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Starting young

Scrapbooking is a hobby for young and old and, in this case, especially young. Little Mia Gracie Parades from Fort Riley, Kansas, was visiting her grandmother and attending a Fairfield Village scrapbook meeting. See column on Page 4.

Burglars target unlocked cars

It's called "Buckin." That's a technique thieves use when trolling for unlocked vehicles. "The thief moves about a neighborhood, checking vehicle doors to see if any are unlocked," said Judge Cochran, Marion County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer. "That's the buckin' element."

During a recent vehicle burglary investigation, detectives arrested a 16-year-old who admitted to buckin' and doing it because he was bored.

The teenager told detectives he would walk up to vehicles to check doors and if the doors were locked, he moved on. But, in one incident, the teenager found an unlocked vehicle and stole two winning lottery tickets. Detectives say the teen gave one lottery

ticket to his mother, who cashed it. Detectives working with both the store that sold the tickets and state lottery security officials – were able to get video of the person cashing that ticket.

Additional information led to the identity of the woman. She told detectives her son gave her that ticket and detectives had permission to speak to the son. He admitted to the crime. The juvenile was arrested and transported to the Marion County Juvenile Detention. He will face charges of burglary and petit theft. A second teen may have the other ticket.

In Marion County, 93% of car burglaries are of unlocked vehicles.

Detectives say when students are out of school, vehicle burglaries go up.

FHP issues reminder about move-over law

BY JIM CLARK
 Editor

The Florida Highway Patrol joined other law enforcement agencies in several states along Interstate 75 in starting strict enforcement of the "move-over" law.

At a press conference at the Marion County northbound rest area along the highway, newly named Maj. Eileen Powell of Troop B, which serves Marion and several other counties, announced that the major push was taking place June 27-29.

But she explained the law that is in effect all the time.

Drivers who approach an emergency vehicle or tow truck with lights flashing

on the shoulder must move over one lane if on a four-lane or wider highway, such as the Interstate.

If on a two-lane road or if it is impossible to move over, then the driver must slow to 20 mph below the posted speed limit or to 5 mph if the speed is 20 or below. She also added the caveat "unless directed to do otherwise by law enforcement."

While the enforcement is multi-state and also includes Interstate 95, Powell did say that the FHP changed its focus from motorcycle safety to the move-over law, partly because of the recent accident on Interstate 75, near the rest area, where Trooper Chelsea Richard and two others were killed while working a previous accident.



PHOTO BY JIM CLARK

At a press conference Friday morning, The Florida Highway Patrol announced it was joining several other states from Florida to Michigan for special enforcement of the Move-over law. From the left, holding signs that read #moveover, are Ocala Police officer R.D. Grady and Billy Woods; Troopers Jamie Mulverhill and Sgt. Mark Boatright, holding sign that reads "Staying alive on 75; Troop B Major Eileen Powell and Sgt. Tracy Hisler-Pace, public information officer for Troop B.

Paying a visit to Parris Island to a Marine Corps ceremony

BY JOHN EVERLOVE
 Special to the Messenger

Obviously proud of the uniform she was wearing, she walked confidently onto the field in front of the nearly filled bleachers. Holding a microphone steadily in her hands she said in a clear, concise, resonant tone, "Good Morning."

A few people in the crowd responded meekly so she repeated her greeting more forcefully. "Good morning!"

Everyone quickly got the message and answered in unison, "Good morning." A slight smile briefly crossed her face and then she began to speak.

"I am Brigadier General Lori Reynolds, Commanding General; Marine Corp Recruit Training; Parris Island South Carolina."

The occasion for our meeting was the flag raising ceremony at 8 a.m. in front of the Base Headquarters. As General Reynolds pointed out in her remarks; it is a ceremony that occurs daily on each Marine Base and at 170 embassies around the world.

Pointing out 5 young Marines holding



Scott Everlove, son and Corey Everlove, grandson of reporter John Everlove.

the large Garrison Flag, Gen. Reynolds reminded each of us in the audience that for over nearly 240 years the nation has trusted the Marines to make sure that our flag is defended and protected and that the ideals for which it stands are upheld and supported. Speaking on behalf of the Marines on this day; she assured the crowd; the Marines will always protect the flag and the Nation it represents.

Everyone stood and the band sounded 'The Star Spangled Banner'. With ease and grace Old Glory glided to the top of its staff. A slight breeze caught

the red, white and blue material blowing it free from the lanyard and pole. The huge flag extended to its full length and breadth as if returning the salute of the several hundred people standing at attention beneath it.

That was my introduction to Parris Island and I was impressed. Many years have passed since I wore the uniform of my country. With pride I saw my son Scott as he went off to Navy Basic Training at Great Lakes. On this day however, I would witness my grandson, Private First Class Corey Sharp, graduate from Marine Corp Basic Training.

From the stands I viewed Corey and his fellow graduates march across the parade ground. Every one of them was in step; marching straight and tall; their eyes fixed and their postures exuding confidence.

In speeches from the officers, we learned what the past three months of grueling training had been like for these young men and women. We gained an even greater appreciation for the commitment; endurance and patriotism that our loved one had displayed. Like his fellow recruits, a few short months ago my grandson had been a civilian; today through his perseverance; dedication and sacrifice; he was a Marine.

"Pass in review!" the Adjutant ordered and the formation began to march past the reviewing stand and bleachers. Loud cheers greeted each platoon as they marched by and while the uniformed Marines who were watching maintained their military bearing; the civilians let loose with wild applause.

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Happenings

Thursday, July 3

Red, White & Blues festival

The City of Ocala will host the Red, White & Blues Festival Thursday, July 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. The free festival will take place at Citizens' Circle just south of downtown.

Entertainment will include live music by the Brown Brothers Band. Guests can enjoy hot dogs, ice cream, watermelon and a cupcake walk. The event will include craft vendors and activities for the entire family.

The splash pad will be in full operation. For more information, call 352-368-5517.

Saturday, July 5

Yoga at Sholom Park

Yoga will take place at Sholom Park at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 5.

For more information, call Ingrid at 352-854-7950.

Chess Club to meet

The chess club that formed at the Freedom Public Library meets the first Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Grab your board and chess pieces and come on down.

Interested persons are invited to attend for a rousing game of chess.

It's your move! For more information, call Ron at 873-2276.

Tuesday, July 8

Mac users to meet

The Ocala Macintosh User Group will meet Tuesday, July 8, from 7 to 9 p.m.

This month's featured presentation, Apps for Managing Your Finances, will be given by Angie Yoder. Tech Tips, Q & A's, and the monthly raffle will follow. Meetings are held in the St. George Anglican Cathedral Parish Hall, 5646 SE 28th St., Ocala. Visitors are always welcome.

Check out our website at <http://ocalamug.org> to learn more about the group.

Wednesday, July 9

CERT training to start

A new Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will begin Wednesday, July 9, and continue through Aug. 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Marion County Sheriff's Office, 692 NW 30th Ave., Ocala.

The next training session will begin Oct. 9.

The CERT program helps to prepare participants how to take care of themselves during a disaster. This six-week course will offer training on disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations and more.

Once trained, participants have the opportunity to join their local neighborhood team that will assist first responders during a disaster.

CERT Teams assist by assessing their community and providing basic medical treatment to those in need and report all the information to Emergency Management.

The CERT Program is offered by the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Emergency Management and is a free training to all who are interested. Early applications are important as the class fills up quickly.

For more information and for an application, contact Emergency Management at 352-369-8100 or e-mail MarionCERT@marionso.com.

Thursday, July 17

Medication seminar scheduled

On July 17 at 1 p.m., College Road Baptist Church will host an educational program that covers common medication issues and how they impact older adults. Bring your list of medications and questions.

Brookdale Senior Living Solutions at Chambrel will provide the desserts for this seminar. All are welcome.

The church is at 5010 SW College Road (State Road 200). Phone: 352-237-5741.

Sunday, July 20

Jazz Society to perform

The Ocala Jazz Society will be performing on Sunday, July 20 from 2-5 p.m. at VFW Post 4781 across from Oak Run. The band performs on the third Sunday of each month, playing a variety of music including Jazz, Big Band, Dixieland and songs from the past. There is a \$3 donation for Hospice. For information, call 352-237-0234.

Monday, July 21

Ivy House hosts gala for Hospice

The Ivy House Restaurant invites you to the first Vintage Gala in honor of Hospice of Marion County on Monday, July 21.

The event features live entertainment, a silent auction, a best-hat contest and caricature artist. Attire is vintage, linen, lace and hats.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour and cash bar; assorted heavy hors d'oeuvres will be available buffet-style at 7 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$80; tickets at the door are \$90. Tickets may be purchased at www.hospiceofmarion.com or at the Hospice Administration office (3231 SW 34th Ave. Ocala).

All proceeds support Hospice of Marion County children's bereavement programs. For additional information call 352-854-5218.

Tuesday, July 29

Breast cancer support group to meet

The SOS (Sisterhood of Survivors) Breast Cancer Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month at Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 SW 105th St., in the Chapel, Room 235.

The meeting on Tuesday, July 29, will be an informal information exchange including sharing some of our experiences.

Sunday, Aug. 10

Lola and the Saints in benefit concert

The TLC Time Capsule is set to transport you and your friends back in time to the golden era of the 50s and 60s. Lola and the Saints will perform a concert at the West Port High School Performing Arts Center, 3733 Southwest 80th Avenue, Ocala, from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 10.

Tickets are \$15 each and are available at www.tlcocala.org under the Donate button.

Proceeds from this concert will support the programs and dream of Transitions Life Center to benefit adults with special needs who have aged out of the ESE programs within the public school system. Please contact Ginger Broslat at 352-861-0252 or ginger@tlcocala.org.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Candidates invited to forum

The GFWC Woman's Club of Ocala will conduct a Candidates Forum for candidates in the November elections on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the Marion County Public Library Headquarters, 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., in Meeting Room C from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Evelyn B. Kelly will serve as moderator.

Candidates for the Marion County Commission, the Marion County School Board, and the Florida House of Representatives are invited to participate. For further information contact Frances at 352-629-7397 or email: ocaladowns@yahoo.com.

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Farmers' market

Nothing like a farmers' market in season to draw crowds. This photo was taken recently at the On Top of the World Circle Square Commons.

Ocala Symphony to put on special program on July 4

The Ocala Symphony Orchestra will be performing the Red, White and OSO Blue: A Salute to our Troops concert on Friday, July 4 at 7 p.m. The event will be held at the Circle Square Cultural Center at On Top of the World, 8395 SW 80th St., Ocala.

The Symphony will perform patriotic favorites such as the Ameri-

can Salute and Stars and Stripes as well as music from Porgy and Bess, selections from Apollo 13 and John Williams' Midway March. There will also be a special salute to our veterans during the performance. The Ocala Symphony is working with Veterans Helping Veterans to give 100 complimentary tickets to veterans.

Tickets are \$19 and can be purchased at www.ocalasymphony.com, by calling the office at 352-351-1606, or at the door.

Beginning at 4 p.m., On Top of the World will be filled with food, drinks, dancing, patriotic displays, and fireworks occurring after the OSO performance.

Ocala Civic Theatre lists winners of annual scholarships

Ocala Civic Theatre is pleased to be able to provide several college scholarships each year to students planning to pursue a degree in the performing arts. Many local students get their start in the performing arts through our Education Department youth programs, and we are delighted to watch them develop their talents and remain active in theatre as they grow up.

Since the Ocala Civic Theatre scholarship program was established in 1981, more than \$119,500 has been awarded to Marion County students majoring in the performing arts. This year, Ocala Civic Theatre and ACT 4 are honored to provide a total of \$9,400 in scholarship funds to 12 talented students. We are proud to support their pursuit of higher education as well as the future of the performing arts. This year's winners are:

- Barbara Purvis Memorial Scholarship: Cody LeFleur
- Bill Bartlett Memorial Scholarship: Michelle Ware
- Bridget Bartlett Memorial Scholarship: Sarah Scalf
- Founders' Scholarship: Kevin Imes
- Fran Clemons ACT 4 Scholarships: David Leppert, Rebekah Leppert, Kelsey Plante, Tim Steis, and Victoria Wells
- Harvey Klein Memorial Scholarship: Savannah Hirst
- Leon Schmehl Memorial Scholarship: Greg Hersey
- Susan and Randall Moring Scholarship: Zachary Titterington

The Haves, the Have Nots and the Whatnots

When it comes to politics, I am as confused as the politicians themselves. I do not like to discuss politics because I do not understand it and just as soon as you understand one opinion, everything changes and you do not know where you are.

I know I do not understand much that goes on in the political arena, but one of the things I have been hearing has to do with what they call, "The Haves and the Have Nots."

What do people mean when they use this phrase? Who are these Haves? And who are these Have Nots?

Probably more importantly, what is it that these Haves have that the Have Nots want?

The problem as I see it is simply this. If I want what somebody else has, am I really going to be happy when I have what he has?

There are many things that I do not have and I am quite happy that I do not have them.

I do not have an incurable disease. I do not have a debt so far above my head that I am going into bankruptcy. I do not have a table full of bills that I cannot pay.

I am happy that I do not have any of these things.

But as a part of the "older generation," I do not really need anything that I do not have. I suppose it

would be nice to have a new truck, but there is nothing wrong with my old truck. It still gets me where I want to go, the air conditioner still works and the radio still plays my kind of music. Why would I need a new truck?

It probably would be nice to have a new house. At our age, my wife and I do not have the energy to pack up everything and unpack everything in a new place. As it stands, everything in our house is exactly where we want it.

I choose to focus not on what I "Have Not" but on what I really do "Have."

I have a wonderful wife, but do not tell her I said so, it might get me into some kind of a situation. This year we will have been married some 43 years and why she has put up with the likes of me all this time I will never know. Actually, the fact that she has put up with me all these years brings into question her sanity.

I have some wonderful children and grandchildren. It would be nice to live long enough to see my great-grandchildren, but I am not pushing that issue. I am rejoicing in what I have.

The best thing that I have, the thing I treasure the most, is my relationship with God. I can identify with what David said, "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1).

What David is really saying here is that when "the Lord is my Shepherd," then the reality is simply, "I



Out to Pastor Dr. James Snyder

shall not want." The other side of the picture is true as well. If I find myself constantly in want, maybe the Lord is not my Shepherd.

Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, PO Box 831313, Ocala, FL 34483. He lives with his wife, Martha, in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 1-866-552-2543 or e-mail jamesnyder2@att.net or website www.jamesnyderministries.com.

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Before long, the units were once again formed across the field from where I sat. The more than 300 graduating Marines stood silently at attention as did the cadre in and around the stands. Sensing the moment; the gallery fell silent. Even the youngsters ceased their fussing.

It was then that the band struck up the familiar strains of the Marine Corp Hymn. For the brief moments that the music played; everyone stood a little straighter; everyone felt a bit prouder; and some like myself, got that familiar lump in the throat.

Later as I hugged my grandson I felt more pride and love than my mere words could ever express. Fortunately, men know that about each other so we don't try; we just know.

The world is a scary place; have no doubt about that. There are those who would take our way of life and our very lives if it weren't for the men and women of our military. We are truly fortunate that we are defended by young men and women who are ready; willing and able to protect us. They are less than 1% of the population; those who wear the uniform of our nation. We owe them our loyalty; our support and undying gratitude.

My prayer is for the safety of all our service personnel and that our leaders will have good judgment in using them.

I thank you, my readers, for letting me share this experience with you.

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Fairfield ladies love to scrapbook

It must be a really good sign when even a very young "lady" enjoys "scrapbooking" with her grandma. That was the case when the group met for its monthly afternoon of sharing ideas and creations in the FFV Clubhouse.

Among those present was 4-month-old Mia Gracie Parades who was visiting with her grandmother, Jackie Abel. All the other "ladies" were thrilled to have the beautiful little visitor who seemed much more mature than someone so very young.

There was work being done in many different types of projects and those present invited anyone interested to meet with them at the next scheduled meeting which will be listed in the FFV newsletter calendar.

HOA Holds Semi-Annual Business Meeting on June 19

The Fairfield Village Homeowners' Association held its only summer meeting in June. Meetings will not be held in July or August but will resume in September.

President Larry Hansen welcomed back the treasurer, Carol Shaw, who had missed the previous two monthly meetings due to a serious illness. Mrs. Shaw received a round of applause from the board members and from the community residents who attended the meeting.

Carol thanked everyone for all the good wishes she had received and prayers that she had heard about. She pointed out that both the good wishes and the prayers were part of the blessings that she feels made a difference in her recovery.

Several items of interest to the community as a whole were discussed including some improvements that the residents could anticipate. Larry Hansen said that in meetings with Community Manager, Rachel Muse, the issue concerning one of the retention ponds would be addressed with the application of treatment that would inhibit the problem with mosquitoes during the very rainy season.

Hansen also fielded concerns from several different residents that he promised to bring to the attention of the community manager. He announced that the televisions in the media room and main room that were damaged by lightning had been replaced and were fully functioning again.



Fairfield Village
Priscilla Barnett

The meeting was brought to a close with good wishes from the HOA board to all FFV neighbors for a pleasant and safe summer.

From the "lively place filled with lovely people" known as Fairfield Village, we wish all our friends, family, and neighbors a safe and happy Fourth of July. Remember the Fourth of July celebration that will be held in the Clubhouse. Happy birthday, U.S.A.!



The Fairfield Village HOA held its semi-annual business meeting on June 19 in the FFV clubhouse. The board welcomed back the treasurer, Carol Shaw, who had been ill and is now recuperating very well. The board members left to right include Kerry Breeden, Larry Hansen, Chuck Belcher, Carol Shaw, Rubben Harvey and Ken Stiles.



Proud "grandma" Jackie Abel was so excited to bring her 4 month old granddaughter with her to the scrapbook group that meets in the Fairfield Village Clubhouse every third Friday of each month. Little Mia Gracie Parades lives in Kansas at Fort Riley.



These lovely ladies were incorrectly identified last week. They are members of the McLean family. Young Amaya (far right) presented a touching tribute to her grandfather, Calvin McLean for Father's Day.

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Opinion

Our Message

Stay safe while celebrating the 4th

When the Declaration of Independence was approved in 1776, our founding fathers probably did not foresee the day when it would be a national celebration filled with fireworks, barbecues, parades and festivals.

What they did foresee was an upcoming rough time with the British military as the Europeans didn't want to lose control of this upstart group of colonies across the "pond."

But the dedication of those "fathers" and all our ancestors who fought the Revolutionary War made possible our freedom to celebrate as we do this week.

Around here, the celebration features such events as "Red, White and Blues" on Thursday evening in Citizens' Circle a couple of blocks south of the Downtown Square in Ocala. On Friday, God and Country Day will be observed off U.S. 27 Northwest as it has been for years.

Editorial

There are also golf cart parades and celebrations in various communities around the area, as well as the shooting of firecrackers by many individuals throughout Marion County.

It's the firecrackers that scare us a little. Most people have the attitude that "it can't happen to me" when they shoot off dangerous material just for fun. Yet, over the years, there have been many stories of fireworks going off prematurely and backyard celebrations turning into tragedy.

While many of these fireworks are illegal, this is one of those laws in which our law enforcement community looks the other way. Some may complain about the noise, but if law enforcement does any more than drive through a neighborhood, it's a surprise. This year it might be a little more intensive, since the Fourth falls on a Friday.

So when it comes to shooting off fireworks, you're on your own when it comes to safety. Please be careful...we don't want anyone losing an eye, a finger...or worse.

Stay safe for the holiday.

Travel agencies say the roads will be just as busy as usual, even though gas prices are the highest since 2008.

But if you're driving somewhere, make sure you don't drink and drive...and no matter what, watch out for the other guy. You may think you're safe, but that car coming in the opposite direction may not be as law-abiding as you are.



There she is ... wait ... there she isn't

For years now, I have not watched beauty pageants such as Miss Florida, Miss America or Miss Universe.

I know, they call them scholarship pageants, but get online and find pictures of all the contestants in any pageant, and tell me if any of them aren't good looking.

So I wasn't watching Miss Florida recently when Elizabeth Fecht, 20, a University of Florida student and a resident of Leesburg, won. I can just hear the announcer saying something like this: "The new Miss Florida, Elizabeth Fecht!" After that she probably took the walk down the runway with some sort of flowers and tears flowing.

But several days later we found out the awful truth: Through no fault of her own, Elizabeth didn't win. She came in second.

Pageant officials found, through an audit, that the scores were not tabulated correctly and the real winner was the young lady named runner-up, Victoria Cowen of Panama City. She now assumes the title of Miss Florida and goes to compete in the Miss America pageant.

So here is my question: Can't we get people who know how to add to correctly tabulate the scores?

There was something written that a judge had changed his mind and crossed out an old score and written in a new one, but the old one was counted. If we can get all of our Congressmen to push a button to vote correctly (and that seems to be a stretch), can we not get a system where the judges in beauty pageants can push a button to vote?

Knechtel proved herself to be a de-



Among Friends

Jim Clark

serving non-winner. She has a blog, and posted that she was "devastated" but the "God has a plan." She added, "A title does not define me. It opens doors, but it does not dictate who I am and where I am going."

She also said that Cowen will be a good Miss Florida.

One of the problems we read was that pageant officials require the winner to be available for appearances and therefore they have to drop out of college if they are attending. Knechtel did so, and I only hope that UF lets her be readmitted without penalty.

In Delaware last week, Miss Delaware was also stripped of her title because she was three months too old to compete. She said she submitted a birth certificate and driver's license, but no pageant official caught the mistake.

So the next time you watch one of these pageants, you should be wondering, what is going to be messed up behind the scenes. When stories such as this are not the contestants' fault, you have to consider that in the past, maybe some things have been covered up. Will we ever know for sure? I doubt it.

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Guest column

Wall Street turns students into cash cow

BY LEEANN HALL
Special to the Messenger

The U.S. Senate held a vote recently to bring up legislation allowing student debt holders to refinance old loans at lower current interest rates. The motion to debate the "Bank on Students Emergency Loan Refinancing Act" (S. 2432) garnered a 56-38 majority but fell short of the 60 votes needed to open debate.

Republicans cast 37 of the 38 "no" votes. Only three Republicans joined 53 Democrats and Independents in voting to debate the bill.

For members of the college and high school classes of 2014, and for past graduates, this effort to tackle the student debt issue is sorely needed. For whether their degrees are in math, science, history or English, our graduates are coming out of college schooled in something else entirely: the crushing weight of student loan debt.

With outstanding student debt now topping \$1.2 trillion, 40 million Americans are facing the consequences of our failing national commitment to higher education. This situation poses a threat to America's economic vitality and its promise of opportunity.

The Federal Reserve reports that growing student loan debt is holding borrowers back from buying homes and cars. This is bad news for an economy still trying to get its mojo back since the Great Recession.

And student loans have turned into a big business for the U.S. Department of Education, which reportedly made a profit of \$41.3 billion from federal student loans last year. If the agency were a corporation, it would be one of the most profitable in the world.

It's time to address the student debt crisis and the toll it's taking on the economy. Allowing refinancing will save borrowers thousands of dollars in interest payments. That will free up disposable income, boost consumer spending, and strengthen the economy.

However, to fix the overall student debt picture, we need to think even bigger - big enough to put "free college" back on the national agenda. Does free college sound like magical thinking? It's more like a walk down memory lane.

Fifty years ago in California, tuition-free college wasn't pie in the sky, it was state policy. In 1964, a world-class education in the public University of California system came with free tuition and fees totaling just \$220 for the year.

At the 1964 minimum wage of \$1.25 an hour, you could earn \$220 in four and a half weeks of full-time work. That means a University of California student 50 years ago could earn enough to pay for a year's college costs by flipping burgers for a month in the summer.

Today, even at in-state rates, with tuition and fees averaging \$8,893 for the 2013-2014 school year, it would take seven months of full-time work at the \$7.25 federal minimum wage to make that much.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't be surprised if, in spite of your well-made plans, something goes awry. But don't worry. Your knowledge of the facts plus your Arian charm will help you work it out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A personal relationship seems to be demanding more than you feel you're able to give. Best advice: Confront the issue. You could find the situation surprisingly easy to work through.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Resist being pressured into meeting your self-imposed deadline. This is important if you really feel that taking more time to finish a project could save time in the long run.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A vacation choice seems less interesting than when you first made it. Could it be a matter of the place or the people going with you? Find out before you consider a change of plans.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Someone might be overriding your logic to get you to agree to "favors" you would normally avoid. See what you've been asked to do and see if you've been misled.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Try to keep that emerging "judgmental" aspect in check. Too many critiques on relatively unimportant issues could create a lot of negative bounce-back reactions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Facing unpleasant facts about an associate isn't easy. But ignoring them isn't wise. Ask a trusted (and neutral) friend to help guide you on what to do and how you might do it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A shift in opinion regarding a workplace situation could go a long way in vindicating the stand you've taken. But be aware that a resolution could still be a way off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) It's not like you to choose the easy way rather than the right way to do things. So, follow your instincts and feel assured they will lead you to the right decision. Good luck.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Hold off on making a personal commitment until you find out what it entails and whose interests are involved. There could be hidden facts you need to know.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A new friend offers an unexpected opportunity that could lead to a career change. Check it out carefully and consider getting an assessment from someone familiar with this field.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) A surprising discovery leads to mixed reactions from those involved in the "revelation." But as you come to appreciate the truth, you'll be able to also come to terms with your feelings.

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

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Super Crossword

INDEPENDENCE DAY

ACROSS

1 Bothers persistently

7 Novel events

13 Ending of ordinals

16 Cleopatra's snake

19 Underscore

20 Webcam from Apple

21 Shrunken Asian lake

23 "Old Uncle Ned" songwriter [1826]

25 Allergies may congest them

26 — mode (with ice cream)

27 — Reader (eclectic bimonthly)

28 One of a White House pair [1998]

30 "Ain't No Sunshine" singer [1938]

34 Counts up

35 Liqueur flavorers

36 Lean and muscular

38 Have dinner

41 Long-eared equine

42 Second-string squad

46 Calf's place

47 Extol

50 Baseball owner called "The Boss" [1930]

54 Filmmaker Kazan

57 Stick through

58 Former Toyota

59 Mussolini of Italy

62 Sand bits

65 "What — thinking?"

66 Epoch

69 Hit film whose title describes eight celebrities in this puzzle

74 ND-to-LA dir.

75 Sailor's cry

76 Certain

77 More handy

78 Plummer of "Pygmalion"

80 — about

83 Krone earner

84 "Twice-Told Tales" author [1804]

91 Running late

92 Wee bit

93 Playground retort

94 Post-A trio

97 Grand — wine

98 Early tourney match

101 "Lord Jim" actor Peter

103 Certain shoe mender

107 "Sing Along" leader [1911]

111 Tennis star with 21 Grand Slam doubles titles [1962]

114 See 40-Down

115 Lupino of films

116 Racy reading TV talk [1943]

122 Center or tackle

123 New York city or tribe

124 Out of bed

125 Young boy

126 Former jet to JFK

127 One gazing

128 — alla Scala (opera house)

5 Volcanic stuff

6 Lao —

7 20%

8 "The Wizard of Oz — because ..."

9 Stair parts

10 Mil. rank

11 Those ones

12 Like a good war plan

13 Hands down

14 — and error

15 Ho Chi Minh's capital

16 Hit man

17 Appear

18 "Qué —?"

22 Oil, for short

24 Big devotee

29 Decree

30 Ewe's bleat

31 "Can't — friends?"

32 Analogy words

33 Fine sand in a riverbed

37 Formerly known as

39 Consume

40 With 114-Across, paid by the day

43 Work unit

44 Of yore

45 Join together

47 Big house

48 Port in Brazil

49 Santa — wind

50 Acquisition

51 Olden toilers

52 Pond critter

53 Humdrum

54 Drops off

55 Many August babies

56 Memo start

60 Unanimously

61 Readily available

63 Debtor's note

64 Scott of legal novels

66 Magical glow

67 Isolated valley

68 Charlotte Brontë's "Jane —"

70 Singer Basil or Braxton

71 Jekyll and —

72 Designer Oscar de la —

73 Green stone

78 Yellowfin tuna, on menus

79 Inseparable friends

81 Bit of resistance

82 Get sour

84 "30 Rock" network

85 Ireland's —

86 Longtime senator

87 TV's Linden

88 Take — view (of frown on)

89 Motel unit

90 "It wasn't my fault!"

94 Most brazen

95 Less cloudy

96 Anhalt article

98 Readily bent

99 Give gas to

100 Where trapezists connect

102 Newton-John of song

104 Uruguay's Punta del —

105 Gap-filling wedges

106 Some whales

108 Squiggle over an "n"

109 Sauna wood

110 Doc network

111 — -mell (disorderly)

112 Tenor solo

113 Lease topic

118 "The Crying Game" star

119 Disloyal type

120 Great anger

121 "That's — -brainer"

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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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Quail Meadow to celebrate the 4th

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Only two more days until the Fourth of July. That means we're getting ready for another fun and exciting day here in Quail Meadow. At the time this is being written almost 100 tickets have been purchased for the chicken dinner.

Reminder: The parade will begin at the clubhouse at 9 a.m. and will travel throughout the neighborhood. The patriotic music can be heard on your FM radio dial at 97.7. Following the parade the awards ceremony will take place in the clubhouse (cookies and lemonade will be provided). Parade participants will begin lining up at 8 on NW 32nd Street (north side of the clubhouse). The cars will line up at 8, followed at 8:15 with the golf carts, and all others at 8:30. Check the July QM Reporter for a map that shows the parade route. Chicken, corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, and watermelon are on



Quail Meadow
Carolyn Slocumb

the menu for the dinner. Entertainment will be provided by R Music For You. This is going to be a great day in Quail Meadow. In case of rain (it never rains in the morning) the parade will take place on Saturday; but the dinner will still be on the 4th.

Independence Day - July 4th - a day for remembering how our country became the United States of America. During the American Revolution, the

What's changed since 1964? A massive public disinvestment from higher education has shifted the costs of college onto students and families. Just in the past few years, state funding per student was cut by an average of 27 percent nationwide.

Private interests have filled the void, transforming college finance into a vehicle for financial industry profits. Private lenders have moved aggressively into the student loan market, offering loans with interest rates in the double digits. The explosion of student loan debt has also fueled a burgeoning student loan debt collection industry.

Translation: Wall Street has turned our college students into a new cash cow.

It doesn't have to be this way. If we're serious about giving our children and

grandchildren real freedom - freedom from student debt - we need to reverse the trend of public disinvestment, put a stop to private profiteering, and recommit to free college in America. Then we need to marshal the resources to make it happen. Ending offshore tax giveaways to multinational corporations and millionaires would be one way to get there.

Is solving the student debt crisis going to take a fight, given the political clout of the financial interests that are making big money off the status quo? Of course. But it's a fight worth having.

Let's make college in America what it should be: a free, shared vehicle for building an educated people, not another costly way for special interests to take us for a ride.

Hall is executive director of the Alliance for a Just Society, a national research, policy, and organizing network that advances state and national campaigns for economic and social equity.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Go Figure!

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legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson was the principal author of this document. Congress debated and revised the Declaration; finally approving it on July 4, 1776. Most delegates actually signed the Declaration on August 2, 1776. Only two of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence later became President of our country - John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. It is interesting to note that these two men died on the same day, July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the USA.

It wasn't until 1938 that Congress made Independence Day a paid federal holiday. In 1870, Congress made the day an "unpaid" holiday for federal employees. In 1778, General George Washington celebrated the day by giving his soldiers a double ration of rum and also an artillery salute. Today, military bases

give a "salute to the union" by firing one gun for each state.

Have you ever thought about the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence and what kind of lives they led? Twenty-four of these men were lawyers and jurists, 11 were merchants, and nine were farmers or plantation owners.

They were all well-educated and knew the risks they were taking by signing this document. They also knew that if captured, their penalty would be death. Five of the men were captured by the British and tortured, 12 had their homes ransacked and burned, two lost their sons who were serving in the Revolutionary Army, another had his two sons captured. Thomas McKeam served in Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding.

He lost all his possessions. Many others had their homes looted. Several died bankrupt.

John Hart lived in the forests and caves for over a year; when he returned home his wife had died and his 13 children had vanished. Let's each take a moment to reflect on what these men did and the sacrifices they paid in order for us to have our freedom today.

When was the last time you read the Declaration of Independence?

Have a happy and safe holiday!

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5651 SW 56th Place - Lot # 343

This is a 1989 Nobility home with 2 beds / 2 baths with 768sq ft. This home has been completely remodeled. All new subfloors, carpet, vinyl floors. Updated kitchen. Bath rooms have been remodeled. New blinds and newer appliances. New landscaping and new irrigation. This home has a carport, shed, and screen room. Located on a large lot.

\$16,500

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5587 SW 59th Street - Lot # 152

This is a 1988 Nobility home with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,056sq ft. This home has new laminate floors, open kitchen and built in storage. The guest bedroom has double doors and walk in closet. Master bedroom has a vanity with a private master bath and also has a large walk-in closet. A/C & duct work replaced in 2013. This home has lots of storage and bonus two storage sheds, carport, and screen room.

\$17,500



5505 SW 61st Lane - Lot # 020

This is a 1987 Homes of Merit home with 2 beds / 2baths with over 1,560 sq ft. This is the largest home we have in stock. This home has both a Living Room and Family Room. Bonus Wet Bar. Open Kitchen with Island. Indoor Laundry. Laminate Floors through out home except bedrooms. This home has a carport, shed and screen room. Located at the end of a cul-de-sac.

\$25,500



5682 SW 59th Street - Lot # 137

This is a 1986 Nobility home with 2 beds / 1.5baths with 768sq ft. This home is fully furnished. It has a newer A/C, and double pane windows. This home has been freshly painted inside. Kitchen has white cabinets with a deep porcelain sink. It has a large shed with work bench and a nice sized backyard. This home has a carport, and screen room with tile floors and on ground level.

\$14,000



5510 SW 61st Place - Lot # 012

This home is a 1986 Palm Harbor with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,144sq ft. This home has custom wood working throughout the home. The kitchen has all new cabinets with pot and pan drawers and swivels for easy access. This home has been modified for partial handicap access. Open floor plan with indoor laundry and large screen room with vinyl windows and a large workshop with cabinets. Located on a quiet cul-de-sac

\$17,900



5628 SW 58th Place - Lot # 177

This is a 1989 Palm Harbor with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,344sq ft. This home has everything you need, it is fully furnished, with dishes and linens. This home has a newer A/C (03/2014). This home has tall ceilings and large bedrooms with walk-in closets. Large living room with lots of windows. The kitchen has a breakfast nook and a built in desk and lots of storage. Bring your toothbrush!

\$29,900



5627 SW 59th Street - Lot # 147

This home is a 1986 Fleetwood with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,144sq ft. This home has been updated. Fresh new color. Open kitchen and large living room. Extra storage in hall with updated cabinets. Large bedrooms with walk-in closets. This home has a Florida Room with air off the living room looking at the backyard. Bonus carport has been transformed into 'All season room'. Shed and double parking.

\$25,000



6020 SW 57th Avenue - L # 044

This home is a 1985 Nobility with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,056sq ft. This home has a living room and family room. Kitchen has a pass through area with a wet bar. Large bedrooms with walk-in closets. Large "All Season Room" with a shed with work bench. This home has a large backyard that is private with white vinyl privacy fence. Located on a quiet street.

\$23,500



5564 SW 58th Place - Lot#169

This is a 1989 Homes of Merit with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,344sq ft. This home has laminate floors and carpet in bedrooms. Features a large living room, open kitchen, dining room with built in hutch. Large master suite with walk in closet. Inside laundry. One car garage and carport. Metal Lifetime Roof. A/C less than 2yrs new. Double pane windows. Screen porch and backyard patio. Lots of upgrades, must see.

\$37,900



6080 SW 57th Avenue - L # 038

This is a 1987 Nobility with 3 beds / 2 baths with 1,248sq ft. This home has lots of upgrades, all newer awnings, and double pane windows. The kitchen has been updated and has an open floor plan to the living room and dining room. Master bedroom has a large walk in closet and the master bath has a tub and shower. Screen room with vinyl windows. Utility room is on the same level as screen room. Private yard.

\$39,500



5548 SW 58th Place - Lot # 167

This is a 1988 Nobility with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,352sq ft. This home is fully furnished with high end furniture and 55" flat screen TV's. Features a large living room with open kitchen plan with dining room. Bonus kitchen nook and office area. Large Bedrooms with walk-in closets. Large screen room with windows and lots of patio furniture. Bonus one car garage plus carport. Located on a large corner lot.

\$40,000



5503 SW 59th Street - Lot # 161

This is a 1987 Palm Harbor with 2 beds / 2 baths with 1,248sq ft. This home has laminate floors except bedrooms. Large living room with wood burning fireplace. Open Kitchen with dining room that has a built in hutch. Lots of storage space. Large bedrooms with walk-in closets. Newer appliances. Bathrooms have been updated. Large indoor laundry with storage. Large screen room with vinyl windows. Shed. On cul-de-sac

\$27,500

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