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A send-off celebration for Miss Apopka Lindsay Bettis will be held June 19. See page 1B.



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Summer all-star play for Apopka Little League teams begins soon. See page 1C.



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## New Apopka High principal is familiar with school, community

By John Peery  
Apopka Chief Staff

As a former math teacher, Lyle Heinz, the new Apopka High School principal, said he likes to look at the numbers in determining how the students are performing in the classroom, but that those numbers can be driven by relationships formed between school administrators and teachers, and the students.

"We are data driven. I am data driven. I was a math teacher. I like data. I like to look at numbers and see how the kids are performing," Heinz said. "I like to see how they're behaving and you always want to see those numbers improve."

Heinz, who served as an assistant principal at



New Apopka High Principal Lyle Heinz speaks with citizens Wednesday, June 13, during a meet-and-greet session at the school.

Apopka High for three years until spending the past two years at Windermere High School, said bringing those numbers up, however, must

be done by faculty members getting to know the students and investing in their lives.

"The numbers improve by building relation-

ships and getting that pride in the school. When they get there, they want to do well

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## Complaint against former mayor is kept alive by state panel

By John Peery  
Apopka Chief Staff

The Florida Ethics Commission has let one of two ethics complaints filed against former Apopka Mayor Joe Kilsheimer stand, dismissing the other complaint.

The commission met Friday, June 8, and according to a press release made public on Wednesday, June 13, the state ethics board said it "found probable cause to believe he (Kilsheimer) misused his position to secure a source of funding from the city for a company for which has was an officer, director, or business associate."



Kilsheimer

In the other complaint, the "Commission found no probable cause to believe he had a voting conflict when he voted to approve the consent agenda authorizing an agreement and providing funding for a foundation with which he was associated."

A complaint was filed in April 2017 by Apopka citizen Melissa Lynne Touchet, according to documents released this week by the ethics commission.

In her complaint letter to the ethics commission, Touchet said that Kilsheimer's relationship with Allan Chernoff through the non-profit City of Life Foundation and, later, with a for-profit entity named Certified Second Chance violated ethics issues because the city of Apopka paid City of Life Foundation \$20,000 in 2015 to run Kilsheimer's "Apopka Begins and Ends with A" program that was designed to help improve local schools. He did that at a time when documents filed with the state showed that Kilsheimer was still an officer with City of Life.

However, Kilsheimer's attorney argued in his response to the allegations that the annual reports filed with the state by the City of Life Foundation were inaccurate, and that the former mayor had resigned his position with City of Life in 2012 after being elected as an

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## City plans at least one budget workshop

The Apopka City Council will hold at least one budget workshop with the possibility of a second, said Edward Bass, city administrator. The first workshop is scheduled for Thursday, July 5, at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 120 E. Main Street.

The public will be able to speak at the workshop, although no votes will be taken by the City Council.

Bass said the second workshop, if needed, will be held on Wednesday, July 11, at 6 p.m. in the Council

Chambers.

He said that because he doesn't have the final revenue sharing numbers from the state government, he hasn't been able to nail down how much of it the city will have to spend in the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Following the budget workshops, the City Council will set the



Bass

tentative millage rate later in July and then will approve the budget with two public hearings in September. The new budget will take effect October 1.

The current city budget is \$124.6 million and the property tax rate is 3.7876 mills, which equates to \$378.76 for every \$100,000 in taxable property value. Property taxes help pay for general City Hall functions that include community devel-

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## Keeping an eye on a tasty snack



While hanging on to a small woody plant, a green heron keeps an eye on a potential meal at the Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive. The drive is located on the north shore of Lake Apopka and is open from sunrise to sunset each Friday through Sunday and most federal holidays. For more information, visit <https://www.sjrwmd.com/lands/recreation/lake-apopka/wildlife-drive/>

## Deputies looking for victim's attacker

Orange County sheriff's deputies are looking for a suspect who allegedly attacked his victim with what was described as an unknown substance in South Apopka.

On Tuesday, June 12, at 10:41 p.m., deputies responded to the 600 block of 13th Street in Apopka, where they believed the incident took place. There, they met the victim Don-te Jones, 26, who said an unknown suspect threw an unknown substance in his

face. As a result, Jones suffered serious injury to his eyes, according to the sheriff's office. Jones was transported to Orlando Regional Medical Center.

The suspect was identified as a black man in his mid-20s. Further details about the substance's makeup, Jones's condition, and the suspect himself were not available for release as of the morning of Wednesday, June 13.

Detectives are actively working the case.

## Planning Commission moves new supermarket ahead

By Teresa Sargeant  
Apopka Chief Staff

The Apopka Planning Commission unanimously approved the rezoning and assigning of overlay districts for the Kelly Park Crossing project during the Tuesday, June 12, meeting in City Hall.

At the request of the subject property's owner, J.D. and Kathleen L. Home Trust, the rezoning is for about 18 acres from Orange County agriculture to Kelly Park Interchange Mixed-Use, with an Interchange and Village Center character zone to develop a 68,231 square foot commercial development that would include a 46,031 square-foot Publix supermarket.

The rezoning is subject to the requirements of the Kelly Park Interchange form based code.

The property is located east of State Road 429 (Wekiva Parkway) and west of Plymouth-Sorrento Road, on the southwest side of the Kelly Park Road/Plymouth-Sorrento Road intersection.

The City Council's first reading of the rezoning and assignment of district overlay will be on July 18, beginning at 7 p.m. at City Hall. The second reading is scheduled for August 1 at 1:30 p.m., also at City Hall.

As part of the development review process, the applicant must give the City Council a development agreement, which will address issues such as the project's infrastructure construction and extension of water and sewage lines, said city planning manager David Moon.

Planning Commission meet-

ings fall on the second Tuesday of the month. Additional meetings in one month depend on the number of project applications submitted.

### Stanton Ridge subdivision

The Planning Commission recommended approval, by a 5-0 vote, of the final development plan and plat for Stanton Ridge subdivision.

Owned by Central Florida Expressway Authority, the project proposes 33 single-family lots and a replat of the existing subdivision impacted by SR 429 right-of-way.

The Stanton Ridge project size is about 20-1/2 acres and would straddle SR 429, west of the intersection of Belgian Street and Plymouth-Sorrento Road. The property's existing use is a vacant single-family lot residential subdivi-

vision.

Belgian Street, a road the city of Apopka owns and maintains, has a bridge extending over SR 429. The Central Florida Expressway Authority will maintain the bridge.

Stanton Ridge was platted as a 65-lot subdivision in 2007 with access to Plymouth-Sorrento Road from Belgian Street. Before homes were constructed there, the Central Florida Expressway Authority – then the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority – acquired the subdivision to use the eastern portion for SR 429 right-of-way. The subdivision was redesigned so that 33 of the original lots can be saved, all on the west side of SR 429.

A development agreement will

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**Apopka Event of the Week**

Miss Apopka Lindsay Bettis' send-off is Tuesday, June 19, 5-7 p.m., at Apopka City Hall in the atrium, 120 E. Main Street. The community is invited to come and wish her good luck as she represents Apopka in the state competition in Lakeland, June 26-30.

**Quotable**

Building relationships, especially with students, is important to Heinz and anyone worth his or her salt knows that that is a key to getting youngsters to not only exhibit proper behavior but excel in the classroom.

*The Apopka Chief on the new Apopka High School principal*

# Opinion

## The Apopka Chief

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### Our position

## Community teaching experience helpful to new AHS principal

We certainly want to be among those who welcome Lyle Heinz to his new position as principal of Apopka High School.

He's no stranger to the Apopka community and that's one of the things that makes his appointment as principal a positive.

All but two years of his experience in education here in Florida have come while serving in the Apopka community.

During his time as a classroom teacher at Apopka Memorial Middle School, he got to know the students and, oftentimes, their families and came to understand how to build relationships with students here.

He also coached boys basketball at the middle school, helping the players learn the value of teamwork and having goals that are greater than themselves.

Heinz was also a dean at the middle school prior to moving to Apopka High as an assistant principal under Principal Doug Guthrie, who had hired him at Apopka Memorial Middle School when Guthrie was the leader there.

During his three years at Apopka High, Heinz was in charge of discipline, and he sees that as a key component of his time now as principal of AHS.

Discipline is certainly a very important part of running a high school and is critical to fostering a top-notch learning experience. It's tough for students to concentrate in class or enjoy the non-academic activities when they worry about safety because discipline is not meted out in a consistent manner.

He promises to do that with help from the rest of his administrative staff as well as teachers. We're sure that his efforts to manage discipline in a strong manner will be welcome to the classroom teachers, as well as to the vast majority of Apopka High

students who are good kids and just want to be safe at school.

Of course, Heinz also has his eyes on improving academic performance at the school. Retaining top teachers and attracting others to Apopka High must be paramount as that's where the rubber meets the road in terms of our students learning.

Heinz has said he wants to take a look at the current state of the teachers and make sure that they are where they need to be. Some of them will be very familiar as they were in an AHS classroom when he was there as an assistant principal, but there has also been quite a bit of turnover, so there are many Apopka High teachers that he doesn't know.

Building relationships, especially with students, is important to Heinz and anyone worth his or her salt knows that that is a key to getting youngsters to not only exhibit proper behavior but excel in the classroom. Students who feel welcomed and loved will not only want to be at school, but will perform better academically and in other areas.

Being a principal at a high school these days is not easy, but Heinz appears to be a great choice for the position.

He understands that, even with massive growth, Apopka High is still a community school, which is so rare these days in any urban setting.

People in the community still care about the school and how it performs not only on the football field, but in the classroom. Even with all the growth in Apopka, many students represent multiple generations of Apopka High grads.

We look forward to Heinz having many years of success at Apopka High School and wish him and the students nothing but the best.



## O.C. offers a 'beary' good program

It has been almost a year since the rollout event for the launch of Orange County's Bear Cart Program. The program is targeted for residents in the northwest part of unincorporated Orange County near Apopka.

More than 10,000 households that are within the designated Bear Management Area are eligible for this voluntary program to receive a bear-resistant garbage cart for a \$50 processing fee. These especially equipped 95-gallon carts work with the county's automated collection system and have a gravity lock mechanism certified by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee.

The purpose of the program is to decrease human-bear conflicts by securing garbage that attracts bears. Customers in the designated area may leave their garbage out

County Commissioner District 2



Rod Love

overnight, according to a revised ordinance that went into effect regarding the program. However, homeowners in the designated area who do not wish to pay the processing fee for a cart have the option to secure their existing cart and place it at the curb between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. the day of service instead of overnight when bears forage for food.

The bear carts cost about \$245 each (much more than a regular cart). However, the county secured \$200,000 (\$200,124.15 total for the

Florida Wildlife Commission Grant Award) in grants from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to help offset the cost. Similar to its counterpart, the bear carts remain the property of Orange County for use by residential customers.

A program still ongoing today, a brief timeline detailing the history of the program is: The Florida Wildlife Commission awarded grant funding for the program in June 2017; Orange County had acquired the bear carts, and "Bear Cart Awareness" brochures were mailed to residential customers in the Bear Management Area, and the "Bear Cart Kick-off" event postcard was mailed to residential customers in the Bear Management Area in August 2017; the kick-off

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## Soviet Union was behind RFK murder

By Dr. Paul Kengor  
Center for Vision & Values

*Editor's note: This article first appeared at the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.*

It was 50 years ago on June 6 that a shocking moment of violence rocked America: the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

The tragedy erupted shortly after midnight June 5, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. It should have been a great night for RFK. He had just achieved a grand victory, having won California in the Democratic primary. He was on his way to the party's presidential nomination.

But not everyone in that building had similar

plans. After giving a jubilant speech, Kennedy was led from the podium toward the hotel exit via a carefully preselected back route through the kitchen. But someone was lurking along that path.

A 24-year-old Palestinian-Jordanian immigrant named Sirhan Sirhan jumped out from behind a cart stacked with trays and began firing a .22 revolver. He lodged three bullets in his intended victim, one directly in the head, entering behind the right ear and piercing Kennedy's brain. Kennedy went down. He would never stand again.

Why did Sirhan pull the trigger? The answer

was simple: The young Palestinian was seeking vengeance for the New York senator's support of Israel in the Six Day War the previous June.

Sirhan was vehemently anti-Israel when the Jewish state had defeated the Arab states. He vowed revenge, with Bobby Kennedy the chosen outlet for his anger.

His rage at RFK went ballistic. He scribbled maniacally in his diary on May 18, 1968: "My determination to eliminate RFK is becoming more the more (sic) of an unshakable obsession. R.F.K. must die. R.F.K. must be killed. R.F.K.

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### This Week In God's Word

"For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth; thou art exalted far above all gods. Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hands of the wicked." Psalm 97:9 and 10.

### Mema Says

Be careful who your friends are. If they can barely stay afloat themselves, How can they help lift you?

## Suggested ways to solidify Trump's effect on our nation

JUNE 15 – I'm writing this on Monday, June 11, but it's Tuesday, June 12 in Singapore where President Trump is meeting with North Korea's Kim Jong Un.

I feel positive that Un will meet the demands of denuclearization and missile reduction in the face of President Trump's promise of an all-out military solution to the threats to our country.

North Korea's missile

### Corbeil's Corner



Richard Corbeil

launches over our allies Japan and South Korea five months ago were certainly proof of the mentality we are dealing with. If this week is a Singapore Suc-

cess and North Korea goes for the U.S. proven model of peace and prosperity, there won't be too much left for President Trump's vast leadership talents to be utilized.

In that instance, Lalapeli's application of "a few crumbs" might be directed to the needs of governmental leadership by him in the near future.

Considering that the president is in his early 70s, his main concerns, in

the light of his many successes that will certainly come by the end of his third year in office, should be his wife Melania and his son who will be in his mid-teen years by then – the period when a father's attention is most required.

Unlike most of those who became president of the United States, Trump was a tremendously successful business billionaire. His success includes business skyscrapers, giant

apartments buildings, great hotels, top golf courses foreign and domestic, high-priced resorts, etc.

Typically, he donates the presidential salary to charity. If he needs to keep busy outside the presidency, he has no need to look further than his family and a slew of income-producing properties.

Letting Vice President Mike Pence take over for the presidency for the last year of this term of Trump,

would be a brilliant move for the GOP and Pence. The tremendous success in President Trump's legislation and bills has "Made America Great Again" well ahead of our expectation in time and size.

As governor of Indiana in 2013, Pence had a \$1.1-billion giveback, the largest tax cut in state history. He also had the state's first pre-K fund-

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# Traveling Vietnam Wall will be displayed in Kit Land Nelson Park in November

By Teresa Sargeant  
Apopka Chief Staff

It took two years of planning, but a one-of-a-kind tribute to fallen veterans is finally coming to Apopka.

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will make its debut appearance in the community November 7-12, at the Fall Family Festival at Kit Land Nelson Park. Veteran's Day is on Sunday, November 11 this year.

A 3/5-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., the Traveling Memorial Wall will give the public the opportunity to view the wall 24 hours every day. This schedule allows visitors to come at their convenience, especially during hours when they want to avoid a crowd. Admission is free and open to the public.

Standing at six feet tall and covering over 300 feet from end to end, the Traveling Memorial Wall bears all 58,307 names of the fallen heroes listed in the exact same location on the panels as the original Washington D.C. monument, which also has 24-hour-a-day access.

The Traveling Memorial Wall is dubbed "The Healing Wall" because it lets visitors reconnect with friends and loved ones while reading the names and reflecting on the veterans' commitment, sacrifices and honor.

"For many people who don't get an opportunity to go to Washington, D.C., this might be their only opportunity to pay respect and to visit a display like this," said Bill Spiegel, Apopka Rotary Club member and festival chair. The club organizes the festival.

The wall will be escorted into Apopka the morning of Wednesday, November 7. The wall's opening ceremony will be Wednesday, November 7, at 6 p.m. and will be open for school field trips on Thursday and Friday during the festival.

In addition to the wall, there will be a variety of military vehicles on display, an American Flag Honor Walk and more. The American Flag Honor Walk will take place on a walkway from the parking area to the wall. The walkway will be lined with American flags.

The last military tribute the Fall Family Festival conducted was in 2011, with guest speakers, Reserve Officer Training Corps members, a flyover, and an honor guard. For about 17 years, the festival has been scheduled around Veteran's Day.

"The city already has different Memorial Day and Veteran's Day events that we didn't want to take away from any of the other events in town," Spiegel said as the reason the festival didn't host any military tributes since 2011.

The Traveling Memorial Wall's arrival at Apopka



(Photo courtesy Maureen Walsh)

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be displayed in Apopka November 7-12 at Kit Land Nelson Park.

ka has been two years in the making, partly because of the heavy itinerary that involves transporting it around the nation. The monument will only be in Florida one time between now and the Fall Family Festival: at the Lady Lake soccer field in Lady Lake, November 1-5, according to the Traveling Memorial Wall website.

Created and sponsored by the Vietnam and All Veterans of Brevard, of Melbourne, the Traveling Memorial Wall travels the eastern half of the United States, from central Texas and Iowa eastward all the way up to the Canadian border, said wall manager Doc Russo.

The organization created its own wall after another one the group contracts annually for a veterans reunion failed to show up one year. Since this launch, the wall has experienced great success. It gets booked at least two years in advance, with its current timetable running through 2020.

"We decided to build our own," Russo said. "Once we built it, the phone calls started to come in to get us to travel with it, so we do."

The Rotary Club is offering a plethora of volunteering opportunities. Thirty volunteers are needed to help install the wall on November 7. Another 30 are necessary to disassemble it on Monday, November 12.

Then other volunteer groups are being sought out to staff the wall, taking four-hour blocks during the round-the-clock schedule. They will assist visitors with name searching, counseling information and support lending, Spiegel said. Police security will still be on the premises, and the wall will be lit up.

Though the Rotary Club would have to raise about \$15,000 for the wall and its infrastructure, the wall is not a fundraiser in itself, but "more of a service for the community," Spiegel said.

"We're not trying to

figure out a way to use the wall to make money," he said. "The Fall Family Festival itself stands on its own, but we thought that this would be a good feature even if we have to lend our financial support to bring it to the community."

Anyone interested in being a volunteer, sponsor or exhibitor for the festival and the Traveling Memorial Wall can visit [www.fallfamilyfestival.com](http://www.fallfamilyfestival.com).

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## Mosquito Disease Prevention

in Orange County






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Orange County is using this poster to urge mosquito control this summer.

## County urges mosquito control

In Central Florida, mosquito activity increases during the hot, rainy months of the summer season. With increased activity comes the additional threat of mosquito-borne diseases such as chikungunya, dengue and Zika.

Mosquitoes are such a serious health threat that the American Mosquito Control Association has declared June 24 through June 30 as National Mosquito Control Awareness Week.

Orange County Government encourages residents to do their part by inspecting their property for any containers that can hold standing water. Even very small containers, like water in bottle caps, can provide the right environment for mosquito-borne illnesses. Specifically, Orange County is urging residents to Tip, Toss and Cover!

**Tip** out standing water, even very small amounts, from flower pots, toys, buckets, pet dishes, trash containers, wading pools and car covers. Flush gutters, birdbaths and bromeliads with fresh water from your hose.

**Toss** items that can collect water. Put away items not being used and that can hold standing water. Remember, even very

small amounts of water provide a home for mosquitoes.

**Cover** exposed skin during the day by wearing shoes, socks, long pants and long sleeves. Apply mosquito repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535. EPA-approved repellent is safe for pregnant women to use. Use mosquito netting on strollers for infants and babies.

Additionally, Orange County Mosquito Control often release *Gambusia*, or mosquitofish, a species of fish that likes to eat mosquito larvae. This tiny, noninvasive species is native to Central Florida and is commonly found in natural fresh bodies of water including ponds, canals and lakes. Mosquitofish are now available to Orange County residents, free of charge, and can be released into habitats where they are not already present.

For residents interested in mosquitofish, call 407-254-9120. Orange County Mosquito Control will survey the surrounding bodies of water to determine if these fish are a right fit or are already present in the area. Residents can also visit [www.ocfl.net/mosquito](http://www.ocfl.net/mosquito) or call 3-1-1 with any questions or for additional information.

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# Nominations for Florida Woman of Year in Agriculture being taken

Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam is now accepting nominations for the 2018 "Woman of the Year in Agriculture" award, which recognizes women in all areas of the industry who have made outstanding contributions to Florida agriculture. The deadline for submitting nominations is July 31.

Nominations may be submitted electronically by accessing the application located on the Woman of the Year in Agriculture on the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services website.

Nominations may also be sent via mail or fax to the Florida Department of Agriculture Director of External Affairs Clay Hollis.

Send completed nomination forms to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Plaza Level 10, The Capitol, 400 S. Monroe St., Tallahassee, 32399-0800; fax 850-617-7744, or email at clay.hollis@freshfromflorida.com.

More information about the "Woman of the Year in Agriculture" award

and past award winners, as the Florida Department of Agriculture, can be found at [www.freshfromflorida.com](http://www.freshfromflorida.com).



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*Patti Bankson*

## The War at Home

While lefties were publicly biting their nails this week, convincing themselves that Trump's meet-and-greet with Comrade Un would start WW III, things going on elsewhere weren't getting the attention they deserve. Like Ms Maxie. Her YouTube rant reminded me of the unmentioned war at home: Ignorance and lack of ambition, which she epitomized. She talked about how free she'd felt when she'd taken a month off from work. (Duh!) Now that she's back at work, she says, "I feel like I'm in bundage (sic)". Then she tells us that "money makes the world go 'round. So I have to work just to pay off the debt I have. My car note, student loan, you know ... house." (Duh #2) She explains that she has no choice but to work because of our capitalistic system, which she defines as "one big scam; just a way to get our money." She thinks "land

is supposed to be free"... then she wants to know why we're even paying for water. "Water's supposed to be free... why are we continuously paying rent all our (bleeping) lives? We should stay in a place, like for ten-years, then you should never have to pay rent again. I mean, ever, ever... as long as you live." She complains that she's been living in what she described with an expletive, since '98, and is still paying rent, and the place isn't worth it. According to her, her ancient ancestors "didn't need 9-to-5 jobs, they took care of themselves, built their own houses; they lived on land they didn't have to pay for... didn't pay rent every month... umm, they didn't have to pay electricity bills every month and, believe it or not, there was electricity in Africa in ancient times... umm, America is basically just one big mental case... that's how I feel about America."

That's what she says and here's what I say: "You're an ignorant ingrate. Here's your one-way ticket to somewhere else, Ms Maxie... have a good life."

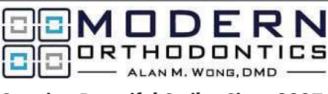
What's striking about her tirade is how different it is from Senator Marco

Rubio's (R-FL) words at The Reagan Library in California. He recognizes America for what it is, a land of opportunity... for those who are willing to work for what they need and want... for those willing to work to turn our current political direction around... willing to acknowledge the real issue standing between us and a future brighter than the one the Ms Maxie's of this country are letting others craft for them, is the question of the proper role of government. Rubio's belief is that government's role depends on the kind of country we want to be... that what most American's want for us is "Freedom and Prosperity; to be a place, a country, where you can achieve your "economic hopes and dreams".

I guess that's where people left of the left and, people like Ms Maxie, lose their way. They get lost in the weeds of the difference between making a dream come true for yourself and waiting around for someone else to make it happen for you. Or, better yet, someone to just give it to you. Free. On someone else's dime.

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## Grants available for educators to teach students about Florida's water resources

Now entering the third year of its Blue School Grant Program, the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) plans to offer up to \$20,000 in grants for education projects that enhance student knowledge of Florida's water resources through hands-on learning.

The application period runs through September 7, giving teachers all summer to prepare their project proposals for the 2018-2019 grants.

"Blue School Grants are a great way for the district to partner with our local schools and support student development in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields," said SJRWMD Executive Director

Dr. Ann Shortelle.

"We have funded nearly 20 education projects in the last two funding cycles, and I'm excited to see what the next round of applications will bring."

Up to \$2,000 per teacher per school will be awarded to middle and high school teachers to enhance student knowledge of Florida's water resources. Public and charter school-teachers within the district's boundaries are eligible to apply.

Grants may be awarded in four areas: water quality field studies, water conservation garden projects, water conservation community/school awareness campaigns or freshwater

resources educational programs.

Examples of successful grant applications include:

- \*Water quality comparison of stormwater ponds on campus
- \*Micro-irrigation installation in school garden
- \*Field trip to organic and conventional farms
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- \*Water conservation awareness posters and video

Teachers receiving grants will be notified after October 1.

Information about criteria and deadlines and the online application can be found at [www.sjrwmd.com/education/blueschool](http://www.sjrwmd.com/education/blueschool).

## Kengor: Six Day War was provoked by the Kremlin

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must be assassinated. ... Robert F. Kennedy must be assassinated before 5 June 68."

Looking back, this was maybe the first major manifestation of Middle East terrorism in the United States, long before Sept. 11, 2001.

And yet, it is crucial to understand that this was a deadly act prompted not only by the evil of Middle East terrorism but also — albeit quite forgotten — by the evil of Soviet communism.

What did the Soviets

have to do with this dirty deed? The answer: The Six Day War had been shamelessly provoked by the Kremlin.

Looking to exploit divisions in the Middle East and further exacerbate America's foreign-policy problems at the time (especially in Vietnam), Soviet officials in May 1968 had cooked up false intelligence reports claiming that Israeli troops had been moved into the Golan Heights and were readying to invade Syria. Moscow peddled the

malicious disinformation to Egypt and other Arab states hostile to Israel. The Kremlin wanted to provoke a military confrontation with Israel. And it worked. On this, there is no debate. It is a historical certainty.

Moscow had precipitated the Six Day War in June 1967, which, in turn, had prompted RFK's assassination in June 1968. And the rest is history.

At the time of his death, Robert F. Kennedy was only 42 years old. Had he lived to win the

presidency, he would have been 43 at his inauguration, the same age as his late brother at his swearing in. His shooter was 24 years old, the same age as his late brother's shooter.

Today, 50 years later, the shooter is still with us. Bobby Kennedy is long gone. Who knows what might have been?

*Dr. Paul Kengor is professor of political science and executive director of The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College*

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## Love: 660 bear carts still available for purchase

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event, originally scheduled to take place in September 2017, was cancelled due to the landfall of Hurricane Irma; the initial bear carts were delivered in conjunction with a media event hosted by Apopka Mayor Bryan Nelson (then Orange County commissioner for District 2) and the Solid Waste Division, and the Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Office distributed the brochures to residents within the Bear Management Area at

HOA meetings in October 2017; and a second bear cart postcard was mailed to residential customers in the Bear Management Area this past April.

To date, 919 total bear carts have been purchased, with 259 having been delivered and 660 still available. Residents may view the video for the media event from last year here <https://bit.ly/2HJzrm> as well as photos of myself being introduced to Orange County's Bear Cart Program this week.

Residents who would

like to participate in this program may visit the Orange County Government webpage at [www.ocfl.net/BearCarts](http://www.ocfl.net/BearCarts) for program details, including the brochure. The webpage provides residents with the ability to verify that they live in the designated Bear Management Area and apply for a bear cart online. Residents may also print the application form and send it in the mail to 5901 Young Pine Rd., Orlando, 32829, for processing or contact the Solid Waste Hotline at 407-836-6601

for assistance from a team member. Regardless of the method they choose, residents are required to pay the \$50 processing fee to obtain a cart.

Shown by the numbers and support from elected officials, staff and residential customers, it is evident that Orange County's Bear Cart Program has been successful in its first year in achieving the balance between convenience for residents and the health and safety of bears for curbside garbage collection.

## Corbeil: Pence delivered tough message to N. Korea

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ing program and steered funds toward infrastructure improvement. By 2016, Indiana was enjoying a \$2-billion budget surplus and a pristine triple-A credit rating.

When you see that the miraculous tax bill results in increasing the economic growth rate from eight years of the Obamanation's 1.5 to a steady 2.9, and heading for a possible 4.0, you know a "neighborhood organizer" is not in charge.

Ditto for an employment rate that has produced more jobs than there are those seeking employment. And, most important

is our move in every foreign market to have equal export and import fees between the U.S. and foreign nations. If anything has decimated our trade profits, it has been these unequal fees.

When candidate Trump selected Indiana Governor Pence as V.P. candidate, it was certainly another super smart decision by our president. The governor of Indiana had previously served in Congress for 12 years (2000-2012). He has described himself as "a Christian, a conservative, and a Republican, in that order."

I was quite taken with Pence's presidential

impression at the Winter Olympics in South Korea when he delivered a tough message to North Korea with the announcement that more sanctions were on the way. Frankly, I feel that after that message was when North Korea began thinking about meeting with President Trump.

When Pence moves up to president, whether with my thought of that being for the fourth year of Trump's term or in 2020, his vice presidential pick would be great to be Trump's daughter Ivanka, a brilliant business woman who now serves as presidential adviser without a salary.

Like her father, she graduated from the Wharton School of Business and spent two years working at a real estate development firm outside of her father's business. She didn't join her father's organization until she felt she could prove her worth, which she did quite unquestionably.

I'm sure that after President Pence's terms in office, Ivanka would end up as Madam President.

"For many are called, but few are chosen." Matthew 22:14.

*Note: Ivanka is married to real estate developer and entrepreneur Jared Kushner, and they have three children.*

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## Deputies identify body of woman found locally

The Orange County Sheriff's Office has identified the victim, whose body was found on the side of Lust Road near State Road 429, as Tiffany Tweedy, aged 35, the sheriff's office announced Monday, June 11.

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## St. Johns River Water Management District sets July as Lakes Appreciation Month

With nearly 1,500 lakes within its boundaries, the St. Johns River Water Management District will recognize July as Lakes Appreciation Month to increase public awareness about the value of Florida's lakes and to encourage behaviors that will enhance lakes' health.

The district's governing board approved a proclamation at its meeting on Tuesday, June 12.

"Florida's lakes are essential to the environment

and economy of the state, as well as its residents and visitors," said Dr. Erich Marzolf, director of the district's Division of Water and Land Resources and the Region 4 director on the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS) Board of Directors. "The district's largest lake, Lake George, covers 73 square miles and is just one of more than 4,200 natural lakes in Florida. Lakes are among Florida's most valuable natural resources, and

their importance should not go unnoticed."

Marzolf represents Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee on the NALMS board.

The St. Johns District joins other Florida water management districts in recognizing Lakes Appreciation Month, and NALMS annually proclaims July as Lakes Appreciation Month.

The intent of the an-

nual resolution is to raise awareness of the importance and benefits lakes provide. In addition, NALMS conducts its annual Secchi Dip-In each July. Started in the United States, the Secchi Dip-In is now an international effort in which volunteers produce a "snapshot" of water transparency in lakes around the world.

For information about waterways within the district, visit [www.sjrwm.com/waterways/](http://www.sjrwm.com/waterways/).

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## City: Current center will get new grocery store

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go with the new final development plan and plat when project representatives before the City Council at a public hearing. Among the issues the development agreement will cover are bridge maintenance and the Belgian Street landscape maintenance by the Stanton

Ridge homeowners association.

The City Council public hearing meeting on Stanton Ridge is scheduled for July 18 beginning at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

### Grocery store

The Planning Commission approved a final development plan for

a 28,600 square-foot grocery store addition, proposed to be constructed in the northeastern corner of the existing Wekiva Riverwalk Shopping Center building. The Lucky's Market is planned for 2121 East Semoran Blvd.

A restaurant and retail space is currently located in the tenant space.

The final development plan details an 8,500 square foot addition to the portion of the existing building where the grocery store is proposed.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on this final development plan on Wednesday, June 20, at City Hall. The meeting starts at 7 p.m.

## Budget: Apopka has \$3.25 billion in taxable property value, according to appraiser's office

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opment, police, fire, recreation, and the mayor's office. The current General Fund is almost \$48 million. Most of the rest of the city budget is for utilities, which is paid for by user fees for water, sewer, and garbage pickup.

According to figures

from the Orange County

property appraiser's office, the value of property in the city of Apopka has risen 10.1 percent, which equates to roughly \$1 million more in property tax revenue if the City Council keeps the property tax rate at 3.7876 mills. In all, the taxable property value in Apopka is \$3.25 billion, according to the property appraiser's office.

Overall, property has increased by 9.3 percent in Orange County with Ocoee leading the way at 13.7 percent. The total taxable property value in all of Orange County is \$130.52 billion.

Bass said that because he doesn't have the final numbers from the state, he is not sure if taxes will have to be raised. "I'm hoping we don't have to do that,"

he said.

The biggest single item in this year's city budget is the loan the city took out for the wastewater treatment plant that is under construction.

"We're not anticipating any loans (in next year's budget), but we'll have an increase in debt payment because of that loan," Bass said.

Normally, the city's finance director would be handling all the budget preparation, but the city has been without a finance director since early this year when Pam Barclay retired. With the election in March and the changeover in administration, a new finance director has finally been hired, Bass said.

Jamie Roberson, currently the chief financial officer for the Osceola Coun-

ty property appraiser's office, will join the city as Apopka's finance director on June 25, although she has already been spending time in the evening learning the city's systems, Bass said.

Roberson graduated from the University of South Florida, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the USF School of Accountancy. She is a Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO) and has been a member of the local, state, and national chapters of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) since 2002.

The married mother of five, Roberson has been working in Osceola County government for nearly 16 years.

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# Ethics: Former mayor has two options now ahead of him as complaint must be finished

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Apopka city commissioner.

"Mr. Kilsheimer's inclusion as an officer and director of the Foundation on the 2014 and 2015 annual reports were erroneous," the attorney wrote. "The 2014 and 2015 annual reports should not have included Mr. Kilsheimer as an officer or director of the Foundation. The failure to remove Mr. Kilsheimer as an officer or director of the Foundation from the 2014 and 2015 annual reports apparently resulted from a breakdown in communications" between the Foundation and the accounting firm of Cross, Fernandez and Riley LLP that provided services on a pro bono basis.

In an affidavit filed last month by Kilsheimer, he echoed his attorney's statement.

In her report to the commission, a person listed as an advocate for the ethics commission, stated that City of Life's annual reports in 2010 and 2011 did not have Kilsheimer listed as an officer or director as he stated.

"In 2012, Respondent (Kilsheimer) could not have resigned or 'left the board' because he was not an officer or director at that time. In fact, in 2012, Respondent filed the Foundation's annual report as indicated by his electronic signature which also certified, under oath, that the report is true and accurate and that he is empowered to execute the report," the advocate wrote.

According to the advocate's report, Kilsheimer was listed as the president of City of Life from 2013 until an amended report was filed on October 12, 2015, when he was removed as an officer or director.

The advocate also wrote that Kilsheimer, "while serving as Mayor, unilaterally selected the Foundation, a corporation in which he was the President." The advocate also stated that Kilsheimer "initially violated the City's purchasing policy by not providing documentation 'clearly defining why it is in the best interest of the City not to obtain quotes ... and/or why this vendor is to be used when other vendors may supply their products at a lesser price.'"

Kilsheimer had chosen City of Life Foundation for the Apopka Begins and Ends with A program by citing the city's Evaluated Source exception that allows purchases without a bidding process.

In wrapping up her report to the ethics commission, the advocate wrote, "From September 2015 until at least the end of the Commission's investigation, Respondent (Kilsheimer) used or attempted to use his official position and performed his official duties to secure a source of funding for a corporation in which he had, or had held, a leadership role. Respondent's conduct, in the very least, benefited his business partner(s). His actions were wrongful and inconsistent with the proper performance of his

public duties."

In dismissing the second allegation against Kilsheimer, the advocate wrote, "At the time of the vote, Respondent was no longer an officer or director of the Foundation or possessed authority to act on behalf of the corporation at the time of the vote. While it is clear that Respondent and Chernoff were formerly and prospectively business associates, the statute speaks in the present tense and no apparent relationship existed at the time of the January 4, 2017 vote."

Kilsheimer, in response to a text message seeking comment for this story, wrote in a text, "I continue to believe I did nothing wrong, but because this is still a pending matter, I can't comment any further." He was elected in 2012 as an Apopka city commissioner and then in 2014, he was elected mayor of Apopka. He was defeated by Bryan Nelson this past March in his bid for re-election.

Kerrie Stillman, a spokeswoman for the Florida Ethics Commission, said the one allegation is still open and that Kilsheimer has two options: He can either have the matter go before an administrative law judge for a final hearing or he could try to enter into a settlement agreement with the advocate for the ethics commission.

Because Kilsheimer is no longer mayor of Apopka, he could receive penalties of public censure or reprimand or fines up to \$10,000, Stillman said.

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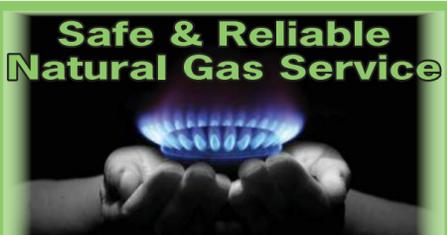
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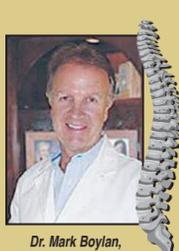
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