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School challengers say board has enough funding

BY JIM CLARK
 Editor

“We have the money.” That was the feeling echoed by the two challengers in the Marion County School Board elections as they appeared at a forum last week.

The post-primary election cycle began in earnest in the area when the final School Board candidates gathered at the meeting of the State Road 200 Coalition ... at least most of them did.

Incumbent Bobby James in District 3 had been invited and, according to Coalition President Pat Gabriel, had committed to come, but he failed to show. “I don’t know why he isn’t here,” Gabriel told the Coalition members gathered at the Collins Center in TimbeRidge.

Jane Moerlie, James’ District 3 challenger, and Chase Basinger, who is challenging incumbent Angie Boynton in District 4, both made the following assertion.

“We have the money, but how are we spending the money?”

Jane Moerlie
 School Board candidate.

“We have the money, but how are we spending the money,” Moerlie told the small audience. “We need to spend it in the classroom ... maybe share some principals and assistant principals.

She said board members need to burn the midnight oil, “need to resolve issues. I would bring hard work and dedication.”

She said she would “go to the schools where the problems are. We need to build a budget around the classrooms. Now they’re built around the admin(istration).”

“If we ensure that our children are being prioritized, we can do without one or two admins.”

She added, “Our students are not proficient in reading or writing.”

She criticized the use of academic coaches to teach the teachers. “They don’t need to be taught how to do their professions.”

She said she hopes to bring back the public comments on television at the meetings.

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9-11 at CF

The College of Central Florida held a ceremony remembering those who died in the 9-11 attacks. A good crowd gathered on campus for the event, which included the opening of a center for veterans.



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It’s Five O’Clock Somewhere

Jimmy Buffet fan Sharon Pilat displays a parrot at the Stone Creek celebration “It’s Five O’Clock Somewhere.” See column and more photos on Page 6.



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Angie Boynton, left, and Chase Basinger, candidates for School Board District 4, share some thoughts after Monday’s Coalition meeting.

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Cleaning up the mess, parsonage style

Throughout the glorious years of our marriage, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly have had few disagreements. I suppose I could count them all on my one hand, but I am not sure if it is my right hand or my left hand so I will just leave it at that.

I hear, of course, of many couples who do nothing but bicker and fight from morning till night. I have always wondered what the purpose of all that was and what it ever accomplished. I think there is a better way to live together.

There are several phrases I have memorized and used throughout the years of our marriage that has kept me in good standing.

"Yes, dear." "You're right, dear." "I'll do it right away, dear."

I have found that if I include the word "dear," with all of my responses it fares better for me.

Of course, I am the kind of person that does not have to be right all the time, which makes me the perfect husband. Admitting you are wrong, even if you do not think you are, is really not the end of the world. In fact, it may be the beginning of a bright new world.

I said "few disagreements," and I need to explain what I meant by that.

The major disagreements that my wife and I have had throughout the years can be boiled down into one phrase, "It's a mess." Usually, actually all the time this



Out to Pastor
Dr. James Snyder

phrase is being used, it is coming from the lips of my wife.

Our disagreement is in the definition of "mess." She has one definition and I have another definition, and the twain shall never meet. Mark my words on that.

If you would come into our home, you will discover that every room in the house is well organized and

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SCHOOL

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In District 4, incumbent Angie Boynton, the vice chair of the board, listed her accomplishments in her nearly four years on the board, and emphasized her work in fighting for the district with legislators in Tallahassee.

"I will continue to use common sense," she said. She spoke of her efforts in alternatives to suspensions and said the program had 89 percent parental involvement.

She said she would "try to find solutions and hold taxes."

Chase Basinger, a music teacher at Central Baptist Church, is challenging Boynton. "I represent change. Change is what we need in Marion County. When I look at the School Board today, I want to see changes."

He referenced the 2010 election when Boynton was elected. "What happened is nothing. We dropped to 56th (in state rankings). It's appalling, embarrassing. It starts in the classroom."

He said he would "ask the principals, what does the child need to succeed, how much is it going to cost."

He too complained about the lack of television for the public comments before the meetings. "How about transparency in the meeting. That right has been taken away."

He said he was told by a local businessman, "These guys and gals who are graduating don't know how to read, don't know how to add."

Talking about funding, he said, "We've got the money, folks. The basic needs are not being met. I am not for a property tax. We have \$450 million. Everything needs to be accounted for. I do not see accountability."

During the question period, Basinger was asked

about a letter he wrote to pastors. The questioner said that move was unconstitutional and the churches could lose their tax-exemption status. Basinger replied that he was just introducing his candidacy, and commented, "We have a differing opinion on separation."

School Board candidates have two forums scheduled by the League of Women Voters. The first is Monday, Sept. 22 at

the Circle Square Cultural Center at 6:30 p.m., and the second at Ocala Police Department Community Room, 402 S. Pine Ave., on Thursday, Oct. 2, also at 6:30 p.m.

In addition, on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at the Public Library on East Silver Springs Boulevard, the candidates have been invited by the Woman's Club to a 5:30 forum.

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Happenings

Thursday, Sept. 18

Air Force group to meet

The next meeting of the Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 of the Air Force Association (AFA) will be held on Thursday, Sept. 18 (Happy 67th birthday of the USAF). The time is 7 p.m. and the location is the Ocala International Airport Administration Building, 750 SW 60th Ave., Ocala.

Guest speaker will be Scott Young, an independent senior health specialist. He'll describe the health care insurance programs available to members.

Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Mike Emig at 352-854-8328.

Saturday, Sept. 20

Two-day Sheltering Hands garage sale

A two-day garage sale to benefit Sheltering Hands animal rescue will take place on Saturday, Sept. 20 and Sunday, Sept. 21 at 2915 SE 11th St., Ocala. Donations are being accepted, but no electronics, no large furniture and only children's clothes. For information on the sixth annual sale, call 694-7731.

Ocala Mac users set workshop

Ocala Macintosh User Group – Workshop will be

Saturday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon.

During our September workshop, we'll be getting back to basics either by learning or re-learning Mac fundamentals. Workshops are held in the St. George Anglican Cathedral Parish Hall, 5646 SE 28th St., Ocala. Visitors are always welcome. Check out our website at <http://ocalamug.org> to learn more about the group.

Writing the Short Story

The Freedom Writers Group of Florida Writers Association presents Writing the Short Story by Vicki M. Taylor. Vicki is author of 12 novels and novellas ranging from mystery to romantic suspense to women's inspirational drama. Join us at Freedom Public Library, 5870 SW 95th St., Ocala, in the meeting room from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20. Seating is limited, so please email Carol Jones at cjones314@cfl.rr.com, or call 352-873-8565 to reserve your place.

Sunday, Sept. 21

Jazz Society to perform

The Ocala Jazz Society will be performing on Sunday, Sept. 21 from 2 to 5 p.m. at VFW Post 4781 across from Oak Run. The band performs on the third Sunday of each month playing Jazz, Big Band, Dixieland

and songs from the past. \$3 donation for Hospice. For information, call 352-237-0234.

Monday, Sept. 22

Book Club at Countryside

Countryside's Book Club will meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 2:30 p.m., beginning on Sept. 22 at Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 SW Highway 200, Ocala. The current cook is "The Circle Maker" by Mark Batterson and is available at local bookstores, on line, and for Kindle download. All are welcome. For further information, please call the church office at 352-237-4633.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Woman's Club plans forum

The GFWC Woman's Club of Ocala will sponsor a Candidates Forum for candidates in the November elections on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the Marion County Public Library Headquarters - Ocala, 2720 E. Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, in Meeting Room C at 5:30 p.m. The candidates for the Marion County School Board, Districts 3 and 4, will participate. The candidates for Circuit Judge, Circuit 5, Group 3 are invited also to participate. For further information contact Frances at 352-629-7397.

PASTOR

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very neat. Well, not every room. The one room that does not come up to that criterion is the room in which I occupy. It is my space. My well-organized wife will walk by my room, pause, look in and say, "It's a mess."

It took me a long time to realize what she was talking about. Eventually, I got to the point where I understood that what she was referring to was "my space." Unfortunately, we did not share the same vision of my space. I am of the mindset that if I am working I need to have organized messes all around me.

I have tried explaining to my wife that I am a mes-

sologist. I had to explain to her that a messologist is someone who specializes in organizing intentional messes. I am not sure I have convinced her yet of this.

I really think that one person's mess is another person's workspace. I cannot really work efficiently unless there are intentional messes around me, protecting me, giving me the incentive I need to pursue the job at hand. My basic philosophy is simply this, if I cannot find what I need when I need it, I probably do not really need it. It has worked for me most marvelously.

The real trick of a messologist is knowing where to find what you need when you need it.

My wife can walk into my space and look around and be utterly confused by what she calls "a mess." Of course, it looks like a mess to her. It is not her mess! If it was her mess she would understand it and be comforted by it.

My wife is of the idea that organization has to do

with numerical or alphabetical order. Now that works for some people, I suppose. But, as I keep telling her, that is not the only circus in town! I cannot tell how many times something new has developed in my thinking while I was searching for something I could not really find. That is the genius of a messologist.

Some people, like my wife, like to go from 1 to 2 to 3 to 4; or, A to B to C to D all the way to Z. To a normal person, and I am guessing my wife is normal, that makes a lot of sense. But to a messologist, that kind of thinking is rather confusing.

What I want to know is, what do you do when you come to the end of the alphabet? Where do you go from there? Then, it is rather important that you have the alphabet in alphabetical order. If I would ever try to do that I would end up being so confused, they would have to admit me in some rehab facility to clean my mind out.

So, the thing that makes our marriage so blissful is that we have an agreement and that she does things her way and I do things my way. This has been the recipe for blissfulness in our marriage. I do not make her do it my way and she cannot make me do it her way. We both have brains, but they tick after a different tock.

I then thought of a verse of Scripture that rather fit my situation. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

My way has to be in complete harmony with His way or my life will be completely destroyed.

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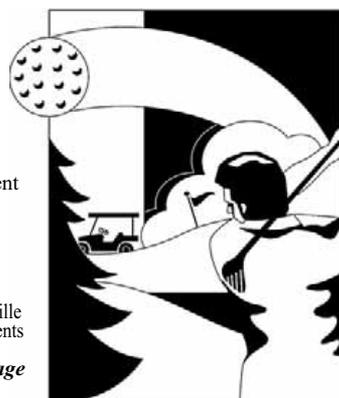
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Thursday, Sept. 25

Freedom Friends 3-day book sale

It's time for the Friends three-day fall book sale at Freedom Public Library, 5870 SW 95th St., Ocala, on Thursday, Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Stock up for the winter on books, jigsaw puzzles, CDs, videos and miscellaneous other items.

Health, wellness expo at Hawthorne

Hawthorne Estates Retirement Apartments, 3211 SW 42nd St., Ocala, will be hosting a Senior Health and Wellness Expo open to the public on Thursday, Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon with health related vendors. Come meet with a network of healthcare and business professionals bringing health awareness and options to the community. Walgreens will be onsite providing flu shots (must provide Medicare/insurance card).

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To sign up in advance to participate, contact Monay Markey at monay.markey@dep.state.fl.us. For additional information, contact the park at 352-465-8555 or visit www.FloridaStateParks.org.

Sunday, Sept. 28

German American Oktoberfest

The German American Club of Marion County will

hold an Oktoberfest on Sunday, Sept. 28, at noon at the Marion Oaks Community Center. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. and includes a bratwurst dinner. Please bring your own beverage. Music will be provided by Alpine Express. Lederhosen, Dirndle, or dressy casual is requested. Tickets are \$18 per member or \$21 per non-member and may be purchased by calling Barb Hartmann at 352-751-4207.

Duathlon/10K planned by United Way

United Way of Marion County will host a duathlon/10K at Silver Springs State Park on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 8 a.m. The event includes a 10K or 6.2 mile run and 15 mile biking event that will benefit the United Way. Entry fee is \$60 for the duathlon, \$30 for runners who just want to participate in the 10K run or \$75 for individuals who would like to complete the duathlon as a team. Race forms can be downloaded at www.uwmc.org or participants can register at Active.com.

Sponsorships are still available. For more information, call United Way at 352-732-9696.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Breast cancer survivors meet

The SOS (Sisterhood of Survivors) Breast Cancer Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month at Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 SW 105th St. in the Chapel, Room 235 at 1 p.m.

Our meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 30 will be an information exchange with Betsey Applebaum, author of the book, "Girlfriends Guide to Breast Cancer." She is doing a sequel to this book and wants input from breast cancer survivors for her next issue.



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Stone Creek
Patricia Gizzi

'It's 5 o'clock somewhere!'

Last Saturday, the ballroom at the Reunion Center was magically transformed into "Margartaville" and it became 5 o'clock at Stone Creek. Some 400-plus residents came to listen, sing, and enjoy themselves as they listened to the band, The Caribbean Chillers. They are Florida's favorite Jimmy Buffett Tribute Act and they did not disappoint.

Kim Krystopa and Karen Stein introduced the band, and her social committee transformed the tables. Each table had colorful leis, sand buckets filled with shells and fish. The stage housed the band with a huge sign reading, "It is 5 o'clock somewhere." The band played non-stop for 1 1/2 hours as the audience clapped and sang to many of the songs. The mood of those attending was one of sheer enjoyment. It was a great way to spend the evening and Stone Creek is where....."Salt Happens." Once again, thanks to Kim and her great social committee for the great event.

Another Topic: The softball field with concession stand and stands are now completed. The first game was scheduled for Sept. 13.

Above, Caribbean Chillers Band with lead singer, Jason Webb. At right, Karen Stein and Lifestyle director Kim introducing the band.



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Catching cold

You don't have to live in a cold climate to catch a cold. Colds are caused by airborne viruses that thrive in any climate, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. But you are more likely to catch cold in the cooler climes come September not because of the weather, but because outdoor gatherings begin to give way to more intimate indoor affairs with people congregating in confined spaces.

You can reduce the prospects of catching cold by adopting the practice of regularly washing your hands thoroughly with warm soapy water for about 20 seconds, AMAC suggests. Use a hand sanitizer when washing is not convenient.

Another good idea is to get into the habit of sneezing and coughing into a tissue or into the crook of your elbow when you feel the urge in order to minimize the spread of the cold virus.

Read the classifieds

Fairfield Villagers enjoys fantastic luau



Fairfield Village
Priscilla Barnett

On Friday afternoon, Sept. 12, a very large crowd enjoyed a terrific afternoon of delicious food and lively entertainment in an atmosphere of tropical decorations in the Fairfield Village Club-house.

Manager, Rachel Muse and her assistant, Maria De La Rosa both were dressed in island themed attire as they hosted a superb luau for the neighbors of Fairfield Village.

The large crowd enjoyed the afternoon of fun, food, and entertainment. The individual tables were beautifully decorated as was the serving area that featured "libations" chilling under a whimsical palm tree.

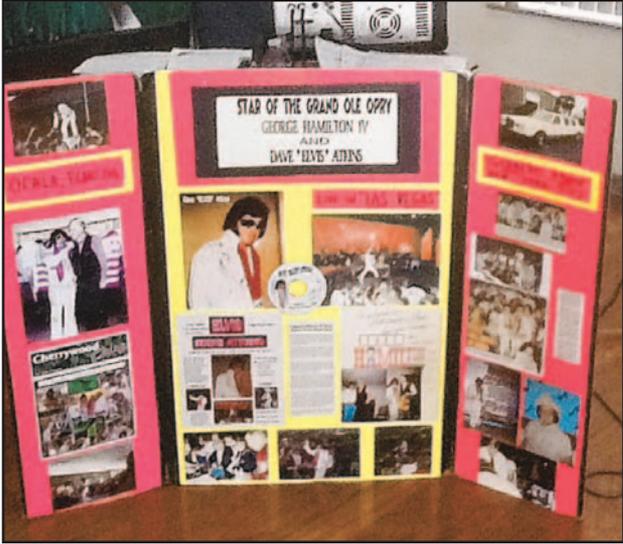
With all the laughter and banter, it was easy to imagine being in a tropical paradise with all kinds of delicious food and lively entertainment.

The general consensus was that this was one of Fairfield Village's best gatherings and everyone present wanted to thank Rachel and Maria for hosting such a fantastic party in the neighborhood known as "a lively place filled with lovely people."

Thank you, Ladies!



Fairfield Village Community Manager, Rachel Muse, and assistant, Maria De La Rosa, were the hostesses for a delightful luau themed party Friday afternoon, Sept. 12 in the FFV Club-house.



Professional entertainment completed the fun of the Fairfield Village Luau.



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Opinion

Our Message

NFL and violence

There is never any excuse for domestic violence. There is never an excuse for a man striking a woman so hard that she falls unconscious.

But that's what happened because of football player Ray Rice of the Baltimore Ravens losing his temper in an elevator.

Weeks ago, we saw the video of Rice dragging his then girlfriend out of an elevator. After that video became public, National Football League officials, led by Commissioner Roger Goodell, suspended Rice for two games.

That drew a large outcry from the media and from people all over the country, who said the commissioner was too lenient.

Fast forward to last week. A longer video surfaced, showing the punch that Rice threw on the woman who, by the way, is now his wife.

This time the NFL suspended Rice "indefinitely," and the Ravens unceremoniously cut him from their roster, making him a free agent.

Editorial

While you might think that this would calm down the rhetoric, that isn't what happened. Now there are calls for the resignation of Goodell and his entire staff for not properly investigating, and the entire front office of the Ravens. Goodell is scrambling to save his job, and said in an interview that the NFL asked for all videos of the event, and the first one was all he got.

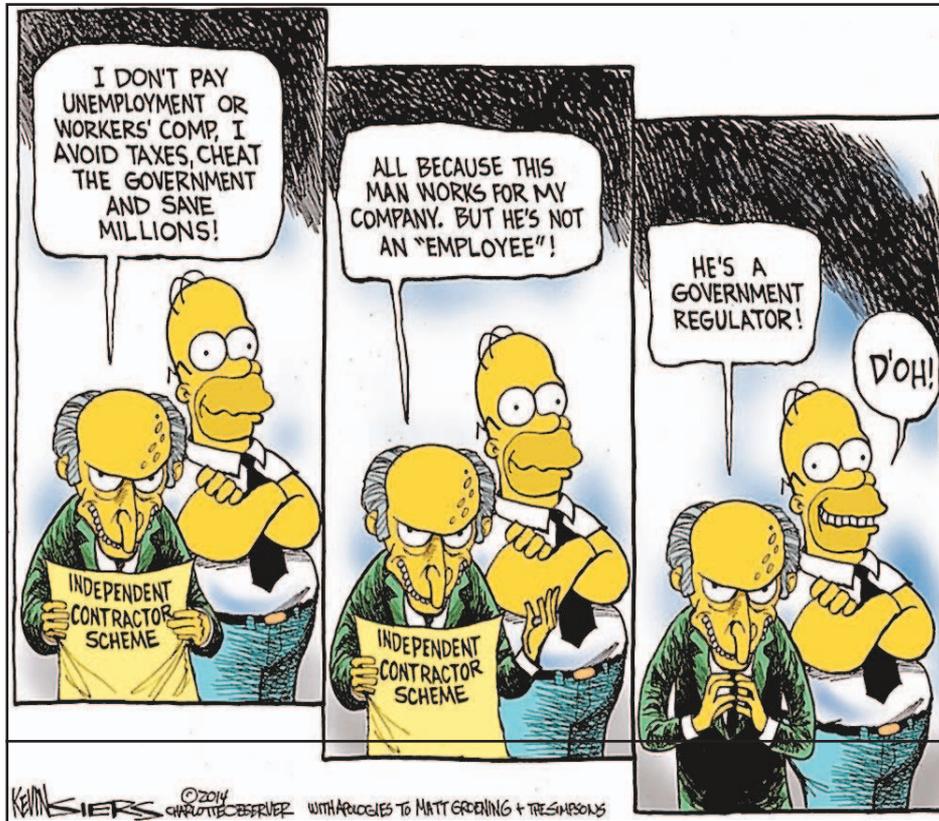
Critics note that others were able to get the video of the punch, so Goodell should also have had that ability. But many say Goodell was protecting the league's "brand," as the most popular league in the U.S.

Through this, Rice has reached a plea bargain with the county prosecutor. His wife is publicly defending him and criticizing the league and the team for punishing him.

That, of course, is a typical reaction from a battered woman who then turns around and refuses to press charges because of "love."

Rice should be punished, but we fear that the finger pointing going on now that on-the-field action has resumed will wane. In fact, there were many Ravens fans wearing Ray Rice jerseys last Thursday night when the Baltimore team played, and many of those wearing those jerseys were women.

It seems that everyone condemns those who commit domestic violence, except when it weakens their own team.



For a BP customer, it's a gas crisis

My family is having a gas crisis, and it's becoming a very serious matter in the household. No, not that kind of gas. It's all about gasoline and what kind we're going to put into our vehicles.

For years, we have had a BP Visa card, the rewards type that gives you a break on future gasoline purchases. No matter what you use the card for, you get credit toward gas, which shows up at the pump where you get an option of whether you want to use it or let it accumulate.

Recently I was driving down the road and glanced over to where my friendly BP station should be. All I saw was some guy on a ladder putting up a Marathon sign.

Since then, I've become aware of at least four stations east of the Interstate that have abandoned BP and become Marathon...stations at 36th Avenue and East Silver Springs Boulevard; U.S. Highway 27 just off the Interstate; South Pine and State Road 200 and South Pine and 17th Street.

The other day I had occasion to be on Pine and I was going to need gas. I finally ended up at Pine and First Avenue, across from Pizza Hut, which at the time was still BP. When the pump gave me a choice, I immediately used the 31 cents per gallon reward before all the BP stations were gone.

My wife was in one of the stations and asked about it. She was told that BP had to be out of Florida by the end of the year, something about the settlement after the oil spill.

I don't know that for sure, but the Texas City BP Refinery was sold to



Among Friends

Jim Clark

Marathon in late 2012, and since then BP stations all over the Southeast have been converted to Marathon stations. I've read stories from Florence, Alabama, Starkville, Mississippi, Sebring, Florida and other smaller places about stations in those areas all switching off BP.

So now I've started scouring the Internet to see what credit card we will switch to. No matter what, I doubt if it will be as good as the BP card and the benefits that came with it.

Around here we have Shell and Chevron and RaceTrak and Valero and Diamond Oil and Kangaroo and various others I can't recall immediately.

Reading the reviews of some people on the Web helps you limit your choices, but sometimes you have to take these reviews for what little they're worth.

But if I can't find one that gives me good rewards, I'll go back to what I used to do...go to the station that advertises the cheapest prices. That's the practical side of me...or is it the cheapskate side of me?

Jim Clark is the editor of the West Marion Messenger and South Marion Citizen.

Your Letters

No to Yoho

Congressman Ted Yoho's recent votes for two bills demonstrate his hypocrisy and remind us why he does not deserve a second term.

The misnamed Child Tax Credit Improvement Act (H.R. 4935) eliminates a life-saving feature of the tax code for millions of working class parents while giving more money to wealthy families. According to the Office of Management and Budget, a single parent with two children who earns the minimum wage would lose her entire tax credit of \$1725 at the same time that a couple with two children earning \$150,000 would receive an increased tax credit of \$2,200. According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office this would add almost \$114.9 billion to the U.S. deficits during the next 10 years.

The Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act (H.R. 935) eliminates the requirement for obtaining a permit before applying pesticides to waterways. According to the National Resources Defense Council, the Environmental Protection Agency has not received any complaints about this simple permit procedure for protecting the waterways that are used for drinking, swimming and fishing.

Yoho ran for office based upon the Tea Party principle of lowering the deficit due to a concern for the future of our children and grandchildren. Instead we find that he is actually in favor of increasing the deficit by throwing more money at his wealthy supporters while not caring that our children and grandchildren will drink from and swim and fish in contaminated waters. A recent Star-Banner editorial criticized Yoho for "... carrying water for some of Florida's biggest polluters."

H.R. 4935 and 935 are not anomalies. Yoho's votes during his tenure have consistently exhibited a total disregard for preserving a healthy environment and he has threatened the economy. The League of Conservation Voters gives Yoho a rating of only 4 percent. Even Marco Rubio has a rating of 11 percent. It is estimated that the government shutdown (that Yoho instigated and supported) cost the economy \$25 billion. Economists were aghast at Yoho's comment that it would be good for the U.S. to default on its debt, a catastrophe that would devastate people's retirement funds, the banking industry and the job market. I urge all voters in Florida's Congressional District 3, whatever your political affiliation, to support Marihelen Wheeler, a common-sense schoolteacher from Gainesville who will not be the laughingstock of the nation.

Daniel Lack
Ocala

Be vigilant

We must be vigilant about the left's constantly trying to push their agendas on us. They stake out positions and see how the public responds. If there's sufficient outrage, they pull back, and try the same tactic soon after.

For example, on May 19, 2011, Pres. Obama proposed reducing Israel's size to the borders it had prior to the 1967 Six-Day War. That met with such outrage that the White House quickly walked it back.

Recently in Rochester Hills, Michigan, four employees of a high school denied entrance to a student's father. His crime? He was an Army officer in uni-

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An offer to help with a stalled project should reassure you that you have a workable plan in spite of the problems in getting it up and running. The week's end brings more positive news.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A past problem about a workplace situation re-emerges early in the week. Talking things out helps ease tensions by midweek, but some hurt feelings could linger.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Optimistic aspects dominate your efforts. However, expect to confront some criticism, some of which might be valid, so keep an open mind. But overall, it's your views that will count.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Social interaction with new people, especially on the job, could be a bit strained in the early part of the week. But the awkwardness passes as you get to know each other better.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Expect news about a follow-up to a workplace change that could make a difference in your career path. Meanwhile, new friends widen the circle for all you Social Lions who love to party.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Enjoy your well-earned plaudits for a job well done. But be aware that some people might not share your colleagues' admiration, and you might have to work harder to win them over.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It's a good week to recheck your already overlong "to do" list and decide what to keep and what to discard. Lose the clutter and focus on what's really important.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) This is a good time to take a new perspective on what you've been offered. Expanding your view could help to uncover any pluses or minuses that weren't apparent at first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Applying the usual methods to this week's unique challenges might not work. Instead, use your creativity to find a way to resolve any impasse that develops.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) So what if fate throws some obstacles in your path this week? Just keep in mind that the sure-footed and resolute Goat can get past any barrier by focusing on the goals up ahead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) This week calls for better communication with people in both your private life and the workplace. Start by asking questions, and then pay attention to the answers.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Potentially beneficial workplace changes could be closer than you realize. Make sure you know what's going on so that you're not left high and dry when the good things happen.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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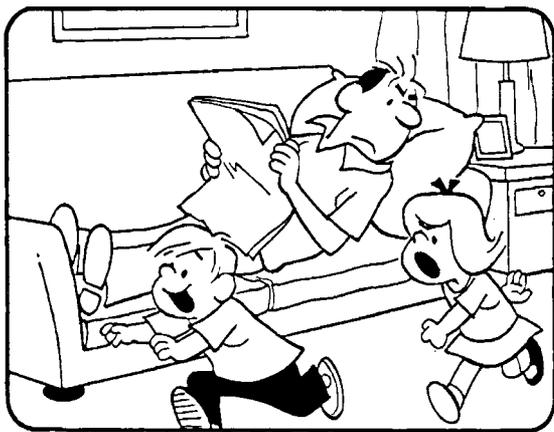
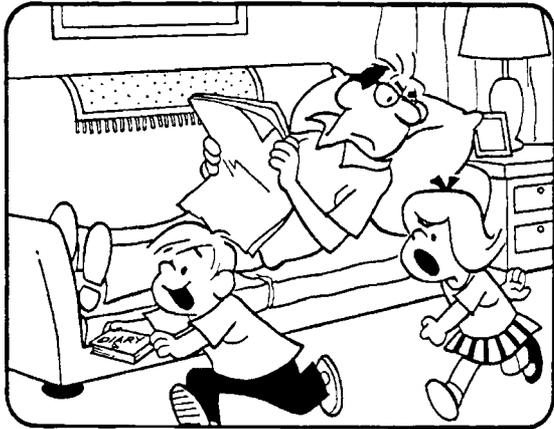
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

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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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★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
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SPICES AND HERBS

Bring Out the Best of Summer Vegetables

FAMILY FEATURES

We all want to eat more vegetables — and in the summer, when farmers markets and grocery stores are filled with fresh, colorful produce, it's easier than ever. From juicy red tomatoes and yellow sweet corn to vibrant green broccoli, seasonal produce can be even more enjoyable with the addition of spices and herbs.

"I'm always thinking about ways to make vegetables taste great and be more healthful and exciting — other than just adding butter and salt," said registered dietitian Wendy Bazilian. "Adding spices and herbs is easy to do, and they only cost pennies per serving. Plus, they're already in your kitchen."

To add flavor to everyday vegetable favorites like zucchini and carrots, Bazilian recommends an easy rule of thumb: start with 1/4 teaspoon of spices and herbs, such as basil and oregano, per cup of veggies, along with a splash of citrus juice or olive oil.

"You can also dial up the flavor depending on the cooking method," Bazilian said. "Roasting vegetables like broccoli and tomatoes creates a caramelized flavor that pairs deliciously with garlic, basil, oregano, honey and white vinegar. Grilling vegetables gives a smoky, charred flavor. Or, let the natural flavor of green beans shine by steaming them with rosemary and thyme."

Try these simple flavor tips to season your favorite vegetables and visit www.McCormick.com for more ideas you can use all year long.



Mixed Vegetable Grill

Servings: 6

- 1 tablespoon light brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons McCormick Basil Leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Garlic Powder
- 1/8 teaspoon McCormick Ground Black Pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 6 cups assorted cut-up vegetables, such as asparagus, bell peppers, zucchini, yellow squash, red onion and small sweet potato

Mix brown sugar, basil, salt, garlic powder, and pepper in small bowl.

In large bowl, drizzle oil over vegetables; toss to coat well. Add seasoning mixture; toss to coat well.

Place vegetables in grill basket or rack, or thread onto skewers.

Grill over medium heat 10–12 minutes or until vegetables are tender, turning occasionally.

Kitchen tip: If using sweet potatoes, pierce them with fork and microwave two to three minutes on high or until tender.

Roasted Broccoli & Tomatoes

Servings: 4

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Garlic Powder
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Coarse Ground Black Pepper
- 12 ounces broccoli florets
- 1 cup cherry or grape tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Basil Leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Oregano Leaves

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Mix oil, garlic powder and pepper in large bowl. Add broccoli and tomatoes; toss to coat well. Spread in single layer on foil-lined 15-by-10-by-1-inch baking pan.

Roast in oven 13–15 minutes or until broccoli is lightly browned.

Meanwhile, mix vinegar, honey, basil and oregano in small bowl. Drizzle over roasted vegetables after removing from oven; toss to coat well. Serve immediately.



Vegetable	Try Adding	Also Works With
 asparagus	 lemon juice	 rosemary  black pepper
 zucchini	 olive oil	 basil  oregano
 carrots	 honey	 ground cinnamon  ground ginger
 tomatoes	 balsamic vinegar	 garlic powder  oregano

Herbed Green Beans

Servings: 4

- 1 pound trimmed green beans
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon finely crushed McCormick Rosemary Leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Thyme Leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon Sea Salt from McCormick Sea Salt Grinder
- 1/8 teaspoon McCormick Ground Black Pepper

Place beans in medium saucepan. Add enough water to cover beans. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer four to six minutes or until tender-crisp. Drain. Return beans to saucepan.

Toss with vinegar, oil, rosemary, thyme, sea salt and pepper. Cook and stir over medium heat one to two minutes or until heated through.

LETTERS

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form. The superintendent quickly condemned the denial, saying his district had no policy forbidding uniformed military from entering the building. We have yet to hear from those four employees, who'd told the officer it was school district policy.

Now in Ocala, the city proposed to fine two business owners for displaying the "Don't Tread on Me" flag, which was used during the Revolutionary War and is sometimes used by Tea Partiers today. Again, outrage followed, so the left is walking it back.

The price of liberty is truly eternal vigilance.

**Al Shumard
Oak Run**

Four Seasons Fall and Holiday Exchange

Welcome football! Wasn't it great last weekend to be able to watch some college and NFL football? I know not everyone is thrilled, but many of us are. Some of the college scores were really lopsided, but they will get better as the season progresses. Of course, if you are a Florida Gator fan you were overjoyed. Personally, I really enjoyed the Atlanta Falcons game.

Bingo is back in full swing on the second and fourth Tuesday. Play begins at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. I understand that this is really a lively group. If you are looking for an evening out, come join the gang.

Ladies, the Four Seasons Fall and Holiday Exchange



Quail Meadow

Carolyn Slocumb

will soon be here. This sale/exchange is the first time we have tried this concept here in Quail Meadow. If it proves successful/enjoyable, we will probably do it again.

This is a good time to clean out those closets of the things you no longer wear. Also, accessories, household items, etc. are also acceptable. The sale/exchange will take place

at the clubhouse on Saturday, Sept. 27, beginning at 2 p.m. The unsold items will be donated to Hospice, unless you want to keep your contributions. Call Brooke Hamlin or Pat Talley for more information.

This is the last reminder of the Sock Hop/Car Show that will be on Saturday. Tickets are still available from Pat Tal-

ley. The show last year was a huge success, and this year will probably be even better.

The pool is still very warm and ready for you swimmers. Water aerobics take place every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m.

Do you like to work with ceramics? Jan Johnson conducts the class every Wednesday between 10 a.m. and noon at the clubhouse. If you are interested in water colors, then meet with Barbara Fife at the clubhouse on the first and third Thursday each week.

There is always something to do here in QM.

Reminder: The July 4 DVD is still available - contact Richard Gunther.

Go Figure!

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Saturday, Oct. 4

Fall tree and shrub sale

The Marion County Master Gardeners will host their annual "Fall Tree & Shrub Sale" Saturday, Oct. 4, from 8 a.m.-noon or until sold out. The event will be held at the Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service (2232 N.E. Jacksonville Road, Ocala). Admission and parking are free.

Master Gardeners will have many types of plants available for sale, including: fruit, ornamental and shades trees; shrubs; and selected perennials. Gardening publications, soil test kits and a large variety of seeds will also be available for purchase. Funds raised from this event will support the Marion County Master Gardener program and the youth horticulture scholarship program. No pets are allowed at the event.

For more information about Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service, call 352-671-8400 or visit www.marioncountyfl.org/extensionservice.

Palm Cay Craft fair

On Oct. 4, Palm Cay will conduct its craft fair, which is open to the public, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the clubhouse.

There will be a baked goods sale going on at the same time, and also a quilt raffle.

The kitchen will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to buy hot dogs and drinks for lunch.

Marion Landing craft fair

The annual Marion Landing Craft Fair will be Saturday, Oct. 4, from 8 a.m. to noon in the community's Lifestyle Center - 8601 SW 65th Ave. Road across from Queen of Peace Catholic Church on SR 200.

Handcrafted items for sale include jewelry, quilts, greeting cards, floral arrangements, handbags, home décor, paintings, unique gifts and holiday items. Coffee/tea and donuts will be available for a nominal price. Free admission - open to the public. No pets, please. For more information, call 237-7152.

Sunday, Oct. 5

5K run-walk for breast cancer awareness

The College of Central Florida Student Activities Board will kick off Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a 5K run-walk Sunday, Oct. 5, at 8 a.m., at the CF Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road.

In color run style, participants will have the option of being splashed with pink paint throughout the course.

The run will benefit Dunnellon-based Michelle-O-Gram, a nonprofit that assists women who cannot afford diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds or screenings. Named after Dunnellon resident Michelle Blausler Standridge, who died at age 33 after a three-year battle with breast cancer, the organization has helped more than 500 women since it began in 2009.

Register for the 5k on active.com - search CF SAB

- or print the registration form and drop it off at the CF Office of Student Life in the Bryant Student Union, Room 201. Registration is \$20 now or \$25 after Oct. 1. Registration will be also be available on race day at 7 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11

First Congregational yard sale

It's time again for the annual yard sale at First Congregational Church on Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please note the time change from previous years. Doors will open promptly at 9 a.m. Shop from a vast array of items which include clothing, jewelry, handbags, dishes, glassware, cookware, linens, decorative pillows, bedding, appliances, furniture, audio equipment, tools, and so much more.

New this year, we are adding a boutique section for better clothing, jewelry and home decor. For those who may become thirsty or hungry from shopping all the great deals, refreshments will be available for purchase. First Congregational is located at 7171 SW State Road 200.

Saturday, Oct. 18

Lions yard sale at Bank of Ozarks

The Ocala 200 Lions Club is having a yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bank of the Ozarks, State Road 200 in the Friendship Plaza. Food will be available for purchase.



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