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Marion students honor veterans



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About 2,000 Marion County public school students gathered at Veterans Memorial Park on Nov. 11 for the annual ceremonies. Above, the A Cappella Ensemble from West Port High School was one of the groups singing for the crowd, above, doing the National Anthem. Below, part of the crowd at the event.



Robbery suspect arrested

The lead suspect in a Marion County bank robbery case has been arrested in Hillsborough County

Renita Mount Rayner of St. Petersburg is suspected of being the person who, just before 1 p.m., on Tuesday, Nov. 12, walked into the Alarion Bank at 7605 S.W. State Road 200 in Ocala.



Rayner

A security camera caught Rayner wearing a brown wig and a solid blue dress. Witnesses say Rayner showed a bank teller a note and allowed the teller to see the handle of a handgun. Rayner got away with an undetermined amount of cash.

There is a Marion County felony warrant issued for the arrest of Rayner. As of Monday morning, she had not been booked into the Marion County jail.

Light Up Ocala set for Saturday

Even though it's not Thanksgiving yet, the city of Ocala is ready to show off its decorations on the newly renovated Square.

The annual Light Up Ocala will take place Saturday, Nov. 23, from 4 to 9:30 p.m. The public is invited.

On Nov. 22, 1963, this reader spoke to President Kennedy

Editor's note: The South Marion Citizen and West Marion Messenger invited readers to share their memories of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy 50 years ago. One account is printed here, the others are on Page 8.

Patty Waddell

I was 10 years old, a fifth grader in Fort Worth, Texas. President and Mrs. Kennedy flew into Fort Worth the day before and spent the night at the Texas Hotel downtown. There was to be a breakfast with the Chamber of Commerce there that morning, and it was understood that he would address whatever crowd might gather outside first. My mother took my sister and brother and me to the hotel early on the 22nd. It was a drizzly morning, and I recall that though it was not too pleasant waiting outside in the rain, I was excited. We had been studying our government in social studies, and I was eager to see in person our President and also Vice President Johnson and Texas Governor Connolly. But to be honest, my biggest wish was to see Jackie Kennedy.

There was quite a crowd that gathered, and I don't recall if it was because

we had gotten there very early, or if it was because the crowd was generous, but the three of us kids ended up front so we could see. Soon the three VIPs came outside, along with a lot of other people - but alas, not Jackie. The one thing I remember about his speech that morning was that he said something to the effect that Mrs. Kennedy was still getting ready; and she took longer but she always looked better than he did.

Following his speech, he came down to the crowd and straight to where we were standing. He shook my hand, and asked me why I wasn't in school. I made sure he knew the school had given me permission to be there. He spoke to us for a bit longer, and I recall thinking that it felt like we were the only people there. By that, I mean he gave us his full attention for that couple of minutes. When he moved on to others in the crowd, Vice President Johnson and Governor Connolly, who had followed behind him, also shook my hand, but they didn't speak.

Later that day at school, we were in the classroom after lunch. Our teacher had us open our books to read silently, and she went out into the hall. This seemed very odd to all of us, and soon

we realized many of the teachers were in the hall. We felt something was up, but had no idea what it could be. After a bit, the teacher came back into the room and called for me to come out. When I got to the hall, she told me the principal wanted to see me. Well, now I was panicked. I could not think of anything I had done to get sent to the principal's office; but, I figured it had to be something bad - and that must be what all the teachers were talking about in the hall.

Once there, the principal, Miss Walker, put me at ease. She knew I had gone to hear the President speak that morning, and she wanted to know what I saw, heard and felt. After I told her my story, she gently told me that he had been assassinated. I felt like I had been kicked in the gut. I couldn't believe it. After all, I had just seen him alive and well. After we talked through it, she told me school was being dismissed early, and we all went home. I spent the next few days glued to the television along with my family like the rest of America.

That may be more information that you wanted to know, but once I started typing, it just all kind of comes back.

Wow - it is 50 years later and the mem-



FILE PHOTO

President and Mrs. Kennedy as they arrived in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

ories are still so vivid. I now live in Oak Run with my husband, Jim.

FYI - his birthday is November 22nd. Hmm.. wonder if that is supposed to mean anything...

Lots of activity in Fairfield Village

On Friday, Nov. 15, there was lots of activity in Fairfield Village as a good number of neighbors readied themselves for the community yard sale on Saturday. The treasures were in abundance, but the Friday weather was not all that great. Granted the winds from Wednesday had died down; but the rain, though not excessive was constant. Not the best



Fairfield Village
Priscilla Barnett

One thing, however, was still as attractive as it always is and "this" is the home of Bart and Judy Rich that was chosen as Home of the Month for November by community manager Rachel Muse. Bart is our HOA president and Judy is one of those multi-talented people who always has a "project" in the works. Congratulations to Bart and Judy for being chosen for kudos.

"That" is a big Happy Birthday to one of our favorite people, Bob Roberts, who celebrated his birthday on Nov. 14 (and again with a surprise party) on Nov. 16. The fun-loving Bob is 95 years old, but you would never suspect if you did not know. Family came in to surprise him on Wednesday, his actual birthday, and then doubly surprised him with a community gathering on Saturday, Nov. 16 in the Fairfield Club-

house. There will be photos and more about this event in next week's column.

The "other" is that the community wide yard sale will be pared down to 1 or 2 homes this coming weekend (Nov. 23) as several friends are going to combine some things that did not make it into the sale on the 16th. Come back to our community and get the first look at the new treasures up for sale in that combined event. These are not "leftovers"—these are some items that, because of weather or prior commitments, neighbors were not able to get ready by the day of the big sale.

I remind the West Marion community that Fairfield Village is a "lively place filled with lovely people" who love a good birthday party, a good bargain, and a good time seeing and chatting with people from other neighborhoods/



Judy Rich's snowman collection was a significant part of FFV's community yard sale. At right, Judy stands by the Home of the Month sign (her, husband, Bart, was not available for the photo) outside their lovely home chosen for November by Rachel Muse, sFFV manager.



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If you like your apple fritter, you can eat your apple fritter

Not mentioning any names, but some person living in my house can be a little tricky when it comes to the usage of language. I may be the "wordsmith" in our house but she definitely is the "word butcher."

A while back, we were having a little discussion centering on one of my favorite topics, Apple Fritters. My motto: An Apple fritter a day makes it all worth living and two turns it into heaven.

In our discussion, I was reminding the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage that she made a promise that if I liked an Apple Fritter I could eat an Apple Fritter. I laid out my argument very clear, at least I thought so, and encouraged her to follow suit.

She then disrupted the whole discussion by insisting on evidence.

"When," she said with a very suspicious look on her face, "did I ever say if you liked your Apple Fritter you could eat your Apple Fritter?"

"Don't you remember," I said as confidently as I could possibly muster at the time, "we were at a restaurant and our discussion centered on dessert."

"I don't remember such an occasion." I started to wiggle a little bit but I knew if I could win this argument at this point it would be a great win.

It is at times like this I wish I was a lit-



Out to Pastor

Dr. James Snyder

tle more like a politician who can say something and it mean different things to different people at different times. Regardless of what they say at any particular time it can always be reinterpreted the way a politician wants it any particular time he needs it.

Let me point out very quickly that this is in no way lying. In fact, I am not sure what the definition of lying is anymore. Nobody lies, they are just being misinterpreted. They can get anybody to believe anything if they rearrange the truth in such a way it is no longer the truth but it is not necessarily a lie.

"Don't you remember we were talking about dessert," I said as calculatedly as possible, "and you said a person should be able to like what they eat and eat what they like?"

She thought for a moment and then responded, "I seem to recall a conversation along that line but I do not recol-

lect that we were talking about Apple Fritters. The words "Apple Fritters" never came up in the conversation as I remember it."

"When I said that," she said, looking at me straight in the eye, "I did not have Apple fritters on my mind. In fact, if the truth were known, I had broccoli on my mind at that moment."

Many times what I hear is not really what is being said and at times, what is being said is not exactly what I hear, especially if my wife is doing the speaking.

Only God says what He means and means what He says. I like the encour-

agement he gives to Joshua. "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" (Joshua 1:5 KJV).

Whatever God says He means and it never changes its meaning from one generation to the next. That is something I can really rely upon.

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Happenings

Thursday, Nov. 21

Air Force group to meet

The November meeting of the Red Tail Memorial Chapter of the Air Force Association (AFA) will be held on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Ocala International Airport Administration Building, 750 S.W. 60th Ave., Ocala. A representative from Sam's Club will be attending and brief us on Specials that are available to AFA members. For more information call Mike Emig at 352-854-8328.

Comedian at Fellowship

Please join us Thursday evening, Nov. 21 at Fellowship Baptist Church from 6 to 8 p.m. for a night of side-splitting, good clean fun with comedian Justin Fennell. Justin specializes in "slice of life" humor that sees "the funny" in everyday family situations. Tickets are \$5 per person in advance from the church office, and includes dinner followed by the show. Call 352-629-5379 for more information.

Friday, Nov. 22

Health farmers' market vendors sought

The Marion County "Health Happens" Farmers' Market is seeking vendors for its first Fall Celebration. The event will take place during the regular mar-

ket hours of 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 22, at the McPherson Governmental Complex field, 601 S.E. 25th Ave.).

The celebration will include a corn boil, a toy drive, a blood drive and special booths providing health information from community partners such as Tobacco Free Florida and the Florida Department of Health in Marion County. These will be offered in addition to regular market goods, which include: fresh produce, vegetables, seafood, honey, prepared meals for breakfast and lunch, natural energy drinks, goat's milk soap, plants and more.

Vendors interested in selling at the Fall Celebration may contact Brittney Bruner, Health and Wellness Coordinator, at brittney.bruner@marioncountyfl.org or 352-438-2360. For updates and market information straight to your newsfeed, "like" the "Health Happens" Farmers' Market on Facebook at www.facebook.com/healthhappensfarmersmarket.

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Grieving for pets

If you've experienced the loss of a furry friend, join Hospice of Marion County grief counselors for a free, interactive workshop on Friday, Nov. 22 from 3:30-4:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. There is no registration fee, but please consider donating an animal toy or treat to kick-start our new Pet Peace of Mind program, which keeps hospice patients and pets together. RSVP to 352-854-5230. The event will be in the Hospice Education Center (3231 S.W. 34th Ave.

Saturday, Nov. 23

Worship at TimberRidge

Worship Service at TimberRidge Nursing and Re-

habilitation Center will take place on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 10:15 a.m.

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Victorian Holiday snow slide

Six tons of fresh snow, from up north, will adorn this year's Victorian Holiday snow slide in Dunnellon's Historic Village on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Besides the snow slide, there will be thousands of twinkling holiday lights as you stroll down West Pennsylvania Avenue to Cedar Street and then up to Walnut and Chestnut Streets. Horse drawn carriage rides will again circle the heart of the Victorian era village of Dunnellon. Each of the Historic Village Shops will be hosting musical entertainment and will also be providing homemade refreshments. Food vendors will be on hand to satisfy the more hearty appetites.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit Dunnellon Police Department's "Shop with a Cop" Christmas program.

Tech Trek camp benefit set

The American Association of University Women is sponsoring an 8th grader to go to Tech Trek camp at the University of Florida. To acquire the funds, we are holding a silent auction at Stone Creek Grille. It will be a Purse Palooza on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 1 p.m. Lunch will be provided for \$15. RSVP by Nov. 20. Call Eileen at 352-854-5952.

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'Daycation' for the Fillies

What a beautiful sight on Monday driving through our community and seeing all the flags in the yards and flying from permanent poles! It's great to see such a great reminder of our freedom, with a special thank you to all our veterans and current military members who keep us free.

The Red Hot Fillies are going on a "daycation" this Friday. We will be travelling to the Hawthorne community for a tour of the Island Grove Wine Company. We will meet at the clubhouse at 10:30 a.m. and carpool. Please let Pat Talley or Carolyn Slocumb know if you plan to go with us (we don't want to leave you).

The monthly Ladies Luncheon was fabulous. The food and service at El Toreo's was outstanding. Twenty ladies were with us this month. It was great having some of our new residents join us this month. We had four special "princesses" this month: Maydaline Bristol, Pat Hitchcock, Diane Thatcher, and Carol Richardson. Next month's outing will be on Dec. 13 (Friday the 13th) at The Olive Garden. Please call Maryanne Ellner if you plan to attend.

Today (Wednesday) is the last day to get your tickets for the catered dinner



Quail Meadow
Carolyn Slocumb

and auction which will be on Friday. Dinner will begin at 6:30 and the auction will follow. Proceeds from the auction help with funding the special events during the year.

History lesson for this week: November 19th was the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's famous Gettysburg Address - "Four score and seven years ago..." I'm sure many of us remember memorizing that speech in school, and probably can still recite the entire speech. I will be forever grateful to my 7th grade teacher, Miss Forbes, for instilling in me the desire to memorize famous poems, speeches, etc.

This week also marks the anniversary of one of the saddest days in our country - the assassination of President Kennedy. Can you believe it was 50 years ago? On November 22, 1963, we

were shocked with the news coming from Dallas. It didn't seem possible that we would witness such a tragedy in our country. Regardless of your political affiliation, it was a very sad day in our country. I'm sure most of us can recall exactly where we were when we received the news (I was living in Mait-

land, Florida and had gone to get a haircut).

Don't forget the Interfaith collection box in the clubhouse. They are in need of non-perishable foods and personal hygiene items. Quail Meadow residents have always been very generous contributors to this cause.



Sue Church, Diane Thatcher and Sheri Provost.



Above, Maydaline Bristol and Pat Hitchcock. At left, Carol Richardson.



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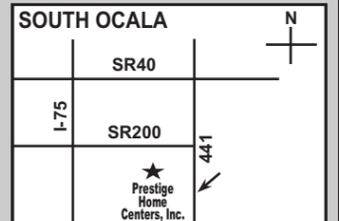


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Opinion

Our Message

Apples, oranges and baseball

The naysayers are already coming out of the woodwork when it comes to fighting the sales tax for a new baseball stadium.

There is only one argument that we would agree with: The Yankees have enough money to build the stadium themselves, without any help from the taxpayers.

Unfortunately, that's not the way things are done, and anyone who has followed any stadium project for any sport anywhere in the country should realize that.

After that, the arguments become shallow. We'll just address two.

First, people say we refused to pass a tax to support schools and the hospital. Using that argument is wrong. Neither of those tax referenda was revenue generating for the county and the taxpayers. The money would go in, and we wouldn't see it again. This would be different. In the long run it would generate revenue in

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taxes as people come to watch the games, stay in a local hotel, etc.

The second is that both of those ballot issues were property tax initiatives. That means that only Marion County residents (renters would probably face an increase) would be paying the tax. The baseball proposal is a sales tax. That means that tourists who get off the highway and eat in a restaurant would help pay the tax. Visitors who stay in a lodging facility would help pay the tax. Out-of-county residents who shop in our stores would help pay the tax. Again, it would be revenue generating.

We're willing to wager that some of these naysayers are those who criticize the area, calling it "Slow-cala." Here's a chance to put us on the sports map and provide an activity. Why not do so?

Brilliant ceremony

Each year, the Marion County school system puts together a Veterans Day program at the Memorial Park, and buses in thousands of local students as part of their school day. This is teaching children the importance of the day.

We note neighboring counties that had no school on the holiday. We feel that our children learned a lot more about veterans by participating, rather than taking the day off. That's what education is all about.

Memories of JFK

Marcy Miller

I was a first year elementary school teacher in central Ohio. There was a knock on my classroom door that afternoon. There stood one of the cooks from the cafeteria with a sad look on her face. The cooks must have had the TV on as they were cleaning up after lunch and heard the news. They went to each classroom door and informed all the teachers. That's how I first heard the unbelievable news about JFK being shot.

Jim Miller

I was in the woods that fateful day. It was snowing and I was out hunting with my father. We carried walkie talkies, like many hunters of the day did, as a way to keep in contact with each other. No cell phones back then. As I was trying to reach my father, I picked up the message that Kennedy had been shot. My first reaction was incredible disbelief. Of course later we learned that JFK had died.

Carol Mowrey

It was my 16th birthday and I was in class in high school when an announcement came over the loud speaker that JFK was assassinated. The rest of the day was quiet and uneventful for me, just a sadness lay over the neighborhood when I arrived home from school.

Since it had been years since WWII and not much in the way of horrible events happened in the U.S., this news was devastating to Americans. An uneasiness prevailed, in light of the fact that someone could actually reach and assassinate our president. Shortly afterward, it was his brother.

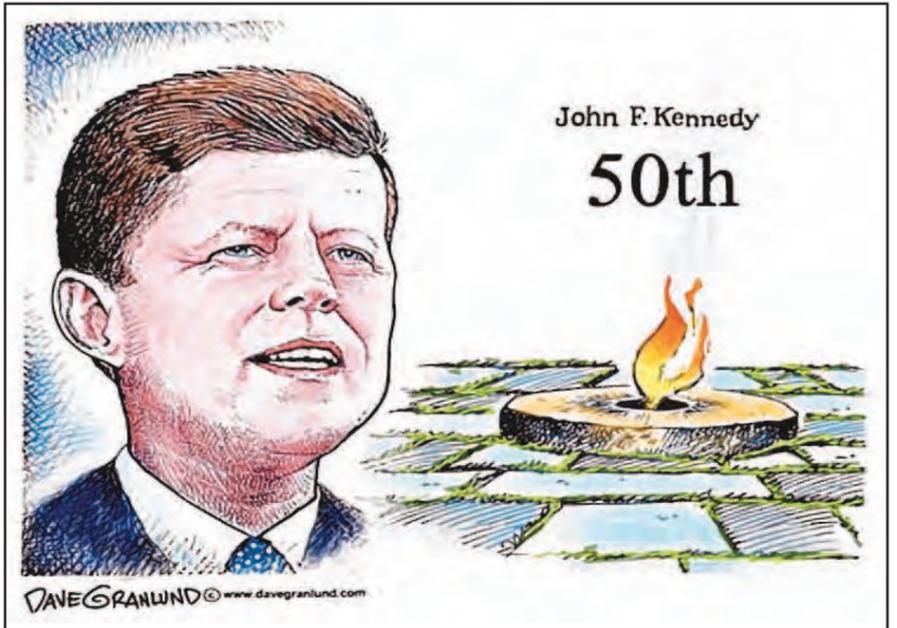
Corruption and murder have always been here but somehow that day opened the eyes of people everywhere that it doesn't always happen somewhere else.

9/11 had the same effect, but more intensely even than the shooting of our president. My husband was in NYC that day and saw the second plane hit the twin towers, while I tried, frantically and constantly, to reach his cell phone for over 4 hours.

Our country is changing and every event puts us closer to a "different" USA.

Jim Holbert

On November 22, 1963 I was 19 and in Terre Haute, Indiana. I was applying for a job and the radio made an announcement that President Kennedy had been killed. The person that was interviewing with and myself could not believe it. We both thought that it was a mistake. Being a history buff and also just graduating from high school in 1962 I was aware of the assassination at-



tempts on both Teddy and Franklin Roosevelt, and President Truman. But we had not had a president killed since McKinley in 1901. Driving home as I listened to the radio I pulled over started to cry. I said to myself, why am I crying I didn't even know the man. Years later I understood my feeling but that day I did not.

I was just in shock and disbelieve. I had bought the book Profiles in Courage that he wrote, but I had not had a chance to read it. I did read it the following month, I still have it in hard back cover and I will never sell it. I have read several books about him over the years and I think that he would have stopped Vietnam and not escalated it as President Johnson and Nixon did. In 1968 the night when Bobby Kennedy was killed, I did cry

Paulette Prudhon

November 22, 1963 was an unseasonably warm, sunny Friday with crisp undertones in the Nation's capital. It was the perfect day to set out on a weekend jaunt to my friend's house on the Chesapeake Bay. We were freshman classmates at George Washington University needing a break.

Before we set off, we stopped at a deli that was just around the corner from the White House to purchase some goodies for the road. My friend went in and minutes later, she came rushing out excitedly exclaiming that she thought she heard on the store radio that President Kennedy had been shot. The few folks walking about were as confused as we were. We turned on the radio in the car only to hear more confusion and static. We were uncertain about what had happened until we motored down Pennsylvania Avenue toward the Capitol on our way out of Washington. The tragic answer was clear as we witnessed every flag lining the streets slowly slipping to half-staff — our President was gone.

Raymond R. Finn

I want to lead off by saying that at age 16 I had the honor of meeting both Presidents Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 at the Key Biscayne Hotel in Miami, Florida. Sadly the hotel is no longer there of course.

Mr. Nixon had a home on Key Biscayne about half mile from the hotel, which is why he was a frequent visitor. At the time, my mom was the beverage/bar manager for the hotel.

Wednesday nights were "corn beef and cabbage nights" which apparently was one of President Nixon's favorite meals. When in Miami he showed up at the hotel at least once a week for his favorite meal.

Preceding the presidential debates of 1960, President Nixon invited President Kennedy and staff to the Key Biscayne to discuss the ground rules for what turned out to be the first ever presidential debates. It was during that time that I had the honor and privilege of meeting both men.

My band (The Vibrations) played for Tricia Nixon's 16th birthday, which was held at the hotel. We were also the house band for the Par-Te lounge and backed such noted musicians as Roy Orbison, Joey Dee and the Starlighters, and many more. We were also the featured band with Miami radio stations WFUN and WQAM and played several concerts during the Cuban missile crisis so as to take minds off of the missile crisis.

The band was having a practice when we heard the unfortunate news about President Kennedy. Needless to say...we were all stunned. Who knows what the future might have been had it not happened.

Christopher Moretto

I was seven years old when President JFK was assassinated. I was home sick from school that day.

I remember my Dad getting home at noon that day. I asked him why he was home from work so early, He said, "President Kennedy was just assassinated." I was in shock. I remember we turned on the TV and that is all we saw on the television for the whole week. He was my favorite president (and still is). I remember that when he was killed the press said that Camelot died. I didn't know what that meant at the time, I do now.

I remember the whirlwind of events that took place pretty vividly. I am still at a loss to think that it has never been solved. I don't buy for a minute that it was all Lee Harvey Oswald that acted alone in killing him. What a coincidence that he was shot in police custody. Then comes the Warren

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A project benefits from your organizational skills that get it up and running. Your success leaves a highly favorable impression. Don't be surprised if you get some positive feedback soon.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Spend time on practical matters through the end of the week. Then begin shifting your focus to more-artistic pursuits. Resist being self-critical. Feel free to create.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Restarting those creative projects you had set aside for a while will help provide a much-needed soothing balance to your hectic life. Besides, it will be like meeting old friends again.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change in plans could make it tough to keep a commitment. But stay with it. You'll get an A-plus for making the effort to do what's right and not taking the easy way out by running off.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Enthusiasm for a workplace policy review is admirable. But be sure you know who is really behind the resistance to change before pointing your finger at the wrong person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You can expect to have to do a lot of work through midweek. Devote the rest of the week to checking your holiday plans in case some need to be adjusted to accommodate changes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Try to avoid signing on the dotted line in the early part of the week. You need time to study issues that weren't fully explored. Later in the week might be more favorable for decision-making.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A new development could snarl travel schedules or other holiday-linked projects. Some flexibility might be called for to deal with the problems before they get too far out of hand.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Relatives seek your advice on a matter you'd rather not be involved in. If so, use that sage Sagittarian tact to decline the "offer," so that no one's feelings are needlessly hurt.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A shift in planning direction might help you speed up your progress toward achieving that long-planned goal. Trusted colleagues are ready to offer some valuable support.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) An unexpected demand for settlement of an old loan could create some pre-holiday anxiety. But you might not really owe it. Check your records thoroughly.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) It's a good time to get into the social swim and enjoy some well-earned fun and games with those closest to you before you have to resume more serious activities next week.

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



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: Sign is missing; 2. Backpack compartment is missing; 3. Shirt is shorter; 4. Cap is different; 5. Can is missing; 6. Hot dog is missing; 7. Dog is missing; 8. Backpack compartment is missing; 9. Hot dog is missing.

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Super Crossword

BODY HITS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ill-chosen
 - 6 See 126-Across
 - 13 Grand — (sporty Pontiacs)
 - 16 Tattoo fluid
 - 19 Port south of Milan
 - 20 Milan opera house
 - 21 "Citizen X" star Stephen
 - 22 "Oh, give — home ..."
 - 23 1988 hit for Breathe
 - 25 LAX letters
 - 26 Poor review
 - 27 Co. kingpin
 - 28 1972 hit for the O'Jays
 - 31 Water color
 - 34 Answer an invite
 - 38 Dot —
 - 39 Invention's origin
 - 40 1974 hit for John Denver
 - 47 "Evita" star LuPone
 - 48 "Sugar, Sugar" group, with "the"
 - 49 Parts of dolls.
 - 50 1975 hit for America
 - 54 Machines near mice
 - 57 Provide relief
 - 58 See 59-Across
 - 59 With 58-Across, guys-only
 - 60 Kansas town
 - 61 Moves on ice
 - 63 Cordial
 - 68 Take a dip
 - 69 Jazzy Horne
 - 70 1982 hit for the Alan Parsons Project
 - 74 Funny Jay
 - 75 Eons
 - 76 Absorption process
 - 77 Mafia's code of silence
 - 79 Overly quick
 - 80 "Spring forward" hrs.
 - 81 — Beach
 - 83 "— Dieu!"
 - 84 Raised trains
 - 85 2000 hit for Creed
 - 92 Sue Grafton's "— for Undertow"
 - 93 Statistic in a used-car ad
 - 94 Mentions 1976 hit for Elton John and Kiki Dee
 - 102 Gulf country
 - 103 Lago feeder
 - 104 "— I say!"
 - 105 Assassinate
 - 106 1994 hit for Boyz II Men
 - 112 Biblical suffix
 - 114 Cotillion girl
 - 115 Always, in a sonnet
 - 116 1985 hit for Tears for Fears
 - 123 Before, in a sonnet
 - 124 Brow's curve
 - 125 Goddess of the hunt
 - 126 With 6-Across, "All Shook Up" singer
 - 127 Barrett of rock
 - 128 Mao follower?
 - 129 One who's hardly saintly
 - 130 Tickle a ton
 - 5 Stun with a charge
 - 6 Fatah's gp.
 - 7 Cheering cry
 - 8 Jargon suffix
 - 9 Antiunionist
 - 10 Volcano flow
 - 11 Certain util.
 - 12 Pull sharply
 - 13 Retort to "Am not!"
 - 14 Brand of fiber powder
 - 15 Swedish car
 - 16 Hamper
 - 17 Not so far
 - 18 Olathe locale
 - 24 "Crucify" singer Amos
 - 29 Learning inst.
 - 30 Offers
 - 31 Cleo's doom
 - 32 Somewhat within the law
 - 33 Messy state
 - 35 Copy a cur
 - 36 Border (on)
 - 37 A little, in music
 - 41 Blackjack request
 - 42 Bruins' gp.
 - 43 Prefix with life or wife
 - 44 "— haw!" (rodeo yell)
 - 45 IRS form info
 - 46 Piece of mail: Abbr.
 - 51 Tranquility
 - 52 Linden and Prince
 - 53 Supermodel Wek
 - 54 Hard rock subgenre
 - 55 Most of the 1990s, politically
 - 56 Person from Pago Pago
 - 57 Harshly bright
 - 60 Dot in a lake
 - 62 Bit, as of salt
 - 63 Point a rifle
 - 64 Trio before P
 - 65 "TGIF" part
 - 66 Yellowfin tuna, on some menus
 - 67 Wanna- (imitators)
 - 71 Baseballer Eddie or Footballer Fielding
 - 72 Book before Job: Abbr.
 - 73 Long ago
 - 78 Be a sponge
 - 80 Ailments
 - 81 Actor Mortensen
 - 82 Abnormal plant swelling
 - 85 Freak (out)
 - 86 "Botch- —" (1952 hit)
 - 87 Narrow estuary
 - 88 Jan. b'day honoree
 - 89 Six, in Italy
 - 90 Mage's stick
 - 91 Lower pastry crust
 - 92 — Reader (bimonthly magazine)
 - 95 Hog's place
 - 96 Some electron tubes
 - 97 Really tasty
 - 98 Hauled in
 - 99 Satirical dictionary writer
 - 100 Diviner's tool
 - 101 Belgian river
 - 107 Not messy
 - 108 Genghis —
 - 109 Stout's Wolfe
 - 110 "... could — horse!"
 - 111 Blissful plot
 - 113 Fare-well link
 - 117 Texter's "Wow!"
 - 118 "C'est la —!"
 - 119 Class for aliens: Abbr.
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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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JFK

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Commission.

I never believed in it either. I remember that the Kennedys were doing something about trying to control the Mafia (John as President and his brother Bobby as the Attorney General). I also don't find it coincidental that Bobby was shot either. I do not believe for one minute that the Arabs had anything to do with that either.

Was the mafia involved with JFK's assassination? Could the CIA have had anything to do with it (some people believe it might be)? How about Lyndon B Johnson, was he involved? I couldn't believe that the Warren Commission kept it quiet for 50 years. I know some people think it was a government cover-up. Other people think it may have had to do with the failed

Bay of Pigs invasion (Cuba might have been behind the assassination). Who knows? At some point in time, I'd really like to know the truth.

My opinion of JFK was that he was a war hero and a very smart man.

Norma E. Holecsko

On November 22, of the year that President John F. Kennedy was shot - I was a Graduate Student at U.C.L.A. in Los Angeles, California. I had done my student teaching at area schools in the morning, and after a short lunch break, I had begun working in the Graduate Research Library, as a Typist. I had that position from Sept. 1962 - Jan. 1965. This is how I earned money to stay in college, plus I babysat every weekend - usually for Hollywood Stars who were always leaving their children to make public appearances, etc. Anyway, I was taking an after-

noon break (about 4 p.m.) in the Staff Room. There were several students studying and several adults reading newspapers. I was tired, so I was just eating my lunch. One of the elderly gentlemen in the room was a retired U.C.L.A. Professor and I had spoke to him many times before. He asked me if I had heard about the President. I said, "No, what is it about the President that I should know." He answered, "He has been shot and is dead!" At first, I thought he must be joking, but then I noticed other people talking about it, so I started listening. It was very quiet in the room, and very serious. I was a little in shock, and went back to work until 5:30 p.m. But the school announced what had happened and sent us all home for the day. As I walked home, everyone seemed to be in a daze, me included. I passed by the Anglican Chapel for students on the way home from UCLA and everyone was making their way inside. We had a very beautiful Memorial Service put on by the students and the Chaplains at U.C.L.A.

That night - everyone was walking around town - sort of not knowing what to do - at a loss! My roommate at that time was the Daughter of a Baptist Minister of the Borean Baptist Church in downtown Los Angeles. She had got us tickets to go to a Salvation Army Concert

that night in downtown Los Angeles, close to where she lived. We had to call to see if the concert was cancelled. They almost did cancel it, but changed the numbers to All Patriotic Music - and it was the most memorable, fitting concert that I could ever have attended. I will never forget that concert - It made a very great impression on me - and was a perfect end to a very difficult day for everyone. I was also teaching in Long Beach, California the year that Robert Kennedy Jr. was shot and that is still a very vivid picture in my mind of the TV coverage of when he was shot.

Bettie Kelley

She was teaching in her second year, full of enthusiasm and optimism. The class was 25 sophomore English students, lively, hormonal and much more interested in next weekend's football game than in the short story by Ray Bradbury.

The weather had just started turning cooler in the suburban Rochester area. Thanksgiving was coming soon and there was a snap in the air.

Spirits were high.

It was during the third period class that the message came over the loudspeaker, "President Kennedy has been shot in Dallas. His condition is not known at this time." And the loudspeaker went dead. As did the entire class. Stunned, pale

and totally silent. And not just the room, the entire school of 1,500 students had been struck mute.

The teacher was afraid of an upheaval - after all, young people sometimes reacted violently to abrupt change. What should she do? She stood by her open classroom door watching other teachers doing the same. The young ones and the seasoned teachers alike didn't know what to do. And still no one talked.

About 15 minutes later the loudspeaker broke the silence. "President Kennedy has died of his wounds in Dallas. We will bring further information as we receive it. In the meantime, continue with your classes."

We teachers knew, even if the administrators did not, that regular classrooms would not begin to channel the emotion that filled the rooms and halls. By now quite a few young people were blowing their noses or openly crying. The girls spoke of Caroline and John-John almost as friends. The boys stayed brave and consoled the girls. And they wanted to go home, to be with their families, to assure themselves that the world was not completely mad. It took the administration another hour filled with frequent loudspeaker directives to line up the buses for an early dismissal and inform radio and TV stations that our school would join all the rest of Rochester and area schools in a 2-day shutdown which became 3 and then 4 days as we and the nation gathered

around our televisions in the biggest outpouring of national grief since Lincoln's assassination nearly 100 years before.

The young teacher is long retired and in her 70s, the children in their 60s. They shared that one still moment and then went on with their lives. Unfortunately those lives have included Columbine and Virginia Tech and the Murrah Federal Building and the other horrors that have followed. The Kennedy assassination changed all of us who lived it, stole out innocence in a national way, and prepared us to hear the violence that has come after.

The young teacher would never be so young again.

Mark Trout

The summer of 1963 expanded my horizons beyond by home, church, and city. My parents planned our family vacation to visit Washington, D.C. Besides the monuments to Jefferson, Lincoln and Washington, we visited the White House. The tour included all the regular rooms, but our tour included the basement! To a nine-year old, going into the basement of the White House was really cool! I saw so many items in storage since the death and funeral of William McKinnley: the bier that would hold the casket, the harnesses of the horses that would pull it, the saddle that would hold the empty boots turned backward in the stirrups, and even

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Kindness Day



Stone Creek
Patricia Gizzi

November 13th was an internationally recognized day. It was World Kindness Day. It is strange that we need an international day to be kind when each day should be a kindness day, but then we have dates for so many things.

There is a Random Acts of Kindness Foundation that gives suggestions on how to be kind. Have you ever been the recipient of a random act of kindness? I have and it is so special. One day, my husband and I were crossing a toll bridge and when we came up to pay the toll we were told that it had been paid. So, we passed it on and paid the next person's toll. Unexpected kindnesses are always wonderful.

Here at Stone Creek acts of kindness abound. They may not be random but they are happening all the time. My sister, Terry Quinn, is always making her chicken soup for those who are ill. We call on neighbors to see how they are or just call them to tell them we are think-

ing of them.

The holiday season is upon us and many Stone Creek charter clubs are beginning their acts of kindness. The Book Club is purchasing children's books for gift baskets to be given to Alpha House. The Garden Club, for the fifth year, is hosting a "Be a Santa to a Senior" tree with 150 ornaments. These gifts will be given to three nursing homes. It is Seniors helping Seniors. The Veterans Club will have its boxes out to collect toys for disadvantaged children. The Vets recently collected their fourth food donation of the year for Interfaith. On Veterans Day they raised \$2300 in a silent auction. All of the proceeds will go toward Veteran charities. Many individual residents give of their time vol-

Items from the Stone Creek Stitchers.



unteering at a host of agencies. While these are not random acts of kindness, they are kindnesses.

The Stone Creek Stitchers made quilted blankets and lap afghans for the "Be a Santa to a Senior" program. The Stone Creek Knitting and Crochet group made baby blankets for Alpha House.

There are many quotes on kindness but here are a few of my favorites. "Be

kind whenever possible. It is always possible." by ~Tenzin Gyatso, 14th Dalai Lama. "Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." by ~Mark Twain. "Kindness, like a boomerang, always returns." ~Author Unknown.

Do a random act of kindness and don't wait for a specific date to do it. It will make you feel better and who knows maybe you will also receive one.

Go Figure! answers

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swords and other items used for those who would stand guard over anyone who would lie in state in the capitol rotunda. Seeing Friendship 7 and the Wright Brothers' airplane in the Smithsonian couldn't eclipse the journey through the basement of the White House!
Every child remembers certain birthdays. I looked forward to mine - I was turning 10. My trip to Washington was a memory, but extremely

helpful in the study of U.S. History in the fifth grade. The last thing I expected on my birthday was to have the announcement of the President being shot in Dallas that afternoon. How could this happen, and on my birthday? I remembered standing one early evening watching his motorcade passing down West Broad Street in Columbus when he was President-elect Kennedy in January, 1961. That memory would be ingrained for he was the first President I had ever seen. How could he be dead?

The birthday celebration that evening was weird. Family members came into the house, handed me a present, gave me hugs and kisses, and then went right into the family room to join those who were watching television. I sat amid my presents alone, everyone in shock and quiet conversation about the events of the day. I opened the gifts without fanfare, and soon joined the rest of the family watching TV.

That weekend brought more history to life. While the family once again gathered to watch the funeral events on our television, I told my family about the cassion, the horses, their harnesses, and the rider-less horse. It wasn't long until Walter Cronkite began a similar and no more detailed explanation than the one I gave my family. They asked where I had learned about all that stuff, and I reminded them of our White House tour. We mourned and ex-

perienced the same heaviness and sorrow that many other people felt in our nation and around the world as our President was taken to Arlington National Cemetery for his final rest.

A few weeks later I went to the Franklin County Court House where my Dad worked in the County Treasurer's office. His boss, Newton Thatcher, presented me with a special gift. He gave me a coin depicting the likeness of President Kennedy. He understood that my birthday had been less than happy and felt that I deserved one of the new coins.

I've never celebrated a birthday without the memory of an assassination of a President. I've added a half dollar to my collection each year. I still have "My Weekly Reader", "Life" and "Look" magazines, and the Columbus Dispatch newspapers from that day and memorable week. Today I celebrate another birthday and remember.

Saturday, Nov. 23

African Violet Club to meet

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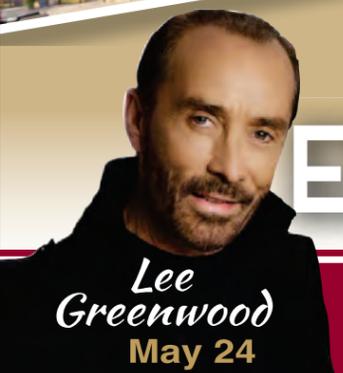
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