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Moore, Fitzpatrick land spots in school board runoff



Volunteers stand under a shade tree Tuesday, August 30, while holding campaign signs at the polling site at the Apopka Community Center/VFW.

By John Peery
Apopka Chief Staff

Moore

Fitzpatrick

Two-term incumbent Christine Moore and challenger Matt Fitzpatrick were the survivors of the four-way Orange County School Board District 7 race Tuesday, August 30, in the primary election and will meet on November 8 in the general election that will include a full ballot, including the presidential candidates.

Moore received 45.44 percent of the vote with 8,537 casting their ballots for her. Fitzpatrick, meanwhile, stayed just ahead of Isadora Dean for second place and the right to move on to the runoff vote in November.

Fitzpatrick, an administrator for Orange County Public Schools (OCPS), got 4,674 votes, or 24.88 percent, while Dean, a retired teacher, took 22.31 percent, or 4,191 votes. Laura Rounds was fourth with 7.38 percent, 1,387 votes.

Moore, Fitzpatrick, and Dean are all from Apopka while Rounds is from Winter Garden.

The incumbent said she was “thrilled” to get 45 percent of the vote and move on to the general election. “I thought I had to get between 8,500 and 9,000 and that’s what I got,” she said. “If the turnout had been better, I would have done better. The lower turnout is never really in an incumbent’s favor because those who are happy with you don’t always go vote.”

Across the entire county, 18.14 of the voters cast their ballots either by mail,

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City changes dates of budget hearings

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

The city of Apopka updated its final public hearing dates regarding the city’s fiscal year 2016-2017 proposed budget. The final public hearing dates are now set for Wednesdays, September 14 and 28 at 5:05 p.m. The meetings will be held at City Hall, 120 E. Main St., Apopka. Previously, the meetings had been set for September 7 and 21.

The proposed budget of \$102,264,752 includes the raising of the property tax rate by a half-mill, which would equal \$50 in additional annual taxes for every \$100,000 in taxable property value. The proposed property tax rate would go to 3.7678, up from the current 3.2678 mills.

Items that have been earmarked for funding in the proposed budget include a new fire station, a new tower for the city’s internal communications, five police officers and other staffing needs at City Hall.

“The change (in meeting dates) is intended to avoid schedule conflicts with the regular City Council meetings,” said city spokesman Robert Sargent via email.

The proposed budget is comprised of the following: general fund budget, special revenue funds, and enterprise funds.

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Questions abound on Tractor Supply site

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

This site near the intersection of U.S. Highway 441 and Washington Avenue may soon be the site of a Tractor Supply Company store if traffic flow details can be ironed out to everyone’s liking.

The plans and applications; that decision is up to the City Council.

Tractor Supply Company

The city’s traffic consultant, HDR, has been in talks with Tractor Supply Company over a proposal of traffic roadway reconfiguration in light of where the company wants to build an Apopka location off U.S. Highway 441 and Washington Avenue.

The Development Review Committee was presented with six different alternatives of intersection control at U.S. 441, Washington Avenue and Second Street.

HDR’s recommendation is to close a portion of Washington Avenue from U.S. 441 north to what would be the Tractor Supply Company’s entrance drive which could be across the street from Hungry Howie’s Pizza.

“They want to close that section off, so anybody who wants to goes north from First Street go out that way,” said Public Services director Jay Davoll.

However, Tractor Supply Company may not go along with that proposal, and therefore back out of building the store, according to Davoll.

Predicting traffic patterns on roadways depends on people’s viewpoints, Davoll said. Some may believe traffic is an issue on one roadway, while others may not have an issue there. “It’s a perceived problem,” he said.

According to Davoll,

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Apartments going up

A large apartment complex continues to be constructed on Marden Road near the confluence of State Road 414, State Road 451, and State Road 429. Built on 17.3 acres by MMI Development of Winter Park, the apartments are being built near where the new Florida Hospital Apopka is being constructed.

Parking committee continues its work

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

One by one, committee members proposed what they want to see in the final parking ordinance at the meeting. Afterward, Police Chief Michael McKinley and Captain Randy Fernandez said they will discuss the ideas and then draft a parking ordinance to present at the next committee meeting.

“We said it at the very beginning: ‘We’re not going to make everybody happy,’” McKinley said at the end of the meeting. “There will be people at this table who won’t be happy. There

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Apopka Event of the Week

The unveiling of 13-year old Christian Lamphere's Eagle Scout project, is scheduled for Sunday, September 11, at 8 a.m., on the north steps of City Hall. It is a 9-11 memorial constructed using a piece of metal from the New York World Trade Center destroyed on 9/11/2001, and granite blocks donated from Brandywine Quarry in Pennsylvania.

Quotable

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Our position

Voting by mail now predominant

The primary election day has come and gone with some surprises, as always, but a growing trend that likely won't ever replace Election Day itself, but becoming more important is vote-by-mail or what used to be called absentee voting.

In the primary election just completed, more people voted by mail than in any other manner, including early voting and voting on Election Day.

Take, for instance, the Orange County School Board, District 7 race that created local interest because the district includes all of Apopka and Northwest Orange County.

Two-term incumbent Christine Moore faced three challengers, two of them fellow Apopkans. Moore took 45 percent and Matt Fitzpatrick claimed 24 percent so the two of them will move on to the general election on November 8 to decide who wins the seat. Isadora Dean was just behind Fitzpatrick with 22 percent while Laura Rounds received 7 percent of the vote.

In that race, 7,479 voters cast their ballots by mail, while exactly 100 fewer voted on primary day. Both of those numbers dwarfed the number of early voters, which was 3,931.

While Moore won all three manners of voting, Dean did very well in early voting while Fitzpatrick claimed more votes via mail and on primary day.

Perhaps an even better example of how popular voting by mail is in Orange County is shown in the results from the race for Orange County comptroller.

Phil Diamond and Keith Landry, both Democrats, were running to replace longtime comptrol-

ler Martha Haynie, who is retiring. Diamond won the race to become the next Orange County comptroller.

Because there are no Republicans or write-in candidates in the race, it was a universal primary, meaning all Orange County voters were eligible to cast their ballots. It was the only such countywide race on the primary ballot.

In that race, voting by mail clearly was the most popular choice of the three methods of casting a ballot.

There were 47,965 county residents who sent their ballots in by mail, while 38,988 showed up on primary day to vote. Only 24,246 participated in early voting.

Voters are clearly showing a preference for the vote-by-mail procedure, although the other methods still have their supporters.

All this means that campaigning by the candidates has to take a different tack because if a plurality of voters cast their ballots by mail, the election can be largely decided well before Election Day, although no one knows the final outcome until after the polls close on that day.

For instance, for the November 8 general election that will include the presidential election, vote-by-mail ballots will go out beginning on October 4 in Orange County, meaning those who receive them could, conceivably, have their ballots marked a full month prior to Election Day.

How ever you decide to vote, we always urge you to take the time to study the races and get as much information as you can, then vote your conscience.

You just may have to do it sooner.



Orange County Public Works Department has seven divisions

The Public Works Department of Orange County is responsible for an array of services including building and maintaining the county's roads, drainage, and stormwater networks.

The work the department does on a daily basis is crucial due to a growing population and the increased number of vehicles on the roads. More specifically, the department makes sure that roads and pedestrian walkways are efficient, effective, and safe for travel of all Orange County residents. In addition, the department works with the community, industry groups, and agencies to determine infrastructure needs.

Public Works plays a major role in the mitigation

County Commissioner
District 2



Bryan Nelson

of flooding due to storms by overseeing the county's stormwater infrastructure and controlling stormwater runoff. The Public Works Department is made up of seven divisions, all with a specific mission. These include the Development Engineering, Fiscal and Operational Support, Highway Construction, Public Works Engineering, Roads and Drainage, Stormwater Management, and Traffic Engineering divisions.

In the past fiscal year Public Works has been successful in maintaining 2,835 miles of roadways, 1,772 retention ponds, 593 traffic signals, and 25,616 traffic signs. It has also successfully installed 6.2 miles of new sidewalks, and resurfaced 175 miles of arterial, collector, and subdivision roads.

There are nearly \$99 million included in the proposed operating budget for Public Works as part of the fiscal year 2016-2017 budget. This funding will ensure all roads, traffic signals, and drainage systems are successfully maintained for all county residents. The major source of revenue for the Public

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Fed finances on unsustainable path

By Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson
Center for Vision & Values

I have been writing for years that our government is essentially broke and the federal debt will never be repaid. Within this context, the Federal Reserve has been the great enabler of even more federal debt by its ZIRP policy. The Fed has opted for the slow-growth Japanization of the American economy as a lesser evil than letting interest rates on the national debt rise so as to precipitate a political crisis and potential default.

As John Tamny points out in his book, **Who Needs the Fed?**, the Fed is becoming increasingly irrelevant in the private marketplace for capital; its primary role is to cram down

interest rates on the federal government's debt and keep our broke government solvent (absent rampant money creation).

The Fed may cite the Brexit vote in the UK as a reason for not raising interest rates, but if it does, that will merely be a convenient pretext. Even if the Fed surprises markets by deciding to go forward with a rate increase, they will strive to avoid letting rates return to normal levels, because it remains painted into a corner.

One would think that the government would appreciate the Fed's manifold manipulations to help the U.S. Treasury "tote the note" on the government's mind-boggling debt, but the opposite has happened. Instead of being grateful for the Fed buying some

time for Congress and the White House to get the government's fiscal house in order, President Obama essentially spit in the face of the Fed by calling for higher Social Security benefits for seniors. Such an action would give back some of the time that the Fed has bought and hasten the day of reckoning.

It doesn't require exceptional vision to see that federal finances are on an unsustainable path. Nor is it a mystery why Obama would advocate such fiscal recklessness – politically, it is an election year, and so he will demagogue for votes, and ideologically, Obama is not just a big-government liberal, but his end game (I believe) is to bankrupt federal programs

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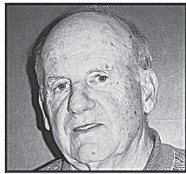
We can't let Bonnie and Clyde inherit the U.S. from Al Capone

SEPTEMBER 2 – I can remember the days when a single "pay for play" documented incident would guarantee an electoral loss to the candidate involved. But, of course, those were the days when virtually everyone, except the Capone-style mobsters, loved the U.S.A. for its freedom, opportunities and safety.

It is more than obvious that the Clintons are today's version of Bonnie and Clyde times 10.

Consider that during Arkansas days of Filegate, Cattlegate, Whitewater-

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Richard Corbeil

gate, etc., and during the Clinton presidency, some 52 people, having some relationship with the Clintons, met violent deaths, classified as suicides, accidents or homicides by killers who were never identified or arrested. Also consider that the vast major-

ity of people would never experience five or 10 such tragedies in their lives, never mind 50 or more.

If any of my critics would label this a lie, I would be happy to submit a list of names and details of their passings from this world.

This came as no surprise to many people who had been associated with the Clintons from their first appearance on the public scene. For example, as a 27-year-old staff attorney for the House Judiciary Committee during the Nixon Watergate investigation,

Hillary Rodham, was fired by her supervisor, lifelong Democrat Jerry Zeifman.

When asked why Hillary was fired, Zeifman stated in an interview, "Because she was a liar. She was an unethical, dishonest lawyer, and she conspired to violate the Constitution, the rules of the House, the rules of the Committee and the rules of confidentiality."

We see all this complete lack of character in her early years described now by columnist Kathleen Parker, who wrote: "But, Hillary's long

history of avoiding probable infractions despite hundreds of hours of investigations and \$millions in taxpayer expense – from Whitewater to Benghazi to her private email server – may soon come to an end."

The *Boston Herald* recently reported on the "pay for play" action and that the *Associated Press* stated Clinton's State Department calendars detailed her meetings and/or phone calls with private individuals.

Out of 154 such contacts, 85 people had donated to the Clinton Founda-

tion personally or through groups they controlled. The donations from the 85 was some \$156 million to the foundation – 40 gave more than \$100,000 each and 20 more than \$1 million each.

Additionally, at least 16 foreign government representatives who met with her, dumped in \$170 million to either the foundation or to the Clinton Global Initiative. I'm not familiar with this "Clinton Global Initiative" thingee, but it sure sounds like a

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Best of Apopka voting is ongoing

The voting process for the sixth annual Best of Apopka Readers' Choice Awards is ongoing.

Voting began August 15 and will continue through noon on September 28. It is sponsored by *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter*.

"We're starting our second week of voting and are very pleased so far with the response from the community," said Jackie Trefcer, marketing and advertising director for the newspapers. "Watching the Best of Apopka ballots come in, it's difficult not to be excited about Apopka. There's tremendous energy that seems fueled by its passion, intelligence and diversity. This event is bigger than it has ever been, and will showcase businesses that deserve to be recognized."

The 2016 Best of Apopka Readers' Choice Awards honors the achievements of businesses, entrepreneurs, and individuals in the Apopka area. "It's a roadmap to the best, top-notch businesses and individuals chosen by voters, the residents and patrons who rely on them, every single day," Trefcer said.

"Winning an award like this raises a business profile and ultimately can grow business by promoting their win," said John Ricketson, publisher of *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter*. "The results each year clearly show that many area businesses are doing the right thing by their customers and clients."

Businesses can utilize the Best of Apopka tools from the newspapers' website, www.theapokkachief.com. Flyers can be printed and posted, and website tools are available there also.

During this nomination phase, readers are asked to write in their favorite businesses on the ballot that is printed in *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter*, or they can place their votes electronically using the Best of Apopka ballot found at www.theapokkachief.com.

"The 2016 Best of Apopka Readers' Choice Awards is a fun way for our readers to give recognition to their favorite local businesses. This process can help drive more business and validate a company's success, customer service

and marketing efforts for the year," Trefcer said.

"We've made every effort to further legitimize the voting process to ensure we're providing an equal opportunity platform for all businesses. As in the previous years, only official ballots published in *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter* will be accepted, along with all votes placed electronically. Only one ballot per email address will be tallied. A minimum of 10 categories per ballot must be filled in or the ballot will be voided."

All nominations must pertain to people, places, services and businesses with an Apopka or Northwest Orange County address. Only one paper ballot per person either mailed or hand delivered will be accepted. Voters must be 18 years or older to participate. The deadline for submitting ballots is Wednesday, September 28, at noon.

Once the voting period ends, results are tallied and the top three businesses in each category will be notified. First-, second- and third-place winners will be announced in the 2016 Best of Apopka Reader's Choice

Awards publication that's scheduled to be published October 28 in *The Apopka Chief* and November 3 in *The Planter*.

"I encourage everyone to vote. It's important that we celebrate and honor the businesses that make our city the best place to live, work and enjoy," Trefcer said.

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Park: Next meeting set for Sept. 12

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are going to be people out in the audience who won't be happy. All we can do is our best, and if we have to revisit this in six to nine months because complaints have gone up and traffic has gotten out of control and we have issues, then I guess we'll do that."

The Parking Advisory Committee was formed to address the impact of the

city's parking residence on residential areas.

There is already a city parking ordinance in existence, but the city enforces it only after receiving complaints from Apopka citizens.

As said in past Parking Advisory Committee meetings, street parking can prove to be a challenge especially to first responder vehicles, which the drivers found difficult maneuver-

ing the vehicles through the streets with parked cars.

The Parking Advisory Committee aims to complete its work within 90 days, but that deadline is not definitive, McKinley said previously.

The next Parking Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 120 E. Main St., Apopka.

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Memorial for 9-11 being built at City Hall

Workers laid irrigation lines for the grass and landscaping surrounding the 9-11 memorial that is under construction in front of City Hall. The memorial is the Eagle Scout project of Boy Scout Christian Lamphere of Apopka. He has raised funds from the community and has received help with the project from the city. A service to commemorate the memorial will be held Sunday, September 11, at 8 a.m. in front of City Hall.



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NOTICE OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBERS: 2513-21517

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ORD. NO.	ITEM NO.	OWNER'S NAME	LOCATION
2513	1	CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY	WEST OF PLYMOUTH SORRENTO ROAD AND SOUTH OF YOTHERS ROAD PARCEL ID: 36-20-27-0000-00-124 AND 36-20-27-0000-00-126
2514	2	CHARLES L. KOHL KATHY E. KOHL	WEST OF THOMPSON ROAD AND SOUTH OF EAST SANDPIPER STREET PARCEL ID: 02-21-28-0000-00-112
2515	3	BRYAN NELSON DEBBIE NELSON	WEST OF THOMPSON ROAD AND NORTH OF OAKPOINT CIRCLE PARCEL ID: 02-21-28-9090-00-020
2516	4	ROBYN D. COOK TRUST WILLIAM D. COOK TRUST	WEST OF THOMPSON ROAD AND NORTH OF OAKPOINT CIRCLE PARCEL ID: 02-21-28-9090-00-010
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City will host area artists in public reception on September 15

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

The city scheduled a Thursday, September 15 evening reception to honor the several artists whose works were displayed in the City Hall lobby over the course of 2-1/2 years and thus beautified the building. The public is invited to attend.

An Evening with the

Artists will include presentations from each invited artist on his or her favorite art piece and will include complimentary wine, cheese, and hors d'oeuvres. The time is 5:30-7 p.m.

The event is meant to honor the artists who exhibited their artwork at City Hall and show gratitude to them for making it successful, according to Betty Ann Huntsman, Apopka resident

and City Hall art coordinator.

Wine will be distributed via a ticket system upon arrival. Each adult will get two tickets that are redeemable for two glasses of wine.

Florida Community Bank Apopka is the local sponsor of the event.

At their August 17 meeting, the City Council gave the go-head to the serving of wine and cheese

at An Evening with the Artists event.

In September 2014, the City Council adopted an ordinance requiring the governing body's approval for the sale, consumption and carrying of alcoholic beverages on city-owned property during events or programs.

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"Ms. Betty Ann Huntsman ... thought it would be a great idea if we brought the artists in, had a little evening with the artists, and have a little intellectual discussion

in an event for adults," Mayor Joe Kilsheimer said at the latest council meeting.

"It'll be no cost to the city, but there needs to be an approval, according to this ordinance," Mayor Kilsheimer said.

Apopka woman receives bachelor's degree

Paula Bennett of Apopka has received her master's of science degree in information security and assurance from Western Governors University (WGU).

The university held its 31st semi-annual commencement ceremony in

Salt Lake City on July 16 and celebrated the graduation of more than 8,000 graduates.

At its commencement, the university awarded 4,944 undergraduate and 3,103 graduate degrees in

business, information technology, K-12 teacher education, and healthcare professions, including nursing.

Dell Loy Hansen, founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Wasatch Group, delivered the commencement address.



The Way I See It
Patti Bankson

Politically Incorrect vs Politically Corrupt

Hillary Clinton seems to think that if she can just come up with the equivalent of her husband's "I feel your pain", the people would love her like they did/do him. Someone should suggest she keep trying, because I don't think it's happening. I think I can put my finger on a small part of the problem. Anyone remember all the negative talk about the "Angry, White Man"? Everytime I see her make a speech, I see and hear: the "Angry, White Woman", and it's just as off-putting, and irritating... like finger-nails on a chalkboard, irritating. Liberals like to accuse Conservatives of being tone-deaf when it comes to "getting" the average American... of not knowing the "needs" of Joe, the Plumber and Jane, the Nurse. Well, if there's any question in

your mind which is more tone-deaf than the other, let me present these reminders...

In a 2014 interview, Hillary tried her best to look pitiful while letting the world know that when they left the WH, they were "dead broke"... as if that weren't sad enough, they were (gasp!) "in debt", too! A gazillion of us would love to be broke and in debt, Clinton-Style, 'cause that year Bill and Hill had a reported total income of... (drum roll, please?)... \$16.2 MILLION. That's not a right-wing rumor, folks. It's straight out of their public disclosure report. AND, today she's part of the top 1% of the top 1%. How's that for an economic recovery? Too bad the Dems couldn't have brought that kind of economic recovery to our country. Oh, yeah... she understands you and me, alright!

On the other side of the November ballot will be, Donald Trump. Rich? Yes. Ashamed of his wealth? No. After all, this is still America, the Land of Opportunity. Where hard work pays off. Some want to minimize his success because he started out with a sizeable loan from his father, a successful

builder. So? He took that money and worked hard to create his own success. He could've lost it all, like many other rich kids have, but he didn't. And, he could've sat in his Trump Tower and let others run his businesses, but he didn't. Not only did he show up at work sites, but he talked to, and learned from, his workers on the ground. Then, when he had children, he taught them the principles that brought him success... and, they've used them to build their own success. He understands those principles, and, he is able to examine where those principles are not being applied in our government... in the lack of enforcement of our laws; particularly our immigration laws... which he laid out unashamedly, in Mexico City, on Wednesday.

Hillary brings nothing to the WH except a continuation of failed democrat policies and failed progressive ideas. Trump will bring genuine respect for our Laws, law enforcement, our military, and his business acumen to the WH, when he moves in, and we'll begin to see America become Great Again.

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Expressing our beliefs is a constitutional guarantee

Editor:

In response to Suzanne Kidd's letter to the editor, August 26, in which she writes complaining about Richard Corbeil's column: Well, at least she and all of us get to write what we believe and is a constitutional guarantee!

Mr. Obama is not a "scapegoat." He is not being accused of anything that a fifth grader can't see! If there is any witch hunt, it is from the Muslims who refer to the U.S.A. as "Satan" and their own Sharia law gives them support in the bombings, killings, and other crimes against humanity.

There are no accusations by Mr. Corbeil that those of us who have ears to hear and eyes to see and a mind to think with are not aware of.

Just take a look around – right at home, the Boston bombing, and in France and England. The Muslims are by their own words and deeds "martyrs of Allah," meaning they can blow themselves up in order to

get to heaven.

So, it is only logical that it is discussed, put out there to get people thinking.

The Apopka Chief cannot deny Mr. Corbeil his posts, just as you and I are free to post. It can't be only your side of the coin. It must have both.

I tell you if you can't "endure" Mr. Corbeil's weekly truths, then do not read *The Apopka Chief*. No one is forcing you. You have had your say, and now if you go to the Middle East and write against any of their reporters or posts, you will be labeled a "commie" or "Satan worshipper" or worse. Go, and make sure you wear your veil on your face.

The U.S.A., because of its Constitution, has given too much freedom to enemies. You rant and use hateful words. Some of this stuff is not allowed to see the pages of other countries' newspapers.

Whom are we kidding, Suzanne Kidd?

Aida M. Gonzalez
Apopka

We have long wait to hear Obama defend Christianity

Editor:

"I will stand with the Muslims..." President Obama's own words from one his two autobiographies. Not remembering the exact words from his speech to the United Nations in 2009, I paraphrase this next quote, "The future must not belong to those who would slander Allah..." Obama, throughout his destructive term in office, has repeatedly and constantly praised Islam while lecturing Christians to be more tolerant of the religion of peace. I have yet to hear Obama defend Christianity with the same zeal he defends Islam.

From the religion of peace, we hear constant reports of beheadings, stonings, honor killings, Christians being burned alive in cages, child suicide bombers. As extremist Islamic terrorism (yes, say it with me, Ms. Kidd) lands its ugly feet upon U.S. soil once again, in the form of Ft. Hood, San Bernardino, Pulse nightclub, I hear nothing from the so-called Moderate Muslim population except lectures about gun control and pre-emptive blame of Americans for crimes that we would never think to commit. Does Ms. Kidd realize that under sharia law, gays, people in inter-racial marriages, any woman who dares even breathe without permission, would be summarily executed on-site? Would Ms. Kidd look good in the fashionable head-to-toe

burka? Would anyone? The crux of the Quran is this: Convert or die. Religion of peace? Hardly. Personally, I prefer the Constitution of the United States over Sharia Law any day of the week.

As for Mrs. Clinton, she has chosen a top Islamic woman, whose mother is the editor of a pro-Islam publication that blamed the United States for 9/11, to be her top adviser and confidante. This isn't a witch hunt; this is fact. Deal with it!

As for Ms. Kidd's unconscionable and reprehensible personal attack on Mr. Corbeil, perhaps Ms. Kidd should get her own head out of the sand and recognize that her own sources of information like Huffington Post, CNN, and MSNBC, and most mainstream media outlets, apologists all for radical Islamic terrorism, are doing much greater harm to our country. They are carrying water for factions that would see our country destroyed and remade into an Islamic caliphate. Instead of fighting for that, perhaps Ms. Kidd should review our nation's true and exceptional heritage and work to defend our country. You are entitled to your opinion, Ms. Kidd, under the First Amendment to the Constitution, and as much as you disagree with Mr. Corbeil, he, too, is entitled to his opinion.

Barb Zakszewski
Apopka

Corbeil: Financial records considered charity fraud

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shot at being "World Emperors" or "New World Order" madness.

Back in May, I received an email from good friend Bob Morley of Ormond Beach. As I have written before, Morley is a retired founder and CEO of a national insurance company and the author of several Christian books.

His email stated – "A financial whistleblower says she could face prosecution by governments all over the world for her charities role in a 20-year crime spree that fleeced her donors and enriched her

family.

"Charles Ortel, a noted Wall Street analyst, has spent 15 months poring over the Clinton Foundation's financial records and has concluded that it is a 'charity fraud' whose actions are 'boldly illegal.' There are more discrepancies between what some of the major donors say they gave to the Clinton Foundation and the amount the Clintons say they got from the donors," Ortel reported.

"In financial terms," Ortel wrote on his website, "the size of criminal activities directly involving the Clinton Foundation exceeds \$2 billion. Counting

affiliated and indirect criminal activities, the size exceeds \$50 billion."

Morley reports that Ortel has previously gained recognition for being accurate in his financial whistleblowing. His keen ability to read financial documents, for example, exposed the fact that GE's stock was massively overvalued shortly before it collapsed.

Of the Clintons he said, "They have illegally solicited charitable donations in states where they lack the legal authority to do so. Their tax returns are filed after the legal deadline. The information is in-

correct, and they have never had a legal audit."

Unfortunately, the low-information voters replaced Bonnie and Clyde from Arkansas with the Al Capone community organizer from Chicago, and if they don't sound the "Trumpet" in Zion, the U.S. remains a gang-controlled entity.

"In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found, but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding. Wise men lay up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction." Proverbs 10:13 and 14.

Nelson: Fuel-efficiency technology reduces tax revenue

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Works comes from sales tax revenue. Traditionally, a majority of revenue for the department came from the fuel tax, but with the advancement of fuel-efficiency technology, revenue from this funding source has decreased. Orange County has filled in this funding gap with \$82 million from sales tax revenue.

Public Works expenditures can be categorized into two categories, operating and non-operating expenditures. Personnel services are a major subcategory of operating expenditures. This includes employee salaries, and benefits, including health care, stormwater structures, and facilities. Total personnel expenditure is \$86,362,189. Non-personnel expenditure includes capital improvements, which includes funding for new and expanded roadways, repav-

ing, pedestrian safety, stormwater, drainage, and traffic improvements. Total non-operating expenditures are \$72,862,654. Part of the budget also includes funding from the INVEST In Our Home for Life initiative.

The INVEST In Our Home for Life program is a \$300-million initiative aimed at providing quality infrastructure, vibrant neighborhoods and quality housing, enhanced recreational opportunities, and new public safety facilities, among others. As part of this initiative, \$200 million will be provided to complete funding of new roadways, improvement of current roadways, and current traffic congestion in several areas throughout the county. Ten projects have been approved by the Board of County Commissioners. There are also district-specific projects including the pavement of Memorial Cemetery Road located in District 2.

This project is budgeted at \$45,000 and is pending construction approval. For more information regarding the INVEST In Our Home for Life initiative and the Public Works budget, visit the initiative's webpage found at <http://orangecountyfl.net/>. If you would like a more in-depth explanation of any of Orange County Government's Financial Policies you can contact the Office of Management and Budget at 407-836-7390.

You may also visit: <http://www.ocfl.net/OpenGovernment/Budgets.aspx>.

Orange County Public Works Department does an amazing job with the infrastructure that most of us take for granted.

If you have any questions regarding this or any other state issue, please feel free to contact me at bryan.nelson@myfloridahouse.gov.

Hendrickson: Trump recognizes federal government's debt as enormous problem that must be resolved

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as the trigger event for the federal government nationalizing them. (It worked for Fannie and Freddie, so why not Social Security?)

I have no idea when the federal debt will trigger some sort of default (i.e., either an explicit "we-can't-pay-you" default or via the less direct method of paying off nominal debts with depreciated dollars). As Japan has shown, simple inertia can keep a bankrupt government going longer than any bankrupt private enterprise could dream of. I find it interesting, though, that Donald Trump stirred up a minor tempest in May when he mentioned the possibility of asking Uncle Sam's creditors to take a haircut on the Treasury debt they hold.

Trump backed off in response to the consternation his comments aroused, but he deserves credit for being willing to acknowledge that the federal government's debt is an enormous

problem. One of the unpleasant facts of life is that defaults happen. In fact, our federal government already has defaulted on its monetary commitments a couple of times – one in 1933, when FDR peremptorily confiscated Americans' gold coins, devalued the dollar, and voided gold clauses in contracts, and the other in 1971, when Richard Nixon closed the gold window to foreign holders of dollars.

Frankly, several generations of Americans have been swindling our youth by saddling them with an unconscionable debt burden, and younger Americans have every right to repudiate that debt. That is a radical assertion, I know, but remember that one of the reasons our founders rose in rebellion against Great Britain was over the principle of taxation without representation. Well, our youth did not have a say or vote in all the spending that has produced the debts that many now expect them to honor. Why

should they? Not only did they not vote for it, they were not (in most cases) the beneficiaries of the deficit spending that generated all that debt.

In talking about a partial repudiation of the national debt, I recognize that not only foreign holders of federal debt would take a haircut, but so would domestic holders, including Social Security recipients. We are talking about a realignment that could be even more jarring than the Brexit vote. Such a volatile, contentious issue is not desirable in and of itself. Please don't think I want this. I'm just one of the messengers saying that a national debt default of some form is inevitable, and as difficult as it is, we must face it and talk about it.

How might the younger generation go about getting the debt monkey off their back? There are trillions of dollars worth of wealth locked up in the third of U.S. territory owned by the federal gov-

ernment. Maybe the leaders of the rising generations will negotiate a settlement, retiring debt at 50 cents on the dollar in exchange for ownership of those assets.

There are, of course, many caveats to such a course of action, and this is neither the time nor place to explore them all, but this one crucial point must be made: It will accomplish no long-lasting good to retire or greatly whittle down the federal debt if the political process that produces that debt continues. The only way to avoid bankruptcy is not to spend oneself into it. Whether such fiscal restraint is possible in a democracy is debatable, but we are not in a position to avoid having to deal with this problem. We are trapped in the black hole of debt.

Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson is an adjunct faculty member, economist, and fellow for economic and social policy with The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College.

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The general fund budget increased approximately \$4.6 million or 10.6 percent over last year's budget basically because of the addition of Fire Station 5 including equipment and personnel for \$1,300,000, the construction of a second communication tower for dispatch to the tune of \$2,800,000 and an increase in debt service of \$600,000.

The special revenue funds, which are monies re-

stricted for specific purposes, increased \$2,200,000 or 33.4 percent. These funds include \$2,000,000 for downtown improvement, as well as individual costs for a skate park and a splash pad.

The enterprise funds increased by \$5,400,000 or 13.8 percent because of the continued construction of the sewer treatment plant for \$16,000,000.

The full fiscal year 2017 proposed budget is available on the city's website, www.apopka.net.

Site: City is talking with builder about townhomes

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this was the first time he heard anyone proposed closing a portion of Washington Avenue; all other discussions have been to close a portion of Second Street.

Property lot split at Vick Road?

Mardian J. Blair wrote an August 24 letter to Planning Manager David Moon about dividing a nearly five-acre property at 2228 Vick Road into two parcels of approximately 2.4 acres each. One divided parcel would go toward the west end of the property and the other one would be closer to the south side.

The reason for a request for a flag lot is that the grade of the property on Vick Road is very steep except for a portion of the south end, the letter reads. The city's land development code does not prohibit flag lots, according to Planning Manager David Moon. He also said some issues affecting the lot split would be emergency response to the back flag lot and extension of water and sewer services, as well as rezoning that would fit the property.

"My guess is if the split is approved, they will come back for septic and well," Moon said.

As part of the parcel split, an

easement will have to be given to the parcels and zoning will have to be done, Moon said.

Emerson North Townhomes

The city is negotiating a development agreement with Pulte Homes over the road design standards for the Harmon Road extension. Donald W. McIntosh Associates is the project engineer.

The current proposal is for a two-lane divided road, with an 80-foot right-of-way, with an 11-foot multi-use trail on the south side, and a sidewalk on the north side, according to Moon. Pulte Homes is requesting more information on street lighting.

Runoff: Candidates disagree on local control over student testing

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through early voting, or on election day.

"I ran a completely positive campaign," Moore said. "I did not mention them (opponents). I did not disparage, ridicule. I didn't mention them at all. That was pretty amazing to post numbers like that when I didn't mix it up with them at all."

The race for second place between Fitzpatrick and Dean was something that Fitzpatrick missed as the returns came in.

"Really, I was quite surprised," Fitzpatrick said. "Funny thing is, I was running around picking up all my signs at the precincts so I didn't even know the drama that was going on. I didn't even know how close it was."

On her Facebook page, Dean posted the following: "I truly appreciate each and every one who supported and voted for me in our campaign for school board. I met some amazing people and formed some lasting friendships. Let us continue our work for students, teachers, support staff and parents."

The campaign was a learning experience for Fitzpatrick, a political newcomer. "I just have to say I have a new appreciation for the political process. I've been in education for 23 years but I've received an education these past five months something fierce," Fitzpatrick said.

Testing of students

Standardized testing of students is a bone of contention in the race.

Moore said that the state controls the amount of testing, but Fitzpatrick counters that the school district does its own benchmark testing on top of the state's tests and does control that.

"At this point with Fitzpatrick, my concern is I would like to, if anybody has a forum, if it's down to the two of us, I would ask, 'Why does he have this platform so centered on things that are not in the job description of a school board member,'" Moore said.

"I would like to reduce it some because it takes too much money and it takes too long," she said. "We added proctors to make sure we weren't losing our specials (teachers) because everybody was proctoring."

"I still think it needs to be dialed back. For example, maybe only do statewide standardized testing in fifth grade, eighth grade, and 10th or 11th grade. That way, you don't do it every year. That would be the only way you could dial it back but still have a considerable amount of accountability."

"It's clear that a lot of his support comes from people who are all excited to get rid of the testing, get rid of the third grade retention. Is that reality? No, it isn't."

Fitzpatrick said benchmark testing is controlled by OCPS.

"In the superintendent's retreat this summer, she felt like school grades went down in some areas, including fifth grade math. One of the reasons she said was because they backed off of benchmark testing because of pressure from parents. That tells me that the district does have control over the amount of benchmark testing we do at our schools. They do the benchmark testing so the district has an idea on how the kids are doing before the state test comes. What that really means is you are going to be giving a lot of tests to kids just so the district has an idea (of how students will perform on state tests). They really stand over the shoulders of teachers and students and put a lot of pressure on them."

"I think we really need to evaluate how much emphasis we're putting on tests. That's another thing the district has some control over. Right now, they're trying to hammer these third graders on a reading test that they had decided to opt out of. The state has made provisions for kids to be able to do that and it's really sad our district has decided to not be on the side of these kids," Fitzpatrick said.

Moore said that school

board members must spend their time where they are the most effective.

"You have to know what your limits are," she said. "Do you want to elect somebody who is all up in Tallahassee or do you want somebody who is making it happen here in town?"

"I'm not unsympathetic to the issues he's talking about, but you don't see me camping there (in Tallahassee) because I want to be successful getting something done other than hitting my head against the wall. If you've always got your head in Tallahassee about the things you can't change, you're not going to have time to do those little things. I know they're all little, but they matter. The little things matter."

Campaigning

Both candidates said they must raise more cash so they can get their message out to voters.

"It becomes a whole lot more expensive so money is a big issue. I spent all mine, so I have to start all over," Moore said.

"If you look at how much money Christine raised, something like \$35,000, and I've raised about \$5,000, obviously you've got to raise money to get the message out there," Fitzpatrick said.

"I think we have the message, but you need the money to help get it out there. People will only know what you tell them. That's what we're going to be doing these next several weeks. I've already got some people who have called, wanting to give money. That's positive."

Moore has experience not only running for office two previous times, but she also runs campaigns for others, having run several political campaigns in city of Apopka elections.

She also thinks the peculiarities with the presidential race between Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump may affect the turnout and how people vote in other races. "I don't have a crystal ball because this Trump-Clinton thing is shaping it, not my race," she said.

Moore also said that

none of the local teachers' union's candidates were successful in any of the three school board races.

"The big issue is the union's three candidates all got beat badly," she said. "They have to regroup and take a look if they don't want to get beat again. Do they want to try to patch it up with me?"

Moore cited the rebuilding of several school campuses in the Apopka area during her eight years on the school board, including new buildings with technology. She also pointed out the art and jazz festival she started several years ago and history books for elementary schools. In addition, property values are rising in Errol Estate because of the new campus and improvement of Apopka Elementary School, she said.

"When you look at the majority of his platform, the concern would be, why is he running on a platform on mostly state issues? At a certain point, you have to have the serenity prayer, there are certain things you can do as a school board member and there are things you can't," Moore said.

Fitzpatrick said, "To say the district doesn't have any power over testing, I think is a mistake. Right now, we're in a position where there is change coming. We've got to decide if we're going to be with the change or resist it and try to hold it back."

He said he's not a fan of the political process, but is learning as he's going.

"I think we're starting to hit a stride," Fitzpatrick said. "We're starting to learn a lot of things we need to do. I'm meeting a lot of people and I think we've got a good chance. Obviously, the general election will have a lot more voters. There's a lot of work to be done."

The general election is set for November 8 and the last day to register to vote in that election will be October 11. Vote-by-mail ballots will begin being sent out on October 4 and the final day to request one of those ballots will be November 2 by 5 p.m.

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Charity basketball game slated for Sept. 28

The first Hoops for Hope charity basketball game will be held September 28 from 4-8 p.m. at the CPS Sportsplex, 110 Athletes Row, Apopka.

This is a fundraising charity event to help foster positive relationships between law enforcement and the local community.

Funds raised from this event will go toward scholarship funds for qualifying senior students at both Apopka and Wekiva high schools that will be given out on behalf of the Apopka Community Task Force.

There will also be a scholarship giveaway for a student to attend the Apopka Basketball AAU Camp.

The event is being put on by HSC II Parent Awareness, which is sponsored by Orange County Commissioner Bryan Nelson. Apopka City Commissioner Kyle Becker will host the charity basketball game.

"Hoops For Hope is passionate about people," a spokesman said. "We want to see youth improve their social skills as well as discover that they are significant in this world. We believe that everyone has a purpose, a plan, a part and a place. We plan to touch the lives of children who are most at-risk, and inspire them to become confident, competent and caring individuals in our society."

This will be a charity basketball

event focusing on stopping the violence and increasing communication between police and community.

The basketball game will be between 11th and 12th grade Apopka and Wekiva students on one team vs. Court Kingz.

There will be entertainment, including performing groups, and music.

Free T-shirts will be given to the first 150 people and \$200 for the halfcourt shot.

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Nearly eight million Americans have skin cancer, the most common form of cancer, but only 4.4 million of these people have actually been diagnosed and treated. Because of this, **Associates in Dermatology** continues its focus on both skin cancer prevention and early detection of skin cancer and pre-cancerous growths. Their goal is that every person has access to these critical and often life-saving services.

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In addition to surgical excisions of melanoma - the deadliest form of skin cancer - and other skin cancers, skin tumors, lesions and benign moles, the practice also treats other skin conditions including allergic dermatitis, psoria-

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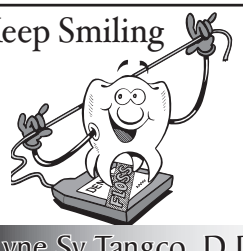
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fice, which used to be next to the hospital, moved last year to 531 Wekiva Commons Circle and accepts most health plans. They also see patients in 14 other Central Florida locations including Mount Dora and Sanford. Call them at 800.827.SKIN or visit them at DermOrlando.com.

Associates in Dermatology's team of dedicated providers will actually join forces with Debbie Turner's Cancer Care & Resource Center while providing free partial skin cancer screenings in Apopka on Saturday, October 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event will take place at the First United Methodist Church of Apopka, 201 S. Park Avenue, Apopka, FL 32703.

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Foliage Sertoma has speaker for Sept. 6

The speaker for the September 6 meeting of the Foliage Sertoma Club will be Joseph Gallagher, founder of Ali's Hope Foundation.

The meeting will begin at 11:45 a.m. and will be held at the Backroom Steakhouse, next to Beef 'O' Brady's, 1410 Rock Springs Rd., Apopka.

The mission of Ali's Hope Foundation is, "To assist young adults newly diagnosed with mental illness to learn to live in recovery, accept their diagnosis and have hope for their future." This mission is accomplished by offering grants to programs that

assist young adults newly diagnosed with mental illnesses.

Gallagher and his wife Helen are the founders of Ali's Hope Foundation and serve on the Florida Hospital Foundation Board.

Gallagher is also a member of CLEO (Community Leadership of Elected Officials) and the Board of Directors of the Lake Mary-Heathrow Festival of the Arts. Both he and his wife are active members of Annunciation Catholic Church.

For more information or to reserve space for the luncheon, call Greg Spurlock at 407-884-6464.

Walking events are to help ease pain

Starting September 19, community members can "walk with ease" at three different Apopka-area locations by getting involved in the Arthritis Foundation Walk with Ease program, which can help participants reduce their pain and improve their overall health.

This is a free six-week class that includes a free T-shirt and free snacks. Classes are one-hour each, three times per week.

The Arthritis Foundation-certified, doctor-recommended Walk with Ease program will be made available to interested locals through the following schedule: Alonzo Williams Park, 515

S. Hawthorne Ave., Apopka, on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Fran Carlton Center, 11 N. Forest Ave., Apopka, on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 5:15-6:15 p.m.; and Northwest Recreation Complex, 3200 Jason Dweley Parkway, Apopka, on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9-10 a.m.

Walk with Ease can help people get motivated to get in great shape, walk safely and comfortably, improve flexibility, strength and stamina, and reduce pain and feel great.

To sign up, call 407-703-1642 or visit www.arthritis.org.

Public Lands Day set at area state park

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Wekiwa Springs State Park, located at 1800 Wekiwa Circle, Apopka, will participate in National Public Lands Day scheduled for Saturday, September 24, from 9 a.m. to noon that includes the groundbreaking for the new Serenity Garden.

The project is sponsored by the Wekiwa Wilderness Trust, a non-profit, volunteer citizen support organization.

The Wekiwa Wilderness Trust and the Florida Park Service will break ground for the new Serenity Garden. Participants will

meet in the Interpretive Pavilion at the main use area for the start of this activity.

Those who partake in this event will receive free admission for the day.

Participants may bring loppers if they have them to help with the removal process.

Volunteers must bring/wear closed-toed shoes, sunscreen, hats. Bug repellent is highly recommended. Volunteers should also bring a snack and plenty of water.

For more information about Wekiwa Springs State Park, visit www.floridastateparks.org/park/Wekiwa-Springs.

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The ORMC helicopter was at the fire department's Leroy Gilliam Training Center as part of the training exercise held Monday, August 29.



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Grandpa helped us build and paint bookcases. He took us on a walk every morning to a little store. He bought his newspaper, then he let us choose a treat to keep for later.

We want to tell you a story about our longest walk:

One warm morning we went for our walk with Grandpa. A 1 barked at us! 2 talked to a grown-up. The 3 shimmered from the hot breezes. 4 surrounded the lake to keep kids safe. My 5 kicked up some sand. We threw stones over the fence. The little 6 splashed into the water. 7 dangled in the park across the lake.

A 8, chattering as he rode his bike, followed us. A whistling 9 roared by on its tracks. Then Grandpa pointed out where our father lived after he was born. It was a small 10 sitting in a grassy yard.

When we got home, Grandpa taught us how to throw hula hoops along the driveway in just the right way so they would return to us. Hooray for walking and talking with Grandpa!

Read the story about Penny and Ben. Some of the **nouns** are missing from their story. Remember that a **noun** names a person, place or thing. Use the number clues in the story with the picture clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

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Foliage group gives top award

The 22nd Gene A. Batson Award luncheon was held Monday, August 29, at the Mid-Florida Research and Education Center in Apopka by the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association. The award honors a top Action Chapter member. In the picture at the left, Ty Strode of Agri-Starts of Apopka (second from right) accepts the award from Gene Batson (l), his wife, Barb, and Robbie Roberson, representing Farm Credit, luncheon sponsor.



Ty Strode of Agri-Starts of Apopka speaks after being announced as the winner of the Gene A. Batson Award Monday, August 29, at the luncheon.

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Jeff Atwater, Florida's chief financial officer, was the speaker for the luncheon, which was held at the Mid-Florida Research and Education Center in Apopka.



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