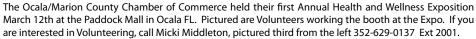
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School Board Meeting



Wigging Out! Pictured are vendors modeling wigs which totally change their look. The group was having fun at the Paddock Mall during the Ocala/Marion County Chamber of Commerce first Annual Health and Wellness Exposition.

Zalak's 100 Day Plan

COMPLISHED

Harold Green, Chairman of ITT Corp once said, "Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude." As a county leader, my attitude is that it's important to let citizens know about the progress that's being made in their community.

Upon deciding to run for County Commission, I spent quite a bit of time reflecting on my frustrations with government as a business owner, and listening to the ideas and thoughts of thousands of Marion County residents. Like so many people, I had become discouraged by politicians who made empty promises and worked only for themselves instead of working to solve problems. I believed that my actions and attitude would define my leadership, and set out a plan to tackle many of the issues facing our community in the first 100 days after becoming a County Commissioner

Ultimately this plan would be called the 100-day "Let's Get It Done" plan. It focused on three principles: Create Jobs by

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100 Day "Let's Get it Done" Plan ... AC- reducing burdensome mandates and regulations on businesses, Enact a 25-year Waste Management Solution that protects our water and doesn't increase costs, and Decrease Impact Fees to encourage economic growth. My pledge to the voters of Marion County was to bring this plan up for discussion and vote in the first 100-days after taking office. I have kept my promise to the voters and am looking forward to the future with great confidence and optimism.

PLEDGE: Create Jobs by reducing burdensome mandates and regulations on businesses. What I said as a candidate: My first priority is creating an environment where businesses can be successful so that the private sector will invest and create the much needed jobs our community desires. I, like most people I talk to, have felt the overreaching effect of government on my business. We should examine and review old ordinances and policies that are hindering opportunity for the citizens of our community. Results as a Commissioner: Expedited permitting and plan review approved by the Board of County Commissioners in Resolution 10-R-629.

Cross training employees, What I said as a candidate: Dealing with county government should not be a burdensome endeavor

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In describing the March 8th School Board meeting - Every seat was full with people standing in the back and sides. People standing in the Hall were county employees listening to the discussion about privatization of the Student Transportation Department. Pictured are some of the County Employees in the audience during the March 8th meeting.

School Board Privatizing Transportation?

This is an account by Jacki Porter of the March 8th School Board meeting and why she does not think privatizing student transportation is a good idea.

At the March 8, 2011 public school board

meeting I voiced where I stand with respect to outsourcing our student transportation department. Superintendent Jim Yancey advised that any board member could reject the recommendation to consider privatization, and I formally stated that I was against

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GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS IN GOD WE TRUST



Some 120 Model T's club members come to the area for the week long Model T Winter Tour. Pictured are vintage cars visiting Ocala on the Square and another location was in The Villages at Lake Sumter Landing. These two locations were just a few of the Winter tour.

Governor Scott Names Health Care Leadership Team

Tallahassee, Fla. - Governor Rick Scott named Dr. Frank Farmer as Florida's Surgeon General and announced he will retain Liz Dudek as Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). As Surgeon General, Dr. Farmer will serve as both Florida's chief medical officer and as Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH).

Dudek currently serves as Interim Sec-

retary and had previously served as Deputy Secretary for Health Quality Assurance, where she managed a staff of six hundred employees responsible for the state licensure and federal certification of health care facilities and service. She has served AHCA in a variety of other leadership roles, including Assistant Deputy Secretary and Bureau Chief of two divisions. Her record of accomplishment at the agency includes cutting cost, increasing efficiency, and cracking down on waste and fraud.

A Florida native, Dr. Farmer has extensive experience in special operations and in the medical corps of the United States Army, Air Force, and Florida National Guard. He has served as a battalion surgeon in the Florida National Guard, as a Flight Surgeon, a bioterrorism consultant to the Air Force, and as Commander of the 919 Special Operations Medical Group. He retired from the Air Force with the rank of Colonel in 2004. Prior to medical school, Dr. Farmer served in Vietnam as a Captain in the Army and is a recipient of the Bronze Star and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

Dr. Farmer has also had a distinguished civilian medical career. He served as President of the Florida Medical Association from 2001-2002 and has served on the Board of Governors for the American College of Physicians, Florida Chapter. From 2006-2007, he served as the Chairman of the Florida

Board of Medicine and is a current board member. He has published numerous articles in medical journals and publications. He received his undergraduate degree from Stetson University, a master's and Ph.D. in history from the University of Georgia, and his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia.



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Zalak's 100 Day Plan

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individual citizens or businesses. I believe that by cross training our employees and finding efficiencies in customer care we can make citizen service our priority and reality. Results as a Commissioner: Administrative Policy addressing cross-training of employees was accepted by the Board of County Commissioners on February 15, 2011. This will not only promote cross-training but also measure the results on a quarterly basis.

PLEDGE: Enact a 25-year Waste Management Solution that protects our water and doesn't increase costs. What I said as a candidate: If we fully utilize the baseline landfill we can produce a 25 year life span. We have spent generations of taxpayer dollars on this landfill, so we should be fiscally responsible and extend the life of our community investment.

Results as a Commissioner: Brought this issue before the Board which is exploring a private contract to haul solid waste out of

the County. By bringing this up we saved of \$375,000 on geotechnical work.

PLEDGE: Decrease Impact Fees to encourage economic growth.

Results as a Commissioner: The Board of County Commissioners extended the suspension of impact fees through 2012. People create jobs, not government. Results as a Commissioner: Voted for an Equine Commercial Support District opening up an area near the Florida Horse Park for commercial expansion and employment opportunities.

I want to personally thank my fellow commissioners for allowing me the opportunity to work with our professional staff on making these important initiatives a reality. Please rest assured your county commissioners and staff are working hard to make Marion County better and stronger for the future. Remember to contact our office at 352-438-2323 if you have any ideas for how we can improve Marion County 's business climate or service delivery.

Ocala Symphony to Perform

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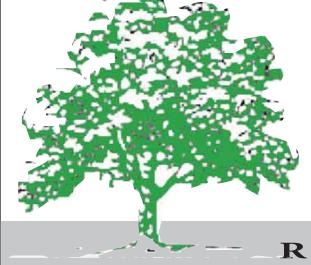
(Ocala FL Mar. 11, 2011) The Easter season will have a new celebration in Ocala and The Villages. The Ocala Symphony Orchestra will perform Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, familiarly known as the "Ode to Joy Symphony" http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WnOjq7A_U0&feature=related <a href="http://www.

youtube.com/watch?v= $6WnOjq7A_U0\&$ feature=related> , with two performances on Palm Sunday, April 17. One will be at Queen of Peace Catholic Church on State Road 200 in Ocala at 2:30 PM. The other will be at 7:30 PM at St. Mark the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church on County Road 42 in Summerfield, just north of The Villages.

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Publisher's Notes

This is the time of the year for Expos and Health Fairs. I did five in one month, traveling as far as two hours. We met some new people and hope to get some new advertisers.

WOW...What about that earthquake! I'll bet the death toll goes to 15,000 plus. The critics on the Nuclear are jumping up and down, but things could change either way any minute. Actually going through an earthquake that bad was a major feat. Then surviving a 30 foot wave was another major feat. But as I understand the backup generators survived all of the above but the diesel fuel tanks that run the generators were damaged or destroyed. Those generators were the backup to run the water pumps to cool the reactors. We can learn from this. We must protect the fuel tanks that supply the backup generators.

Meanwhile Kaduifi is killing people and the UN was very slow to react. They are so used to the USA stopping such an atrocity that they were asleep.

To the south (Villages) the Moffitt Cancer Center seeks funds. According to a recent press release from Tallahassee H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center Seeks State Cigarette Tax Money To Fund Delayed Expansion. What is our tax money doing funding a Cancer Treatment center? Relay for Life, it is said a high up official with the Villages had demanded half of the money raised with Relay For Life, they said NO! The Relay For Life was held on private property. A group of Doctors sponsored it. Until now The Relay For Life gave the money to the National Cancer Society, which distributed the money. Moffit had received large amounts in the past. More to come.

FOREIGN AID....Texas Congressman Ted Poe (R) has introduced legislation to change the foreign aid bill. Currently we give 3.4 billion to 158 countries, all lumped into one bill and can't be voted for or against one country at a time. We need to vote individually and aid should be only in U. S. National interest. We give aid to educate their children and yet there are schools being closed in America. The top five recipients to aid are: Afghanistan 4.1 billion; Israel 2.7 (this is good); Pakistan 1.8; Egypt 1.5; and Haiti 1.3.

We also give aid to Mexico, who thinks we should keep and support all the illegals they give us, 583 million; Indonesia 220; Venezuela, who hates the United States, 6 million; Yemen 67 million, North Korea 4 million, WHY?; and China 27 million. China, who owns most of our debt, we pay bil-

lions per week in interest and yet continue to give them foreign aid.

Look this up yourself. youtube Feb-

092011CNNhtpp://MOXNews.com. It is time to reconsider Foreign Aid.

School Board Meeting

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the idea

First, I oppose the idea because I fear if privatized; the school district would lose control of safety with respect to the children. Currently our transportation department has one of the best safety records in the nation. Studies have shown "that in-house operations experience lower driver turnover and lower accident rates... (1)."

Second, if the vendor defaulted, it could create an urgent situation requiring the school district to re-institute the entire transportation department. During my research on student transportation privatization I found a 40 page study from the University of Minnesota. It estimated that privatization increases costs by 20%. One reason was "... student transportation industry suffers from low levels of competition between contractors. (1)." An example provided by the study cited "...two districts that had never even opened their contract to bidding at all, and ten more districts where the current staff could not recall the last time the district's contract had been open to bidding." I have opposed similar conditions existing within our school district including not bidding out the risk management insurance consultant for the past 22 years and school board attorney services.

In our current economic state, privatizing student transportation could pose a great hardship to the district and also create too much leverage for the vendor when it comes to contract renewal increases. Based on what I have been told, if we privatized, the new company would buy our bus fleet and possibly take our drivers. If they can use the same resources we are using now and make a profit then I believe we can do more within the district to cut transportation costs. For video footage and other current issues please visit www.jackieporter.com.

The Estimated Impact of Privatizing Student Transportation On Costs for Minnesota School Districts An MPP Professional Paper In Partial Fulfillment of the Master of Public Policy Degree Requirements The Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs The University of Minnesota Owen Thompson-Ferguson April 28, 2009

Social Security Card

History Lesson on Your Social Security Card

Just in case some of you young whippersnappers (& some older ones) didn't know this. It's easy to check out, if you don't believe it. Be sure and show it to your kids. They need a little history lesson on what's what and it doesn't matter whether you are Democrat or Republican. Facts are Facts!!!

Social Security Cards up until the 1980s expressly stated the number and card were not to be used for identification purposes. Since nearly everyone in the United States now has a number, it became convenient to use it anyway and the message was removed

An old Social Security card with the "NOT FOR IDENTIFICATION" message. Franklin Roosevelt, introduced the Social Security (FICA) Program.

In the begginning participation in the Program would be Completely voluntary, It is no longer Voluntary

The participants would have to pay1% of the first \$1,400 of their annual Incomes

into the Program. Now 7.65% On the first \$90,000

The money the participants elected to put Into the Program would be deductible from their income for tax purposes each year, It is no longer tax deductible

The money the participants put into the Independent 'Trust Fund' rather than into the General operating fund, and therefore, would Only be used to fund the Social Security Retirement Program, and no other Government program. Under Johnson the money was moved to The General Fund

The annuity payments to the retirees would never be taxed as income.

Under Clinton & Gore Up to 85% of your Social Security can be Taxed

Many of us have paid into FICA for years and are Now receiving a Social Security check every month and then finding that we are getting taxed on 85% of the money we paid to the Federal government to put away for our retirement.

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Friends of the Ocala Library

On Saturday, April 16, the Friends of the Ocala Public Library will host noted Miami Herald columnist and author Carl Hiassen in two events. At 3 p.m., in the auditorium of the Livestock Pavilion, a Students Day event will be held, when Hiassen will talk to students in grades 4-12 and a parent or caregiver about his children's books. There will be no tickets for this event and limited seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will open at 2 p.m. and close at 2.45 p.m. A program by OWLS, the Ocala Wildlife Sanctuary, will precede the Hiassen presentation. School, church, Scout groups

etc. can call 671-8551 for reservations. Log on to www.friendsoftheocalalibrary.org for further information.

At 7 p.m. at the Klein Center at College of Central Florida, Hiassen will discuss his popular novels about Florida in a ticket-only event. Seating will again be limited, and ticket availability can be obtained by calling 873-8574. Cost of tickets is \$25. More information can be obtained by calling 671-8551 or by logging on the Friends website above. In both events Hiassen's books will be available for purchase and signing.

Ellen B. Wilcox=

MONEY MATTERS

Most folks don't plan to fail; they just fail to PLAN!

A pleasant welcome to Spring! How wonderful to be blessed with the enjoyment of these warm, sunny days and delightfully longer daylight hours. The patio beckons, the barbecue sizzles and the gatherings become more frequent as we embrace the joys of family and friends in our beautiful Central Florida region.

As the trees are budding, and azaleas renew themselves, many feel the emotional need to renew and refurbish as well. A Saturday morning trip to Home Depot found me scouting the marigolds, the impatiens and the herbs, noticing the shiny new style of hose caddy, and checking out the newest fabrics on cushions for the chaise lounge. Of course, checking the prices on all of these items was also part of my mission. Well, the local gas station isn't the only place I recognized sticker shock!

Now, I'm not a total Spendthrift, but I definitely qualify as a died-in-the-wool consumer who truly lives to shop. A technique I frequently employ is to put in a mental Stop-Loss ticket for myself. In other words, during this shopping adventure, I quickly

committed to a mental budget rather than an impulse for my Spring home renewal.

For me, this measure brings significant pleasure because I know there are things that I can easily acquire and begin to enjoy immediately. Putting a plan in place also gives me a heightened sense of control over my own financial destiny, and it minimizes the perceived pain of not purchasing everything on my I-want-it list. Having a plan I can live with financially and emotionally prevents the proverbial buyers remorse and it gives me something to look forward to in the future when my budget supports getting the remainder of my wants.

It seems that every household, every marriage, every family, has its own Big Spender. I admit to holding the title in my clan. It's

no secret who holds the banner at your house either. However, each household, marriage and family can usually also hand out the title of Big Saver quite easily as well.

The compulsive saver is at the other end of the money spectrum, and often is frugal to the point of self destruction. We've all experienced the Tightwad, and it's not a pleasant experience. You know, the one who asks if the Roquefort dressing costs more! The one who doesn't want to split the bill, but insists on paying only for exactly his portion!

A retired friend tells the story of his retired neighbor who spends hours each day watching and charting his investment portfolio. The neighbor is wealthy far beyond his needs and yet gets no enjoyment from the benefits his wealth could provide such as having a nice car, a lovely home or a fine dining experience. He also exerts an inordinate amount of control over the spending habits of his wife and his children not a pleasant experience for them either. Saving is important for all of us. But Life's too short not to enjoy the bounty of what we've worked for... especially through our Golden Years

So what's the best way to mitigate the two extremes?

I checked in with my friend, Dr. Debra Castaldo, a family therapist near New York City, who confirms my own thirty-year experience as a Financial Advisor. Attitudes about spending and saving are deeply rooted in childhood doctrines and experiences. These attitudes persist throughout our lives, and we all find ways to justify both patterns. Therapy helps, but is no guarantee of significant or long-lasting results.

Oh, yes, and just for the record, recent studies on this show that money attitudes and habits are NOT gender, but more likely to be personality related. Optimists tend to be bigger spenders, while pessimists tend to be more anxiety ridden and more frugal. One study showed that children begin Life as Big Spenders. (A short hike through Wal-Mart will make you a believer!) It's when their enthusiasm is dampened or extinguished that they revert to the extreme reverse.

Just as with most things in Life, balance is the key. If you find yourself at either end of this spectrum, own up to the situation responsibly, and give your spending and saving extremism what I call the Weight Watcher's approach. No denial, nothing off limits, just moderation on a daily basis!

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SENIOR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April, 2011 PROGRAM OF ACTIVI- from her supportive husband James Canter

MOVIE TIME

When: Tues. & Wed., April 12th & 13th at 8th Ave. Sr. Center "UNSTOPPABLE" Starring: Denzel Washington, Chris Pine, Rosario Dawson, Kevin Dunn, Ethan Suplee, Kevin Corrigan, Lew Temple, Jessy Schram and others. In this action thriller, rookie train operator Will (Chris Pine) and grizzled veteran engineer Frank (Denzel Washington) learn that a runaway locomotive carrying carloads of dangerous chemicals is headed for Will's small Pennsylvania hometown, where his wife and young daughter live. In order to save the day, they must figure out how to catch up to the rogue engine and stop it before harm comes to the town. Standing in their way is Galvin (Kevin Dunn) the head of the company who is more interested in saving the stock price than lives. On the plus side, the duo have competent corporate employee Connie (Rosario Dawson) on the radio, talking them through their various attempts to corral and then stop the potentially lethal locomotive. RATED PG 13

When: Tues. & Wed., April 26th & 27th at 8th Ave. Sr. Center "COUNTRY STRONG" Starring: Gwyneth Paltrow, Tim McGraw, Garret Hedlund, Leighton Meester, Marshall Chapman, Jeremy Childs, Lari White and others. A fallen country star Kelly Canter (Gwyneth Paltrow) strives to resurrect her ailing career with a little help (Tim McGraw), an ambitious young songwriter Beau Hutton (Garrett Hedlund), and an emerging country artist Chiles Stanton (Leighton Meester) with a rapidly growing fan base. RATED PG 13

Time: 1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. at 8th Avenue Senior Center - Telephone: 629-8545

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INCOME TAX HELP

Where: 8th Avenue Senior Center, 830 NE 8th Avenue

When: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through April 15, 2011

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: BGW Senior Center, 210 NW 12th Avenue

When: Tuesdays ONLY through April 12, 2011

Time: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Cost: Free

What: AARP Tax help is available at these Centers listed above. Please bring your driver's license or identification card and all tax documents. Please call the center(s) if you have questions about what documents

FISHING DERBY

When: Monday April 4, 2011 Time: 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Where: Tuscawilla Park, NE Sanchez

Avenue

Cost: Free

What: If you're an angler over age 50 or you just want to have some fun, join us at beautiful Lake Tuscawilla for the Senior Fishing Derby. Poles, bait, and lunch will be provided. Limited to 125 participants. Please call 629-8545 to register.

TRIP: HUDSON DINNER THE-

When: Thursday, April 14th, 2011 Time: Leave 9:00 AM Return 6:00 PM

Leave from 8th Ave. Sr. Center

Where: Hudson, Florida Cost: \$69.00 per person

What: Show: "Forty-Second Street" is a classic musical set in 1933 that celebrates the stuff that dreams are made of. Through a series of misadventures Peggy has to go

on for the star of the show. Peggy has exactly 36 hours to learn 25 pages, 6 songs and 10 dance numbers. Musical hits include "We're in the Money," "Lullaby of Broadway," "Shuffle Off to Buffalo" and "Forty-Second Street." Call Grace at 629-8357 for more details.

INFORMATION SENIORS NEED TO KNOW! LIVING HEALTHY WORK-SHOP

When: Thursdays, April 14th, April 21st, May 19th, May 26th & June 2nd

Time: 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Where: BWG Senior Activity Center, 210 NW 12th Ave., Ocala Tel. 629-8357

Cost: Free

What: Healthy Lifestyle Workshop is a program that empowers older adults to take control of their health. Learn to live better with diabetes, blood pressure and heart disease. These workshops are designed to educate participants about common diseases and how to develop a better lifestyle through proper management of these conditions.

SEMINAR: "HEALTHIER FOOD CHOICES"

When: Thursday, April 7th

Time: 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Where: 8th Avenue Center, 830 NE 8th Avenue, Ocala Tel. 629-8545

What: Come join us for a hands-on educational class on "Healthier Food Choices: Managing Healthy Blood Pressure". Learn how to use the food label to choose foods that support healthy blood pressure.

SEMINAR: "DEATH OF A LOVED

When: Friday, April 22nd Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: 8th Avenue Senior Center, 830

NE 8th Avenue, Ocala

What: "How to Survive the First Weeks After the Death of a Loved One". What are the secrets of survival? Is it true that, if we

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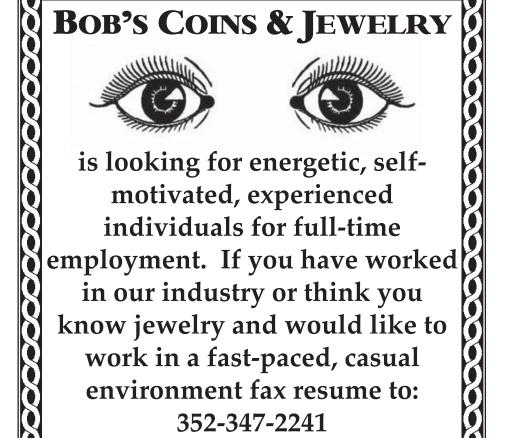
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survive the first weeks, we can survive the following years? Lunch provided but RSVP required by April 20, 2011 to 629-8545.

SEMINAR: "COMMUNICATION"

When: Thursday, April 28th Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: 8th Avenue Senior Center, 830

NE 8th Avenue, Ocala

What: "Communication: Life's Toughest Assignment in the Face of Death". What creates the difficulty; identifying the road blocks; how can we escape and survive the struggle? Lunch provided but RSVP required by April 26th, 2011 to 629-8545.

Ocala Preservation Society

The Historic Ocala Preservation Society, a non-profit organization, is having its Spring Heritage Tour on Saturday, April 9th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday, April 10th from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. In addition to the beautiful homes and gardens, there will be a display of Antique clothing and

accessories and an antique and vintage car display (cars are Saturday only)

The ticket prices are: \$12.00 in advance and \$15.00 day of event. Group rates of 10 or more will be available with tickets purchased in advance. Tickets will go on sale March 17th.

Animal Services Website

SEARCH FOR ADOPTABLE, LOST AND FOUND ANIMALS NOW AVAIL-ABLE ON ANIMAL SERVICES' WEB-SITE

MARION COUNTY, Fla. (March 14, 2011) – Your dog is missing and you can't find him anywhere. You know that Animal Services animal control officers pick up stray animals and bring them to the Animal Center. But it's Saturday night and the Animal Center doesn't open until Tuesday. And you work all day on Tuesday.

Now there's a way to see if your pet is at the Animal Center, even when it's closed. Through a new feature on Marion County Animal Services' website, citizens can search through all stray and adoptable animals currently housed at the Animal Center. Citizens can search by animal type, age, gender, size

and color. All animal listings feature color photos and animal information.

If you're looking for your pet or you've found a lost animal, click the "Lost and Found" button to search through the animals that have come into the Animal Center as strays. Citizens may also register their lost pet or an animal they've found through the "Lost and Found" function. This brings searchers to a website that allows area finders and owners of lost pets to securely post animal information and receive e-mail notification when a matching lost or found pet is registered.

But maybe you haven't lost a pet. If you're looking to welcome an animal into your heart and home, the website's new feature also enables you to search for your future best friend by clicking the "Adopt a Pet" button.

Information is updated every hour and is available 24 hours a day. Visit Marion County Animal Services' website at www.marioncountyfl.org/animal.htm http://www.marioncountyfl.org/animal.htm and click on the "Adopt a Pet" or "Lost and Found" buttons on the homepage to start searching.

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The Proposed 28 Amendment

the U.S. Military for 20 years, risking their lives protecting freedom, and only get 50% of their pay while politicians hold their political positions in the safe confines of the capital, protected by these same men and women, and receive full pay retirement after serving one term? It just does not make any

The news media learned that the staffers of Congress family members are exempt from having to pay back student loans. This will get national attention if other news networks will broadcast it. When you add this to the below, just where will all of it stop?

35 States filed lawsuits against the Federal Government, Governors of 35 states have

Why do young men and women serve in filed suit against the Federal Government for imposing unlawful burdens upon them. It only takes 38 (of the 50) States to convene a Constitutional Convention.

> Read This: For too long we have been too complacent about the workings of Congress. Many citizens had no idea that members of Congress could retire with the same pay after only one term, that they specifically exempted themselves from many of the laws they have passed (such as being exempt from any fear of prosecution for sexual harassment) while ordinary citizens must live under those laws. The latest is to exempt themselves from the Healthcare Reform... in all of its forms. Somehow, that doesn't seem logical. We do not have an elite that

is above the law. I truly don't care if they are Democrat, Republican, Independent or whatever. The self-serving must stop.

The proposed 28th Amendment to the United States Constitution: "Congress shall make no law that applies to the citizens of the United States that does not apply equally to the Senators and/or Representatives; and, Congress shall make no law that applies to the Senators and/or Representatives that does not apply equally to the citizens of the United States.'

Fair Tax Town Hall

Embrey Riddle Aeronautical University presents the President's Speakers Series; a FairTax Town Hall on April 7, 2011 at 7 PM. At this time they expecting to have John Linder as the featured speaker. As you may remember, while he was in Congress, John Linder was the primary sponsor of the FairTax legislation, HR 25 until his retirement from Congress. Plans are to find

proponents of other tax reform proposals to also speak so we can witness a give and take between the FairTax and other plans. This should be a great event and we plan to be there. Download a one page flyer at: http:// www.fairtax.org/site/DocServer/Town_ Hall 110407.pdf?docID=8321 < DocServer/ Town_Hall_110407.pdf?docID=8321>

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Picked up a copy of the March edition of your publication at the Parade of Senior Services recently held at CCF.

The title is quite interesting in that it is clear that the only voice expressed is that of the right wing knee-jerks. Do wish those of you who, when asked by the Republican party to jump and can only manage to ask, "How high?," would try checking out your "facts" from time to time.

Apparently never one to let the facts get in the way of your opinions, you managed a couple of whoppers in the short space of "True or False" on page 5. When quoting the President as a candidate you of course left out two important facts. 1.) This country never was set up as a Christian nation. There are references to God in public documents and in the papers of the founding fathers but not Christianity. The founding

fathers almost to a man were Deists, a philosophy very different from Christianity, and particularly the Christianity currently espoused as a support for the Republican party. The founders were well aware of the severe problems that had occurred in Europe when a nation, government or prince tried to impose a given religion on all citizens. As a result they deliberately set up a secular government for this country so that all could be free to practice, or not practice, the religion of their choice. 2.) Even if this country had been set up as a Christian nation, and it was not, there has been a slow, halting but perceptible recognition that to set one religion up above all others leads to trouble, is needlessly insulting to those of different persuasions and should not be tolerated in a secular state. Given the large number of people in this country who do not identify as Christians, it is self-evident, a mere statement of fact, that this is no longer a Christian nation, even if some people would like to think ite-

Cancelling a Day of Prayer, whether at the national, state or local level is a prudent move for at least two reasons: 1.) There is a very good chance some attendees' deeply held beliefs will be insulted or at least implicitly denigrated to lesser status. Why would anyone want to do this? If the prayers are sanitized to take out anything that could offend any attendees, it sounds like a pretty meaningless exercise. 2.) Some attendees at these types of affairs have been subjected to grossly inappropriate haranguing on political topics which are "hot button" issues

ver was or is.

for certain groups. (The Supreme Court and the Red Mass!)

All sorts of groups have been assembling for all sorts of reasons in Washington, DC, as long as we have been a nation. That Muslims would do so hardly seems surprising. If they assembled for a day of prayer the important point is whether or not this event was sponsored by the government or any branch thereof. Since "True or False" did not mention any sponsorship one can only presume it was not a government-sponsored event, just people exercising their freedoms of religion and assembly. Of course, you tried to lay it on the President saying it was held on Capitol Hill,"beside the White House." Capitol Hill is where the legislative branch, House of Representatives and Senate, meets and is at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue, miles from the White House. Look it up on a map. "True or False," in addition to being riddled with misstatements was clearly just another Republican attempt to smear the President.

If "True or False" was the only right wing item in the paper one could put its inclusion down to sloppy editing, no one proof read it for content. However, many other items clearly bear the stamp of right wing proselytizing. For example: the prominent picture of the Tea Party on page 1 with "I have already had a campaign promise broken." (Never saw an editorial in a caption before!), most of "Publisher's Notes," "The Cost of Living", etc.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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communities on the 200 corridor." Thank goodness its not coming to my mailbox.

C. A. W. Oak Run

Publishers Note: Well where do I start. True or False? Means just that, your sharp tongue letter is well written and I can tell you are a person of stature. I just don't know where you got such strange ideas. How about this, our country was founded on our religious beliefs and some of those beliefs ended up in the our Constitution. Your letter is exactly what the True or False was

trying to generate - a reader's ideals. What this newspaper's phillosophy is that everyone has the right to see their opinion in print whether I agree with you or not and yours is right here in front of me. THANKS! Now what do the rest of you, the readers, think of this letter? tloury@earthlink.net

Dear Editor:

For the past several years I have been having chats with God.

The pool I frequent, with its retractable roof, makes a perfect outdoor cathedral. When the sun is just right, I even imagine now, then, that God gives a wink or two.

We have discussed many things, trivial as well as profound matters.

Lately things have hit an even more somber note.

My God is a loving God. My God wants humans to treat each other civilly. Not necessarily love each other, but, respect each other, and each other's space. God also expects honesty, in all things, including government, and business.

One point God has made abundantly clear: When I reach the gates of heaven, God wants me in one piece. God wants none of God's creatures to approach those gates with a severed head. And anyone doing the severing will definitely not gain entrance into heaven.

Further, no virgins will be provided, or, available. God does not believe in such things. God has told me these things, and by golly, I believe God.

God is not cruel, vindictive, or barbaric. These things do not compute with the image, or nature of God. How could they?

God cries whenever there is a war, or, a holocaust. God told me so. Does God lie? I do not think so.

Should we care about these things? I think so.

D.I. L.

To The Editor

When you hire someone to work at your business, you expect him or her to do the job. The same thing holds true when you vote for someone. You expect them to do the

job that they were elected to do. Let's fast forward to Wisconsin. When Scott Walker was running for office he made it very clear what he planned on doing when and if elected. It should be no surprise to anyone when he tried to accomplish exactly what he said he would do when he was elected. The State is bankrupt. Concessions needed to be made. Everyone knows that they have to tighten their belts. The attitude seems to be, yes, but not me. Wisconsinites should be outraged. I know I am. The damage that was done to our beautiful Capitol in Madison makes me sick. The 14 Democrats who skipped town to hide out in Illinois, denying the chamber a quorum in order to vote, should either be recalled or voted out of office. Whether they agreed or not, their job is to vote on the measures that are before them on the chamber floor. This bill did not eliminate all collective bargaining just some of it. Since no action was taken on the union bill, the state was not able to refinance its debt, which hurts all Wisconsinites. The teachers who were protesting, thereby, shutting down schools, holding signs about caring for the children should be fired. Oops, can't do that they have tenure. If they cared so much for the children they would have been doing their jobs and that is teaching not protesting. The teachers were asked to contribute a small percentage to their health and pension benefits just like in private businesses. Is that so wrong? This entire situation to me is unconscionable.

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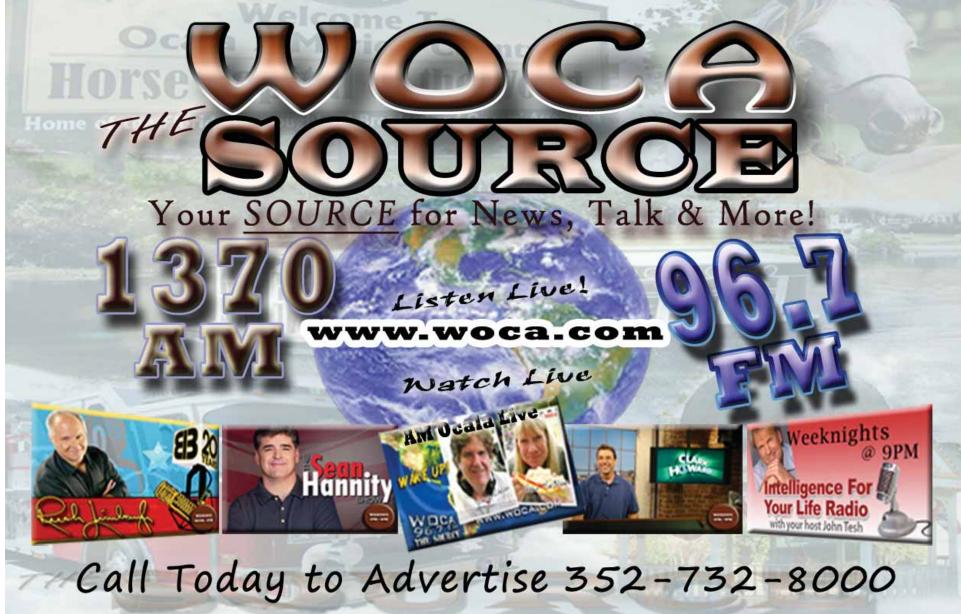


Pictured is Joe Martone and wife working the WOCA booth at the Ocala Business Leaders Expo held at the Central FL Community College. The Expo brought out a good crowd that walked casually through the Ewers Center where some 60 businesses were represented. Watch for it at the same place next year. Don't



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Bake 6 - 7 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned. Cool 2 minutes on cookie sheet. Remove from sheet and cool completely on cooling grid.

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