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Syrian tensions could bring 15-cent gas hike

Pump prices will get more expensive this week, due to rising geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

The conflict in Syria sent crude prices to their highest point in more than three years, and as a result, motorists are about to feel the pain at the pump.

The national average price for gasoline is the highest in more than two years. Sunday's average of \$2.71 is the highest since July 2015. Florida gas prices are the most expensive since February. Sunday's state average of \$2.63 is 2 cents more than last week, and 20 cents more than last year.

- The most expensive gas price averages in Florida are in Crestview-Fort Walton Beach (\$2.80), Pensacola (\$2.77), and West Palm Beach-Boca Raton (\$2.76)

- The least expensive gas price averages in Florida are in Tampa Bay (\$2.54), Orlando (\$2.54), and Melbourne-Titusville (\$2.56)

"Motorists should expect a 15 cent increase at the pump in the short term," said Mark Jenkins, spokesman, AAA - The Auto Club Group.

"However, prices could rise even more, depending on how the crude market responds to the latest news of

a U.S. missile strike over the weekend."

Crude prices rose more than \$5 last week, which was the largest weekly increase in more than eight months. Crude is climbing due to the potential of U.S. sanctions against Syria's sponsors: Russia and Iran.

Syria has not exported oil since civil war broke out in 2011. However, the country receives fuel deliveries from Iran.

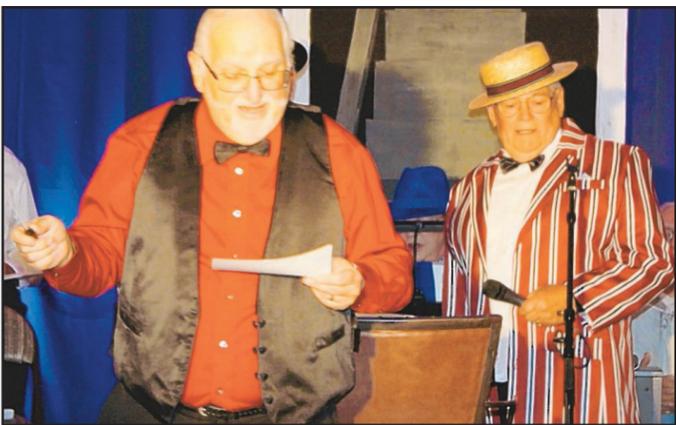
Crude oil closed at \$67.39 per barrel on Friday, the highest daily settlement since December 2014. Wholesale gasoline prices responded in kind, rising

nearly 15 cents.

Fuel prices are once again vulnerable to conflict in the middle east, because global supplies are tightening. The OPEC and Non-OPEC production cut agreement is eliminating the global oil supply glut that led to lower prices in recent years. OPEC expects the oil market to rebalance in Q2 or Q3 of this year.

- National: the highest average price for gasoline was \$2.70 on April 13; the lowest was \$2.49 on Jan. 3.

- Florida: the highest average price was \$2.68 on Feb. 8; the lowest was \$2.44 on Jan. 2.



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Event at Ocala Palms

'Tin Pan Alley took center stage at Ocala Palms recently. Above are Bob Brouillard and Bob Higgins, while at the right are Amy and Mike Heinritz. See story on Page A12.



Schools seek to employ more teachers

Marion County Public Schools seeks to hire more teachers.

To help with the search, this medium-sized school district will hold a Job Fair Saturday, May 5, at the District East Office of Marion County Public Schools in Ocala. The Job Fair runs 7:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. and requires pre-registration for all participants.

Teachers and others, including school counselors, looking for public education jobs can learn more about the Job Fair by visiting www.marion-schools.net/JobFair.

To attend the Job Fair, teachers must be certified or eligible for certification by Florida's Department of Education. Interested teachers must complete an online application, pre-register by April 27, and bring copies of their resumes for principals to review.

In addition, attendees should bring a copy of their Florida Department of Education certifications and proof they passed the subject area exam if their certification is in Social Sciences, Elementary Education, Pre-K/Primary, Art or Music. If attendees do not hold Florida Certification or a valid statement of eligibility, copies of college transcripts, exam scores and any valid out-of-state certificates are required. Attendees may also bring additional employment materials including teaching experience, letters of reference, etc. Certification advisors

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Man dies in fire

At 9:15 p.m. on April 12, Marion County Fire Rescue units were dispatched in response to a 911 call reporting a residential structure fire in the 10600 block of Northeast 41st Terrace, Anthony. Firefighters from MCFR's Sparr station #19 arrived at 9:24 p.m. to find the structure fully involved, with several propane tanks self-venting. Firefighters had to force entry through the locked gates of a chain link fence to gain access. Fire suppression units battled back the flames for several minutes to enable rescue crews to complete a primary search. At 9:51 p.m., rescue crews were able to locate a deceased victim in the residence. The fire was declared under control at 10:03 p.m.



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The answer is respect followed by cooperation

Fairfield Village is relatively small compared to many other 55+ communities with just under 300 homes. We still have many different parts of the country represented and many and varied interests and hobbies enjoyed by our neighbors.

Several years ago, we went through a time when there was an adversarial attitude represented by several of our more "vocal" residents. This was not the majority--far from it. However, the majority did not overtly exercise their positions favoring, instead, a "live and let live" mentality that did not help to achieve a fair and balanced community.

Gradually, that unfair balance began to disappear when many of the "vocal group" decided to move away. Also, gradually, a more friendly and accepting community began to evolve with the attitude of "respect" and "cooperation" as the focus. Time and benevolence eventually broke down barriers that had been keeping the community from working so well together.

This past Sunday evening, I saw a tangible display of how this "respect and cooperation" has become the norm with the resulting attitude of ac-



Fairfield Village
Priscilla Barnett

ceptance taking the forefront.

There was the regular monthly meeting of the praise and prayer group known as the Faith Filled Villagers in the main open area of the Clubhouse with their music and praise of our God.

Outside in the pool area there were folks enjoying the pool and hot tub with equal enthusiasm. In a separate room, there was a group playing a card game that caused them to react vocally on a number of occasions.

What's my point? Well, it is just this! All of these folks were involved in very different activities that included some resulting audible manifestations, and none of them seemed to bother the other groups at all.

In the past, I personally witnessed some confrontations that precipitated unfriendly attitudes and animosity be-



The prayer and praise group are diverse, but they are united in the love of God and desire to be His servants. They truly love the Lord and being together.

tween or among different groups. This was very unfortunate.

Individuals had allowed their personal attitudes to dominate the group mentality of the community. Resulting withdrawal from some activities that could have been very enjoyable caused many very genial neighbors to miss a lot of social time.

Well that is in the past...it would seem. I certainly hope so for the sake of everyone in Fairfield Village where the majority wants the motto "the lively place filled with lovely people" to be the norm.

What I witnessed on that Sunday evening was the example of 3 totally different interest groups meeting with practically no reservations of their enthusiasm and no resulting show of disharmony or unfriendliness. What a blessing that is and will continue to be!

The difference made by a concerted effort by each group (knowingly or subliminally) was an attitude of respect that brought about the cooperation needed by a social community to exist and to thrive cooperatively.

This reporter attends many func-

tions and meetings with the sole purpose being to report as fairly as possible the many and varied activities in the FFV community. This new attitude has come from a process that was worth waiting for.

Whether those involved in this transformation were aware of what was happening is a question only they can answer. However, witnessing this emergence of the respect and cooperation mentioned earlier has been welcomed by this reporter and many others who had set about to try to help to make this happen.

Sometimes, it is difficult to overlook an attitude that is very different from one's own. That is natural and expected. But, when it becomes apparent that this difference is not toxic, then it becomes the responsibility of all involved to see that the respect and cooperation attitude kicks in, and folks do not become self-absorbed again.

The Faith Filled Villagers, the Sunday night card group, and those who were enjoying "pool time" all simulta-

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One group enjoyed playing a card game called "Pony Tail," while others enjoyed the pool and hot tub. All were able to have their privacy because of respectful use of the Clubhouse area at the same time the prayer and praise group were meeting. Cooperation is a key factor.



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A healthy dose of medicine for the soul

A large segment of the human population takes things way too seriously for their own good. The strange anomaly is that most people laugh at the wrong thing and fail to laugh at the right thing. This serious incongruity has robbed people of a healthy attitude towards life in general.

Those who take life too seriously are in danger of missing the great joys of living in a crazy world like ours. I am not sure about the scientific research but I would guess that for every sad moment it takes one hundred laughs to balance the books. Some people are about ninety-nine laughs short of a real sane moment.

I like the old English proverb that says, "Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and you cry alone."

From my perspective, if you cannot laugh with someone you will not be able to cry with him or her and have it mean anything.

According to some medical advice, it takes more facial muscles and energy to frown than it does to smile. Of course, the only exercise some people have is frowning and who am I to take that away from them.

I am determined, no matter what, to exercise my right to smile and laugh and enjoy the world around me. I must confess that I get this attitude quite honestly.

My paternal grandfather was a Past Master in the area of practical jokes. No amount of time was too much to



Out to Pastor
Rev. James Snyder

spend preparing for one of his famous practical jokes. His favorite holiday was April 1 and began preparing for this holiday right after Christmas.

The fact that his practical jokes at times got him into trouble did not seem to affect him at all.

Once while in the hospital for an extended period he had somebody smuggle in to him a can of snuff. For some reason he liked chewing snuff. It is the most disgusting habit I know of on earth.

He no sooner received his smuggled goods then he began chewing it. If you know anything about chewing snuff, you know it is accompanied by a lot of spitting. As usual, his timing was impeccable. Just as the head nurse passed his door and looked in, he leaned over and spit in to the garbage can he had next to his bed. The nurse, not knowing about the chewing snuff, thought he was spitting blood and immediately went into emergency mode. Immediately my grandfather was rushed into the operating room and the surgeon and medical team were assembled.

My grandfather was very sick at the time. Some did not think he would get

out of the hospital.

Just as they got him situated in the operating room he pulled from under his sheet his can of chewing snuff and smiled at them. The only person in the room that thought this was in any way amusing was my grandfather. The doctors were so angry with him that they refused to see him for three days and confiscated his can of chewing snuff.

My aunt and uncle lived right next to my grandfather. My aunt was hyper clean when it came to her house. Dirt in any form was not welcome under her roof. She had a broom that was always within reach because she never knew when a piece of dirt would try to invade her domicile.

That year my grandfather found something new. I am not sure where he found it but he probably spent a lot of time looking for something like this. It was a rubber facsimile of a very nasty looking piece of vomit. To him it was a prized possession.

Most of his practical jokes were executed on April 1. Whenever we saw grandfather coming on this particular day we usually ran for cover.

He went over to visit my aunt and was sitting on the couch in the living room. They chatted for a little while and then my grandfather began to cough a little bit. He said to my aunt, "I haven't been feeling good lately. I really don't know what it is." Then he started to cough a little more seriously, to which, my aunt got up and went to the kitchen to get him a glass

of water thinking that might help him.

When she got back, she was shocked to see on her new coffee table a very horrible sight. My grandfather was bent over the coffee table hacking and coughing as though he was in the process of dying. On the coffee table was a very nasty looking piece of vomit.

My aunt went into hysterics. She whirled around and within a moment had grabbed her broom and started towards my grandfather. My grandfather was laughing but not for long.

Suddenly he realized that the flailing broom in my aunt's hand was aimed at him. She chased him out of the house, down the driveway and for at least three blocks yelling obscenities at him that I dare not repeat in public society.

Laughter is the fresh air of the soul. Even the Bible thinks so.

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken" (Proverbs 15:13). And, my favorite, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones" (Proverbs 17:22).

I recommend a healthy dose of medicine for your soul.

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Religion

Christ's Church of Marion County

If you are looking for a church home where Christ is first, you won't want to miss the services at Christ's Church of Marion County this week. On Sunday, April 22, our worship service will open with special music by our Worship Choir and a message of inspiration by Pastor David Bellows.

On Monday evening men the community will come together at 6:30 for a Bible Study in the book of Acts. Women who are interested in crafts meet on Tuesday morning at 9:30 to work on group and individual projects.

Pastor Ray Westman leads a Small Group on Wednesday afternoon at 4. The group meets in the Chapel of our main building and takes an in-depth look at the Sunday morning message with a video message from Pastor David Bellows.

On Saturday morning, April 28, beginning at 8:30 we will host a "Forever Young Information Expo." We will serve a light breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; then at 9 Lt. C.T. Welch of the Marion County Sheriff's Office will present a session titled "Keeping the Community Safe" highlighting how to be a victim of a scam. Other seminars of interest to those 55 plus will follow at 10 and 11. For a complete list of the mini-seminars visit the Forever Young Ministry website at www.ccomc.org/forever-young or contact the church office.

Christ's Church of Marion County is at 6768 SW 80th St. - just off State Road 200. For more information on all our events or for directions visit our website at www.ccomc.org or contact the church office at (352) 861-6182.

Southwest Christian

Come on in and see what God has to offer you through Southwest Christian Church.

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday school classes for children and adults. 10:30 a.m. morning worship service. 6 p.m. evening worship service.

We have a staffed nursery available during the worship service.

We offer the following studies throughout the week:

Monday-Women's Bible study at 10:30 a.m. Thursday-Girl Scouts 6 p.m. Tuesday AA from 5 to 7 p.m.

Every-3rd Tuesday of the month (Sept.-June) Christian Women's Fellowship at 10 a.m.

Wednesday-7 p.m. we offer 3 different adult Bible studies.

You do not need to be a member to attend any of our Bible studies or services. Visitors are always welcome here at Southwest.

Southwest Christian Church exists to equip Christians with a mind that knows the word of God, a heart that seeks the character of God, hands that do the work of God and feet that share the grace of God.

Southwest Christian Church, 9045 SW 60th Ave. (south off SR 200) 352-861-9080.

Crossroads Church

Our Seniors ministry will be held on Saturday, April 21 at 4:30 p.m. This will be a pot luck dinner. The "Walker Family" Gospel Concert will be held on Sunday, April 22 at 6 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary.

We will have a special "Missions Conference" starting on Friday, April 27 and ending on Sunday, April 29.

Our Common Ground fellowship will be meeting at the Church for Pizza and a Movie, on Saturday, April 28 at 4:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

We are planning to have a special "Mother's Day Dinner" on Saturday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. to honor all of our women.

Mondays - Monday Night Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. Topic - "Ephesians"

Tuesdays - Intercessory Prayer Meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays - we have Nursing Home ministry at multiple agencies.

Wednesdays - Family Training Hour at 7 p.m. This includes Crossroads Kids, Crossroads Nursery & Crossroads Youth Ministries.

Thursdays - Our Spanish "Estudio Biblico" at 7

p.m.

Sunday Services - Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.; Worship Services at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and our Spanish Service at 1 p.m. Nursery Ministry provided for all services.

Crossroads Church, 8070 SW 60th Ave. (south off of SR 200) 352-291-2080.

See our new website at www.ourcrossroads.church for up to date calendar events.

Maranatha Baptist Church

Maranatha Baptist Church extends a special invitation to everyone who would like to experience a church family. Come and visit and find a home. We are a multi-cultural church, where all are welcome. We are a family and want everyone to experience that love.

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Please call: 352-347-5683 for further information and/or directions to the church.

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Happenings

Thursday, April 19

Genealogical Society meeting

The Marion County Genealogical Society will meet Thursday April 19, at 2 p.m. at the Marion County Public Library, 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd. in Ocala. A brief business meeting will be followed by the March program "German Genealogy" by Kathy Stickney.

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

Saturday, April 21

Tennis at Golden Ocala

Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club will host the Sixth Annual Marion Tennis Masters on Saturday, April 21, and Sunday, April 22. It will include divisions 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0, as well as open divisions, with every participating athlete guaranteed two matches consisting of men's, women's or mixed doubles.

The public event is sponsored by Porsche of Ocala and benefits Ocala Outreach Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) charity that assists local vetted families who struggle to make ends meet and cannot be helped via conventional avenues. Instead, the organization takes to social media and basic crowdfunding technology for donations.

The cost per player includes entry into the all-day tournament, breakfast and lunch, door prizes and trophies. The Tennis Masters will conclude with six winning teams. The Director of Tennis, Thiroshan Chetty, and his staff will present each pair with specialized Marion Masters gifts and trophies.

"Golden Ocala consistently preaches skill advancement, technique, improvisation, competition and fun," Chetty said. "The Marion Tennis Masters brings the community together to do just that, as well as gives athletes a taste of a professional tournament, while contributing to the well-being of those who cannot ensure their own well-being."

For more information about this and other tennis tournaments, call the Pro Shop at (352) 402-4351.

Monday, April 23

40/8 group to meet

The 40/8 veterans group will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, April 23 at 1 p.m. on the second floor of the Bank of The Ozarks building at the entrance of On Top of The World on State Road 200. Come early to enjoy light refreshments with fellow veterans.

Please remember to bring household supplies for the Fisher House in Gainesville. For further information, telephone Jerry 352-322-5966.

Tuesday, April 24

Christian women to meet

Ocala Christian Women's Connection invites you to the our "Girl Power" luncheon April 24 at the Hilton of Ocala from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The doors open at 11 a.m. The special feature is DIY For Girls by Ace Hardware. Our speaker is Nancy Self sharing "Hanging On!". Admission is \$20. Please RSVP for lunch and free childcare to Claudia at 228-2126 or Eve at 732-7053 by Wednesday, April 18.

Breast cancer group

The Breast Cancer Sisterhood of Survivors support group meets at Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 SW 105th St., Room 235 (Chapel) the last Tuesday of each month. This month's meeting is Tuesday, April 24 at 1 p.m.

The speaker will be Teri Pizza, noted author, speaker and columnist. She has numerous books including A Thyme to Eat-Cooking with fresh produce. Questions? Contact Donna Baisley at 860-508-5255.

Saturday, April 28

Walk for Parkinson

The Marion County Mind and Motion for Parkinson network is hosting a Walk for Parkinson event on Saturday, April 28 at Sholom Park.

Registration opens at 9:30 a.m., and the Walk starts at 10:30.

It is more than just a walk. April is National Parkinson's Awareness month, and the Walk highlights movement as a symbol of hope and progress towards finding a cure. The Walk is used to raise awareness and funds for research and education, and all proceeds from sponsors and walkers will be given to the Parkinson's Foundation via the Parkinson Association of Central Florida, a 501(c)3 Corporation.

You may donate via the website's Walk tab at MindAndMotion.org, or at the event. Whether you take part as a team or as an individual, you will have the opportunity to move with many others who share in the journey to help beat Parkinson's. For Companies or Corporations interested in sponsorship, contact pw444paw@gmail.com.

Kickoff Speakers are Annette Nieves, MD, Monroe Movement Disorder Clinic and Megan Willard, Regional Director, Parkinson's Foundation.

African Violet Club to meet

The African Violet Club of Ocala is meeting April 28, at 10:30 a.m. at the Marion County Sheriff's Office (Brian Litz Substation) at 9048 SW Highway 200, Ocala. Our meeting topic this month is all about putting down leaves with various techniques and a live demonstration. We will also discuss soil and wick watering and some new projects for the club members. Call 352-351-3639 for more information or AfricanVioletClubofOcala.org. Refreshments are served and guests are always welcome!

Tuesday-Friday, May 1-4

Bonsai Exhibit

The Marion Bonsai Society and OTOW Master the Possibilities are hosting the annual bonsai exhibit at the Master the Possibilities lobby, 8415 SW 80th St., Ocala. The exhibit is free and runs from Tuesday afternoon, May 1 through noon Friday, May 4. Specific times are: 3-4 p.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 9 a.m. to noon Friday. Over 30 trees are on display by approximately 10 exhibitors. The age of trees vary from about 3 to over 30 years.

Two one-hour workshops are available for \$5

(free for OTOW residents). The first is "Basics of the Living Art of Bonsai" by Peter Wood at 1 PM on Wednesday, May 2. Peter will present basic horticulture and artistic principals of bonsai. The second is "The Living Art of Bonsai - Demonstration" by artist David VanBuskirk at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 3. David will create a bonsai tree from nursery stock material. To register for these classes go to www.masterthepossibilities.org or call (352) 854-3699.

Friday, May 4

CF commencement

The College of Central Florida will hold its spring 2018 commencement Friday, May 4, with two ceremonies to honor graduates. Both ceremonies will be held at First Baptist Church of Ocala, 2801 S.E. Mari-camp Road.

At 3 p.m., students receiving certificates, Associate in Science and bachelor degrees will be recognized. The second ceremony, for students receiving an Associate in Arts, will begin at 6 p.m.

In addition to student speakers, the commencement address will be delivered by CF Associate Professor Tom Ziesemer, 2018 recipient of the American Association of Community Colleges Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty Award. Luther Drummond, chairman/CEO of Drummond Banking Company and 1963 graduate, will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award.

For those unable to attend, the ceremonies will be webcast live at CFedu/graduation.

For more information, call the Ocala Campus at 352-854-2322, ext. 1391.

Monday, May 7

Ocala Chapter of Hadassah

The monthly meeting of the Ocala Chapter of Hadassah will be held on Monday May 7 at 10 a.m. at the Bank of the Ozarks, 8375 SW Highway 200 in Ocala. The meeting will feature a representative from the Marion County Sheriff's Office, who will address the group on the topic of personal safety. Judi Siegal, president of the chapter will preside. All are invited to attend and refreshments will be served. For information please contact Judi. (morrobay03@embarqmail.com)

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, is a volunteer organization that inspires a passion for and commitment to its partnership with the land and people of Israel. It enhances the health of people worldwide through its support of medical care and research at the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem. Hadassah empowers its members and supporters, as well as youth in Israel and America through opportunities for personal growth, education, advocacy and Jewish continuity.

Death Cafe

Monday, May 7 at 10 a.m. 7171 SW State Road 200, Ocala. We'll meet in the Choir Room of First Congregational United Church of Christ for a group led discussion on anything having to do with death and dying. No experts, no lectures, just mere mortals coming together to share their thoughts. Awareness of our mortality creates a deeper appreciation for life. For information call 368-9927

Friday, May 11

Tribute to John Denver

On Friday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m., Ted Vigil returns to the Reilly Arts Center for a special tribute to John Denver. Tickets start at \$10. The Reilly Arts Center is at 500 NE 9th St., Ocala.

Tickets can be purchased at www.ReillyArtsCenter.com, or by calling the box office at (352) 351-1606 during box office hours. Tickets can also be purchased in person at the Reilly Arts Center box office. Box office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Group rates are available for this show.

Ted performs all of John Denver's greatest hits including Take Me Home Country Roads, Leaving on a Jet Plane, and Rocky Mountain High.



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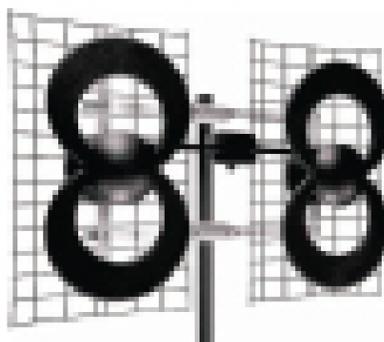
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Last week was a busy time in Quail Meadow. First was the Friday night gathering at the Clubhouse for the monthly 1st Friday. Forty residents and guests enjoyed the evening together. It was great meeting some of our new homeowners. Poppi provided the music for dancing. The 50/50 drawing was won by Joan Trcka, who said she bought the ticket in memory of her friend who recently passed away.



Quail Meadow
Carolyn Slocumb

Saturday was the semi-annual yard sale. Rain was in the forecast, but held off during the sale! There were mixed reports about the participation in the sale: some said the attendance was better than last year, while others said they thought it was smaller! However, there was a traffic jam on NW 30th Place. Hopefully, everyone had successful sales.

Monday was attended by a few more residents than usual – this was good! The interest of most residents is what is being done with the property back of NW 50th Court. Herb Schmol, President of QMPOA, has been in contact with the developers of that property. Herb said there are many rumors going around about what will be put on that property. Herb has been told that, as of last week, there are NO definite plans for buildings, homes, etc. The developer's plans, as of last week, are to level the land, sow grass seed, and put cows on the pasture.

The trees that have been removed were sold to a paper company. There will be a fence (type to be determined later) put up behind the QM houses on NW 50th.

If you have any questions, contact Herb Schmol.

Also at the QMPOA meeting we were told of a need for at least two (2) more board members. If you would like to serve the community on this board, please contact any of the current members (names and numbers are in the QM Directory).

Would you like to have any part of the QM Reporter, or other documents, translated into Spanish? If so, please call Luz De Jesus – she will be happy to translate for you.

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We are in need of someone to be the coordinator of the Quail Meadow Reporter. This is our neighborhood monthly newsletter. Sandy Ezell has been doing an outstanding job for five years, but she feels she needs a "break."

If you would like to help with this project, please contact one of the QMPOA Board members. Steve Kane has said if the person who takes this position needs help setting up his/her computer, he will gladly offer his assistance.

COMMENTARY

Want to help the world? Resolve conflicts

BY LEE H. HAMILTON
Special to the Citizen

In a world riven by tension, there's one skill that stands above all others: the ability to resolve conflict. It is the

paramount challenge of our time. There are so many divisions that fracture our communities, states, and nations, that the ability to create common ground — to bring people together, rather

than drive them apart — has become an indispensable political need. I've seen first-hand its importance: in Congress as part of a legislative process that, at least at the time, was mostly fo-

cused on resolving differences, and as co-chair of two key national committees that were constituted along partisan lines — the 9/11 Commission and the Iraq Study Group. Here's what I've learned.

First, to resolve conflict, you have to be committed to doing just that. When the 9/11 Commission met — at a time when many people just wanted to assign blame for the attacks on our country — we were often encouraged to

take a confrontational approach by issuing hundreds of subpoenas that would force officials to testify and to turn over documents. We rejected that approach, in favor of cooperation and dialogue. This enabled us over time to get the access we needed to the people and documents we wanted — and, I'm convinced, made our findings more acceptable to everyone involved.

In other words, in order to resolve the conflicts dividing the country, we had to take a non-judgmental posture, search for common ground, and try to develop trust based on how we pursued our work. We succeeded. There's an old saying, "If you want to go fast, you go alone. If you want to go far, you go together." That was our experience.

There's another key to resolving conflict: you start with facts. "Facts are stubborn things," John Adams said, and that's what makes them so important. They force us to set aside opinions, delay judgment, and start with a mind that is, if not

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open, at least willing to be persuaded. Focusing on them helps the various parties — which are sometimes very far apart ideologically — find some common ground and develop a relationship that permits them to go forward.

Building on that start, it's crucial to develop collegiality. The social amenities become very important. You don't want to label people too quickly. You want to get to know them as individuals — if for no other reason than that it's hard to get mad at somebody you know well.

And if you're serious about resolving conflicts, you'll be spending a lot of time with the people you're dealing with, because good communication is crucial. This does not just involve talking. It means listening, asking questions, weighing arguments and options, and probing together whether disagreements can be resolved.

This is not easy. I remember, when I was in Congress, driving home at 2 or 3 in the morning thinking, "We'll never agree." But coming back the next day, and the next, and talking issues over, I almost always saw movement.

Compromise is a dirty word for many people, but it's very hard to resolve conflicts without it. Deals are often necessary. Trying to understand other participants' problems — and then trying to let everybody leave having gained something — can make the difference between success and failure. It's tough to give adversaries credit for anything, but it can lead the way to agreement.

Finally, it's important to make sure to include all the parties to a conflict and to address all the core issues — and when in doubt it's better to include than exclude. People sometimes think they can solve a problem by refusing to talk to some person or group or to ignore a key issue. That's a formula for failure.

Reaching agreement is not the end, but the beginning. I've experienced this: there's the handshake, the smiling photo op...and then the whole thing falls apart. For a resolution to be sustainable, the key players have to be brought into the process and the core issues considered. All of this takes skill, patience and understanding. And these attributes are not as common as they should be. But developing them is worth the effort. Because if you look around, the need for them does not appear to be going away.

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COMMENTARY

The 'vacation' disappearing act

BY BOB FRANKEN
Special to the Messenger

Does anybody know or care where Laura Ingraham is "vacationing"? Ingraham, who has been a mouthpiece for right-wing nastiness for decades, recently had gravitated to a perch at Fox News (where else?) to do the venomous schtick that has brought her fame and fortune. But then she crossed the teeny-bopper.

Not just any teeny-bopper. This is David Hogg, the extremely telegenic Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School senior and survivor of the shooting massacre there on Valentine's Day. He's a founder of the Never Again MSD movement and a leader of the outpouring of young people who are dragging adults into action on gun control. Hogg speaks for hundreds of thousands of people with a quick wit that Laura Ingraham cannot match. Those who get crazed every time someone even slightly wants to restrict their killing machines went bonkers about Hogg and a movement he leads that has spread out from Parkland, Florida, to the world.

Unfortunately, the best slime they could find on him was that his applications had been rejected by a few colleges. (Never mind that he had been accepted by others.) That made him fair game for attack. Make that foul game. Ingraham became a loud voice of the Hogg trolls. What followed was a huge backlash. Hogg shot back with a call for an advertiser boycott, and he got one. Advertisers bailed on Ingraham faster than you can say "bottom line."

Talk about hitting her where it hurts. Ingraham wasted no time going into grovel mode. She tweeted: "On reflection, in the spirit of Holy Week, I apologize

for any upset or hurt my tweet caused him or any of the brave victims of Parkland." Then she headed off to vacation. David Hogg rejected the apology.

One can only assume that she did not hightail it to the Mar-A-Lago bunker where Donald Trump was spending his time off as usual. It's a welcome reprieve from an administration that is coming undone, to some extent. Those with even a molecule of experience in government are looking for an escape hatch, while those who are embarrassments are shoved aside, only to be replaced by others who are more embarrassing, grossly unqualified or card-carrying fanatics. For President Trump, the most qualified in his mind are those who are the least qualified, as long as they do good TV.

So Robby Jackson -- the chief White House doctor who poked and prodded Donald Trump and then did an on-camera briefing on the physical, which impressed Trump -- is now his choice to head the severely troubled Department of Veterans Affairs. While Jackson is highly regarded as an M.D., he has no management resume. With 360,000 employees, the VA is largely an unwieldy disaster that has defied the best efforts of several reformers who possess outstanding credentials.

Trump also has created quite the uproar by booting out H.R. McMaster as national security adviser and appointing John Bolton. Bolton is considered to be, how shall we say it, a warmonger.

Soon, he'll be taking his hard line into foreign affairs, and soon, Laura Ingraham presumably will be taking hers back to Fox News. Don't expect her to learn any lessons. As for Trump and his gang, the best lesson they can learn would be a smack down on Election Day.

Letter to the editor

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Opinion

Our view

The seven deadly sins of driving

Marion County traffic is a deadly mess. We get news releases all the time about people injured or killed in accidents.

Many involve the omnipresent speeding that's occurring in our residential communities, county roadways and state or U.S. highways.

Whether it's U.S. Highway 27, State Road 200, Interstate 75 or points in between, nothing short of electronic short-circuiting of vehicles is likely to slow people down.

School zones? An annoyance to speed through. Stop signs? Something to roll right through. No-passing zones? Something to ignore.

While many justifiably plead for more MCSO or FHP presence and enforcement to curb speeders, the ultimate responsibility for our safety on the road rests with each motorist's behavior behind the wheel.

A list of behaviors known as the seven deadly sins was used by the Catholic Church as early as the sixth century to help people curb their evil inclinations before dire consequences could occur.

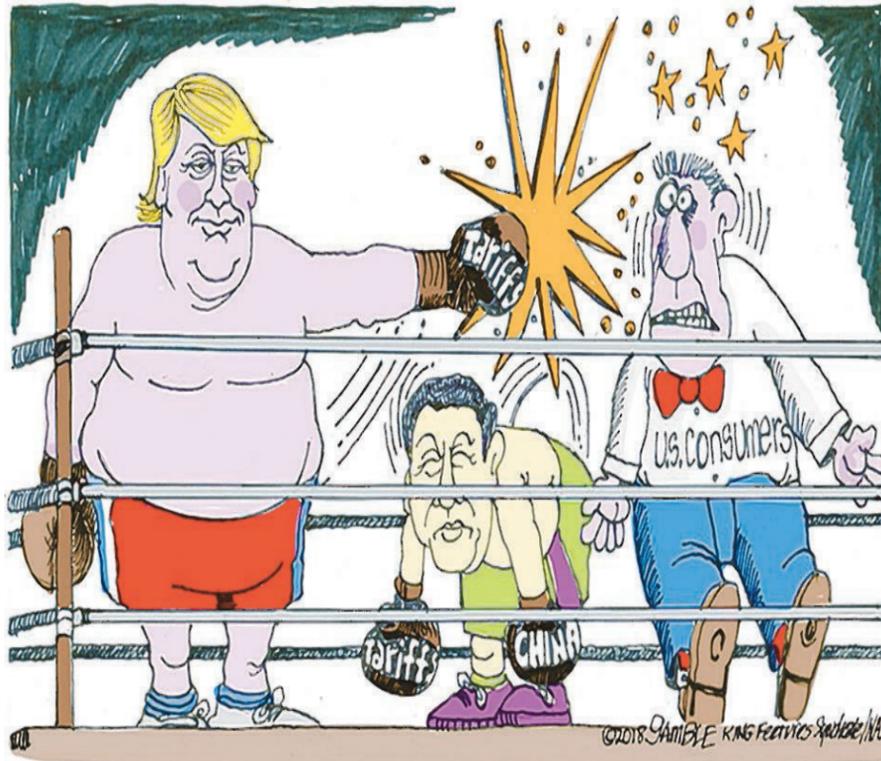
Similarly, motorists can avoid the dire consequences of dangerous behaviors behind the wheel by guarding against the seven deadly sins of driving — distracted driving, speeding, reckless driving, running red lights/stop signs, driving too fast for conditions, driving while drowsy, and drinking and driving.

The remedy for these deadly sins is to practice seven common sense road rules. Keep your eyes on the road and hands on the wheel. Obey the speed limits. Be patient and courteous.

Don't try to beat red lights or disregard stop signs.

Drive cautiously during bad weather. Don't drive fatigued. Never drink and drive.

While greater presence and enforcement of county roadways would be welcome, motorists must remember that the responsibility for safe driving begins with the person behind the wheel practicing common sense road rules.



Guest column

Amazon's company isn't a villain

BY RICH LOWRY
Special to the Messenger

President Donald Trump gets results. His attacks on Amazon have tanked the company's stock.

It's hard to think of a more pointlessly destructive act of presidential jargon in our history. The online retailer is a jewel of our market economy that has delivered more choice and convenience at a lower cost.

The backdrop for Trump's animosity is that Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post, which, like much of the major media, is unrelentingly hostile to the president. The bias of the Post is nothing new, nor should it be taken out on the underlying business of its owner.

Trump's anti-Amazon jag can be put in the same bucket as his tariffs against China — Trump being Trump, unleashing in accord with his gut instincts and animosities.

The similarities end there. The difference is between targeting the Chinese regime and a great American company, between lashing out against mercantilism and against a capitalist success story, between berating an adversary of the United States and an adversary of his own.

If there wasn't Amazon, someone would have invented it, or at least the basic model of leveraging new technologies to transform retail. Beginning in the late 1980s, the advent of big-box retailers brought a productivity revolution to the industry. Now, e-commerce is challenging the big-box retailers in their turn. This is how the American economy works.

Trump has two specific complaints about Amazon. One is that it is ripping off the U.S. Postal Service, costing the U.S. government billions of dollars. Perhaps a better deal can be extracted — a recent study by Citigroup concluded as much — but the Postal Service says its arrangement with Amazon is profitable. The second is that Amazon doesn't pay sales taxes. This once was true, but Amazon now collects sales taxes in all states that levy them.

The larger case against Amazon is that it is killing off traditional retailing, while accruing too much power for itself. While brick-and-mortar retail is in decline, less than 9 percent of retail sales are done through e-commerce, with Amazon accounting for less than half of that.

No one is forced to buy from Amazon. Customers go there because they find it easy to use and cheaper than the alternatives. Amazon isn't pocketing huge profits. Instead, it is doing what companies should do: innovating, then plowing the proceeds into more investments (Amazon is much more than an e-commerce company). Its fulfillment centers are wonders of productivity and hold the promise of as-yet-unforeseen transformations in other businesses.

Michael Mandel of the Progressive Policy Institute points out that online shopping saves consumers the time involved in driving to a store and looking for a product — and shifts all that (unpaid) labor to (paid) workers in its fulfillment centers and drivers. These jobs provide, he writes, "decent pay for

Study: Holocaust knowledge lacking

There's an old quote with many variations that is one of my favorites. Here's one of many choices: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

In our schools, both public and private, we are great in STEM, science, technology, engineering and math. It seems that we have gotten away from some of the core learning that many of us experienced when we were in school.

I've always felt that English and related subjects should be emphasized. Social media have destroyed grammar and spelling. Is anyone still teaching these?

Do you want young people to have a good vocabulary? Make Latin grammar mandatory for at least one semester in high school. Since English and other languages, including Spanish, have roots in Latin, it will help young people communicate (to say nothing about helping in "word origins and "vocabulary" on *Jeopardy*).

Then there's history. It's been an age-old question of students, asking why they have to learn history when it's in the past. See the quote above.

A story in The New York Times last week said that a survey released Thursday, on Holocaust Remembrance Day, found that many adults lack basic knowledge of what happened — and this lack of knowledge is more pronounced among millennials, whom the survey defined as people ages 18 to 34.

Thirty-one percent of Americans, and 41 percent of millennials, believe that two million or fewer Jews were killed in the Holocaust; the actual



Jim Clark
Editor

number is around six million. Forty-one percent of Americans, and 66 percent of millennials, cannot say what Auschwitz was. And 52 percent of Americans wrongly think Hitler came to power through force.

I'm not necessarily in favor of indefinitely continuing memorials such as this, but that doesn't mean it shouldn't be taught.

Probably the most telling statistic is the final one, where 52 percent think Hitler came to power through force.

Actually, he was appointed chancellor in 1933 and built his power base from there, and in his early days was considered somewhat of a hero to the German people, who had lost World War I and suffered through the Great Depression, like the rest of the world.

This week, April 20, is Hitler's birthday, in 1889. It's also the anniversary of Columbine, 110 years later; two dates many people would like to forget. But these are events that should stir us to teach our young people what one led to and what caused the other.

We have to make sure that things such as the Holocaust never happen again.

Jim Clark is the editor of the West Marion Messenger.

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CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Close friends reach out to help perk up your lagging social life. That workplace situation also eases, leaving you time to do more fun things by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A revelation clears up that perplexing job-related problem. Some changes will have to be made, which, no doubt, will meet with the Big Cat's roaring approval. Good luck.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Reaching out to someone in need is the noble thing to do. But try to restrain the temptation to add a lecture -- no matter how well-intended -- to your good deed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) There could be another tough challenge to face before the month is over. But all that hard work is winning you lots of important recognition from your peers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Keeping to your work schedule could prove difficult with all those personal distractions. Best advice: Stay with it. There'll be time later for socializing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Jumping hurdles this week might be vexing for most, but not for the sage Sagittarian, who recognizes that meeting a challenge can open up opportunities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) More obstacles might be thrown in your path as you try to finalize a new agreement. But the sure-footed Goat ignores the stumbling blocks and stays the course.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) We know the Water Bearer takes pleasure in giving to others. But why not let someone else enjoy the experience too by accepting that offer of help?

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You might find that you need to ease up on your hectic schedule this week. Don't fret about it. It could be helpful to take a break and replenish your energy supply.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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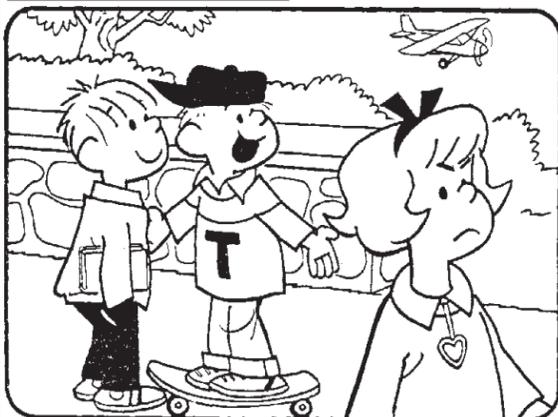
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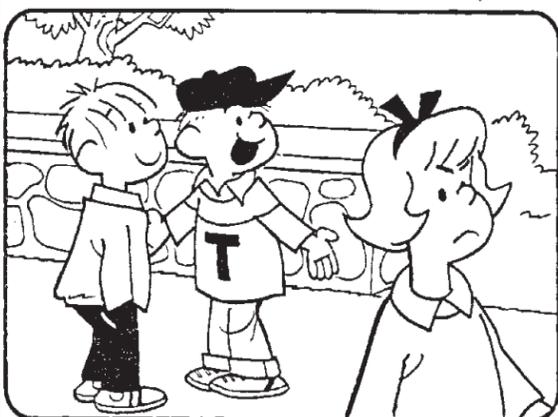
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Super Crossword

COLLECTION OF SHADES

- ACROSS**
- 1 In addition to
 - 9 Like racist or sexist jokes
 - 14 Small country in Europe
 - 20 Kellogg's cereal
 - 21 As thin as —
 - 22 Gotten up from bed
 - 23 Certain Burgundy fruit
 - 25 Small
 - 26 Regular: Abbr.
 - 27 Bullring yell
 - 28 W-2 expert
 - 29 Belfast's county
 - 30 Cheesy Italian dish
 - 36 First emperor of Brazil
 - 39 Pigeon's call
 - 40 Airline serving Oslo
 - 41 Honshu coin
 - 42 Annual Calgary or Rochester celebration
 - 47 Suffix with 119-Across
 - 50 Jackie's #2
 - 51 Texter's "Then again ..."
 - 52 — penny, pick it up ..."
 - 54 Still-life fruit
 - 58 Sam of "The Piano"
 - 60 Very shy sort
 - 65 Ending for cyan
 - 67 British rocker Brian
 - 68 Most indigent
 - 69 Have too much of, for short
 - 72 The 1890s' nickname
 - 77 See 71-Down
 - 78 Any of 12 pontiffs
 - 80 Two-base hit: Abbr.
 - 81 That gal
 - 83 What playing kids "go round"
 - 88 Expand upon
 - 92 Not as daft
 - 93 Hairy twin in the Bible
 - 94 Garr of film
 - 96 "Ni-i-ice!"
 - 97 — -do-well (idle person)
 - 99 Suspect in Clue
 - 104 Charade
 - 107 — Fridays (restaurant)
 - 109 Wriggling fish
 - 110 Post-teens
 - 111 1951 Alec Guinness comedy
 - 118 Left fielder Minnie
 - 119 Tearful
 - 120 Tear's place
 - 121 Zero in
 - 124 Ink-squirting creatures Goldberg
 - 125 Whoopi film that's apt for this puzzle
 - 131 Israeli money
 - 132 "St. — Fire"
 - 133 Least quiet
 - 134 Albanian city
 - 135 Jr.-year exams
 - 136 Singers Frank and Nancy
 - 10 NHL's Bobby
 - 11 Civil rights org.
 - 12 Robert Browning's "— Passes"
 - 13 Unclogs
 - 14 Ill feeling
 - 15 Circular gasket fitting
 - 16 Old crime boss Frank
 - 17 In error
 - 18 Dion of song
 - 19 Like a single-person band
 - 24 Do a spit-take, say
 - 30 Noted period
 - 31 Peter out, as a trail
 - 32 Present
 - 33 "— will not!" (firm refusal)
 - 34 "Mazel —!"
 - 35 Made do
 - 36 Intend (to)
 - 37 Ireland, to the Irish
 - 38 Ovid's 552
 - 43 Dawn goddess
 - 44 "Be quiet!"
 - 45 Invite
 - 46 Maui garland
 - 48 Verbalized
 - 49 No longer edible
 - 53 City of central Sicily
 - 55 Appeal
 - 56 For fear that
 - 57 Kin of -kin
 - 59 Tackles, e.g.
 - 61 Gun, as an engine
 - 62 Suffix with opal
 - 63 Tropical term
 - 64 Signs made by winners
 - 66 Runner Zatópek
 - 69 Chooses
 - 70 Qatari capital
 - 71 With 77-Across, not closing early, as a store
 - 73 Inn in France
 - 74 Employs
 - 75 Taper off
 - 76 Gulager of "The Killers"
 - 79 Unblemished
 - 82 Flattop, e.g.
 - 84 Sharp knock
 - 85 Karel Capek sci-fi play
 - 86 Aves.
 - 87 "For — a jolly ..."
 - 89 Voodoo —
 - 90 Hype up
 - 91 Measures of resistance
 - 95 Gallivant
 - 98 French "Presto!"
 - 100 Atop, in odes
 - 101 Jewish cry of disgust
 - 102 Architect Saarinen
 - 103 Alehouse
 - 104 Maximally
 - 105 Overly stylish
 - 106 Person camping out, often
 - 108 Foot part
 - 112 "Don't — gift horse in the mouth"
 - 113 Quaking tree
 - 114 Writer Roald and actress
 - 115 Stalk swelling
 - 116 City south of Dijon
 - 117 "Vive —!" (French cry)
 - 121 Imitator
 - 122 Rick Blaine's love, in film
 - 123 Citi Field baseballers
 - 126 Folding bed
 - 127 Old spy org.
 - 128 Lapel insert
 - 129 D.C.'s land
 - 130 Slowing, in music: 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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LOWRY

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a high school graduate, in a fast-growing tech-related industry, which requires a mixture of physical and cognitive skills.

Many of them are full-time jobs with full benefits. They aren't easy jobs, for sure -- but neither are manufacturing jobs."

In short, there are many scourges in American life. Amazon isn't one of them.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

FFV

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neously demonstrate that all of us can make use of our large multifaceted Clubhouse without any significant modification of a single event.

The answer or solution is the one mentioned from the beginning of this article....respect and cooperation by all involved. It is a process that is worth the effort so that all of the neighbors of FFV can enjoy this "best time of our lives" without being concerned about interruption or disruption of the individual's right to have a

"lively and lovely" life in a congenial and respectful community.

Let's all enjoy our differences and work together to make the lives of all our neighbors more pleasant and fulfilling.

Anyone wishing to add a comment to this article for publication at some time in the near future is encouraged to e-mail priscillabarnett27@gmail.com and be assured that you will be given equal opportunity to add your thoughts and observations. Thank you.

LETTER

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woozy from the procedure, I feel great! All blood types can donate them.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Caribbean Hot-Pot Broth with Papaya Pica Sauce

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Prep time: 45 minutes
Cook time: 3 hours
Servings: 10

Caribbean Hot-Pot Broth:

- 2 pounds smoked ham hocks
- 2 cups sliced yellow onions
- 1 cup diagonally sliced carrots
- 1/2 cup diagonally sliced celery
- 8 1/4 cups water, divided
- 1 container (32 ounces) Kitchen Basics Original Chicken Stock
- 1 whole chile pepper, such as Scotch bonnet or habanero
- 2 McCormick Bay Leaves
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Thyme Leaves
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Ground Turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- salt, to taste
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 cans (13.66 ounces each) Thai Kitchen Coconut Milk
- 2 tablespoons lime juice

Papaya Pica Sauce:

- 3 cups cubed fresh papaya
- 1/2 cup cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup chopped, seeded Scotch bonnet (chile pepper)
- 1/4 cup chopped yellow onion
- 1/4 cup yellow mustard
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Garlic Powder
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Ground Ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Ground Cloves
- 1 pound uncooked bay scallops
- 1 pound uncooked shrimp, peeled and deveined
- cooked rice
- toasted shredded coconut (optional)
- fresh red or green bell pepper slices (optional)

To make broth: Place ham hocks, onion, carrots and celery in 6-quart stockpot. Cook on medium heat 5-6 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add 8 cups water, chicken stock, chile pepper, bay leaves, thyme leaves, turmeric, allspice and pepper. Add salt, to taste. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 1 hour, skimming fat occasionally.

Remove cover and simmer 30 minutes, skimming fat occasionally. Remove ham hocks and skim fat. In small bowl, whisk cornstarch and remaining water. Add to pot with coconut milk. Cook on medium heat 30 minutes. Skim fat. Stir lime juice into broth.

To make Papaya Pica Sauce: In food processor on high speed, process papaya, vinegar, chile pepper, onion, mustard, salt, allspice, garlic powder, ginger and cloves until smooth. Transfer to medium saucepan. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer, uncovered, 10-15 minutes. Pour into medium bowl.

To serve, pour broth into heated 6-quart electric slow cooker or hot pot. Cook shrimp and scallops in broth about 5 minutes, or until cooked through, stirring occasionally.

Place some rice in bowl then ladle broth and seafood over top. Stir in Papaya Pica Sauce and top with shredded coconut and pepper slices, if desired.

Throw a **Hot-Pot** Dinner Party

FAMILY FEATURES

Heat up your next get-together by inviting family and friends over to try a DIY trend, the hot-pot party. It can be easy to prep and your guests can enjoy cooking and customizing their own meals.

First, prepare a rich, flavored broth and serve steaming-hot in a slow cooker or multi-cooker. Next, offer a selection of meat, seafood and veggies for dunking. Cook for a few minutes then garnish with sauces and various toppings to match individual tastes.

A traditional East Asian hot-pot broth is flavored with beef stock, soy sauce, chilies, ginger and garlic. Try a Mexican-inspired version by serving a spiced chicken broth with ancho chile pepper, cumin and oregano, or offer a taste of the Caribbean with a coconut milk broth and fresh papaya pica sauce.

Learn more about this hot-pot trend and all the latest flavor trends in McCormick's 2018 Flavor Forecast at FlavorForecast.com.

Asian Hot-Pot Broth with Tangy Chili Sauce

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Servings: 10

Hot-Pot Broth:

- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1 large sweet onion, thinly sliced
- 2 containers (32 ounces each) Kitchen Basics Original Beef Stock
- 1/4 cup Thai Kitchen Red Curry Paste
- 2 tablespoons reduced sodium soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon packed light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon McCormick Garlic Powder
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Ground Ginger
- 2 tablespoons lime juice

Tangy Chili Sauce:

- 1/2 cup Thai Kitchen Sweet Red Chili Sauce
- 3 tablespoons lime juice

- 1 pound flank steak, thinly sliced
- Simply Asia Lo Mein Noodles, cooked
- assorted mushrooms, sliced (optional)
- baby bok choy, coarsely chopped (optional)
- crunchy Chinese noodles (optional)

To make broth: In 6-quart stockpot over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add onion; cook and stir until tender, about 3 minutes. Stir in beef stock, curry paste, soy sauce, brown sugar, garlic powder and ginger. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 20 minutes. Stir lime juice into broth before serving.

To make Tangy Chili Sauce: In small bowl, mix red chili sauce and lime juice. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. To serve, pour broth into heated 6-quart electric slow cooker or hot pot. Cook steak in broth about 2-3 minutes, or until it reaches desired doneness.

Place lo mein noodles in bowls then ladle broth and steak over top. Stir in Tangy Chili Sauce and top with mushrooms, baby bok choy and Chinese noodles, if desired.



Puebla Hot-Pot Broth with Avocado Crema

Puebla Hot-Pot Broth with Avocado Crema

Prep time: 45 minutes
Cook time: 45 minutes
Servings: 10

Puebla Hot-Pot Broth:

- 3 tablespoons McCormick Gourmet Ancho Chile Pepper
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons oregano leaves
- 2 teaspoons McCormick Smoked Paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Sicilian Sea Salt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup finely chopped white onion
- 6 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 containers (32 ounces each) Kitchen Basics Original Chicken Stock
- 1 can (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes
- 2 ears fresh corn, shucked and cut into 1-inch rounds
- 2 tablespoons lime juice

Avocado Crema:

- 1/2 medium avocado, peeled, pitted and coarsely chopped
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon lime juice

- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Sicilian Sea Salt
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Garlic Powder

- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breast, cut into thin strips
- 1 chayote, peeled and cut into matchsticks
- avocado, chopped (optional)
- fresh cilantro, chopped (optional)
- crunchy tortilla strips (optional)

To make broth: In small bowl, mix chile pepper, ground cumin, oregano, paprika and salt. Set aside. In 6-quart stockpot on medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and garlic; cook and stir until softened. Stir in chicken stock, crushed tomatoes and 1/2 of seasoning mixture. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer 20 minutes, adding corn during last 10 minutes of cooking. Remove corn to plate. Stir lime juice into broth.

To make Avocado Crema: In food processor on high speed, process avocado, sour cream, lime juice, salt and garlic powder until smooth. Transfer to bowl; cover. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Coat chicken strips with remaining seasoning mixture. To serve, pour broth into heated 6-quart electric slow cooker or hot pot. Cook chicken and chayote in broth 4-5 minutes, or until cooked through, stirring occasionally.

Ladle broth with cooked chicken and vegetables into individual bowls. Top with Avocado Crema and avocado, fresh cilantro and tortilla strips, if desired.



Asian Hot-Pot Broth with Tangy Chili Sauce

'They're Playing My Song' at Ocala Palms

Story and photos by Barb Dedics

"Marvelous Darling Simply Marvelous" - Ocala Palms Chorus known as the "Golden Sounds" wrapped up two evenings of outstanding Sold Out performances. This spring's concert titled "They're Playing My Song" was a tribute to the "Tin Pan Alley" era. To most of us, this was before our time, however the stories we've heard from those years of prohibition, gangsters and flapper gals are all a part of American history. This was a time when some of

the most renowned musical composers made their debut. This recent concert contained songs by composers Cole Porter, George and Ira Gershwin and Irving Berlin and several others.

The OP Golden Sounds Chorus is made up of 55 plus residents who work and practice tirelessly all year to perform for their friends and neighbors a spring and fall concert. These recent performances were actually quite a production with outstanding scenery, costumes, etc. Some of the performers have been with the chorus since it was created over 20

years ago. Each year, as in every year, a few new members join the group.

The audience was invited to participate in the following songs: By the Light of the Silvery Moon, Old Mill Stream, Ain't She Sweet, Bill Bailey Won't You Please Come Home and Give My Regards to Broadway.

Under the direction of Noel Brouillard - Accompanist, Bob Brouillard - Conductor, Barry Fies - Chorus President, Andy Pietrzyk - Vice President, Louise Keeling - Treasurer, members of the Advisory Board and various committee members, this was one of the best performances in the history of the chorus.

Ocala Palms residents are delighted to have so much talent here in our own backyard and thank all of them for a wonderful evening. As far as I'm concerned, the chorus continues to amaze all of us as each concert performance keeps getting better! If you enjoy singing and you live at Ocala Palms, you will want to join the chorus and share in their fun and excitement of entertaining their friends and neighbors.



Left, Barb Dedics and Sharron Albert. Right, Betty Cronin and Helen Bollinger during the event at Ocala Palms.



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