or Unsel
- 48 Peter of Peter and Gordon
- 50 It's down in the mouth
- 51 Copper or cobalt
- 52 Mastermind
- 54 Quitter's cry
- 55 Vegetate
- 57 "Disco Duck" singer
- 58 Keatsian crock
- 59 Barrel part
- 61 Tower
- 63 Each's partner
- 66 Head monk
- 69 See 70 Down
- 70 With 69 Down, "Heaven" singer
- 71 Stuff
- 72 Dumbstruck
- 73 "True —" ('69 film)
- 74 Army-y types?
- 75 Wading bird
- 76 Therefore
- 78 Canine grp.
- 81 "Same here!"
- 82 Lock
- 84 "Lemon —" ('65 hit)
- 86 Immaculate
- 87 Kuwaiti kingpin
- 88 Turkey serving
- 90 "I've — had!"
- 92 Conductor Klemperer
- 93 — vera
- 95 Roaring Twenties figure
- 97 Canvas shades
- 100 Inland sea
- 102 Superlative suffix
- 103 Nullifies
- 104 "Nautilus" captain
- 105 Formal
- 106 Kid stuff?
- 107 Comic Leon
- 110 Canterbury cleaner
- 112 Austin or Copley
- 114 Velvet feature
- 115 Bucket
- 117 On the briny
- 118 Distribute the deck
- 119 Rochester's missus
- 121 It may be strapless
- 122 Whichever
- 123 Carnival site
- 124 Big bang letters
- 126 Adversary



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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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	x		+		19
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**DIFFICULTY: ★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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# Youth production of 'The Tempest' at Civic Theatre Aug. 3 and 4

Storms, shipwrecks, sorcery, and Shakespeare abound this summer as Ocala Civic Theatre presents a youth production of *The Tempest* on Aug. 3 and 4.

The production will be directed by classically trained New York director and drama teacher Jordan Jones. Jones, who has a BFA in theatre from the University of Connecticut, also studied in London and trained at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.

This will not be the youth version of *The Tempest*, but instead will be the original Shakespeare (though abridged), with a running time of about 90 minutes. The cast of 20 will consist of students age 10 and older.

Jackie Osterman, director of education, chose to incorporate Shakespeare into the youth curriculum because she wanted to teach students the importance of the classics and their relevance to modern life.

"I think every theatre student needs to be exposed to everything from classical to contemporary theatre," Osterman said. "I heard kids saying, 'We can't do Shakespeare' or 'It's boring.' Shakespeare is exciting and interesting. The stories are fantastic. There isn't a sitcom today that doesn't owe a plot element to Shakespeare."

Jones, having seen the youth production of Robin Hood this spring, felt that *The Tempest* would be a good match for Ocala Civic Theatre students. His hunch seems to be correct so far; class enrollment is already full.

Set on a mythical island, *The Tempest's* cast of characters includes Prospero the magician, his daughter Miranda, the mischievous spirit Ariel, and the villainous Caliban. It is an epic tale of adventure, full of witches, monsters, kings, goddesses, jesters, jealous brothers, romance, treachery, royal weddings, sea nymphs, enchanted trees, and magic spells.

"If Harry Potter and Shakespeare met, this is what you would have," said Osterman.

Like the Harry Potter books, *The Tempest* has a darker side.

"This is a play about love, bitterness, regret, and time lost," Jones said. "Prospero has shielded his daughter Miranda from the outside world her entire life because he knows that all the magic in the world can't protect his daughter from the cruelty of humanity."

Jones envisions a sixteenth-century Caribbean or New World/Spanish colonial look for the minimalist set, which will rely heavily on lighting and sound effects to create the play's magical atmosphere.

Costumes will be a mix of traditional and contemporary, and the set will be a non-literal interpretation of the iconic storm and shipwreck which brings several characters to the island. The otherworldly mood will be evoked by thunder and colorful lights, in rich hues of blue, green, gold, red, and orange.

Performances of *The Tempest* will be Friday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 4 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now and are \$10 for adults, \$6 for students, and \$5 for Marion Players. For more information, call the box office at

352-236-2274 or go to [www.ocalacivictheatre.com](http://www.ocalacivictheatre.com).

Ocala Civic Theatre is at 4337 E. Silver Springs Blvd. (East State Road 40) in the Appleton Cultural Center.

The theatre produces more than 12 fully staged, professional-quality live performances each season and also hosts touring companies.

The Ocala Civic Theatre is volunteer-based and is one of the largest community theatres in the state, serving more than 70,000 Marion, Citrus and Lake County residents each season.

## Learn the basics of buying a home

The UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service will conduct a homebuyer short course on Aug. 1, 8, 15 and 22 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. each day at the Extension Service, 2232 N.E. Jacksonville Road, Ocala. Register by July 27.

Contracts, closing costs, home inspections and mortgage agreements. If these terms make your head spin, you're not alone. Buying a home can be one of the most confusing and stressful experiences of your life, but UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service offers a four-session course on the basics of home-buying to help make the process as smooth as possible. The course covers the following topics:

Goal setting - Sort out the differences between wishes and goals to prepare for a realistic outcome.

Assembling your home team - Learn

how to select your home-buying professionals, including realtors, inspectors, lenders and insurance agents.

Pre-purchase preparation - Break down the steps and tasks associated with the home search and selection.

Financing and closing - Considering closing costs and the duration of the mortgage agreement, it's essential to be an informed consumer. This program addresses the financial aspect of home buying.

A certificate of completion will be awarded upon attendance of all four classes. This course satisfies requirements set forth by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the State Housing Initiative Partnership, Habitat for Humanity and other funders.

Call 352-671-8400 to obtain more information.

## Ocala Elks support Arnette House children

Though it is only July, Elks at Lodge 286 are already preparing for Christmas for the children that call Arnette House home.

With caring hearts and giving hands Elks Lodge 286 continues to support the incredible work that Arnette House, Inc. has been doing in Marion County for over 30 years. Securing a national grant has allowed Lodge 286 to provide clothing and a new pair of shoes for each child in the Emergency Shelter at Christmas time. Elks Lodges bring so much more to their communities than just a building, golf course or pool. They are places where neighbors come together, families share meals, and children grow up.

Elks invest in their communities

through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, by undertaking projects that address unmet needs, and by honoring the service and sacrifice of our veterans. Arnette House often serves at-risk youth that have no family other than Arnette's caring, compassionate staff. Community organizations such as Elks provide irreplaceable support and compassion for the youth at Arnette House.

For information on the Elks contact Mike Mongeluzzo with Elks Lodge 286, 702 N.E. 25th Ave., Ocala 352-732-7091. To find out ways you can impact local at-risk youth in Marion County visit <http://arnettehouse.org/> or contact Adam Copenhaver Community Development Coordinator 2310 N.E. 24th St., Ocala 352-622-4432.

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# Tell us about any special trips you've taken



Photos show the ladies luncheon as the group gathered recently at Ruby Tuesday's.

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**H**ave you taken a special trip this year? If so, and you would like to share it with your Quail Meadow neighbors, please give me a call – 629-5993. I know we have some residents who do a lot of travelling.

Don't forget the food collection box in the clubhouse. Non-perishable items, paper products and

personal hygiene items are collected and delivered to Interfaith Services every week by John and Mary Zdarsky.

There are many residents in Marion County who are in need of food each day. Interfaith provides a service to hundreds of people each week.

The Ladies Luncheon was enjoyed by only a few (14) women this month, but we had a great time. We had good food, and the service was outstanding at Ruby Tuesday's.

I think everyone would vote to go back there again. Check the QM Reporter for the date and location for the August outing.

Important Notice: There will be a Social Committee meeting on Monday, the 30th, at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse to finalize plans for the Jimmy Buffett party. The party will be on Saturday, Aug. 11.

If you have never attended the Buffett theme party, plan to attend this year.

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