CHERRYWOOD MEETING

This was the second meeting, following one in which Homeowner Robert Carlson was jailed for allegedly choking an associate of the developer. That person was trying to tape record the events of the meeting without being invited. The charges were later dropped against Carlson after extensive publicity in the

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MEET THE FIRE-RESCUE CHIEF

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by Ken Tipper
Stuart McElhaney, Chief of the Marion County Life Safety Services Bureau, like his counterparts in the other four county bureaus, has multiple responsibilities. Apart from heading up the Fire-Rescue Department, he is responsible for Code Enforcement and the 911 Department. Code Enforcement encompasses Animal Control, a department which is scheduled for expansion in the near future, Building, and Solid Waste. Today, McElhaney directs a Fire-Rescue Department which is well on the way to a successful completion of a 10-year modernization plan he authored at the request of Commissioner Andy Kesselring.

With the backing of the County Commission, the Fire-Rescue budget has grown from about $14 million in 2000 to what will ultimately be a budget estimated to be $41 million at the end of the plan in 2011. The number of firefighters is scheduled to increase by an average of 25 a year. All firefighters are dual-trained either as firefighter-EMT or firefighter-paramedic, a significant advantage in a county where there is a large senior population, and since some 80 percent of Fire-Rescue calls are for medical treatment.

Chief McElhaney was born in Fredricksburg, Virginia, when his parents were en route to his Marine father’s new posting at Quantico. The first song I ever heard was the Marine hymn,” he told me. He graduated high school in Wilton, Conn. and was recruited to play football at the Merchant Marine Academy. “Unfortunately, I wasn’t good enough to get an invitation to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, so I had to settle for the Merchant Marine Academy,” he said. After a year, he transferred to William and Mary College, the second oldest school in the U.S. There he earned a Bachelor’s degree in Geology. Then it was on to graduate school at the University of Tennessee for a Master’s degree in the same subject.

The Chief’s first job was with the Shell Oil Company in Houston as an exploration geologist - his 13 years with Shell took him all over the world, to Alaska, the Sahara, Algeria, Jordan, The Netherlands, Crimea, Ukraine, Caucasus Mountains, and Moscow. He recalled being awed by the Kremlin and other buildings in Moscow, and says he found the Russians to be nice people. He spent four years with an exploration party in Alaska, and later was on an oil rig in the Bering Sea off the Russian coast.

The crew were outfitted with bright orange survival suits, and when Stuart asked a company pilot how long one would survive if unfortunate enough to be dumped into the sea, he was told, “ten minutes”. His next question was, “Then what’s the point of wearing the orange suits?”. The reply? “So we can spot the bodies easier.”

The year 1994 saw a change in career direction for Stuart. While with Shell he had acquired a wealth of experience with a large volunteer fire department outside Houston, and earned a Bachelor’s degree in Fire Administration. He moved up from station captain to assistant fire chief. “I guess you could say that during that period I led a double life,” he said.

In a trade journal he saw a vacancy for fire chief in Marion County, applied for the job, and was hired by former County Administrator Joe Cone. While in Houston, Stuart had friends who were high up in the Enron Corporation who asked him to go to work for that firm. “I met Ken Lay when I went for an interview there,” recalled Stuart, “Am I glad I didn’t take that job!”. He took over a department with about 100 employees and 26 fire stations. Today, the number of employees has grown to 270, and the quality of the equipment has improved dramatically. His department works closely with the city of Ocala, and is currently in partnership with the city, Alachua County, and the city of Gainesville operating an urban search and rescue team.

The major accomplishment in the 911 program has been the ability to locate cell phone calls with the cooperation of Sprint, Alltel, and Verizon.

“I can’t believe that my ten years in the county have gone so fast,” says McElhaney. “It’s one of the nicest places I have ever lived, and the people are great. I really enjoy working with the fine people who have contributed so much to our success.”

Married 25 years, Stuart and Sharla have a son, Kyle, who attends Forest High School. “Kyle’s looking forward to going to the new school,” says
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In the Circuit Court Group 10 position, applying the law and assuring equal justice choose who you want to be responsible for court judge. Don’t miss this opportunity to County voters also get to choose one county Citrus and Hernando Counties. (Lake Two circuit court judges will be chosen by republican, democrat or independent, the Election date offers EVERY voter, whether included compliance with state ethics and the governor's legal offices, Takac's duties Executive Office of the Governor. As part of then as Assistant General Counsel to the Takac has more than three years as a lawyer fourteen years representing Florida citizens with extensive experience handling appeals. Only Takak can supply a history of more than candidates, yet his legal career is significantly shorter, this year would mark just his tenth as a lawyer. His experience as a practicing attorney in circuit court is negligible when compared to the actual trial experience of each Tatti or Takac. While all three candidates are proud of their respective community service, the position at stake is that of circuit court judge. Therefore, this writer is of the opinion that the best available candidate is the one with the broadest experience, who can provide voters with the most diverse background. That candidate is, unequivocally, Michael Takac in Group 10.

The second circuit court position for which the voters can choose their next judge is Group 24. The first candidate name that will appear on your group 24 ballot is well known Groveland attorney, Scott Wynn. Wynn is the choice here for the Group 25 position as his experience far exceeds that of his opponent in terms of long time exposure to the various types of legal issues that a circuit judge must potentially deal with. Wynn is a former prosecutor who also has an additional 22 years of private practice to his credit, litigating many different aspects of circuit court jurisdiction such as real estate and family law. He also served as city attorney to the municipalities of Minneola and Astatula, both located here in Lake County.

Technically, Wynn is challenging an incumbent, Willard Pope. Mr. Pope is a recent appointee of the governor, who by law must stand for election by the voters in order to maintain his seat on the bench. Pope became a lawyer after years of service as a deputy sheriff. Pope entered law school after being injured in a shooting, which left him blind for a year. He entered law school, and eventually regained site in one eye. His legal career commenced as an attorney representing the sheriff’s office and the bulk of his experience is limited to law enforcement. Pope was appointed to fill the new judicial position created last year to serve Lake County and therefore his time on the bench too brief to give him a real edge over the wealth of experience gained by Wynn during his long career as a lawyer. Once again, the choice here is based on the diversity of experience gained by the candidate seeking to become your next judge at the highest level of state trial courts. The candidate with the greatest experience in group 24 is Scott Wynn.

The upcoming August 31st Primary Election date offers EVERY voter, whether republican, democrat or independent, the opportunity to directly influence the third branch of government – your judicial system. Two circuit court judges will be chosen by the votes cast in Marion, Lake, Sumter, Citrus and Hernando Counties. (Lake County voters also get to choose one county court judge.) Don’t miss this opportunity to choose who you want to be responsible for applying the law and assuring equal justice for all.

In the Circuit Court Group 10 position, voters can choose among Anthony Tatti, Stephen D. Spivey, and Michael G. Takac, (given in the order they will appear on your ballot). Of the three, Takac is clearly the most experienced and qualified for the position which has no incumbent. Takac is the only candidate to actually participate in circuit court trials of both civil and criminal cases. In addition, he is the only candidate with extensive experience handling appeals. Only Takak can supply a history of more than fourteen years representing Florida citizens from all walks of life, and in all types of cases, with a spotless record. In addition, Takac has more than three years as a lawyer in public service: first as a Senior Assistant Attorney General for the State of Florida, and then as Assistant General Counsel to the Executive Office of the Governor. As part of the governor’s legal offices, Takac’s duties included compliance with state ethics and government in the Sunshine Laws.

Mr. Tatti’s 15 years spent as an assistant state attorney, prosecuting criminals, gives him the greatest number of trial appearances. However, every one of Tatti’s trials have been in the narrow scope of criminal law. Prior to becoming a prosecutor Tatti worked as a public defender. Therefore, he lacks the broad range and diversity of legal experience that is reflected in the various responsibilities that are in Takac’s record. Never having represented private citizens, there is no way to judge how Tatti will react or relate to the everyday issues and concerns that face the ordinary citizen that is more likely to be in court on a matter having nothing to do with criminal law.

Mr. Spivey, at 52, is the eldest of the candidates, yet his legal career is significantly shorter, this year would mark just his tenth as a lawyer. His experience as a practicing attorney in circuit court is negligible when compared to the actual trial experience of either Tatti or Takac. While all three candidates are proud of their respective community service, the position at stake is that of circuit court judge. Therefore, this writer is of the opinion that the best available candidate is the one with the broadest experience, who can provide voters with the most diverse background. That candidate is, unequivocally, Michael Takac in Group 10.

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Sad to say, that mish-mash of downright lies, half-truths, spliced and super-imposed pictures, and sheer hatred of President Bush titled “Fahrenheit 911” found distributors in the U.S. eager to help its rumpled maker line his pockets at the expense of movie-goers. We hasten to add that, rather than wasting our money going to see this monstrosity of traitorous film-making, we relied on the movie critics to inform us of the contents.

Fanning the flames of hate with its obnoxious rhetoric and doctored pictures, the film has obviously been welcomed by those who would do us harm. We understand that Moore used deceitful editing to show American soldiers laughing and celebrating after Iraqi children are killed. Which makes us wonder why anyone paying good money to see this diseased film would not come away feeling sick to their stomachs that our soldiers should be so maliciously maligned. Oh well, maybe some good could come out of it - Michael Moore should now be able to buy some decent clothes!

I wonder why so many people, in this season of guaranteed thunderstorms, leave their sprinkler systems on full blast. With water such a precious resource, and our local supplies under siege from the south, surely it makes sense to turn off that little switch which stops this waste, and let Mother Nature take care of our lawns.

We wondered why the liberals of Hollywood were being left alone to keep up their hate-Bush rhetoric without some kind of retaliation or retribution. So its kudos to the Democratic owner of Slim Fast for having the guts to dump its spokesperson, the unfunny Whoopi Goldberg, from its commercials. The concert to raise more Hollywood money for the Kerry ticket was a disgusting parade of lewd comments from this woman and some of her fellow artists. And for Kerry to defend this garbage as being representative of the views of the American people was equally disgusting.

I wonder why anyone would be surprised at the decision of President Bush not to accept the invitation to speak at the NAACP convention. This is a “no-brainer” for sure - it would not exactly be called an exercise in speaking to the choir had the President chosen to accept the invitation, which was clearly calculated to embarrass the administration before an audience composed entirely of Democrats. Kudos to Bill Cosby, who told Jesse Jackson’s Rainbow Coalition, much to Jesse’s obvious chagrin, to accept responsibility for their own advancement and behavior.

I wonder what idiot allowed the Rev. Sun Myung Moon to use the Dirksen Office Building in the Capitol for a bizarre self-coronation. Moon, a convicted tax cheat and right-wing zealot, donned scarlet robes and a scarlet crown, declaring, “I am God’s ambassador, sent to earth with his full authority.”

It’s hard to believe, but a dozen or so lawmakers honored invitations to this ludicrous misuse of taxpayers’ money. And, believe it or not, no lawmaker has dared own up to authorizing this use of a Congressional sanctuary.

I wonder why, during all the hype about Bill Clinton’s overpriced book, no interviewer has asked him about his evasion of military service in Vietnam and his anti-war activities while enjoying the benefits of a Rhodes Scholarship in Oxford.

With $2.7 billion being approved for congressional operations in 2005, I wonder if we should be surprised that included in that awe-inspiring amount of taxpayers’ money is an in-house study on whether to improve the dental, vision, and hearing benefits available to House members and their aides. We should all be so lucky to have the benefits that they have now. Contact your congressmen and tell them what you think of this idea! To their credit, the lawmakers did not include new funds for the Capitol’s visitor center, now under construction and which, originally estimated to cost $265 million, is now forecast to cost us $421 million.
Thought this was interesting and worth passing along. Bet Wal-Mart can’t top this!
I received it from a fellow printer.
Loren Colburn

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I assume you have all seen the reports about how Sears is treating its reservist employees who are called up? By law, they are required to hold their jobs open and available, but nothing more. Usually, people take a big pay cut and lose benefits as a result of being called up...Sears is voluntarily paying the difference in salaries and maintaining all benefits, including medical insurance and bonus programs, for all called up reservist employees for up to two years. I submit that Sears is an exemplary corporate citizen and should be recognized for its contribution. Suggest we all shop at Sears, and be sure to find a manager to tell them why we are there so the company gets the positive reinforcement it well deserves. Pass it on.

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**VIEW OF OTHERS**

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By: Charlotte Poss

The 2004 Legislative Session resulted in the passage of several bills that will impact older adults. Relating to Health Care: House Bill 1843

This bill provides that the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) shall pay for nursing homes to hold Medicaid-funded beds only in facilities that have occupancy rates of 95 percent or higher.

This bill also provides that beginning January 1, 2005, AHCA may make Medicaid payments for adult dentures and related procedures. Another provision states that by September 1, 2005, AHCA shall contract with private, not-for-profit hospices to provide programs for all Inclusive care for the elderly services in Lee and Martin Counties and that AHCA shall approve 50 initial enrollees in each county.

Relating to Health Care Initiatives: Senate Bill 2002

This bill revises and creates various sections of statute relating to health care and disease prevention. Beginning July 1, 2004, fifteen million will be annually distributed from the department of Elder Affairs’ Grants and Donations Trust Fund to support a contract with the Alzheimer’s Center and Research Institute for the purposes of conducting research, developing and operating integrated data project, and providing assistance to Florida’s memory disorder clinics.

This bill also provides for several strategies to prevent certain diseases. Relating to the Department of Elder Affairs: House Bill 1865.

This Bill provides for the future development of a fourteenth memory disorder clinic at Morton Plant Hospital in Pinellas County. Florida’s 13 other memory disorder clinics provide diagnostic and referral services for persons with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia, conduct service-related research and develop care giver training materials and educational opportunities. Relating to guardianship: Senate Bill 1782.

This bill provides that guardians and guardian advocates may be exempted from filing annual accountings if the ward receives income only through Social Security benefits, and if the guardian is the ward’s representative payee for such benefits. Public guardianship programs are necessary to ensure that the rights and best interests of Florida’s vulnerable indigent and incapacitated citizens are protected.

This bill also provides that, prior to registering a professional guardian, the Statewide Public Guardianship Office must receive and review copies of each guardian’s credit and criminal investigations from the clerk of the court. It also encourages courts to appoint guardian advocates when appropriate as an alternative to (Continued on Page 16)
Gun-toting granny, 81, was so ticked-off when two thugs raped her 18-year-old granddaughter that she tracked the unsuspecting ex-cons down - and shot off their testicles.

The wrinkled avenger also blew the testicles of the one guy to kingdom come, but doctors managed to save his mangled penis, police said. The one guy, didn’t lose his manhood, but the doctor I talked to said he won’t be using it the way he used to, Detective told reporters. Both men are still in pretty bad shape, but I think they’re just happy to be alive after what they’ve been through.

The Rambo Granny swung into action August 21 after her granddaughter Debbie was carjacked and raped in broad daylight by two knife-wielding creeps in a section of town bordering on skid row. “When I saw the look on my Debbie’s face that night in the hospital, I decided I was going to go out and get those guys myself ‘cause I figured the Law would go easy on them,” recalled the retired library worker. “And I wasn’t scared of them, either-- because I’ve got me a gun and I’ve been shootin’ all my life. And I wasn’t dumb enough to turn it in when the law changed about owning one.”

So, using a police artist’s sketch of the suspects and Debbie’s description of the sickos’, tough-as-nails granny spent seven days prowling the wino-infested neighborhood where the crime took place till she spotted the ill-fated rapists entering their flophouse hotel.

I knew it was them the minute I saw ‘em, but I shot a picture of ‘em anyway and took it back to Debbie and she said sure as hell, it was them, the oldster recalled.

So I went back to that hotel and found their room and knocked on the door and the minute the big one, Furth, opened the door, I shot ‘em right square between the legs, right where it would really hurt ‘em most, you know.

Then I went in and shot the other one as he backed up pleading to me to spare him. Then I went down to the police station and turned myself in.

Now, baffled lawmen are trying to figure out exactly how to deal with the vigilante granny. What she did was wrong, and she broke the law, but it is difficult to throw an 81-year-old woman in prison, Det. said, especially when 3 million people in the city want to nominate her for sainthood and a medal.

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A New Career for Local Resident

It’s never too late to start a new career says Ocala-born Emily Noah, who has recently revived her interest in modeling as a professional model with the Premier Modeling Agency of Ocala. She is proud of her work in her first job as a professional, having recently modeled for a company marketing a gardening tool.

Born in Ocala, Ms. Noah graduated from Ocala High School, got married, and did interior decorating for new homes built by the family’s construction company. She later attended the Stella Brown Modeling School in Leesburg, graduating in 1991. Although she did not pursue a professional modeling career after graduation, Ms. Noah did model for several club organizations in Ocala, including Ocala Women’s Club, Ocala Garden Club, the Royal Dames of Ocala, and a local jewelers for their advertisement in the “Today in Ocala” magazine.

A resident of Lakeview Woods, Ms. Noah continues her interest in interior decorating, her other interests including gardening and music. She was a volunteer in the emergency room at Munroe Regional Hospital for eight years, and is a former member of both the Ocala Women’s Club and the Ocala Garden Club. She is also a member of the Church of the Springs.

Ms. Noah is excited about her decision to re-kindle her interest in modeling and make a career out of it. She looks forward to being called upon to display her talents in many commercials in the future.

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Marion County attorney Michael Takac told a group of about 60 people last Wednesday that they are not alone in their plight to correct grievances with developer of Cherrywood, an Ocala subdivision of about 750 homes. Takac a candidate for judge was invited to speak and answer questions about Homeowners right in an effort to set up a possible Homeowners association. Takac said the groups organization would be limited in scope because one of the covenants the Homeowners agreed to limits an association to social only.

Takac answered several questions from the group and advised them to make changes through the Florida Legislature or form small groups to take legal action against the developer. He suggested they contact other Homeowners associations. Many people were concerned because certain documents have been filed with the clerk of court for recording. Takac said just because a document was recorded doesn’t mean it is a legal document. “It is simply accepted it for recording”, said Takac. Another question from the group addressed the differences in amenities fees. Some (Continued on Page 17)
sweeping tale set in the final days of the American Civil War. Jude Law stars as a young soldier who, despite an injury, is struggling to make his way home the Cold Mountain, N C, where his beloved Nicole Kidman awaits. In his absence, Kidman befriends Ren' Zellweger who helps her keep up their farm. Rated R.

When: Tuesday ~ Wednesday. August 24th & 25th. 'Welcome To Mooseport” Gene Hackman plays a former U.S. president who retires to the Maine hamlet of Mooseport and suddenly finds himself running for mayor against the local plumber, Ray Romano. Rated PG 13.

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM Where: 8th Avenue Senior Center What: Enjoy a free movie in a comfortable living room setting. Please call the center to reserve your seat: 629-8545. For comfort, seating is limited to 8 persons. Please bring a sweater or jacket for extra comfort.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CHAPTER #149 When: Friday, August 13th Time: 9:30AM-12:00PM Where: 8th Avenue Senior Center What: The Disabled American Veterans volunteers will be available to assist with veterans claims and answer benefits questions. They meet at the center on the second Friday of each month.

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“SUNSHINE FOR SENIORS” -- When: Wednesdays, By Appointment Only Where: 8th Avenue Senior

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Center What: SHINE, the program that assists people with their Medicare problems and questions, has launched a new program called SUNSHINE FOR SENIORS, which assists seniors 60 and over with obtaining pharmaceutical discount cards. These discount cards are offered by the various drug companies and are absolutely free to low-to-middle income seniors. If you are not eligible for Medicaid assistance and do not have private or public prescription coverage, you are urged to apply. The savings can be significant. Call 629-8545 for a Wednesday morning appointment at the 8th Avenue Senior Center. You will be asked to bring with you a list of the drugs you are currently taking and an estimate of your income and assets. This is a FREE service. Remember - you must call for an appointment.

CYBER SENIORS COMPUTER COURSE When: Wednesdays, Time: 9:30 - 11:30 AM and 12:30 - 2:30 PM Where: Multi-Purpose Senior Center, 2001 SE 32nd Avenue, Ocala Cost: $60.00 for singles and $90.00 for couples, payable in advance of class starting date. What: Are you interested in - learning about computers? The computer class at the Multi-Purpose Senior Center is the place for you! We have an atmosphere that was created especially to introduce seniors to computers. We have easy classes for the beginner student. We offer an introductory class in word processing. Beginner classes are for 6 consecutive weeks on Wednesdays, Mondays are workshop days with the instructor. This Workshop (lab class) is included in the course fee and available for 2 years. New classes start every 7th week. Please call 629-8351 for class schedule.

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Stuart is an adult leader and committee member of Boy Scout Troop 72, is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a northeast region director of the Florida Fire Chiefs Association, and belongs to various geological trade groups.

As he states in the department’s brochure: “We hope you are never personally impacted by an emergency, but if you are, you can rest assured that Marion County firefighters are committed to serving you and providing the best possible emergency care.”

Use of the Dunnington Middle School off Cedar St. (CR 40) as a parking area is encouraged. There will be a shuttle service available from DMS to the Library.

Come earlier and start the night off with a scenic pontoon boat ride on our rivers, by boarding Captain Mike’s Lazy River Cruises leaving on the hour each hour from 4pm to 8pm at the City Boat Ramp for only $10 per person.

The Dunnington Area Chamber of Commerce is offering wristbands for $1.00 to help offset Jazz Up Dunnellon expenses. Food vendors will offer a discount on food purchases to those persons who are wearing wristbands. Buy a Band & Pay For a Band!

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Contact Dunnington Area Chamber of Commerce at 352-489-2320, or email dchamber@atlantic.net, or web page www.dunnellonchamber.org for information.

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The Annual Men’s Best Ball Championship

Annual Best Ball Champion at Spruce Creek Preserve will be Saturday and Sunday, August 28 & 29th. Last year’s inaugural event drew some of the area’s top amateur players and should prove to be one of Ocala’s premier events in the year’s to come. Berger Warner and Ron Russo, both members of the Country Club of Ocala will be defending their title.

The tournament is not just for the low handicap player though, as flights will be determined—after the first round. Players of all abilities are encouraged to participate. The Preserve Golf Club, billed as “One of Nature’s Finest, “ is a favorite of many golfers, and should be in excellent condition for this event.

For information call 861-3131 or email Gary Dennis at dennig@dellweb.com
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without ranting and raving it’s counter-productive to have them at these meetings. They should be attending anger control meetings. I know now that there will not be a total united effort by the Cherrywood residents because of the differences of opinions and the loose cannon, but remember folks they all have the right to express their opinion and that is the stand that the Seniors Voice takes. I will cover meetings that I am invited to when possible, but will not hold any more meetings myself. Half of the people understood what I was trying to accomplish and the other half did not have a clue. I thank you to the ones that paid attention. Thanks for reading the Seniors Voice. Now to other news.

Illegals: People who enter our country illegally should not be rewarded by giving them amnesty. They need to learn to read and write English fluently and take the proper test and be a credit to our country and not a drag on society. I recently heard an attorney ask a witness did you ask my client if he spoke English? Does that mean he should get off if he did not speak English? Folks, we need to get a handle on this illegal alien thing. Put the proper people in office who will do that. I don’t mind people from other countries coming to the United States as long as they follow the laws. If they are caught doing Anti-American activities they need to be sent back where they came from. Problem solved!

Same sex marriages should not be legalized or encouraged. Today’s TV programming is way too liberal about having gay movies for public viewing. It is sending a message to the young people that it’s alright. I believe it’s not! It won’t be watched on my TV, how about yours?

The presidential race: I truly wish we had another choice. I hate to vote against a person or vote for the lesser of the two evils but it is clear to me that this is the case. The slander, dirty deeds and accusations that go on today are disgusting. What are we headed for in the future?

Publisher’s election picks:
Michael Takac for Judge
Scott Wynn for Judge
Charlie Stone for County Commission
Robert Douglas for Sheriff
Clark Yandle for County Commission
Get out and vote!

Thanks for reading the Seniors Voice!

Tom Loury
The Hospice of Marion County Healthcare Alliance has been named as one of the Best Mid-Size Companies to Work for in America. The award, which is sponsored by the Great Places to Work Institute and Society for Human Resource Professionals was announced June 28, 2004 at their annual meeting at the New Orleans Convention Center. We share a special bond because of the work we do,” said Alec White, director of Human Resources for the Alliance. “Our staff is totally dedicated to our mission and will do anything to ensure that our patients, their families, and members of the community receive the highest quality service and compassionate care.”

Employees go out of their way to show their respect and support for one another and for our customers,” added Alice J. Privett, president/CEO.

The Alliance was the only Florida-based company to be recognized and the only healthcare agency to make the list in the mid-size category. Applicants for the Best Places To Work Award are judged with two-thirds of the scoring based on the Best Places To Work index, an anonymous employee survey that evaluates five key areas such as management credibility, respect, fairness, pride and camaraderie.

The scores were high in all categories and outstanding in: pride, fairness and credibility. The corporate culture includes such benefits as massage therapy for employees, Adopt a Senior Manager Program, and a special bond with the community. “We are truly fortunate to have a company of this caliber as a part of our community,” said William Trice, CPA, and the 2004 Chairman of the Board of Directors. “We are truly fortunate to have a company of this caliber as a part of our community.”

The scores were high in all categories and outstanding in: pride, fairness and credibility. The corporate culture includes such benefits as massage therapy for employees, Adopt a Senior Manager Program, and participation in Leadership Team meetings. Also, 70% of Hospice employees would like to express our extreme sense of pride for the recognition as one of the best places to work in America. The Alliance team consists of more than 300 professional employees and approximately 450 volunteers who serve nearly 600 patients a day. All of the companies in the Alliance are not-for-profit.
Homeowners pay more than twice what others pay. Takac said the fees could be based on your location in the subdivision, square footage of your home, special assessments, and many other things, depending on your contract. Takac said, “what you were told at closing could make or break your case.”

Cherrywood resident Fred Board said his amenity fees started out at about $56 a month and have risen to $208. He said he was charged $3700 at closing for photography. He said he never saw the property owners have formed a group to challenge the covenants in court. Board said he would challenge each covenant individually. He said the pole lights in the subdivision are illegal and would be challenged. The cable television service is billed to all property owners even if they don’t use it. Board said he doesn’t pay it. One property owner said he was charged $3700 at closing for photography. He said he never saw and photographs. The same property owner said he pays the developer $29 a month for a hundred channels of cable TV and he’s happy with that.

Property owner Robert Carlson gave an impassioned talk and pointed out seven items that all property owners were promised and never got. He said the five entrances to the subdivision are supposed to have columns at the driveway, and don’t. There should be fences around each sump area, and there is some missing. The clubhouse has a capacity for only 200 people and there are over a thousand residents in the community. He also said no minutes are kept by the developer on any of the clubhouse meetings, so there is no record of any complaints. Carlson said he was disappointed with the turnout for the meeting and that this was his last. “You’ll hear nothing from me again after tonight,” he said.

Several county officials were in attendance, including Mike May, Marion County zoning supervisor. May said, “normally when a gated (restricted deed) community such as Cherrywood reached about 65% build out, the Homeowners association is turned over to the residents as part of the deed restrictions. There are usually covenants that state at a certain time the developer “backs away” and the Homeowners take over. Evidently in this subdivision that was not the case. There must not be anything in their (deed restrictions) that states the developer is going to relinquish his rights. He’s still in control of their own destiny.”
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