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Kissimmee unveils new playground built in a day by 400 kids, NBA foundation



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The new park in the city of Kissimmee is at 317 Oak St.

By Rachel Christian
Staff Writer

Kids in Kissimmee can now enjoy a new playground right outside downtown thanks to a special grant-funded project made possible by an NBA partnership and about 400 young volunteers.

The small army of 13- and 14-year-olds descended on Oak Street Park, located at 317 Oak St., to pitch in and assemble the play area in a single day last week. The youngsters were in town for the first-ever International Junior NBA World Championships hosted at Disney's Wide World of Sports, and they stopped by in two shifts to get the work done.

The new playground

includes slides, climbing features, wheelchair accessible swings and plenty of NBA branding, thanks to a partnership with the athletic league's charitable foundation, NBA Cares.

The project was a major collaborative effort.

Ka-BOOM!, a nonprofit that funds play area projects across the nation, approved the city's Parks and Recreation Department grant application last year. Renovating Oak Street Park was on the city's five-year capital plan, but a lack of funding made it seem unlikely work would get done anytime soon.

But once Kissimmee got the green light from Ka-BOOM! about eight months ago, said Assistant Parks and Recreation

Director Steve Lackey said he and his staff set to work planning and prepping the area for its much-needed makeover.

This is the sixth time Kissimmee has partnered with Ka-BOOM!, which awarded approximately \$25,000 for this project.

"It's a great program and we really like the concept," Lackey said. "It helps build a sense of community and ownership for projects like this across the city."

Local nonprofit Community Vision also chipped in by coordinating adult volunteers and providing food for participants throughout the hot and humid August work day.

See **Playground**, Page 5.

Remembering heroes: 1 year ago

**Sam Howard****Matthew Baxter**

Today, the Kissimmee Police Department will host a free community barbecue to remember the lives of Sgt. Sam Howard and Officer Matthew Baxter, who were shot one year ago on Aug. 18, 2017. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kissimmee Lakefront Park. Enjoy free food, lawn games, live music and the KUA KidZone.

Food sponsors and volunteers needed to help hungry kids

By Charlie Reed
For the News-Gazette

around Osceola working to provide nutritious foods for children and their families every weekend of the school year. The Celebration Foundation, the Green Bag Project and the Osceola County School District are also part of the Learning Without Hunger movement.

"If we don't help these children, who's going to?" Sikorski said. "She was a victim advocate for 20 years (and a nurse before that) helping people in their most desperate times. Sikorski worked everything from homicides to domestic violence cases."

She was glad to retire from professional life after two careers, but simply couldn't forget about the kids in need.

She and her husband formed a nonprofit dedicated to preventing local kids from going hungry.

It's part of Osceola Connected, a network of organizations, faith groups and businesses

around Osceola working to provide nutritious foods for children and their families every weekend of the school year. The Celebration Foundation, the Green Bag Project and the Osceola County School District are also part of the Learning Without Hunger movement.

"We need businesses to come forward and help us," Sikorski said.

The organizations raise money, collect food and distribute it to the schools, where it's given to the children by school staff.

But funding to purchase pallets of foods for the schools is dwindling and more volunteers are needed, particularly in Kissimmee and Poinciana.

"We need businesses to come forward and help us," Sikorski said.

See **Kids**, Page 5.

Road project traffic frustrates Osceola County commuters

By Rachel Christian
Staff Writer

For parents across Osceola County, going back to school this week meant returning to a host of traffic nightmares and gridlock congestion.

Young students walking to Kissimmee Middle School Tuesday morning comfortably strolled past a string of red vehicle brake lights along Dyer Boulevard. Motorists inched by in bottleneck traffic over a mile long as cars struggled to navigate around a massive construction project taking place at the nearby intersection of Columbia

Avenue.

Matching bright orange barricades and detour signs encircled a crew of men and heavy machinery at the corner. Broken asphalt upturned by cranes revealed an ongoing sewer line rehabilitation project overseen by city-managed Toho Water Authority.

The utility company embarked on the section July 30, creating a maze of lane closures and re-routed LYNX bus routes that left many frustrated residents wondering why the work got underway just two weeks before a new school year.

It turns out the recent See **Traffic**, Page 5.



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Vehicles were backed up in traffic on Tuesday on Dyer Boulevard due to a road construction project at the intersection of Dyer and Columbia Avenue.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

► Residents invited to take Parks and Recreation Department survey

The city of St. Cloud Parks and Recreation Department has commissioned a needs assessment as part of its efforts to develop a master plan.

The department invites all St. Cloud residents to provide feedback through an online survey that will go live on Aug. 20. The survey can be found here: www.stcloudparks.org/open. A random sampling of residents will also receive the survey in the mail. The results of this survey will provide critical information in determining community values, satisfaction levels, needs, priorities and demographics for the city's long-term planning efforts, according to a city press release. Questions will be asked about what types of programs, facilities and services residents want in their parks system, as well as where priorities should be placed.

► Osceola Regional adds advanced CT scanner

Cardiac, emergency, trauma, stroke and pediatric care at Osceola Regional Medical Center just became more efficient with the latest imaging technology of its kind in Central Florida. With the recent addition of the sophisticated GE Revolution 80mm, 256-slice CT scanner, the hospital can now provide faster than ever, more comprehensive diagnoses in a single imaging exam. Osceola Regional is the first hospital in Central Florida to implement this new technology.

The 256-slice scanner allows physicians to scan entire organs such as the heart, brain, liver and pancreas in a single 0.28-second rotation. For cardiac patients, this allows a virtual, non-invasive diagnostic catheterization procedure in less than a 2-second acquisition time. Patients who previously would have needed to undergo several tests over multiple days are now able to be diagnosed after a single scan, allowing them to move toward recovery more quickly. The scanner can perform:

- Cardiac exams in a single heartbeat.
- Whole brain imaging in less than a second.
- Low dose, whole organ diagnosis and follow-up for cancer patients.
- Detailed bone imaging, even for patients with metal implants.
- Low-dose scans for pediatric patients.
- Less administration of contrast.

In addition to providing faster imaging, CT scanner offers quieter scanning, soft ambient lighting and a larger opening to accommodate patients.

► Osceola County awarded Florida green government certification

Osceola County keeps mining silver by participating in a rigorous Green Government program that rewards improved environmental performance.



The county was re-certified by the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Aug. 6. The county was certified again at the Silver level. It received the original award in 2012 – and is one of only 14 in the state of Florida that is currently certified.

The FGBC Certified Green Local Government standard presents a comprehensive list of criteria, organized in terms of local government department functions. The program helps:

- Conserve and protect natural resources.
- Reduce the cost of operating the government, thus reducing the cost to taxpayers.
- Put in place methods to improve the sustainability of their business practices and operations.
- Raise awareness in the community about environmental stewardship.

The standard seeks to achieve "Energy and Environmental Integration" within government. It is expected that certified green city and county governments will function in a more efficient manner through better internal communication, cost reductions, and effective risk and asset management. The process inherently requires extensive communication between departments. Osceola County partnered with multiple agencies and 18 internal departments to receive this certification.

YMCA names aquatic center after man who saved it more than 25 years ago



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Orange County Mayor Teresa Jacobs, Harris Rosen and YMCA staff, supporters and dignitaries unveil a sign to officially rename the aquatics facility the Rosen YMCA Aquatic Center in honor of Harris Rosen.

The YMCA Aquatic Center in Orlando has been officially renamed the Rosen YMCA Aquatic Center in honor of Harris Rosen, who led the fight against the center's demise more than 25 years ago.

Rosen, a prominent Orlando hotelier and avid swimmer, turned activist for the facility in 1992 when the private center, then called the Justus Aquatic Center, was shut down by the mortgage holder. Respecting its place within the fabric of the Orlando community, and especially the swimming community, Rosen called upon celebrities, organizations, and even Orange County to help save the competitive swimming center.

Under his visionary leadership, the facility was ultimately gifted to the YMCA of Central Florida and revenue-generating programs were put in place to help offset operating costs. Rosen has donated millions to the YMCA, some of which will continue to be used for renovations over the next few years.

"Harris Rosen took it upon himself to save this facility, and, at the time, gave the YMCA of Central Florida one of only two competitive swimming centers in Florida. This allowed us to increase our impact in the Central Florida community and it is only fitting to honor him by renaming this facility," said Dan Wilcox, President

and CEO, YMCA of Central Florida.

Harris Rosen, president and COO of Rosen Hotels & Resorts, said, "I am deeply honored by this recognition. I have been so blessed to be a part of this community and I hope this facility serves as a reminder to all the children and competitors who enter, that with courage, drive and determination, anything is possible."

Additional capital renovation donors to the new Rosen YMCA Aquatic Center include: OUC, Lochinvar, Duke Energy, Modern Plumbing, Trinity Surfaces, Cree and Rentex.

The Rosen YMCA Aquatic Center is a state-of-the-art facility featuring two Olympic-size swimming

pools and new diving platforms. It is home for many competitive swimmers, divers and water polo players.

"They have experience hosting large events and the facility, volunteers and community support to showcase this international event," said Hughes in the announcement.

Rosen has donated millions to the YMCA of Central Florida and currently serves on the board of directors for the Aquatic Center. The Harris Rosen Foundation has also contributed tens of millions of dollars to the founding and support of educational and youth-benefiting programs and scholarships throughout the Central Florida area.

Goodwill Industries of Central Florida appoints Nima Hodaei as new president and CEO

After a nationwide search, Goodwill Industries of Central Florida has appointed a new president and CEO.

Nima Hodaei took the helm of the nonprofit organization in mid-July, replacing Bill Oakley, who retired June 30 after a 44-year career with Goodwill, including eight years as CEO of Goodwill Industries of Central Florida.

Bringing more than two decades of retail and nonprofit leadership experience, Hodaei previously served as vice president of donated goods retail for Goodwill of Delaware and Delaware County. Prior to that, he held leadership roles with discount chains National Stores, Inc. and Forman Mills, as well as Burlington Stores and Macy's. Hodaei earned a bachelor's degree in communication and journalism from the

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

"In addition to his significant experience, Nima wholeheartedly champions Goodwill's mission and vision," said Michael Hsu, chair of the Goodwill board and CFO/COO of Central Florida Kidney Centers. "Bill Oakley has positioned Goodwill to sustain its mission into the future, and under Nima's leadership we will carry on this legacy of providing people with the tools to transform their lives through meaningful work."

Hodaei plans to continue furthering Goodwill's mission of assisting job-seekers with barriers to employment across the organization's service area, which comprises Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake, Brevard and Volusia counties.

"What I love most about Goodwill is the chance to



Nima Hodaei

impact the community in a tangible way and to know that our team is changing lives," Hodaei said. "The scope and breadth of Goodwill's work in Central Florida, including efforts to help train and open doors for individuals with barriers to employment, made this an appealing opportunity. I am eager to lead our team

in broadening our impact and reaching even more individuals in need."

Bill Oakley added, "It was the highlight of my career to serve the Central Florida market, and I'm pleased to pass the torch to Nima. I believe he will provide sterling leadership to take the organization to new heights."

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Here are candidates vying for School Board district 1

The Osceola News-Gazette believes it's important for our readers to learn more about the local candidates wishing to represent them.

In the days leading up to the Aug. 28 primaries, we will run responses from candidates running for the following local public offices - Osceola County Commission, Kissimmee City Commission, St. Cloud City Council and the Osceola County School Board. This week, we feature responses from two candidates running for Osceola County School Board district 1.



Shel Hart

Current position/occupation: Business owner

What motivated you to run for this position? As a father of five, business owner and community activist, I've experienced first-hand how the quality of our public schools impacts our community's growth. Envisioning the future through the eyes of our almost 4-year-old twins, I'm candidly unsettled. Instead of choosing the various alternatives to our public schools, I felt it time to "lean in" and invest in our education system. Serving our 68,000 students, and over 8,000 educators/support staff is, to me, the largest investment we can make towards our collective future.

How do you plan to connect with diverse constituents?

You can't always judge a book by its cover. As an adopted young boy from upstate New York, I have experienced evictions, multiple divorces, living with others and a lack of financial and support resources. I was out of the house at 17 and made a decision that my past would refine me rather than define me. I put myself through college, worked multiple jobs and moved to Florida 25 years ago to create a new future.

We are not called to be comfortable. Through conscious choice, people I surrounded myself with, perseverance and emotional fortitude I was able to explore my potential and overcome adversity. I have a deep passion and heart for those that are lost or left behind and now have the resources and experience to serve them.

For the last 15 years, I've been a coach, mentor, volunteer, and have engaged in various programs and partnerships within our



Teresa "Terry" Castillo

Current occupation/position: Learning and development specialist

What are your top priorities if you're elected?

Once elected, I am going to go on a listening tour with the teachers, parents and administrators of (School Board) district 1. What I have learned in the process of running for office is that the most important thing I can do is truly understand what the issues are. Once we have established our priorities, I will set up a task force to establish clear deadlines to address these issues. In addition, one issue we can all agree is a major challenge in our administration is the matter of adequate and affordable health care for our teachers.

While a very complex problem, I believe that it can be resolved by looking at creative ways to improve our operating budget spending and offering our staff more choice when it comes to how they can insure themselves and their families.

What do you believe is the most challenging aspect of Osceola County's continued growth?

When I arrived in Osceola County at the age of 16, I was immediately struck by the small-town feel of my new home. As someone who was raised in Miami, Florida, I was intrigued by the friendliness of the people and the closeness of my new community. As the years have passed, Osceola County has become a more metropolitan area with a diverse population. This new population is rich in skills and culture, but we are now challenged with creating a harmonious county that flawlessly mixes the old small town roots with the new urban atmosphere. It is something that can be done. As a member of the school

LOCAL

POLICE NEWS

Osceola deputies searching for package thief



Suspect

The Osceola County Sheriff's Office is searching for a man who stole packages from a home on Aug. 8.

According to a Sheriff's Office report, deputies responded to the area of Lilly Belle Drive (Legacy Park Subdivision) in Kissimmee in reference to the theft of packages.

The suspect was observed removing packages shortly after they were delivered to the victim's front door. He returned the property on Wednesday after seeing the case on the news, but he is still being sought, Sheriff's Office officials said.

Anyone with information regarding the identity of the suspect is asked to contact the Osceola County Sheriff's Office at 407-348-2222 or Crimeline at 1-800-423-TIPS. Florida Highway Patrol: Drive sober or get pulled over

As part of the national

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over safety campaign, the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) will concentrate enforcement efforts on impaired driving through the Labor Day holiday.

FHP joins law enforcement and highway safety agencies across the nation to remove impaired drivers from roadways and save lives.

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The NBA worked with the city and Community Vision to bring the 400 talented children from around the globe to take part in the service learning project where they assembled equipment, spread mulch, painted sidewalk games, created a colorful mural near the outfield and more.

In return, NBA Cares and the Parks Department hosted two mini-basketball workshops at the park's outdoor courts.

The new 3,500 square foot playground opened to the public Monday after a special ribbon-cutting ceremony on Aug. 11. It is located by what's known as the Oak Street Athletic Complex across



PHOTO/CITY OF KISSIMMEE

The new playground includes slides, climbing features, wheelchair accessible swings and plenty of NBA branding.

from the post office.

"This is work we put in for the future of our community,"

Kissimmee Mayor Jose Alvarez said at the ribbon cutting. "It's amazing what

they did and we're so thankful for the work they put in."

KIDS

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she said.

The idea is to pair every school with a sponsor organization to help with the food program.

One pallet of a variety of nonperishable, nutritious foods costs about \$1,500 and will feed about 30 children for two months, Sikorski said.

"You're not looking at a lot of money to feed these kids," she said.

During her time as a victim advocate, Sikorski was in and out of the hotels and motels along U.S. Highway 192.

It's where some in Osceola call home and live just one step away from complete homelessness. Families crowd into the one-room motels along the

busy highway that leads to the region's most illustrious theme parks and tourist attractions.

"People come here by the millions for the attractions and little do they know that there are kids who live here to have duct tape holding their shoes together," Sikorski said, adding that she recently heard about a child from a local school eating dog food because he had nothing else. "We have to be the village," Connected said. "We have to help these children. They don't have a voice."

The school district's Families in Transition program coordinates assistance for such children and for others from low-income homes through government resources and help from local organizations.

Although she's now retired, Sikorski's lifelong mission of service continues. She is dedicated not only to the children but also to helping others serve.

The former nurse and victim advocate said she draws inspiration from her mother, who died when she was only 12.

"She worked for neglected and abused children and I feel like I'm picking and doing that in her memory," she said.

The need among local children spans the county but assistance is sparse in some areas more than others such as most elementary schools in Poinciana and

TRAFFIC

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construction is part of a much larger sewer line replacement project that began in late May. It will add 480 feet of new pipes on and around Columbia Avenue once complete.

Crews have been working steadily over the summer to wrap it up, but according to TWA Public Information Officer Mary Rose Cox, a lot of work needed to be done.

Most residents tend not to think about sewer systems – until there's an issue. Cox said company engineers use closed circuit TV probes to inspect and identify city sewers experiencing blockage and capacity issues.

This project became a priority after sinking manholes caused pipes to dip, hold water and cause sewage back-ups for residents. Frequent maintenance quickly grew costly, Cox said, prompting Toho to advance the project.

The bid price to install the 480 feet of piping and two new manholes came in at just over \$1.12 million, according to Cox. But the work is expected to save Toho Water and its ratepayers money long-term by fortifying the system's durability to reduce emergency maintenance and water treatment.

Good news is on the horizon for the residents

who occupy the effected area's many nearby homes and apartment complexes. Work at the intersection of Columbia and Dyer will wrap up this weekend and the entire project is slated to finish within the next two weeks, according to Cox.

Gripes about other road projects aired

School commuters along Dyer Boulevard may soon see relief from clogged roadways, but other street and infrastructure projects seem to plague Osceola County.

During political debates held Tuesday at Kissimmee City Hall, nearly every candidate cited road improvements and traffic issues as major obstacles facing the area.

Residents on Facebook also chimed in on their most-hated traffic delays. Individuals cited Nolte Road in St. Cloud, Hometown Road, Pleasant Hill Road near Poinciana and streets leading to Osceola County's newest high school, Tohopekaliga, on Boggy Creek Road as some of the most cumbersome culprits of back-to-school traffic.

Some commuters blamed delays on new developments and population growth.

Require new development to upgrade infrastructure before they develop the land,

wrote resident Christina Rodriguez. "Neptune Road is a prime example. Two new stop lights is not updating infrastructure."

Annoyance even spilled over into Monday's Osceola County Commission meeting as Commissioner Brandon Arrington openly criticized the contractor tasked with widening a 1.37-mile stretch of John Young Parkway. The project, overseen by the Florida Department of Transportation, is expected to wrap up at the end of the month – nearly a year behind schedule.

"The contractor never seems to be on that project more than a day, and then literally they're gone, and you don't see them for two weeks," Arrington said before asking if the county could file a grievance against the contractor, Masci Construction, so that they aren't awarded any future projects in the community.

The News-Gazette will continue to monitor and report on some of the most frustrating construction projects and traffic jams mentioned in the county.

We encourage our readers to share their stories as we provide ongoing coverage on this issue. Email Staff Writer Rachel Christian at rchristian@osceolanewsgazette.com.



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board, I will strive to continue to preserve our traditions while being as welcoming and open to our new neighbors as Osceola residents were to me 20 years ago.

What role should the government play in making affordable housing more accessible for Osceola County residents?

According to a recent article, 1 in 3 families in Central Florida used 50 percent or more of their income on housing. This is an unsustainable trend. When a family is so burdened by the cost of housing that they are unable to contribute to the economy, the issue of affordable housing affects the entire community. Furthermore, when students are living in sub-standard conditions, such as those who live in hotels, they are unable to fully focus on their studies. As a result, the entire community pays the price.

Thousands of Hurricane Maria evacuees arrived in Osceola County last year. Many have since said they intend to stay in the area. What role do you see these citizens playing in Osceola County's future and what role should government play in assisting evacuees with this transition?

Our new neighbors are an absolute asset to Osceola County. They bring with them experiences and skills that are sure to enrich our workforce and cultural landscape. As with all of our Osceola County citizens, our government should assist our new neighbors with job placement. Our school district has done an amazing job with

helping our new students' transition successfully into the educational system. By providing these students and their families with guidance counselors and classroom resources, they have been able to successfully integrate into their new lives.

When it comes to the tourism industry, what can local government do to attract new business investments and opportunities while still addressing the needs of current residents?

The top three attractors for new business investments are government involvement, ample resources, and a strong education system. With this in mind, all aspect of local government will need to work together to create an attractive environment for new businesses. Our county and city government entities should provide a robust suite of resources to help new industries flourish. Part of these resources should include a strong job placement program.

What is the biggest obstacle facing Osceola County's future and what role should local government play in solving it?

Osceola County is facing many of the same challenges that growing communities across the country are facing. Traffic congestion, affordable housing, and stagnant economic growth are issues that need to be solved. Still, the biggest obstacle facing Osceola County's future is the level of divisiveness in our community. We cannot accomplish very much as a community if we are distrustful of each other and of our government. Our governmental agencies should strive to be more transparent with regards to the decisions that they make.

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public school system. While it has been very gratifying, I feel it's now time to put a focused effort at addressing the foundational aspects of our public education system.

What are your top priorities if you're elected?

- Promote a safe, stable, and respectful environment for teachers and students.

- Use our limited dollars for the maximum benefit and limit unnecessary waste.

- Allow professional educators to educate and not solely focus on teaching to standardized tests.

- Ongoing evaluation of statewide metrics to ensure we are doing what is best for students and not allow private testing companies to define student success.

- Challenge our students with programs and opportunities to serve all students and not just those going on to college.

- Offer a more balanced curriculum to help students develop in a more holistic manner.

- Collaborate and leverage other governmental agencies, local businesses and the community to engage, innovate, and

explore partnerships to benefit our students and our teachers.

What experience do you bring?

In business, 65 percent of my hiring decisions are based on behaviors, the things that I cannot train. Thirty-five percent of the remaining decision is attributed to the candidate's tangible skills, work experience, and/or industry knowledge.

My résumé illustrates a 25-year track record as an entrepreneurial leader within both public and private companies. My bachelor's degree is in industrial relations and finance and I will uphold a consistently applied set of core values. I will run decisions through a disciplined decision-making process that will ensure decisions are in the best interests of our students, honor, respect, and support our teachers and are the wisest use of taxpayer dollars and resources. I will honor the following principles:

- Honesty – seek and tell the truth, not be dissuaded by "noise" or personal gain.
- Reject apathy – not

educational goals.

What experience do you bring?

As a learning and development specialist, I have expertise in curriculum development, classroom management and facilitation. This experience makes me the perfect ambassador for our students and teachers. In addition, as a leader in one of the largest technology companies in the country, I have the capability to manage our budget responsibly, elevate our staff effectively and compassionately while creating a gold-star school district that benefits our entire community. In addition to my experience in the education and technology industries, I hold a bachelors degree in legal studies. My affinity for the law is an asset to my public education advocacy.

What is the biggest obstacle facing Osceola County's future and what role should local government play in solving it?

Osceola County is facing many of the same challenges that growing communities across the country are facing. Traffic congestion, affordable housing, and stagnant economic growth are issues that need to be solved. Still, the biggest obstacle facing Osceola County's future is the level of divisiveness in our community. We cannot accomplish very much as a community if we are distrustful of each other and of our government. Our governmental agencies should strive to be more transparent with regards to the decisions that they make.

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HOF fishing

State hall to host tournament.

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Fire Frogs help make Miracles for disabled kids

► Team takes time out to "make dreams come true"; former Florida players living their dream in Atlanta

By Ken Jackson
Sports Editor

It's been a rough 2018 season for the Florida Fire Frogs in the standings this year.

But there are some positives coming out of Osceola County Stadium, for the players moving up the Atlanta Braves' organizational development chain, and for those who are still in Kissimmee.

The lineup this week for the Braves' Class A team on the road against the St. Lucie Mets has featured new faces in four of the top spots in the batting order. Drew Waters, Riley Delgado, C.J. Alexander, William Contreras and Greysen Jenista have replaced center fielder Christian Pache, shortstop Ray-Patrick Didder, catcher Brett Cumberland and pitchers Bryce Wilson and Ian Anderson, who have advanced on to the Class AA Mississippi Braves.

For the players still here,

those who will be in the lineup during the team's final home stand that begins Tuesday, there was a joyous atmosphere here last weekend.

Players and coaches spent Saturday afternoon with the Miracle League of Central Florida prior to taking on the Fort Myers Miracle for a day of fun and fellowship hanging out with children with disabilities.

With a game looming just hours later, the Fire Frogs took time out of their schedules and, well, played ball with the kids, generating smiles and good times.

The Miracle League is a special needs baseball league in Orlando that prides itself on building self-esteem, meeting new friends and making dreams come true, "by participating in America's past-time: Baseball."

Team president Erik Anderson said Saturday gave the kids and players all the chance to be winners.

"The results of this team aren't

always based on what happens on the diamond. It's about winning in life and doing the right thing," he said.

Every player from the Fire Frogs roster participated with the children in attendance from the Miracle League.

The club's home run leader, Braxton Davidson, said he saw the occasion as a special opportunity to do something that drives him on a personal level.

"I like to give back to the community. That's something that I've always been a part of ever since I was in high school," he said. "I wear a bracelet that says, 'Autism Speaks,' I have family members that are disabled."

"It's a great opportunity for all the guys to put themselves out in the community in a good way."

Fire Frogs Manager Luis Salazar got in the act, teaching the children of the Miracle League some of the fundamentals of the

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Above, members of the Florida Fire Frogs look on as a young member of the Miracle League takes his cuts in the batter's box. Left, Fire Frogs Braxton Davidson and Sean McLaughlin offer a well-intentioned baserunner a high five as he makes his way around the bases Saturday during the Miracle League's event with the team.

Orlando Pride's playoff outlook now murky; No. 1 Courage up next

By Ken Jackson
Sports Editor

With the National Women's Soccer League playoffs looming, the Orlando Pride have just three regular-season matches left.

But, with the Pride locked in a tie for fourth place after a desultory 2-0 loss to the now-third place Portland Thorns last week, each of those three remaining games might as well be playoff games themselves.

Of those three games (Portland and Chicago, who's tied for fourth with Orlando at 30 points), two are on the road, including tonight's game at the first-place North Carolina Courage at 7 p.m., which can be seen streamed live on NWSLsoccer.com.

The team is back at home Aug. 25 against Chicago, which will take on a playoff feel, and finishes Sept. 8 at winless FC Sky Blue of New Jersey.

With a chance to all but stamp a playoff spot, the second in two years for the Pride (8-7-6) fell flat against the Thorns (9-6-5), particularly in the second half, when Portland broke a scoreless halftime tie with a Lindsey Horan goal two minutes into the second half. Hayley Raso made it 2-0 in the 53rd minute.

Orlando Coach Tim Sermanni



said it was a case of déjà vu from many other matches this year.

"We started out terrific the first 15, 20 minutes, probably searching into the first 30 minutes. I thought we dictated the game, the tempo was good, our attacking was

good, movement was good," he said. "But then we don't score. You dominate and dominate in games and you don't score, and then second half it looked like we put a different team out on the park. Same bodies, but a

different team out on the field in the second half and the game was over within seven minutes.

"Somebody put something in the water at halftime. That's probably all I can think. I thought by the end of the first half the game was nicely balanced. We knew it was going to be tight. I know that we've got a whole lot of perceived star players, but to be honest, the second half was abysmal in every regard. I'm lost. I didn't see anything in that second half to give me much cheer. In reality, we were lucky to get away 2-nil at the end. For 10, 15, 20 minutes we pounded away at their goal and they defended for dear life. In the first seven minutes of the second half our defending is

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Did you see the crazy ending to Orlando City's match on Sunday night?

By Ken Jackson
Sports Editor

If you were getting the kids in bed for the first day of school Sunday night — or were off to bed yourself by 10:30 p.m. — and didn't see the final moments of Orlando City's road match against D.C. United, you missed something pretty spectacular.

The result wasn't so spectacular for the purple-clad lads from Orlando.

With the score tied at 2 in the waning moments of second-half extra time, English star Wayne Rooney, now a member of United, had nobody behind him and the goal when he dispossessed Lions' midfielder Will Johnson of the ball and sent a cross from near midfield to Luciano Acosta. The Argentinian banged home his third goal of the game leading to a 3-2 loss for Orlando City SC (7-15-2, 23 points).

Orlando was playing with 10 men at the time after Cristian Higuita was shown a straight red card following a Video Review — one of three to go against them — in the 55th minute.

The Lions look to regroup at home tonight at 8 p.m., but like their Pride counterparts they play the top-ranked team in the Eastern Conference, Atlanta United.

Coach James O'Connor called Sunday's result "obviously gutting" after the team twice clawed back to tie the match after falling behind.

"When you play like that with 10 men, get back into the game 2-2, create some chances, have an opportunity at the end," he said. "We need to look at the way we played with 10 men. I thought that was really encouraging."

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Yambo now a collegiate wrestler

Osceola High's Abnelis Yambo, who won a state girls wrestling title last spring, a USA National freestyle title over the summer and has been competing with the Puerto Rican national women's team, has signed a scholarship to continue the sport at Brewton-Parker College in Mount Vernon, Georgia. She celebrated the occasion with some of her teammates.

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Florida Sports Hall of Fame to hold inaugural off shore sport fishing tournament Sept. 14-16

Best known for honoring the state's greatest sports figures and the recent presenter of numerous world-class public/celebrity events, the Florida Sports Hall of Fame will hold its inaugural off shore sport fishing tournament Sept. 14-16 in one of the state's saltwater fishing meccas.

In conjunction with AJ's Seafood and Oyster Bar, located directly on the Destin Harbor docks, the Fishing for Fame event will benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast, Okaloosa County Special Olympics, The Eleanor J. Johnson Youth Center and the Kids of the Coast Foundation. The format offers two or four-person teams the opportunity to fish with sports celebrities from across the state, many are members of the Florida Sports Hall of Fame. The Destin Charter Boat Association will provide boats and captains.

"We have been dreaming of holding an off shore event like this for some time," said Florida Sports Hall of Fame President Barry Smith. "With fishing playing such a prominent role in our state's culture, it's only fitting that our organization have an

annual signature event. We are delighted to work with AJ's and the folks on the Emerald Coast on such a fun and worthwhile endeavor."

The weekend will begin with a VIP Meet and Greet for all participants on Sept. 14 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the tournament's headquarters property, the Henderson Beach Resort and Spa. The tournament begins at 7 a.m. on Saturday the 15th with weigh-in on the docks at AJ's from 4-7 p.m. An awards dinner and party will follow at AJ's with food, beverage and live entertainment throughout the night. Boat excursions will also be available on Sunday to close out the weekend.

"I am excited to have AJ's be a part of this inaugural event and be able to showcase Destin and all the Emerald Coast has to offer," said Alan Laird, owner of AJ's Seafood and Oyster Bar. "I know our area will welcome this event and all that it will bring to the community."

Opportunities to participate are being offered as either two or four-person teams. Purchase of a team includes admission

to all events, a boat and captain with a celebrity partner along with lunch and all other provisions for the tournament. Other sponsorships are also available through the Florida Sports Hall of Fame web site at <http://flasportshof.org/fame-for-fishing>.

While the Fishing for Fame event will create a permanent home in Destin, this year is particularly special for this region of the state, as the Florida Sports Hall of Fame will hold its annual Enshrinement for the first time ever in Pensacola on Nov. 7.

This year's inductees include boxing legend Roy Jones, Jr., world-class track star Justin Gatlin, champion golfer Jerry Pate and women's basketball icon Michelle Snow, all of which hail from northwest Florida.

Others being inducted are baseball star Gary Sheffield, 30-year voice of the Florida Gators Mick Hubert and College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Pete Pihos, who will be inducted posthumously.

The site for the enshrinement is the National Naval Aviation Museum.

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game, and that one of them is to always have fun while playing.

"It's always a pleasure," the skipper said. "To get those kids on the field, running, sliding ... it's a very special day for those kids."

"The main thing is to have fun, and to give those kids the best that we can do for them. When they leave here, they know they can go home and say, 'We played for the Fire Frogs.'

To find out more about the Central Florida Miracle League, go to www.cflmiracleleague.com.

Major League Fire Frogs
Two players who started

the 2017 season in Kissimmee made big waves in the majors this week with the Braves.

Center fielder Ronald Acuna became just the fourth player in history, and at age 20 the youngest, to lead off both games of a doubleheader Monday when he did the deed for the Braves against the Miami Marlins.

On Tuesday, became the youngest major leaguer ever to hit home runs in five consecutive games, as well as the fifth batter in Atlanta Braves history to do so.

Through 67 big-league games, Acuna has already swatted 19 home runs.

Pitcher Touki Toussaint, who was 3-9 but struck

PRIDE

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embarrassing."

The Pride did generate scoring chances in the second half after digging themselves the 2-0 hole. In the 63rd minute, Marta drove a hard cross through the box for midfielder Emily van Egmond, who chested it on goal and forced a diving save from Thorns goalkeeper Adrianna Franch. Franch also tipped Marta's hard shot from distance over the bar in the 89th.

Orlando goalie Ashlyn Harris said she could see the big difference between the Pride's first and second halves.

"I think the first half we were really committed to the game plan and our commitment to go forward and our commitment to defend was some of the best that I'd ever seen.

Unfortunate part about the game is, if you don't produce and you don't put chances away, this is what happens," she said. "We had them by the throat probably the first 10 minutes and we just didn't capitalize and as we let the game wear on and wear on and wear on, the momentum clearly shifts. We had one lack of concentration and it cost us the game. We just mentally crumbled."

With North Carolina (50 points) having already locked up the NWSL regular-season title, the Pride likely need to hope the Courage will be fine-tuning a game plan, or resting top talent for the playoffs, on Saturday to get three crucial points while Portland and Chicago meet later in the evening.

So who on his veteran

lineup does Sermanni look to take charge tonight, and the rest of the way.

Everybody, to be honest.

"It's okay to say it's [Ali Krieger's] job or it's Marta's job or Alex's [Morgan] job. It's everybody," he said. "It's not one person. It's everybody. Everybody's got to step up and chip in. It's not down to one person ... we need five or six of our guys to step up."

Van Egmond said the team's focus is properly shifted.

"Obviously, (last week) is now done and dusted and we definitely have to focus on North Carolina," she said. "Coming up we have three huge games left in the season and the playoff push isn't over yet. We'll have to treat every single game as if it's a grand final and we're looking to do that."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

St. Cloud Soccer Club registration

The St. Cloud Soccer Club is accepting registration for our Fall Recreational Soccer program. All games and practices will be held at St. Cloud Soccer Club. Registration will close at the end of August. Details can be found at www.stcloudsoccer.com.

Upward Soccer registration at Cornerstone Church

Registration for the Upward Fall soccer season at Cornerstone Family Church will be taken at the church office Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 9 am to 4:30 p.m. Registration is \$110. The first practice for all players, 4 years old through sixth grade, is Aug. 23 from 6-7 p.m., then Tuesdays or Thursdays throughout the season. Games are on eight Saturdays from Sept. 8 to Oct. 27. For information contact Joe Albertini at 407-892-3300.

Larry Goodwin Education Foundation Golf Classic

The annual Larry Goodwin Memorial Scholarship for Kids Golf Classic, hosted by Education Foundation Osceola, will be Nov. 9 at the Walt Disney World Palm and Magnolia golf courses. Teams that sign up by July 4 will have the chance to win a "Around Town Golf Package" for four that will include multiple golf courses throughout Central Florida. Playing spots and sponsorships are available, starting at \$40 and \$160 (single player and teams) up to \$10,000 presenting sponsorships. The money raised is used to provide scholarships for Osceola County students. Registration is available online at <https://www.foundationosceola.org/p/68/golf-classic#.WvRdcYgvzIU> or go www.foundationosceola.org. For more information contact Pattie Burdick at 407-935-3684 or email pattie.burdick@osceolaschools.net.

SeaWolves debut at Silver Spurs Nov. 10

Tickets to the debut of the Orlando SeaWolves, a Major Arena Soccer League team to play at the Silver Spurs Arena in 2018-19, are now available. The SeaWolves will play the Brazilian National Minifootball Team on Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Spurs, and tickets start at \$15 and are available at the Arena box office and Ticketmaster.com. Season tickets for the 12-game home schedule are also

available, and single-game tickets will be available soon. Go to the team website (www.orlandoseawolves.com) for more information.

Osceola School District Legacy Program

The School District of Osceola County has launched a Legacy Club to promote greater community engagement with schools. Individuals ages 60-64 will receive \$2 off admission to any district athletic, musical, arts, or theater performances. Those over 65 will receive free admission. To apply go online to osceolaschools.net/legacyclub.

Tennis legends at USTA campus Dec. 6

The USTA National Campus in Orlando will host the 10th and final event on the 2018 Invesco Series QQQ tennis circuit on Dec. 6, featuring American tennis legends in a one-night tournament: former world No. 1 and two-time French and Australian Open champion Jim Courier, 2003 U.S. Open champion and former world No. 1 Andy Roddick, former U.S. Davis Cup star and former world No. 4 James Blake and former U.S. Davis Cup star and 2004 Olympic silver medalist Mardy Fish. The event will be played on the hard court stadium at the USTA National Campus and will start at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at InvescoSeries.com starting September 15. The event will feature two one-set semifinal matches followed by a one-set championship match in one session. The Invesco Series QQQ is the North American tennis circuit for champion tennis players over the age of 30 and features other tennis legends including John McEnroe, Tommy Haas, Lleyton Hewitt and Mark Philippoussis.

Kissimmee tennis program

The City of Kissimmee's Park and Recreation Department is now accepting participants for the Jr. Acer tennis program that runs monthly through September. This program is for students that have learned the basic techniques and are beginning to judge the ball and sustain a rally. Jr. Acer emphasizes technical skills and introduces players to singles and doubles play. The camp will take place Saturdays from 10 a.m.- noon (10-13 years old) and noon-2 p.m. (14-17) at Oak Street Park and 11-12

p.m. (13-13) and 12-1 p.m. at Mark Durbin Park at Lakeside. Fee is \$75 per month (\$60 at Lakeside). Participants can register at the Oak Street Park Community Center (717 Palm Ave.). For information call 407-518-2360 or visit www.kissimmeeparks.org.

Senior softball

Osceola Senior Softball welcomes players ages 55-over. All skill levels are welcome. Until the fall season starts, pickup games will be held at the Denn John fields behind Valencia College on Mondays and Fridays at 9 a.m. For more information, call League President Mike Rodriguez at 772-359-8415 or email mrod156@hotmail.com. For general information on pickup games, call Jim Parker at 321-333-2012.

Harmony wrestling

The Harmony Longhorn wrestling club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Harmony High School Wrestling room. Athletes ages K-8 are invited to participate. Beginners are welcome. The club season runs Oct. 10 through May 27 and is broken into three sessions. The \$40 fee includes about 50 practices, a team T-shirt and an AAU card plus insurance. Former Gateway High standout Brian Miller is the club coach. Also on the staff is Harmony High head coach Victor Lorenzano and his staff, which includes Chris Grillo, Adam Hopman and Billy Linane. Call Coach Miller at 908-752-7098 for further information.

Soldier City Wrestling

The Soldier City Wrestling Club will hold youth club practices Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the St. Cloud High wrestling room. All ages are welcome to attend. Participants must purchase a \$16 registration card from AAUsports.org.

SCAT swimming

The St. Cloud Aquatic Team, a U.S. Swimming affiliate, welcomes swimmers ages 5-and-over who have experience swimming the length of the pool with a crawl stroke. All swimmers will participate in a training program focused on technique, endurance and speed. For more information, visit www.scat1.org or call 407-891-3436.

LIONS

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Acosta rifled the opening goal just before halftime, but Orlando leveled it in the 50th minute when Uri Rosell crossed the ball and it bounced off United goalkeeper David Ousted and in.

D.C. made it 2-1 in the 64th minute when Acosta tapped the ball under a charging Joe Bendik.

Acosta was originally ruled offside, but the goal was awarded upon Video Review.

Orlando City leveled again in the 71st minute when Rosell slipped a beautiful pass in for Dom Dwyer, who chipped it in for his team-leading 11th goal of the season.

But in the sixth minute of second-half stoppage time, Acosta headed in Rooney's cross from near midfield. Acosta appeared offside but the goal was upheld upon Video Review.

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Weekly and Monthly Events

Osceola County Animal Services is hosting a dog adoption event at PetSmart in Kissimmee. This is the last of six summer dog adoption events held at this location. Dog adoptions will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cat and kitten adoptions take place at the store daily. Adoption fees apply.
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DAILY SATURDAY AUG. 18

SCIENCE NIGHT LIVE, ADULTS-ONLY EVENT

Exhibits, presentations, science trivia and more. Ages 21 and up. Food and beverages by Hard Rock Cafe available for purchase. *Orlando Science Center; 8-11:30 p.m.; 777 E. Princeton St., Orlando. OSC.ORG*

HAM DINNER FOR CHARITY
A ham dinner including dessert, sponsored by the Presbyterian Women of St. Cloud Presbyterian Church to raise money for church missions. St. Cloud Presbyterian Church; \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors; 4-7 p.m.; 909 10th St., St. Cloud; 407-892-2813.

AUGUST 18-19

FLORIDA KIDS & FAMILY EXPO

More than 150 exhibits, including face painting, train rides, pony rides, character meet-and-greets, bounce houses, arts & crafts, magic & puppet shows, demos, free samples, prizes and more. *Orange County Convention Center; 9400 Universal Blvd., Orlando. MYCENTRALFLORIDAFAMILY.COM*

TUESDAY

AUG. 21

OSCEOLA NEWS-GAZETTE'S "BEST OF" EVENT

An event to celebrate the winners of the Osceola News-Gazette's "Best of Osceola County." All winners are invited. *Osceola Heritage Park, St. Cloud room; 6:30 p.m.; 1875 Silver Spur Lane, Kissimmee. AROUNDOSCEOLA.COM*

WEDNESDAY

AUG. 22

ART IN THE ARCHIVES - PAINT NIGHT

Themed paint night. Art supplies, snacks and sips will be provided. *Osceola County Welcome Center and History Museum; 5:30 to 8 p.m.; \$30; 4155 W. Vine St., Kissimmee. OSCEOLAHISTORY.ORG*

WEDNESDAY AUG. 29

POINCIANA MEDICAL CENTER - ALLERGY LECTURE

Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed, credentialed allergist at PMC, will talk about allergy mysteries and solutions. Plus warning signs, symptoms and treatment options, followed by a Q&A. Call to register: 1-888-253-8117. *Poinciana Medical Center; 5:30 to 7 p.m., dinner included; 325 Cypress Pkwy., Kissimmee; 407-530-2013.*

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SATURDAY

SEP. 1

TRIBUTE TO ELVIS AND TRIBUTE TO SHA NANA

All proceeds will benefit Canines 4 Hope account of STA parishioner, Analysa Reed, to help her obtain a service dog for her medical needs. *St. Thomas Aquinas Social Hall; 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m.; \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door; 700 Brown Chapel Road, St. Cloud. STACATHOLIC.ORG/ELVIS*

SEPTEMBER

7-9



DISNEY ON ICE

Disney on Ice presents Mickey's Search Party. Guests will embark on a search for clues to find Tinker Bell after Captain Hook tries to capture her magic. Tickets are on sale now. *Amway Center; 9/7 at 7:30 p.m., 9/8 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., and 9/9 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; \$18 and up. AMWAYCENTER.COM*

FRIDAY

SEP. 7

UNITED STATES NAVY BAND LIVE PERFORMANCE

The Navy's premiere country-bluegrass ensemble Country Current. *Disney Springs, Marketplace Stage; 7 p.m. FACEBOOK.COM/NAVYOU'RETCH*

SATURDAY SEP. 8

PET FEST 2018

Bring your pet, meet pet vendors and celebrate with other pet enthusiasts. *Poinciana Community Park; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 5109 Allegheny Road, Kissimmee.*

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 12



GERMAN WINE TASTING

Reservations are required. *Island Grove Wine Company; 5 & 6 p.m.; \$15 per person; 3011 Formosa Gardens Blvd., Kissimmee. FORMOSAWINERY.COM*

THURSDAY

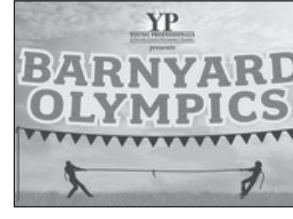
SEP. 13

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

An evening of refreshments and networking. *Community Hope Center; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; 2198 Four Winds Blvd., Kissimmee; events@kissimmeechamber.com. KISSIMMEECHAMBER.COM*

FRIDAY

SEP. 14



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS: 2018 BARNYARD OLYMPICS AND NON-PROFIT FAIR

Sponsored by Ramada Gateway Kissimmee. Admission includes food and drink. *KVLS Pavilion; 6 to 10 p.m.; individual participants are \$15, teams of four are \$40 per team; 1911 Kissimmee Valley Lane., Kissimmee; cpilkington@kissimmeechamber.com. KISSIMMEECHAMBER.COM*

SEPTEMBER 14-16

VINTAGE MARKET DAYS - METRO ORLANDO

An upscale vintage-inspired indoor market, featuring original art, antiques, clothing, jewelry, handmade treasures, home decor, seasonal plantings and more. *Osceola Heritage Park; 9/14 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 9/15 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 9/16 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; \$5-\$10; 1875 Silver Spur Lane, Kissimmee; VINTAGEMARKETDAYS.COM*

SATURDAY SEP. 15

NARCOOSSEE SCHOOLHOUSE BBQ & BAKE SALE

Delicious BBQ (\$8 per meal; pulled pork or chicken, and two sides) and baked goods sold separately. Eat-in or take-out meals available. Funds to benefit the 1886 Narcoossee Schoolhouse restoration project. *Narcoossee Schoolhouse; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; 5026 Yukon St., Narcoossee; 407-595-6727. NARCOOSSEEHISTORY.ORG*

SATURDAY

OCT. 13

TOY TRAIN, COLLECTIBLE AND HOBBY SHOW/SALE

Train memorabilia, trains, tracks, accessories, baseball and trading cards, crafts, comic books, coins, crafts, antiques, diecast cars or any other hobby or collectible-related items. All vendors welcome. Vendors can buy tables online. *Columbian Club of Osceola; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 727-244-1341; 2000 Neptune Road in Kissimmee. REGALRAILWAYS.COM*

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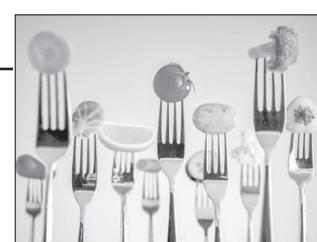
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GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP: COFFEE & CONVERSATION

VITAS Healthcare; 3700 Commerce Blvd. Ste. 200, Kissimmee; second Monday of every month; 10 to 11:30 a.m.; RSVP: 407-705-1006. *Everyone is welcome.*

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

VITAS Healthcare; 3700 Commerce Blvd. Ste. 200, Kissimmee; Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.; RSVP: 407-705-1006. *Everyone is welcome.*

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Osceola County group invites the public to a free anonymous self-help support group for people with depression, bi-polar and anxiety disorders along with family and friends. Every Monday. *Veteran's Memorial Library, 810 13th St., St. Cloud; 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call Pat at 407-593-1997 or Kathy at 407-847-7420.*

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AROUND OSCEOLA



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TOOLS FOR BETTER LIVING UF/IFAS Extension

Summer landscaping is the best practices

It's summer time and we are experiencing the usual showers.

Regular showers could mean huge savings on our water bill. There are many people who are not taking advantage of free irrigation.

I mentioned that because I have noticed that there are many lawn sprinklers running during the rain. It is Florida law that all sprinkler systems be equipped with a working rain sensor.

It is also important that property owners or landscape managers frequently inspect sensors. Ensure that the sensor is not hidden under the eave or gutter of the house. You can check if the sensor is working by running an irrigation zone, press the bottom on top of the sensor, if the system shuts off then the sensor is functional.

In addition, there is no need to irrigate wet soil. During the rainy season, switch your irrigation schedule from automatic to manual and irrigate only when the soil is dry. Remember irrigating only twice per week applying $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch of water per event. Irrigating too frequently will result in shallow and weak grass roots that will not be able handle stress.

Frequent rain or irrigation encourages weed germination. Weeds are more prevalent during the rainy season. It is best to apply herbicides during the juvenile stage of the weed, the older the weeds the more difficult to control. As a rule of thumb, apply herbicides two days before or two days after mowing.

Herbicides are more effective on weeds that are actively growing. To control weeds, first identify the turf grass then the weeds. The herbicide label should have both the turf type and the weeds listed. Please note that there is not one herbicide that can control every weed. Most herbicides take one to two weeks for control of most weeds. Repeat applications may be necessary for tough to control weeds.

Also, be aware that there are herbicides that injure trees if applied under the canopy or where roots growing. In addition, it's advisable not to apply herbicides to grasses in a drought, when the temperature is above 85 degrees or that are infested and stressed by insects.

Insects like warm weather too. Scouting the landscape for insect pests is highly recommended. Scouting allows the homeowner to identify and treat landscape problems before they become an outbreak. Always use integrated pest management (IPM) approach to control pest in the landscape. IPM approach uses chemical as the last resort.

For instance, before applying chemicals, adjust cultural practices such as mowing, irrigation and fertilization. IPM encourages mulching of garden beds to prevent weeds, instead of waiting for weeds to grow and then applying herbicides. In other words, IPM is a safe and friendly approach to pest control.

Finally, prune the plants lightly in summer if necessary; heavy pruning will sacrifice flowers. A good practice to keep in mind is to prune shrubs that bloom on growth that was produced the previous year, immediately after blooming. Prune shrubs bloom on branches that are produced during the current growing season in late winter before spring growth begins.

For more information, contact horticulture agent Grantly Ricketts at 321-697-3000 or via email at ricketts@ufl.edu.

Anaya's Shoe Box donates shoes to kids and adults in need

By Victoria Sovran
For the News-Gazette

St. Cloud's Anaya Dailey may only be 7 years old, but when it comes to helping others, she certainly knows how to walk the walk.

Anaya is the inspiration behind Anaya's Shoe Box, a shoe drive that helps donate shoes to children and adults in need.

It all started when second-grader Anaya noticed a fellow Narcoossee Elementary student's only pair of shoes were falling apart at the seams. Anaya wanted to help. She went with her parents to buy a new pair of shoes from Walmart for the boy. He was so thrilled to receive them that Anaya mentioned to her parents that there were more kids in need.

"I said to myself why not start a shoe drive?" said Anaya's mother, Marlene Dailey. "It would be something helpful to parents who have so many other expenses. I called it Anaya's Shoe Box because it started in her heart. She has always been a kind, generous and loving little girl."

The Dailey family began giving away shoes to children as well as their parents who may have needed shoes as well.

"Sometimes parents have to pay so many bills and buy all the necessary things for their children that they may not even think of themselves," said Dailey. "We started collecting all shoes in all sizes for males and females."

Anaya's Shoe Box has since donated almost 100 pairs of shoes to children and



SUBMITTED PHOTO

St. Cloud residents Anaya Daily sits with shoes she collected for those in need.

adults in the surrounding community, including Orlando. Anaya's Shoe Box has hosted events at New Beginnings Church and Narcoossee Elementary.

"We want to reach anyone and everyone who can use the assistance," said Dailey. "We are currently looking into hopefully donating to some local churches

as well as the other schools in the county."

Anaya has the full support of her school. Narcoossee Elementary Principal Scott Knoebel has partnered with Anaya's Shoe Box to help collect more shoes. Teachers and parents are proud and excited to see what Anaya is accomplishing as a leader.

Anaya has high hopes for the future of Anaya's Shoe Box. She wants to be able to reach everyone, not only in Florida, but in other states, wherever the need may be.

"In this ugly world, I would think she would like to spread love, hope and kindness," said Dailey.

See **Shoe Box**, Page 12.

Valencia College will display the artwork of Puerto Rican native Pedro Bull from Aug. 23 to Oct. 5

Puerto Rican native and current Kissimmee resident Pedro Brull, who has become the father of the diaspora of Puerto Rican artists in Central Florida, will be the subject of an upcoming exhibit at Valencia College's Anita S. Wooten Gallery.

The exhibit opens on Aug. 23 and runs through Oct. 5.

Valencia will hold a gallery reception to open the exhibit on Sept. 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. Brull will give an artist lecture at 6 p.m. Admission to the gallery is free and the public is invited to come meet the artist.

"Brull is a unique example of an artist with a cosmopolitan mind, but with a background steeped in his island culture. This juxtaposition of a freewheeling worldly-wise mindset along with the warm and colorful spirit of a Caribbean islander has been at the center of his work from the very beginning," says Valencia gallery curator Camilo Velasquez.

Brull's work remains relevant today, said Velasquez, noting that in a series of recent paintings titled, "What Maria



PHOTO/VALENCIA COLLEGE

Above is a Pedro Bull painting titled "What Maria Left."

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It's all about being there for those people in need

By Dr. Michael Slayter

Dr. M. Scott Peck, noted psychiatrist and author, once said that life is difficult. What a simple statement with so much truth. Hardly anyone in our society has gone through life without experiencing some form of emotional turmoil such as loss of house and home, loss of job, loss of a loved one or a marriage, or hearing bad news from the family doctor. It falls on men and women alike and both genders have their own way of coping.

One of the most effective ways to manage

such stressful situations is through finding someone who knows the art of proactive listening while we put our hidden feelings into words. This sounds simple, but sadly, most people do not know how to listen effectively. Some, especially those who rush in to provide a fix-it solution, do even more damage.

There is an organization of people who are trained in the discipline of proactive listening; a faith-based group called Stephen Ministry. In a nutshell, Stephen ministry is a program designed to recruit, organize, train,

and support lay ministers, men and women, who gives confidential, long-term, one-on-one pastoral care to those who have gone through losses of any kind and need emotional and spiritual healing. Formed in 1975 in St. Louis, Stephen Ministry is now in every state, more than 20 countries, and more than 100 Christian denominations.

Stephen ministers do not claim to be professional counselors or advisors. Rather, they are caring individuals who have received 50 hours of training in topics such as

the art of listening, the mechanics of human crisis, human boundaries, signs of depression or potential suicide, the process of grief, and above all else, knowing their own limitations. Stephen ministers do not attempt anything that should be reserved for professionals.

Understanding self-esteem is a key part of Stephen Ministry. When we feel positive about ourselves, we are happy, productive, and clear thinking. But self-esteem is like fine crystal that shatters when struck the wrong way. Repairing it without help is a huge mountain to climb.

Throughout the United States, one will find certain communities in which Stephen Ministry flourishes in churches. For example, there are numerous churches in the greater Orlando area that have active Stephen Ministry programs. These churches have formed an ecumenical network in which groups of various denominations

share a common link through Stephen Ministry and support one another by sharing their resources with each other.

Such is not the case in Osceola County. Only two churches, one in St. Cloud and one in Kissimmee, are currently involved. Both are small and potentially overwhelmed with requests to provide help to those in need.

Although Stephen ministry is a church-based activity, a network of churches makes this a community asset. Most people find they already have the tools to be Stephen Ministers and the training will show how to use such talents. Some may think they have to be expert theologians to be Stephen ministers, but this is far from correct. This is a caring ministry, not a Bible study nor an effort to recruit church members. People in pain from loss need love and caring, not theology or doctrine.

Pastors should know that

this is an excellent way to promote discipleship within a given congregation. When pastors find themselves overwhelmed and unable to provide useful time for parishioners, Stephen Ministers can be utilized as extensions of their pastor.

Frequently, discussions about the decline of churches center on the lack of community involvement as one of the factors. Although Stephen Ministry is not designed to promote church membership, it can be viewed as a community asset when used as a network. Indirectly, it can boost interest in church attendance.

You are invited and encouraged to visit the website for this ministry, stephenministries.org. But be careful, it's contagious. The mindset of your congregation will change.

Dr. Michael Slayter is the commissioned lay pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Kissimmee.

EXTENSION SERVICES

► Thursday, Aug. 23, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Florida-Friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Quality (GI-BMP), at UF/IFAS Extension Osceola County.

For landscape/pest management/property management professionals. This training is required to obtain the new Commercial Fertilizer Applicator License. Fees apply. Deadline to receive pre-registration discount is Aug. 19. Register at <http://occeu.eventbrite.com>.

► Thursday, Sept. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m., Beekeeping: Is it for me? It's at UF/IFAS Extension Osceola County.

Find out if beekeeping will be a good hobby or business for you. Covers considerations for potential beekeepers: startup costs, legal aspects, space needs, physical requirements, risks, equipment needed, and

time requirements.

Register at <http://ocagriculture.eventbrite.com>.

► Saturday, Sept. 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Small Farm Success Workshop, at UF/IFAS Extension Osceola County.

Have you considered starting a farm or food business but don't know where to start? Learn about Regulations, Crops and Livestock, Business Planning Basics, and Selling Your Farm and Food Products.

Fees apply.

Register at <http://ocagriculture.eventbrite.com>.

► Thursday, Oct. 4 and 11, from 5 to 9 p.m., A Home of Your Own, First Time Homebuyer – 2-Day Class (English), at UF/IFAS Extension Osceola County.

This class addresses the ins and outs of buying/building a home. Participants will learn how to prepare financially, select a home, negotiate price, review contract and what to expect at closing.

Registration opens Sept.

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SHOE BOX

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handle, but Anaya is happy to give to others."

Anaya's Shoe Box is in need of donations, especially at the beginning of a new school year. Shoes and monetary gifts are accepted. All funds collected go directly toward purchasing more shoes.

To find how you can donate to Anaya's Shoebox and for the complete list of drop-off sites, visit [www.AnayaShoebox.com](http://AnayaShoebox.com).

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Left," Brull "speaks truth to power about the aftermath of Hurricane Maria."

"In one depiction, a woman's hand washes clothes in open air under a blue tarp surrounded by ominous, leaning power lines and debris," Velasquez said. "Through this image, Brull has created an iconic female symbol of struggle and resilience."

Born in Puerto Rico in 1938, Brull graduated from the Puerto Rico School of Fine Arts with a bachelor's degree in painting and mural painting.

A former art director for WKWQ-TV in San Juan, his work has been displayed in galleries, museums and government buildings in the United States and Puerto Rico. In 2017, he was commissioned to create a mural for the opening of Valencia College's Poinciana Campus.

The gallery is located in Building 3 on Valencia's East Campus, 701 N. Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando. Gallery hours are: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 407-582-2268.

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What is going on with the 'Roseanne' spinoff?

By Cindy Elavsky
Celebrity Extra

Q: Can you tell me what's up with the "Roseanne" spinoff? Is ABC moving forward with it? – Billy T., via email

A: The cast of "Roseanne," excluding Roseanne Barr, will be back with "The Conners" starting Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 8/7c, including series stars John Goodman and Laurie Metcalf. We've been given a hint as to what we can expect with the reimaging/spinoff with the show's logline: "After a sudden turn of events, the Conners are forced to face the daily struggles of life in Lanford in a way they never have before. This iconic family – Dan, Jackie, Darlene, Becky and D.J. — grapples with parenthood, dating, an unexpected pregnancy, financial pressures, aging and in-laws in working-class America. Through it all, the fights, the coupon cutting, the hand-me-downs, the breakdowns ... with love, humor and perseverance, the family prevails."

Q: Can you tell me what's going on with "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend"? I heard they are planning to have a new love interest for Rebecca Bunch. – Callie F., via Twitter

A: Well ... kinda. "Pitch Perfect" star Skylar Astin has signed on to the show's final season, and although the actor is different, the character he's portraying is a familiar one: Rebecca's boyfriend from the first season, Greg. They decided to recast Greg, who was originally played by Santino Fontana, to go in a different direction with the character. (New York-based Santino had asked to be let go at the end of the first season/beginning of the second because it didn't work with his schedule.) Series creator and star Rachel Bloom said that the show itself won't ignore the recast, saying: "We don't want to spoil it too much. It will be a great statement on how our perception of people changes. Greg is a barometer



Rachel Bloom/Credit: Smallz and Raskind

of how people's perceptions change. It will have been two years since Rebecca's seen him."

Readers: Last week I reported on the "Deadwood" movie that HBO is finally producing to wrap up all of those loose ends that will have been 13 years in the making since the series' cancellation in 2006.

Well, we "Timeless" fans won't have long to wait either to see how the heck Lucy (Abigail Spencer) and Wyatt (Matt Lanter) are going to save Rufus (Malcolm Barrett). Executive producers Shawn Ryan and Eric Kripke announced that NBC has ordered a two-hour movie, which will air sometime this holiday season, to resolve the storyline.

They said in a joint statement: "While we wish we could've made another dozen seasons of 'Timeless,' this is the next best thing. We're thrilled to take the Lifeboat out for one last spin and bring closure to our story. The studio, network, cast and crew are all doing this for one reason only: the fans. Because they deserve it. You guys want to get Rufus back or what?"

Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando,

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4. Fee: \$10.

Register at <http://ocfcs.eventbrite.com>.

► Thursday, Oct. 11, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Florida-Friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Quality (GI-BMP), at 5 UF/IFAS Extension Osceola County.

For landscape/pest management/property management professionals. This training is required to obtain the new Commercial Fertilizer Applicator License. Fees apply.

Deadline to receive pre-registration discount is Oct. 7. Register at <http://occeu.eventbrite.com>.

► Wednesday, Oct. 17, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Ornamental & Turf/Private Ag Applicator, at 5 UF/IFAS Extension Osceola County.

Fees apply. CEU's are available.

Deadline to receive pre-registration discount is Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018.

Register at <http://occeu.eventbrite.com>.

► Wednesday and Thursday Oct. 24-25, from 5 to 9 p.m., A Home of Your Own, First Time Homebuyer – 2-Evening Classes (Spanish), at UF/IFAS Extension Osceola County.

This class addresses the ins and outs of buying/building a home. Participants will learn how to prepare financially, select a home, negotiate price, review contract and what to expect at closing.

Registration opens Sept. 24. Fee: \$10.00.

Register at <http://ocfcs.eventbrite.com>.

MOMENTS IN TIME

► On Aug. 24, 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces overwhelm American militiamen and march unopposed into Washington, D.C.

Most congressmen and officials had already fled. The British officers dined that night at the deserted White House as the British troops began setting the city aflame.

► On Aug. 25, 1835, the first in a series of six articles announcing the discovery of life on the moon appears in the New York Sun newspaper.

"The Great Moon Hoax" described evidence of life forms including unicorns and winged humanoids resembling bats.

► On Aug. 20, 1911,

a dispatcher in The New York Times office sends the first telegram around the world via commercial service.

The message was relayed by 16 different operators and came back to the original dispatcher 16 minutes later.

► On Aug. 23, 1904, Harold Weed of Canastota, New York, is issued U.S. Patent No. 768,495 for his "Grip-Tread for Pneumatic Tires," a nonskid tire chain to be used on automobiles in order to increase traction on slick roads.

He drew inspiration from the habit of local motorists who wrapped rope around their tires.

► On Aug. 26, 1959, the British Motor Corporation launches

its newest car, the small, affordable \$800 Mark I Mini.

The diminutive Mini went on to become one of the best-selling British cars in history.

► On Aug. 21, 1987, "Dirty Dancing," starring Patrick Swayze, opens in theaters.

The film was a surprise box-office hit and turned Swayze into a Hollywood star.

► On Aug. 22, 1992, in the second day of a standoff at Randy Weaver's remote Idaho cabin atop Ruby Ridge, an FBI sharpshooter wounds Weaver and Kevin Harris.

He then kills Weaver's wife, Vicki, who was in a doorway holding her infant daughter.



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Here's how being proactive can help your pet live longer

(BPT) - Your pets are an integral part of the family, so it's important to practice preventative care to support their well-being and help them live long, healthy lives. But just like people, pets can be affected by chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and allergies. That's why, as a pet parent, staying informed and being proactive can help to avoid or at least prolong the onset of chronic conditions.

Pet health trends change over time. Cats and dogs are more prone to certain conditions now than they have been in the past. For example, over the past 10 years there's been a 30 percent increase in environmental allergy cases in dogs and an 11 percent increase in cats, according to the Banfield 2018 State of Pet Health Report. Allergens can vary by region and climate, but many common triggers can be found in the home, notes the study.

Additionally, pets today are also more prone to being overweight, and obesity cases are rising. One in three pets are overweight, according to Banfield, and the numbers are growing. While you can be proactive in helping pets exercise and eat a nutritionally-balanced diet, there are many other health conditions you have no control over. Pets can suffer from chronic diseases such as arthritis, heart disease, kidney disease, diabetes and thyroid disease.

The first step to keep pets healthy is to invest in preventative care. One of the most important things you can do to ensure the ongoing health of any animal is to bring them in for annual checkups whether they are experiencing health issues or not. This allows veterinarians to screen for a variety of health issues and provide insight on any concerns. This is also an



opportunity for you to ask important questions and get expert insight.

If you discover that your pet has a chronic condition that needs to be treated, don't panic. Modern medicine and treatment plans help pets live a long, high-quality life even with conditions like allergies or diabetes. You may have to make lifestyle adjustments such as changing food or activity routines, but it's usually manageable and you'll likely notice an improvement to your pet's health and demeanor quickly.

As is the case with humans, chronic conditions are often treated with preventative medications. In fact, many of the same prescriptions that people use are also used on pets, just at a different dosage.

That means you can buy your pet's medication at your local pharmacy instead of the vet's office. By doing

this you can access deep discounts offered with the Inside Rx Pets card, in more than 40,000 participating pharmacies nationwide.

The program offers savings on commonly prescribed medications such as insulin and antibiotics, as well as glaucoma and anti-inflammatory drugs. A list of the medications with which you can use the Inside Rx Pets card, as well as information to compare the pricing in pharmacies in your area and other use terms, can be found at InsideRx.com/pets.

Just like people, taking preventative measures for your pets' health will help save costs in the long run. What's more, it will help ensure that your favorite furry family members are by your side for many years to come.

National Bring Your Cat to the Vet Day is Aug. 22 and National Dog Day is Aug. 26.

How to keep dogs safe and content

Every day a family welcomes a pet into their home.

According to Greger Larson, director of the University of Oxford's palaeogenomic and bioarchaeology research network, dogs, without a doubt, were the first domestic animal.

While researchers know they were tamed and used for work, little is known about when dogs moved from primarily providing utility to being pets.

Pet industry statistics and data from the ASPCA indicate there are now roughly 78 million dogs living as pets in households across the United States.

While researchers continue on their quest to determine just how and when canines transitioned from being beasts of burdens to best friends, dog lovers can do their share to keep their pets safe and happy.

► Begin with training. One of the best things a pet owner can do for the well-being of a his or her dog is to ensure that it receives proper training from a young age. According to VetWest Animal Hospital experts, statistics show that owners who have pets that behave get more satisfaction and have stronger bonds with their pets. A dog that responds to basic commands can stay out of danger, and knowing what he is supposed to do can help the dog feel less stressed.

► Socialize the pet. Learning how to respond to other dogs and people is an important aspect of canine life. If the pet is to get along with other dogs, it needs to have high exposure to other animals every day and in various scenarios. Socialization can begin as soon as a puppy is

immunized and able to venture out with others.

► Spay or neuter the dog. Various animal health experts attest to the benefits of having dogs spayed and neutered. These can include limiting aggression, reducing the need to roam and helping to prevent fights with other animals. Also, spaying and neutering helps keep animal numbers under control.

► Keep licensing up to date. Licensing will keep dogs registered in the area and help have current contact information available. Pet owners often license and microchip their pets to ensure safety all around.

► Exercise the pet. Dogs need daily exercise to maintain healthy body weights and keep them from fits of boredom. A dog that is not properly exercised may engage in destructive behavior around the house to unleash its pent-up energy.

VOLUNTEER ZONE

THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Bookmark Buddies

P.M. Wells Charter Academy (<http://www.pmwellscharter.org/>) is a public charter school serving students in grades K-8. The school is in need of volunteers to serve as Bookmark Buddies at the school. Bookmark Buddies is a mentor reading program that helps third grade students improve their reading skills and score at Level 2 or higher on the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA).

The program recruits volunteer mentors each year that help to improve the reading skills of low performing students. Mentors meet at the P.M. Wells Charter Academy for 30 minutes a week, one-on-one, throughout the school year. No prior tutoring experience is necessary and all the tutoring materials are provided, making for an easy and fun volunteer experience. The Bookmark Buddies mentor builds a strong friendship and takes great satisfaction in their student's success as they begin to gain confidence and improve their reading and writing skills. P.M. Wells is looking for volunteers to help elementary school art teacher work with students, and clean tables, desks and work surfaces. The school also is seeking volunteers to help tutor middle school students in math. Volunteers interested in becoming Bookmark Buddies at P.M. Wells Charter Academy can contact Principal Alan Ramos at 321-697-1020 or Mrs. Ingrid Hernandez, volunteer coordinator, at iherandez@pmwellscharter.org.

The Backyard Project

The Backyard Project is a local organization that strives to enhance community awareness and support by providing resources to those in need. The Backyard Project regularly provides meals to the homeless community in Kissimmee and we are looking for volunteers ages 16 and up to help with meal preparation and delivery. Those interested can email The Backyard Project at bypflvolunteer@gmail.com.

Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed

The Osceola Council on Aging needs Meals on Wheels delivery drivers. Volunteers must have a valid license, an insured vehicle, and pass a background check. Deliveries are made Monday through Friday mornings and Mother's Day and

Thanksgiving Day. Contact Marie Blackford at 407-933-9532 or blackfm@osceola-coa.com Meals on wheels is a 501 (c) 3, nonprofit, private charitable organization dedicated to providing services to enable independence and self-sufficiency for seniors, disabled adults, the disadvantaged and families in poverty. www.osceola-generations.org.

New Dimensions Mentor Program

In the fall of 2016 New Dimensions High School established a mentor program for its students. The goal of the program is for our mentors to encourage good attendance, improve academic performance, instill positive behavior, homework, and assignment completion, help on college and career readiness, help on problem solving skills, soft skills and emotional intelligence (understanding of one's actions on others). If you would like to be a guiding and positive influence on a young person, visit newdimensionshs.com click on school, programs, mentoring program to read more and see requirements. If you have any questions, contact the school on 407-870-9949 and leave a message for Leslie Dubin, mentor program coordinator, or email Miss. Dubin at dubin@newdimensionshs.com. New Dimensions High School is at 4900 Old Pleasant Hill Road, Kissimmee.

Osceola Community Cat Program

Best Friends Animal Society Osceola has partnered with Osceola County Animal Services, to spay and neuter 7500 cats over the next three years. The project will effectively reduce the number of cats killed in shelters by trapping, neutering, vaccinating and returning community cats to their original outdoor locations. Not only is this the most humane method of preventing cats from entering the shelter system, but it's also the most effective. We need your help to make this program a success! Volunteer opportunities include: Surgery Day Assistant, Community Cats Ambassador & Neighborhood

Canvasser, Community Cat Trapper & Transporter, Community Cat Transporter, Office/Hotline Assistant, Volunteer Requirements: All volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. Contact: Kim at bfvolcoord@bestfriends.org.

Osceola District Boy Scouts

Osceola District of Central Florida Council Boy Scouts of America covers all of Osceola County and currently serves 1076 youth and over 550 adult volunteers in 52 (units) packs, troops, and crews. Osceola District Boy Scouts are looking for adult volunteers to assist on our district committee and district commissioner staff. Scouting background is preferred but all volunteers must be over the age of 21, pass a criminal background check, and take a youth protection course. All district level volunteers must also be approved by a nominating committee before their approval. A prospective member of our district committee would assist the Boy Scouts in planning and executing county wide programs and initiatives as well as fund-raise and assist recruiting new youth to one of our 52 packs, troops or crews. Applicants can contact Cory Dewell, Osceola district executive Boy Scouts of America Central Florida Council, at 407-624-2101 (cell), 407-703-0258 (work) or email at Cory.Dewell@cflscouting.org.

St. Cloud Friends of the Library

The St. Cloud Friends of the Library needs new members and volunteers to help with their upcoming book sale Thursday, July 5, from noon to 8 p.m.; Friday, July 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Saturday, July 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The St. Cloud Friends of the Library welcomes new members. The group meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. in the St. Cloud Veterans Memorial Library at 810 13th St., St. Cloud. For more information, visit the library or its website or contact: ginger40@earthlink.net or call 407-892-7428.

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ALL-ELECTRIC NISSAN LEAF

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The all-new 2018 Nissan LEAF sets a new standard in the growing market for mainstream electric vehicles by offering customers greater range, advanced technologies and a dynamic new design. The new, zero tailpipe emission Nissan LEAF embodies Nissan Intelligent Mobility, the company's approach to changing the way cars are driven, powered and integrated into society.

By Arv Voss
Motor Matters

The Nissan Leaf is based on a dedicated electric platform and is a 100-percent plug-in electric vehicle with zero emissions. There is no supplemental gasoline engine as in a hybrid electric vehicle.

The Nissan Leaf has no gas tank, tailpipe, nor does it have a conventional transmission to complicate maintenance. In fact, the only real maintenance requirements are tire rotation and windshield wiper blade replacement. Okay, washing and waxing occasionally will certainly help to maintain a pristine exterior appearance.

The all-new 2018 Nissan Leaf has a refreshing aerodynamic design form with dynamic proportions, sporting a floating roofline and signature V-Motion grille with a striking crystal blue pyramid panel. Other signature design cues are the "Boomerang" lamps and enhanced brand symbol. With a starting price of \$29,990, the Leaf is available in three trim levels: S, SV, and SL, which includes leather seating surfaces.

Leaf's power comes from a 680-pound laminated Lithium-ion Manganese Graphite battery pack mounted low in the vehicle floor for optimum weight distribution, and

a high-response synchronous AC electric drive motor (110kW/147 horsepower and 236 lb.-ft. of torque) delivering energy to the front wheels.

The EPA estimated range capability is 150-plus miles. Battery capacity decreases with time and use. Actual range will vary depending upon driving/charging habits, speed, conditions, weather, temperature, and battery age. The battery comes with an eight-year, 100,000-mile warranty, and the battery is expected to retain 70 to 80 percent of its original storage capacity after 10 years.

When the battery power is drained to a minimum point, recharging may be accomplished via a supplied 110-volt portable trickle charge cable that may be plugged into any conventional household outlet.

There are three operational modes: a normal Drive mode; an Eco mode, which increases efficiency and delivers more range by reducing power output while increasing regenerative braking; and a B-mode, which aggressively engages regenerative braking during deceleration. Directional selection is accomplished via a center stack-mounted "palm shifter" that operates on the principle of a computer mouse or joystick, and there is an eco button located on the steering wheel.

The smooth, elegant lines of the body begin with the low, compact hood, and moves through the distinctive shoulder character line and on toward the integrated large rear spoiler.

Piloting this second-generation Nissan Leaf is really not a dramatically different process from driving a conventionally powered or hybrid-powered vehicle, except that it is eerily quiet. Acceleration is instantaneous in a luxurious silence, and the handling delivers a nimble feel.

One tends to notice road and wind noise more due to the lack of an engine. Drive rationally and conservatively and watch a tree grow graphically in the information panel, or drive in a completely normal manner and simply monitor the potential range balance.

The e-Pedal's advanced one-pedal operation precludes using the brake pedal except in emergency situations — simply lifting off the accelerator activates regenerative braking action which will even bring the vehicle to a complete stop.

The new ProPILOT Assist is a "hands-on" feature that performs as a steering assist for the driver with intelligent cruise control and electric power steering. It is not an autonomous self-driving system.

For those who may be concerned about operating an electric vehicle in wet weather conditions, there's really nothing to worry about as the Leaf has undergone severe durability testing, packed in ice to measure internal pressure by rapid cooling and fully submerged as well as exposed to high-pressure washing. It has proven to be completely watertight. In addition, the battery pack has escaped damage in a 40-mph frontal offset crash test.

I found the Nissan Leaf to be fun, enjoyable, reliable and most of all, efficient in both normal and Eco modes. The new Leaf now delivers a 37-percent increase in horsepower along with a 26-percent increase in torque for enhanced performance, and it has gone from a 30kW to a 40kW battery using the same footprint, for a 33-percent increase in energy density.

The Leaf makes good sense for purchase or lease for consumers with an average commute (60 miles or less each way — more if mid-point charging is available).



SPECIFICATIONS 2018 NISSAN LEAF SL

VEHICLE TYPE
5-passenger FWD sedan

BASE PRICE
\$36,200 (as tested: \$37,738)

ENGINE TYPE
110-kW AC synchronous electric motor, laminated lithium-ion battery

HORSEPOWER (net)
147 at 3282-9795 rpm

TORQUE (lb.-ft.)
236 at 0-3283 rpm

TRANSMISSION
single-speed reducer

OVERALL LENGTH
176.4 in.

TURNING CIRCLE (curb-to-curb)
36.1 ft.

CURB WEIGHT
3,508 lbs.

EPA MILEAGE RATING
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REAL ESTATE

Home prices spike nationwide, according to report



CoreLogic's Home Price Insights Report for June 2018 reflects another month of home price appreciation, including distressed sales.

All told, home prices nationwide increased by 6.8 percent year-over-year and increased by 0.7 percent over May. With the market remaining strong, more increases are forecast going into next year. Expectations put June 2019 at another 5.1 percent increase in prices, while July numbers are expected to hold steady.

"The rise in home prices and interest rates over the past year has eroded affordability and is beginning to slow existing home sales in some markets," stated Frank Nothaft, chief economist at CoreLogic. "For June, we found in CoreLogic public records data that home sales in the San Francisco Bay Area and Southern California were down 9 and 12 percent, respectively, from one year earlier. Further increases in home prices and mortgage rates over the next year will likely dampen sales and home-price growth."

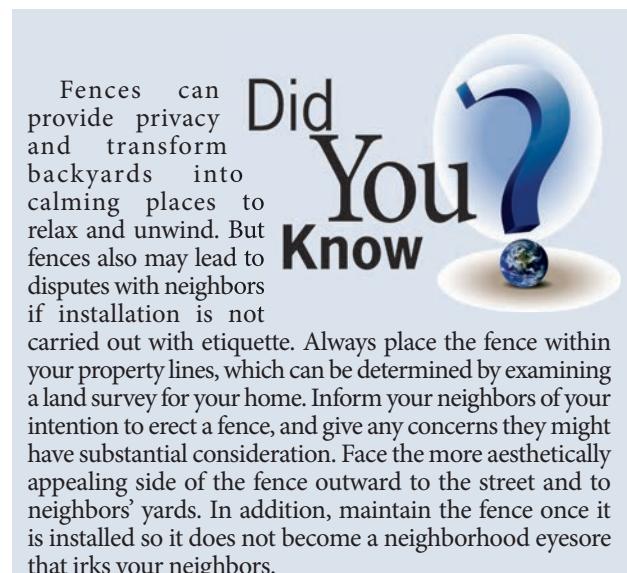
Frank Martell, president and CEO noted generational obstacles found in a recent Consumer Housing Sentiment Study done by CoreLogic.

"One-third of millennial renters reported feeling they cannot afford a down payment to buy a home," he explained. "With home prices rising quickly over the past few years and supplies low, first-time homebuyers face ever-growing challenges to find and buy affordable entry-level homes. More needs to be done to help our first-time buyers join the homeownership class."

In Florida, home prices appreciated 5.8 percent from June 2017 to June 2018, and prices are expected to gain even more in 2019, with a 7 percent increase forecast. From May, the previous month, home prices increased 0.3 percent and are expected to gain another 0.6 percent in July.

The largest gains in metro areas measured in this report can be found in Las Vegas, which has jumped 12.9 percent from last June. San Francisco follows with an 11.2 percent year-over-year increase, then Boston, which is up 8 percent. More locally, Miami saw a 5 percent increase, in line with nationwide figures.

The Osceola County Association of Realtors is the largest trade association in Osceola County and represents over 3,600 Realtors in the area, bringing valuable training and support to its membership, and offering community services to the Osceola County area. The Association is dedicated to members' success through personal development, advocacy, and community engagement.



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Here's the most causes of homeowners' insurance claims



(BPT) - The value of homeowners' insurance is often thrust into the national spotlight when natural disasters happen. The devastation and financial loss they can cause reinforces the importance of making sure you have adequate insurance coverage to rebuild if disaster strikes your home. In 2017 alone, the U.S. was struck by 16 separate billion-dollar disaster events, resulting in a record-breaking \$300 billion in damage, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Thankfully, most Americans don't experience large-scale natural catastrophes, but millions of homeowners do experience some kind of property loss each year and need to make an insurance claim. The most commonly reported homeowners' insurance claims are actually the result of events that can occur at any time, so it's important for homeowners to be prepared for these potential risks.

Water damage claims are most common

"Water claims are the ones we see most often," says Christopher O'Rourke, vice president of Property Claims at Mercury Insurance. "While certain perils are seasonal, water damage can occur any time of year. It's important for homeowners to conduct routine maintenance of appliance hoses and water pipes to make sure there aren't cracks or leaks and, if any are detected, have them repaired or replaced immediately."

"Another thing everyone can do to protect their

homes from leaks is turn off their main water supply when they're away for an extended period of time. No one wants to return from a relaxing vacation to find water running through their home."

Smart home technology also delivers an extra layer of protection for homeowners by providing around-the-clock monitoring to help detect water pipe leaks. Professionally installed water pressure sensors, for example, work with most smartphones and can, among other things, automatically shut off the home's main water supply if a leak or burst pipe is detected. And the best part is that insurance companies like Mercury Insurance will often provide a discount for homes that implement this technology.

O'Rourke also notes that most homeowners' insurance policies don't cover flood damage caused by rising water from storms or overflowing bodies of water, so he recommends homeowners consult with their local insurance agent to learn how to protect against these types of events.

Fire damage is a concern for homeowners

While water claims are the most common, fire damage is another possible concern for homeowners and can be caused in several ways. The National Fire Protection Association reports nearly half a million structure fires occurred in 2016, resulting in \$7.5 billion in property damage, and wildfires ravaged California in 2017, leading to one of the year's

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billion-dollar disaster events. O'Rourke suggests controlling the things you can and mitigating against the perils you can't.

"Most home fires happen when people are inattentive or negligent. These fires are preventable if people don't leave things like lit stoves, fireplaces, candles or portable heat sources unattended. You should also refrain from overloading electrical outlets and using appliances with frayed electrical cords," he says. "These things seem like common sense, but it's amazing how many claims we see that result from simply not paying attention."

"Wildfires can be extremely scary and dangerous and there is often little warning when they sweep through areas, leaving homeowners little time to protect their homes. Most of this work needs to be done before a fire erupts."

Homeowners can mitigate against this risk by keeping their yards free of dry brush,

grass clippings and twigs, keep tree branches trimmed and bushes pruned. They should also make sure their roofs and gutters are cleared of leaves and debris."

Theft can be costly

Theft doesn't necessarily pose a threat to the physical structure of a home, but it too can be costly and it often leaves homeowners feeling scared and violated. The FBI's Universal Crime Report estimates 1.5 million burglaries occurred in 2016 - with residential properties accounting for 69.5 percent of these offenses.

Homeowners can help safeguard against theft by taking simple, but often overlooked precautions like ensuring doors and windows are locked, and not leaving spare keys in easy-to-find locations. Several smart home devices can also aid in deterring potential thieves by allowing homeowners to adjust lights, monitor security cameras and activate security systems from their smartphones even when they're away from home.

"Our claims team strives to get our customers back on their feet after a loss. Our hope is that people never experience such an event in the first place, but if they do we want them to know that it is our goal to help them get their lives back to normal as quickly as possible," adds O'Rourke.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 BUDGETS; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING.

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Brighton Lakes Community Development District ("District") will hold a public hearing on **Thursday September 6, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Brighton Lakes Recreation Center, 4250 Brighton Lakes Boulevard, Kissimmee, Florida, for the purpose of hearing comments and objections on the adoption of the proposed budgets ("Proposed Budget") of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018, and ending September 30, 2019 ("Fiscal Year 2018/2019"). A regular board meeting of the District will also be held at that time where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it. A copy of the agenda and Proposed Budget may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, 313 Campus Street, Celebration, Florida 34747, (407) 566-1935 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours.

The public hearing and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The public hearing and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when Board Supervisors or District Staff may participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office.

Bob Koncar/Kristen Suit
District Manager

August 11, 18, 2018

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REVISED NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE TOHOPEKALIGA WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Please be advised that the Board of Supervisors of the Tohopekaliga Water Authority, an independent special district, established and created pursuant to Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, by special act of the Florida Legislature, hereinafter "TWA", plans to hold a special meeting on Monday, August 20, 2018, beginning at 4:00 PM in the Bruce R. Van Meter Board Room located on the first floor of the TWA Administration Building, 951 Martin Luther King Blvd., Kissimmee, Florida 34741.

The purpose of this meeting is two-fold; to discuss the Tohopekaliga Water Authority Operating Budget for FY2019 and to discuss the Financing Agreement with Osceola County for the construction of the Neo-City reservoir.

All persons interested are invited to attend and any person deciding to appeal any decision of the Tohopekaliga Water Authority Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at this workshop will need a record of the proceedings. For such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Any person requiring special accommodations at the workshop because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the Tohopekaliga Water Authority at 407-944-5000.
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NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW Pursuant to Section 865.08 FLORIDA STATUTES

To Whom It May Concern: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:
**FREDERICK
MOBILE NOTARY**

located at: 851 Marquis Court, in the County of Osceola, in the City of Kissimmee, Florida 34759,

intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

That the party interested in said business enterprise is as follows:

**RON FREDERICK
DATED at Kissimmee,
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this 14th day of August,
2018.**

August 18, 2018

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Time- 10:00 A.M.**

**Location of Sale - Joe's
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PUBLIC NOTICE

AT&T Mobility, LLC proposes to construct a 50-foot overall height pole structure. The structure would be located at **811 Florida Parkway**, Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida 34743 (N 28° 19' 36.6" and W 81° 21' 46.6"). The structure would not be lit. AT&T Mobility, LLC invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed telecommunications structure may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Comments may be sent to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Dina Bazzill, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. Ms. Bazzill can be reached at (770) 667-2040 ext. 111. Comments must be received within 30 days. U1700 SMN.

August 18, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: Case No.: 2017-CA-001764 FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), Plaintiff,

vs. DIANA I. NAZARIO; ASSOCIATION OF POINCIANA VILLAGES, INC.; POINCIANA VILLAGE ONE ASSOCIATION, INC.; SUNTRUST BANK; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 25th day of July, 2018, and entered in Case No. 2017-CA-001337 CL, of the Circuit Court of the 9th Judicial Circuit in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), is the Plaintiff, and DIANA I. NAZARIO; ASSOCIATION OF POINCIANA VILLAGES, INC.; SUNTRUST BANK; POINCIANA VILLAGE ONE ASSOCIATION, INC.; and UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are Defendants. ARMANDO RAMIREZ, as the Clerk of the Circuit Court, shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, OSCEOLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SUITE 2600/ROOM 2602, TWO COURTHOUSE SQUARE, KISSIMMEE, FL, 11:00 A.M., on the 11th day of SEPTEMBER, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

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DATED on this 3rd day of August 2018.

By: /s/ Jason Storring
Jason Storring, Esquire
Bar Number: 027077

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. FILE No.: 2015-GA-0033 GR IN RE: The Guardianship of Carol R. Harms.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 733.816, Florida Statutes, Heather C. Kirson, attorney for Laura Ashton, Guardian of Carol R. Harms, has deposited the amount in excess of \$2,000.00 into the Registry of the Court account with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Osceola County, Florida, for the reason said funds cannot be distributed or paid to the lawful owner because of inability to find the lawful owner or claimant, or, no lawful owner is known to exist, or, the lawful owner or claimant refused to accept such funds.

Six (6) months subsequent to the date of the publishing of this notice, said funds will be deposited with the Chief Financial Officer, less Clerk's Fees, if such funds have not been claimed by the lawful owner or claimant thereof.

Signed and dated this 10th day of July 2018.

(CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)

**ARMANDO RAMIREZ
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Osceola County,
By: /s/ Stacie CONNER
STACIE CONNER
Deputy Clerk
Probate Division**

July 19, 2018

August 18, 2018

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. Case #: 2017-CC-001337 CL TUSCAN III CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. MARTIN WICKHAM, et al., Defendants.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 20th day of July, 2018 and entered in CASE NO.: 2017-CC-001337 CL, of the County Court, in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, is the Plaintiff, and MARTIN WICKHAM, et al., Defendants.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA,
IN AND FOR
OSCEOLA COUNTY
General Jurisdiction Division
Case No.:
49-2017-CA-000787 MF
THE BANK OF NEW YORK
MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK
OF NEW YORK, AS TRUS-
TEE FOR THE CERTIFI-
cateholders of the
CWABS, INC., ASSET-
BACKED CERTIFICATES,
SERIES 2007-1,
Plaintiff,
vs.
BERNARDO BREA, ET. AL.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered February 21, 2018, in Civil Case No. 49-2017-CA-000787 MF of the Circuit Court of the NINTH Judicial Circuit in and for Osceola County, Kissimmee, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, is Plaintiff, and BERNARDO BREA, ET. AL., are Defendants, the Clerk of Court ARMANDO RAMIREZ, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 2600/ Room 2602, Kissimmee, FL 34741 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 25th day of SEPTEMBER, 2018 at 11:00 A.M., on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT(S) 15, SHADOW BAY UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE(S) 22, 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 60 days after the sale.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at Two Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, Telephone: (407) 742-2417 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this (describe notice); If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. DATED on this 14th day of August 2018.

By: /s/ Lisa Woodburn
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Florida Bar No. 105318
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August 18, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR OSCEOLA
COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2018-CP-000125
Division: _____

IN RE: ESTATE OF
CARMEN N PACHECO,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of **CARMEN N. PACHECO**, deceased, whose date of death was January 06, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Osceola County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is: 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 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 ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 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 3 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: August 11, 2018.

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Personal Representative:
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August 11, 18, 2018

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Division of Air Resource Management, Office of Permitting and Compliance
Draft Permit No. 0970043-022-AV, Title V Air Operation Permit Renewal
Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA) & Kissimmee Utility Authority (KUA)
Cane Island Power Park
Osceola County, Florida

Applicant: The applicant for this project is Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA) & Kissimmee Utility Authority (KUA). The applicant's responsible official and mailing address are: Mr. Larry Mattern, Vice President of Power Supply, Cane Island Power Park, Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA) & Kissimmee Utility Authority (KUA), 1701 W. Carroll Street, Kissimmee, Florida 34741.

Facility Location: This existing facility is in Osceola County at 6075 Old Tampa Highway, Intercession City.

Project: The purpose of this project is to renew Title V air operation permit No. 0970043-021-AV.

The Cane Island Power Park is located at 6075 Old Tampa Highway, Intercession City, near the intersection of Bobroff Boulevard and Old Tampa Highway, in Osceola County. The Florida Municipal Power Association (FMPA) owns and the Kissimmee Utility Authority (KUA) operates the Cane Island Power Park.

This existing facility consists of one simple-cycle combustion turbine (Emissions Unit (EU) No. 001), one combined-cycle combustion turbine with an unfired heat recovery steam generator (HRSG, EU No. 002), and two combined-cycle combustion turbines with HRSGs with natural gas-fired duct burners (EU Nos. 003, 005 & 009). Three of the combustion turbines (EU Nos. 001 - 003) are authorized to combust natural gas as the primary fuel with No. 2 fuel oil as the back-up, while the remaining combustion turbine (EU No. 009) is permitted to only combust natural gas. Nitrogen oxide (NOX) emissions from EU No. 001 are controlled with low-NOX burners while firing natural gas and wet injection while firing fuel oil. NOX emissions from EU Nos. 002 & 003 are controlled by dry-low NOX burners (DLN) while firing natural gas and a water injection system while firing fuel oil. EU No. 009 utilizes DLN burners while firing natural gas to control NOX emissions. NOX x emissions are additionally controlled with selective catalytic reduction on EU Nos. 003 & 009.

The plant also includes the following ancillary units: a fuel gas heater for Unit 3 (EU No. 015); an 8-cell mechanical cooling tower (EU No. 012); an emergency generator (EU No. 011) rated at 1,490 horsepower (Hp); three emergency diesel-fired fire pump engines (EU Nos. 010, 013 & 016) rated at 220 Hp, 208 Hp & 231 Hp, respectively; and, a distillate fuel oil storage tank No. 3 (EU No. 004). Also at the facility are miscellaneous insignificant and unregulated emission units and/or activities.

Details of the project are provided in the application and the Statement of Basis.

Permitting Authority: Applications for Title V air operation permits for facilities are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210, 62-212 and 62-214 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and a Title V air operation permit is required to operate the facility. The Office of Permitting and Compliance is the Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project. The Permitting Authority's physical address and mailing address is: 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS #5505, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is 850/717-9000.

Project File: A complete project file is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), at the address indicated above for the Permitting Authority. The complete project file includes the draft Title V air operation permit, the Statement of Basis, and the application, and the information submitted by the applicant, exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S. Interested persons may view the draft Title V air operation permit by visiting the following web site: <https://fdep.dep.state.fl.us/air/emission/apds/default.asp> and entering the permit number shown above. Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project review engineer for additional information at the address or phone number listed above.

Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit: The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue a draft Title V air operation permit for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that operation of the existing equipment will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all appropriate provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62-213, 62-214, 62-296 and 62-297, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a final permit in accordance with the conditions of the draft Title V air operation permit unless a response received in accordance with the following procedures results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

Comments: The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the draft Title V air operation permit for a period of 30 days from the date of publication of the Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the close of business (5:00 p.m.), on or before the end of this 30-day period by the Permitting Authority at the above address. As part of his or her comments, any person may also request that the Permitting Authority hold a public meeting on this permitting action. If the Permitting Authority determines there is sufficient interest for a public meeting, it will publish notice of the time, date, and location in the Florida Administrative Weekly (FAW). If a public meeting is requested within the 30-day comment period and conducted by the Permitting Authority, any oral and written comments received during the public meeting will also be considered by the Permitting Authority. If timely received written comments or comments received at a public meeting result in a significant change to the draft Title V air operation permit, the Permitting Authority shall issue a revised draft Title V air operation permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection. For additional information, contact the Permitting Authority at the above address or phone number.

Petitions: A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Petitions filed by the applicant or any of the parties listed below must be filed within 14 days of receipt of this Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of the attached Public Notice or within 14 days of receipt of this Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. A petition for administrative hearing must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) with the Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station #35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, Agency.Clerk@dep.state.fl.us, before the deadline. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address, any email address, telephone number, and any facsimile number of the petitioner; the name, address, any email address, telephone number, and any facsimile number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how each petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and, (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the

agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Permitting Authority's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Permitting Authority on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

Mediation: Mediation is not available for this proceeding.

Objections: Finally, pursuant to 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 7661(d)(2), any person may petition the Administrator of the EPA within 60 days of the expiration of the Administrator's 45-day review period as established at 42 U.S.C. Section 7661(d)(1), to object to the issuance of any Title V air operation permit. Any petition shall be based only on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the 30-day public comment period provided in the Public Notice, unless the petitioner demonstrates to the Administrator of the EPA that it was impracticable to raise such objections within the comment period or unless the grounds for such objection arose after the comment period. Filing of a petition with the Administrator of the EPA does not stay the effective date of any permit properly issued pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 62-213, F.A.C. Petitions filed with the Administrator of EPA must meet the requirements of 42 U.S.C. Section 7661(d)(2) and must be filed with the Administrator of the EPA at: U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. For more information regarding EPA review and objections, visit EPA's Region 4 web site at <http://www2.epa.gov/caa-permitting/florida-proposed-title-v-permits>.

August 18, 2018.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE 9TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR OSCEOLA
COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION:
Case No.: 2015-CA-001020
U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.
WILLIAM SINKHORN;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
WILLIAM SINKHORN;
UNKNOWN PARTY IN POS-
SESSION 1; UNKNOWN
PARTY IN POSSESSION 2;
LAKESIDE ESTATES MAS-
TER HOMEOWNERS AS-
SOCIATION, INC.; WEST-
LAKE HAMMOCK PRO-
PERTY OWNERS ASSOCIA-
TION, INC.; UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF JOSEFINA DE
ORBE, N/K/A FLORENTINO
VALEZ, A/K/A FLORENTINO
VALDEZ; and UNKNOWN
TENANT (S) IN POSSES-

SION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are Defendants. ARMANDO RAMIREZ as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, OSCEOLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SUITE 2600/ROOM 2602, TWO COURTHOUSE SQUARE, KISSIMMEE, FL 34741, 11:00 AM on the 17th day of OCTOBER, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 9. WESTLAKE HAM-
MOCK PHASE 1, ACCORD-
ING TO THE MAP OR PLAT
THEREOF, AS RECORDED
IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 89
AND 90, OF THE PUBLIC
RECORDS OF OSCEOLA
COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

ANY PERSON CLAIMING
AN INTEREST IN THE SUR-
PLUS FROM THE SALE, IF
ANY, OTHER THAN THE
PROPERTY OWNER AS OF
THE DATE OF THE LIS
PENDENS MUST FILE A
CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS
AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or event, 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, Fax #: (407) 835-5079, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service.

DATED on this 9th day of August 2018.

By: /s/ Pratik Patel
Pratik Patel, Esquire
Bar Number: 98057
Submitted by:

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August 18, 25, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

AT&T Mobility, LLC pro-
poses to construct a 50-foot
overall height pole structure.

The structure would be loc-
ated at 1990 East Osceola

Parkway, Buena Ventura
Lakes, Osceola County, Flor-
ida 37473 (N 28° 20' 40.7"
and W 81° 21' 46.9"). The

structure would not be lit.
AT&T Mobility, LLC invites
comments from any inter-
ested party on the impact in
the proposed telecommunications

structure may have on any
districts, sites, buildings,
structures or objects signifi-
cant in American history,
archaeology, engineering or
culture that are listed or de-
termined eligible for listing in
the National Register of His-
toric Places. Comments may
be sent to Environmental
Corporation of America,
ATTN: Dina Bazzill, 1375
Union Hill Industrial Court,
Suite A, Alpharetta, Georgia
30004. Ms. Bazzill can be
reached at (770) 667-2040
ext. 111. Comments must be
received within 30 days.

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August 18, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

AT&T Mobility, LLC pro-
poses to construct a 50-foot
overall height pole structure.

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Road, Kissimmee, Osceola
County, Florida 34746 (N 28°
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structure may

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR OSCEOLA
COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2018-CP-000454 PR
Division PROBATE
IN RE: ESTATE OF
RICHARD PAUL GERTH,
A/K/A RICHARD P. GERTH,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of **RICHARD PAUL GERTH**, deceased, whose date of death was June 7, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Osceola County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, Florida 34741. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' 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 **ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 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 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.**

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 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: August 18, 2018.

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August 11, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR OSCEOLA
COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No: 49-2018-CP-000503
Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF
ROBERT JOSEPH
TORRES,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of **Robert Joseph Torres**, deceased, whose date of death was June 26, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Osceola County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, # 2600, 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 **ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 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 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.**

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The date of the first publication of this Notice is: August 18, 2018.

Personal Representative:
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7747 Indian Ridge Trail North
Kissimmee, FL 34747

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/s/ Todd Watson
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mail@toddwatsonlaw.com,
August 18, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
The following vehicles will be sold at auction free of all prior liens for cash.

1) 2003 Chevrolet Cavalier 4 Door - Blue

VIN: 1G1JC52F337192951
Sale Date: August 31, 2018
Sale Time: 10:00 A.M.

Sale Location: Magic Tows, LLC - 1201 Sawdust Trail - Kissimmee, Florida 34744
August 18, 2018

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August 18, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR OSCEOLA
COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2018-CP-496.
Division: Probate.

IN RE: ESTATE OF
STEVEN MICHAEL COX,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **Steven Michael Cox**, deceased, whose date of death was August 27, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Osceola County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 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 **ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 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.**

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The date of first publication of this notice is: August 18, 2018.

Personal Representative:

/s/ Perla Cox
PERLA COX
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Kissimmee, Florida 34758

Attorney for Personal Representative:

/s/ Kathy D. Sheive
Kathy D. Sheive, Esquire
Attorney
Florida Bar No.: 0752509
318 N. John Young
Parkway, Suite 1
Kissimmee, FL 34741

Telephone: (407) 944-4010
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August 18, 2018

NOTICE OF INTENDED AGENCY ACTION

Notice is hereby provided that the South Florida Water Management District intends to issue the following permit:

Environmental Resource permit with conditions Permit Number 49-02650-P Application Number 171106-4 to Tavistock East Services, LLC for Conceptual Approval of a Surface Water Management System serving 1,479.47 acres of residential and commercial development for a project known as Sunbridge NED Phase 1 - West of C-30 Canal. (No construction is authorized by this permit) Osceola County Section 01, 02, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Twp. 25S Rge. 31E.

The Staff Report setting forth the staff recommendation regarding the permit, including proposed limiting conditions, can be obtained by contacting the Regulatory Records Management Section, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33404, Regulation Division, by telephone at 561-682-6911, by e-mail at permits@sfwmd.gov, or by accessing the Staff Report directly from the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) using the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page.

The District's proposed agency action as set forth in the Staff Report shall become final unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes before the deadline for filing a petition.

As required by Sections 120.569 and 120.60(3), Fla. Stat., the following is notice of the opportunities which may be available for administrative hearing or judicial review when the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency. Please note that this Notice of Rights is not intended to provide legal advice. Not all of the legal proceedings detailed below may be an applicable or appropriate remedy. You may wish to consult an attorney regarding your legal rights.

RIGHT TO REQUEST ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD or District) action has the right to request an administrative hearing on that action pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. Persons seeking a hearing on a SFWMD decision which affects or may affect their substantial interests shall file a petition for hearing with the Office of the District Clerk of the SFWMD, in accordance with the filing instructions set forth herein, within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision, unless one of the following shorter time periods applies: (1) within 14 days of the notice of consolidated intent to grant or deny concurrently reviewed applications for environmental resource permits and use of sovereign submerged lands pursuant to Section 373.427, Fla. Stat.; or (2) within 14 days of service of an Administrative Order pursuant to Section 373.119(1), Fla. Stat. "Receipt of written notice of agency decision" means receipt of written notice through mail, electronic mail, or posting that the SFWMD has or intends to take final agency action, or publication of notice that the SFWMD has or intends to take final agency action. Any person who receives written notice of a SFWMD decision and fails to file a written request for hearing within the timeframe described above waives the right to request a hearing on that decision.

If the District takes final agency action which materially differs from the noticed intended agency decision, persons who may be substantially affected shall, unless otherwise provided by law, have an additional Rule 28-106.111, Fla. Admin. Code, point of entry.

Any person to whom an emergency order is directed pursuant to Section 373.119(2), Fla. Stat., shall comply therewith immediately, but on petition to the board shall be afforded a hearing as soon as possible.

A person may file a request for an extension of time for filing a petition. The SFWMD may, for good cause, grant the request. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the SFWMD prior to the deadline for filing a petition for hearing. Such requests for extension shall contain a certificate that the moving party has consulted with all other parties concerning the extension and that the SFWMD and any other parties agree to or oppose the extension. A timely request for an extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

A petition for administrative hearing must be filed with the Office of the District Clerk of the SFWMD. Filings with the Office of the District Clerk may be made by mail, hand-delivery, or e-mail. Filings by facsimile will not be accepted. A petition for administrative hearing or other document is deemed filed upon receipt during normal business hours by the Office of the District Clerk at SFWMD headquarters in West Palm Beach, Florida. The District's normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Any document received by the Office of the District Clerk after 5:00 p.m. shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular business day. Additional filing instructions are as follows:

- Filings by mail must be addressed to the Office of the District Clerk, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406.
- Filings by hand-delivery must be delivered to the Office of the District Clerk. Delivery of a petition to the SFWMD's security desk does not constitute filing. It will be necessary to request that the SFWMD's security officer contact the Office of the District Clerk. An employee of the SFWMD's Clerk's office will receive and file the petition.
- Filings by e-mail must be transmitted to the Office of the District Clerk at clerk@sfwmd.gov. The filing date for a document transmitted by electronic mail shall be the date the Office of the District Clerk receives the complete document. A party who files a document by e-mail shall (1) represent that the original physically signed document will be retained by that party for the duration of the proceeding and of any subsequent appeal or subsequent proceeding in that cause and that the party shall produce it upon the request of other parties; and (2) be responsible for any delay, disruption, or interruption of the electronic signals and accepts the full risk that the document may not be properly filed.

INITIATION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

Pursuant to Sections 120.54(5)(b4) and 120.569(2)(c), Fla. Stat., and Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, Fla. Admin. Code, initiation of an administrative hearing shall be made by written petition to the SFWMD in legible form and on 8 1/2 by 11 inch white paper. All petitions shall contain:

1. Identification of the action being contested, including the permit number, application number, SFWMD file number or any other SFWMD identification number, if known.
2. The name, address, any email address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner and petitioner's representative, if any.
3. An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination.
4. A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the SFWMD's decision.
5. A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.
6. A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
7. A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
8. If disputed issues of material fact exist, the statement must also include an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.
9. A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the SFWMD to take with respect to the SFWMD's proposed action.

MEDIATION

The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401–405, Fla. Admin. Code. The SFWMD is not proposing mediation for this agency action under Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., at this time.

RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW

Pursuant to Section 120.68, Fla. Stat., and in accordance with Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.110, a party who is adversely affected by final SFWMD action may seek judicial review of the SFWMD's final decision by filing a notice of appeal with the Office of the District Clerk of the SFWMD in accordance with the filing instructions set forth herein within 30 days of rendition of the order to be reviewed, and by filing a copy of the notice with the clerk of the appropriate district court of appeal.

August 18, 2018.

NOTICE OF ACTION

RE: CLUB SEVILLA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC
OSCEOLA County, Florida
Non-Judicial Timeshare foreclosure process

TO: Unit Owner(s)
Last Known Address
Unit Week(s)
Amount due:

Diane E Pierce
C/O Sunny McCall
10 Ashley Court
Coatesville, PA 19320-1250
12/1/29
\$843.23

Eugene J Speakes and Arlene A Mills-Speakes
3245 N Bailey Street
Philadelphia, PA 19129
211/24
\$4,405.80

DeWayne R Appling
1323 Valley Hill East
Lakeland, FL 33813-2276
212/12
\$733.02

Deborah F Jackson-Eades
9301 Doris Drive
Ft Washington, MD 20744
218/35
\$1,042.93

Delores Hauer
7413 W 136th Court
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
221/22
\$1,042.93

Joseph F Haggerty and Edna B Haggerty Individually & as Co-Trustees in trust
Under the Haggerty Family Trust

403 Timberline Loop
Yorktown, VA 23692-3280
221/25
\$1,042.93

James E Washington
2711 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, MD 21214-2848
222/32
\$7,650.68

Kenneth B Hoffman and Lynn M Hoffman
38782 N Wilton Ave
Lake Villa, IL 60046
311/17
\$1,009.73

Marcelo Candido de Oliveira
Rua Major Salom N 281
Apto 43 Cambui
Campinas, SP 13024-091
Brazil
315/20
\$1,553.11

Arnold Santos Hembree and Aine Lou Hembree
9017 Lamar Avenue
Odessa, TX 79765
318/46
\$790.79

Richard E Buck and Barbara J Buck
66 Youngman Drive
Guelph, Ontario N1G 4L2
Canada
322/33
\$1,042.93

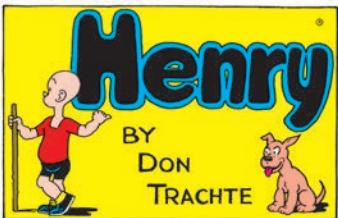
Jacqueline H Channer
P.O. Box 526
Bloomington, CA 92316
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Reidsville, NC 27320
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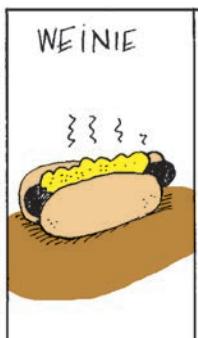
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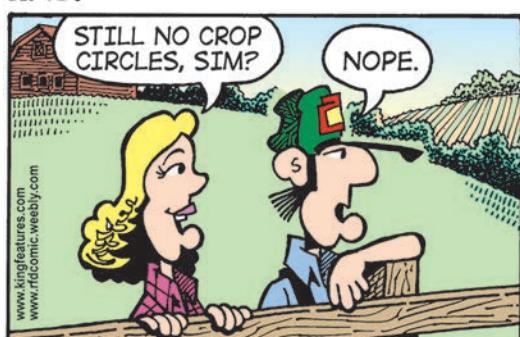
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Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

R.F.D.



by Mike Marland

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Carpenter's work area	N	Seashore	A
2. Egg-coloring season	E	Dog's owner	M
3. Australian dog	N	San ____ zoo	E
4. Military rank	J	City official	Y
5. Tonight Show host	F	Sixteen cups	G
6. Vote into office	L	Construct a building	R
7. Turn inside out	R	Buy stocks	S
8. Similar	K	Still in the game	V
9. Egypt's capital	O	Terrier breed	N
10. Legislative body	N	Placid	D

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PG Y

♥ EIGRAM

♥ UPERE

♥ HINC

EGOHAM

EMG

♥ ASPT

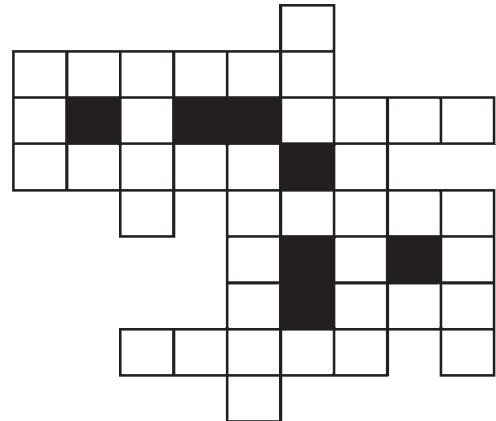
♥ ACMOR

♥ RCA

CYOCUP

OCTEM

CIEM



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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

MAGIC MAZE ● GO AHEAD

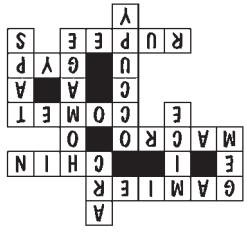
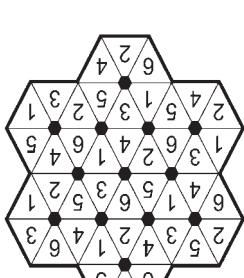
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 G D B Y W T R P M K I F G D B
 Y W U S Q O M K I F D O B Z X
 W U S Q T O E N L N S H J S H
 F D C A Y S A N I S T S T U W
 V T G O N D O L I E R I E O S
 Q P N L K I B P L M H F M E F
 E C B T A O G B L I D D R G Z
 Y F L O G O O S E A R L U R W
 V U S R U G N Q P N O O O M O O
 L J I T H F E I L A O G G E

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

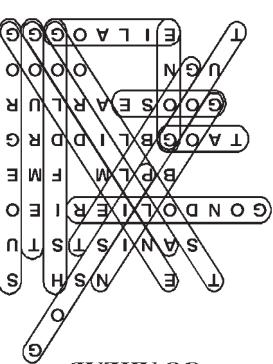
Goalie	Goblin	Gone	Gossip
Goalpost	Goldfish	Goose	Gourmet
Goat	Goldmine	Gorgeous	Gout
Goblet	Gondolier	Gorilla	

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

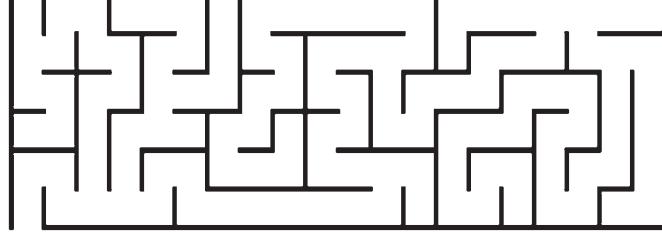


ANSWER



Even Exchange answers

Kids' Maze

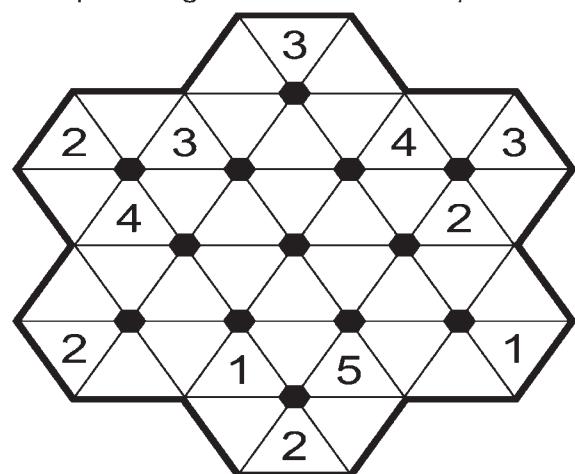


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Snowflakes

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

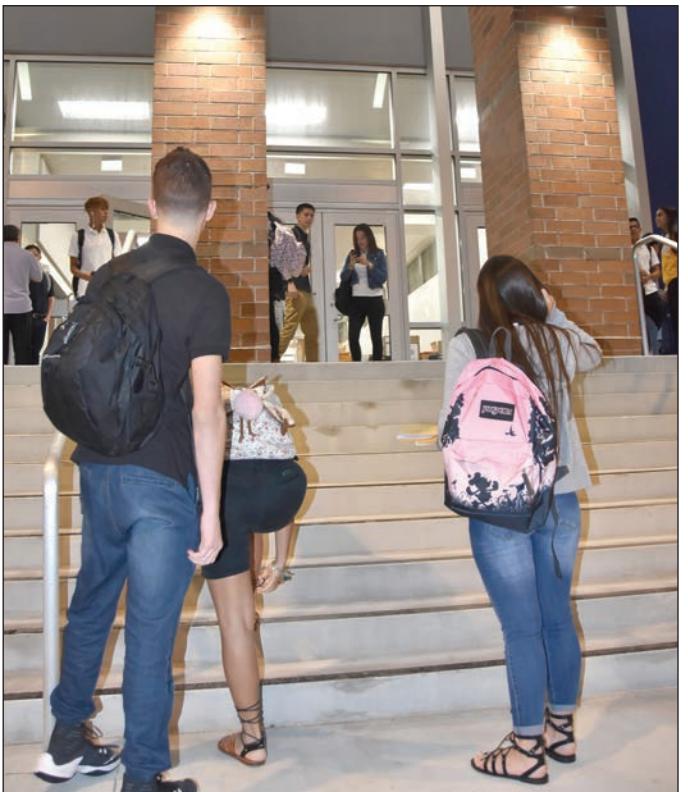


DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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TOHOPEKALIGA'S FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



Tohopekaliga High School opened its doors for the first time on Monday, welcoming its students on the first day of school.

Top row: Students arrive at the newly opened Tohopekaliga High School for their first day back after summer vacation. Students enter Tohopekaliga High School's cafeteria to get their schedules. Second row: Seniors Jan Navarez, Chris Carrion and sophomore Fabian Carrion arrive at the newly opened Tohopekaliga High School well before sunrise. Junior Janiel Alvarez checks his schedule on Focus, an app that is used district-wide for finding class schedules and other information. Third row: Freshmen Tanairy Davila and Koral Rojas make their way towards Tohopekaliga High School's cafeteria. Eleventh grade sisters Amy and Anna Sookhoo wore their new school colors on their first day back to a new high school. Right: A school bus bringing students to their first day of school.

