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BRIEFS

Signs of the times

Ocala Labor Day schedule

City of Ocala business offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of Labor Day. There will be no residential collection for sanitation, yard waste or recycling routes Monday, Sept. 3.

Residential sanitation collection regularly scheduled for Monday, Sept. 3, through Thursday, Sept. 6, will experience a one-day delay and will be collected Tuesday, Sept. 4, through Friday, Sept. 7.

Waste Pro recycling collection for city of Ocala residents regularly scheduled for Monday, Sept. 3, through Thursday, Sept. 6, will take place Tuesday, Sept. 4, through Friday, Sept. 7.

For more information, please contact the city of Ocala Residential Sanitation Department at 352-351-6697.

City Waste Amnesty Day

The City of Ocala will conduct a special waste amnesty day Saturday, Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the corner of at NE 14th Street and NE Eighth Avenue.

Special waste consists of household hazardous waste and electronics. Neither of these types of waste is permitted to be picked up with the regularly scheduled residential waste collection. Special waste from businesses will not be collected.

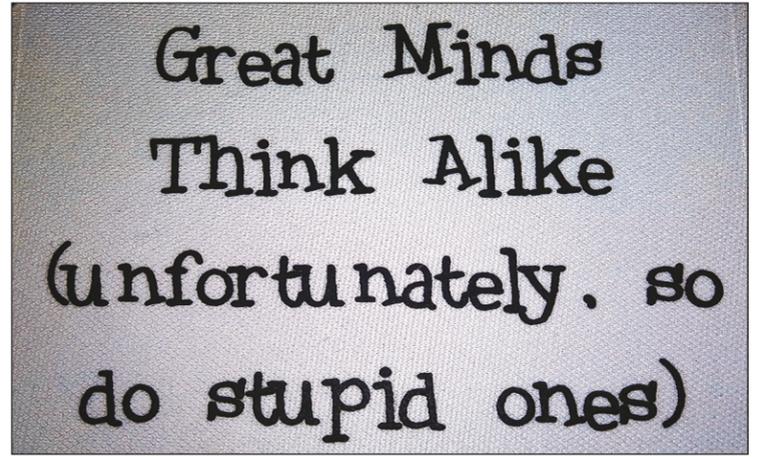
Examples of hazardous waste items accepted:

- Lawn and garden chemicals, paint, paint thinners, gasoline and antifreeze, cleaning flu-

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Fairfield Village correspondent Priscilla Barnett took pictures of signs around town. She wonders if the political signs in the top photo actually do any good. In the bottom left photo, closing the road seems a bit premature since it has not yet been built. That's a self-inflicted conundrum. In the bottom left photo, the sign laments stupid minds hanging together.



'Can't touch this' sting nets 7 child sex offenders

MCSO Press Release

Local, state and federal law enforcement agencies recently assisted the Marion County Sheriff's Office in identifying and capturing offenders seeking sex with children online.

During Operation "Can't Touch This," each defendant made arrangements to have sex with a girl or boy in Marion County between the ages of 13-15 years old. In reality, they were chatting with undercover law enforcement officers, not children. Seven men were arrested during the operation, after they traveled to a location

in Ocala to have sex with the child they thought they had been messaging online. Instead, law enforcement was waiting to put them in handcuffs.

During the online interactions with the suspects, all of them engaged in lewd conversations with the "child" and described the sexual acts they wished to do with them.

Some of the men sent inappropriate pictures to the undercover officers as well. One of the suspects, Donald Willingham, brought suspicious items to the meeting location, such as rope and a sleeping bag.

Nathan Collins, 23, Anthony Michael Guiliani, 41, Nicholas Samuel Rogers, 25, and Christopher Molinaro, 20, were arrested.

They received the following charges: Soliciting a Child for Unlawful Sexual Conduct using Computer Services or Devices, Traveling to Meet a Minor to Commit an Unlawful Sex Act, and Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communications Device.

Geoffrey Johnson, 28, was charged with Soliciting a Child for Unlawful Sexual Conduct using Computer Services or Devices through a Parent, Traveling to Meet a Minor to

Commit an Unlawful Sex Act, and Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communications Device.

Charles A. Smith, 34, was charged with Soliciting a Child for Unlawful Sexual Conduct using Computer Services or Devices, Traveling to Meet a Minor to Commit an Unlawful Sex Act, and Transmission of Material Harmful to a Minor.

Donald Ambros Willingham, 71, was charged with Soliciting a Child for Unlawful Sexual Conduct using Computer Services or Devices through a Guardian, Traveling to Meet a

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FAMILY FEATURES

Farm-fresh is what many families desire. Straight from the farm to your table is one of the best ways you can ensure you're delivering a nutritious and delicious meal for family or friends.

Wholesome meals can bring everyone together around the dinner table; even little ones can enjoy flaky, baked fish, a nutritious potato-based side dish and a trendy-twist on a farm-fresh beverage with these fun, flavorful recipes.

Find more farm-fresh recipes at Culinary.net.

DELIGHTFULLY BAKED FISH

When it comes to baking fish, flaky and fresh can make for a great combination. For a classic meal with a seasoned flare, try this delicious baked fish with lemon pepper seasoning and onions. Find more traditional, tasty recipes at USDA.gov.

Baked Fish

Recipe courtesy of the United States Department of Agriculture

Servings: 4

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 pound fish fillets (whitefish, trout or tilapia)
- 1 onion, sliced
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon pepper seasoning (optional)

Heat oven to 350 F.

Place 12-inch piece of foil on counter. Coat foil with nonstick cooking spray. Place fillets in middle of foil. If fillets have skin, place skin-side down.

Spread sliced onions, salt, pepper and oil on top of fillets. Add lemon pepper seasoning, if desired. Fold foil over fish.

Place foil pouch on baking sheet and place in oven. Bake fish 15-20 minutes until fish reaches a minimum internal temperature of 145 F on a food thermometer and is flaky when tested with fork.

Divide into four portions and serve.



Photo courtesy of Getty Images

SIMPLY Savory MEALS

**A SENSATIONALLY SIMPLE SIDE DISH**

When you're looking for a delicious and nutritious side dish to complement any meal, look no further than this Fingerling Potato Salad. Made with nutrient-rich Wisconsin Potatoes and topped with a lemon dressing, this simple potato side packs plenty of flavor. Find more potato recipes at eatwisconsinpotatoes.com.

Fingerling Potato Salad

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

Servings: 6

- 1 1/2 pounds mixed Wisconsin fingerling potatoes
- 2 large lemons, divided
- 2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons coarse kosher salt
- 3 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons whole cumin seeds
- 3/4 teaspoon whole coriander seeds

- pepper, to taste
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh dill
- salt, to taste
- 2 cups baby arugula

In large pot of boiling, salted water, cook potatoes until just tender when pierced with fork, about 15 minutes. Drain and cool slightly.

Slice one lemon into 1/8-inch-thick rounds. In small saucepan, combine sliced lemon, water and kosher salt; bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer until lemon slices are tender, about 10 minutes. Drain lemons then coarsely chop.

Cut remaining lemon in half and squeeze out 2 tablespoons juice. In small bowl, mix chopped lemons, lemon juice, white balsamic vinegar and oil. Coarsely crush cumin and coriander seeds using mortar and pestle. Mix seeds into lemon dressing. Season, to taste, with pepper.

Cut lukewarm potatoes in half lengthwise. Place in large, shallow bowl. Mix in green onions and dill. Pour lemon dressing over and toss to coat. Season, to taste, with salt and pepper. Add arugula and toss gently. Serve lukewarm or at room temperature.

Farm-Fresh Festivities

Themed parties can be challenging, especially when you want everything to be perfect for your guests. Make your party simple and festive with these tips for planning your own farm-to-table gathering.

Mason jars

A farm-to-table classic, mason jars can be used for drinks or even to fill with flowers to make a beautiful, seasonal centerpiece for the table. Mason jars are clean, cute and easy to wash when the gathering is over.

Rustic vibe

Adding some rustic decor can help spruce up your table or serve as an accessory for your farm-to-table dinner party. Also consider adding a bit of fall-flare with decorations such as pumpkins, squash and brightly colored leaves.

Seasonal fare

It's easy to get inspired with the variety of things you can find at your local farmers market. Ingredients like onions can be used in this Baked Fish recipe while a batch of locally sourced potatoes is the perfect foundation for a Fingerling Potato Salad.

**FROM FARM TO GLASS**

Many may be surprised to learn that milk is one of the original farm-to-table foods, typically arriving on grocery shelves in just two days (or 48 hours) from many family-owned and operated dairy farms. For a trendy twist on the farm-fresh beverage kids already love, try this DIY flavored milk recipe as a tasty start to the morning. To learn about milk's journey from farm to glass, visit MilkLife.com.

Chocolate Banana Milk

Servings: 1

- 8 ounces fat free milk
- 1/2 large banana
- 1 teaspoon unsweetened cocoa powder

Place 8 ounces milk, large banana and unsweetened cocoa powder in a blender and blend until just smooth. Enjoy!

Nutritional information per serving: 140 calories; 0 g fat; 0 g saturated fat; 5 mg cholesterol; 9 g protein; 29 g carbohydrates; 2 g fiber; 105 mg sodium; 306 mg calcium (30% of daily value).

Laughter in any other language is just not funny

When I was in high school, I played on the volleyball team.

During one practice session, I forgot to bring my sneakers.

During practice, I stepped forward to protect the player on the front line and when he jumped, he came down on my right foot. The consequence was he smashed my big toe.

Consequently, my toenail on my right foot grew in crooked. It has been a painful thing ever since.

For years, I took care of it, but not too long ago I was doing more damage than help and I did not know what to do about it.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage suggested that I go have a pedicure.

Looking at her, I said rather sarcastically, "A pedicure is for girls."

"Well, if you go to the doctor it will be about \$300. A pedicure is around \$25. Now," she continued, "you do the math."

Not far from us was a Nail Salon. I went to it at least five times before I finally went in. It was a very humiliating experience for me. After all, I'm not a "girl."

When I went in, finally, I noticed they were not speaking English.

It turned out to be some Vietnamese family

running this nail salon.

A very nice young lady came and said something to me that I could not understand. Then she pointed to my shoes and said something else I could not understand. I believe she wanted me to take off my shoes and socks.

As soon as I took off my shoes and socks, she pointed to my feet and said something and everybody looked at me and started laughing.

She said something in English that sounded like, "Too long." Then everybody in the salon began to chuckle.

I honestly did not know what she meant. I did not know if my toenails were too long or if

I waited too long to come and get a pedicure.

Then she started the process of a pedicure. I started feeling like a "girl."

She was rather gracious, and knew exactly what she was doing and did a wonderful job with the pedicure. She cut my toenails like they have never been cut before. And, there was no blood!

Every once in a while, she would say something in Vietnamese and everybody in the salon would look at me, then laugh.

It began slowly to dawn on me that perhaps she was making fun of my foot. Could it

be she's never seen a "non-girl foot?"

Then when they were laughing at one point, I thought of the money involved. By coming to this nail salon, I was saving \$275. It was then I began to laugh, and laugh very loud.

When I went to the checkout to pay for the pedicure the manager said to me, "Come back soon?"

I just nodded my head thinking of the \$275 I was saving. Going out the door, I found myself still laughing.

I was reminded of what David said. "Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among

the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them" (Psalm 126:2).

When I refuse to do something because of my pride, I discover that when I face up to my pride and not allow it to define me that I can discover joy.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, 1471 Pine Road, Ocala, FL 34472. He lives with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, in Ocala, Florida. Call him at 352-687-4240 or email james-snyder2@att.net. The church website is www.whatafellowship.com.



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'The Office Wife'

"The Office Wife" is a first novel for Stone Creek resident Maureen Bel Cher.

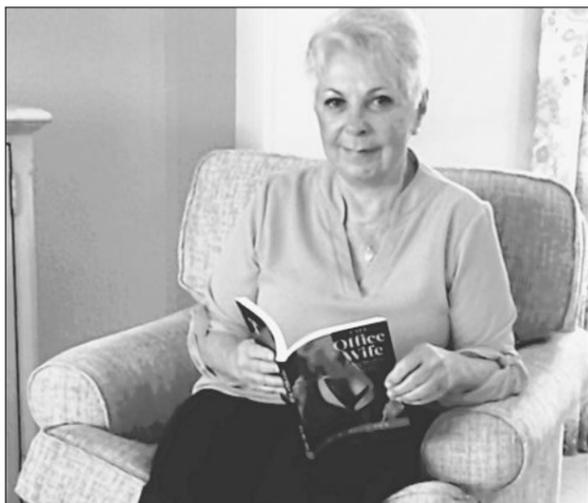
Usually, I decide on the topic I will be writing for the week but there are times when someone will tell me about someone I should highlight in a story. For this article, I got a call from Maureen saying she had read a recent article and asked about me writing an article on her new novel.

I knew Maureen when she and her husband Bill were Stone Creek ambassadors but didn't put the last night with her first until I met Maureen and realized I knew her.

Here is Maureen's story about her writing. I presented questions and Maureen answers.

Q: As a romance writer, do you have a favorite romance author?

A: "Actually, I don't recall any particular romance novel that I have read, although I'm sure I did. Most of my life I enjoyed reading mysteries or novels that were crime based or had legal plots. As a young girl I read every Nancy Drew book I could find in our small town library and those my Mom would purchase for me at the



Maureen Bel Cher

local A&P. As an adult reader, legal thrillers with romance within the story line are my go to novels. I enjoyed and read all of John Grisham's novels and many of Michael Connelly's, Patricia Cornwell's, and D. W. Buffa's."

Q: What got you interested in writing?

A: "I guess the answer to that question is I liked to express myself creatively and writing has been away for me to do that. When I was in grade school I had a pen pal and of course as a teenager I keep diary for a while. But my writing as adult took off both in college and the business world. In college, I had

several required courses in business writing to satisfy my English requirement. But when selecting electives, I would enroll in creative writing courses whenever they were available and always looked forward to them. Although I did a tremendous amount of business writing throughout my career but it was the creative writing that I enjoyed the most."

Q: How did you decide on your plot or theme? How long did it take for you to finish your book once you began?

A: "It seems that I have always had a story line running through

my head but "The Office Wife; Andrea's Story" was one I've held onto for many years.

In many aspects, Andrea's story is autobiographical. I had many of the same struggles in the mid 70s and early 80s when trying to make it as a single mom in a man's world and particularly one heavily dominated by men.

I did not want a job, I wanted a career. In those days, most women just had jobs. Andrea's experiences in part mirrored many of mine.

The total time to write the book and work through the self-publishing piece was probably a little more than a year and a half. I started after my husband of 32 years passed away. But upon his death my passion for anything in life diminished and I shelved the project for a while. It was with the help of my hospice counselor I got back on track. We discussed the need for passion in one's life. I told her that I loved to write and had manuscript sitting unfinished on a shelf. With her guidance I found my passion again and wrote "The Office Wife."



Stone Creek
Patricia Gizzi

Q: What was your profession before you retired?

A: "Almost all of my work life I was involved at some level in business management, human resource management, training and customer operations.

At one time owned a home improvement and interior design business with my late husband."

Other comments from Maureen:

"Regarding writing and self-publishing, my first book taught me that the old adage, "You don't know what you don't know" rings loud and true. I made a number of costly mistakes in the process but in the end based on the amount of money I had to work with I was happy with outcome. If I can recover my cost with "The Office Wife," I will publish again. People always ask will you write a second book. My answer is always the same.

Most likely I will write another book, because I can write for free but publishing it, well that's another story.

There were a number of keys to what I didn't know but a major one was not realizing that before I put pen to paper I should have had a marketing plan. I wish I had done that in the beginning. Now I'm trying to play catch up."

Maureen is a transplant from Southern California, but lived in Florida 22 years. She spent 17 of them in Ocala with last 7 in Stone Creek.

Almost a year ago she met her partner Wilson Winter and they share a villa here in Pinebrook and spend time at his horse farm as well, at the Ocala Horse Complex where Wilson raises thoroughbreds. Wilson and Maureen are on their way to a long car vacation and visiting the famous Saratoga race track in New York.

If you are still looking for your "passion" be brave like Maureen and do it! You can purchase "The Office Wife" on Amazon, or readers local to Ocala, may contact her at theofficewife888@gmail.com.

Appleton Inspired Speaker series features Hollywood miniature and model-maker John Eblan

The Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida, con-

tinues the monthly Inspired Speakers Series with John Eblan Sun-

day, Sept. 23, at 2 p.m. These monthly presentations feature individuals who not only excel in their fields, but are also an inspiration to others.

Eblan will discuss how he became a model-maker and highlight

some of his past model-making projects for big-budget Hollywood films. Largely self-taught, he has created incredibly detailed miniatures for "Pearl Harbor," the "Star Wars" movies, "Attack of the Clones" and

"Revenge of the Sith," as well as "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the



Eblan

Crystal Skull" and "Star Trek." In addition, he has built or overseen several fantastic model builds for a number of high-end collectors around the world, including Kuhn Global.

Founder of the FX Company, Eblan is currently vice president of QMx FX Cinema Arts, leading the QMx shop. Eblan says, "There's no doubt that what we do is work. But it's in a really fun environment. We get to build spaceships and cool

props all day. Everybody here has the opportunity for creative input and collaboration."

Tickets are free for Appleton members and College of Central Florida students; \$10 for nonmembers. Advance reservation or purchase is recommended at Appleton Museum.org or by calling Griselle Gonzalez at 352-291-4455, ext. 1836.

Owned and operated by the College of Central Florida, the Appleton Museum of Art is located at 4333 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, east of downtown on SR 40 (exit 352 east off I-75 or exit 268 west off I-95). Parking is free. For more information, call 352-291-4455 or visit AppletonMuseum.org.



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You are invited:

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Christ's Church

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.

As always, we begin each Lord's day with Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:30 a.m. We offer five adult classes on a variety of topics. A synopsis of each class is available on our website.

Our Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m. as we open with special music by our Worship Choir. Our praise time includes a blend of familiar hymns of the church as well as contemporary praise songs with a full praise band. Pastor David Bellows will present a message of inspiration.

Pastor Ray Westman leads a Small Group Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 5 at 4 p.m. The group meets in our main building and takes an in-depth look at the Sunday morning message with a video message by pastor David Bellows.

Saturday, Sept. 8, our Women's Ministry is hosting a special "Women's Fellowship Luncheon" with special guest speaker Gaye Martin. All ladies are invited to join us at 10 a.m. for a special time of fellowship and encouragement, followed by lunch. Reservations are re-

quested by contacting the church office during regular office hours.

Christ's Church of Marion County is located at 6768 SW 80th St. 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.

Thursday, Aug. 30

Bowlers Needed

Good Old Timers would like to add bowlers to our (50-plus years) Senior Mixed League at Galaxy West Lanes, 1818 SW 17th St., Ocala, 352-732-0300. The organizational meeting date is noon, Thursday, Aug. 30. Bowling begins at noon, Thursday, Sept. 6. Weekly Dues: \$13.00

Perks: two free practice games a week; 20 percent off food and beverage; practice games at league rates; cash pay out at end of season; 50/50 drawing weekly; fun, friends, socialization and exercise.

For more information, contact secretary Jo Ann at 352-804-2586

Careers and College

The College of Central Florida and Marion County Public Schools present 2018 Careers and Colleges Expo Thursday, Aug. 30, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the CF Gymnasium, 3001 S.W. College Road., Ocala. Representatives from more than 80 educational institutions, businesses, professional and government organizations, and the military will be on hand, sharing valuable information with area high school students and their families. College-bound students, as well as those interested in career exploration, will find valuable information at the expo. There is no charge to attend the event. For more information about CF, visit www.CF.edu.

Saturday, September 1

Saturday, Sept. 1

Yoga

Sholom Park Yoga 9 a.m. For more information, call Ingrid, 352-854-7950.

Beerfest

The second annual Nature Coast Beerfest is 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at the Crystal River Armory, 8551 W Venable St Crystal River FL 34429. Call 352-746-9596 for tickets. Cost for a general admission ticket is \$20 and \$40 for VIP. The general admission ticket will include unlimited beer sampling.

Craft beer enthusiasts can purchase a VIP ticket for \$40 in advance, which will allow them access into the event 30-minutes before general admission. There will be more than 40 craft beer vendors, cigar bar, food, music, silent and live auctions benefiting Citrus County Blessings at The Crystal River Armory. Visit online for more details at <http://www.citrus953.com/2018/07/30/6071/>.

Monday, Sept. 3

Labor Day Picnic

Free Labor Day Picnic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3, at the American Legion Hall, 516 NE Sanchez Ave., (Tuscawilla Park). Local unions and friends of labor sponsor the picnic. Join us as we celebrate working families with free food, entertainment and fun inside and outside of the air-conditioned building. For more information, please call UAW at 352-867-0888, Tuesday or Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 4

Rehearsal begins

The Central Florida Master Choir is looking for new members. Tuesday evening rehearsals

for Dec. 9, 14 and 16 concerts start Sept. 4 at Countryside Presbyterian Church in Ocala. Major work will be Puccini's Gloria Mass. Call Hal McSwain at 352-615-7677 to schedule an audition. cfmasterchoir.com

Saturday, Sept. 8

Events at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4781

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4781 is a non-smoking facility.

Auxiliary Bingo Fund Raiser: Thanks to everyone who participated in this event and we sincerely hope you enjoyed the day and the camaraderie. Thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers who worked and made the day flow so smoothly. Also, thanks to those who brought in the beautiful raffle donations. We are ex-

tremely grateful to the many businesses for their generous donations and expressions of love, support and appreciation for our veterans.

■ Saturday, Sept. 8: We will be cleaning up the grounds and building and need volunteers to assist with this project. Please join us at 8 a.m. and help with the beautification of our Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

■ Wednesday, Sept. 12: One-half roasted chicken dinner from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. for \$7.

■ Saturday, Sept. 22: POW/MIA program at 1 p.m. with the North Marion Young Marines participating in this ceremony. This is open to the public and will be held in the hall. Please join us for this memorial ceremony.

■ Saturday, Sept. 22: Taco Dinner returns from 4p.m. to 6 p.m. for \$7.

■ Monday: Bingo is played in the hall. Doors open at 9 a.m. and the games start at 11 a.m. The kitchen is open from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Bar bingo is for members and guests and begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday and Friday lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Second and Fourth Friday: Dinners are fried Alaskan Pollock (A.U.C.E.) or chicken with french fries, hush puppies and coleslaw. Dinner is \$8 and served from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Public is invited.

■ Friday and Saturday: Enjoy entertainment in the canteen from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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QM needs a bingo leader

Last Tuesday, Aug. 21, was a very busy day at the clubhouse when the Red Hot Fillies met in the afternoon to discuss what we would do about Red Hat meetings. It was decided that we would temporarily discontinue meetings. The group has gotten very small and everyone who participates is involved in other activities, such as the Ladies Luncheon.

Tuesday evening, we were honored to have Detective Tanya Rodri-

guez from the Marion County Sheriff's Department with us. Her presentation on "scams" was very informative. She stressed the importance of being very cautious when giving personal information to anyone - especially when you are approached by an anonymous phone caller. Also, do not answer your door, especially at night, if you are not expecting anyone. Always report any suspicious activity to the sheriff's office. If you see any unusual ac-

tivity, please report it by calling 911 or 732-9111.

The next event Tuesday evening was the Bingo meeting. No one volunteered to be in charge of Bingo, so therefore - the game will not be played at the clubhouse until further notice.

The Interfaith collection box in the clubhouse is empty! We are a very caring and giving community, so please donate non-perishable food items, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. to this project. Mary Zdarsky delivers the items to Interfaith every Tuesday.

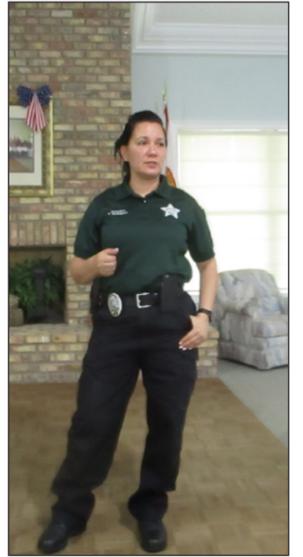
The Social committee is busy making plans

for the next several months. The next planning meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 2 p.m. The meeting is at the clubhouse. If you would like to assist with this group, please come to this meeting. The next party will be the Tropical Party on Sept. 21. Tickets, for a \$6 donation, are available from Grace Maguire and Judi Hargraves.

The "First Friday" gathering will be on Sept. 7. Poppi, R Music for You, will not be with us this month, but Joan Christopher will provide CD music for your dancing/listening enjoyment.

Monday is Labor Day, the last major holi-

day of summer. In 1882, Matthew Maguire, a machinist, first proposed the holiday while serving as secretary of the CLU (Central Labor Union) of New York. Others argue that it was first proposed by Peter J. McGuire of the American Federation of Labor in May 1882, after witnessing the annual labor festival held in Toronto, Canada. Oregon was the first state to make it a holiday in 1887. By the time it became a federal holiday in 1894, 30 states officially celebrated Labor Day. All U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and the territories have made it a statutory holiday.



Marion County Sheriff's detective Tanya Rodriguez speaks on scams at Quail Meadow.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is live onstage Sept. 6 - 30 at Ocala Civic Theatre.

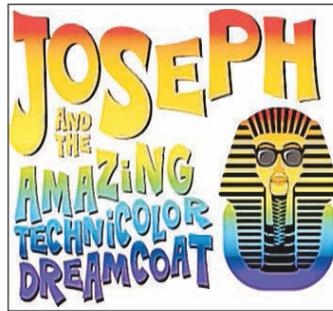
The beloved Andrew Lloyd Webber musical celebrates its 50th anniversary this year! This humorous reimagining of the biblical saga of Joseph (José Rivera) takes him from trials and tribulations to triumph. Told by a charismatic Narrator (Megan Wager), the timeless tale begins "way, way back many centuries ago, not long after the Bible began."

Old Testament patriarch Jacob (J. P. Lee-mans) is a sheep farmer

in the land of Canaan. This "fine example of a family man" has half a dozen wives (Brittany Beall, Claudia Durrett-Cook, Ashlyn Gibbs, Megan Hilt, Myla Minassian, Shelby Randle) and 12 sons - but his favorite son is charming young Joseph. To make it abundantly clear that Joseph is "the special one," Jacob gives him a dazzling coat of many colors.

Not surprisingly, the lavish gift doesn't go over well with Joseph's 11 brothers: Reuben (James Taylor), Simeon (Caleb Velez-Rager), Levi (Gregg Bleam), Naphtali (Deion How-

ard), Is-sachar (Joshua Plante), Asher (Matthew Minassian), Dan (Guillermo Torres), Zebulun (Landon Williams), Gad (John Aleman), Benjamin (Robert Gradler), and Judah (Cordel Miner). The brothers are jealous of their father's obvious favoritism and sick of hearing about Joseph's dreams, which seem to prophesy their



brother rising even farther above them. So they sell him to a traveling group of Ishmaelites, fake Joseph's death,

and tell their father that his golden boy was killed in a wrestling match with a goat.

In Egypt, Joseph is sold into slavery to the rich and powerful Potiphar (Tom Ferreira). But after an unfortunate incident with the seductively scheming Mrs. Potiphar (Shelby Randle), Joseph is thrown into jail. He is unjustly imprisoned alongside a butler (Tom Ferreira) and a baker (Gregg Bleam), whose mystifying dreams Joseph correctly interprets.

When Pharaoh (Joshua Plante) himself is disturbed by "a run of crazy dreams," his servant recommends a young prisoner with a knack for dream-decoding. Talk about using your talents wisely: Joseph's gift makes him invaluable to the Elvis-like ruler of Egypt, saves the land from famine, and miraculously reunites him with his long-lost family. It truly is "the story of a boy whose dream came true."

Andrew Lloyd Webber's catchy pop score features a variety of musical styles from country to calypso, disco to rock. Fun and family-friendly, it's an amazing Technicolor dream of a show!

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is directed and choreographed by Daniel Haley. Music director is Shane Bass. Stage manager is Faith Dona-

hue. Set design is by Timothy J. Dygert. Costume design is by Eryn Brooks Brewer. Lighting design is by Philip Lupo.

There will be 22 public performances from Sept. 6-30, 2018. Reserve your tickets for opening night and join us Thursday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. for a reception an hour before the premiere performance. Delicious refreshments are catered by Honey-Baked Ham, and beer and wine are available for purchase. Come celebrate the excitement of opening night!

Tickets go on sale Aug. 13 at \$27 for adults and \$13 for full-time students (school ID required for college students). Group rates are available as well.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 352-236-2274 or go to www.ocalacivictheatre.com.

Timberline Farm's Annual Corn Maze Festival is set

Timberline Farm's ninth annual Corn Maze Festival is back. This October stop by the Farm, where the

entire family can enjoy music, pony rides, face painting, food and craft vendors and experience some ole

country charm. The farm is open to the public from Oct. 5 to Nov. 4.

Festival days are Friday, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; and Sunday noon - 8 p.m.

Tickets and location information is available on the website www.TimberlineFarms.net or call 352-454-4113.

Each year the owner, Franco Almeida, dedicates a portion of the proceeds to a charity; this year Timberline Farms has pledged to St. Theresa's Soup Kitchen and the Marion County Juvenile Detention Center.

MCSO implements impaired hearing driver program

The Marion County Sheriff's Office introduces a new program designed to assist hearing-impaired drivers interact with our deputies. Statistics show that nearly 3 million Floridians have some form of hearing loss. Realizing the potential for miscommunication during a traffic stop between the deputy

and the driver, MCSO has designed a communication card to assist with this.

MCSO provides the hearing-impaired driver with a special sticker to place on the rear of their vehicle which alerts the deputy to the fact that the driver is hearing-impaired. A visor card is also provided for the driver to keep in the car with them to present to the deputy during a traffic stop. This visor card uses pictures and phrases that both the deputy and the driver may point to to better communicate. The new program will help ensure that the driver knows the reason for the traffic stop and ensure the deputy knows how best to help the driver.

Citizens may pick up the cards at any one of our district offices.

Marion County Sheriff, Billy Woods said, "My goal is the safety of both my deputies and the citizens we serve. I love Marion County and, I believe this is just one more way to ensure that we provide our citizens with the best service and quality of life they deserve."

Never get into a wrestling match with a pig. You both get dirty, and the pig likes it.

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Ocala Palms couples celebrate marriage

How Sweet the Married Life of Ocala Palms couples continues
As a continuation of the celebration of longtime marriages, the couples this week recalled their vows of over 50 plus years ago. What an accomplishment and an example to everyone. While so

many marriages do not last as long it's not how they begin when vows are said, but sadly circumstances beyond one's control sometimes can't be helped.
To all the couples who have truly reached milestones, and in fact to all couples celebrating anniversaries this year, it is a pleasure to meet so many

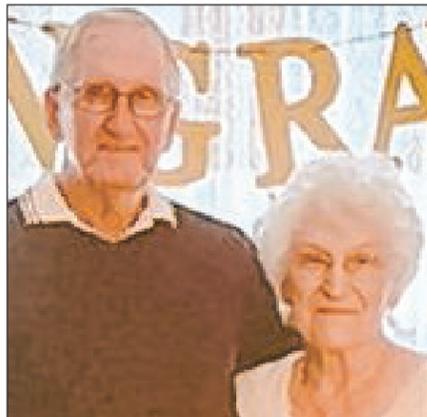
who have reached the 50-plus "Golden Years." Congratulations to all.



Bob and Judy Duby, 50 years



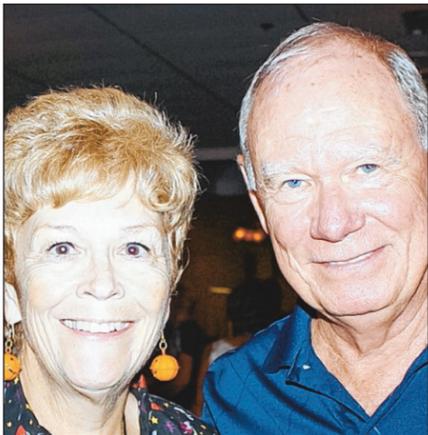
Harry and Toni Lee, 56 years



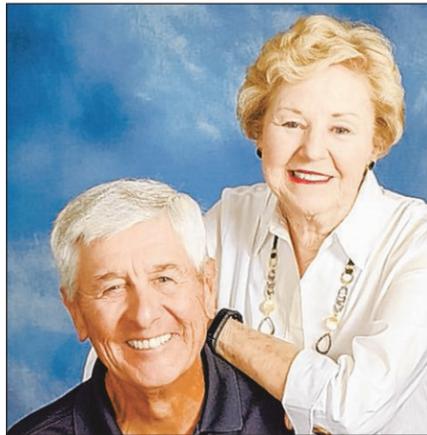
Jerry and Jackie Cason, 60 years



Gregg and Sandi Gates, 50 years



Katie and Brian Browne, 50 years



Marty and Chip Hurst, 55 years



**In the photo to the right,
Leo and Diane Sorenson, 50 years**



Sharron and Lee Albert, 56 years



Ron and Bette Stewart, 50 years



'Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.'
— **Genesis 2:24**

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Your VIEW

Civic disengagement partially to blame for red tides, lost summers



SAVE THE MANATEE

Dr. Katie Tripp

Martin County, located along Florida's southeast coast, adopted the term "Lost Summer" in 2013 to describe the disaster caused by discharges from Lake Okeechobee into coastal communities. Posted signs warned against swimming, fishing, or otherwise coming in contact with the water that was covered in "guacamole-thick" algae. The moniker was unfortunately applicable again in 2016 and now again in 2018.

On Florida's west coast, red tide has killed nearly 1,100 manatees over the last 23 years, and because blooms now occur so frequently, they are no longer characterized as "unusual mortality events" for these protected marine mammals. The organism that causes red tide is naturally-occurring. The input of human-generated pollution into our coastal waters, which causes that organism to "bloom" and wreak havoc, is far from natural. The same is true for the various algae blooms that have occurred in the Indian River Lagoon in recent years, resulting in the deaths of manatees, dolphins, fish and sea birds, and the loss of tens of thousands of acres of vitally-important seagrass.

Florida's waters are in crisis, and we need leaders who will protect our natural environment. Too many of our decision-makers and residents continue to be in denial about our state's long-running addiction to growth at any cost and the toll it takes on our environment. Politicians have won election and re-election by campaigning on lower taxes and reduced oversight, but they have neglected the need to protect and invest in our natural environment. Too often, voters make decisions without having properly researched candidates, or they fail to vote at all. Until more citizens engage in their democracy and vote with the future in mind, Floridians can expect continued Lost Summers and lost opportunities to fix our ailing waterways.

Dr. Tripp has been Save the Manatee Club's Director of Science and Conservation since May 2008. She received her Ph.D. in Veterinary Medical Sciences from the University of Florida, where she conducted research on manatee physiology.

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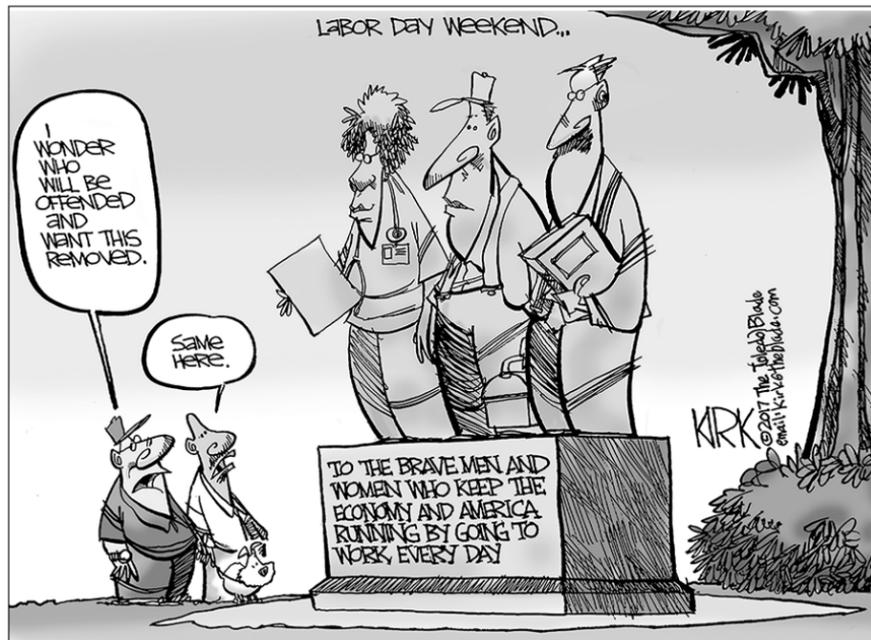
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McCain: an American hero

EDITOR'S NOTE: I wrote this before Sen. John McCain's death and that is why I wrote of him in the present tense.

Iwant to write about Sen. John McCain and how brave he is, but I can't.

I don't know the Arizona senator. I don't know how Sen. McCain's years as a prisoner of war affected him, but I served for a time under a captain and commanding officer of an oiler who was a former prisoner of war.

My commanding officer was a Navy pilot who was shot down over Vietnam. He was captured and held as a prisoner of war for about four years.

He returned to active duty and since he was a pilot, he needed experience on a large noncombatant before he could take command of a warship. He was a good man and a good commanding officer — unless something did not go according to plan or he was forced to deviate from his daily routine. Unfortunately, something always went wrong on the nearly 40-year-old ship.

I was responsible for maintaining the sound powered phone system, which is nothing more than an upgraded version of two tin cans and a piece of string. The phones were generally very reliable, but nothing is sailor proof and the phones sometimes broke and when they did, he either got frustrated or angry, ripped the phone from its socket, threw it overboard. He was fine after that and returned to his usual congenial self. However, someone was always close at hand to provide him a new phone.

He was still the commanding officer when I left the ship. I heard later that a lieutenant junior grade made a mistake on the bridge. The captain



Mountains from Molehills

By David Davis

blew his stack and threw a cup of hot coffee at the young officer. That incident led to the captain's retirement.

William (Bill) Norwood, of Cleveland, Tennessee, was a prisoner of war in Korea. He died earlier this year, but I got to know him well. After he returned from the war, he married Liz. She knew he was an ex-pow but married him anyway. Being Bill's anchor was her calling and with her support, Bill went on to have a successful corporate career. He and Liz raised two children without his past becoming an issue.

Bill did have his quirks. For example, he could not go to church because he felt claustrophobic. He had terrible nightmares that forced Liz to sleep in a separate bedroom because Bill was afraid he would hurt her. When she heard him still fighting that long-ago war in those awful dreams, she got up out of her bed, went to his room and watched over him until the fighting ended for one more night.

How anyone survived the brutal treatment meted out by the North Koreans, or in Sen. McCain's case, the North Vietnamese, is a mystery to me. It seems they clung to little things: an ideal, a memory, a belief. Bill, who enlisted when he was 17 years old, held on to a vision of his mother praying.

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

How to lose to Trump in one easy step

John Brennan may not know it, but he is acting in a drama scripted and produced by Donald J. Trump.

As Eli Lake of Bloomberg perceptively observed, President Trump isn't trying to silence Brennan by revoking his security clearance, as the former CIA director's defenders insist, but elevate him as a foil.

Trump couldn't hope for a better poster boy for the so-called deep state than a former CIA director who immediately began to sound like a commentator for MSNBC upon leaving government — and, indeed, signed up as a commentator for MSNBC.

It has been the usual practice of former top intelligence professionals to keep their political opinions, and especially their wild-eyed rants, to themselves. They understand that, having been entrusted with some of the most sensitive powers of the United States government, they should show forbearance and restraint lest they undermine the reputations of their institutions.

Brennan has had no such compunction. Granted, he's acted under provocation. Trump has goaded him on Twitter and launched extraordinary broadsides against the work of U.S. intelligence agencies.

Trump often sounds like the guy popping off down at the end of the bar, and he's transformed Brennan into the guy down at the other end of the bar.

Advantage: Trump. The president always benefits from the fact that his brand depends on violating norms, whereas if his opponents are baited into violating norms in return, they diminish themselves and their cause.

In a notorious tweet, Brennan accused the president of "nothing short of treason" for his craven performance at a joint press conference with Vladimir Putin in Helsinki.

This was the first time on record that a prominent elected official ever committed treason — which usually involves giving away the nation's secrets or compromising intelligence assets — at a public event extensively covered by the international media.

What did Brennan mean by his charge? He apparently doesn't know. Pressed by Rachel Maddow of MSNBC, Brennan explained, incoherently, that "I said it was nothing short of treasonous. I didn't mean that he committed treason." Oh. Asked point-blank if he thinks that the president is serving the Russian government, he said that "I scratch my head a lot," not the usual standard for alleging that someone committed a capital offense.

Brennan's conceit has made him the ideal target for Trump, since even some of the former intelligence officials who oppose the revocation of his security clearance are uncomfortable with how he has conducted himself.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With your Arian charm quotient at an almost all-time high this week, plus all the facts to back you up, you just might win over the last doubters to your proposal.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might be in line for that job change you applied for. But be advised that you could be called on to defend your qualifications against supporters of other applicants.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a new approach to an old idea is one way to get beyond that workplace impasse. No such problems in your personal life, where things continue to flow smoothly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be more forthcoming about your feelings concerning a proposed change either in your workplace or in your personal life. Your opinions are valuable. Don't keep them hidden.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A changing situation in your life needs more patience than you appear to be willing to offer. Allowing it to develop at its own pace is the wisest course you can take at this time.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With more stability in your life -- on both personal and professional levels -- this could be a good time to strengthen relationships with both friends and colleagues.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) People have always relied on your integrity not only to get the job done, but to get it done right. So don't be pressured by anyone into cutting corners to save time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While others might get rattled over unexpected changes, your ability to adapt calmly and competently helps you make a positive impression during a crucial period.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A changing environment might be daunting for some, but the adventurous Sagittarian takes it all in stride. A friend from the past could awaken some meaningful memories.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your self-assurance rising to full strength, the bold Goat should feel confident about opening up to new ventures as well as new relationships.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Reaching out to someone who has been unkind to you might not be easy. But in the long run it will prove to have been the right thing to do. A friend offers moral support.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your keen insight once again helps you work through a seemingly insoluble problem in your workplace. The weekend offers a good chance to develop new relationships.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a knack for finding details that others would overlook. You would make a fine research scientist.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Super Crossword

GRAIN SUBSTITUTES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Back muscles, informally
 - 5 Future doc's program
 - 11 Edison rival Nikola
 - 16 Flat-fixing gp.
 - 19 "Out of Africa" writer Dinesen
 - 20 French playwright Jean
 - 21 Made from a certain wood
 - 22 Coffeehouse dispenser
 - 23 Cereal grain for a special event?
 - 26 Found groovy
 - 27 "Goodbye, mon ami"
 - 28 Forever, seemingly
 - 29 Canonized woman of Fr.
 - 30 Little tales
 - 31 Paid up
 - 33 Sleep with a cereal grain on one's blanket?
 - 37 Augustus' son-in-law
 - 41 Shoulder decoration
 - 42 Performing in a film
 - 46 "Unh-unh!"
 - 48 Fierce fire
 - 51 Easily seen cereal grain?
 - 55 Skill in darts
 - 56 Plaster the roof of
 - 57 See 85-Down
 - 58 —-fi
 - 59 Pagan religion
 - 61 Car roller in winter
 - 64 Person threshing a cereal grain?
 - 68 "Good for life" pet food
 - 69 "Spanglish" actress Téa
 - 70 Plenteous
 - 71 Using a cereal grain as fuel?
 - 75 Final chance to order a drink
 - 79 Newspaper sections
 - 80 Pro in first aid
 - 81 Body design, briefly
 - 82 Sills solo
 - 83 "— in Black"
 - 84 Have a boxing match in an arena covered with a cereal grain?
 - 90 Carrol of "All in the Family"
 - 93 Puzzle cube inventor
 - 94 Old TV dog
 - 95 — oxide (laughing gas)
 - 98 Word-for-word
 - 100 Response after being gifted with a cereal grain?
 - 103 Charms
 - 108 Roof feature
 - 109 — rule
 - 110 See 5-Down
 - 113 Wild fight
 - 114 Dream Team's land
 - 115 Useful material for processing a cereal grain?
 - 120 Rocker Vicious
 - 121 Pop/rock singer Mann
 - 122 Layered eye part
 - 123 DVR option
 - 124 Timeline segment
 - 125 Muscle woe
 - 126 Starts using
 - 127 Glimpsed
- DOWN**
- 1 Cash in Turkey
 - 2 Whisper for the audience
 - 3 Implied
 - 4 Clay target shooting
 - 5 With 110-Across, NFL all-star game
 - 6 Like many gory films
 - 7 Comeback?
 - 8 Expression
 - 9 Right fielder
 - 10 Final mo.
 - 11 On the nose
 - 12 Soften
 - 13 Do moguls
 - 14 Zodiac sign
 - 15 TV's Jillian
 - 16 Channel in a recording studio
 - 17 West Indies vacation isle
 - 18 Inner turmoil
 - 24 University in New Orleans
 - 25 Long-running CBS show
 - 30 Unshackled
 - 32 Like custard
 - 33 Nonclerical
 - 34 Toe feature
 - 35 Desert sight
 - 36 Polar drudge
 - 38 Combined
 - 39 Pan relatives
 - 40 Letter before omega
 - 42 Basic lesson
 - 43 French city
 - 44 Nirvana, e.g.
 - 45 It "blows no good"
 - 47 Ship again
 - 49 Friendly
 - 50 Epps of films
 - 52 Like Vikings
 - 53 Brazilian palm berry
 - 54 Short while
 - 59 Float easily
 - 60 Thick polar coverings
 - 62 New Mexico resort
 - 63 Unruly tyke
 - 64 Less dry
 - 65 Clod buster
 - 66 Great anger
 - 67 — and hers
 - 69 Gyro meat
 - 71 Singer Perry
 - 72 Gp. for Iran
 - 73 City near Lake Tahoe
 - 74 Eligible for Soc. Sec.
 - 75 Hanukkah pancake
 - 76 Olympic god
 - 77 Leslie Caron musical film
 - 78 Behind
 - 81 Razz
 - 84 Israeli dance
 - 85 With 57-Across, easily attached patches
 - 86 Whopper
 - 87 Kimono sash
 - 88 Gusto
 - 89 Sub meat
 - 91 Evening, in some ads
 - 92 To the — degree
 - 96 Arbitrary decrees
 - 97 Methodology
 - 99 Soften
 - 100 Employ anew
 - 101 PLO's Arafat
 - 102 Clodhopper
 - 104 Goes soft
 - 105 Iran-Contra figure North
 - 106 Superman portrayer
 - 107 Determined to do
 - 110 Born and —
 - 111 Quarterback Graham
 - 112 Thrash
 - 115 Ford fluid
 - 116 Put tears in "— believer!"
 - 118 "— pro nobis"
 - 119 Pas' mates

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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 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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The unwarranted storm over clearances

by Dr. Earl Tilford

"The great thing is to get the true picture, whatever it is." —Winston Churchill, 1940

There would be no current storm over security clearances if all such access ended the day people leave government service. In that case President Donald

Trump lifting former CIA director John Brennan's security clearance would be a non-issue. There are two reasons why high-ranking civilian and military officials want their clearances and both involve access.

The first is access to power or perceived power. Inside the Beltway power is an aphrodisiac few want to

discard. Notice the number of retired senior flag officers and discarded political cronies like John Brennan hanging around Washington.

Retired senior military officers join lobby groups like the Association of the U.S. Army, the Air Force Association, and Navy League. They congregate at the Army-Navy Club and cozy up to members of Congress. Some hope for presidential appointments when their politi-

cal interests coincide with prevailing political winds. Many are relatively young and feel put out to pasture too early. Senior military officers and presidential appointees are used to being told by sycophantic subordinates their thoughts and decisions are inerrant. Retired generals and admirals gravitate to think tank meetings held by the Council on Foreign Relations and Center for Strategic and International Studies where

they think their war college graduate degrees (and in some cases earned doctorates) legitimize their credentials among Washington's policy elites. Security clearances keep them "in the loop" in the intellectual stratosphere occupied by the policy Olympians of the swamp.

The second reason contains a "Part A" and a "Part B" which respectively address political or personal self-service. There is no reason for retaining security clearances for John Brennan, James Comey and almost everyone else on President Trump's list of former civil servants be they CIA, FBI, White House advisors, or retired flag officers. That others have in the past is not a reason and only perpetuates bad policy. Furthermore, using one's clearance for partisan political gain—especially if it is to de-legitimize a duly elected administration—is wrong and a blanket abuse of a security clearance.

The Part B includes retired flag officers and

former senior government civilians who sit on boards of directors, particularly in defense industries. Imagine the advantage Lockheed-Martin and General Dynamics' Bath Iron Works would have if the boards of directors knew whether or not the latest Russian or Chinese air defense systems could detect stealth aircraft like the F-35 or that supposedly undetectable stealth naval vessels like the Zumwalt Class destroyers were, in fact, vulnerable. Certainly there should be an interface between government-funded and even privately funded defense research but it should be carefully controlled and not dependent on people hired for access. In fact, retired high-ranking civilian and military personnel are useful for their managerial skills but they also are in demand for their access to information.

Public service should be considered a special and honorable calling.

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MOLEHILLS

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I don't know Sen. McCain, but I knew one soldier who endured as a prisoner of war.

Bill survived. He came home and lived a productive life. I don't believe Bill was ever an ex-prisoner of war because he woke up each morning knowing that when he went to sleep that night, the soldier he once was returned to that prison camp in North Korea.

I strongly disagree with President Donald Trump who said at the Iowa Family Leadership

Summit when moderator Frank Luntz brought up McCain, who spent more than five years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

"He's not a war hero," Trump said.

Immediately modifying his original remarks, Trump said, "He's a war hero 'cause he was captured. I like people that weren't captured, OK?"

"Perhaps he's a war hero, but right now he's said some very bad things about a lot of people," Trump said.

I don't know Sen. McCain, but he, Bill Norwood and others who survived prisoner of war camps are real American war heroes.

LOWRY

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The president's adversaries may consider this unfair, but the institutions Trump targets are best-served by not responding in kind. If the president says that the press can't be trusted because it's so biased, the press should react by being less biased rather than more. If he says that he's being undone by a deep state conspiracy, former intelligence

officials should be more restrained rather than less.

Brennan either doesn't understand this dynamic or doesn't care. He has threatened a lawsuit, and Trump has welcomed one. The president is happy for a war with the most unhinged representative of the intelligence community at hand, and John O. Brennan is playing his role flawlessly.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2018 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Go Figure!

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School Days at Ft. King

The City of Ocala Recreation and Parks Department will host

Marion County Public School Days at the Fort King National Historic Landmark, 3925 E Fort King St., Saturdays, Sept. 8 and 22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, please contact the city of Ocala Recreation and Parks Department at 352-368-5535.

Sunday, Sept. 16

Museum of History

& Archaeology

MC Museum of History & Archaeology, P.O. Box 4383, Ocala, FL., 34478 or call 352-236-5245.

The museum is located at 307 SE 26th Ter, Ocala, FL 34471 All programs third Sunday of odd months, at 2 p.m. in Green Clover Hall. Reception follows at East

Hall. All programs admission free to members, \$5 to nonmembers. Individual and family memberships are available for sale at events.

The Sept. 16 program is the Historic Ocala Preservation Society presenting "The History of Ocala and of HOPS."

Nov. 18, 2018 Brian Stoothoff presents the History of "The Great Fire" and the City Fire and EMS services - 135th Anniversary.

Ocala Jazz Society

The Ocala Jazz Society invites you to join them Sunday, Sept. 16, from 2 - 5 p.m. for their monthly performance of Swing, Big Band, Dixieland, 50s and all your favorites.

We look forward to seeing you at the smoke-free VFW Post 4781,

9401 SW 110th Street, across from Oak Run. The band performs on the third Sunday of each month. A suggested donation of \$5 for hospice is appreciated. For more information, please call 352-237-0234 or email ocalajazzsociety@yahoo.com.

German American Club of Marion County

The German American Club of Marion County will hold an Oktoberfest Sunday, Sept. 16, at noon at Marion Oaks Community Center. A bratwurst dinner will be served at 1 p.m. Please bring your own beverage. Music will be provided by Alpine Express. Lederhosen, dirndle or dressy casual

attire is requested. Tickets are \$20 per member or \$25 per non-member and may be purchased by calling Mary Wisecup at 352-789-6499.

Saturday, Sept. 22

Public Lands Day

National Public Lands Day at Silver Springs State Park at 9 a.m., Sept. 22, at 5656 East Silver Springs Blvd.

NPLD is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort on public lands. We will spend the morning removing air potato, taking out invasive plants, planting new additions to our gardens, painting stepping stones, picking up trash and performing other park projects.

For more information,

please contact John Kilmer by email at john.kilmer@floridadep.gov or call 352-236-7156.

Saturday, Nov. 10

Grace Episcopal

Grace Episcopal Church Women will be holding their annual bazaar Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the church Parish Hall, 510 SE Broadway Street, Ocala, FL. This one day event will offer a variety of crafts, jewelry, home-made food items (baked goods, soups and more). Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. All proceeds from this event will help support local nonprofit missions benefiting women and children in Ocala. For more information please contact Elaine at 352-347-2549.

TILFORD

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speech" argument does not apply the instant someone obtains a security clearance. From that moment one cannot verbally divulge classified information, write

articles or books prejudicial to classified information or methods, make business and political decisions or give advice privately to political or business leaders based on what they know from classified information. Everyone with a security clearance already has, to one

degree or another depending on the level of access, forfeited a portion of his or her freedom, especially their freedom to verbal or written communication. This is not a big leap. When one enters military service he or she relegates control over a vast portion of his or her

life. They in fact may be required to take human life or, if necessary, sacrifice theirs. The key to a lot of that is what intelligence is all about.

Finally, no one is entitled to a security clearance. Access to classified information is not a right. It is, however, a privilege with

significant obligations and responsibilities attendant to putting service above self.

The result of the current upheaval over the behavior of senior members of the intelligence (CIA, NSA, DIA, etc.) and counter intelligence communities (the Federal Bureau of Investi-

gation) may be restructuring the entire apparatus so that political and personal biases are minimized.

— Dr. Earl Tilford is a military historian and fellow for the Middle East & terrorism with The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College.

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BRIEFS

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ids, fluorescent bulbs, including compact fluorescent lamps.

Also, used oil and filters, batteries (auto batteries, rechargeable

Sholom Park's Fun at the Park: Let's Get Buggy! is from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14. A ladybug release highlights the festivities.

Sholom Park's Fun at the Park event will have all the excitement of live music, food trucks, games, education and great family-friendly fun, admission free.

Guests will be invited to help Park staff release 10s of thousands of itsy-bitsy colorful lady-

bugs into the Sholom Park environment, where the harmless – yet mighty – spotted beetles will begin hunting for their dinner.

Ladybugs are one of nature's "beneficial insects" because they love eating aphids, spider mites, mealy bugs and the eggs of some other harmful insects.

Sholom Park's event will feature interactive outdoor stations featuring good guy insects and

animals that help us combat the bad-guy critters in gardens and landscapes every day.

Fun at the Park attendees are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs or blankets. The event will be held rain or shine. Guests are invited come in a "buggy" costume and bring along an adventurous spirit.

No face masks are permitted.

All Park rules apply at this event.

Sholom Park's Fun at the Park events provide family-friendly outdoor entertainment, live music, fun and activities, featuring special themes to make memorable moments for everyone.

In February 2017, larger-than-life book characters, such as Curious George, the Berenstain

Bears and Cat in the Hat, visited Park guests and encouraged literacy for all.

In February 2018, families took a virtual journey around the world, where they were given mini passports and were encouraged to visit tents and booths where volunteers shared information about China, Australia, Ireland, Great Britain and Egypt, opening doors to many cultures and values.

Sholom Park is located at 7110 SW 80th Ave.; Ocala, FL 34481.

For more information, email info@sholompark.org, call 352-873-0848, ext. 7650 or visit the park on the Internet at www.sholompark.org

Sholom Park is owned and operated by the Horticultural Arts & Park Institute, Inc.

batteries and others), pool chemicals, aerosol cans, thermometers and thermostats.

Examples of electronic items accepted are battery chargers, computers, keyboards and monitors, small copiers, printers, answering machines and

fax machines.

Also, CD, DVD, Blu-ray and MP3 players, stereos and televisions, cell phones, tablets, PDAs, scanners and cameras.

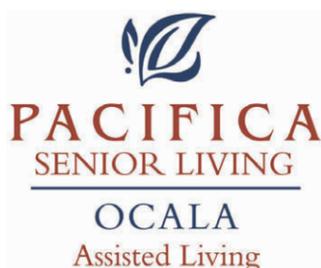
For information, contact the city Residential Sanitation Department at 352-351-6697.



Veteran's Burial Benefits

Join us, along with Cynthia Pennington from Dignity Memorial, to learn important information about the Veteran's Burial Benefit for veterans and their spouses. Receive a FREE Veterans Planning Guide that contains all forms necessary to secure your benefit.

September 13, 2018
11:00am - 11:30am



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Please RSVP by September 8, 2018

Refreshments will be provided.

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