



BY BARBARA DEDICS

A group of 85 women participated in the last Mid-State Golf Tournament played at Ocala Palms since 1965.

Ocala Palms bids golf tourney farewell

OP hosts the final ladies Mid-State Golf Tournament

BY BARBARA DEDICS
OP Correspondent

Sadly, after 53 years, the Florida Ladies Mid-State Golfers made a decision to retire the club. It was first organized in 1965 with the following five golf clubs

as participants: Gainesville Country Club, Golden Hills, Inverness, Paradise (Crystal River) later known as the Plantation and Silver Lake Golf Club. As years went by, five more clubs joined in: Brooksville, Mission Inn, Pine Meadows, Rainbow Springs

and Seven Rivers. In addition, the past 18 years, several more clubs joined in the Mid-State Tournaments. Those clubs included Candler Hills, Hernando Oaks, Miona Lake, Ocala Palms, Royal Oaks, Summer Glen and The Woods

(Southern Woods and Sugarmill Woods). Fran Rockefeller of Golden Hills was the first President. This group was made up of Mid/Central Florida Ladies Golf clubs - most within a 50-mile radius. A Memorial Tournament was played yearly

in her honor from 1984, however, we are not sure if it continues to this day. Fifty-six lady golfers played in the first Mid-State tournament in 1965. Each player paid \$2.50 plus cart fee. That entry fee included \$1.50 for lunch, 90 cents for

prizes and 10 cents for incidental expenses. What a big change from the entry fees for any tournaments today! The current OPLGA President Kay Nippa advised me that the late Marilyn Bennett was the

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In the left photo, the Culinary Club made Pillsbury Doughboy giggle while the American-Italian Club created a Leaning Tower of Pisa along with an outline of the Italian flag. See "Stone Creek Winner" on page 12.

Fairfield Village Social Club hosts Halloween themed potluck

BY PRISCILLA BARNETT
FFV Correspondent

The Saturday before Halloween, Oct. 27, the FFV Social Club hosted a potluck dinner and encouraged those attending to wear costumes if they chose. A good many chose to "dress up," and I have included photos of some of those who did.

I hope you enjoy seeing the photos as much as I imagine they enjoyed wearing them. The folks in FFV are a

fun-loving bunch of people for the most part, and they always enjoy having a good time and watching others have a good time as well. Because of deadlines, you are seeing these photos a week after Halloween, but surely that won't spoil the fun of seeing others having a good time. From Fairfield Village, "the lively place filled with lovely (costumed) people," we hope your Halloween was a fun time and that you were able to celebrate or to see lots of little kids celebrating safely.

Pumpkins!

BY PATRICIA GIZZI
Stone Creek Correspondent

A pumpkin is a large rounded orange fruit with a thick rind, edible flesh and many seeds. It is part of the gourd family and during fall is when you will see many pumpkins.

The edible flesh of a pumpkin is great for many desserts, soups and savory foods. Of course, the seeds when baked are also delicious.

Recently, the Lifestyle Office asked chartered clubs to be part of the 2018 pumpkin carving contest. Once a

pumpkin is carved it becomes a jack-o-lantern and it is associated with the Halloween holiday. The HOA staff voted on the pumpkins submitted based on creativity, originality and the most festive for the fall season. The rules for the contest was you must use one pumpkin and any other miscellaneous items like paint, glue, feathers, sticks for your displays. The pumpkin must be carved. There were three awards for first, second, and third. First place was \$100, and bragging rights, 2nd place is \$70 and third place is \$30. Winners

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Good friends, Carol Meissner and Simi Vitagliano, toast each other at the Halloween potluck dinner held in the Fairfield Village Clubhouse Saturday, Oct. 27 during the Halloween party.

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PHOTO BY PRISCILLA BARNETT



Out to Pastor
Rev. James Snyder

Why Did I Ever Grow Up?

At times, I have to do some errands for the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. It's not that I like to do these errands, but I have learned this is one secret to getting along with her.

The errand she had for me was to go to the Mall and pick up something she had ordered. In my own way I tried to finagle out of that errand, but the more I finagled the more insistent she was. So, I decided to finagle no more.

As the pop song says, "I have a million reasons not to go, give me one reason to go." I tried to play this on

her and her response was, "Because I asked you to."

You just cannot get any better than that. I know, because I have tried.

Since I do not go to the mall that often, I thought I would stop in at a coffee shop and have myself a cup of coffee and just chill out a little. Taking my coffee out in the main area of the mall, I sat in one of the lounge chairs and watched the people go by.

As a young person, my favorite author was Ernest Hemingway. In one of his books he says that the important thing for a writer is to, "listen, listen, listen." I

tried to practice that throughout my life so I thought here at the mall would be a good opportunity to do just that.

It was rather noisy, but I tried my best to listen. Some of the things I heard I wished I would not have heard, but that is the price you pay for listening.

In my situation, I could not hear much of a conversation, but the little that I did hear I tried to figure out what they were trying to say. I know I got some things wrong, but I laughed very discreetly at some things I heard.

Halfway through my coffee something struck me that I never thought of before.

So many young peo-

ple and children were racing through the mall. I did not know there were that many children on planet Earth. They were running and laughing and whatever else they could think of.

I just sat back and watched. I tried to listen, but there was so much noise I really could not listen so I watched. Here these young people were having the time of their life. They were laughing and joking among themselves and just having a good time.

Occasionally I caught the joke and laughed to myself, but most of the jokes I did not understand. I guess that has to do with an age difference.

It was right after

Halloween and so a lot of the gibberish in the mall had to do with the Halloween spirit. I thought several were dressed for Halloween, but realized that that is exactly what they wear every day.

I saw one young girl wearing blue jeans with so many holes that they really lack purpose. I was later to find out that you buy these blue jeans with all the holes in them. Moreover, the more holes they have, the more expensive they are.

When I was young I had blue jeans with lots of holes, but I earned every one of those holes.

My spirits were beginning to rise and I was enjoying my visit in the mall. Do not let

that get out, I do not want anybody to know I was having a good time, particularly, you know who.

It seemed the more I watched, the more young people and children flooded the mall. And, the laughter rang from one end of the mall to the other with me in between.

As I was enjoying this little episode, a thought snuck into my mind. I must confess that it is a rare occasion when a thought actually comes to my mind. This time a thought did come to my mind.

What I wanted to know was, why were all of these kids happy? Why were they having so much fun?

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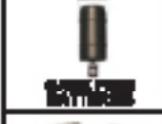
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K Country, Wind-FM sold to Saga Communications

Saga Communications Inc. announced Oct. 31 it has entered into an agreement to purchase the assets of WOGK (FM) 93.7 K COUNTRY, WNDT (FM), WNDD (FM), and WNDN (FM) Classic Rock WIND-FM,

from Ocala Broadcasting Corporation, LLC. Saga is a broadcasting company whose business is devoted to acquiring, developing and operating broadcast properties. Saga owns or operates broadcast properties in 26 mar-

kets, including 75 FM and 33 AM radio stations in 75 metro signals. Saga Communications President and CEO Ed Christian said, "A number of years ago we let the Dix family know that these stations would be a great fit for Saga. It's

not often you get the opportunity to buy stations from the fifth generation of the founding family. We see a lot of opportunity with these stations and these markets. We are pleased that the family has decided to entrust Saga

with continuing their long-standing heritage of serving the Gainesville-Ocala region with market-leading WOGK and the WIND classic rock trimulcast. Saga intends to continue building its business in radio by identifying and acquiring middle-market stations in dynamic communities."

General Manager of Ocala Broadcasting Jim Robertson said, "We are thrilled about the prospect before us as we transition to the ownership of a radio-only company. Under the Saga ownership, we will have greater resources for our listeners and advertisers, which translates to greater success for local businesses."

G. Charles Dix II, President of Dix 1898, Inc. (owner of Ocala Broadcasting Corp., LLC), said, "The Dix family and operators

loved serving the greater Ocala/Gainesville markets with the K COUNTRY signal reaching 14 counties. We are very proud of the entire staff who are providing a strong product and good service to our listeners and customers. This has resulted in a strong and loyal listener base for both K COUNTRY and WIND-FM and actionable results for our advertisers. We are thrilled Saga Communications is the buyer as they have a very solid history of local broadcasting, tending to the needs of the local communities. They purchase quality stations with strong traditions and build upon those results. We thank our listeners and advertisers for the chance to serve them, and now know they are in excellent hands with Saga."

MCPS earn bragging rights in 'soft skills'

With 23 public schools participating in the second annual "Soft Skills" competition, three local schools are sharing bragging rights for finishing first.

Romeo Elementary, Liberty Middle, and Forest High scored the highest in their grade-level categories for being most creative, most consistent, and most effective in a recent contest coordinated by the Career and Technical Education Department of Marion County Public Schools.

Schools were tasked with creating plans to integrate "soft skill" concepts – dependability and reliability, work ethic, communication, positive attitude and

team-work mentality – into their everyday lessons and activities. Plans involved all teachers, staff and students. These "soft skill" concepts are the most-desired qualities local companies want in new employees based on a recent survey of business leaders.

Winning schools also submitted their own videos and will receive a faculty/staff luncheon sponsored by Mojo Grill and additional shopping days in the "Tools 4 Teaching" store at the Public Education Foundation of Marion County.

Winning videos can be viewed by going to the following

links: Romeo, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yxycITQlsWU&feature=youtu.be>; Liberty Middle, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cpbchXA1Gr&feature=youtu.be>; Forest High, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u2vWgbM9KIY&index=6&list=PLmEllbI9vm6NScJM-bEcISBCCvoz5wtkvK>; judges also recognized Dunnellon Middle's video entry, viewable at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=Feb2nz7RlTM>.

For more information, contact CTE Executive Director Mark Vianello at Mark.Vianello@marion.k12.fl.us.

FHP launches Holiday Travel Campaign

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles recently launched its Holiday Travel Campaign to ensure motorists Arrive Alive to their destination. The holidays are a peak travel period and millions of Floridians and visitors are expected to travel on Florida roads over the next two months. DHSMV is partnering with the Florida Sheriffs Association, Florida Police Chiefs Association and the AAA – The Auto Club Group to urge responsible driving and vehicle safety.

DHSMV will be educating Floridians and visitors throughout the months of November and December on safe

driving behaviors such as driving sober, buckling up, checking tires and registering their Emergency Contact Information (ECI). Additionally, focus will be placed on obeying speed limits, not driving distracted and reporting dangerous drivers.

"This holiday season, the best gift we can give one another is to ensure everyone who travels our roadways arrives to their destination safely," said DHSMV Executive Director Terry L. Rhodes. "As increased numbers of drivers take to our roads, have patience, practice safe driving techniques and make sure everyone in the vehicle is properly buck-

led up. Never drive impaired."

Seat belts save lives. In 2017, 38 percent of those who were killed in crashes in vehicles where seat belt use is required chose not to wear their seat belts. Motorists should always make sure everyone in the vehicle has the proper restraint secured at all times, including themselves.

"The Florida Highway Patrol encourages everyone to plan ahead before traveling on Florida's roadways this holiday season," said Colonel Gene S. Spaulding, Director of the Florida Highway Patrol. "Get plenty of rest, buckle up, and avoid distractions to ensure

you Arrive Alive."

"As the holiday season is fast approaching, we are reminded that family celebrations can turn to tragedy when a family member or friend is involved in a traffic accident," said Florida State University Police Chief David Perry, President of the Florida Police Chiefs Association.

The public is encouraged to report aggressive or impaired drivers by dialing *FHP (*347) and check traffic conditions before departing for their trip by visiting FL511.com. For more information, safety tips and additional campaign information, visit: <https://www.flhsmv.gov/holidaytravel>.

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I graduated in 1955, so my class is getting smaller each year. The only “bad” part of the weekend was the weather – it rained every day and was very cold!

The leaves on the trees are changing to the fall colors and are beautiful.

If you have never been to the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee in October, you should make a special trip to go – you won’t regret it.

Ladies – don’t forget the luncheon Friday, Nov. 9.

We will be going to Big Rascals, located across from the RaceTrac station on Highway 27. Please call Gracie Maguire for a reservation.

You still have time to purchase tickets for the Holiday Dinner/Auction! This yearly event takes

place Friday, Nov. 16. Tickets are available from Grace Maguire and Judi Hargraves. Check the QM Reporter for more information.

Reminders: Rod & Gun Club meeting Saturday at 10 a.m.; QMPOA business meeting Nov. 12, and don’t forget Bingo Nov. 13.

Nov. 11 is a very important day of remembrance. This Sunday, Nov. 11, is Veterans Day.

Many of us remember when this was called “Armistice Day” – I think that tells our age!

World War I officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. That is why Nov. 11 is considered Armistice Day. This day was made an official holiday on May 13, 1938.

However, after World War II and the Korean conflict, the 83rd Congress amended the Act



of 1938, by replacing the word, “Armistice,” with “Veterans.”

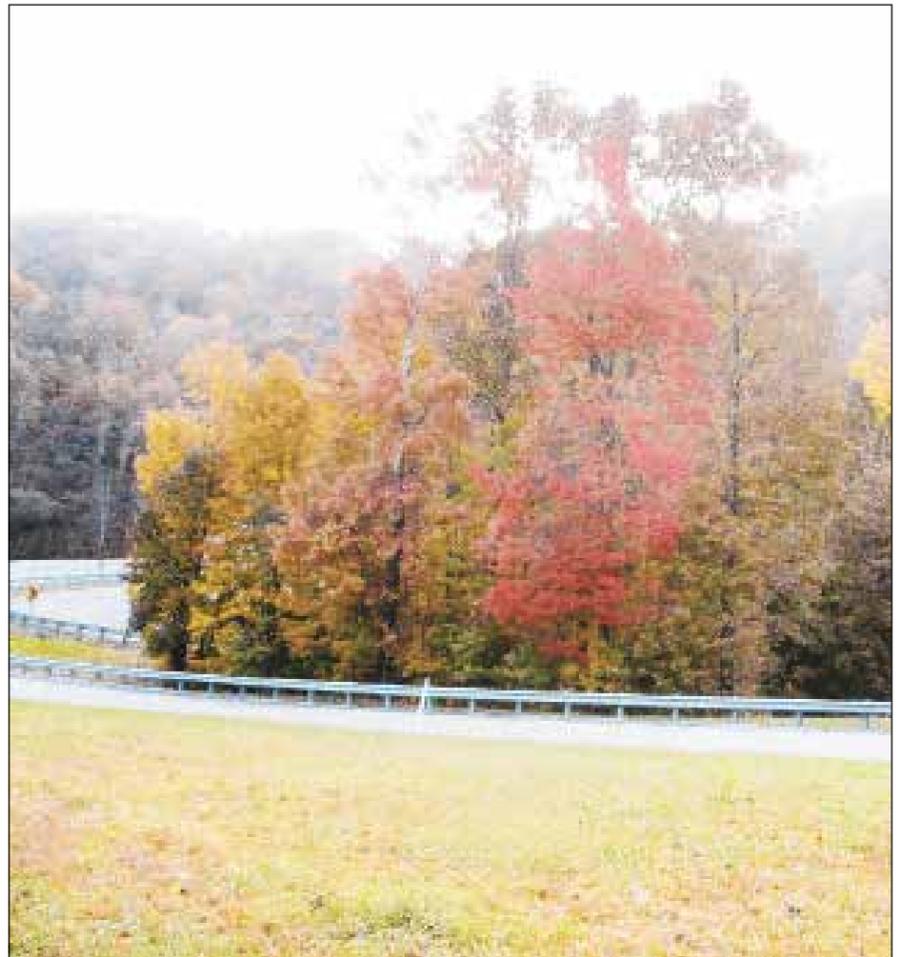
Therefore, on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

While other National holidays are observed on Monday, this day is always observed on the actual day – Nov. 11.

This is a day to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy because of the service and sacrifice our veterans have given in order for us to live in freedom.

If you have family members, friends, or acquaintances who are serving, or have served in our military service, tell them, “thank you”.

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Trees in Tennessee are showing their fall colors. Though not as colorful as New England, a splash of color is just beyond each curve in the Smoky Mountains.

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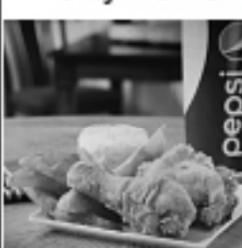
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Mary Hahn, Pat Herndon, Marv Meredith, Rene Hopkins and Jean Tasillo at the final Ladies Mid-State Golf Tournament Oct. 23. Only three clubs remained to participate. They were Ocala Palms, SummerGlen and The Woods

PALMS

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first lady who was instrumental in getting the Ocala Palms ladies involved in the Mid-State Club.

As time goes by and for various reasons the travel time and health of many players took a toll. Of all the above-named clubs, by the end of the 2017-18 season, only three clubs would remain for the 2018-19 season. With bittersweet memories of those remaining players, it was decided to disband the Ladies Mid-State Golfers club.

A decision was made to have a final tournament as a farewell to the many years of this organization. Kay Nippa invited all the clubs who had participated over the years to play at our home course. As a result, 84 ladies accepted the invitation and what a fun day they had. The entry fee was \$45, of which \$5 was for prize money and \$15 for a delicious lunch and incidental expenses. Several ladies from OP provided a

continental breakfast for the players. The ladies also thank the Pro Shop and several OP men for

organizing and loading the ladies' golf bags on to the appropriate carts. I'm sure all the ladies

who have played in any of the Mid-State Golf Tournaments will agree "What a great ride!"

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Ugly Sweater organizers prepare for fifth annual event

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Starting out with a few threads, organizers for the Ugly Sweater 5K have woven the event into one of the more popular road races in both Marion and Citrus County the past two years.

After a record-breaking event a year ago, the Rainbow River Runners, in partnership with the DHS Booster Club, are expecting another record setting turnout in what they say will be the “best” year yet. A year ago, the Ugly Sweater 5K and 1-Mile Fun Walk drew 308 participants for both the 3.1-mile race and the 1-Mile Fun Walk, shattering the previous best of 147. This year’s event will be at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Blue Run Park.

So why such success? That’s easy, according to Virginia Hatch, race director and president of the Rainbow River Runners.



Corrina Crouch smiles while crossing the bridge spanning the Withlacoochee River along the Dunnellon Trailhead.

“It’s not just a race; we want it to be a giant holiday party,” she explained. “We want everyone to come out and have a great time, and I think we’ve been able to accomplish that. This

year, it’s going to be the biggest and best yet.” A tall order for sure, Hatch said, but she is confident that it can be done. Because of the increase in participants a year ago, the run club

began working in earnest a year ago to tweak the event. Two of the major changes, she explained, are adding a new age division for younger participants in the 5K. In addition, the first 300 participants who cross the finish line will receive a custom finisher medal. But, for a unique twist, Hatch said, runners and area run clubs are encouraged to form teams so they can vie for the team trophy, which will be scored like a cross country meet in which the six fastest times will be used.

The finisher medal, though, is a special touch, she said. “Runners love bling,” she said, noting such an item had been discussed in previous years, but the surge in numbers made the decision easy to add it to this year’s race.

Now while the connotation that it is an “Ugly Sweater,” participants do not have to run in one, though she said

people do go “all out.” But there is the “Ugly Sweater” competition during the raffle and awards ceremony.

Most important about the event, Hatch said, is the youths of the community are the ones who benefit. All monies from the race the past two years have been donated to the Dunnellon High School general athletic fund, more than \$10,000 in total. Also, she said, there is a competition to encourage elementary, middle and high school students, sports teams and clubs to participate in the event. A cash prize to the school, club or team with the most participation in either the run or fun walk is also a way to encourage youths and their families to participate.

To encourage youth participation, school-aged children can register for \$10 each and must do in paper format (available on the Rainbow River Run-

ners Facebook page). The discounted rate does not include a T-shirt or goody bag, which will be given to the first 300 registered participants. Otherwise, fees are \$25 now through Friday, Nov. 25, for the 5K, and \$30 the week leading up to the race. Cost is \$20 for the 1-Mile Fun Walk through the day of the event. Proceeds benefit the Dunnellon High School athletics programs.

Registration forms are available at the Dunnellon Chamber & Business Association office at 20500 E. Pennsylvania Ave., or the Riverland News office at 20441 E. Pennsylvania Ave., or register online at runsignup.com/Race/FL/Dunnellon/UglySweater5Kand1-MileFunWalkRun.

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More than 2,500 students from public schools across Marion County will participate in Marion County's official Veterans Day Program Friday, Nov. 9, for the 12th year in a row.

Marion County Public Schools presents the community's official Veterans Day Ceremony at the Ocala / Marion County Veterans Memorial Park, SE Ft. King Street and SE 25th Avenue at 11 a.m. Pre-ceremony entertainment starts at 10:30 a.m.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Heidi Maier begins the ceremony. Music will be

provided by students representing several schools including Fort McCoy, Maplewood and Saddlewood Elementary schools; Howard Middle school; and Forest, Lake Weir and West Port High schools. Students from Hillcrest School will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Students will also recognize veterans for their service with musical tributes, and local families who have lost loved ones to military service will present a memorial wreath in their honor.

Junior ROTC units from Belleview, Dunnellon, Forest, Lake Weir, North Marion,

Vanguard and West Port High schools will participate. The Hammett Bowen Jr. Elementary color guard will take part as well.

Color and honor guard units from the United States Marine Corps in Orlando will post the colors for the ceremony and provide a military gun salute. Pilots from the Lee-ward Air Ranch Warbirds will fly over the park in military formation.

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Opinion

THE BOB FRANKEN COLUMN The violent presidency

Republicans have always justified their preferential treatment of the super-wealthy by trotting out the bogus “trickle-down theory.” They argue that as the rich get richer, they will spend more on jobs, etc., and the financial benefits will “trickle down” the economic scale. It’s a total con, of course. A sham.

But now we are witnessing a trickle down that’s for real. The man who has taken over the Republicans spews ignorance, hatred and violence every time he opens his mouth or pecks on a smartphone. His malice indeed trickles down – actually, more like a gushing – as Americans for and against him act on and react to the poison of Donald Trump.

It explains the horrifying slaughter at a Pittsburgh synagogue on a recent Saturday – the Shabbat, when Jews would be packed in as they came to worship. Robert Bowers, who allegedly mowed them down, was an outspoken and virulent anti-Semite. It would be overstating it to pin that label on Donald Trump. However, he certainly has pandered to those who are emboldened to crawl out of their dark hiding places and proudly display their fanatic hatred of Jews and everyone else who’s not a heterosexual white Christian. Trump inspires them with his unceasing dog whistles.

By the way, Bowers had made it clear in his social media rants that he was not a Trump supporter. Not so for Cesar Sayoc, the passionate Trump-head arrested for sending out crude pipe bombs to just about any liberal who had ever crossed his idol.

Donald Trump has created a presidency with his brand of destructive politicking that literally triggers violence. The brutality now flows freely from both sides. The 2017 shooting and near killing of House Majority Whip Steve Scalise during an attack on GOP congressmen as they practiced for a baseball game against the Democrats was another case in point. The perpetrator was someone from

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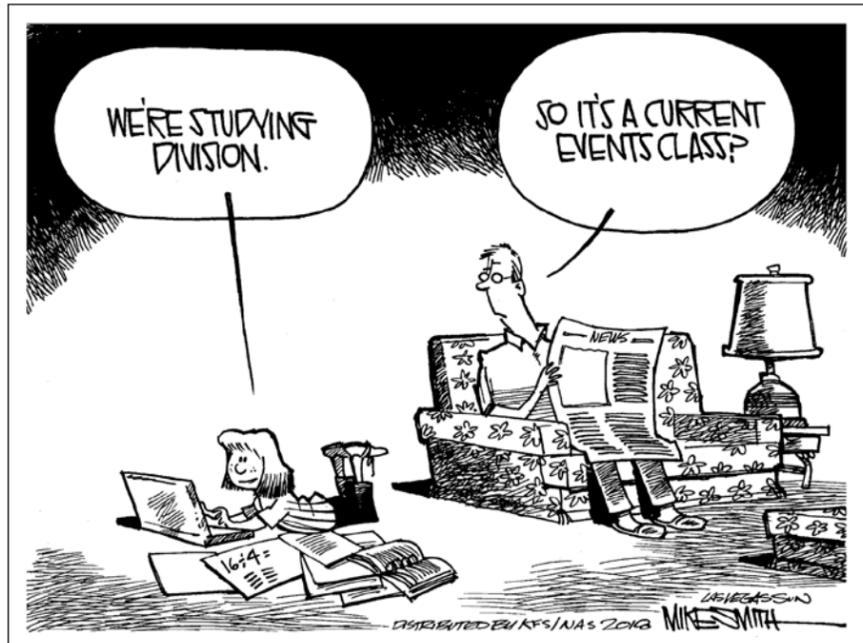
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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN America's loser problem

It’s not any less awful for being so familiar. The last three high-profile attacks that have convulsed the nation, two in recent weeks, have been carried out by fringe loners who fit the stereotype of the perpetrators of such crimes precisely – they didn’t fit in, they were “off,” they kept to themselves.

The word that comes up again and again in accounts of their lives is “alone,” always alone.

The life of Cesar Sayoc, who mailed crude pipe bombs to Democrats ranging from George Soros to Hillary Clinton to Robert De Niro, was a pitiable wreck. His father abandoned his family as a child, and after dropping out of college, Sayoc lived with his grandmother. Then he went from place to place, performing as a male stripper. He compiled a record of petty crime, lost his home, declared bankruptcy. He was estranged from his family and resisted its pleas for him to get help. Sayoc lived out of his van, bizarrely festooned with pro-Trump stickers.

Not much is known about Robert Bowers, the Pittsburgh synagogue shooter, besides his vile social media postings. A childhood friend called him “pretty much a ghost.” He may have dropped out of high school. As an adult, he lived alone in an apartment, and no one ever came to see him. One neighbor said she couldn’t remember Bowers ever talking to anyone.”

The Parkland school shooter, Nikolas Cruz, was left with no parents after the death of his adoptive mother. He was expelled from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where he was an outcast. He was reportedly depressed and had other behavioral problems. Police were called constantly to his home. A defense attorney called him “a broken child.”

None of this, of course, is to excuse in the slightest the heinous crimes of these men, or to deny the existence of pure, unadulterated evil. Murderous haters and kooks have been with us forever, as has anti-Semitism. Yet the social pattern is clear.

The phrase “deaths of despair” has entered the nation’s vocabulary to denote the rise of mortality among a subset of working-class whites from suicide, drugs and alcohol. Its declining longer life expectancy is one of the most stunning trends in American life. The at-risk population tends to be unmarried, disconnected from civil society, marginally employed and largely on their own.

One way to look at recent mass killings (or attempted killings) is as the handiwork of a very small, violent

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Sigh ...

Walking is good for a person’s health. Friday, I walked on a treadmill, and I felt great afterward. My cardiologist said I should feel even better after my bypass surgery.

Sigh. (I think I’m only teasing).

I could be a hypochondriac just like my maternal grandfather with just a little more effort, I could be good at it. It wouldn’t take much.

My grandpa was a real cowboy. He died of lung cancer in about 1966. He smoked non-filter Camel cigarettes. His doctor told him he needed to cut down on his smoking, so using cowboy logic (it could have been the morphine), he got out his pocket knife and cut the cigarettes in half.

Even though he died of cancer, it was hypochondria that got him in trouble. We had a country doctor in my little hometown. He was old in the ‘60s because he made his rounds on horseback when he started practicing medicine. By that time, he wasn’t much good for anything other than treating minor ailments, and he treated everything with penicillin and Vitamin B-12 shots.

Grandpa and the doctor had known each other for many, many years and over those many years, the doctor came to realize grandpa had acute hypochondria and treated him with a placebo. I heard they were sugar pills, but I don’t know that for sure. The last time grandpa went to see the old doctor, he dispensed a placebo and told grandpa to return if he didn’t feel better. Grandpa didn’t start feeling better. He finally went to a doctor in a nearby city. Grandpa was hospitalized, but by that time, there was very little that could be done except give him morphine to



Mountains from Molehills

By David Davis

keep him as comfortable as possible. He was sent home where he died in bed a short time later.

With all the medical advances since the 60s, doctors might have been able to save him if he were alive today, but then again, he was born in the late 1880s so he would be well over 100 years old.

Sigh, I still miss my grandpa.

Sigh. I am glad this campaign season is in the past. I can’t imagine that a midterm has caused this much national interest. It almost feels like it was a cable news production. Somehow, it just doesn’t feel real. This is the first time when not one candidate or volunteer has knocked on my door asking for my vote.

Sigh, I guess those days are gone when a candidate must look a person in the eye.

Sigh. I remember riding my little Yamaha Twin-Jet 100 motorcycle to visit grandpa and grandpa. Cecil “Pinky” Linsey was running for re-election for county commissioner was there asking my grandparents for their vote. He looked at me and asked, “How old are you?” I wasn’t old enough to legally ride a motorcycle, but he handed me a business card and said, “Well, you’ll be old enough to vote someday.”

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Your VIEW

Thanks for voting

I write this before the election closes but I am very proud that so many citizens are voting this year.

Some representatives should stay, some should be welcomed and some should be kicked out the door.

I am grateful that more people have ex-

ercised their right to vote this year. In many states, groups attempted to negate legal voting.

Each election is important but, I believe this year might set the tone for the welfare of Florida's environment, economy and civil rights. It might also reset the integrity of our Constitution, our coun-

try and our right to vote without fear of reprisal.

To all of you who voted, thank you.

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fringe of the socially disconnected. Their destructiveness is directed outward, in cowardly acts of mindless malice, rather than inward. They marinate in hate and proudly share their lunatic obsessions online, in a twisted simula-

crum of community. They seek their identity in political extremism, Jew-hatred or the hellish idolatry of school shootings.

Their crimes are, in their diseased view, feats of grandeur. They give them a chance at perverse consequence and notoriety otherwise not available to them in their marginal lives and social isolation.

It's evil and pathetic, infuriating and sad, and, by the looks of it, a persistent feature of 21st-century American life. What Emile Durkheim called anomie has been weaponized, and it's horrifying to behold.

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



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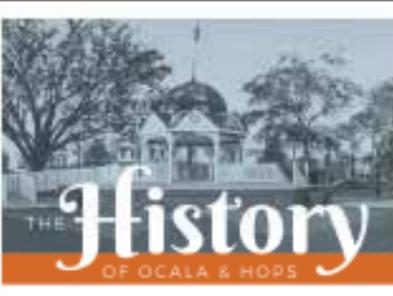


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available, and those attending are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. The ceremony airs live on the Marion Education Channel and on YouTube Channel MCPSmedia. For more information, please contact Kevin Christian, Public Relations & Communications Director, by calling 352-671-7555 or cellphone, 352-840-3265; or email Public.Relations@Marion.k12.fl.us.



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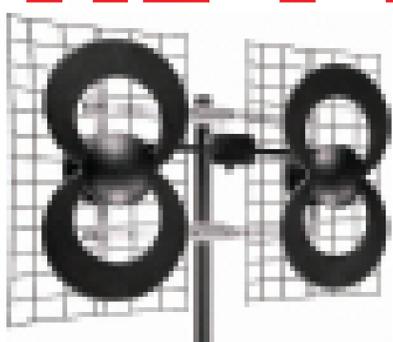
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Workshop style classes are three consecutive weeks on a Tuesday from 1-3 pm in Classroom 4. Register at masterthepossibilities.org

County Growth Services

Marion County Growth Services will host a second public meeting to gather input on its Evaluation and Appraisal Report for the county's comprehensive plan at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 6. The hourlong meeting will be held at the Freedom Public Library, 5870 SW 95th St. Ocala.

Attendees will be given updates about the EAR process as it relates to changes in state requirements, responses to public input gathered at the previous public meeting, and proposed changes to the future land use and transportation elements of our local comprehensive plan.

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Quilt Turning and Appraisals by Brenda Grampas

Lecture by Molly Waddell "What Catches the Judge's Eye"

More than 250 quilts on display, vendors, opportunity quilt, silent auction, raffle baskets, challenge quilts, door prizes, boutique. Admission is \$8. Our new venue is Circle Square Cultural Center, 8395 SW 80th St., Ocala, FL 34481. For more information, please visit www.crgocala.com

Saturday, Nov. 10

Grace Episcopal Bazaar

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, homemade 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 informa-

tion please contact Elaine at 352-347-2549.

Spruce Creek

Preserve Art and Craft Fair

Spruce Creek Preserve Art and Craft Fair Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on SR 200 3 miles west of CR 484 (gatehouse entrance). Free admission and free craft drawing every 20 minutes. Also, a bake sale and lunch is available between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Also raffling a handmade Quilt

Saddle Oak Craft Fair

Annual Craft Fair at Saddle Oak Club on State Road 200, across from Publix in Heath Brook Commons Ocala, Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy coffee and doughnuts from 8 to 10 a.m., and soup and sandwiches from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., while shopping for handmade crafts and bake sale items.

Trilogy at Ocala Preserve

Trilogy at Ocala Preserve is hosting the second Annual Holiday Bazaar this year in the Grand Living Room at the Clubhouse Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission and free parking.

All items are handcrafted locally and include holiday items, jewelry, decorator pieces, clothing, food and much more. There will also be community groups providing information about their services and mission. The Humane Society will be there with very adoptable and lovable dogs. A collection box will be available for those who wish to donate dog or cat food.

After shopping relax with a drink and a bite to eat at Salted Brick.

Sheltering Hands, an organization that is improving the lives of cats through humane care, spay/neuter, adoptions, education and support services, is our choice charity of this year's Bazaar.

Trilogy at Ocala Preserve is located on Highway 27 approximately 2 miles west of Inter-state 75. Follow the signs to the Clubhouse (Oak House).

Marion Civic Chorale

The Marion Civic Chorale community chorus announced its 2018 Veterans Day Concert series. The Chorale will sing traditional patriotic favorites as well as present inspirational pieces to honor veterans. The dates and locations are:

■ Nov. 10, Oxford Assembly of God, 12114 N US HWY 301, Oxford.

■ Nov. 11, Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 SW Highway 200, Ocala.

Interns from several Marion County high schools have joined the Chorale this year. Also performing are The Villages Charter School Elementary Honors Choir and The Villages High School Chamber Singers.

Concerts are free to the public and begin at 3 p.m. Donations to help fund the Grat L. Rosazza music scholarship are greatly appreciated. New members are always welcome.

Contact President@marionchorale.org or visit www.marionchorale.org for more information.

Sunday, Nov. 11

You are invited:

Come and Worship with Southwest Christian Church, Sunday at 10:30 a.m. You can find us at 9045 SW 60th Ave. in Ocala. Our worship style is full of love, joy and faith, as we worship God in a traditional way.

You can learn more about us and even view a sermon from our preaching minister David Campbell on our website at www.swchristianchurch.com.

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.

Sunday, Nov. 11 - 9:30 a.m.: 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.

Sunday, Nov. 11 - 10:30 a.m.: Our Worship Service opens with a special by our Worship Choir entitled "I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb." 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.

Monday, Nov. 12: Monday evening the men come together at 6:30 p.m. for a Bible Study utilizing the Study Book "The Attributes of God" by Dr. Steven J. Lawson

Tuesday, Nov. 13: Women who are interested in crafts meet Tuesday morning at 9:30 to work on group and individual projects.

Friday, Nov. 16: Blackwood Quartet will be in concert at 6:30 p.m.; doors open at 5:30 p.m. There is no admission charge and no tickets are required. A Love Offering will be received for the group.

Christ's Church of Marion County is located at 6768 SW 80th Street off State Road 200. For more in-

formation on all our events or for directions visit our website at www.ccomc.org or contact the church office at 352-861-6182.

Crossroads Church

Veteran's and Hero's Day will be celebrated Sunday, Nov. 11. We will deliver meals to our local first responders after services.

Our Senior's ministry will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a luncheon Saturday, Nov. 17, at noon.

Our Youth department will be selling Thanksgiving pies this month. Pies will be available for pick up Sunday, Nov. 18, after services. Please place your order now.

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

Tuesdays - Intercessory Prayer Meeting at 9 a.m.

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 SR 200. For more information, please call 352-291-2080 or visit our website at www.ourcrossroads.church for up to date calendar events.

Marion Chamber Music Society

Sunday, Nov. 11, The Marion Chamber Music Society presents Matitahu Braun and Holly Small, Violin and Piano Duo. This Orlando based duo will perform works by Mozart, Sibelius, Shostakovich and more. The concert is at 3 p.m., at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 6455 SW SR 200, Ocala. MCMS concerts: Always Exceptional, Always Free. For more information call 867-1340 or visit us at marionchambermusic.com.

Kingdom of the Sun Concert

Following is the information for the upcoming Kingdom of the Sun Concert Sunday, Nov. 11.

Kingdom of the Sun Concert Band with Les Muncester conducting presents the Seventh Annual Veterans Light the Stars Sunday, Nov. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Ocala/Marion County Veterans' Memorial Park, 2601 SE Ft. King Street, Ocala. Rain Date is Monday, Nov. 12.

Bring family, friends, blankets, lawn chairs and join us for this very special evening of music, fireworks and good old American spirit. Bleacher seating is available. For information please call 352-624-9291.

Monday, Nov. 12

Berean Baptist Church

Everyone is cordially invited to join Berean Baptist Church for its 2018 Fall Bible Conference and Independent Baptist Pastors Fellowship Nov. 12 and 13. Evening services Monday and Tuesday start at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday morning's service begins at 10 a.m. Featured speakers are Dr. Glenn Riggs, Dr. Johnny Pope and assistant pastor Jeremy Culpepper. Lunch will be served after service Tuesday. Berean Baptist Church is located at 4800 SW 20 St. For more information please phone 352-237-5611.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

United Daughters of the Confederacy

United Daughters of the Confederacy: Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 11 a.m., Ocala Elks Lodge, 702 NE 25th Avenue, Ocala. For reservations call 352-427-8863 or 352-625-5544.

Thursday, Nov. 15

Genealogical Society

The Marion County Genealogical Society will meet Thursday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. at the Marion County Public Library at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd. in Ocala. A brief business meeting will be followed by the November program "The New Family History Center and Family Search Website" by David Hogg and Lorraine Sandeen. For further information, contact Joel Swanson at 352-897-0840 or president@mcgsocala.org.

Florida Trail Association

Sandhill Chapter

Join the Florida Trail Association Sandhill Chapter's hike Thursday, Nov. 15, at 9 a.m. at the Marshall Swamp Trailhead on Highway 314, east of Baseline Road. Total distance is 6 miles.

International hiker Mike S. is joining us and will give a 15-minute talk at the beginning will be available for questions during the hike. Mike hiked the 500-mile Camino de Santiago in Spain last year and recently hiked the infamous Caminho da Fe in Brazil.

Stone Creek winner

The Outdoor Adventure Club had the largest full size 'person' pumpkin dressed like a skier. On the table were many pamphlets of the many places the club has adventured too.

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In the top photo, Fairfield Village had its own royalty with Princess Dee (Mullen) who was as lovely as Princess Di and as elegant as well.



In the top right photo, Ruby and Nick Nickless say he is portraying "your worst nightmare." She is just a cute "cool kitty."



In the bottom left photo, the Happy Panda (Addie Griffith) poses with her friend and neighbor Paul Paxton who really has to crouch down with the petite Addie.

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Mike's talk will center around the Brazil hike and he will bring along recommended equipment for long hikes. You won't want to miss this presentation! This presentation is free to the public.

Bring plenty of water, snacks, bug spray and sturdy walking shoes. No pets please.

Saturday, Nov. 17

Interfaith Thanksgiving

Saturday, Nov. 17, at 3 p.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ on 7171 SW S.R. 200 in Ocala, there will be an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service with the Islamic Center, Temple Beth Shalom, Congregation Beth Israel and St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Followed by a multicultural dinner together. This event is open to the public. An RSVP for the dinner is necessary at 352-368-9927, on Eventbrite or facebook.com/OcalaCongregationalChurch.

Daughters of the Confederacy

The Rainbow River Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Saturday, Nov. 17, gathering 9 a.m., meeting 9:30 - 11 a.m. The meeting is held at the Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 SW State Road 200, Ocala, FL 34476. Our theme for the month will be National Defense and our members will be sharing their family military stories.

For more information contact Regent Pat Bevis at bevis.pat@gmail.com or 352-867-0764.

Monday, Nov. 19

American Legion

American Legion, Post No. 354 meets Monday, Nov. 19, from 12:45 - 2 p.m. in the Community Room, behind Southwest District Office of the Marion County Sheriff's Office at 9048 SW State Road 200 directly across the road from Martin's Cars. Please look for the American Legion sign next to the driveway.

Members are encouraged to arrive by 12:45 p.m., for coffee, beverages, doughnuts and cake, followed by our monthly meeting that starts promptly at 1 p.m.

All branches of military newspapers will be available for attendees. A 50/50 drawing follows the meeting with free drawings for local merchant gifts.

For additional information, please contact Allen Jones by calling or texting 352-817-0224 or email DrJones9000@gmail.com.

Tuesday, Nov. 20

Maranatha Baptist Church

Mark your calendars for our Thanksgiving Concert Tuesday, Nov. 20, with the gospel group, River Jordan concert at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy this wonderful group as they worship our Lord in song.

Ongoing

Kabbalat Shabbat

Holy Hour-Happy Hour Traditional Edition is the first Friday of every month at 7 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat is followed by a delicious traditional themed buffet and cocktails including challah, geffilte fish, salads, chicken matzah ball soup and brisket. RSVP at www.ourchabad.org/happyhour.

Shabbat @ Chabad: every Shabbat at 10 a.m. followed by a delicious kiddish-lunch.

Torah & Tea: study the weekly Torah portion Wednesday from 7 - 8 p.m.

For more information, please contact Rabbi Yossi Hecht by calling 352-330-4466 on the internet at www.OurChabad.org.

Oak Run Bridge

We have three Bridge Clubs in Oak Run, two for Party Bridge and one for Duplicate. Party Bridge meets at 9 a.m. Thursday mornings at the Island Club and 6 p.m. Friday evenings at the Orchid Club Card Room. No partner is required. It's only 50 cents per person and we have small prizes.

Duplicate Bridge is played at the Island Club Wednesday evenings. Please arrive by 5:45 p.m. for a prompt start at 6 p.m. You do need a partner for duplicate which can usually be arranged. The facilities are for Oak Run residents.

We look forward to having you join us. Please feel free to call Fran at 808-725-9362.

ESL Program

The ESL program at College Road Baptist Church, 5010 SW College Road, meets each Wednesday at 6 p.m. This is a weekly one-hour class. Students practice using their English speaking skills in an informal, friendly environment. Contact ESL Director Janet Smith at 352-854-6981.

Rainbow Springs Artists

Artists and fine craftsmen are sought by the Rainbow Springs Artist Cooperative located at 20804 W. Pennsylvania Ave. in the heart of Dunnellon's historic district. Once juried in to the cooperative, artists and fine craftsmen will be able to exhibit and sell their work in our display space. We also have a large area for teaching children and/or adult art classes. Additional information may be obtained by contacting June Johnson, Director, at 352-465-3717.

Sisterhood of Survivors

The Breast Cancer SOS (Sisterhood of Survivors) support group meets at Ocala West Methodist Church, 9330 SW 105th Street, Rm. 235 (chapel).

We meet the last Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. to offer a caring concern to those involved with the battle of breast cancer. We will share experiences, be informed and educated on treatments and medications available during our journey with breast cancer. We shall overcome! So, come one and all to our meetings and share interesting sessions each month. Any questions please call Elsa Flescher at 352-209-2661.

FRANKEN

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the left who had become inflamed into a homicidal rage. What also was regrettable is that the annual game is one of the few shreds of bipartisanship that remains.

Trump's poison cascades downward, and tears us apart. Violence

is a predictable result. And now he has the chutzpah to declare that what our country needs is to "unify." He blames the media. One recent tweet reads: "There is a great anger in our country, caused in part by inaccurate and even fraudulent reporting of the news, the fake news, the true enemy of the people, must stop the open and obvious hostility ..."

That is an invitation to violence against journalists if there ever was one. Or perhaps depraved responsibility. Meanwhile, his sycophants on the right are still peddling the story that the entire pipe bomb episode was a "false flag" subterfuge. It was really a "Democratic operative," thundered Rush Limbaugh to his remaining dozens of radio listeners, "Re-

publicans just don't do this kind of thing." How about Trumpublicans, Rush?

This quote may be familiar, as I've used it before: "Cheer up," they said. "Things could be worse." So I did, and sure enough, they were." Unless we rediscover that political debate means exchanging points of view as opposed to shouting at one another; until our lead-

ers get a twinge of conscience, the growing fire will finally consume our country. The national will to extinguish it will have become a pathetic trickle.

Bob Franken is an Emmy Award-winning reporter who covered Washington for more than 20 years with CNN.

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MOLEHILLS

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Sigh, I guess the same technology that has brought us so many scientific and technological advances to cure diseases and extend our lives, make our lives easier, more comfortable and convenient, have also isolated us. Sigh.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although your energy level is high, be careful not to commit to too many projects at this time. You'll do better focusing on just a few tasks rather than spreading yourself too thin.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your heart might be leading you in one direction, but pay attention to your keen Bovine intellect. I'm cautioning you to think things through before making any commitments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your "serious" Twin has been dominant in your life for quite a while. It's time now to let that "wilder" half take you out for some good times -- perhaps with someone very special.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Career aspects are high for Moon Children who make a good impression. Show people not only what you can already do, but also how you can be more valuable to them in the future.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Things start to brighten for the Lion's immediate financial future. But be careful to resist the urge to splurge. You need to tuck something away to help you through another tight period.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Having to do too many tasks in too short a time could lower your mood to just above the grumbling level. But if you handle things one at a time, you'll get through it all soon enough.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your usually carefully made holiday plans could be subject to change later this month. Use this week to prepare for that possibility by starting a Plan B just in case you need it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be careful about joining a colleague's plan to solve a workplace problem. Investigate it thoroughly. Otherwise, you could find yourself in a predicament with other associates.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Slow down that high-paced whirl you've been on. Spending quiet time alone or with people you care for can be both physically and spiritually restorative.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Make suggestions, not demands. You'll be more successful in getting people to follow your lead if you exercise quiet patience instead of strong persuasion to get your ideas across.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You still need more facts before you can make an informed career choice. One note of caution: Be careful about whom you ask for that information; otherwise, you could be misled.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Changing situations through the end of the week could lead to some challenging opportunities for those perspicacious Pisceans who know how to make them work to their advantage.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of being both daring and cautious, traits that could make you a research scientist or maybe even a rocket-ship designer.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: Sign is missing, 2. Backpack compartment is missing, 3. Shirt is shorter, 4. Cap is different, 5. Can is missing, 6. Hot dog is missing.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Super Crossword

HAVING A FLING

- ACROSS**
- 1 Not rough
 - 7 Small digital images expressing ideas
 - 13 Bus schedule abbr.
 - 16 Bouquet-bringing co.
 - 19 Oahu greetings
 - 20 Extreme eccentricity
 - 21 Ivy — (Yalie, e.g.)
 - 23 Diamond events
 - 25 Any of 13 Catholic leaders
 - 26 Experts at CPR
 - 27 Prefix with gauge
 - 28 On — streak (winning big)
 - 30 Was in need of restocking
 - 31 Strong Italian cheese
 - 34 They're over gables
 - 36 Lakota's language family
 - 38 Lilting syllable
 - 40 Parris Island mil. branch
 - 41 Sticky, chewy candy
 - 42 Shelters for backpackers
 - 45 Sash for Cio-Cio-San
 - 47 Texter's "As I see it ..."
 - 48 Election day, often: Abbr.
 - 49 Hold fast (to)
 - 52 "Pieces of Me" singer
 - 57 They often include spiels
 - 60 LuPone who played Evita
 - 63 Bygone autocrat
 - 64 Grimm bully
 - 65 "Dash it all!"
 - 66 The "A" of ACLU: Abbr.
 - 67 Mu — beef
 - 69 Some NFL linemen
 - 71 With 83-Down, like Rudolph
 - 72 "Behold!" in Latin
 - 73 Dirt-dishing Barrett
 - 74 Dear old dad
 - 76 "— dog's life"
 - 78 Super-angry
 - 79 Orchestral array
 - 84 Reply to "Am so!"
 - 85 More chancy
 - 86 Mauna —
 - 87 Prefix with angle or fold
 - 90 "Not impressed"
 - 92 Thrown-away items
 - 95 Tricky pool shot
 - 99 Kosovo native
 - 102 Norse god of battle
 - 103 PC-sent holiday greetings
 - 104 Some paved arteries
 - 107 "Phooey!"
 - 109 Capital of Albania
 - 110 New attempt
 - 111 Palmtop device, for short
 - 112 "— yellow ribbon ..."
 - 115 Salon colorant
 - 117 Theme of this puzzle
 - 121 Whole number, e.g.
 - 122 Writer Waugh
 - 123 Tackled energetically
 - 124 Niger-to-Zambia dir.
 - 125 Tram rock
 - 126 Beat back
 - 127 Luanda's country
- DOWN**
- 1 Mr. Kotter
 - 2 Jack of old Westerns
 - 3 Spaceship in "Alien"
 - 4 2004-15 sarcastic recap series on E!
 - 5 R&D room
 - 6 Sofia's "that"
 - 7 "E.T." boy
 - 8 Steins, e.g.
 - 9 Bump — log
 - 10 Actor Malcolm — Warner
 - 11 Places to store frozen blocks
 - 12 B-board runners
 - 13 Skiing peak
 - 14 Co. shuffling
 - 15 Hip-hop performer
 - 16 Rife with
 - 17 Drive, in golf
 - 18 Half-asleep
 - 22 Largest port in Italy
 - 24 K-O middle
 - 29 Cook with Apple
 - 32 Luau cocktail
 - 33 Make invalid
 - 34 Desert rodent
 - 35 Cpl. or sgt.
 - 36 Ecol., e.g.
 - 37 Sam —
 - 39 Gets, as profits
 - 43 "No kiddin'!"
 - 44 Declaration while pointing
 - 46 Bleated
 - 50 Car of the early 1900s
 - 51 Memory trace
 - 53 People in concealment
 - 54 Poet Federico Garcia —
 - 55 Sign into law
 - 56 Lauder of perfume
 - 57 Virus variety
 - 58 Half-witted
 - 59 Half of sei
 - 60 City ENE of 22-Down
 - 61 Love, to Luc
 - 62 Wrought up
 - 67 Sudden rush
 - 68 Actor Sparks
 - 70 Curb locales
 - 75 "Shy" singer DiFranco
 - 77 Ill-tempered
 - 78 Lake — (Mississippi River source)
 - 80 Be sporadic
 - 81 Explore a reef, maybe
 - 82 High RRs
 - 83 See 71-Across
 - 87 Become
 - 88 Rustic mail abbr.
 - 89 What — (conjectures)
 - 91 '48 electee
 - 93 Tending to wear down
 - 94 Adorning tawdriy, with "up"
 - 95 Singer Johnny
 - 96 Mongolians, e.g.
 - 97 Elfish one
 - 98 Allotment
 - 100 Require a 110-Across, maybe
 - 101 Movie critic Richard
 - 105 Onion part
 - 106 Is a little too fond
 - 108 "I've — it!"
 - 111 — ed (gym)
 - 113 The same, in France
 - 114 "The Thin Man" dog
 - 116 Afore
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 - 119 Old rival of Pan Am
 - 120 She cackles

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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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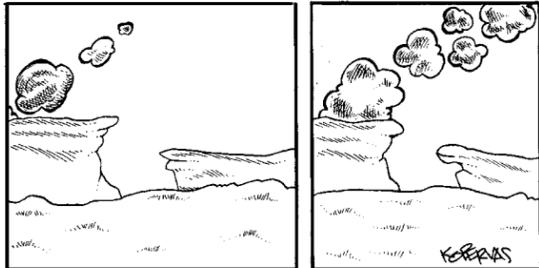
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Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas



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by Jeff Pickering



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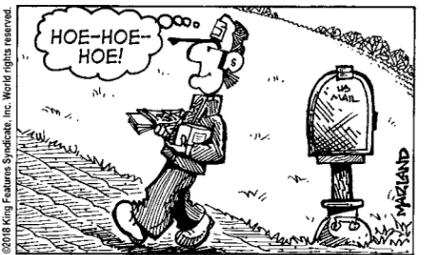
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Go Figure!

answers

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Super Crossword

Answers

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PASTOR

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Don't they know how miserable the world is today? Don't they know how sad and horrific things are on the outside? The hatred, the anger, the *putrefaction* of the world as we know it.

Quickly my smile turned upside down and I frowned.

It then came to me. These kids in the mall having a wonderful time were not all

caught up with what is going on out in the world. Their world is a world of fun and excitement. It is only the "old geezers" that know about all of the terrible things going on in the world. The young only see the good.

In pondering this, I asked myself a very serious question. Why in the world did I grow up?

Why couldn't I have stayed young and naive and only focused on having a good time? If

I had stayed young, I probably would not be so depressed by everything that is going on "out in the world."

In pondering this, I thought of what David once said. "I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalms 37:25).

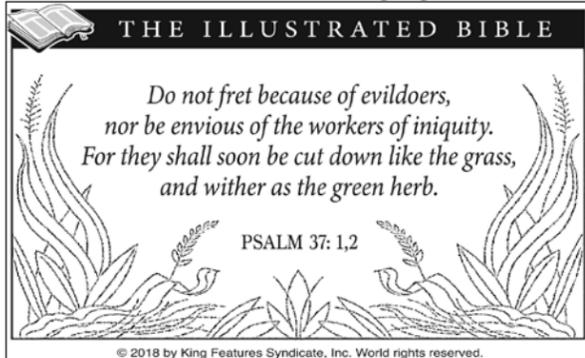
I can appreciate what these young people see, but they really cannot appreciate what I have seen through the years. That is simply, God always takes care of his people.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

PSALM 37: 1,2



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PUMPKINS

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were announced at the Halloween Party on Oct. 31.

Six clubs took on the challenge of carving a pumpkin. The new club, Waggin' Tails Dog, carved a dog with pumpkin in a fence. The dog had adorable floppy ears. It was in a fenced area with many doggie treats.

The Italian/American club carved their pumpkin with an outline of the Leaning Tower of Pisa along with an outline of the Italian flag. Just one of the many great attractions one can see in Italy.

The Leisure Arts Club carved a very ugly witch using the stem as a long crooked nose.

I find that very interesting because years ago, I gave my third graders small pumpkins to decorate and only one child used the stem for a nose. He always thought outside the box just like the Leisure Arts Club.

The Culinary Arts club took a pumpkin, painted it white and added a white Pillsbury chef hat, rolling pin

and a white scarf and of course, Pillsbury crescent rolls. Now, we need to wait for the Chef pumpkin to cook those rolls.

The Outdoor Adventure Club (See Photo on Page 12) had the largest full size 'person' pumpkin dressed like a skier. On the table were many pamphlets of the many places the club has adventured too.

The Lunch Bunch Club also had a pumpkin with mini pumpkins. They also had the many menus from the places were the Lunch Bunch has had lunch.

The Glee Club had a pumpkin with musical notes and a mouth in the shape of a big O. Next to the pumpkin were sheets of music. A light inside the pumpkin made it look like it was singing. All it needed was music or scary music to go along with the pumpkin.

The clubs had to wait until Halloween for the results. And the winner are: First place goes to the Outdoor Adventure Club; second place goes to the Lunch Bunch and third place goes to the Culinary Arts Club. Congratulations to the winners and the other clubs who carved a pumpkin.



Leisure Arts Club



Waggin' Tails Dog



Glee Club



Lunch Bunch

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