

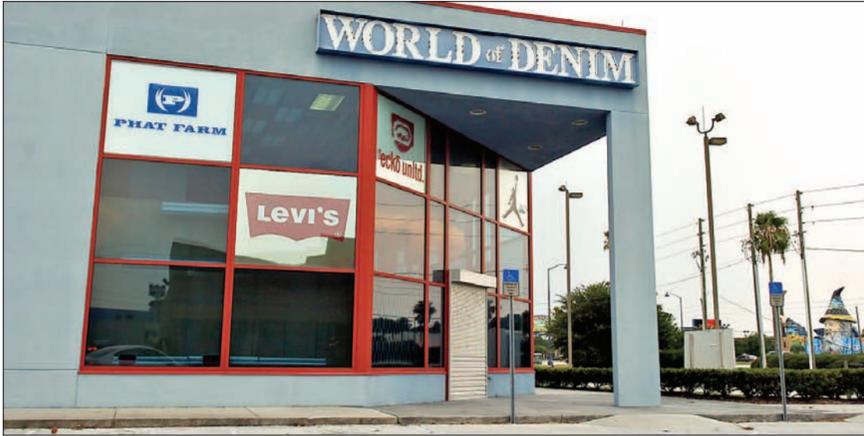
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County closing in on site for museum



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Negotiations with the owners of the World of Denim at 5210 W. U.S. Highway 192 have produced a sale price of \$960,000. Osceola County would buy the site to house a relocated military history museum run by Veterans Tribute & Museum of Osceola County Inc. The county, after the sale goes through, would deed the site to the veterans group.

By Marvin G. Cortner
Editor

Using tourist development tax funds, Osceola County is moving forward with buying the former World of Denim store at 5210 W. U.S. Highway 192 as the site for the relocation of the local veterans museum.

Shelley Maccini, interim director of the Kissimmee Convention & Visitors Bureau, Tuesday at the county Tourist Development Council meeting said the negotiated price for the property is \$960,000. This amount would be deducted from the \$1.8 million in financial support committed to Veterans Tribute and Museum of Osceola County Inc. last summer by the County Commission over three years to help the group get its museum of military

County

history started at a new location. The commission still must approve the World of Denim purchase.

The museum currently operates out of a space at Osceola Square Mall and is relocating mainly because the area there is inadequate and because the veterans group wants the museum in a more prominent location in the West U.S. Highway 192 tourist corridor in order to attract more visitors.

Maccini said the county would deed the property to the museum organization with a reverter clause, specifying that the site would have to be returned to the county if it were no longer used as a museum. In addition, the veterans group

would be responsible for all maintenance of the site and building as well as utilities.

According to county property and tax records, the site's current owner is Steinfeld Properties, of Winter Park; the company purchased the property in 2001 for \$1.7 million. The one-story building on the site has 10,260 square feet under roof and was constructed in 1997. The appraised value assigned to the property as of June 15 was \$753,100 and the latest property tax bill was for \$14,639.

The veterans group previously considered relocating to the building now occupied by the visitors bureau at Osceola Heritage Park off Bill Beck Boulevard but dropped that

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Kissimmee

Red light cameras still on track

By Brian McBride
Associate Editor

The city of Kissimmee is set to enter negotiations with a vendor to supply red light running cameras at some of the most offending intersections.

Through a request for proposal process, the city chose Arizona-based Redflex Traffic Systems. The City Commission at a recent meeting authorized city staff to negotiate a contract for a red light camera system.

The contract will be presented to the commission when a deal is forged, City Manager Mike Steigerwald said.

"My hope is to get it on the first meeting of July, but we're not going to rush it," he said, adding that the contract has to meet the terms the city wants.

The deal could call for 10 cameras at some of the more troublesome intersections. Those areas will be identified by the Osceola County Community Traffic Safety Team, a group of highway safety advocates committed to solving traffic safety problems through a comprehensive, multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary approach. Members include local city, county, state and occasionally federal agencies, as well as private industry representatives and local residents. The group will likely look at data such as fatality rates and citation history, Steigerwald said.

The city manager said depending on how quickly a deal is worked out, the cameras could be up by the end of summer when the school year starts.

At press time Friday, city
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Bait house arrests



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Kissimmee Police Department Detectives Jeff Patanjo, left, and Robert Stuart operate from the master bedroom of a rented home in a subdivision along Poinciana Boulevard, luring potential drug dealers, prostitutes and unlicensed or unscrupulous contractors as part of a week-long sting operation.

KPD has prostitution, handyman sting

By Fallan Patterson
Staff Writer

A child and adolescent psychiatrist who practices in Kissimmee but lives in Orlando was one of 16 people busted for assignment of prostitution and entering a dwelling for prostitution last week in an Internet sting conducted by the Kissimmee Police Department using a bait house.

Dr. Ramarao Makkena, 43, who has an office on Vine Street near the Osceola Square Mall, was one of those arrested June 10. Anthony Basden, 21, of

Kissimmee; Ashley Morgan, 23, of Celebration; and Claire Fray, 36, of Kissimmee, were the only Osceola County residents arrested; all others charged live in neighboring counties.

Detectives from KPD's Criminal Investigation Division spent part of last week targeting prostitution advertisements from Internet sites such as backpage.com and craigslist.com. During the course of the week, detectives replied to ads on the websites and also posted a decoy ad on the websites.

"Prostitution can bring

with it drug-related crimes (including) robbery and burglary. By conducting operations like this one, we are taking steps on curtailing these types of crimes within Kissimmee," Police Chief Fran Iwanski said.

Additionally, detectives last week attempted to expose unlicensed contractors who use Internet-based advertisements to defraud using the same bait house but at a different time. The bait house, which was rented with forfeiture funds by

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Makkena



Morgan



Fray



Basden

Police news

Suspect arrested in Poinciana shooting

Osceola County Sheriff's Office detectives Tuesday arrested Antonio Groover, 18, of Lake Wales, and charged him with attempted murder.

The investigation began May 21 at about 1:45 a.m., when Osceola County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the area of Cypress Parkway and Doverplum Avenue in Poinciana. Upon arrival, deputies spoke with three individuals, who said they had just left a party and were traveling in a 2005 silver Chevrolet Impala near Amiens Road and Orly Drive, when an unknown suspect fired shots into their vehicle. A bullet went through the back window and hit one of the passengers in the head. He was conscious and was transported to a nearby hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.



Groover

Based on information provided by the victim and other witnesses, detectives identified Groover as a suspect. Groover was at the party earlier in the evening and witnesses observed him near Amiens Road and Orly Drive when the victim was shot.

Detectives on Tuesday searched Groover's residence at 224 Dr. JA Wiltshire Ave. in Lake Wales and obtained evidence to support the case. Groover was taken into custody and cooperated with detectives.

Based on his statements and the evidence, Groover was charged with attempted murder. He was booked into the Osceola County Jail with no bond.

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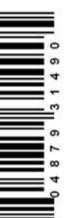
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Business

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Hurtado



Reyes



Lopez-Wihls



Namen

Four arrested for car burglary at Best Buy

Osceola County Sheriff's Office detectives have arrested Christian Hurtado, 30, a transient, John Reyes, 19, and Samir Namen, 27, both of Miami, and Jasson Lopez-Wihls, 18, of Hialeah, and charged them with conveyance burglary.

The investigation began June 10 at about 3:20 p.m. when deputies responded to Best Buy at 1620 W. Osceola Parkway in Kissimmee. Upon arrival, deputies observed a silver Dodge Caravan leaving the parking lot. The vehicle matched the description of a car involved in a car burglary.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop and spoke with the driver, Namen. While speaking with the driver, deputies could smell marijuana coming from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed three bags of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and two laptop computers.

After further investigation, detectives confirmed the four suspects were involved in the car burglary reported at Best Buy. In addition, one of the laptop computers was linked to a business burglary.

All four suspects were arrested and booked into the Osceola County Jail. In addition to the burglary charge, Reyes was charged with possession of cannabis under 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.



Harrison



Reeze



Allen



Shaw

Four arrested for car burglaries in Celebration

Osceola County Sheriff's Office detectives have arrested four suspects from Orlando - Kendrick Harrison, 34, of 6103 Holiday Hill Lane, Tyrus Reeze, 31, of 4961 Lescott Lane, Derico Allen, 32, of 1320 Coretta Way, and Leroy Shaw 30, of 5345 Cinder Lane - and charged them with eight counts of conveyance burglary, unoccupied business burglary, fleeing and eluding, possession of burglary tools and grand theft.

The investigation began June 11 at approximately 2:30 a.m. when deputies responded to a construction company, Albritton Williams, at 599 Celebration Place in Celebration. Upon arrival, deputies heard noises coming from the fenced yard and observed four suspects breaking into cars. The suspects were taking items from the vehicles and throwing them into a white pickup truck and a white van.

The suspects left the area in the vehicles and were stopped a short distance away. Deputies located various stolen items including generators, a pressure washer, a ladder and various tools totaling approximately \$10,000 in value. All four suspects were booked into the Osceola County Jail.

Second driver sought in fatal crash

Florida Highway Patrol traffic homicide investigators are looking for a white, male driver of a small red passenger vehicle, possibly a Honda with a loud muffler, that was east-bound on Osceola Parkway at the time of Monday night's crash in Buenaventura Lakes that claimed the lives of a teenage couple and their child.

Anyone with information on this driver or vehicle can contact authorities at 407-737-2213.

Killed in that crash were driver Adolfo Carmenate, 17, of Orlando, and passengers Yaritza DeJesus Campos, 17, and Yadiel Carmenate, 1, both of Kissimmee.

The Honda veered into the grass median near Coralwood

Circle and hit a green 2003 Toyota Tacoma head-on with Mayra Santiago, 49, and Esteban Rivera-Fuentes, 24, both of Kissimmee, inside.

Both Santiago, the driver, and Rivera-Fuentes were transferred to Osceola Regional Medical Center with minor injuries.

Kidnapping scam still occurring

Kissimmee Police Department detectives are warning of a kidnapping scam that is still occurring with escalating demands.

Detectives have taken approximately 12 reports from residents who have received a call in Spanish informing them that a family member has been involved in an accident and has been kidnapped. The caller is

demanding ransom money from the resident and threatens to further harm the family member if the demands are not met.

These calls have now escalated, requiring the victim to come to a location to deliver the ransom, KPD spokeswoman Stacie Miller stated in a press release.

Detectives are warning residents about this scam and that the suspects are targeting Hispanic individuals. If you receive a similar call, police advise you to remain calm and contact the family member immediately to ensure that he or she is safe. If you are unable to contact the family member, call law enforcement immediately. Do not agree to provide ransom money or meet anyone to deliver ransom money.

Detectives also are asking the **See Police news, page A-3**

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The hearing will be held as part of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

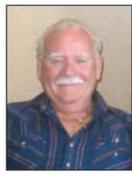
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In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the Office of the President & General Manager, 1701 W. Carroll St., Kissimmee, telephone number (407) 933-7777 Ext. 6100, prior to the meeting.

If you should decide to appeal any decision made by the KUA Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, you will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purposes, you may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the meeting is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made.

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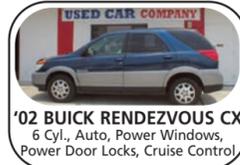


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Kissimmee City Manager Mike Steigerwald said he hoped to have red-light running cameras installed in the city by the end of the summer pending negotiations with a vendor. City staff was expected to look over the vendor contract Friday.

staff handling negotiations was planning to review Redflex's terms in the contract.

"Were going to sit down and come up with what we don't like and then sit down with Redflex," City Attorney Don Smallwood said Wednesday.

According to state statute, the fine for running a red light would be \$158. Of that, \$70 would go to the city of Kissimmee. What Redflex would receive from that would depend on the contract.

No points would be assessed on a driver license with a citation.

The project would not be a money-maker for the city, Steigerwald said. As the cameras begin to catch violators, he anticipates that ticket revenue would begin to drop.

"We're not in this to make money," he said. "We're in this to improve the safety of our roadways."

How the city will handle any protests hasn't been decided yet, Smallwood said.

As directed by the City Commission, the city does not want to tag motorists who make a right turn at a red light, Steigerwald said, because a photo shouldn't be snapped if they stopped first. That's going to have to be addressed during negotiations with Redflex, Smallwood said.

According to a city report, Redflex was chosen above a list of other vendors because it was willing to pay Kissimmee public works staff to install the cameras; willing to take a lower percentage of city revenue generated from the tickets; and had the best support system to keep the program up and running.

Red light running cameras were approved last year when former Gov. Charlie Crist signed House Bill 325, the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act, which created the statewide consistent standards for the use of cameras as traffic enforcement devices. The act was named after Mark Wandall, a man who was killed by a red-light runner in 2003.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2009 there were 62 fatalities involving red-light runners in Florida — making it the third-deadliest state for such collisions.

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public to attempt to verify the caller's claim by requesting the name of the abducted family member. Even if you have verified your family member is safe, detectives are urging residents to report the incident immediately.

When reporting the incident, be ready to provide the detectives with the following information: confirmation your family member is safe; specific demands the caller made; the gender and accent of the caller; and the date, time and location the caller arranged for the ransom to be paid.

Anyone with information on these types of calls is asked to contact the Kissimmee Police Department's Economic Crimes Unit at 407-846-3333 by email at seetsayit@kissimmee.org or Crimeline at 1-800-423-TIPS (8477).

Pedestrian killed in Kissimmee

An elderly Kissimmee man was killed crossing the street Wednesday on Columbia Avenue in Kissimmee.

The victim, Agustin Acosta Sr., 82, was crossing Columbia Avenue at Thacker Avenue at around 11 a.m. when he was struck and killed by a car driven by Maheshwar Munna, 64, of Kissimmee, Kissimmee Police Department investigators said Thursday.

Acosta was in the crosswalk at the time he was hit, according to police. He was transported to the hospital, where he died on Wednesday.

The road was closed for several hours while traffic homicide investigators processed the scene. The investigation is ongoing; there are no criminal charges pending, police said.

St. Cloud man faces multiple charges

At about 2:15 p.m. Thursday, St. Cloud Police Department's Investigative Services Division with the assistance of the Osceola County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Enforcement

Team and the Osceola County Investigative Bureau conducted a drug bust on Michael Smith, 22, of 5256 Countryside Court, Narcoossee.

According to St. Cloud Police Department Public Information Officer Sgt. Kirk Zilke, law enforcement were coordinating an undercover drug sting at an undisclosed local business in St. Cloud.

As officers moved in to make an arrest, Smith got into a rented, white Nissan Altima and fled from law enforcement officers, striking one of their unmarked vehicles, authorities said.



Smith

During the apprehension, the suspect also struck a civilian truck and crashed into an unoccupied duplex at 501 Columbia Ave. Smith then fled on foot and was apprehended a few blocks away by a police K-9 unit. No civilians or law enforcement officers were injured.

A Sheriff's Office helicopter was in the air prior to Smith fleeing and tracked his path. Officers in the helicopter even saw the garbage can where Smith threw a gun, Zilke said.

Smith is charged with armed trafficking of cocaine and oxycodone, two counts of aggravated assault on law enforcement officers, fleeing and eluding law enforcement officers, carrying a concealed weapon, resisting law enforcement officers with violence, driving while his driver license was suspended and two counts of leaving the scene of an accident with property damage. Smith was later transported to the Osceola County Jail.

Statewide burglary ring broken up

State authorities busted up an eight-person Miami-based burglary ring that netted more than \$6 million in stolen jewelry from pawn shops and jewelry stores in Florida, North Carolina, Ten-

nessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Connecticut.

The arrests mark the culmination of a nearly two-year multi-agency investigation into an organized burglary ring based out of Miami-Dade County. The ring operated with multiple crews of burglars who would burglarize jewelry stores and pawn shops by cutting holes in the roof, disabling alarms and surveillance systems and using torches to access safes.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Jacksonville Regional Operations Center and Attorney General Pam Bondi's Office of Statewide Prosecution, with the cooperation of 19 police and sheriff's departments in the six states hit, aided in the investigation.

"The large-scale cooperation among the various law enforcement agencies was a vast undertaking that will result in justice for the victims of these burglaries," Bondi said.

The following individuals were arrested between May 19 and May 24 and charged with racketeering and conspiracy to commit racketeering: Jose Betancourt, 43, of Miami; Yenier Cardentey, 31, of Miami Gardens; Juan Collado-Miranda, 44, of Coral Gables; Juan Manresa-Leyva, 41, of Hollywood; Abelardo Pena-Cardentey, 33, of Fort Lauderdale; Maykel Roque, 27, of Miami Gardens; Tony Sanchez, 26, of Miami; and Yaubri Suarez, 30, of Hialeah.

Authorities have active warrants for Osvaldo Cruz, 40, of Hialeah Gardens, for racketeering and conspiracy to commit racketeering. Individuals with information about his location should contact their local authorities.

The case remains active and ongoing. The case will be prosecuted by Bondi's office.

News briefs



Photo/Toho Water Authority

Toho Water Authority's new headquarters at 951 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Kissimmee has received a LEED Gold certification.

Government building gets LEED Gold certification

Toho Water Authority recently announced its new headquarters on Martin Luther King Boulevard in Kissimmee was the first government building in Osceola County to have received the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification.

LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system that promotes a whole building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

There are four levels of certification that can be awarded by means of a point system for different categories: Certified, Silver, Gold and the high-

est being Platinum.

The headquarters building was designed by KZF Design, with construction management by Balfour Beatty Construction and PMA as the owner's representative.

The building houses all of the agency's administration, engineering, accounting and customer service departments.

Check status of a driver license or identification card

Residents who have ordered a driver license or identification card online or by mail from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles no longer need to call the Customer Service Center to inquire about the status of their order.

Floridians now can look up when the department printed and mailed their license or identification card by visiting www.flhsmv.gov

and selecting "Driver License and ID Card Tracking System." Customers will need their license or identification number to look up their order.

"This has been years in the making, and it is another example of ways we are improving customer service efforts in Florida," said Division of Motorist Services Director, Sandra Lambert. "We know our customers' time is valuable. We want to help them save time and make doing business with the department easy."

Lynx service during hurricanes

Now that the annual hurricane season has arrived, Lynx, the regional transportation agency, is reminding the community that all the transportation services it provides would be maintained as scheduled until sustained winds reach 35 mph on the ground or there is flooding.

If the high wind level is reached or there is flooding, Lynx fixed route, LYMMO, PickUpLine and Road Rangers service would be discontinued for safety reasons until conditions improve.

For the 12 hours before sustained winds are expected to reach 35 mph, Access Lynx would only be providing life-sustaining medical trips. Lynx staff will monitor the effects of the storm and will keep the community up-to-date as the storm passes through the area via www.golynx.com, LYNX Customer Service 407-841-LYNX (5969) and local media outlets.

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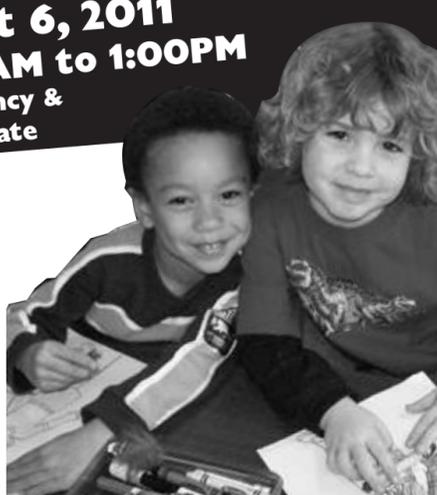
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OPINION

Our View

Red-light running

Once the city of Kissimmee installs red-light running cameras as planned following successful negotiations with an Arizona company, we urge drivers to avoid the fines associated with red-light running by simply obeying all our traffic laws.

We concur with city officials that the ultimate goal of red-light cameras is driver safety, not a new source of revenue.

Red light running cameras were approved last year when former Gov. Charlie Crist signed House Bill 325, the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act, which created the statewide consistent standards for the use of cameras as traffic enforcement devices. The act was named after Mark Wandall, a man who was killed by a red-light runner in 2003.

Kudos to the former governor and legislators for their efforts to authorize red light cameras and kudos to city commissioners who supported bringing these traffic enforcement devices to the city.

As it looks now, the city intends to negotiate a contract for 10 cameras for some of our more troublesome intersections. We hope — as do city officials — that the cameras are up by the end of summer when school starts.

According to state statute, the fine for running a red light would be \$158 and no points would be assessed on a driver license with a citation. Of the ticket amount, some of the fine would go to the city and some to the state. Redflex Traffic Systems — the company supplying the cameras — would get a share as well, depending on its contract.

We expect, as the city does, that once the cameras start catching violators, the number of tickets will go down as drivers get the message to obey the law. At least we hope they get the message.

But with every enforcement, there is the possibility of protests from vehicle owners who claim they or the person driving their vehicles never ran the red light. How the city will handle protests hasn't been decided yet, but we urge it to take the time needed to adopt a reasonable and defensible appeal process.

While we have offered some kudos, we have to scratch our head over the Florida House in the last legislative session for voting 59-57 to overturn the red light camera statute. The sponsor of that bill cited studies that he said concluded red light cameras created more accidents than they prevented — an argument refuted by law enforcement. That bill, luckily, didn't get through the Senate.



Got a gripe?

Submit letters to the editor to Osceola News-Gazette, 108 Church St., Kissimmee, FL 34741. If you wish to fax your letter to the newspaper, the number is 407-846-8516. Email letters to news@osceolanewsgazette.com.

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Their View

Face it, guys, you're sleazy

Let's roll out the list. It includes, in no particular order of sluttiness: Kwame Kilpatrick; Jesse Jackson; James McGreevey; Ted Haggard; Gary Condit; Mark Sanford; John Edwards; Bill Clinton; Newt Gingrich; Rudy Giuliani; Eliot Spitzer; Antonio Villaraigosa; Arnold Schwarzenegger; James West; Larry Craig; David Vitter; John Ensign. And now Anthony Weiner, Democratic representative from New York.

The thing these individuals have in common is as obvious as, well ... the erect penis in Weiner's underwear in that risqué picture he claimed he never tweeted to a young woman and wasn't even sure was really him, only to confess last week that he was lying on both counts. In case the commonality eludes you: they are all political or social leaders who got caught in sex scandals, having gotten busy, hiked the Appalachian Trail, taken a wide stance, or otherwise behaved inappropriately with women, men, and a prostitute or two to whom they were not married. And they are all men.

Can anyone name the last female leader caught in a sex scandal? Me neither. It is not that women are of a higher moral order than men. Studies confirm that women cheat, too. And, yet, you never see that fact reflected in a Hillary Clinton or Sarah Palin biting their bottom lip in the glare of TV lights while making some teary-eyed confession of infidelity and "mistakes."

We must conclude that women are possessed of something rare among men. It is called a "brain." Evidently, that organ tells them that when your private life is public record, when you live in a news cycle that is all intrusive, all the time, it

might be wise to keep that other organ zipped.

Some may say this is not our business, that while infidelity is awful, it is also between a man — even a public man — and his wife. But see, this is not about marital morality. It is, rather, about judgment.

The ability to weigh one's options and make the right call is the basis of leadership. Consider that, and then consider: Bill Clinton thought he could get away with paying \$8 million from the city treasury to keep his affair secret. Anthony Weiner thought he could get away with tweeting suggestive photos of himself online. Repeat: online.

Yet we depend on men like these to make decisions about our money, our health care, our children. Not to mention war and peace. What faith can we have that men who show such poor judgment in their marriages will show better judgment in other areas? Or might not the thrill-seeking, testosterone-fueled alpha male recklessness that makes a public man think he can get away with a private affair not also impair his thinking when debating the debt ceiling or teacher salaries? And we wonder why things don't get done.

No, your humble correspondent does not hate his own gender. There is a place in public life for boldness and risk-taking.

But at the same time, as female leaders attempt to shatter the proverbial glass ceiling on bases of fairness and representative government, a case can be made that they are missing the most persuasive argument of all for why we need more women in public life: Men.

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Their View

Far from worst thing

A bill passed by the Connecticut legislature earlier this month was denounced before the vote by House Republican leader Larry Cafero as "the absolutely worst thing we could do."

What do you think that was? What was the absolute worst legislation that could possibly be passed in the eyes of the state's Republican leadership?

The answer: a bill that provides low-paid, service-sector workers with sick leave.

The new law will give workers such as cashiers, hotel maids, waiters and security guards in businesses that employ 50 or more people one hour of paid sick time for every 40 hours worked, up to five sick days per year.

Statistics show that 75 percent of low-wage workers are not given off a single sick day. That means restaurant staff members are coming to work with the flu and serving you food, and infectious nursing home attendants are caring for grandma.

The question isn't how Connecticut could pass something like this, it's why isn't mandatory paid sick leave a federal law for every worker in the country?

Maybe it's because Republican lawmakers and the business community treated Connecticut's modest measure as if it were the coming of the Red Army. They vehemently condemned it, warning of inevitable job losses.

But what America needs is more good jobs. The kinds of jobs that provide a semblance of economic security, as opposed to those with low pay and no sick leave that put workers at constant risk of financial calamity.

America's epidemic of bad jobs is one reason that, as a recent study showed, nearly half of Americans said they either definitely couldn't or probably couldn't come up with \$2,000 in 30 days without pawning possessions or selling their home.

Economist Christian Weller says mandatory paid sick leave as public policy makes perfect sense. Offering it costs employers relatively little, yet it means substantial economic security for the individual. And "taking that worry away from people has enormous economic consequences," says Weller, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress and professor of public policy at the University of Massachusetts.

It translates into people having a longer view of their lives and careers. They are likely to save more, make more investments in themselves, as well as take risks and become more entrepreneurial, Weller says.

Hidden in pro-worker policies that reduce economic risks for individuals are significant macroeconomic gains for the wider economy.

That's why this deficit-cutting frenzy in Washington is such shortsighted and counterproductive economic medicine. The old, confident, economically vigorous America won't be resurrected by zeroing out Planned Parenthood money or funds for public broadcasting. It will only return when Washington focuses again on the right priorities, which means easing economic stresses on everyday people.

The federal government should be creating good jobs by investing in infrastructure and energy independence, meaning more government spending.

Corporate profits have been hitting record levels, with productivity soaring and companies sitting on an estimated \$1 trillion. But workers are not benefiting, because there is no powerful interest — not unions or government — demanding that they do.

This is where President Barack Obama should be making a stand. This is what the Democrats in Congress should be talking about every day, instead of what federal program they will join Republicans in cutting.

117 nations in this world guarantee workers a week or more of paid sick days per year. But to Connecticut Republicans, giving those guarantees to day care workers or fast food cooks is "the absolutely worst thing."

No wonder America is looking so bleak for Americans.

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As I See It

Poinciana: An economic embryo?

An old adage of investing is to "buy low and sell high." It appears that this could not apply more to the current situation in Poinciana. Now is the time for investors in real estate, commercial ventures, industry or whatever to take a fresh look at Poinciana.

What are we referring to when we say Poinciana? Poinciana spans both Polk and Osceola counties. From an investment/economic viewpoint, Poinciana includes not simply the Association of Poinciana Villages, but the collection of neighboring developments such as Crescent Lakes, Doral, Wilderness, etc. Residents who live in these neighborhoods send their kids to Poinciana schools, use Poinciana roads, shop in Poinciana stores and enjoy the amenities of living in Poinciana. They all need to spend money for goods and services. According to the U.S. 2010 census, the population of this area exceeds 83,000 people.

When looking at Poinciana as an investment opportunity, a shrewd investor needs to look at both the upside and downside potential. Because the area grew at a rate exceeding 279 percent in the first decade of the 21st century, it became a victim of the great housing bust of 2008. Too many houses were built for not enough people who could afford to own those houses. As a result, Poinciana recently has suffered from a large number of foreclosures and a large turnover of population living in the community. It can be debated whether or not the national housing market has "hit bottom" but there is no doubt Poinciana was on the leading edge of the housing boom, the leading edge of the housing downturn and if you take a look at the neighborhoods today, with very few exceptions, you find the neighborhoods to have begun to stabilize.

So who lives in Poinciana and what makes Poinciana a good investment opportunity? A typical Poinciana neighborhood consists of residents

having 50 percent Hispanic origin, 25 percent Anglo American and 25 percent other racial backgrounds. Of this population, there are 26,000 kids age 17 and under. Many of the parents of these kids are first generation mainland Americans. Poinciana has a very large Puerto Rican population so immigration status is not a huge issue. Yes, many of the parents speak Spanish or other non-English languages but their kids who attend the Poinciana schools are taught in English with the result being that Poinciana offers a large number of young Americans reared in a multi-cultural, multi-lingual background. Of course, Poinciana lies adjacent to the tourism capital of the world.

Disney World, Universal, Sea World, Legoland and all the hospitality industry businesses that support them have the need to hire workers having these multilingual and multiethnic skills at all levels of their organization. In other words, Poinciana's youth offers exactly what the central Florida hospitality industry needs.

So why does that make Poinciana a good investment opportunity? As this large next generation Americans enter into the workplace they will need more stores, services and amenities than the first generation of immigrant parents that brought them here. The large population of Poinciana creates an investment opportunity for new businesses. With roads being what they are and gas prices expected to remain high, this large number of residents would much prefer to shop and enjoy leisure activity locally as opposed to traveling to Kissimmee, Haines City or Winter Haven.

As the additional census results for the Greater Poinciana Area become available business investors are going to start to realize what has been happening in Poinciana over the past decade. They will take advantage of these business opportunities. The question becomes, "Will those of us currently aware of what is happening in Poinciana be able to beat them to the opportunity?" The shrewd investors will be those who are the first to invest in the opportunities.

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Keith Laytham
Poinciana resident



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St. Cloud handyman John Deja, left, is about to be congratulated by Kissimmee Police Department Community Service Officer Bill Eustace for charging a reasonable fee for making a house call to a bait house. Eustace portrayed an elderly homeowner for a KPD sting operation last week. Deja, and other contractors, were asked to visit a home to inspect an appliance that was simply unplugged.

Sting

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the police department for the sting, was in a gated neighborhood comprised mainly of vacation homes for which police gave out the gate code to suspects.

All the appliances in the bait house were inspected by a master electrician to ensure they were working properly.

The detectives then unplugged the dryer in the home and placed service calls

to handyman services. An elderly decoy explained to the handymen who answered the ads that the dryer was not working.

Orlando handyman Javier Medina responded at the home June 9 to fix the dryer and within an hour, took apart the dryer and put it back together again. He then charged the decoy \$60 without an explanation of

what was wrong with the dryer or what repairs he had completed.

Medina, 46, was charged with organized fraud less than \$300 in an affidavit of prosecution submitted to the Orange-Osceola State Attorney's Office.

"If the state wants to file charges, they can," Stacie Miller, KPD spokeswoman, said.

On the positive side, John Deja, of John Deja Handyman, also was contacted; he plugged in the dryer and charged the decoy only \$30, a reduced service call rate.

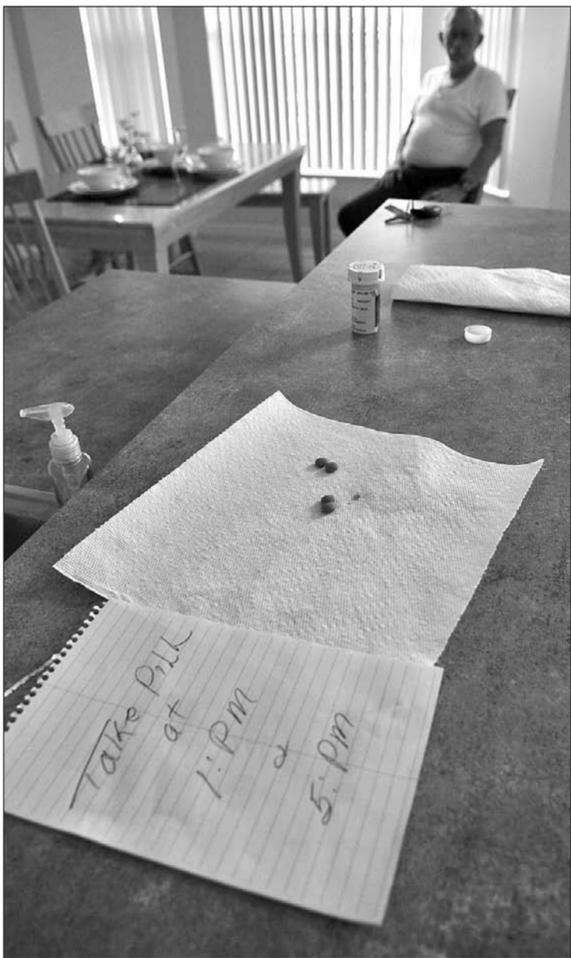
Deja, who has 13 years of experience as a handyman, said unlicensed contractors prey on the elderly because they are "easy targets." He advised the public to ask and check for references when dealing with contractors.

Deja was contacted by the detectives and was commended for his honesty.

"It is important to hire only licensed, reputable contractors to do work in your home," Iwanski said. "The Better Business Bureau is an excellent tool to use when deciding who is trustworthy enough to allow into your home."

The last KPD Internet sting was conducted more than a year ago, Miller said.

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To complete his disguise at the bait house, Community Service Officer Bill Eustace leaves out a handwritten pill reminder on a counter.

Tourism

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plan in favor of one over which it would have more control. In addition, moving into the visitors bureau site would have forced that county department to relocate.

Other sites considered or looked at by the veterans along the way were the former Coggin car dealership and the former Sonny's barbecue restaurant, both on West U.S. Highway 192, and space associated with the Kissimmee Air Museum at Kissimmee Gateway Airport.

Since seeking to relocate, the veterans group has had many discussions with county officials and staff and even conducted a study about its capacity to generate enough revenue to continue operating. Not all commissioners were for the group moving to a site other than Osceola Heritage Park.

In December, the commission gave the museum an additional \$75,000 in tourist development tax funding to cover operating expenses from October to the beginning of June. Don Smith, chairman of the veterans group, at the time told commissioners the museum's operating costs were \$8,000 per month and that reserves were being used to keep it afloat.

Commissioners approved the funding because the veterans group was not able to move its museum into the space promised at Osceola Heritage Park. The original goal was for the museum to relocate by October but the county did not develop a plan to relocate the visitors bureau.

The County Commission giving the museum relocation a high priority as far as spending of tourist tax reserves did not sit well with some tourist council members and still does not have the council's full support. In addition, the council was not given the opportunity to vet the proposal.

"Why are we spending money on a museum when it is more important to generate job opportunities?" Council Chairman George Chen asked. "We want to spend our money (tourist tax revenue) judiciously; we should have debated this much more openly."

Chen in the past has said he is not opposed to the veterans group or its museum, only that its relocation should be funded by private sources.

Historical Society update

Maccini also updated council members on the relocation of the Osceola County Historical Society Museum to the former Roadhouse Grill property at 4155 W. U.S. Highway 192. The county bought the site sev-

eral years ago to serve as a gateway to Shingle Creek Regional Park.

The previous plan was for the county using tourist tax reserves to renovate the former restaurant and use it to house a nature center related to Shingle Creek and a county welcome center; a new building behind the former restaurant was to be constructed for the Historical Society to house its collections and offices, which are now at its Pioneer Village site off nearby Bass Road.

The latest plan is for the organization to move into the existing building once it is renovated and to staff the welcome and nature centers, with the county paying the society \$200,000 annually for five years for that service.

According to Maccini, the society would cover the cost of maintaining the interior of the building while the county would maintain the site overall and the exterior of the building as well as pay utilities.

"We're exploring ways for the Historical Society to generate revenue," Maccini said, adding that the society could operate a gift shop, have ticket sales for area attractions and sell tickets for a canoe and kayak concession for Shingle Creek.

By not putting up a separate building for the society, Maccini said the county would save approximately \$1 million in capital outlay. The commission must approve any lease or spending agreements with the Historical Society.

Oren Brown

Community Park

The council Tuesday also unanimously recommended the county spend \$170,000 in tourist tax funds to upgrade Oren Brown Community Park, which is off Hoagland Boulevard in south Kissimmee. The improvements would allow the facility to be used for additional overflow Rebel Spring Games softball tournaments.

The money would be used to bring the outfield up to tourna-

ment standards as well as to install an irrigation line, giving the county in the future the capability to convert a soccer field into two softball fields.

The facility is now comprised of two large soccer fields and three softball fields. The soccer field that is now lighted would remain if a conversion of one of the fields were to occur.

Making the improvements, Maccini said, would allow the county to renew the Rebel contract for use of the softball fields for another 10 years. Use of the softball fields would not be limited to the Rebel games, however. The County Commission is set to consider this spending item Monday.

Tourist development funds are generated by a 6 percent tax collected on all lodging of 180 days or less. The funding is earmarked for purposes that will generate overnight stays in the county.

SMG contract extended

Maccini also reported that the county had negotiated a two-year extension to the current contract with Philadelphia-based SMG to manage Osceola Heritage Park.

According to Maccini, SMG has agreed to reduce its annual management fee by \$50,000 down to \$100,000; restructure its incentive package to make it contingent on how much the facility's annual operating deficits are reduced; that its share of concession receipts would be 20 percent of net rather than 20 percent of gross amounts; and that its share of concessions at spring training games at Osceola County Stadium would be 11 percent.

Toward the end of the two-year period, the county will put out a request for proposals for new management of OHP and SMG would be allowed to proffer a proposal at that time, Maccini said.

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'Black Friday' hits home

By Ken Jackson
Sports Writer

In a trying economic time when the Barack Obama administration has stressed creating jobs and putting Americans back to work, the judicial branch of the government has seen fit to essentially put an entire sector of the work force into the unemployment line.

Online poker players based in the United States, like Poinciana High School grad Justin Smith, have no way of playing on reliable poker sites after the U.S. Department of Justice took heavy-handed action on April 15, now known in the poker world as "Black Friday."

Smith, 23, started out years ago playing for virtual pennies on a \$50 bankroll as catharsis from a high-school motorcycle accident, and now plays in the biggest tournaments and cash games running. He is part of a young legion that has made most or all of its income online during the poker boom of the last half-decade or so.

Many poker professionals were immediately shut down and cut off from their income — and in many cases, their savings — when the Department of Justice opened up an indictment against the three largest and most reputable online poker sites (PokerStars, UltimateBet and Full Tilt Poker) and brought up on charges their CEOs or top operators on April 15.

Those three sites, representing the lion's share of the industry, had their websites seized and shut down by U.S. Attorney's Office that day, but were reopened to allow the sites to pay back players' online accounts.

Some were able to cash out. Others, because the sites are trying to find a way to pay out while staying federally compliant, have stalled, leaving some players in the lurch to buy into the WSOP.

Smith, who these days splits his time between bases in Los Angeles and Las Vegas, where the 42nd

annual World Series of Poker is now in full swing, said the entire poker community — from the online world to the physical tables in card rooms and casinos — has been shaken up.

"I knew this was coming, though I think it'll be reversed," he said. "I know guys with all their net worth online. A lot of them have absolutely nothing."

"The vast majority of online pros are young. It's going to come down to their options: go back to school, get a job, play live or play overseas."

Ashton Griffin, a UCF student and a friend of Smith, fits that profile.

"I got a lot of mine out before Black Friday. I was lucky," he said. "Staking players has been tough because money's now an issue."

A few online poker sites are still available to American players, but they are small and perceived as less-than-stable than the three indicted. Neither Smith nor Griffin would consider playing them, they said.

The act of playing real-money poker online was never illegal. The way the poker sites were processing online buy-ins and payouts, allegedly using third-party companies that listed them as payments for goods and services instead of for gaming payments, went afoul of U.S. law.

That's the premise Smith had been under since Congress passed the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act in 2006 (which was tacked on to a ports bill and passed on the last day before Congress adjourned for the 2006 elections) that prohibits financial institutions from accepting payments used "in connection with the participation of a bet or wager that involves the use of the Internet."

"I've read and listened to legal advice, and everything I took in is that what players were doing — playing — was legal," he said. "The government said that what the sites

were doing in paying us out wasn't within the letter of the law."

Since this was action taken solely by the U.S. government, players who live outside the country are still free to play those sites.

Smith said it's been the main topic of conversation away from the tables at the WSOP.

"People have pictures of their future, they'll make a decision as soon as the World Series is over," he said. "It comes at an interesting time. After this summer you'll see people moving out of the country or getting regular jobs, or moving to L.A. or Vegas or the Northeast to play live poker exclusively."

Smith said the thought of moving overseas crossed his mind.

"I have things outside of poker that might keep me here," said Smith, who married his high school sweetheart four years ago. "If I was single and had no business interests out of poker I'd definitely move and enjoy another culture."

Griffin said the U.S. online poker ban made him step back and take stock of his situation.

"A few weeks ago, I realized over the course of four years I was making \$500 to \$600 per hour, and that money doesn't grow on trees," he said. "I went on a great run two years ago, but taxes started catching up with me, so I'm going through a rough time like a

lot of people in my position."

He said that playing live poker, rather than over a computer, is an adjustment that many (former) online players are learning the hard way at the WSOP.

"In my three weeks here, the online players haven't done well," he said. "The live reads and patience required are different."

Smith said he traveled quite a bit to lucrative tournaments worldwide before Black Friday because it was beneficial to his standing as a marketable professional. Now the bulk of his travel will be between Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

"I'll still commute because there's good games in my level in Vegas and some games and non-poker-related things in L.A.," he said. "If the games don't remain good I may have to consider moving (overseas)."

What hasn't changed is his rugged World Series schedule, where he'll play most of the 56 events that award a coveted WSOP bracelet. After five in-the-money finishes in the 2009 and 2010 events, he values the jewelry now over the cash.

"Black Friday didn't impact that, I'll play as many I can, though I hope to play deep into fewer of them," he said. "Few people will play more than me."

The government maybe has squashed online games in this country, but not Smith's continued enthusiasm for the game.



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Kissimmee's Justin Smith is competing at the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas this month. He's one of tens of thousands of American players who cannot play online after the Department of Justice effectively shut down their poker sites on April 15.

"I'll still be involved. I like the games more and more," he said. "I think online poker is taking a break, it's coming back. And now I have some sense of direction doing other things. I love to stay busy and keep working."

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Wildfires continue in Central Florida region

The Florida Division of Forestry announced Wednesday it has been in an ongoing battle with wildfires throughout the Orlando District since mid-May.

At the time of the announcement, there were 37 active wildfires in the Orlando District, which encompasses Brevard, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. Thirteen of the 37 active wildfires occurred on Tuesday, June 14, within a three-hour timeframe.

"This is a clear indication of how dry it is out there with severe drought conditions, very little rainfall, low humidity levels and an accumulation of high winds and low humidity levels, along with 'freeze-dried' vegetation left behind from the harsh winter we encountered," agency officials stated in a

press release.

The agency had 100 percent containment of all 37 wildfires at the time of the announcement. The majority of the fires were started by lightning, with the exception of seven wildfires. The largest of the wildfires was the Whispering Pines fire, which had consumed 3,605 acres; it is east Orange County. The second largest of the wildfires was the Seven Angels fire, which had consumed 1,338 acres and is in Merritt Island.

The Florida Division of Forestry is asking everyone to be on alert at all times for wildfires, especially with the severe thunderstorms in the region.

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Not a good week to be PHS player

There's a few people that it's good not to be this week. Take former New York Congressman Anthony Weiner, who put his whole world on display (literally and figuratively). He lost his job, but he brought it upon himself.

Then there's people who have misfortune cast upon them. Some of them are wearing red Eagle-logged athletic gear. Their parents, left to try to explain the ways of the world to those kids, also are in the mix.

The Poinciana High football players learned this week that their coach, Michael Timpson, is out after one season.

His successor will be the Eagles' seventh coach in 11 seasons. Needless to say, the past 10 haven't been rosy red like the school's color.

A couple of those previous coaches left for personal reasons, choosing to move on after some soul-searching and perhaps discouragement. The others? If the stories we've heard were true, it's been administration-related.

Here's a quick Poinciana football history lesson:

2006 — Greg Myers, after a winless season, watches Osceola County School District staff gut the PHS administration, including the folks who brought him in and were his allies. He left in support of them.

2007 — David Aubrey, a longtime assistant and someone happy to get his fingernails dirty at PHS, suffers a similar fate to Timpson as you'll read in a moment. The new school officials take a hard line and dismisses him.

2009 — Gene Smith, who actually got a second year and seemed to get things going in a good direction (first multi-win season for PHS in nine years), was removed along with other sports coaches by another new administrative regime.

Last week — Timpson, like Aubrey, did not pass the math portion of the teacher certification exam and his contract was not renewed. He said that he proposed alternatives, like taking a para-professional position on campus at lower pay until he could take the math exam again, but according to Timpson, Principal Belynda Pinkston was not receptive. Pinkston referred inquiries about the matter to the Osceola School District.

At Poinciana's 2010 spring game, Pinkston enthusiastically praised Timpson, then a brand-new hire.

"He's here because of the man that he is," she said that day.

Timpson, a former college and NFL football player, probably filled a male authority figure role that some of his players may have lacked. In many cases, that trumps success on the field.

Now, I don't know a thing about Timpson's classroom qualifications. Pinkston, in that brief exchange last year, stressed she's working like mad to "Get that 'A'" (FCAT score) from the state. If he didn't help support the mission statement, then I'm down with that.

Maybe the principal thinks he's not the coach who can get the program turned around, although Timpson said that Pinkston did not express dissatisfaction about the football program despite an 0-10 record last season.

But, when you're rebuilding Rome, and you have to start by pouring the foundation, you've got to let the concrete man finish, and let the stuff dry so walls can go up.

If you keep hiring new sub-contractors, you'll never get so much as a tiki hut built.

Pinkston has her plan to improve Poinciana High, it's going to take work, and keeping a football coach is not Priority No. 1. And that's all well and the way it should be. Such a reclamation project, like Joe Clark in "Lean On Me", often takes a get-along-or-move-along attitude — but teenagers who will suit up with their third football coach in three years this summer many not get it.

The school isn't in the shape of East-side High in the Morgan Freeman flick, but the graffiti on the walls is the Poinciana football record since 2001 — a dismal seven wins in 10 seasons since Mike Cullison led the Eagles to a 6-5 season and the only playoff berth in the program's 18 years.

That was six coaches and five principals ago.



Ken Jackson Sports Writer

Top Gun basketball camp

What about Dwight?

Campers say star center is the Magic

By Rick Pedone Sports Editor

Several St. Cloud High basketball players at the Top Gun Shooting Camp at the Bulldog gym this week sent a clear message to the Orlando Magic management: Sign Dwight Howard.

They said that the charismatic young center is the one player the Magic can't afford to lose.

"I think they should keep him. He's the heart of Orlando," junior Geovany Rivera said.

The Magic face a dilemma in that Howard can opt out of his contract following the 2011-12 NBA season and he would be free to sign with any team that can clear salary cap space for him.

That would be a nightmare scenario reminiscent of when Shaquille O'Neal, who recently retired, left Orlando following the 1996 season just as the Magic seemed on the verge of becoming a perennial league powerhouse.

Long-time Magic fans shudder at the thought of Howard going away without Orlando receiving compensation. Those fears were heightened last week when Howard said he would not sign a contract extension this summer.

One option is for the Magic to work out a trade for Howard before he can become a free agent. The problem there is, what is proper compensation for the best center in basketball who is entering his prime?

"The best option is to keep him and build around him," Jamal Demetrius, who will be a junior at St. Cloud, said. "I think if you lose him, there's nobody else who can replace him. He's the face of the franchise."

The Magic, however, are burdened by several huge player contracts and have little room to maneuver under the salary cap. Orlando already has one of the largest payrolls in professional sports. Further complicating the issue is a potential NBA work stop-



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Above, Miggy Sosa practices a free throw at the Top Gun Shooting Camp at St. Cloud High Wednesday as other campers line up for drills. Below, St. Cloud High junior Geovany Rivera shoots from the baseline during a drill. More than 100 players attended the camp.

page next season.

Junior Ian McKenzie thinks the Magic should cut their losses and try to get a couple of good players for Howard because McKenzie thinks the center will leave next year anyway.

"He's not going to stay because of the non-winning factor that has gone on since he's been here," McKenzie said.

The Magic reached the 2009 NBA Finals with Howard, but they have backtracked since and Howard said last week that he will not stay unless he is surrounded by a winning cast.

McKenzie thinks a trade with L.A. would bring center Pau Gasol and another player. That might be enough to keep the Magic competitive, he said.

Senior Zack Hull said McKenzie has a good idea.

"They should try to get some value out of him," Hull, a 6-6 Bulldog center, said. "I think they can bring someone in like (Utah's) Al Jefferson, someone like that."

One reason that McKenzie and Hull said they wouldn't mind seeing Howard leave Orlando is that they are both are Celtics fans.

"I don't see how he could go to Boston," Hull said.

Junior Ronald Johnson is a Magic fan who thinks the team should take what it can get for Howard. He said a deal with the Lakers that might bring Lamar Odom and reserve Shannon Brown might work.

"Brown is a slasher, he can get to the basket," Johnson said.

Most Magic fans at the Top Gun camp, though, think that the Magic must find a way to keep Howard.

"They've got to keep him because he's the franchise," Lady Bulldog player Alyssa Mediavilla, a senior, said. "He's a superstar. We need him."

Mediavilla fears a scenario for Howard like the one LeBron James enjoyed last year, when James

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YBOA champs

The St. Cloud Spartans AAU team won the Youth Basketball Of America Florida state 8th-grade championship tournament at Ft. Myers. The team is playing at Tampa this weekend to qualify for the national tournament in Osceola County. Pictured from left are team manager Ed Huff, Gio Acevedo, Spencer Gomez, Corey Caraballo, Eddie Verdecia, Daniel Rincon, Jesse Huff, Blake Connell, Trevill Holcy, Lamar Carry, Andrew Weathers and Coach Nestor Gomez.

NPF Diamonds host Akron Racers at Fortune Road fields

By Rick Pedone Sports Editor

The National Professional Fastpitch Diamonds will host the Akron Racers today at 5 p.m. for a double header at the Fortune Road Athletic Complex.

The teams will conclude the four-game series, which began Friday, Sunday at 6 p.m.

The Diamonds feature former Spruce Creek High and University of Alabama pitcher Kelsi Dunne. Dunne made several appearances at the Kissimmee Classic high school softball tournament while she played at Spruce Creek.

The Diamonds moved to

Kissimmee from Tennessee this season.

Players sign autographs following each game, except for the first game of today's double header.

The Diamonds (3-1) won three of their first four games last weekend at Akron and were in first place in the NPF standings.

The USSSA Pride split a four-game series against Chicago last weekend. The Pride's Cat Osterman outduelled Chicago's Monica Abbott, 3-2, in 10 innings at ESPN Wide World of Sports Saturday in a game broadcast live on ESPN2. The teams play at Chicago through Sunday.

Sports Briefs

GOU soccer

The Greater Osceola United Soccer Club will hold competitive travel roster fill-in days for players ages 4-18 June 28 and June 30 at Austin-Tindall Park from 6 to 8 p.m.

Registration for the fall season will take place Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning June 28 through Aug. 16 at Austin-Tindall Park. For more information, see www.osceolasoccer.com.

GHS wrestlers

Gateway High wrestlers Alex Velez and Christian Vazquez have qualified for USA Wrestling national tournaments this summer.

Coach Jon Smorin is asking those who wish to sponsor the wrestlers to contact him at smorinj@osceola.k12.fl.us, or calling 407-935-3600.

SC baseball camp

Bulldogs baseball coach Mike McDaniel will host the St. Cloud 9 Baseball Camp June 27 to July 1 at St. Cloud High School. Ages 6-12 will go from 9 a.m. to noon and ages 13-16 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Fee is \$75 per camper. For more information, call McDaniel at 407-891-3100 or email mcdaniel@osceola.k12.fl.us.

OHS volleyball camp

Osceola High School will host the Carrie Palmi Volley-

ball Camp July 18-20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the school gym for girls and boys ages 7 and up. Cost is \$75 per camper and includes a T-shirt. Fundamentals of the game (hitting, defense, blocking, serving, setting, passing) will be stressed.

For more information, call 321-663-3645 or email abcn-palmi@aol.com.

Heritage volleyball

Heritage Christian School will hold two volleyball camps.

The elementary camp for children in grades 1-5 is July 25-28 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the school's gymnasium. The fee is \$155 and includes a T-shirt.

The junior varsity-varsity camp for children in grades 6-12 is Aug. 1-4.

The fee is \$125 and includes a T-shirt. This camp is mandatory for all Heritage Christian players.

The walk-up fee is an additional \$10.

The camps are coached by Heritage Christian Coach Maria Hardwick.

For more information, call Heritage Christian School at 407-847-4087 or Coach Hardwick at 386-785-5174.

SC golf camp

Head professionals Doug Holloway and Ernie Cruz at Royal St. Cloud Golf Links will hold a summer junior golf clin-

ic in July for children ages 6-15 (6-7 must have a parent present at all times). The clinic is held in three-day sessions over three weeks.

The next session is July 5-7, July 12-14 and July 19-21 from 8 to 10 a.m. Cost is \$110.

Clubs will be provided. Focus is on full swing, chipping, putting and applying skills on the course. For information, call Royal St. Cloud at 407-891-7010.

Kiss. golf camp

The Kissimmee Golf Club will host golf a camp July 18-22 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Players ages 8-17 will be grouped by experience and receive instruction on skills, rules and etiquette. A tournament and awards luncheon will be held the final day of each camp. Fee is \$95 per camper.

Register by July 13 at www.kissimmeeparks.org.

Red, White & Blue

Mystic Dunes will hold its fifth Annual "Red, White, and Blue" Invitational July 16. The four-man team scramble event begins with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Proceeds go to The Wounded Warrior Project.

The cost of \$50 per player or \$180 per foursome includes an awards banquet and barbecue lunch. Registration deadline is July 14. For more information, contact Megan Haddock at 407-787-5636 or visit www.mysticdunesgolf.com.

Water polo, diving

Youth ages 8-18 may join Toho Water Polo or Dive Osceola offered at the Makinson Aquatic Center in association with the Kissimmee Parks and Recreation Department.

No experience is necessary, but students must demonstrate swimming ability.

For information, contact Ron Minor at 321-402-6991.

Senior Games return to Osceola County after 3-year absence

By Rick Pedone
Sports Editor

After a three-year absence, the Kissimmee/St. Cloud Senior Games will resume Sept. 10-17 at several sites in Osceola County.

Adults age 50 and over are eligible to participate in the games, which feature competition in both athletic and table games events.

Archery, track and field, basketball, race walk, swimming, pickle ball, tennis, shuffleboard, softball, golf, cycling and horse shoes are the athletic events. Table games are poker, Mah Jongg, cribbage, billiards and bridge.

The Kissimmee Convention & Visitors Bureau is

sponsoring the event in conjunction with the Kissimmee, St. Cloud and Osceola County parks and recreation departments, the Osceola Council on Aging, Good Samaritan Society Kissimmee Village and the town of Celebration.

Participants at the Kissimmee/St. Cloud games can advance to state competition in Polk County in December and to national competitions.

Osceola County hosted the senior games for 15 years before the recent break, due in part to the economic slowdown.

For more information, contact the city of Kissimmee Parks and Recreation Department at 407-518-2504 or at www.kissimmee.org.

Barrel Horse Florida championships are under way at Spurs

The National Barrel Horse Association's Florida State Finals will continue through Sunday at the Silver Spurs Arena.

For the eighth year in a row, the Spurs is hosting more than 1,000 NBHA riders.

Barrel racing fans and spectators are encouraged to

not only enjoy the sights of the competition, but shopping as well. More than 50 vendors will be on hand displaying an array of merchandise to include everything from western furniture, clothing and jewelry.

The event runs from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily and admission is free.

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chose to leave Cleveland and join Dwayne Wade and Chris Bosh at Miami to form a "super team" that fell two games shy of winning the NBA title last week.

"It's going to be the same thing as LeBron. He'll go to a three-star team," Mediavilla said.

St. Cloud High coach and founder of the Top Gun Camp, Tim McMullen, said that the Magic should try to keep Howard.

"They better hang on to him. What do you do without a big man?" McMullen said.

At the same time, like some sports fans, McMullen winces at the sight of basketball players jockeying for contracts in excess of \$100 million that were unimaginable in the 1980s, when Los Angeles and Boston, teams loaded with superstars, launched the

NBA toward unprecedented popularity.

"Except for this last championship game, I don't think I watched hardly any at all," McMullen said.

More than 100 children participated at the Top Gun camp, the first at the school's new gym, McMullen said. He called the turnout the best of the camp's 27-year history. St. Cloud Athletic Director and girls basketball coach Chad Ansbach also instructed at the camp.

"We had 20 more come in the door on the second day. We didn't know where to put them all. We had to move the little guys upstairs," McMullen said. "It's good to see that the camp is still going strong after all these years. Every leading scorer in the county's record books has been through here."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held concerning a change in electric service rates on Wednesday, June 29, 2011. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Changes will be recommended to the Miscellaneous tariff to address KUA's Deposit Policy. If approved, these changes will become effective July 1, 2011.

The hearing will be held as part of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

Date: June 29, 2011
Time: 3:30 P.M.
Place: KUA Administration Building
1701 W. Carroll Street
Kissimmee, FL 34741

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the Office of the President & General Manager, 1701 W. Carroll St., Kissimmee, telephone number (407) 933-7777 Ext. 6100, prior to the meeting.

If you should decide to appeal any decision made by the KUA Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, you will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purposes, you may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the meeting is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made.

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CARFAX VEHICLE HISTORY REPORTS

Keeping an eye on the storm

Monthly focus:
Hurricane

Gadgets can come in handy when it comes to your family's safety

By Sam Gilkey
For the News-Gazette

You can't tell the players without a program. And you can't keep up with severe weather warnings without some help from your phone, radio and television set.

With predictions by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) of up to 18 named storms and 10 hurricanes — six of which could become major storms — and with a high certainty of other rain and windstorms hitting Central Florida this summer, it's important to be alert to what is happening around us.

Along with the usual supplies you may need during and after a storm, here are some other gadgets that may help your peace of mind and safety.

Smartphones and apps:

Don't minimize the importance of texting. Text messages are quicker than voice calls, said Michael Neal, a sales representative at the AT&T Mobile Communications store in St. Cloud.

"Text messages go through at a nearly 100 percent success rate during ultra busy times," he said. "It's a smaller signal than a cellular voice signal and if it can't get through it will retry a dozen times or so in 3 to 5 seconds to find an opening on the tower."

Neal suggests downloading a few of the apps currently available to have the latest weather information at your fingertips.

"There are several great apps that stand out on each of the four major smartphone operating systems," he said. "One that is on all of them is the Weather Channel app, which is just as, if not more, informative as the television channel, but without the commercials. And you are in control of the information they offer."

Neal said that most apps are free, but those for sale are no more than \$2.99. One of his favorites pinpoints where he is standing and shows the current radar scan for that site. There are others that display nationwide weather and natural disaster information as well as helpful tips to consider during an emergency.

"As we get closer to the peak hurricane months, I may download one to track the storms," he said. "The app is able to tell the distance between me and the storm and where it might be headed."

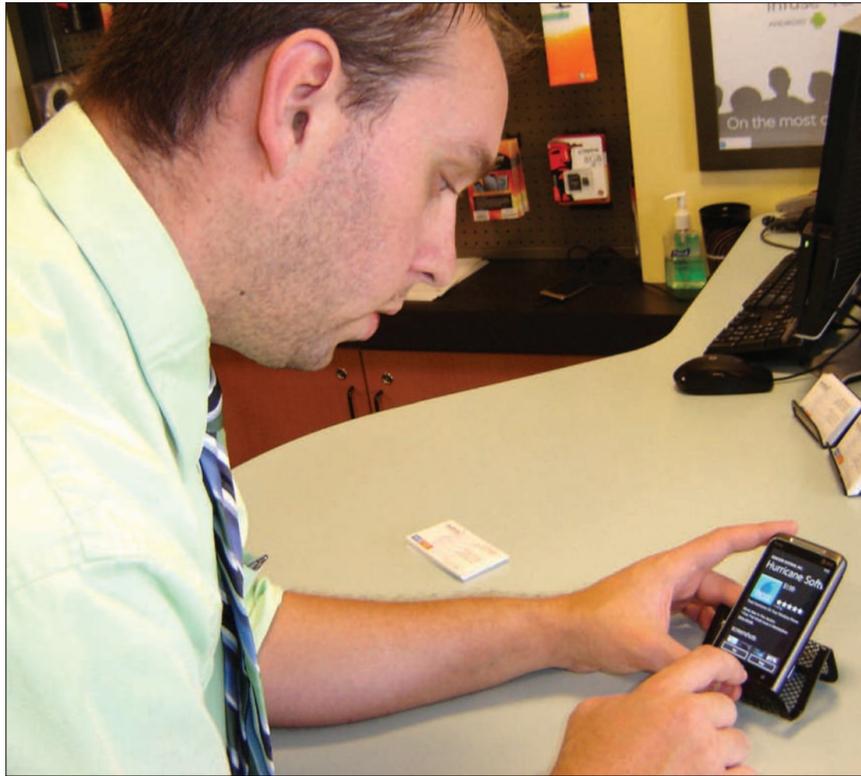
Portable radios and TVs:

TV stations switched to digital transmissions two years ago. If you haven't bought a portable set since then throw the old one away. It won't work without a converter box, which needs electricity. And during a storm with possibly no power, it's useless.

The new battery-operated portables will pick up the "over-the-air" TV channels using a simple telescoping antenna. You may want to take the set outside the store to see what stations it will receive and how clear the signal is. Most of these devices will not pick up a signal if it is raining heavily, if you are running or walking with it or if you are in a moving vehicle.

Shirleen Rivera, a salesperson at Radio Shack in St. Cloud, said the store has several

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News-Gazette Photos/Sam Gilkey

Michael Neal, sales rep at AT&T store in St. Cloud checks his smartphone for the latest weather information from an app that pinpoints his exact location and gives weather info for that site.

Handyman urges residents not to wait to get supplies

By Sam Gilkey
For the News-Gazette

Don't wait.

That's the first thing employees at Handyman Hardware and Supply in St. Cloud will suggest that residents do to prepare for the 2011 hurricane and storm season. Everything else just falls under those two words.

Rick Heuser has owned Handyman for 25 years and the building on 10th Street is a fixture of the downtown district. The business is one of the last locally owned hardware stores in Osceola County.

"We have expanded it over the years," he said between phone calls from customers and questions about orders from employees. "It was about half the size of what it is now when we bought it."

Crammed with more than 21,000 different items, the store has just about anything, other than food, you might need should the area be hit with a major storm.

"We've been here during six or seven hurricanes," he recalled. "The three that hit in 2004 were the most recent, but they never stopped us even though we didn't have electricity for two days. We stayed open as long as customers came in and used flashlights to find our way around. We wrote up orders by hand and worried about the details later. This year we have made sure our computers and as much stock as possible will be off the floors in case we have flooding."

Heuser, like everyone else, hopes there are no repeats this summer and fall.

"We have developed a list of things that people will probably need in an emergency," Heuser said. "And we will make sure they are in stock before a storm hits."

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Rick Heuser, owner of St. Cloud Handyman Hardware and Supply, checks his display of Hurricane. The store has plenty of this extra-strong tape on hand. While it won't keep them from breaking, it will stop the glass from shattering and being blown into the home.



Business changes name

Achieve With Hypnosis, a Central Florida-based hypnotherapy practice, has changed its name to Hypnosis Works.

The Davenport company uses Skype, an online video platform and in-home visits to achieve client goals. Certified hypnotherapist Dan Gordon runs this private practice. He remains active in his community and surrounding areas.

Approved by the American Medical Association in 1958 for psychological and medical uses, hypnosis is used for pre/post surgery, stress management, anxiety, smoking, weight control, goal achievement and much more.

For more information, contact Dan Gordon at 407-494-5303, Dan@Achieve-Change.com or Achieve-Change.com.

The business is at 218 Belvoir Drive in Davenport.

Local writer's new guide helps balance the books

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Accounting, Third Edition, takes the guess work out of this basic business activity. The expert and local author, Lita Epstein has updated this edition with all the current information any business person will need to understand the "books," including updates on:

- Changes in payroll taxes.
- Employee benefit information related to passage of the health care reform law.
- Withholding tax information.
- Federal and state tax regulations.
- Accounting software available on the market.

In addition, this guide includes a useful workbook-style appendix to reinforce the lessons learned throughout the book.

Epstein co-authored the book with Shellie L. Moore, CPA.

Bright House celebrates 1 million customers

Bright House Networks announced recently that it has reached the 1 million Home Phone customer milestone.

Bright House Networks is celebrating its sixth year as a highly reliable phone provider for connecting to family, friends, businesses and 911 emergency services. The company's Home Phone service has been recognized for customer satisfaction five times by JD Power and Associates, ranking first in the South region in customer satisfaction in four categories: customer service, performance and reliability, cost of service and offerings and promotions.

"One million customers is a tremendous milestone and we are excited to continue to be the home phone provider of choice for our many satisfied customers," Kevin Hyman, executive vice president, cable operations, Bright House Networks, said. "Bright House Networks is dedicated to making our customers' lives easier, and it's important to us to provide a great product with outstanding service."

To commemorate the occasion, Bright House Networks is launching three new free calling features for home phone customers by the end of this month:

- New features are:
 - Remote access unconditional call forwarding – This allows you to remotely forward all incoming calls to another telephone number of your choosing online in Home Phone Online Tools within My Services.
 - Selective call blocking – This allows you to have incoming calls blocked that are on a

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Winn-Dixie Foundation supports Take Stock in Children

Take Stock in Children, a statewide nonprofit organization with a 16-year history of helping low-income and at-risk youth break the cycle of poverty by providing scholarships and mentors, is expanding its alumni ambassador program with help from the Winn-Dixie Foundation.

The foundation recently provided the program with \$5,000 to help support students throughout their transition from high school to college.

The program currently serves nearly 9,000 Take Stock in Children students who have graduated high school, are attending college or are now in the workforce. The program offers students access to essential information on all aspects of college life and career planning through an innovative online resource center. This includes an online private social networking platform to connect students around the state seeking motivation, guidance and support. In addition, it provides an e-mentoring component that allows students to continue their relationship with their mentors from any remote location.

Helping Out



Submitted photo

Representatives of Winn-Dixie and Take Stock in Children hold up a check in the amount of \$5,000 recently. Winn-Dixie Foundation donated to Take Stock in Children to help support students throughout their transition from high school to college.

Take Stock in Children currently serves nearly 8,000 low-income and minority students annually throughout 67 counties in Florida.

To learn more about Take Stock in Children or to become a mentor or supporter, call 888-322-4673 or visit www.takestockinchildren.org.

Lending a hand at Council on Aging

Keller Williams Realty associates took the day off on Thursday, May 12, but it was hardly a day of rest.

Associates with the Keller Williams at the Lakes market centers chose to "Give Where They Live" as part of RED Day, one of the biggest events in the real estate industry and which is short for Renew, Energize and Donate. RED Day was created to unite Keller Williams Realty offices and associates in an international day of service.

As part of the effort, Keller Williams at the Lakes spent the day with the Osceola County Council on Aging in Kissimmee. This agency is the largest social services organization in Osceola County, providing a wide array of services and programs to meet the needs of the community. Though the name implies services for just the elderly, the agency's scope of services extend to families as well, helping during crisis to enable generations of residents to cope with challenges.

"This event is an entrenched part of Keller Williams Realty's culture and dis-

plays the extraordinary effect a company can have when individuals come together to work as a team for the greater good of everyone," team leader Yvette Perez said. "Last year, we also volunteered our time at the Osceola Council on Aging re-planting two private garden areas, which we then adopted to maintain on an ongoing basis. This year we cleaned up the gardens as well as general cleanup around the property. We can't tell you what an impact it made on each of us personally — it felt so great to give back to the community we know and love."

During RED Day 2010, more than 35,000 Keller Williams associates participated in activities ranging from food and blood drives to cleaning up trash in public parks, doing yard work for neighbors in need or revamping gardens at nursing homes, totaling more than 150,000 hours of service making RED Day one of the biggest events in the real estate industry.

The Keller Williams Realty at the Lakes Market Center is at 715 E. Oak St., Kissimmee, and 504 Celebration Ave., Celebration.

For more information about RED Day visit www.kw.com/redday.

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Business briefs

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list of phone numbers you define.

• Selective call forwarding – This allows you to have incoming calls from specific telephone numbers forwarded to another number (i.e., your mobile number) that are on a list of phone numbers you define.

Schoolfield transactions

Kissimmee-based Schoolfield Properties has announced a number of transactions its staff recently completed.

Among the transactions were:

James Mangan negotiated the sale of 5,000 square feet at 1630 E. Vine St., Kissimmee, to Easy Deal Properties for the amount of \$435,000.

Mangan also negotiated a lease for 3,500 square feet at

2510 Michigan Ave., Suite E, Kissimmee, to Rejoice Christian Bookstore.

Alicia Spina negotiated the lease of 3,125 square feet of professional office space to H&R Block at 4233 13th St., in the Oak Park Shopping Center, St. Cloud, and also negotiated the lease of 3,200 square feet of retail space at 4533 Old Canoe Creek Road in the Kissimmee Park Retail Shopping Center to Sacred Grounds Coffee Co.

Yoannya Garcia negotiated a lease for 3,400 square feet of industrial space at Old Dixie Industrial Park at the intersection of Osceola Parkway and Old Dixie Highway to Lunecars Transmission.

Michael Heidrich, a principal at NAI Realvest, negotiated a renewal agreement for 11,600

square feet of industrial space leased by Hardin Construction Company at 1780 Business Center Lane at Poinciana Center West in Kissimmee.

Heidrich negotiated the transaction representing the landlord, Maitland-based Realvest-Poinciana.

Hardin leases the largest space at Poinciana Center West, which opened in 2008.

Doll Construction completes Park Place expansion

Doll Construction, of Kissimmee, recently completed construction of a 1,500 square-foot office expansion at 2940 Pleasant Hill Road for Park Place Behavioral Health Care of Osceola County. The project was at the Fountains Town

Center Office Complex on Pleasant Hill Road.

Ron Doll, of Doll Construction, worked closely with Susanne Parlade, clinical director of Park Place, Jim Shanks, CEO of Park Place, and Bill Prather, vice president of Park Place, during the design and construction of the offices.

With these new offices, Park Place has expanded its office space at The Fountains to 3,000 square feet. The first phase was completed in spring of 2010. Park Place Behavioral Health Care, which started in 1976, is a not-for-profit mental health agency serving Osceola County.

Other recently completed projects by Doll Construction include: moving the Kissimmee Community Redevelopment Agency into its newly restored

offices (built in 1908) at 804 Bryan St., Kissimmee; assisting The Osceola County Historical Society with various repairs to its historical buildings at 750 N. Bass Road, Kissimmee; completion of a 890 square-foot addition to a private residence in Kissimmee; and a brick paver patio expansion project and a four-stall horse barn, both also in Kissimmee.

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Restored 1952 Jeep to tour Southeast

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Express' Salute Our Troops fundraising campaign, a summer-long celebration honoring military heroes, a fully restored 1952 Willy's CJ-3 Jeep will be touring the Southeastern United States to raise awareness and shine a spotlight of appreciation on local military heroes.

The Jeep was activated Feb. 1, 1957, by the 25th Infantry division of the 25th Aviation Company in Hawaii to propel Korean and early Vietnam-era war planes into flight.

Over the next 16 weeks, the Willy Jeep won't be pulling planes, but it will be carrying local military heroes to the next destination of the tour.

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HBIF relocates to Fashion Square Mall

The Hispanic Business Initiative Fund Central Florida on May 9 relocated to the Orlando Fashion Square Mall, 3201 E. Colonial Drive, Suite A-20, Orlando.

HBIF Central Florida's new facilities are housed in the National Entrepreneur Center, formerly the Disney Entrepreneur Center.

Celebration Golf Management names new managers

Celebration Golf Management recently appointed new food and beverage managers at Golden Bear Club at Keene's Point in Windermere and at Eagle Creek Golf Club in east Orlando.

Marc Holland is food and beverage manager at Golden Bear Club. Holland has more than 20 years of experience in the hospitality industry and was formerly affiliated with Reunion Golf Club.

Jennifer Capallo is the new food and beverage manager at Eagle Creek Golf Club on Narcoossee Road near Lake Nona in southeast Orlando. Capallo has more than 15 years of experience in the hospitality industry.

Almodovar named new manager

Gustavo Almodovar has joined the administrative team at Florida Hospital Kissimmee.

Almodovar comes to Florida Hospital Kissimmee from Winter Park Memorial Hospi-

tal where he worked with business development and project management as a media consultant.

In his new role, Almodovar will be responsible for developing and executing marketing strategies for the cancer center, outpatient imaging services, sports medicine and orthopaedics, gastroenterology and general surgery.

Almodovar began his career as a television reporter. He received his bachelor of business administration from Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif., and subse-



Almodovar

quently attended the Mass Media Institute at Stanford University.

Meritage Homes names new sales associates

Meritage Homes has named two new sales associates with combined experience of more than 20 years.

Troy Alexander, with more than 15 years of experience, was named sales associate for the homebuilder. At the same time, Melanie Molczyk, with five years of experience in new home sales, was appointed sales associate.

Alexander will be working out of the homebuilder's community of Waterford Trails and Molczyk will be at Lexington Green at Providence.

Arts, culture studies to paint picture of economic impact

Several Florida groups have announced their selection to participate in two concurrent national studies of nonprofit arts and culture in the Central Florida Region.

Americans for the Arts (AFTA), America's leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts, will evaluate the impact of spending by nonprofit arts organizations and their audiences on their local economies.

Groups participating include: United Arts of Central Florida (UACF) and partners myregion.org; the seven-county arts councils of: Brevard Cultural Alliance, Lake County Tourism and Business Relations, Orange County Arts and Cultural Affairs, Osceola Center for the Arts, Polk Arts Alliance, Seminole Cultural Arts Council and Volusia County Leisure Services; City of Orlando; and City of Winter Park.

The studies include:

• Arts and Economic Prosperity IV study

Arts and Economic Prosperity IV (AEP IV) is the fourth such effort by AFTA, and includes data that demonstrates that communities investing in the arts benefit

from jobs, economic growth and a high quality of life that allows them to effectively compete in the 21st century global economy.

As one of 200 study partners across all 50 United States and the District of Columbia, UACF will facilitate the gathering of detailed economic and event attendance data from nonprofit arts and culture organizations located throughout Central Florida's seven-county region. In addition, UACF will collaborate with the community's other local arts agencies and arts organizations to collect surveys from at least 6,400 arts and culture attendees in Central Florida during 2011.

Arts and Economic Prosperity IV will allow us to evaluate the impact of the recession on the employment and government revenues that are generated by the nonprofit arts industry. We expect that the findings will demonstrate that the arts remain a formidable industry in spite of our country's recent economic challenges.

The AEP IV study will be released in June of 2012. Customized findings for Central Florida Region, and individual

reports for partner counties and cities, will demonstrate the impact of spending by nonprofit arts and culture organizations and their audiences on the economy. Specifically, the study's results will include:

The total dollars spent by Central Florida Region's nonprofit arts and culture organizations; the total dollars spent by audiences as a direct result of their attendance at arts and culture events in Central Florida; the number of full-time equivalent jobs supported by arts spending; the amount of resident, household income — including salaries and wages — generated by arts spending; the amount of local and state government tax revenues generated by arts spending.

• Local Arts Index

United Arts has been selected by AFTA, the nation's leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts, and as the local arts agency for Orange County, will be one of 100 communities that will participate in the inaugural Local Arts Index. These local arts agencies will be part of a research initiative that serves as a complement to the National Arts Index. The findings

from the Local Arts Index will be reported in Fall 2011.

Gold's Gym offers military families discount program

Gold's Gym; Dr. Phillips, Altamonte, Clermont, St. Cloud and Mount Dora, the world's leading authority on health and fitness, has announced it is offering a special U.S. military discount for new members.

As part of the initiative, U.S. military and their spouses will save 20 percent off regular dues and can enroll anytime throughout the year for a reduced fee of \$49. A military identification must be shown as proof of eligibility prior to gym activation.

"We're proud to be able to provide this savings for military members and their families," Pleasant Lewis, president of Gold's Gym of Central Florida, said. "It's just a small way of saying thanks and offering a permanent benefit to those who have served our country. We hope this helps the millions of active, reserved and retired military veterans stay in shape and lead a healthy lifestyle."

All active duty, national guard, reserves, veterans/

retirees, disabled service members and an additional household member and/or spouse are eligible to participate in the program.

To join, new members must visit www.goldsgym.com/militarydiscount and enter their ZIP code to locate their nearest participating Gold's Gym.

An email confirmation notice will be sent for printing that participants can take into the selected Gold's Gym to complete activation.

"Gold's Gym salutes our U.S. military and we couldn't think of a better way to show our appreciation for the sacrifices they and their families make each day to protect our country," said Lewis. "We hope they take advantage of the special military discount program and enjoy all that Gold's Gym has to offer its members."

For more information on the U.S. military discount program, visit www.goldsgym.com/militarydiscount.



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As a part of the Do It Best chain of stores, Heuser said there are eight warehouses in the U.S. where trucks will be loaded with the items that stores in an affected area may run low on. They will be parked out of the way of the projected path of a storm and ready to move as soon as roads are open.

"We can have orders from our supplier here within a few hours after the bad weather passes us," Heuser said.

But don't wait.

Now is the time to think about what you might need. And even if the season passes with no damage it's not a bad idea to have one or two tarps on hand to cover a damaged roof.

"Then there is two-cycle oil for chain saws, extra batteries and plenty of flashlights," he said. "If you have a generator, you will need extra gasoline cans so you can keep it running."

While he doesn't keep generators in stock, Heuser said they can be quickly delivered if a customer wants one or more.

"You can run heavy-duty extension cords to appliances from a generator, or they can be wired into your house's electrical system. But if you do that, be sure to have someone who knows what they are doing put it through a converter box."

One item Heuser suggests having is Hurricane Tape.

"It's from a company in Canada," he said. "You cannot tear it by hand. You can only cut it with a knife or scissors. It's especially good for taping glass windows. It won't keep a window from breaking but will keep glass from shattering and blowing into a room."

Also on his list that the store will need to have on hand are roof felt and cement, trash bags, lamp oil, bow saws, shears, rakes, gloves, stove and lantern fuel, coolers, grills and charcoal.

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But as Heuser keeps telling everyone he sees, "Don't wait."

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Winn Dixie helping Wounded Warrior Project

Winn-Dixie Stores has reintroduced a commemorative bottled water to raise funds for Wounded Warrior Project, a nonprofit organization that helps veterans injured in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In the promotion, for every 24-pack of water sold through the Independence Day weekend, 10 cents will be donated to the organization, up to a total of \$100,000.

"The proceeds from this program will help injured veterans regain what they have lost in service to our country," Mary Kellmanson, Winn-Dixie group vice president of marketing, said. "This is an excellent opportunity for Winn-Dixie and our guests to show support for the brave men and women who've dedicated their lives to defending freedom."

This is the second consecutive year Winn-Dixie is selling the specially packaged water to assist the Wounded Warrior Project. Each case is wrapped in patriotic packaging featuring the U.S. flag and a bald eagle. Each bottle carries the Wounded Warrior Project's logo of a soldier carrying a wounded comrade. A 24-pack case of the bottled water sells for \$3.99 and is now available in all of the grocer's 484 stores.

"We are thankful to Winn-Dixie for their continued support of those servicemen and women who have sacrificed so much," said Steve Nardizzi, Executive Director of Wounded Warrior Project. "This product helps raise awareness of the needs of the more than 44,000 of our nation's service members who have been physically wounded in the war on terror, and the more than 300,000 who are recovering from invisible wounds of war, including post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), major depression and traumatic brain injury (TBI)."

Donation largest ever made by food company in single day

Goya Foods, the largest Hispanic-owned food company in the United States, announced recently its donation of 1 million pounds of food in the U.S.

and Puerto Rico to help fight hunger

Goya partnered with United Way to execute the food distribution, providing food to various food pantries, food banks, shelters, senior organizations and schools on March 16. The donation, which consists of rice, dry beans and other Goya favorites, will help feed more than 3 million people.

Locally, Goya partnered with Heart of Florida United Way (HFUW) to distribute 75,000 pounds of food to eight food pantries in Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. One of HFUW's key focus areas is alleviating hunger and homelessness.

"United Way 2-1-1, our 24-hour resource and referral helpline, has been our barometer for need in the community," Robert H. "Bob" Brown, president and CEO of HFUW, said. "Last year alone we received 171,400 calls — not only was this a record for the helpline, but it also tells us that our region is still lagging in a recovery. Of that, 75 percent of all callers sought help for the very first time; and 60 percent of those calls were for food, housing and utility assistance."

"Orlando ranks 10th worst in the nation in regards to food hardship," Brown said. "Nearly 25 percent of people living in Metro Orlando have had trouble affording enough food to feed their family in the last year, thus having to choose between paying for food or paying for utilities."

Even more so, nearly one-in-six Central Floridians relies on food stamps to subsist; and this rate has ballooned by nearly 185 percent since the start of the recession."

Local organizations that have benefited from the Goya Foods donation are Catholic charities, Christian Help, Christian Service Center, Holy Family Catholic Church, Hope Foundation, Jewish Family Services, Osceola County Council on Aging and The Salvation Army.

Taking place on the 75th day of Goya's 75th year, the 1 million-pound donation is part of a series of initiatives the company has developed to celebrate its milestone anniversary in 2011 and is the largest ever single-day food donation by a food company. The historic donation serves as a reminder of Goya's service to its communities and is the next step in Goya's long-standing commitment of supporting the fight against hunger.

Throughout its 75-year history, Goya has donated extensively to local and national organizations, and in 2010 alone, the company donated more than 1.5 million pounds of food internationally.

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of these TVs priced from \$60 to \$140. Some of them also play DVDs.

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A check with several other area stores indicated portable TVs were not in stock, but could be ordered. A number of companies have them available through Internet sites.

"We have several portable

radio models in stock now," Rivera said. "The American Red Cross radios range from \$15 to \$80 depending on the size. They receive AM-FM and weather frequencies. In addition to being battery-powered, they have a power crank that will provide added listening time when wound fully."

Some models, she said, are solar-powered and have a built-in flashlight, as well as jacks, where cell phones and MP3 players can be connected and charged.



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MOVIE WITH DAD

MAITLAND – Celebrate Father's Day at Enzian with a great film and a free beer for dad. The Enzian will screen **Field of Dreams**, with Kevin Costner, James Earl Jones and Ray Liotta Sunday at noon. Following the movie, head on over to the adjacent Eden Bar and dad will receive complimentary beer. General admission to the Enzian is \$8. Enzian's outdoor restaurant and bar, Eden Bar, will be open to serve lunch before and after the film. Lunch also may be ordered inside the theater during the movie. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit Enzian.org.

TAMING OF THE SHREW

KISSIMMEE—The Taming of the Shrew comes to the Osceola Center of the Arts this weekend and weekends through June 26. The Shakespeare comedy is directed by center veteran Ron Colburn and will be at the Studio Theatre. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. General admission is \$10. For ticket information go to www.ocfa.com.

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CLERMONT – Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards will be hosting the 21st Annual Harvest Festival this weekend. This three-day outdoor festival will feature live music, an arts and craft show, grape stomping and award-winning Lakeridge Wines. The event will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A \$2 donation will be accepted at the gate to benefit the Hospice Foundation and parking is free for all guests. Complimentary winery tours and wine tasting will be held throughout the festival and the Wine Shop will be offering specials. A blessing of the Harvest will take place each day at 1:30 p.m. There will be food and beverage vendors serving a variety of items for purchase including domestic and imported beers and Lakeridge wines by the glass. Seating will be available, but guests are welcome to bring their own chairs and blanket.

BARREL RACE FINALS

KISSIMMEE – The largest barrel race in the nation will move into its weekend home during the National Barrel Horse Association's Florida State Finals this weekend at the Silver Spurs Arena at Osceola Heritage Park. For the eighth year in a row, the Spurs will host the NBHA Florida State Finals. More than a thousand competitors will be in action. Barrel racing fans and spectators are encouraged to not only enjoy the sights of the competition, but the great shopping as well. More than 50 vendors will be on hand displaying an array of merchandise to include everything from western furniture, clothing, jewelry and much more. The event runs from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily and admission is free.

FAMILY FEUD FEATURES

KISSIMMEE FAMILY

ORLANDO – The Raymond family, of Kissimmee, will try to win lots of cash and maybe even a car on Family Feud, Thursday, June 23. They will challenge the James family from Miami on the show, which is taped at Universal Studios in Orlando. The Raymond family

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Brad Pitt plays the head of a household in the 1950s in the Terence Malick drama, **The Tree of Life**. The film also stars Sean Penn.

Fox Searchlight

The Tree of Life
Director: Terence Malick
Running time: 138 minutes
Rated: PG-13

The Tree of Life is no masterpiece

Malick's latest is very good cinema at times, but it also is overdone



Peter Covino
Entertainment Editor

I will just come right out and say it — if you really like **The Tree of Life**, there is a place for you in the Film Critic Hall of Fame of Snobbery.

After opening earlier in key cities nationwide, the Terence Malick film starring Brad Pitt and Sean Penn opens in Central Florida this weekend. The film, which has garnered an 86 percent positive rating on one of the Internet's most viewed websites, Rotten Tomatoes, but by and large the positive reviews

all came with a movie: Today's

C+

the **Prairie**. There is just something more genuine

father and his wife raise three sons, but for unspecified reasons, the middle son dies at the age of 19.

And I have to agree — **The Tree of Life** contains some really nice cinema. But by the time Malick calls it a day, some 2 hours and 18 minutes after the film starts, I really didn't feel any more enriched by the experience.

when the family's prized cow dies, and it doesn't take more than two hours to get there.

The story, when it isn't trying to make an artistic/soul-searching statement centers around a Texas family in the 1950s. Brad Pitt is very much the head of the O'Brien family where he rules with an iron fist, even though he shows loving moments. The

This causes the adult version of the eldest son Jack (played by Penn) to examine the meaning of life, not only his, but it seems to be examination of the meaning of life in general.

If you are old enough to remember the effect that **2001: A Space Odyssey** had

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Battle bugs and monsters from your home

Twitter and TCM let you take on Godzilla and the Queen from Outer Space

By Peter Covino
Entertainment Editor

There are 175 million Twitter users in the Twitter Universe (give or take a few million).

This is the story of five of them.

A few weeks ago, Turner Classic Movies announced it was going to do a weekly Drive In Double Feature, with some classic sci-fi films dating from the 1950s onward.

If you use Twitter (and you really should) you know Twitter friendships and acquaintances are formed when like-minded individuals follow each other. For example, I (@ICmovies) have about 6,200 followers as I write this, most of them with an interest in film, music, entertainment, restaurants and the theme parks.

A few of us were sending Tweets (140 character messages) about the TCM movies and decided to make a **Mystery Science Theater** kind of event around it. The only difference: we are in front of our computers, like the super geeks that we are, Tweeting ridiculous Tweets about the TCM films.

Week one of the Double Feature Bill was **Godzilla** and other assorted friends. This past Thursday it was bug night with **Them!** (1950) and **Tarantula** (1956) leading off a night of gigantic creeping critters.

And this is our mostly bad film equivalent of **The Breakfast Club**:



Photo/Warner Home Video

TCM has been showcasing science fiction films Thursdays in June, with films such as **Them!** and **Tarantula**. You can Tweet along with next Thursdays movies which include **It Came from Beneath the Sea** and **The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms**.

@GCDB @ShelfLifeCC @ICMovies @willmckinley @CulturalGutter.

Now the five of us (four guys and a gal) really do like movies. But there is something about a movie, that no matter the intentions of the director, turned out so

much better because it was ineptly made. Though I should point out that **Them!**, anointed the title of the first giant insect film, is actually well-done and well acted, even if the ants are just a little bit too big for their britches, or mandibles as the case may be.

Anyway, Thursday night became #TCMBug night. Any one on Twitter who liked TCM and liked giant bug movies knew where to find us. And many of them did.

Here are some of the evening's

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Musical journey for children with Dudamel, June 23

Joy of music Fathom Event will be at Central Florida theaters

Take a musical journey with Dudamel: Let the Children Play, a special one-night in-theater event coming to Central Florida, June 23 at 7 p.m.

Music will universally unite people of all nations, ethnicities and religions with Dudamel: Let the Children Play, showing in more than 400 movie theaters nationwide, including four theaters in the Orlando area.

Directed by Alberto Arvelo, the show will showcase the gifted Venezuelan music

director/conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic as he leads this journey through the stories of young people experiencing the joy of music in the most diverse and contrasting corners of the world.

As part of the in-theater event, a separate featurette "Crescendo - Why Music is Life," presented by CNN en Español, highlights interviews with celebrities including Emilio Estefan, Daisy Fuentes, Luis Enrique and others celebrating the impact music has had on their lives.

Tickets for the show are available at participating theater box offices and online at www.FathomEvents.com.

This Fathom Event will be showing at the following theatres in the area: Merritt

Square 16, 777 E Merritt Island Causeway Merritt Island; Pointe Orlando with IMAX, 9101 International Drive, Waterford Lakes Stadium 20 with IMAX, 541 N Alafaya Trail; Cinemark Orlando Festival Bay, 5150 International Drive. Admission is \$12.50 for adults.

This special event is inspired by the Venezuelan musical and educational program, "El Sistema," which immerses children in the world of music, art, discipline, fun and creativity. Produced in seven different countries, the show features groups of children in various cities across the globe who gather around and are inspired by Dudamel, himself a product of "El Sistema."

Presented by NCM Fathom,

TV Planet and The Movie Machine, Dudamel: Let the Children Play will be broadcast in more than 400 movie theaters across the U.S. through NCM's exclusive Digital Broadcast Network.

"(It) has a simple message to all of us: music can change your life," said Dan Diamond, vice president of NCM Fathom. "Broadcast straight into local movie theaters across America featuring stories from diverse corners of the globe with gifted children and separate interviews with celebrities gathered by CNN en Español, this event presents an incredible opportunity to experience the joy of music and its power to bring people together."

For more information visit www.dudamel.net.



Venezuelan music director Dudamel is featured in musical showcase that shows music knows no boundaries.

Tweet

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best Tweets. (With some explanation in parentheses when necessary).

First up, the already mentioned **Them!** Atomic bomb testing in the New Mexico desert not only shook the gambling tables in nearby Nevada. It also created huge, vicious, hungry ants.

@ICMovies The ants are getting restless and Tarantula wants to head for the hills. Them! Tarantula, 8 p.m. @TCM join the #TCMBugOut. Picnic optional.

@LibertyImages Can't be good sci-fi without a bumbling doctor, can it? And...a pretty daughter. Oh, the 50s! #TCMBugOut.

@ICMovies there she is four year old Meryl Streep before she could do accents...#TCMBugOut (Little girl walking around mute and in a trance because she is the first survivor to see the giant ants).

@GCDB This girls eyes were buggin out of her head. Her acting style is pure method #TCMBugout

@willmckinley Patty Duke's dad is the coroner! #TCMBugOut

@LibertyImages YES! Giant ants! This is why we're here! #TCMBugOut

@ICMovies isn't that a taco bell? #TCMBugOut

@MaterialGirl850 They're going about this all wrong. What they need is a really big magnifying glass! #TCMBugOut (Initial attempts to stop the ants have not worked).

@ICMovies Now if we use Delta...they can charge the soldier ants twice as much for their luggage #TCMBugOut (after talking about flight plans to stay ahead of the ants).

@ShelfLifeCC what we have here is a failure to exterminate! #TCMBugOut

But exterminate they did, and finally every last giant ant was killed from New Mexico to Los Angeles.

You can't keep a good (or bad) insect down so next TCM screened **The Cosmic Monsters** (1958), a not so good British film that needed as much additional dialogue and diversions as possible. And we were only too glad to help.

@ICMovies Joan Crawford was originally slated to play the alien...but her shoulder pads wouldn't fit through the space ship door.

@willmckinley: French chicks dig fast-talking Ameri-

can boys. #TCMBugOut. (A French woman wanders aimlessly through much of this movie, apparently looking for a mate.)

@willmckinley "Leave the scarf. Take the Cannoli." #TCMBugOut. (Scarves and ascots were very big in this film, even when giant insects were eating everyone in sight).

@ShelfLifeCC oh my god she's in danger if being too close to that rear projection to see the movie! #TCMBugOut.

@ICMovies Alien: I came here because I heard the Keanu Reeves School of Acting in London was very good #TCMBugOut. (The alien in question delivered a line with all of the assurance and authority of Keanu Reeves on his worst acting day. And there are many.)

@EliseCD The cosmic Monsters was made the same year as Auntie Mame. Who says Forrest Tucker has no range? #TCMBugout (Forrest Tucker, best know for TV's F Troop, starred in both films.)

I don't even know how the world was rid of The Cosmic Monsters. I was too busy Tweeting by film's end. But **Tarantula** (1955) is one giant bug not to be messed with. We are back in the desert. And a scientist has been fooling around with some formula and has created giant animals. And the 100-foot tall tarantula has escaped.

@willmckinley: Wow, the monsters don't wait 30 minutes to show up in TARANTULA! #TCMBugOut.

@wicked_cricket Nothing better on a balmy cincy nite than chillin' with a cool drink & #TCMBugout.

@jjdlg that is half the fun! I consider myself a b-movie dung beetle #TCMBugOut.

@CulturalGutter Run, Tarantula, run! As fast as your furry legs will carry you! #TCMBugout.

@j_bacardi: And then again, we get Clint Eastwood in a jet plane firing napalm, so there's that. #TCMBugout. (A young Eastwood had a very small part in the film.)

@wicked_cricket here comes the classy, intelligent 'dame' who's gonna snag john agar - in a dress & heels in the desert chasing bugs #TCMBugout.

@wicked_cricket you know who that hotel clerk was? mr ziffel from green acres, arnold the pig's dad #TCMBugout.

@LJonte There is is, coming out of its burrow. There it is striking a pose. And there it is saying it really just wants to direct... #TCMBugout. (The tarantula hired for the film was apparently a real ham. Even among tarantulas.)

@CulturalGutter I would give \$5 to an effort to restore America's giant tarantulas. #TCMBugout.

@ShelfLifeCC did he fire six napalms, or only five? To tell you the truth, I've forgotten myself in all this excitement. #TCMBugOut

@EliseCD This is a teste-

ment to fact I'll watch anything on @TCM Though I'm enjoying the Mystery science theatre aspect of the tweeting. #TCMBugout

@j_bacardi Gee, this is the first time in ages I've live tweeted movies while sober! Now, THE BLACK SCORPION, another Big Show favorite. #TCMBugout

@j_bacardi Darn it, I fell asleep this morning between the end of BLACK SCORPION and the beginning of THE GIANT CLAW. Oh well. #TCMBugout

@ShelfLifeCC Thanks for a

fun movie night to The Drive-In Double Feature #TCMBugout ringleaders! @GCDB @CulturalGutter @willmckinley @ICMovies.

Those were not all the Tweets, but they were all the Tweets that were fit to print. Plus many Tweets just don't make sense without the context of the movie.

Anyhow, we will be doing it again Thursday.

TCM's theme will be monsters who came from the sea.

The all-star lineup includes: **It Came from Beneath the Sea** (1955). A giant octo-

pus attacks San Francisco. A must for sushi fans.

The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms (1953). A dinosaur awakes and decides he doesn't like the city that never sleeps. He doesn't sing New York, New York, either.

The Giant Behemoth (1959). A close relative of the 20,000 fathoms beast has similar feelings about London.

The Monster the Challenged the World (1957). Call The French Chef. Giant snails are attacking California.

Everyone is welcome to join in Thursday.



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PUTTING ON YOUR DVDS

More DVDs dad would really like for Father's Day

But for some of these titles dad will have to wait a few more days

By Peter Covino
Entertainment Editor

Last week it was the **Superman Anthology**. This week dad really, really wants **The Lord of the Rings Trilogy: Extended Edition** Blu-ray for Father's Day.

He is going to have to wait a few weeks yet. This 15-disc set, with more than 26 hours of special features arrived in the mail a few days ago, and other than oohh and ahhh at the packaging I just haven't had time to begin the watching process.

But I already know it has to be very good. The greatest trilogy ever comes retail outlets June 28.

I will return with a review of just how **Lord of the Rings** stacks up against other Blu-rays in a few weeks, for now here are a few other last minute DVDs that dad might like to own.

It is hard to take anything FBI director J. Edgar Hoover did serious/y after all of those allegations about him wearing woman's clothing.

But **The FBI**, one of the more popular crime dramas of the 1960s, goes back in time to when Hoover was one of the most powerful men in America, with or without a dress.

Made with the backing of Hoover's office and from actual FBI files, Efram Zimbalist Jr. was the rock of this popular show.

The first part of the first season (it aired from 1965-

74) is now available from The Warner Archive.

Zimbalist plays agent Lewis Erskine, Philip Abbot is his boss and Stephen Brooks was special agent Jim Rhodes. Most likely to attract a wider audience, Erskine had an adult daughter, played by Lynn Loring, who also served as Rhodes love interest.

That format was fortunately soon dropped because it was the actual FBI cases that people wanted to see.

And there were plenty of them even in these first episodes, everything from bankrobbers to kidnappers.

Among the early guest stars in these 16 episodes are Robert Blake, Beau Bridges, Dabney Coleman, Robert Duvall, Jack Klugman, Leslie Nielsen and Burt Reynolds.

Warner Archive Collection DVDS are manufactured on demand and are only available from the website www.WarnerArchive.com.

You can see just how far crime dramas have come from the conservative **FBI** series to the more hip and raw **Southland** series.

This is season two of the show which is very much adult in content and language.

If you liked season one, and I very much did, this is more of the same, as it follows a police unit from the beaches of Malibu to east Los Angeles.

The show cast includes John Cooper (Michel Cudlitz), a seasoned Los Angeles cop, is assigned to train rookie Ben Sherman (Ben McKenzie). C Regina King, Tom Everett Scott, Michael McGrady, Kevin Alejandro and Shawn Hatosy and Jenny Gago.

The two-disc features all six episodes from the second

season. A fourth season will return on TNT as well.

Southland is available from the Warner Archive Collection at www.WarnerArchive.com.

Dad might also like **The Adjustment Bureau**, Matt Damon's latest effort, but he will have to wait until it's Tuesday Blu-ray/DVD release (Universal).

This isn't the perfect thriller, but if you like movies such as *The Matrix*, *Minority Report* and *Inception*, *The Adjustment Bureau* should satisfy nicely.

Damon is a Kennedy-like politician — very popular with voters, but with a sometimes troubling past. He is already a New York congressman and about to win the U.S. Senator race from the state, when his past catches up with him.

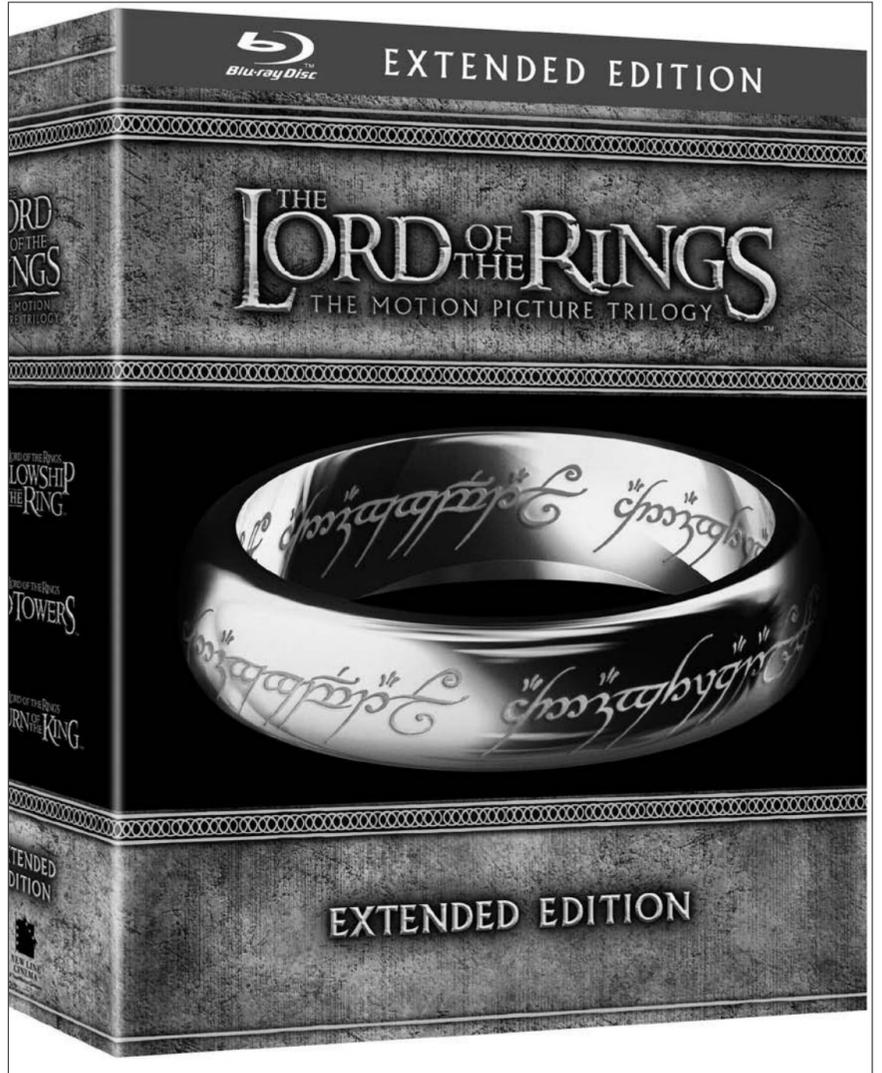
But it is all part of the plan. Men with hats follow everyone, and make sure that fate never intervenes, everything is pre-planned.

So when Damon falls in love with a dancer, played by Emily Blount, *The Adjustment Bureau* is up in arms. That is not part of the plan and they will do everything possible to stop it.

This is another good Blu-ray choice with a soundtrack that blasts off a home theater system. The Blu-ray also includes a bonus digital copy, always a good thing to have for personal viewing on a portable device.

There are more dad favorites already available on Blu-ray for the first time from Universal.

Two Adam Sandler classics **Billy Madison** (1995) and **Happy Gilmore** (1996) are a good way to make dad happy on his day. Add a six-pack and



Warner Bros.

You have never seen Lord of the Rings like this on your home TV screen. The extended edition motion picture trilogy will be released June 28 on Blu-ray and DVD.

if the special guy in your life, will be in heaven if his likes silly comedy of the Saturday Night Live variety.

Billy Madison has San-

dler repeating grades 1-12 if he is ever going to take over his father's company.

Happy Gilmore, features Sandler as a hockey player

who starts playing golf to raise money to get grandma out of a retirement home.

Both films have developed cult status through the years.

Sun Spots

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includes Libby, a teacher; husband Derric, a pool builder; brother-in-law Ricky, a salesman; nephew Taylor, a student at Seminole State College; and daughter Emma, a high school student. "I have been watching 'The Feud' for years so when they were having auditions I knew we had to try out," said Ricky. "If we win I want to buy a new car for my son Taylor." The show will air at 6 p.m. locally on TV 27. If you would like to try to appear on the show call the show's hotline at 407-224-3410 for an interview.

CELEBRATION JULY 4

CELEBRATION — It will be a flashback Fourth of July at Celebration as the community cele-

brates the holiday in retro style with special musical guests A Flock of Seagulls. It all takes place at Celebration Town Centre and begins at 5 p.m. The free admission event features a 1980s costume contest with music to match. A Flock of Seagulls will take the stage at 8:30 p.m. Other musical guests include Katyshack and The Dixieland Band, made up of former members of Rosie O'Grady's Good Time Band. The fireworks will get under way at 9:30 p.m. For more information on Celebration Town Center go to www.celebrationtowncenter.com or call 407-566-4007.

MORE FIREWORKS

ORLANDO — Avalon Park expects record crowds for its July

4th celebration in the downtown area. There will be lots of family events including a bike parade, more than 100 vendors, hot dog eating contest and home run derby. The 5-9 p.m. free event ends with 3D fireworks (3D glasses supplied. Bring lawn chairs or blankets.

1ST THURSDAYS NEW SEASON

ORLANDO — Orlando's original art party, now in its thirteenth season, the award-winning 1st Thursdays is presented by the Associates, an Orlando Museum of Art (OMA) volunteer support group committed to expanding OMA membership and encouraging the appreciation of the visual arts. From 6 to 9 p.m., the first Thursday of each month, the OMA showcases a new theme with works by local artists, live music, cash bars serving wine, beer and soft drinks, and café offerings from area restaurants. Plus, 1st Thursdays guests receive free entrance to OMA featured exhibitions. Admis-

sion is free for OMA Members; \$10 for non-Members. The event for July 7 is Blank Canvas. It features works by 10 artists who will also show the artistic process with a 'work in progress' during the three-hour event.

TEEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

KISSIMMEE — Training is scheduled to begin soon for the Osceola County Historical Society's 2011 Summer Teen Docent/Youth Leadership program. It's not too late for interested high school students between the ages of 16 and 19 to interview for positions with the program. The society is seeking teens who are seriously "interested in history" to volunteer one regular day of service each week as docents for its museum village in Kissimmee, and are required on specific days July 11-15; Aug. 1-5), to serve as youth leaders to campers of the organization's 2011 Summer Day-Camp program. The volunteers are provided structured training and leadership guidance. To schedule an

interview, contact OCHS program coordinator Philip Jackson at 407-396-8644 (Thursdays through Sundays), or by email to: philip@osceolahistory.org.

DESPICABLE ME RIDE

Orlando — Universal Orlando Resort has announced that its newest attraction will be based on Universal Pictures and Illumination Entertainment's blockbuster 3-D-CGI feature "Despicable Me," bringing minions, mayhem

and a whole new level of 3-D family fun to its guests.

The "Despicable Me" experience will replace the Jimmy Neutron attraction at Universal Studios Florida. Universal also announced that The Amazing Adventures of Spider-Man, will be completely reanimated in 4K digital high definition. Both will open in 2012 and are being developed by the award-winning Universal Creative team.

Movie

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on a youthful audience, well then spark up that doobie. For some twenty minutes, **The Tree of Life** is a near hallucinatory experience with its creation of the universe complete with the first stirrings of life to the dinosaur.

It makes for a very pretty picture, but it also looks like time spent on the National Geographic Channel.

If you want a film with a straight-forward narrative, **The Tree of Life** just might have you banging on the ticket window glass, demanding your money back.

The most rewarding parts of the film is when there is some narrative structure, when it is a tale of the three boys growing up in Waco, Texas. When it gets abstract, especially the disappointing finale, it can be near maddening.

Malick is a cinematic artist for sure, and that may be his problem. He tries too hard to be an artist.

I would rather note the passing of another artist: Gunnar Fischer, who died at the age of 100 this week. Fischer will be remembered for his cinematography working with Ingmar Bergman on **Wild**

Strawberries, The Seventh Seal and Smiles of a Summer Night, among many, many films.



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What's new?

Help Now class offered

Help Now of Osceola, 821 Emmett Street, Kissimmee is offering a free psychoeducational sexual assault class for primary and secondary victims and survivors of sexual assault. Come learn about safety planning, predator profiles and more. The class is every Tuesday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. To register, call 407-847-3286.

Donate blood

Blood donors can turn their pint of blood into gallons.

Register to donate on any Big Red Bus or at a Florida's Blood Centers branch location during the month of June and who will receive a \$10 gas card for giving the gift of life.

To find a Big Red Bus in the area, call toll free 1-888-9DONATE (1-888-936-6283) and tell blood center employees that you want to find a location near you to donate.

All blood types are needed. If you don't know your blood type, the easiest way to find out is by donating blood. O negative blood is the most critical at this time because it is the universal type used in emergencies and traumas.

Florida's Blood Centers must make sure that all hospitals have an adequate supply at all times. Donations will go to local hospitals served by Florida's Blood Centers within the next couple of days to patients who may need immediate transfusions.

Fair Tax group to meet

The Kissimmee, St. Cloud Fair Tax Group is having a meeting from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, at the Hart Memorial Central Library in downtown Kissimmee. It will be discussing any and all ideas to increase awareness for the promotion of the Fair Tax.

For more information, visit www.fairtax.org or call Frank Woodley 4079444289

Shutterbugs unite

The Osceola County Camera Club invites anyone interested in taking photographs and having a good time to attend the club's twice-monthly meetings. The club will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Folsom Services, 25 E. 13th St., St. Cloud at 7 p.m.

Poinciana to honor veterans

There will be a tribute to Poinciana veterans who served in the military at the Poinciana Veterans Memorial, 401 Walnut St., July 1 at 11 a.m.

Complimentary hot dogs, potato chips and soda will be served.

Soccer Club has registrations

The St. Cloud Soccer Club will be holding registration for ages 4 to 17 for the 2011-12 season. Registration dates are: July 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; July 29 from 6 to 8 p.m.; Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Aug. 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration will be at the Stephanie Rothstein Park soccer fields at 2701 Missouri Ave., St. Cloud.

Visit the booth at the lakefront in St. Cloud on July 4. Visit the website at stcloudsoccer.com.

Volleyball camp set

Heritage Christian Eagles' elementary volleyball camp will be July 25-28 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. (first- to fifth-grade boys and girls) at the Heritage gymnasium, 1500 E. Vine St., Kissimmee. It's from beginning to advanced training. Cost is \$55, which includes a camp T-shirt.

Junior varsity and varsity is from Aug. 1-5. Cost is \$125.

Drinks and volleyball accessories will be available for purchase. Participants should wear shorts, not spandex.

To register or for more information, call the school at 407-847-4087 or Coach Hardwick at 386-785-5174.

Stepping out



Members of the Zapp Band dance in step at Kissimmee Festival of Rhythm and Blues June 4. The festival filled the area in front of the Kissimmee Civic Center, Hart Memorial Library and City Centre.

News-Gazette Photo/Andrew Sullivan

C.N.A. preparation class

Mt. Zion S.D.A. Church, 2123 N. Smith St., Kissimmee, and Life Enhancing Ministries will present a C.N.A. state board preparation class. The class, which is a total of 52 hours, starts July 7. Cost is \$125 for registration and materials. For more information, call 407-348-2990.

Financial discussion set

Robert Rosen, financial advisor with Edward Jones in Kissimmee, is holding a discussion on market topics and investment strategies Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Vintage Vino, 14 E. Dakin Ave., Kissimmee. For more information, call 407-870-5464.

Wills & Trusts seminar

Florida Bank of Commerce in Kissimmee will host a free informational lecture presented by Capital Estates Educational Services and Wealth Preservation Associates on wills and trusts Thursday at 6 p.m. at the bank, 1126 E. Oak St., Kissimmee. No legal matters will be discussed and all requests for more information will be referred to the appropriate legal counsel for individual consultation. Light snacks and refreshments will be served. Reservations are required. RSVP to Joe McQuaid at 407-593-2243 or Tom Dalton at 407-908-3708.

Kissimmee High grand reunion

The Kissimmee High School alumni will have its grand reunion Saturday, June 25, at the Elks Lodge, 1655 Kings Highway, Kissimmee. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. All alumni, friends, family members and guests are invited to attend.

There will be a high school bowl-a-rama for all classes at the Kissimmee Bowling Lanes, 4140 W. Vine St., Saturday, June 25, at 11 a.m. The deadline to register is June 18. For more bowling and ticket information, call 407-932-1973, 407-423-1912 or 407-791-5593.

Al-anon meetings

St. Cloud Al-Anon meetings are Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at 16 E. 17th St., St. Cloud. Call 407-346-7103 for more information.

Classic car

Cruise-in set

There will be a Cruise-in with classic cars from 5:30 to 8 p.m. the second Friday of every month at the Cici's Pizza parking lot at the Mill Creek Mall. There also will be a raf-

fle and a disc jockey.

For more information, call Buster at 407-729-1378.

Sons of Italy Lodge

The Osceola County Order Sons of Italy in America Lodge 2523 meets the third Tuesday of each month at Kissimmee Bay Golf and Country Club. General membership meetings begin at 7 p.m.

The lodge is the oldest fraternal organization in the United States and welcomes all those of Italian heritage or spouse who is Italian to join as members. The lodge holds events throughout the year for charities and scholarships.

Contact Gertrude Dorries, president, at 321-286-6787 for more information.

DAV events

The Disabled American Veterans No. 148, 21 E. Keen St., Kissimmee, 407-846-4141, are hosting the following events:

There is a service officer at noon every Tuesday and Thursday.

There are Bloody Mary specials on Sundays.

There is a dunk tank Saturdays and cornhole games every weekend (weather permitting).

OHS 20-year

reunion

The 20-year reunion of Osceola

High School will be July 30 at the Reunion resort (near Champions-Gate). Cost is \$75 per person.

Contact Ron and Leslie Santiago at 813-389-5095 for payment arrangements.

American Legion events

The American Legion of Kissimmee Post 10 has the following events:

Friday, bingo at 4 p.m. Seafood dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dancing starts at 7 p.m.

Sunday, bingo at 4 p.m.

Monday, Texas hold 'em at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, karaoke from noon to 4 p.m.

Every other Thursday, barnyard bingo at 7 p.m.

For more information, call the post at 407-847-4193 or Frank Rohman at 407-922-2019.

Be a Xi Lambda Nu member

Xi Lambda Nu, a local chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, is active in all facets of the community; many in leadership roles, volunteering, working or spearheading activities to benefit a number of local agencies.

For more information on becoming a member of Beta Sigma Phi, contact Tina Phillips at 407-933-1068.

Church offering free food

The Destiny Foursquare Church, 101 Cypress St., Kissimmee, is offering free food every Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 407-870-1594.

Widows and Widowers group

The Widows and Widowers group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Sundays at the Cornerstone Baptist Church, 2925 Canoe Creek Road, St. Cloud, for Bible study and fellowship. The group is designed to help widows and widowers in their time of need.

For more information, call 407-957-6537.

Daughters of the Confederacy

United Daughters of the Confederacy - Osceola Confederate Dames Chapter 2684 - meet the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. The group is a historical, benevolent, educational, patriotic and memorial organization of ladies with Confederate ancestors. Any interested women with such ancestors who would like to attend a meeting or for more information can call 407-361-0984.

Confederate camp

The Sons of Confederate Veterans Jacob Summerlin Camp 1516 meets every second Monday (except in December) at 6:30 p.m. at Fat Boy's restaurant in St. Cloud. For more information, visit www.Jacob-Summerlin.org.

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Take me home

Photos/Osceola County Animal Control

Louie, top, is a friendly 5-year old Pekingese dog. Louie was surrendered by his owner and needs a new home. Louie wears a white fur coat and loves to be held and petted. He would prefer to hang out in a household with adults and he would be a wonderful companion for a nice couple looking for an easy-going, well-behaved little lap dog. Louie is available now at the Osceola County Animal Control Shelter. Call and ask about by identification number 2011-3160. Brother and sister duo, Sylvester and Tweety, bottom, also are looking for new families. They are a delightful pair of 12-week-old kittens. Sylvester is a black and white male and Tweety is a female with tortoise shell coloring. Both kittens are friendly, laid-back and loving. They would really enjoy curling up in your arms for a nice nap. They can be adopted individually or as a pair. If you would like more information about these adorable kittens, call the animal shelter and ask about cats 2011-3190 and 2011-3192. If you are interested in either of them, stop by the animal shelter and check them out along with the many other animals available at the shelter. Keep in mind, though, that the animals at the shelter are only there for a limited time, and may not be available when you arrive. Call the shelter at 407-343-7101 or come to 3910 Old Canoe Creek Road in St. Cloud and visit these animals. All animals are spayed and neutered before leaving Animal Control. The shelter is open Monday from noon until 5 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The adoption fee is \$60 for a dog and \$50 for a cat.



Recreation

Oak Street Community Center

Events currently at the Oak Street Park Community Center, 717 N. Palm Ave, Kissimmee are :

Ballet (Tiny Tots, beginner and advanced): Thursdays, call for specific class prices and times (age 3 and up).

Ballroom dance: Tuesdays, \$30/month/single or \$50/month/couple, 8-9 p.m.

Baton: Wednesdays, \$40/month, 6-7 p.m. (elementary school), 7-8 p.m. (middle/high school).

Guitar: Mondays (youth) and Tuesdays (adults), \$100/10-week session, 7-8 p.m.

Gymnastics: Mondays, \$40/month, 4-4:30 p.m. (beginner) or 4:40-5 p.m. (advanced) (6 and up).

Hip-hop (tiny tots, beginner, advanced and teen/adult): Mondays and Wednesdays, call for specific class prices,

days and times.

Piano: Mondays (youth) and Tuesdays (adults), \$100/10-week session, 6-7 p.m.

Martial arts, Tang Soo Do: Tuesdays and Thursdays, \$55/month, 6-8 p.m. (5 and up).

Salsa dance: Tuesdays, \$30/month/single or \$50/month/couple, 7-8 p.m.

Tennis instruction: Mondays-Thursdays, call for specific class prices, days and times (3 and up).

Texas hold'em Club: Mondays, noon-4 p.m. (adults/seniors).

For more information, call 407-518-2360.

Tennis Network

The Osceola Fun Tennis League meets Fridays at 6.30 p.m. for fun and exercise. Registration is required. Contact peady@cfl.rr.com for more information.

55-over softball

The Kissimmee Parks and Recreation Department's 55-over softball league plays Mondays and Fridays at the Denn John softball fields. New

players are welcome. For more information, call Leo at 407-933-1141.

T'ai chi

Tai chi classes are offered every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Shingle Creek United Methodist Church. Donation of \$5 per class is asked, but not required for participation. Loose-fitting attire and sneakers are suggested. The church is at 2420 Old Vineland Road, Kissimmee. For further information, call 407-396-6364.

Karate classes

Karate classes are held at the St. Cloud Parks and Recreation Center, 3001 17th St. Classes are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. for youths and from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. for adults. Pre-registration is preferred. The cost is \$40 a month; first uniform is free. Call 321-443-2976 or 407-433-8278.

Smith and Western club

Smith and Western Advanced Line Dance Club

meets at the St. Cloud Senior Center Hall A or B, 3101 17th St., Fridays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. All ages welcome. The fee is \$2 per class.

Pony Express Cloggers

The Pony Express Cloggers meet at the Moose Lodge, 1019 Main St., Kissimmee. Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes are offered starting at 6:30 p.m. in the front room. Classes are open to age 5 and up; no partner is needed. Families are welcome. New beginners pay \$10 to register and get the first four classes free.

The cloggers also are available to entertain at all functions. Call Ruth at 407-847-4666, Jan at 407-396-1943 or Shelly at 407-935-1255.

Short Track Ice Speedskating

The Short Track Ice Speedskating Club practices every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Ice Factory, 2221 Partin Settlement Road. All ages and abilities welcome. For more infor-

mation, contact Doug at 321-624-5222 or www.eteamz.com/sssc.

English Country Dancers

The Central Florida English Country Dancers meet at the St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 17th St., St. Cloud, Hall A on the second Saturday of each month from 3 to 6 p.m. The dance is very similar to square dancing, but no partner is required. Beginners are welcome. Cost is \$5. Also, bring a finger-food snack or drink to share. For more information, contact Steve or Diana at 407-847-6055 or Catie Geist at 321-427-3587.

St. Cloud recreation

The hours for the Chris Lyle Aquatic Center are: Monday through Thursday noon to 3 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.; Friday noon to 3 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. For details, call St. Cloud Parks and Recreation at 407-957-7244.

Hours for Aqua-fit class at the Chris Lyle Aquatic Center

are Monday through Friday from 8 to 9 a.m.; Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon; and Monday through Friday from 6 to 7 p.m.

Tuning, Toning and Talking is at 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Tennis/racquet ball

A for-fun tennis and racquet ball club has formed in St. Cloud. Anyone can join, no rankings or ratings. You set times and days of play. No fees or dues.

Call Tom Long at 407-892-5836.

Shuffleboard club

The St. Cloud Shuffleboard club play schedule is Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Fun and practice is every morning from 8 to 10:30 a.m., except Sundays. The club also has duplicate bridge on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.; euchre on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.; pinochle on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and cribbage on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. The club is at 701 Ohio St., St. Cloud.

Misc.

Dance team

The Alpha/Omega Dance Team performs for churches, schools, community centers, businesses and other organizations. Occasions include birthdays, anniversaries, retirements, holidays and special events.

For more information, contact Veronica or Eric at 407-932-4769.

Internet reunion

All Osceola High School alumni from the classes of 1963 to 1971 are invited to join the Internet reunion — e-mail www.ChasBird.com or www.amy@phoenixat.com

Alcoholics Anonimos

Alcoholics Anonimos, which is geared to helping Hispanics with an alcohol

problem, is now available in Osceola County. For help or for more information, call 407-240-1181.

AA hotline

The Alcoholics Anonymous 24-hour hotline number is 407-870-8282.

PAX looking for host families

Jett Kerns, a local community coordinator for PAX (Program of Academic Exchange) is currently interviewing families in this area interested in participating in a cultural exchange experience by hosting an international high school student for the coming academic year. She is available to come and speak to your group about hosting.

PAX is a non-profit foundation which provides a U.S. high school and homestay program for students from more than 40 different countries including Europe, East-

ern Europe, Asia and Latin America. PAX students are between the ages of 15 and 18, speak English, have full insurance coverage and their own spending money.

PAX families are asked to provide students with meals, a place to sleep and study and a warm, supportive environment. Private rooms are not required and single parents, young couples and retirees are welcome to apply.

For information, call Kerns at 407-738-7412 or e-mail fipaxcc@yahoo.com or visit www.pax.org.

Cars4Charities

Go green by recycling your old car by donating it to Cars4Charities. Anyone can complete the entire donation process online at www.cars4charities.org.

In addition to being convenient, the online option is better for the environment since it reduces the use of

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Cars4Charities handles the entire donation process and can have your car picked up in a matter of days for free. The proceeds from your car will be used to help one of more than 1,000 charities, including Prevent Cancer, Autism Speaks, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, the Florida Association of the Deaf, Harry Chapin Food Banks, the Rescue Alliance of Hairless & Other Breeds and area homeless shelters.

In addition to helping a charity, you will be eligible for a tax deduction of up to \$500 or the amount your car is sold for, whichever is greater.

Complete details are available at www.cars4charities.org or by calling 1-866-448-3487 (GIVE-4-US).

Free legal help

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida provides free civil legal services to low income families.

Services are provided in the areas of housing, income maintenance, employment, education, consumer and domestic relations.

The office in Kissimmee is at 800 N. Main St.

Call 407-847-0053 for an appointment.

Free dinner

Donate a unit of blood and receive a free steak dinner the second Wednesday of each odd month of the year from 4 to 7 p.m. at the St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 17th St.

The dinner is sponsored by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows No. 66.

For more information about giving blood in general, call the Osceola branch of Florida's Blood Centers at 407-931-2131.

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through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Donations may be dropped off during shop hours. Operated by the ministry of St. Luke St. Peter Episcopal Church.

For more information, call 407-957-7704.

Obituaries For daily obituaries and services please visit our website: www.aroundosceola.com

SHAW - Linden "Linny" Shaw, age 69, passed away peacefully Tuesday, June 14, at Hospice of the Comforter Hospice House in Altamonte Springs with his wife, two sons, and a daughter-in-law at his side.

He was born in Knoxville, TN and grew up in Birmingham, AL. He graduated from Auburn University and spent his entire adult life in St. Cloud, FL and Oneida, Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his father, C.O. Shaw; his mother, Noma Shaw and brother, O.E. Shaw. He is survived by his wife, Maudeane, of St. Cloud, FL; two sons, Geoffrey Shaw (Susan) of St. Cloud, FL; Todd Shaw (Nancy) of Eustis, FL and two grandsons, Caleb Shaw and Aidan Shaw.

Linny was a loving, dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. He had a positive influence on the lives of numerous young people as a teacher and coach. He was a devout christian and loved his church family, serving as a greeter and

Stephen minister at Cornerstone Baptist Church in St. Cloud.

The family will receive friends Friday evening at 6:00pm at Osceola Memory Gardens funeral home, St. Cloud. A celebration of Linny's life will follow at 7:00pm. Burial will be at 10:00am Saturday morning at Osceola Memory Gardens cemetery on Bobby Creek Road in Kissimmee.



TUTOR- Mr. James E. Tutor, 88, of, St. Cloud passed away on Tuesday June 14, 2011.

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Learn how to start a business

With the tough economical times that we are facing and many people displaced from prior employment, some may be wondering what it would take to start a business. The following are brief steps to consider prior to starting a business.

While you may have an idea for a business, the best place to start is to determine whether you have what it takes to start and operate a business. This requires an objective appraisal of your personal skills, abilities, and talents. To be successful, you must look for ways to compensate your weak areas, such as taking classes, reading, finding a mentor or business partner, hiring capable people, or contracting for the needed help.

Once you have decided you have what it takes to operate your own business, your next task is to decide what kind of business you want to start. Explore ways to use your skills and interests in a business and potential markets for your product and/or service. In reviewing available options, you should consult with local experts and other business owners of the product and/or service you are proposing.

Most small businesses are formed as sole proprietorships. Other types of business organizations in Florida include general and limited partnerships, corporations and limited liability companies. Each type has its own advantages and disadvantages. For information on ways to organize a business in Florida and the actions required for each organizational type, visit the Florida Department of State's website at <http://www.dos.state.fl.us/>. Additionally, you need to obtain expert legal and accounting help to determine the best legal structure for your business.

The next steps involve choosing a name and location for the business; registering the business with the proper authorities; obtaining the necessary licenses and permits; and developing production schedules, marketing

and pricing plans. Determining which licenses and permitting regulations you must acquire or follow for the business will vary with the different branches of government. Zoning is another concern because local governing bodies want to avoid problems with traffic, noise, fumes, signs, or parking.

Most Florida businesses need sales and use tax permits, which are available from the Florida Department of Revenue's website at <http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/taxes>. In addition to the permitting, there is an Employer Identification Number (EIN) issued by the Internal Revenue Service. Sole proprietors who have no employees can use their personal social security number. All other businesses must obtain an EIN.

You will need to establish a business plan for yourself and for the partners, investors and bankers involved with the business. The business plan identifies the product/service, the market, the management team, where the business will operate and your business experience. Parts of the plan include a market study, promotional strategies, current and projected balance sheets, income statements and cash flow analysis.

It's no secret that sales happen because of marketing. Therefore, market research is another critical piece to effectively owning a business. Businesses use market research to identify their customers and what they want to buy. Marketing involves six issues, which are the product, production, price, promotion, place and perception.

Evaluate all of your alternatives for financially supporting

your business. Your commitment of personal funds is often the first financing step. It is an indicator of how serious you are about the business. In addition to personal funds, family members and friends may be a source of financial help. Also your banker and the Small Business Administration are other excellent sources for financing information.

The above considerations only represent in brief the beginning of questions a potential business owner faces. Business owners will also need answers about record keeping, insurance, intellectual property issues, employee issues, and independent contractors. For more information, contact the UF/IFAS Osceola County Extension Services office for a list of resources that will be helpful in addressing additional questions you may have to starting and owning your own business.

Lastly, parents don't miss an opportunity to grow an entrepreneur in your family. The UF/IFAS Osceola County Extension Services is offering Growing Entrepreneurs, a new, five day small business development camp designed to teach 14- to 18-year-old youth vital skills needed to run their own business. The camp will be offered July 11 - 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pehorn Nature Park. The teens will identify potential business opportunities, develop a business plan including target market, product promotion and sales and develop a product (rain barrel) that will be created, marketed and sold by the end of the camp.

For a registration packet or more information, call Cindy at 321-697-3000 or visit www.tinyurl.com/growingentrepreneurs.

Laura Royer is the personal finance and housing agent for the UF/IFAS Osceola County Extension Services, she can be reached at lero@ufl.edu or 321-697-3000.



Laura Royer
Extension Services

Community

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Friends Who Care Club

The Friends Who Care Club meets monthly at the St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 17th St. The club raises funds annually for the American Cancer Society.

For more information, call Irene at 407-847-0049.

Grief and loss support

Cornerstone Hospice invites people to find peace while grieving.

This group is open to anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. The group meets from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Mondays at Good Samaritan Village Clubhouse Board Room, 4250 Village Drive, Kissimmee. The group meets Wednesday at the Osceola Cancer Center, 737 W. Oak St., Kissimmee, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call Claudia Swonger, bereavement counselor, at 407-206-2273.

Toastmasters of St. Cloud

Toastmasters of St. Cloud meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at

the St. Cloud Civic Center.

For more information, call 407-729-4144.

Night Bass Tournament set

The Thursday Night Bass Tournament is back for the 10th season Thursday from 5 p.m. until dark every Thursday until Nov. 4.

The entry fee is \$25 per boat.

There will be a classic Saturday, Nov. 5.

To qualify for the classic you must finish in the top six in one of the three 11-week periods.

For more information, contact Don Callaghan at 407-873-1158.

Kast Club at Good Samaritan

The Kast Club has shuffleboard at Good Samaritan Village from 9 a.m. to noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Bingo is at the Kissimmee Civic Center Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Five-card pinocle Mondays from 1 to 4 p.m. and euchre on Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Kissimmee parks and recreation building, 717 N. Palm St.

Osceola Confederate Dames Chapter

The Osceola Confederate Dames Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy meets the third Monday night of each month at 7 p.m.

Membership is open to women 16 and older who have ancestors who fought for the Confederacy during the Civil War.

Call 407-361-0984 or email jaxiesmom93@yahoo.com for more information.

Ladies needed for games

Ladies are needed to fill in some empty spots for bridge and canasta games at the Kissimmee Women's Club, 1616 W Oak St. in Kissimmee. For more information, call Marilyn Smith at 407-348-5682.

Zumba classes

The Robert Guevara Community Center is offering Zumba classes starting at p.m. Wednesdays for \$5 per class.

For more information, call Gizela Maldonado at 407-301-3190

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For more information contact:
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For more information on any of the activities listed below, please call 407.518.2501 or log on to www.kissimmeeparks.org

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NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled action on the 15th day of July 2011, the following described property in Osceola County, Florida:

Lot 110, SEMINOLE LAND AND INVESTMENT COMPANY'S (Inc.) SUBDIVISION of Section 19, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, as per Plat # 2007-000266-PR recorded in Plat Book B, Page 25, of the Public Records of Osceola County, Florida. Enclosed 1973 Barren Mobile Home, ID #: 9908, TITLE # 13131462.

shall be sold by the Clerk of Court to the highest bidder for cash at public sale on JULY 15, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in paragraph 4, in Suite 2600/ Room # 2602, of the Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 34741, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

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In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding please contact Court Administration at 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 2000, Kissimmee, Florida 34741. Telephone: (407) 742-2417, within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-(800) 955-8771.

Dated on this 7th day of June 2011.
By: */s/ Marvin L. Beaman Jr.*
MARVIN L. BEAMAN Jr., Esq.
MARVIN L. BEAMAN Jr., P.A.
Florida Bar No. 12234
605 N. Wymore Road
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Telephone: 407/628-4200
Attorney for Plaintiff
June 11, 18, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE AND GUARDIANSHIP DIVISION, File No.: 2011-CP-000264 PR. IN THE ESTATE OF JANICE C. SANO, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Ancillary Summary Administration)
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Ancillary Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of JANICE C. SANO, deceased, File Number 2011-CP-000264-PR, by the Circuit Court for Osceola County, Florida, Probate and Guardianship Division, the address of which is 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 2000, Kissimmee, Florida 34741; that the total value of the estate is real property valued at \$11,350 and that the name and address of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name: Peter A. Sano, one-half (1/2)
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All creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is June 11, 2011.
Person Giving Notice:
PETER A. SANO
c/o Neil W. Scott
Attorney for the Person Giving Notice:
NEIL W. SCOTT
FBN 0402575
1800 Second Street, Suite 818
Sarasota, FL 34236
Tel. (941) 906-3565
June 11, 18, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION, File No.: 2011-CP-000266-PR. IN RE: ESTATE OF ARLENE L. WILSON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of ARLENE L. WILSON, deceased, whose date of death was May 14, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Osceola County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is: 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, Florida 34741. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S

DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is: June 11, 2011.

Co-Personal Representatives:
/s/ Jane A. Small
JANE A. SMALL
3320 NW 112th Avenue
Coral Springs, Florida 33065
/s/ Ruby A. DeVault
RUBY A. DeVAULT
607 N. Broughton Circle
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Attorney for Co-Personal Representative:
/s/ Lee H. Massey
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June 11, 18, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION, File No.: 2011-CP-00251 PR. DIVISION: —. IN RE: ESTATE OF COLETTE T. WAKLEY, FRED H. CUMBIE JR., and CHARLENE I. CLORE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of COLETTE T. WAKLEY, deceased, whose date of death was March 3, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Osceola County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is: 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, Florida 34741. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and

the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: June 18, 2011.
Personal Representative:
/s/ Clark W. Cleave
CLARK W. CLEAVE
4261 Pleasant Hill Road
Kissimmee, FL 34746
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Fred H. Cumbie Jr.
FRED H. CUMBIE JR., Esq.
Florida Bar No.: 0141664.
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Bar Form No. P-3-0740
June 18, 25, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, CASE NUMBER: 10-CA-6169 MF. WESTGATE VACATION VILLAS, L.L.C., a Florida Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff, vs. TRACIA J. JACKSON, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45, FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 31st day of May 2011, and entered in Case Number: 10-CA-6169 MF, of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein WESTGATE VACATION VILLAS, L.L.C., et al., is the Plaintiff, and TRACIA J. JACKSON, et al., are the Defendants, that the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 2600, Room 2602, Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida 34741, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on JULY 5, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

A fee interest in real property situated and located in Osceola County, Florida, and legally described as:
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Assigned Unit Week No. 35 & 35 ALL, in Assigned Unit No. B-1220 & B-1222, ALL SEASON-FLOAT WEEK/ FLOAT UNIT;
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Assigned Unit Week No. 37 ALL, in Assigned Unit No. 5900-3028, FLOATING;
Assigned Unit Week No. 37 ODD, in Assigned Unit No. 5900-101A, ALL SEASON-FLOAT WEEK/ FLOAT UNIT;
Assigned Unit Week No. 37 EVEN, in Assigned Unit No. B-1806, ALL SEASON-FLOAT WEEK/ FLOAT UNIT.

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Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceedings, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Court Administration at 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, Telephone: (407) 742-2417, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice of Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-(800) 955-8771.
DATED on this 6th day of June 2011.

/s/ Amanda L. Chapman
AMANDA L. CHAPMAN, Esquire
Florida Bar Number: 176095

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Counsel for Plaintiff
June 11, 18, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, CASE NUMBER: 10-CA-6103 MF. WESTGATE VACATION VILLAS, L.L.C., a Florida Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff, vs. VICTOR A. COLLADO, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45, FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 31st day of May 2011, and entered in Case Number: 10-CA-6103 MF, of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein WESTGATE VACATION VILLAS, L.L.C., et al., is the Plaintiff, and VICTOR A. COLLADO, et al., are the Defendants, that the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 2600, Room 2602, Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida 34741, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on JULY 5, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

A fee interest in real property situated and located in Osceola County, Florida, and legally described as:
Assigned Unit Week No. 35 ALL, in Assigned Unit No. 5300-5336;
Assigned Unit Week No. 35 EVEN, in Assigned Unit No. 5300-5347, FIXED;
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Assigned Unit Week No. 26 ALL, in Assigned Unit No. 5400-5436;
Assigned Unit Week No. 17 ODD, in Assigned Unit No. 5300-5331;
Assigned Unit Week No. 13 ALL, in Assigned Unit No. 5900-607D;
Assigned Unit Week No. 23 ODD, in Assigned Unit No. 5300-5343;
Assigned Unit Week No. 45 ALL, in Assigned Unit No. 5700-5734;
Assigned Unit Week No. 32 ODD, in Assigned Unit No. 5300-5322, FIXED;
Assigned Unit Week No. 5 ODD, in Assigned Unit No. B-1116, FLOATING.

All of WESTGATE TOWN CENTER, a Time Share Resort, according to the Time Sharing Plan for the Resort Facility, as recorded in Official Records Book 1564, at Page 1479, of the Public Records of Osceola County, Florida.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceedings, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Court Administration at 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, Telephone: (407) 742-2417, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice of Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-(800) 955-8771.
DATED on this 6th day of June 2011.

/s/ Amanda L. Chapman
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Counsel for Plaintiff
June 11, 18, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, CASE NUMBER: 11-CA-0341 MF. LANDO RESORTS CORPORATION, a Florida corporation, Plaintiff, vs. DANIEL STEINSHOUER, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45, FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 24th day of May 2011, and entered in Case Number: 11-CA-0341 MF, of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein LANDO RESORTS CORPORATION, is the Plaintiff, and DANIEL STEINSHOUER, et al., are the Defendants, that the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 2600, Room 2602, Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on JUNE 28, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

A fee interest in real property situated and located in Osceola County, Florida, and legally described as:
Assigned Unit Week No. 30 biennial even, in Assigned Unit No. 8102;
Assigned Unit Week No. 29 annual, in Assigned Unit No. 10105;
Assigned Unit Week No. 32 biennial odd, in Assigned Unit No. 11305;
Assigned Unit Week No. 03 triennial A, in Assigned Unit No. 12503;
Assigned Unit Week No. 31 even, in Assigned Unit No. 8204;
Assigned Unit Week No. 32 annual, in Assigned Unit No. 12503;
Assigned Unit Week No. 34 triennial A, in Assigned Unit No. 4304;
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Assigned Unit Week No. 24 even, in Assigned Unit No. 8204;
Assigned Unit Week No. 46 biennial even, in Assigned Unit No. 3604.

All of VACATION VILLAGE AT PARKWAY, a Time Share Resort, according to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the Resort Facility, as recorded in Official Records Book 1591, at Page 379, in the Public Records of Osceola County, Florida.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.
If you are a person with a disability who needs accommodation in order to participate in this proceedings, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Court Administration at 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, Telephones: (407) 742-2417, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this described notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-(800) 955-8771.
DATED on this 8th day of June 2011.

/s/ Amanda L. Chapman
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Counsel for Plaintiff
June 11, 18, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, CASE NUMBER: 10-CA-6567 MF. WESTGATE VACATION VILLAS, L.L.C., a Florida Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff, vs. ANTHONY SMITH, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45, FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Default Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 31st day of May 2011, and entered in Case Number: 10-CA-6567 MF, of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein WESTGATE VACATION VILLAS, L.L.C., is the Plaintiff, and ANTHONY SMITH, et al., are the Defendants, that the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 2600, Room 2602, Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida 34741, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on JULY 5, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Default Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

A fee interest in real property situated and located in Osceola County, Florida, and legally described as:
Assigned Unit Week No. 21 EVEN, in Assigned Unit No. QQ-03;
Assigned Unit Week No. 10 ODD, in Assigned Unit No. RR-12;
Assigned Unit Week No. 25 ODD, in Assigned Unit No. QQ-10, FIXED;
Assigned Unit Week No. 3 ALL, in Assigned Unit No. UU-10, FIXED;
Assigned Unit Week No. 35 ODD, in Assigned Unit No. TT-11;
Assigned Unit Week No. 18 ODD, in Assigned Unit No. TT-03;
Assigned Unit Week No. 46 EVEN, in Assigned Unit No. SS-10;
Assigned Unit Week No. 16 ALL, in Assigned Unit No. QQ-03;
Assigned Unit Week No. 38 EVEN, in Assigned Unit No. UU-06, FIXED;
Assigned Unit Week No. 32 EVEN, in Assigned Unit No. UTT-03, FIXED;
Assigned Unit Week No. 37 EVEN, in Assigned Unit No. QQ-11, FIXED;
Assigned Unit Week No. 21 Even, in Assigned Unit No. SS-09;
Assigned Unit Week No. 8 Even, in Assigned Unit No. UU-07;
All of WESTGATE VACATION VILLAS AVI, a Time Share Resort, according to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 1072, at Page 1234, of the Public Records of Osceola County, Florida, and all amendment(s) thereto, if any.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceedings, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Court Administration at 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, Telephone: (407) 742-2417, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice of Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-(800) 955-8771.
DATED on this 6th day of June 2011.

/s/ Amanda L. Chapman
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NOTICE OF HEARING TO REIMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE RESCUE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS
Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Kissimmee will conduct a public hearing to consider the re-imposition of the annual Fire Rescue Special Assessments for the provision of fire rescue services within the municipal boundaries of the City of Kissimmee.
The hearing will be held at 8:00 pm on July 19, 2011, in the Commission Chamber of City Hall, 101 N. Church St., Kissimmee, FL, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the City Commission within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk Office at 407-518-2309, at least two days prior to the date of the hearing.
The Assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon each parcel's classification and the total number of billing units attributed to that parcel. The following table reflects the proposed fire rescue assessment schedules.

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RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT

| Residential Property Use Categories | Rate Per Dwelling Unit | Annual Assessment |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| ALL | \$71.00 | \$71.00 |

NON-RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT

| Non-Residential Property-Use Category | Minimum Square Feet | Rate Per Unit | Minimum* Annual Assessment |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| ALL | 1,000 | \$00.093 | \$93.00 |

* Units greater than 1,000 square feet shall be computed by multiplying the total square footage by the rate per unit.

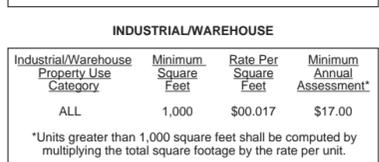
INDUSTRIAL/WAREHOUSE

| Industrial/Warehouse Property Use Category | Minimum Square Feet | Rate Per Square Feet | Minimum Annual Assessment* |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| ALL | 1,000 | \$00.017 | \$17.00 |

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Copies of the Fire Rescue Assessment Ordinance, the amended and restated Initial Assessment Resolution and the preliminary Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, located at 101 N. Church St., Kissimmee, Florida. The fire rescue services non-ad valorem assessment will be collected by the Uniform Collector Act. Failure to pay the assessments could result in foreclosure proceedings against your property as well as the initiation of proceedings to compel payment by any means authorized by law, including a process that would cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Manager, at 407-518-2300, Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.



City Commission
City of Kissimmee, Florida
May 28, 2011
June 4, 11, 18, 2011

LEGAL AD DEADLINES:

Thursday
News-Gazette
Friday at 5 PM
Saturday
News-Gazette
Wednesday at 5 PM

WHEN IS A PUBLIC NOTICE NOT A PUBLIC NOTICE?

Don't Let Florida Officials Remove YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW From The Newspaper.

Keep Public Notices In Your Newspaper!

Proposed legislation would remove your right to read public notices in newspapers, restricting them to government web sites only. We're concerned.

You should be, too. Public notices are an important tool in ensuring an informed citizenry. They have played a key role in America's participatory democracy where it counts most: how your tax dollars are spent and how policy is made.

When located in easy-to-find sections of your newspaper, they are fully accessible to everyone, unlike the Internet. Large segments of the state's population, including more than half of Floridians over 65 and one-third of minority populations, do not have Internet access.

For those who prefer online access, every public notice that runs in a daily newspaper is automatically uploaded to that newspaper's web site

and www.floridapublicnotices.com. The public's right to know cannot be abandoned in favor of cost savings that are elusive.

Consider that less than 10% of U.S. citizens view a government web site daily, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. This contrasts dramatically with the 83% of adults who read a community newspaper every week, according to the National Newspaper Association.

Furthermore, a public notice printed in the newspaper produces a permanent record. A newspaper is archived for years, and is not subject to computer crashes and hackers. Newspapers are easily verifiable, fully transparent and represent an impartial third party. Giving government singular responsibility for distributing public notices is like putting the fox in charge of the hen house.

Newspapers are your watchdogs. Keep it that way. Contact your local representative today and voice your opinion.

Search Florida's notices online at www.floridapublicnotices.com

