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## Clermont dreams up place for kids

ROXANNE BROWN  
Staff Writer

**CLERMONT** — What started out as a dream two years ago will become a haven for kid-next month when the doors to the South Lake Boys and Girls Club open.

"Usually, you don't get to see things come true to the end, but it's really happening," Steering Committee member Michelle Michnoff said. "We are extremely excited and can't wait to make a difference in the lives of the kids in the community."

About two years ago, long-time Clermont resident Tim Murry roused a group of concerned residents who joined forces to bring a Boys and Girls Club to the area.

In that time, they've raised more than \$100,000 toward the cause.

The last hurdle — finding a location — was recently met when the board struck a deal for an open space at the Clermont Commons Plaza at 300 Hatteras Avenue.

Now, volunteers are working to ensure that its doors will open in time to meet some of the after-school needs of many children and their families when classes

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Moe Moyer, state director of Rolling Thunder, explains the meaning of the "battlefield cross," a makeshift memorial to a dead soldier, during a meeting to discuss forming a local chapter Saturday at Gator Harley in Leesburg.

## Rolling Thunder spreads word about POW-MIAs

BRAD BUCK  
Staff Writer

Don't let the biker outfits fool you. Members of Rolling Thunder are there for veterans, says Ron Best, a member of the national organization.

"We're not a motorcycle club," Best said Saturday as several members of the group met at Gator Harley-Davidson in Leesburg.

George Christo of Mount Dora organized the meeting because he hopes to form a chapter of Rolling Thunder in Lake County. He felt spurred to establish a local chapter after taking "The Ride Home" last year to Andersonville, Ga., the home of the National Prisoner of War Museum.

Rolling Thunder lobbies state and federal lawmakers on behalf of veterans everywhere. A few examples of the group's lobbying efforts include:

- Trying to get Congress to establish a committee on POW/MIA affairs to conduct a full investigation into all unresolved matters relating to all wars America has fought, going back to World War II.

- Establishing a "Hire a Veteran Week."

- POW/MIA Memorial Flag Act, signed into law by President George W. Bush. This ensures that the POW/MIA flag will fly below the American flag any day the American flag is flown in Washington D.C. at war memorials in the nation's capital.

The group also will frequently visit hospices

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## Radio station marks first year

ROXANNE BROWN  
Staff Writer

**MINNEOLA** — Those who listen to Zmax radio's "Jay and Zee" in the morning have probably heard that this month marks the one-year anniversary of the station.

Since their modest start, co-founders Jay Lawrence and Zee Michaelson have seen the number of people streaming their Internet broadcast grow with 95 percent of their listeners being in Lake County.

"We've had over 500,000 hits and not only are we getting new listeners, but return listeners as well," Lawrence said. "People can log in anytime, anywhere. That's the great thing and listeners tell me that 'when they listen, they're hooked.'"

Michaelson said she and Lawrence launched their radio station on the web in lieu of having started a traditional station because they wanted to keep up with technology and the

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## Your Money, Your Government — Howey-in-the-Hills

ROXANNE BROWN  
Staff Writer

**HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS** — With a population of 1,271, Howey-in-the-Hills has strived to maintain its quaint, quiet charm, its beauty and its focus on safe, family living.

The town features 1920s architecture, two country clubs that offer dining, golf, tennis and resort amenities — one being the prestigious 1,000 acre Mission Inn — an adjacent recreation area for fishing and boating, a waterfront park and a nature preserve.

The town was founded by William John Howey and incorporated as "Howey" on May 8, 1925.

In 1927, the name was officially changed to Howey-in-the-Hills to reflect the rolling hills and lakes, which he dubbed "the Florida Alps."

To this day, Howey-in-the-Hills remains a rural village located on the shoreline of Little Lake Harris.

The town is run by a "strong mayor" type of government, with no city manager overseeing its day-to-day operations.

A board is made up of five members who are elected by town residents. Each board member is elected for a four-year term.

Every two years council members elects a mayor and mayor pro tem.

"I think this council has really tried hard to maintain the rural, neighborly feel and keep the same vision that Mr. Howey had," said Mayor Chris Sears. "We are, however, moving forward with plans for a new water plant that for us, will be the biggest expansion in the town's history."



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Howey-In-The-Hills Town Hall.



### By the numbers

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Total Revenue	\$1,310,254
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<b>City officials annual salaries</b>	
Town Clerk	\$54,419
Dir. of Public Works	\$54,419
Police Chief	\$55,192

<b>Elected Officials annual salaries</b>	
Mayor	\$6,000
Mayor Pro-Tem	\$4,800
Councilor	\$4,200

## Questions for candidates: Lake County School Board District 3

*Editor's Note: Every week local candidates answer questionnaires for this election series. Other profiles of local candidates will appear here*

### Alan Garcia, Clermont

**Why are you running for public office?**

I am a grandfather who has a

vested interest in this school board. I have two grand children who currently attend public school in this district and I want to make sure they, as well as all the other kids in Lake County, receive the best education possible. I want the kids, if they desire to go on to higher education, to have a strong education foundation that is necessary to succeed in college. I feel that my input and

strong work ethics will help the school board to achieve this goal.

**What experience do you have that would qualify you for the position?**

My educational background includes Undergrad and Grad School Degrees attained with honors. I possess leadership and decision-making training and experience. I have a passion for

the well being and education of our children. I possess extensive youth and community involvement. I participated as a training instructor in the Military



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# Death Row inmate says he found the Lord

BRAD BUCK  
Staff Writer

**TAVARES** — A Daytona Beach man on death row for the 2001 killing of a Leesburg security guard no longer wants to participate in the appeal of his conviction or sentence, saying he has found the Lord.

But attorneys for Quawn Moses Franklin, 33, said Thursday they will continue the appeals process.

They also contend the issue at hand is whether their client has truly found the Lord, or whether he is mentally incompetent.

Franklin is represented by attorneys Maria Perinetti and Mark Gruber, who work for the Capital Collateral Relief Council in Tampa. The group represents indigent inmates.

In a status conference hearing Wednesday in Lake County Circuit Court, Franklin refused to sign legal paperwork that would

## No longer wants to participate in appeal

continue his participation in his appeals.

Assistant State Attorney Bill Gross, who has prosecuted cases against Franklin for nine years, said Franklin told the judge that Perinetti and Gruber are no longer his lawyers. The inmate said the Lord is now his attorney, Gross said.

This latest twist in Franklin's case comes after a ruling in June by Circuit Judge Mark Hill that Franklin is mentally competent to deal with the appeals, Perinetti said.

She and Gruber said they disagree with the judge's decision, and there was plenty of expert testimony at the January hearing as to Franklin's mental competency.

Franklin told Hill at the hearing that he didn't have the mental

capacity to understand what was going on when he stood trial in the 2004 capital murder of Jerry Lawley, a security guard at Elberta Crate and Box Factory.

Lawley was on his knees when he was shot in the back, investigators said.

Franklin also received life sentences in the killing of a Leesburg pizza delivery man and the attempted murder of a community patriarch during a two-week crime spree in 2001.

Gross said Franklin had unsuccessfully tried to pass himself off as being mentally incompetent for the trial, and Gross thinks he was faking.

The jury unanimously recommended that Franklin be put to death.

According to investigators and

trial testimony, Leesburg police found Lawley bound and shot once in the back at Elberta Crate and Box Factory on Tally Box Road early on the morning of Dec. 29, 2001.

Lawley was flown to Orlando Regional Medical Center and died the next day.

The body of the pizza delivery man, John Horan, had been found on the same road on Dec. 19, 2001. After ordering pizza from Papa John's and giving a false address, Franklin and two others were accused of ambushing Horan, throwing him in the back of his car and tying him up.

They were accused of shooting Horan in the back and killing him as he tried to run away.



Franklin

Nearly a week after killing Horan, the 6-foot-4 Franklin was accused of forcing himself into the Leesburg home of then 75-year-old Alice Mae Johnson, beating her nearly to death with his fists and a hammer before stealing her car.

The injuries left her in a wheelchair.

Gross said Franklin apparently fled to St. Petersburg in Johnson's stolen car. Authorities caught up with Franklin there and found the murder weapon, a .357 magnum, under the seat — ending the two-week crime rampage.

Franklin pleaded guilty in the Horan and Johnson cases, for which he received six consecutive life sentences.

In 2004, the Florida Supreme Court unanimously upheld the conviction and death sentence for Franklin, who is being held at a state prison in Raiford.

# LSCC Foundation is looking for student leaders

LARRY ELL  
Staff Writer

**LEESBURG** — Education is a two-way street for a select group of students at Lake-Sumter Community College. Members of the Ambassador Program not

only embrace the chance to learn, but the opportunity to teach as well.

This week marks the stretch run of the application process to join the program for the Fall 2010 semester. The LSCC

Foundation is encouraging energetic students to apply to become an ambassador before the Aug. 2 deadline.

"We're looking for students who are outgoing, with good leadership abilities," said Foundation Special Events Coordinator Erin O'Steen. "People who aren't afraid to talk to the community and really explain why LSCC is such a great college."

The Student Ambassador program was started in 1987 as a way to provide students with leadership experience. Students who are chosen will help promote the college in outreach capacities, give campus tours,

assist at cultural and special events and board meetings.

As compensation for their service, each ambassador receives a \$700 scholarship per semester and is eligible for an additional \$600 once they complete 80 hours of service. O'Steen says the program is totally funded through the Hans and Cay Jacobsen Foundation and participation is limited to only 6 students per term.

"We typically have to beat 'em off with a stick," O'Steen said. "It is a very popular program, but I haven't had as many applications this term as I typically do, so we're really looking to get some good quality students."

To be eligible to apply, the Foundation says students must have graduated high school, hold a minimum 3.0 grade point

"We're looking for students who are outgoing, with good leadership abilities. People who aren't afraid to talk to the community and really explain why LSCC is such a great college. It is a very popular program, but I haven't had as many applications this term as I typically do, so we're looking to get some good quality students."

Erin O'Steen  
Foundation Special Events Coordinator

average, possess strong interpersonal skills and a commitment to professionalism.

"It truly is an honor for someone to be selected," Foundation Executive Director Rosanne Brandenburg said. "Plus, they're representing the college and it's something they can put on their application for when they go for employment or if they're going to transfer to a 4-year university."

The Student

Ambassador Program has opened many doors of opportunity to me, both personally and academically," alumnus Ashley Brown said of the experience she took with her after leaving LSCC. "It has provided me with the confidence I needed to succeed at the University level."

Applications for the Student Ambassador program are available online at [www.lsc.edu/ambassadors](http://www.lsc.edu/ambassadors).

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# Boater's body pulled from lake

Family, friends watch as recovery unfolds

ROXANNE BROWN  
Staff Writer

**GROVELAND** — While Andrew Ford, his girlfriend and another man were boating on Lake Lucy Sunday, the 18-year-old Ford decided to go for a swim. Barely 12 hours later, family members and friends had gathered at lakeside on Monday as members of the Lake County Sheriff's Office pulled Ford's body from the depths.

The sheriff's office received a call at 5:45 p.m. Sunday about a possible drowning at the lake on U.S. Highway 19 near Groveland and began the search.

Ford's mother and siblings were distraught but fatalistic about the result.

"We're pretty upset because he's the baby of the family, but glad they found his body," Ford's sister Lucrecia Waters said. "It gives us a little closure."

Cpl. Jim Vachon said the male friend went in after Ford, who had seemed to be in distress, but was physically unable to pull him to safety.

Dorris Ford, Andrew Ford's mother, said her understanding after talking with Ford's girlfriend is that after going down, Andrew came up momentarily, but was gasping for air.

"Something happened," she said.

Vachon said diving crews used airboats with sonar equipment in the search for Ford through the late afternoon Sunday and again at 7 a.m. on Monday.

The Groveland Fire Department and Florida Fish and Wildlife assisted in the search.

Vachon said sonar detected something in the lake around 8:30 a.m. and marked the spot at the lake's bottom.

Divers went in around 9 a.m. and were able to confirm the presence of a body.

Sheriff's detectives and the county's medical examiner were then called to the scene and were present when Ford's body was pulled out of the water at about 11 a.m.

It is not yet known whether alcohol was a factor.

"We are not suspecting foul play or anything. It's very unfortunate, but it looks like it was an accidental drowning," Vachon said.

Ford attended South Sumter High School and was a wide receiver on the school's football team. Ford, who many of his friends referred to as "Drew" would have been a senior this fall.

## DANCING FOR KIDS



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Lake County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Peyton Grinnell and partner Katie Davis perform a foxtrot Friday. The event raised funds for the Educational Foundation of Lake County. Grinnell won best male performance and was the overall winner. Amanda Wettstein was the best female dancer.



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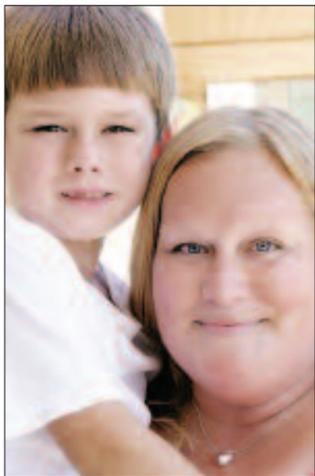
# Have you begun your back-to-school shopping?



Nope, not yet, but I usually go to Target.  
**Eric Connihan**  
Clermont



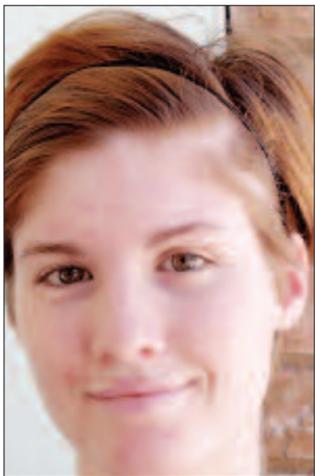
Not yet, but I will be doing it soon. I normally just go to Target.  
**Chris Ogilvie**  
Titusville



We have. We started about two weeks ago and we have everything from clothes to a new backpack and school supplies.  
**Stacy Poynter with son Daniel**  
Four Corners



No, we haven't. We usually wait until about two days before the first day of school, but we're also waiting to see if the state is going to be doing the tax free week this year.  
**Kelly Greer**  
Clermont



No, I'm a last minute person and sometimes I wait until after school begins to see what I really need as far as school supplies.  
**Elizabeth Greer**  
Clermont

## IN MEMORY

### Obituaries

#### Jane Marie Casey

Jane Marie Casey, 87, died Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at home in Clermont, FL. Mrs. Casey was born in Cranston, RI, on Feb. 3, 1923. She moved from The Villages, FL to Clermont, FL in 2007. She was a homemaker and worked in retail sales. She was a member of the North Lake Presbyterian Church. She was active in many charities and activities. Survivors include her husband, Earl F. of Clermont, FL; her brother, Donald Farrar of Warwick, RI; her son, David E. Casey of Gainesville, FL; her daughters, Linda J. Smith and Susan M. Jones of Clermont, FL; six grandchildren and 12

great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the Jane Casey Memorial Fund of New Beginnings of Lake County, 1600 Hunt Trace Blvd., Clermont, FL 34711. There was a celebration of Jane's life at Superior Residence of Clermont, 1600 Hunt Trace Blvd., Clermont, FL on Saturday, July 24, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

### Death Notices

#### Thomas E. Chapman

Thomas Edward Chapman, 81, of Groveland died Sunday, July 25, 2010. Becker Family Funeral Home, Clermont.

#### Danielle R. Chase

Danielle Renee Chase, 37, of Clermont died Thursday, July 22. Becker Funeral Home, Clermont.

#### Charles C. Hesse

Charles Courtney Hesse, 77, of Clermont died Friday, July 23, 2010. Becker Family Funeral Home, Clermont.

#### Mary D. Klement

Mary D. Klement, 103, of Winter Haven died Saturday, July 24, 2010. Cremation Choices, Minneola.

#### Geneva M. Lasser

Geneva M. Lasser, 92, of Kissimmee died Saturday, July 24, 2010. Brewer and Sons Funeral Home, Clermont.

#### Linda Joyce Nieves

Linda Joyce Nieves, 59, of

Clermont died Monday, July 26, 2010. Brewer and Sons Funeral Home, Clermont.

#### Kevin P. O'Donnell

Kevin Patrick O'Donnell, 56, of Bushnell died Saturday, July 24, 2010. Cremation Choices, Minneola.

#### Carmen S. Reynolds

Carmen Semco Reynolds, 94, of Clermont died Saturday, July 24. Becker Family Funeral Home, Clermont.

#### Sidney B. Robinson

Sidney B. Robinson, 94, of Clermont died Friday, July 23, 2010. Cremation Choices, Minneola.

#### James Luther Stokes

James Luther Stokes, 73, of Groveland died Friday, July 23, 2010. Brewer and Sons Funeral Home, Groveland.

#### Irmgard B. Ulmer

Irmgard Bader Ulmer, 67, of Clermont died Saturday, July 24, 2010. Becker Family Funeral Home, Clermont.

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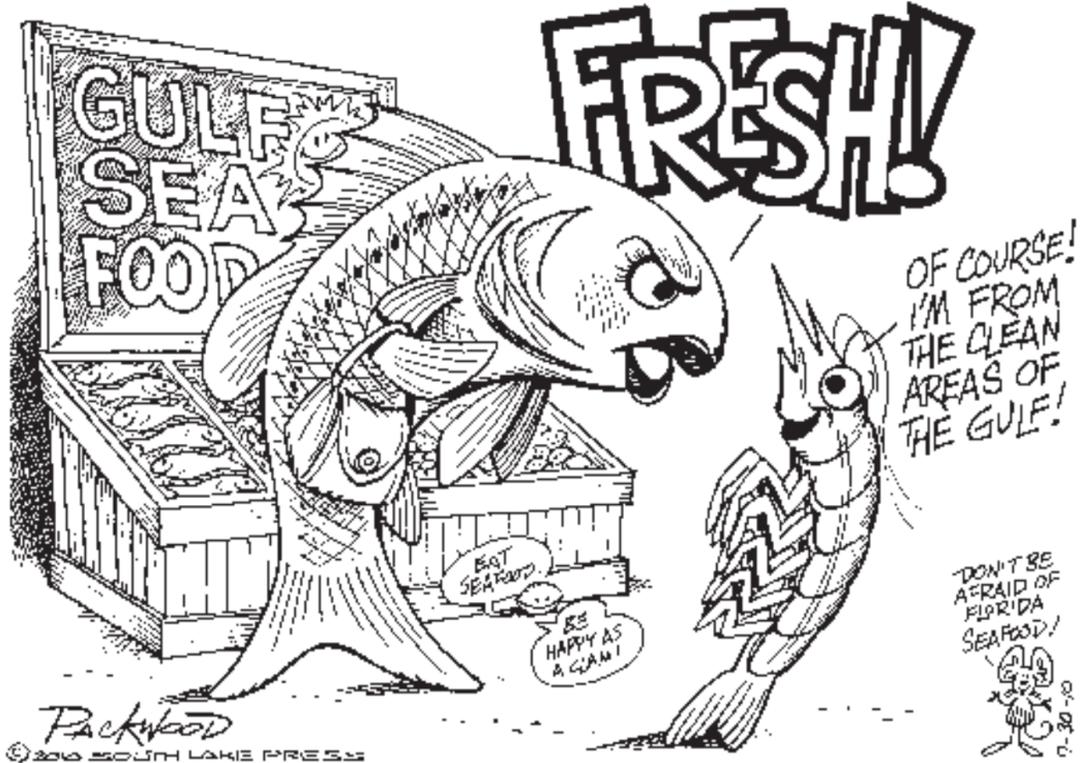
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# Opinion



## Very few solutions to shortfalls

There are certain words that are an anathema to all who hear them. Tax is one. Throughout history, Americans have associated that single word with tyranny. Ours is a country built on the belief that getting more for less is the ultimate quest.

Facing a massive \$700,000 budget deficit, the Minneola City Council recently considered a property tax increase that would have bumped the millage rate from 4.49 to 6.4 — a jump of more than 40 percent.

They considered it and, after listening to residents and their protests at a workshop on July 13, turned it down.

Certainly, it was the politically correct thing to do. Times are extremely hard right now. Jumping

the millage rate by that much in the best of times would be difficult; with our economy struggling, such a move would unduly burden homeowners.

So why even consider it?

Truthfully, such a tax hike would be the easiest way to handle the city's looming budget shortfall. The extra revenue generated from the tax hike would make it less likely that more city workers would lose their jobs, or that public services would have to be curtailed.

Still, the thought should have crossed the minds of city staff that there was little chance such a lofty tax increase would pass. Particularly when several council members thought other cost-saving measures needed to be explored.

Which raises the question: Wouldn't it have been more prudent to travel that route first, rather than throw a 40 percent millage rate increase on the table?

The Minneola City Council did the right thing by turning down such a proposed increase. They listened to the concerns of their constituents.

Now the tough work begins. Staff must find other ways to cut costs and eliminate that \$700,000 deficit. It quite likely will be a painful combination of lost services, less manpower and perhaps a much smaller hike in the millage rate.

All that can be said for certain is there will be no easy path to follow, and no single solution will solve this problem

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**ROLLING**

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and other places where veterans are hurting, just to cheer them up or help care for them, Best said.

Members educate the public that many American prisoners of war were left behind after all previous wars, and they want to help correct the past and protect future veterans from being left behind.

Formed in 1995, Rolling Thunder is a nonprofit organization with nearly 100 chapters nationwide and overseas and 11 in Florida. Lake County would be its 12th chapter.

While many members of Rolling Thunder are veterans and many ride motorcycles, neither is a requirement to join, they say.

Moe Moyer, state director of the Rolling Thunder, served in the Coast Guard from 1967-71, but did not see combat in Vietnam. Not enough people know or care about the military to get involved with veterans issues, he said.

"Less than 1 percent of Americans are involved with the military," Moyer said. "The rest take it for granted. They need to be reminded daily of these situations."

About 1 million people joined members of Rolling Thunder at the most recent Memorial Day gathering for POWs and MIAs in Washington, D.C. Only about 10,000 of them were actually members of the Rolling Thunder, Moyer said, a testament to how many people hopefully do care about veterans issues.

Best, of Naples, says veterans' issues are personal to members of Rolling Thunder.

"These are our fellow veterans," said Best, who served in the Army from 1965-68, at Arlington National Cemetery, burying a lot of soldiers from the Vietnam war. "There's a bond."

Best cited what many veterans say about their combat experience: "We went in as strangers, but we came back as brothers."

Now retired, Best described volunteering with Rolling Thunder as "our job; we live for this."

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**Belk employee charged with handcuffing kid**

**BRAD BUCK**  
Staff Writer

**CLERMONT** — An employee at the Clermont Belk has been charged with child abuse and false imprisonment after police say she handcuffed a suspect who allegedly stole a cell phone.

According to one of the boys being questioned, he grew uncomfortable with the situation and tried to walk out of the interview.

Mary Abbott, 40, a loss prevention officer for the retailer, was arrested Tuesday night, according to Clermont police.

A police report shows Abbott was questioning two juveniles in the loss prevention office of Belk, 270 Citrus Tower Blvd., when she says one of the children got belligerent.

According to one of the boys being questioned, he grew uncomfortable with the situation and tried to walk out of the interview.

That's when Abbott allegedly grabbed his arm, handcuffed and "slammed" him to the ground, according to the police report.

The questioning started when Abbott saw the boys at a Publix near the Belk store, police said. While in the grocery store, she asked the boys some questions about the July 10 theft of jewelry and a Belk employee's cell phone, police said.

Then she brought them back to the retail store to interview them, police said.

One boy said he was only the lookout for the other child while the theft happened, the police report said. Abbott then told the boys she was going to call the mother of one of the boys.

That's when Abbott said one of the boys grew angry, police said.

Clermont police Capt. Jon Johnson said Wednesday that Belk had the handcuffs that Abbott used. But he did not say why the retailer carries handcuffs.

**CLERMONT**

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start on Aug. 23.

"I can't wait to see kids and families coming out to use and support the facility," Murry said. "The more participation, the more we will grow. And the more we grow, the more we can do to better the entire community."

According to Michnoff, the \$100,000 is enough to keep the club going for about one year. The fundraising will continue however, as the plan is to keep the program going and find a place to build a permanent location.

"I can tell you that it feels exhilarating to know we'll be opening on the same day school starts but our

work is just beginning. We have to fund it ongoing, grow it and find a permanent home," Executive Board Member Mark Graff said.

Graff said the money the committee has secured will probably be able to fund about 100 students to start at the newly acquired location.

The club is in the process of hiring a director, and volunteers are in place for tutoring and mentoring programs. Materials are still coming in.

Local businesses, organizations and individuals have donated many items, including computers, a fence, signs, a pool table and furniture, but many essentials are still needed.

**RADIO**

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growing trend toward everything Internet.

Internet radio also allows for national accessibility, since anyone can stream the broadcasts using their smart phones, home or business computers via a link on Zmax's website, Michaelson said.

She said the station, with all its community features and vignettes, has helped to put South Lake County on the worldwide map.

"I think we are filling a need that hasn't been fulfilled in a long time, but what we wanted to do was make sure that we brought the web to South Lake and South Lake to the world," Michaelson said.

Lawrence said that by 2012, most cars will have Internet radio capabilities.

"We feel we're on the cutting edge of where radio is going," he said.

Zmax's motto is "light and bright," so the songs, which are centered around the '80s, '90s and popular hits of today, are all upbeat and positive in nature.

"We want to happy everybody up," Lawrence said.

Many celebrities have stopped into Zmax's studio while passing through Lake County, including actor Henry Winkler (Fonzie), talk show personality Fred Thompson and Stacy Oristano of "Saturday Night Lights."

Local voices who feature

community happenings and people from Lake County's business communities include Diane Garvis, co-founder of the Good Neighbor Program who hosts "Around Lake" at 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.; Jerry

Nordun, the voice of "Middy Rewind" from noon to 2 p.m.; and Cindy Gore, who does "Cindy in the Afternoon" from 2 to 5 p.m. every day.

The thing Michaelson and Lawrence are most proud of,

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**Sears store burglarized**

**CLERMONT** — Two people broke into a Sears store on State Road 50 early Friday and stole three flat-screen televisions valued at a combined \$3,000, police said.

Clermont police Chief Steve Graham said the smash-and-grab burglary happened about 2:10 a.m. at the store at 731 E. State Road 50. When police arrived at the scene, they saw the front door's glass was shattered, he said.

When managers got the store, they said the LCD flat-screen TVs were gone, police said.

A nearby Walgreen's store has surveillance video of two men getting into a light-colored four-door truck and driving away, so that's who police are looking for as suspects, Graham said.

Anyone with information about the burglary can call Clermont police at 394-5588.

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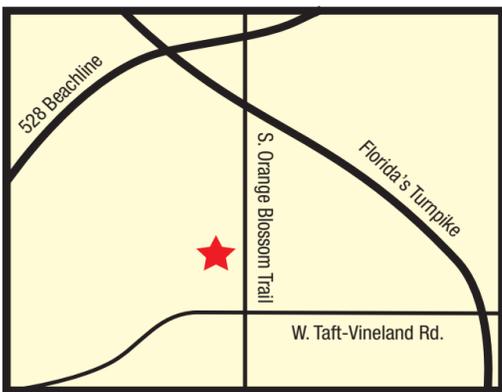
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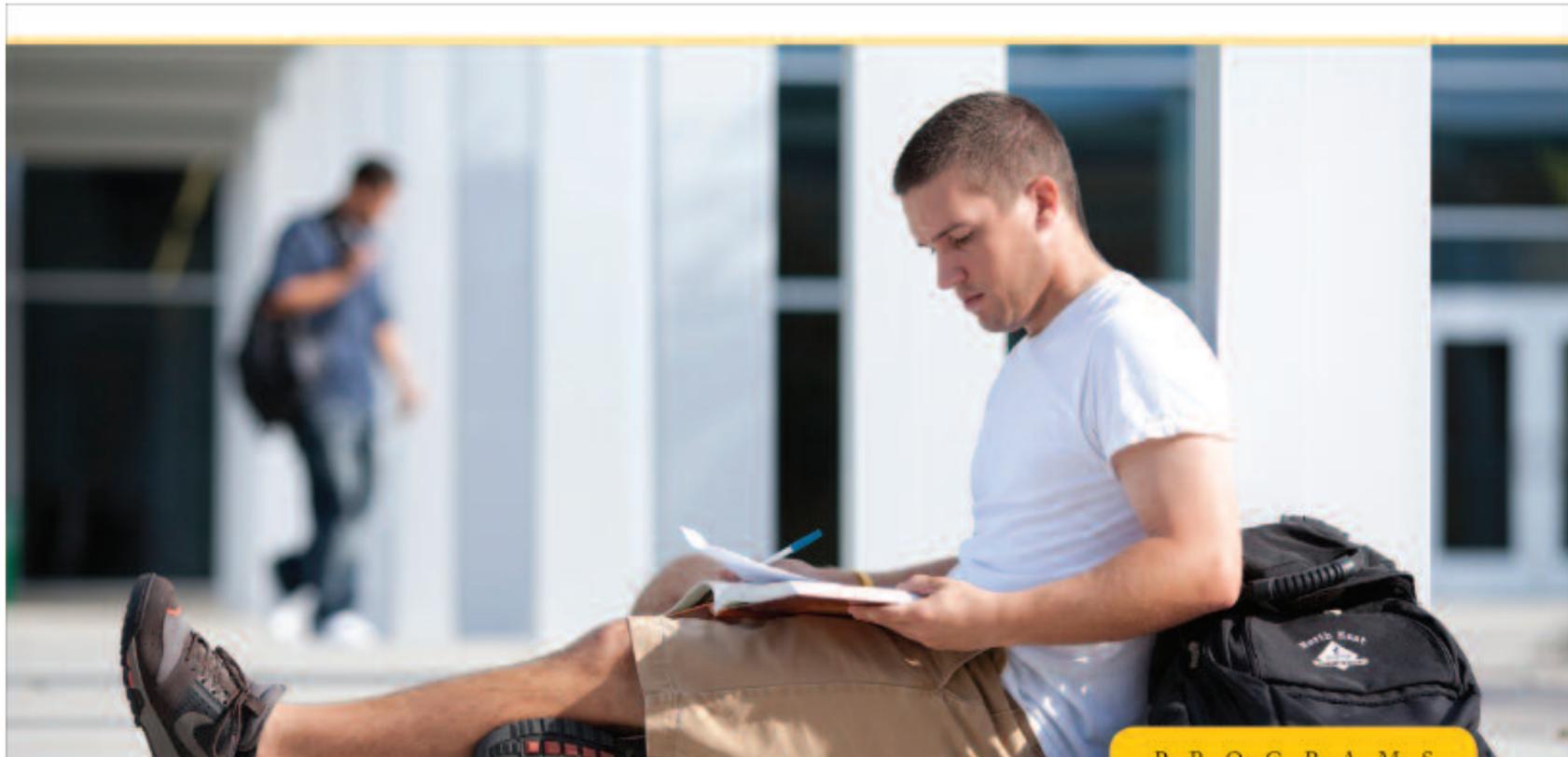


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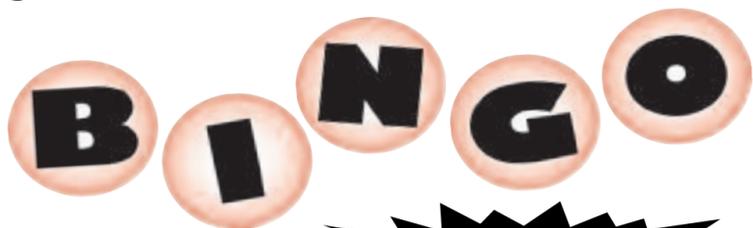
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## GARCIA

From A1

as well as in Law Enforcement. I have strong work ethics that are necessary to successfully accomplish the myriad of goals confronting the school board members.

### If elected, what would be your top three priorities?

**One:** Teacher Accountability (Merit Pay) ... As I see it, a major flaw with the recent attempt to implement merit pay via SB6 was that it had no teacher input. I believe, as written, it created a hindrance to group cooperation among teachers. Instead of implementing coordinated teaching methods or the sharing of successful techniques, the teachers could possibly just compete against each other to attain the "Carrot" under the guise of merit. In place of this, I would like to establish school-wide accountability not individual teacher accountability. All employees within the individual school (teachers, administrators, custodians, food services and etc.) should participate in and benefit from Merit Pay.

I believe we have our priorities reversed. We should compensate the teacher first, staff second and administrators last. Budgetary cuts should not be applied to the classrooms - the children should be kept insulated from these mechanisms - if necessary, cuts should start at the top.

**Two:** District Responsibility... Teaching to the test, not the student (FCAT)...

The manner in which the

standardized national testing system is currently set up tends to hinder the teaching process. Simply put, with every outcome (funding, logistics, and the "No Child Left Behind mandates") being dependent on the standardized test scores, the schools have a tendency to teach to the test not the students.

We should update existing technology in certain elementary schools and utilize modern technology as teaching aids.

### Three: Curriculum Reality.

This is critical to the quality of education as it is directly tied to Job Creation. We must have a voice in decisions made by "outsiders" that dramatically impact our region. (State Legislators, Department of Education, etc) We must develop "Green" curriculum courses, including innovations in education to increase local employment opportunities. The demands of education today have changed. Where once the purpose of education was to train workers for the service industry, the demands of today are more problem solving and technology based. We no longer have factory and assembly lines. The skills of today are critical thinking skills, not manual skills. They are geared to create products and services that work better, easier and faster, thus, the education curriculum has to meet the challenge of stimulating the minds of today's youths towards these objectives.

I believe that Education has to evolve with the

necessities of modern day society. It is important to utilize the partnerships with business to produce a strong and capable workforce. We have to employ the feedback from the business sector to find out what and where the students are lacking and implement this information into the teaching curriculum. We will still need lawyers, doctors, teachers, engineers and other specialized professions, but without the proper educational foundations being part of the modern curriculums in the school system, we won't be able to keep up with the pace of the non-American countries of today.

### What's the most important issue in this race?

To establish a strong education foundation for the children of Lake County and to do so by finding alternate funding to meet this goal.

In my opinion there are two elements of education, the Administrators and the Teachers. A person can be a good administrator but not necessarily a good teacher and visa versa. Therefore, the solution is to start from scratch. Get coordination between the administrators, teachers; add in the parents and the business sector. Bring them all together and get input from each so as to find out what the problems are, how to rectify them and how to best serve the educational needs of the children.

A good education plays a very important role in today's society because, without a proper education the youth of today will be without the means to advance economically within the competitive world that they live in.

Because of my military and law enforcement background, I tend to focus on SAFE schools for the children and educational discipline.

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## HEALTH CALENDAR

### August 10

Health and Wellness Series: Food Allergies by Dr. Santiago Martinez, 6 to 7 p.m., National Training Center, 1935 Don Wickham Drive, Clermont. For information or to register call 394-4071, ext. 4412.

### Ongoing

Breastfeeding Workshop: sponsored by South Lake Hospital. Call 241-7109 to register.

Cardiac Rehabilitation Program: cardiac patients who have suffered heart attack, who have stable angina or who have had heart surgery are encouraged to participate. Learn to manage controllable risk factors and receive a customized exercise program. For information call 407-296-1599.

Cleaning for a Reason: provides free housecleaning for women undergoing chemotherapy. Visit [www.cleaningforareason.org](http://www.cleaningforareason.org).

Lake County Health Department Vital Statistics office: South Lake

Hospital's Centre for Women's Health, 1099 Citrus Tower Blvd., Visit [www.lakechd.com](http://www.lakechd.com) or call 241-9723.

Let's Kick It: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Mondays. Smoking and nicotine cessation, eight week course teaching step-by-step methods to quit. Sponsored by South Lake Hospital. For information call 241-7109.

New Vision for Independence: seeking donations and support for the New Vision Braille Textbook Drive. Call 435-5040.

South Lake Pregnancy Care Center: free pregnancy test, maternity clothes, baby items, parenting classes, life skill classes, childbirth preparation classes, post abortion counseling, diapers, baby food and counseling. All services are free. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, 1203 W. Highway 50, Clermont. Contact Eddie Judge at 242-0257.

24 Hr. Haven of Lake and Sumter Hotline: 753-5800.

### Mondays

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous: 9 to 10:30 a.m., Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, room 4, 720 12th St., Clermont. Call John or Bob 863-422-0389.

The Lake County Health Department: prescription assistance, 1 to 4 p.m., Monday and Wednesday by appointment only, United Way office, 415 Citrus Tower Blvd., Clermont.

### Tuesdays

Pediatric Immunizations: offered by WIC of Lake County Health Department, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday. Call 357-1668.

Narcotics Anonymous: 8 p.m., Tuesday, Minneola Alliance Church, room #3, 405 Main Ave., Minneola. Call 319-5617.

Relative Caregivers Raising Children Support Group: 6:30

p.m., first Tuesday, First United Methodist Church of Clermont, 950 7th St., Clermont. Call 394-2412.

The Greater Clermont Cancer Foundation: support group, 7 to 9 p.m., second Tuesday, 927 7th St., Clermont.

The Greater South Lake Area Parkinson's Support Group: 3 p.m., third Tuesday, Cooper Memorial Library, room 108-A. Contact Deborah Snow 406-8465 or e-mail [redcsnow@yahoo.com](mailto:redcsnow@yahoo.com).

### Wednesdays

Narcotics Anonymous: 8 p.m., Wednesday, Wootson Temple, 836 Scott St., Clermont. Call 319-5617.

Thursdays Domestic Violence Women's Empowerment Group: Haven of Lake and Sumter Counties, 6 p.m., Thursday, 2105 Hartwood Marsh Road., suite 6, Clermont. Call 787-5889.

Support Group for Caregivers of

Alzheimers and Dementia: 2 p.m., third Thursday, The Best Little Thrift Shop Complex, 415 Citrus Tower Blvd., Clermont. Contact Betty Ann Gross at 394-5549, Deborah Snow at 406-8465 or Sharon White at 407-466-6445.

### Fridays

Narcotic anonymous: 7:30 p.m., Friday, Shepherd of the Hills, 13600 Caspian Lane, Clermont. Call 319-5617.

Emotions Anonymous: support group, 7 p.m. Contact Mickey at 394-0858.

New Vision for Independence: support group, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth Friday, Asbury House, 949 7th St., Clermont. Call Florence at 429-3030.

To update, delete or add items in this column, e-mail [pamfennimore@daily-commercial.com](mailto:pamfennimore@daily-commercial.com) or fax to 365-1951.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### August 2

School Board Workshop: 2 p.m., 201 West Burleigh Blvd., Tavares.

### August 9

School Board Meeting: 6 p.m., 315 West Main St., Tavares.

### August 10

South Lake High School SAC: meeting, 6:30 p.m., media center.

### August 17

Freshman Orientation Program: at East Ridge High School as it hosts "Keys to the Kingdom," an open house-style informational event with check in anytime from noon to 2:30 p.m. in front of the cafeteria. Upon check-in you will be assigned a "Student Mentor" who will take you on a tour of our campus. Visit [www.lake.k12.fl.us](http://www.lake.k12.fl.us) for information.

### August 19

Open House: Cypress Ridge Elementary, 5 to 7 p.m. Visit [www.cypress-ridge.org](http://www.cypress-ridge.org).

Open House: 7 p.m., August 19, Woodlands Lutheran Church and School. Classes offered for 2K, 3K, 4K, VPK, and extended day care programs.

School starts on August 23. Call 407-469-2525 for information or arrange a tour of the school. Visit [www.woodlandschurch.com](http://www.woodlandschurch.com) for information.

Mandatory open house: Mascotte Elementary Charter School, for pre-kindergarten orientation will

be 5 p.m., meet your child's teacher for kindergarten-5th grade.

"Meet your Teacher" at Sawgrass Bay Elementary School: today and Friday. 3rd grade, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday; 4th grade 11 to 11:45 a.m.; 5th grade noon to 12:45 p.m. On Friday,

pre-K and kindergarten 10 to 10:45 a.m.; 1st grade 11 to 11:45 a.m.; 2nd grade noon to 12:45 p.m. Uniform shirts will also be available for purchase. Call the school at 243-1845 for information.

### Ongoing

School Supply Drive: The

South Lake Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual school supply drive for local students. Donations can be dropped off 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, 691 West Montrose St., Jenkins Auditorium, Clermont. For information call 394-4191.

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Chamber Ambassadors recently presented the "We Noticed Award" to Westminster Care of Clermont for renovations to their facilities. Feel free to check them out the next time you are in the area - 151 E. Minnehaha Ave. Clermont (352) 394-2188.



Groveland Police Officer Jack Gunter received the July Public Servant sponsored by Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. Officer Gunter has been with the Groveland Police Department since 2006, and has excelled in his role as a patrol officer.

"When responding to calls for service, Jack has worked diligently to solve all cases assigned to him with a high percentage of criminal arrests," said Lt. Baker who presented the award to Officer Gunter.



Steel City Pizza was officially welcomed to the South Lake area by Chamber Ambassadors via their recent Ribbon-Cutting ceremony. Check out their "Pittsburghesque" menu and welcome the owners Mike and Denise Ganier. They are located at 1120 E Hwy 50 Suite B in Clermont and can be contacted at (352) 242-1000.



Virgil Morar, Managing Partner of Carrabas Italian Grill was the July 2010 Gem of the Hills Award winner. The Gem of the Hills Award is presented to a person or organization that has made a difference in the community. Virgil has been involved with groups like the American Cancer Society, Boys & Girls Club, Muscular Dystrophy, New Beginnings, the South Lake Chamber and many more.



Set's Yoga & Fitness Studio recently became Chamber members and celebrated their ribbon-cutting ceremony with Chamber Ambassadors, family, & friends.

They are located at Trailhead Plaza 540 South Hwy 27 in Minneola, (352) 988-4607. Stop in and discover the physical and mental benefits of the centuries old discipline of yoga!



South Lake Computers has a new home, located at 182 W Hwy 50 in Clermont, directly across from D'Amato's Italian Restaurant. Chamber Ambassadors held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for them to celebrate their new digs! Owner Adam Fathelbab can be contacted at (352) 243-2233.



Affordable Signs celebrated their ribbon-cutting with Ambassadors at their new location 192 Highway 50 in Clermont, also directly across from D'Amato's Italian Restaurant. Contact owner/operator David Graham at (352) 406-4535 for all your signage needs!

**First Friday Chamber Connection**  
Friday, August 6  
7:15 - 8:30 a.m.  
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**Business after Hours**  
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Bring a school supply or donation for the Chamber school supply drive and receive a free ticket for a chance to win a grand prize.

**2010 Chamber Hob Nob**  
Tuesday, August 17  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Heritage Hills Clubhouse  
3723 Sanibel Street, Clermont  
**Make sure you RSVP early** because we have a limit of 600 reservations for this prestigious event.

**Chamber Breakfast**  
Friday, August 20  
7:15 to 8 a.m.  
Jenkins Auditorium, Clermont  
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Bret Jones, PA and Jones Cypress Cove Marina

Co-sponsor: Clermont Woman's Club, Inc. and Jo Ann Jones, PhD Candidate for Lake County School Board, Dist 3  
Program: Mark Wilson, President of the Florida Chamber of Commerce  
Catering Provided by: Rainbow Restaurant  
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### SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST 17TH! 2010 HOB NOB

The Chamber is proud to present our upcoming Hob Nob event August 17 at the Heritage Hills Clubhouse in Clermont. Presenting sponsors include CenturyLink and Dewitt Excavating. Additional sponsors include Montverde Academy, Ford Press, the South Lake Press and Daily Commercial and Restoration Specific Chiropractic. It's a great way to meet the candidates in person and also a chance to participate in the straw ballot/sample vote of those in attendance - get a feel for how the actual elections may result! Make sure you RSVP early because we have a limit of 600 reservations for this prestigious event. To RSVP go to <http://www.southlakechamber-fl.com> or call the Chamber office at (352) 394-4191.

### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The South Lake Chamber of Commerce is promoting its annual school supply drive which kicked off at the Chamber's monthly breakfast on July 16. Each year the South Lake Chamber of Commerce collects supplies or monetary donations to purchase supplies for our local students. This year the Chamber will be helping 16 schools. Supplies also go to the Teachers' Apple Mart in South Lake County. Donations should be brought to the Chamber office at 691 West Montrose St. at Jenkins Auditorium in downtown Clermont, next to anytime Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. All donations stay in South Lake County. For more information, call the South Lake Chamber at 352-394-4191.

### TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

The South Lake Chamber, the Community Foundation of South Lake County, Pig on the Pond and Event Title Sponsor CenturyLink are honoring our 2009-2010 Teachers of the Year at the Annual Teacher Appreciation Breakfast August 19 at the Wesley Center, First United Methodist Church in downtown Clermont. Last year more than 750 teachers and administrators attended this event, and this year we look forward to having more as new teachers hear about this signature event. Sponsorship packages are available at the South Lake Chamber. We are looking for sponsors, items for the goody bags and door prizes. Don't miss out on a great opportunity to promote your business and support your community. Call Lucy Hage at (407) 446-3853 for more information on becoming a sponsor or donating items.

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**FAITH CHAT**

**Ongoing**  
 Congregation Sinai of Minneola: religious school has openings for children ages 8-13. Call 243-5353.  
 South Lake Presbyterian Church Food Pantry: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mondays and Fridays. Call 394-2753.  
 South Lake Presbyterian Church Meals on Wheels: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesday and Thursdays, reservations required. Call 394-7905.  
 The FAITH Neighborhood Center: seeking donations of clothing, food, bed linens, blankets, etc., 7432 S.R. 50, Groveland. Call 429-1200.  
 Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church: newspaper and magazine recycling program, 13600 Caspian Lane, Clermont. All proceeds from recycling benefit the FAITH

Neighborhood Center food bank. Call 242-9519.  
 The Mission of Project Zion of Zion Lutheran Church: seeking donations to assist South Lake county neighbors with food, prescriptions, and utilities. Call 429-2960.

**Mondays**  
 Hallelujah Acres: support group, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., first Monday. Call 394-7702.  
 ATF Youth Group for Middle/High School students: 7 p.m., The River Church, 796 Hook St., Clermont. Call 243-7507.

**Wednesdays**  
 Edge Memorial United Methodist Church Connection: dinner, 6 to 7:15 p.m.; choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., 441 S. Main

Ave., Groveland. Call 429-2572.  
 Edge Memorial United Methodist Church: Celebrate recovery group, 5:45 p.m., 441 S. Main Ave., Groveland. Call 407-257-3889.  
 Men of Steel: 6:30 p.m., The River Church, 796 Hook St., Clermont. For men ages 20-35. Call 243-7507.  
 Minneola Alliance Church: prayer services, 7 p.m., Washington St. and Main Ave. Call 394-2028.  
 Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church: worship service, 7 p.m., 13600 Caspian Lane, Clermont. Call 242-9519.  
 Christian Men in Action: 8 to 9 p.m., second Wednesday, New Jacob's Chapel, 410 W. S.R. 50, Clermont. Call 321-537-1906.

**Thursdays**  
 Windermere Union Church Support Group for adoptive and foster parents: 6 to 7:30 p.m., second Thursday, 10710 Park Ridge-Gotha Road., Windermere. Call 407-876-2112 or 407-947-3613.  
 Intercessory Prayer: 7 p.m., The River Church, 796 Hook St., Clermont.

**Fridays**  
 Congregation Sinai: services, 7:45 p.m., first, second and fourth Friday, 303A N. U.S. Highway 27, Minneola. Call 243-5353 or visit [www.congregationsinai-clermont.org](http://www.congregationsinai-clermont.org).

**Sunday**  
 Edge Memorial United Methodist Church: traditional service, 9:30 a.m. and contempo-

rary service, 11 a.m., 441 S. Main Ave., Groveland. Call 429-2572.  
 Edge Memorial United Methodist Church: tweens and youth, 6 to 7 p.m., 441 S. Main Ave., Groveland. Call 429-2572.  
 The River Church: traditional service, 9 a.m., contemporary service, 10:30 a.m., Widow to Widow support group, 3 p.m., 796 Hook St., Clermont. Visit [www.clermont-triverchurch.com](http://www.clermont-triverchurch.com).  
 Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church: worship service, 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., Sunday school, 9 a.m., 13600 Caspian Lane, Clermont. Call 242-9519.  
 Woodlands Lutheran Church: worship, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., 2 miles north of S.R. 50 on C.R. 455, Montverde. Call 407-469-2525.

**VOLUNTEER CALENDAR**

ACS Road to Recovery: answer phones, stuff envelopes, secure drivers, manage scrapbooks, and other duties. Call 326-9599 ext. 112.  
 Angels of Mercy Thrift Store and Food Pantry: volunteers and donations needed urgently for four hour shifts. Call 394-4094.  
 Building Blocks Ministries: help adults with developmental disabilities. Call 536-9264.  
 Community Emergency Response Team: assist local authorities during times of natural or manmade disasters. Email [mpeterson.floridaguard@yahoo.com](mailto:mpeterson.floridaguard@yahoo.com).  
 Florida LAKEWATCH: monitor local lakes with boats. Call 800-525-3928.

Friends of Lake Louisa State Park: assist with accounting, website, and newsletter. Call 468-6329 or go to [www.floridastateparks.org](http://www.floridastateparks.org).  
 Give a Kid a Backpack Foundation: help with mailing, packing, and events. Call 877-452-7225.  
 Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program: nursing homes, assisted living facilities and adult family care homes. Call 888- 831-0404 or visit [www.ombudsman.myflorida.com](http://www.ombudsman.myflorida.com).  
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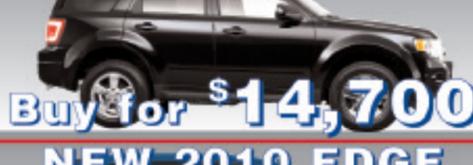
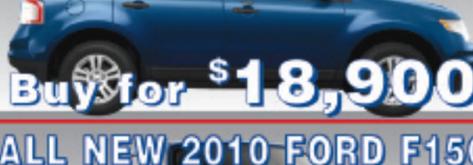


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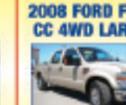
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## 'Curls by Julee' offers much more than just hairstyling

**ROXANNE BROWN**  
Staff Writer

"Curls by Julee" is a well-recognized salon in Clermont, but it's not just curls that the hair salon's owner and stylist, Julee Gunn, can deliver. Anything related to hair, including highlights, lowlights, relaxers, perms, up-dos and hair extensions are also available.

Gunn said that includes a lot of corrective work, especially when it comes to color.

"I love that I am able to help someone with their hair, it's an extension of their image and their personality, and when they leave feeling wonderful, I am left feeling wonderful too," Gunn said.

As a Central Florida native, Gunn said she has proudly watched the community grow.

From her first salon in her home, Gunn has developed and maintained loyal relationships with her diverse clientele.

In fact, Gunn said many of her clients are people she met years ago.

A 40-year stylist, Gunn has served the south Lake County community for more than twenty years, specializing in color and styling for all hair types and any special occasions for men, women and children of all ages.

Recently, Gunn moved into a new location at 650 7th Street, on the corner of 7th



COURTESY PHOTO

Owner and hair stylist Julee Gunn of "Curls by Julee," a salon in downtown Clermont, and Gen, another stylist at the shop, together have more than 50 years of experience in cuts, color, perms, highlights, extensions, custom wigs and Dominican braiding.

and Montrose, nestled between the Elk's Lodge and the Herb Shoppe.

"I'm very excited about opening my new salon in beautiful downtown

Clermont, building new relationships and providing services to the residents of south Lake County," she said.

New customers receive an initial hair cut for \$10 and all prices after that are affordable and extremely competitive.

However, Gunn's everyday goal is to ensure that every client that walks through her door leaves satisfied.

To do that, Gunn conducts an in-depth consultation, using resources from pictures they can look at to opinions and suggestions of the stylists, to make sure she has a solid understanding of the hair style every customer truly desires.

Gunn also uses Matrix, Kenra and ISO products and has another stylist — Gen — whose expertise and 10 years of experience, ranging from specialty hair extensions, custom wigs and Dominican braiding, complement her own.

Additional services include eyebrow, lip-area and chin-area waxing and deep-hair conditioning.

"I want to thank everyone who has been a loyal client and your continued support is sincerely appreciated," Gunn said. "Because your hair is important to you, it is important to me."

For information and appointments call 352-394-2900 or e-mail CurlsbyJulee@gmail.com.

## Remember When Ann Dupee



### Development gets its certification

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The 2,600 square-foot clubhouse at the Lake Ridge Club development, with a beautiful view of Lake Minnehaha from high atop a hill off Lake Shore Drive, south of Clermont's city limits, has received its certificate of occupancy from Lake County. The first phase of 37 lots is being accepted into the county road system and final permitting of the water system was granted by DER. Trac Road builders has completed the roads for both the first and second phases. The second phase consists of 68 lots.

Suzanne McClure, a past president of Beta Theta ESA, installed new officers at the home of member Betty Meadows, following incoming President Bonnie Kranz's theme of "Hot, Hot, Hot!" Also serving will be Carol Andrews, Vice President; Terry Moherek, Treasurer; Jackie Ulch, Corresponding Secretary; Michelle Delaney, Recording Secretary; Donna Clarke, Educational Director and Eleanor Lofgren, Parliamentarian.

The students in Miss Cindy Kinat's 4th grade class at Groveland Elementary School have been busy raising tomatoes. Half their plants are not ordinary tomato plants. They were germinated from seeds that spent six years orbiting the Earth. NASA and the Park Seed Company supplied seeds to classes interested in observing the effects of space exposure on seeds.

Clermont High School juniors Carly Meeker and Shawna McNeff will participate in mock state elections at Girls' State on the Florida State University campus in Tallahassee June 15-22.

Clermont Councilman Hal Turville reported to Council on the Lake County Commission's passage of the Mining Ordinance, which exempts all existing mines and leaves those around the Clermont area free to proceed without concern for the aesthetic or environmental damage they continue to cause.

Turville noted District 3 Commissioner Richard Swartz was the lone vote in opposition to the ordinance. District 2 Commissioner Don Bailey of Groveland attempted an amendment to bring existing mines into compliance within a number of years but didn't receive a second to continue his attempts.

Council member Ann Dupee reported on the Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Day and discussed several proposals legislators were trying to keep alive. One was Amendment 3, to "keep local taxes local," which means no state mandates for programs without adequate funding from the state.

Another was fractional assessments on new construction to place it on the tax rolls when construction is substantially completed. Dupee noted she found out why the legislators were approving the fractional assessments. School systems will be included in the tax that is expected to generate \$35 million for schools statewide. She said one senator told her the legislature could return \$35 million currently budgeted for education back to the general revenue account. She said the legislators were still laying games with educational funding.

See DUPEE, B2

## Linda Coletta, retired attorney, founder and operator of Houndhaven, Inc.

**Name:** Linda Coletta

**Hometown:** Born in Mooresville, Ind., currently residing in Minneola.

**Occupation:** Retired attorney, currently running Houndhaven, Inc.

**Family:** Husband Michael and four Labrador retrievers

**Q:** What do you enjoy most about south Lake County?

**A:** I love the privacy and peacefulness of living on 35 beautiful acres with quick access to restaurants, entertainment and other amenities.

**Q:** If you had to summarize your philosophy of life in one sentence, what would it be?

**A:** Serve and glorify God, and He will take care of the rest.

**Q:** Name a person or incident you've come across recently that's touched you in some way. Why did this person or incident impress you so much?



Coletta

**A:** The volunteers at Houndhaven impress me daily. They generously give their time, talent, love and often money to dogs that otherwise would have no one to love or care for them.

**Q:** How does what you do contribute to the welfare of the area? Name one of your greatest accomplishments so far.

**A:** Founding Houndhaven is one of the greatest blessings and accomplishments of my life. Houndhaven is celebrating its tenth year of serving south Lake County. In that time we have rescued approximately 650 dogs and provided lots of dog lovers with an opportunity to be part of helping those wonderful and deserving dogs.

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## Use structure and communication to aid son with anger issues

### Talking With Tori



Tori Kelley, Ph.D.

DEAR TORI,

My 7-year-old son has been told that he is oppositional defiant. I am trying to find more information as to how to deal with his defiance and anger. He is also trying to deal with my ex-husband, his father, who himself has issues with excess anger. He is exhibiting his anger in front of my son and I find his discipline methods and his own anger issues affecting my son, who already has his own "anger" to deal with. Could you tell me of any ways to deal with his defiant ways or any methods that I could try. He is in counseling and I have his counselor also trying to help me with him. Help!

— Defiant Son

Dear Defiant Son,

I can only speak generally about the problem you describe as I am not seeing you and your son in my office. I think it is a step in the right direction that you are in counseling with him. We need to really be careful with labels because children live up to them. If you are defining him as oppositional he most certainly will continue to be and once it is documented as a mental disorder that he has, the attitude that "he can't help it" is in danger of being created, which is a debilitating situation. You have pointed out similarities between your son's anger and your ex-husband's.

Apparently you and your husband are in conflict and children will take advantage of that situation by acting as out of control as his parents are. Obviously you can't change your ex, but you will need to cooperate with him in order to be good parents to your son.

All children need structure and consistent discipline. Set up rules in your home for the behavior you want to see and have set consequences for how you will handle unwanted behavior through time out, early bedtime, no dessert, etc. You need to find what motivates him. Ask your therapist to help you with this.

As for his anger, you need to remember that his family split up, that is enough to make a kid angry. His stable home with both his parents together is a thing of the past and that can make a child feel very insecure.

Have conversations with your son about his feelings so he learns to express himself. Make it clear that while you are interested in his feelings and want him to communicate with you, there will still be rules to follow and he will have to trust your wisdom in the decisions you make for him as his parent.

The next time he gets into trouble, talk with him in a way that brings understanding to how his actions were not appropriate and how his choices did not bring his desired result, but rather a consequence. Have him brainstorm with you what would have been more appropriate and more effective. Encourage him to make a better choice in the future and stick to the consequence so he sees he will be held accountable for bad behavior.

Lastly, even though you may feel frustrated with him, do not say, "You are just like your father!" He knows already that you do not like his father, which puts you in danger of teaching him to dislike himself. Encourage positive, solution-focused discussions which will lead to better behavior.

To submit a question, go to [www.CentralFloridaMentalHealth.com](http://www.CentralFloridaMentalHealth.com) and click the "Talking with Tori" icon. Tori Kelley, Ph.D. is a licensed psychotherapist practicing in Clermont. The contents of this column are for informational purposes only and are not meant to be used as a substitute for professional therapy.

## Dealing with muscle weakness can help defeat cause of pain

Neck and back pain continue to be the top "pain" issues people come to my office for, and they continue to be the ones that are the most comprehensive to deal with.

One reason is that pain causes people to not use the part that is hurting or to alter their posture to try to avoid the pain. That decreased range of motion and usage causes muscles, tendons and connective tissue to shorten, which makes it harder for the muscles to move the body part to its full range of motion. This can cause more pain and the cycle worsens.

The lack of movement and usage causes the muscles to weaken. This also makes it harder for the body part to move or to maintain a normal posture, causing the person to slouch more or to walk abnormally.

When muscles weaken they try to recruit more and more muscles to help do the job. This causes the weakened muscles to spasm and other parts of the body to try to compensate. The change in the way the body part moves or is being abnormally held to reduce pain will often cause pain and dysfunction in other parts of the body. If you have a pain in your knee, for example, it will alter the way you walk or stand, which can then cause your back or your neck to hurt.

If you don't think weak muscles can cause severe pain try an experiment. Take a can of soup and hold it in your hand with your arm stretched out to the side while standing. The first 20-60 seconds should be fairly easy. Then you



Michael Visconti A.P., N.P.

Natural Medicine

might notice a little ache, which then progresses to a deeper ache and finally up to discomfort and pain. You will also notice your upper body will start leaning to the opposite side and that you eventually have pain in other parts of the body.

Now, think about holding this up for hours or days. I have seen pain responses in people caused by weak muscles that are so severe, they are put on morphine after receiving cortisone injections that haven't worked.

Armed with this knowledge, we can help to improve whatever healing modality we are using or are planning to use. Acupuncture, chiropractic, massage, etc., will all help but are limited if the pain is perpetuated by weak muscles. The problem will return if we stop the treatments. In a study I saw on a popular news website, women who undertook a 10-week strength-training regimen decreased neck pain levels 70-80 percent. Aerobic exercise helped short-term pain but did not provide the continued benefit that strength training did.

One of my patients is a woman in her late 70s who has had multiple back and neck surgeries and is in chronic pain. After helping decrease her pain

levels with acupuncture and a few other techniques, I set up an exercise program for her back and neck. (This also included posture exercises.) She has shown marked improvement in her pain levels and in her posture, endurance and activity levels.

The bottom line is, if you have any pain issues you may not be addressing the whole picture if you don't look at muscle strength. Have a qualified trainer or physical therapist set up appropriate strength-training exercises that will address the primary muscles and the support muscles.

They will also ensure that the exercise will not cause damage to any other condition you might have. Work on your posture while sitting, standing, working in the kitchen or at the computer. One exercise you can do is to take a deep breath and let it out while pulling your shoulders back and standing up straight every time you pass through a doorway. This will help you develop good posture and should help to improve your pain levels. It is also great for people to feel more energetic, breathe better and improve moods.

Our mothers were probably right when they told us to "sit up straight!" all those years.

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### DUPEE

From B1

Because the County Property Tax Appraiser told Minneola city officials they missed the deadline for installing the fire tax on city residents' computerized tax rolls last year, Council had to find a new way of paying its bill: \$22,900, less \$3,000 for rent for the fire station, is still owed going back to last October.

Several years ago, the city elected to merge its volunteer department with the county. The annual fire tax, \$35 for Minneola residential and varying rates for other properties, was suspended for several years because the city donated its fire equipment to the county. The equipment value was eventually used up.

County Commissioners approved the final plan for the 16th Fairway Villas. The section is Tract H within the Village Green plat that is being replatted to include 14 lots within the tract. Village Green, 2 miles east of Clermont, on the north side, south of SR 50, south of CR 65A and west of Max Hooks Road, received preliminary approvals last year.

Among those to be honored at the

United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties' Salute to Volunteers are Paul Lewis of Florida Power Corporation and Keith Mullins of Lakeridge Winery, South Lake County's co-chairmen. Last year's United Way fund drive amounted to \$347,806, an increase of 17% over the previous year's campaign.

Meet Lanny Harker, Clermont's new Planning Director.

Clermont Mayor and former Clermont Elementary School student Bob Pool proclaimed May 10 as Clermont Elementary School Day in Clermont as Student Government President Brandy Breier and CES Principal Sharon Powell looked on.

Minneola resident John Rorabaugh, a student at the school on the first day of classes, and John Boyd, at 86-years-old the oldest living student, were recognized by Diamond Jubilee organizer and 5th grade CES teacher Rena Clark, as were former CES principals Gerry MacLean, Buford Robinson and Marvin Styles.

CES was originally a comprehensive school, serving the needs of area students from kindergarten to 12th grades

following the consolidation of the Clermont and Minneola School Districts in 1915. The school site, located on 2nd Street in Clermont, was donated by E.S. Wiley, with area voters approving a \$10,000 bond issue to construct the two story, red brick building which included four classrooms, three downstairs and one upstairs, an auditorium, library, principal's, office, cloak room and basement.

The building was formally dedicated Dec. 17, 1915 and opened to nearly 100 students in September 1916. As the area grew, the school became overcrowded, creating the need for expansion by 1925 at a cost of \$50,000. By 1954-55, the upper grade levels moved across East Avenue to the current high school site (now Clermont Middle School) and the original school served elementary students (K-8) exclusively. The administration of the schools wasn't separated until 1962, when the school was renamed Clermont Elementary School (site of Cypress Ridge Elementary.)

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## South Lake youngsters take part in camp



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Caleb Anderson, 4, runs a ball carrying drill during Tuesday during South Lake High School's annual youth football camp in Groveland. More than 100 youngsters signed up for the camp. The three-day camp is run by Eagles coach Walter Banks and his staff. Youngsters are taught offensive and defensive fundamentals. Banks said the camp teaches "passion for the game, because football is a tough sport requiring passion." He said campers are showing their passion by spending three hours each day working in 90-plus degree heat to become better players.

## Lightning bats come alive in 10-6 victory over Suns

STAFF REPORT

**DELAND** — Robert Lake tossed six innings of six-hit baseball and Lightning bats awoke with a vengeance on Monday as Leesburg greatly improved its playoff chances with a 9-6 win over the FCSL cellar-dwelling DeLand Suns.

The offensive fireworks began in the opening inning when the Lightning jumped out to a 4-0 lead.

Matt Pierpont singled to center, advanced to third on an Adam Cellini base hit to right and scored on Robert Beary's infield single. With two out, Alex Hudak reached on an error, scoring Cellini with Beary advancing to third. Nick DelGuidice doubled to right, bringing in Beary and Hudak.

The Suns struck back in the bottom of the third when Lake loaded the bases with two out. When Lake fired two strikes past Bryan Adametz, it seemed the Lightning might escape further trouble, but the Suns best hitter lined a shot up the middle for a base hit, bring-

ing in runners from second and third to bring the home team to within two.

Leesburg came roaring back with five runs during the next inning to take a comfortable 9-2 lead. The rally began with Pierpont doubled to left center and Cellini followed with a single to put Lightning runners on second and third. After Beary was hit by a pitch to load the bases, Michael Gonzalez singled to left, scoring Pierpont and Cellini. Danny Baatz reached on a fielder's choice, stole second and advanced to third on the subsequent bad throw. DelGuidice doubled down the left field line to score Baatz and scored when Michael Albaladejo singled to left.

But the Suns would not go quietly, scoring four runs off Lake's replacement, Jesse Holiday, who didn't have his best stuff. Only when Nick Wilson came into the game were the Lightning able to close out the seventh inning

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## Late rally, solid pitching lifts Lightning past Suns

Leesburg locks down third place, avoids opening round "play-in" game

TREY GARANT  
Special to the Daily Commercial

**LEESBURG** — Jason Cochcroft was stellar on Tuesday night, going eight innings and allowing only four hits and one earned run in the Leesburg Lightning's 2-1 win against the DeLand Suns.

Cochcroft showed command, collecting six strikeouts and forcing the Suns to swing the bat, not allowing a single walk.

The Lightning gave Cochcroft two runs late in the game to give him the win, and with one game left, secured third place in the

Florida Collegiate Summer League. By finishing third, the Lightning avoided Saturday's "play-in" game between the fourth- and

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**Tuesday's Games**  
Leesburg 2, DeLand 1  
Sanford 9, Orlando 1



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Leesburg Lightning's Danny Baatz beats the ball to third base in the fourth inning of Tuesday's game against the DeLand Suns at Pat Thomas Stadium-Buddy Lowe Field in Leesburg.

## Let's start paying college athletes

A French friend of mine once said, "You Americans have never met a shade of gray you could live with." My friend believes we tend to see the world in black and white and, because of that, we overreact to practically everything.

He may be right. Our wars are portrayed as good against evil, our social programs are described as wars or battles or struggles against poverty, smoking or drugs. And anything of which we disapprove is subject to zero tolerance — all of which makes it hard for us to avoid overreaction. But overreaction is exactly what we must learn to avoid if reason is to replace rhetoric and bombast in the world of sports.

A case in point comes from the recently concluded SEC Media Days in Hoover, Ala. There, addressing four outstanding cases of possible NCAA rules violation regarding contact with agents, the top coaches in the country's top football conference



Don Hunsberger  
Sports Columnist

sought to confront similar problems.

Florida, South Carolina, Alabama and Georgia all face greater or lesser degrees of investigation by the NCAA about players receiving extra inducements (whatever that means) from agents.

Rather than discuss the individual problems head-on, Alabama's Lou Saban fired a broadside against agents in general, comparing the unscrupulous among them to pimps.

"How would you feel if they did it (took advantage of) your child?" he intoned as the press activities began.

All the coaches share Saban's outrage, but for different reasons. Some are worried that star athletes

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## Lightning load bases with none out in 9th but fail to score in 3-2 loss to Mavs

TREY GARANT  
Special to the Daily Commercial

**LEESBURG** — Trailing 3-2 in the bottom of the ninth inning, the Leesburg Lightning loaded the bases with none out. But three outs later, the sacks remained full and the Lightning had lost another close game, this one to the Orlando Mavericks, at Pat Thomas Stadium-Buddy Lowe Field.

The Mavericks came into the game determined to move a game closer to the third-place Lightning. The Mavs pitching staff did its part, giving up just six hits and walking three. The Lightning hurlers, however, surrendered eight hits and several walks to go along with two errors which resulted in a pair of unearned runs — and were directly responsible for the loss. With their win, the Mavericks are within striking distance of the third-place Lightning — two games back with three to play.

Lightning starter Kyle Wahl struggled in his five innings of work, loading the bases in the first three frames on an equal number of hits. Wahl walked five and hit one batter but was somehow able to get out of each self-induced jam, giving up only one run over the first three innings and stranding nine Maverick baserunners. Both runs were unearned, coming on throwing errors by the middle infielders in each inning.

The Lightning struggled offensively

the entire night, recording only one hit in the first three innings and going down in order twice in that time. In the fourth, Robert Beary doubled deep to right center field, and with two outs, Mark Darlington came up clutch with an RBI bloop single to left. The Lightning tied the game in the bottom of the fifth inning, Alex Hudak drawing a walk, advancing to second on a sacrifice bunt then scoring on a clutch two-out RBI by Danny Baatz. Baatz and Darlington were the only two Leesburg hitters to record multi-hit performances, each collecting two singles.

The Mavericks took the lead in the sixth inning on a leadoff double, sacrifice bunt, and sacrifice fly. From there, the Mavericks bullpen took care of the Lightning until the ninth inning, when the home team would load the bases with no one out.

Lightning 2, Suns 1

**THE VILLAGES** — The Leesburg Lightning traveled to The Villages on Friday night to take on the DeLand Suns, or as they were known throughout their three-game series, The Villages Sluggers. Although the Lightning struggled to mount any offensive attack, key mistakes by the Suns allowed the visitors to post a 2-1 victory. Pitching and defense were the keys, as the two teams combined could manage just 10 hits.

When the Suns committed back-to-back errors in the top of the final frame, the Lightning scored the winning run without ever recording a hit.

Lightning starter Garrett Bush went 5 1/3 innings, allowing only four hits and one earned run. Great defensive support by the Lightning infield helped Bush to keep DeLand runners off the base paths, especially in the third inning when the Lightning made two errors of their own.

After giving up a leadoff hit, Bush delivered a ball in the dirt that skipped away from catcher Michael Albaladejo. He quickly recovered, however, throwing a strike to second base to catch the runner trying to steal. The next batter hit a screaming liner toward the hole between first and second, but Robert Beary, showing his range at second, made a diving stop and threw from his knees to record the second out.

Lightning struck in the top of the fifth inning when left-fielder Michael Gonzalez lined a one-out single to left. Gonzalez then stole second base, and an errant throw by the catcher allowed him to then take third as well. Designated hitter Adam Cellini drew a walk. The Suns hurler Cellini drew a throw to third, catching Cellini too far off the bag, creating a rundown. Gonzalez took off for

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# Lightning fizzle

League-leading Winter Park takes 10-6 win

## STAFF REPORT

**LEESBURG** — Three singles and a pair of walks combined to spark a four-run seventh inning on Saturday as the league-leading Winter Park Diamond Dawgs surged to a 10-6 victory over the home-standing Leesburg Lightning at Pat Thomas Stadium-Buddy Lowe field.

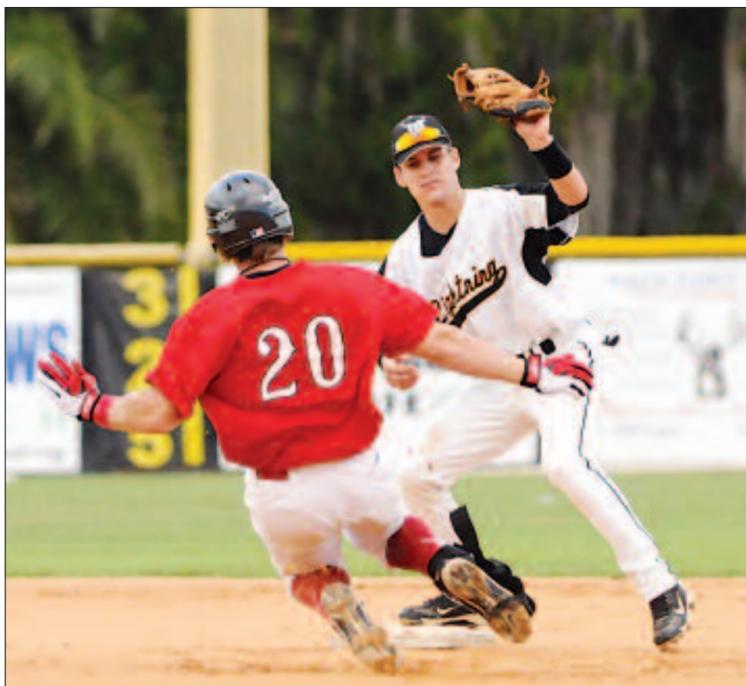
The Dawgs held a slim 4-3 edge going into the critical frame. The Lightning picked up single runs in the first, third and fourth frames, while the Dawgs scored one in the first, two in the third and one in the fifth.

Winter Park opened the scoring in the top of the first inning when Samuel Kimmel singled to the right side of the infield and reached second on a passed ball. Trey Blackman walked to put runners on first and second. Brad Hutton singled to the right side of the infield to score Kimmel with Blackman advancing to second.

Leesburg's first score came in the bottom half when Thomas Sicking, Robert Beary and Matt Pierpont drew consecutive walks to load the bases for Michael Gonzalez. Gonzalez managed an infield hit to score Sicking with what was the tying run.

In the third inning, Sicking opened with a base hit, advanced to third on an errant throw on a pickoff attempt and came around to score on Beary's double to right center-field.

The Diamond Dawgs responded in their half of the inning when Brad Dantzler singled to left center, Kimmel drew a base on balls and Blackman singled to left, scoring Dantzler with the first run of the inning. Kimmel scored



PHOTOS BY VICTORIA ALDRICH / SOUTH LAKE PRESS  
Leesburg Lightning infielder Sean Killeen takes the ball to force out Winter Park Diamond Dawgs' Brad Dantzler in the first inning on Saturday at Pat Thomas Stadium-Buddy Lowe Field in Leesburg.

on an infield error to plate the second run and give the visitors a 3-1 lead.

In the fourth, Alex Hudak lined a one-out double to right and scored on Sicking's single to right.

In the fifth, the Dawgs scored the go-ahead run when Dantzler reached on an error and moved into scoring position on Kimmel's base hit. Hutton's grounder was booted to plate Dantzler.

The Lightning scored twice in the eighth to close to within 8-5, but Winter Park responded with two in the final frame to take a five-run lead.

Hutton opened with a walk and moved to third on Mitchel Brennan's sin-



Leesburg's Sean Killeen scores as Michael Gonzalez crosses the first-base bag in the first inning.

gle to right center field. Brennan advanced to second on a wild pitch and Tim Dye was hit by a pitch to give Winter Park runners on first and second. Brennan raced to third on a wild pitch, with Hutton scoring on

the play. In the bottom of the ninth, Gonzalez opened with a base hit to right but was nailed trying to steal second. Adam Cellini then walked and went to second on Hudak's single to center.

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will be caught accepting money or (here come those 'inducements' again) other benefits from professional agents looking to lock up representation for those who'll turn pro. The coaches aren't worried about the consequences for the athlete; they're worried about the effect the absence of these players might have on the god to which all coaches pray — the god of bowl-game victory. In addition, the coaches themselves don't want to know too much about the dealings of their players with the outside world. For as soon as a coach knows or thinks he knows that a player has taken something (what, of course, is never defined) he must suspend that player or risk having his livelihood (read victories) taken away. It's a Hobson's choice of which he wants no part.

The other salient fact here is that all the players in this athletic drama: coaches, athletic directors, NCAA officials, agents and university officials — all are getting paid for their services. All except the athletes themselves.

Rather than worry about enforcing rules that can't be enforced, the NCAA should authorize paying the players some sort of stipend in return for the millions of dollars they bring to their schools. It wouldn't have to be much, but no football player ever should have to wander through his college career without being able to go to the movies or eat out on a regular basis.

Besides, you have to wonder why it is that only athletes must perform for the love of the game. Not a single voice is raised in protest if college actors or musicians or dancers or physics majors manage to make money from their talents while attending school. Why is the athlete treated so differently? Colleges and universities have become the minor leagues of professional sports and are now on a par with the NFL in terms of generating revenue. The schools are making a boatload of money by serving as a training ground. In fact, the only parties not making money from on-field collegiate exploits turn out to be the people actually playing the game. Everyone else is making a bundle.

So why are NCAA rules regarding agents unenforceable?

Consider the case of Reggie Bush at USC. Bush stands accused of taking money directly from an agent.

FOUR YEARS AGO.

And that's the point. The penalties that finally came down — a two-year ban on bowl appearances for the football team and the return of Reggie's Heisman Trophy (which the school volunteered) don't affect Bush at all — he's playing for the New Orleans Saints in the NFL. Nor is there any effect on then USC-coach Pete Carroll — he's comfortably ensconced in a corner office

as head coach of the Seattle Seahawks. Rather, the penalties are levied years later on players and coaches who had absolutely nothing to do with the offenses being condemned.

Whether or not Florida Gators star Maurkice Pouncey, for example, accepted \$100,000 from an agent, he did or didn't do it at the exact same time his coach is being paid mega-millions to tell him that accepting money is illegal.

And the morality of the situation? It's easy to picture a college athlete, raised in the projects, walking through the student union without a dime in his pocket and wondering why he gets nothing at all from the sale of the \$70 jersey with his name on it.

Traditionally, schools and the NCAA have argued that scholarships bestowed on prized athletes provide these players with an education which will enable them to pursue a career not otherwise obtainable.

Perhaps.

But a more likely analysis would be the one offered by M\*A\*S\*H's Col. Sherman T. Potter whenever he encountered a baseless argument: "Bull Puckey," he used to say.

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## RALLY

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fifth-place teams, with loser being eliminated.

"That was by far the most dominating game," Lightning manager Frank Viola said, "I think the second best game we pitched as an individual starter besides the one that Nic (Kovacs) threw earlier in the year."

Viola compared Cochcroft's outing to a complete-game gem thrown earlier in the season Kovacs.

"Total control throughout," Viola said.

Cochcroft would give up his only run of the night, and the only run the Suns managed to get, in the first inning. An infield single by the Suns started the inning, a sacrifice bunt moving the runner into scoring position before being driven in by an RBI single to left.

Lightning defense would end the inning with a 5-4-3 double play. The next six innings were all about Cochcroft, setting the Suns down in order in every inning until the eighth. In the

eighth inning, Cochcroft would give up his final hit, allowing four batters to come to the plate. His dominating performance showed, never once allowing a runner to make it past first after the first inning.

In the seventh inning, down 1-0, Lightning's third baseman Matt Pierpont, who has been heating up in the past two games, sent a two out pitch deep over the left field fence to even the game at one apiece.

"Pierpont's home run was big," Viola said, as the Lightning had left several base runners stranded in previous innings.

In the bottom of the eighth, the Lightning added a run when Robert Beary led the inning off with a walk, stole second and went to third on Michael Gonzalez's fly out to right. Beary scored the game-winning run when the ball got away from the third baseman.

In the ninth inning, Dylan Ortega came in to collect the save, his 11th of the season.

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home, and although a good throw would have nailed him, an even better slide by Gonzalez allowed him to score and Cellini to gain second.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, Bush would get knocked out by Dexter Kelley (Savannah State University) when Kelley would hit a triple to deep right field, collecting an RBI and the only run for DeLand. Scott Robinson (Lake Sumter CC) came in relief of Bush in the sixth inning to collect the last two outs. Robinson also shut down the Suns in the seventh and eighth inning, allowing only two hits. In the bottom of the eighth inning, Albaladejo made one of the best plays of the season by a catcher thus far, when Suns third baseman Sean Emory (Stetson) popped up a bunt. Albaladejo, scrambling to catch the shallow bunt, laid out, fully extended, making an unbelievable catch as his third baseman and Robinson would come crashing in on the play as well.

In the top of the ninth inning, Beary drew a leadoff walk. Mark Darlington hit a ball directly back to the pitcher for what looked like a 1-6-3 double play. But a bad throw gave the Lightning runners on first and second with no outs. Matt Pierpont then laid down a sacrifice bunt, but the throw was rushed for yet another error, allowing Beary to score the winning run.

## SUNS

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— but not before the Suns had closed the gap to 9-6.

When Scott Robinson came on to face the Suns in the eighth inning, he immediately got into trouble when DeLand managed to get runners on first and third. But Robinson was able to strike

out Joey Delmonico to preserve the Lightning's three-run lead.

The Lightning scored an insurance run in the ninth on Pierpont's single to left.

Dyland Ortega came on to close out the game, retiring the side in a 1-2-3 inning.



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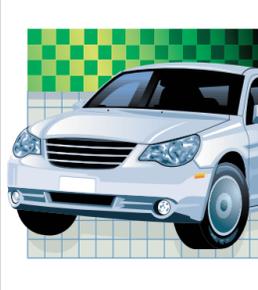
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**003 Legal Notices**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Case No: 2010-DR-512

IN RE: The Marriage of: DANIELLE L. CAVANAGH, Petitioner, and JOHN CAVANAGH, Respondent/Husband

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**

TO: JOHN CAVANAGH

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on DANIELLE L. CAVANAGH, at the office of her attorneys, Pamela J. Helton P.A., 301 North Highway 27, Suite H, Clermont, Florida 34711 on or before August 23, 2010, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

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Dated: July 8, 2010  
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Clerk of the Court By: /s/A. Henry Deputy Clerk

Ad.No: 00226890 July 16, 23, 30, & August 8, 2010

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO: 2009-CA-005693 DIVISION: 10 UCN: 352009CA005693XXCICI

**WALTER MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC**

Plaintiff,

vs. **CLARA A. JOHNSON, JOHN DOE, HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF EUSTIS, FLORIDA,**

Defendants.

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No.: 00228599 Date: July 30 & August 6, 2010

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The master suite features a large walk-in closet, dual vanity sinks, a walk-in shower and a soaking tub. The guest bedroom has

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## Historic masterpiece has wood floors, fireplace

This beautiful historical home, built in 1923, is located in the downtown Leesburg historic district and features five bedrooms, four full baths and two half-baths. Enter the main house in the living room, complete with oak wood floors and fireplace. The formal dining room has oak wood floors and chandelier, and is perfect for entertaining. The roomy kitchen has modern upgrades: stainless dishwasher, convection oven, Corian countertops and tile backsplash.

The downstairs area is shared by the laundry room, family room, two half-baths and the master suite. The master has access doors to the living room, screened porch and fireplace that's complete with imported

tiles and is shared with the living room. Newly remodeled master bath has his/her sinks, plantation shutters and a sunken garden tub. The upstairs hosts three bedrooms, bonus room and three bathrooms (two conveniently located in guest rooms). An additional building is located behind the main house and is two stories with approximately 320 square feet. To complete the package, a wooden deck located off the kitchen of the main house overlooks a serene garden area. Come fall in love with this timeless classic! Home listed with Theresa Morris at 352-360-3736 and Camie Kennedy at 325-408-4668 of Morris Realty and Investments.



This home has five bedrooms, four full baths and a guest house on the property.



This pool home features four bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths and 3,100 square feet of space.

ERA TOM GRIZZARD REALTY

## Large Las Colinas home has plenty of upgrades

The feeling of graciousness and hospitality warms your heart as you enter this four-bedroom, 3 1/2-bath home located in the tranquil gated Las Colinas neighborhood at Mission Inn. The Normandy floor plan with 3,100 square-foot living area, with all of the upgrades, is elegantly and tastefully decorated. Expansive lush landscaping, fountains and glorious golf course views further enhance the beauty of living in the rolling countryside just 35 minutes from Orlando. The floor plan is well thought out and the construction is superi-

or. The spacious living room includes a gas fireplace, and there are glass sliders that open to the pool area. Some of the upgrades include beautiful wood floors, decorative tray ceiling, upscale fixtures, wiring for surround sound, granite counters, gas range, gas and electric ovens, gas re-circulating water heater and central vacuum. The pool has a lifetime finish and is equipped with a salt chlorinator. You truly can have it all with this home in this location. Priced at \$599,000. ML#G4627070. Call Linda Grizzard at 352-504-0085.

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# PEP talk

## Sales traffic through first half of 2010 shows start of resurgence at Bella Collina in Montverde

**ORLANDO** — The nationwide real estate downturn that brought luxury to the south Lake County community of Bella Collina to a virtual halt in 2009 has bottomed out and visitor traffic is now pointing to signs of a strong resurgence, according to Roger Soderstrom, founder and owner of Stirling Sotheby's International Realty in Orlando.

"In our opinion, Bella Collina will rank as one of the hottest communities in Florida in 2011 and 2012," Soderstrom said.

From January 1 through June 30, Bella Collina reported 11 residential transactions at an average sales price of \$883,000 including three closed sales and eight that are still pending. During the same period 12 luxury home sites sold and 12 more sales are pending, said. Dan Natoli a partner with the LR Team at Stirling Sotheby's International Realty who is promoting Bella Collina.

During the first six months of 2009, Bella Collina reported no new home sales. Homesite sales at Bella Collina totaled 12 for the first half of the year, Natoli said.

"Most of the sales activity at Bella Collina is recent and we have seen a big jump in

sales traffic and sales inquiries in the past 60 days," said Natoli.

Stirling Sotheby's International Realty launched a major initiative focused on Bella Collina in March, Soderstrom added.

As of June 30, Stirling Sotheby's reported 10 active listings at Bella Collina.

"The key indicator is the prices," Natoli said.

Sales of home sites at Bella Collina so far this year have ranged from \$6,500 to \$109,000 and averaged \$48,000 per home site. Home site sales in 2009 averaged \$183,000 per home site.

Visit [www.StirlingSir.com](http://www.StirlingSir.com) for information.

## New 19,760 square foot Winter Garden equestrian estate will be sold at auction with suggested opening bid of \$475,000

**ORLANDO** — Worldwide Auction Realty Services will host a global auction on August 19 to sell a new Winter Garden equestrian estate that is under construction and designer-ready with 75 percent of work completed.

Lori Chipps, lead auctioneer for Worldwide Auction Realty Services, said the

four-acre estate is located within the Savannah Ridge equestrian community in Winter Garden near Windermere.

The palatial seven-bedroom home offers 13,044 square feet of living space with 19,760 square feet under roof, and features seven bedrooms, seven full baths and four half-baths, a home theater, a game room, three fireplaces, eight-car garage and an attached 2,000 square foot mother-in-law suite.

The estate was originally appraised for \$5.8 million, Chipps said. Current bids to complete construction, including an affinity edge pool, total approximately \$700,000. Completion will take an estimated 90-120 days, Chipps added.

Erin Wanner, a luxury home specialist at Stirling Sotheby's International Realty, is representing the equestrian estate.

The suggested opening bid for the property is \$475,000.

"The buyer will be someone looking for a fabulous equestrian estate home at a fraction of what it would cost to build from scratch," Wanner said, "or a custom home builder or investor who wants to complete construction of the estate and resell it for a substantial profit."

Bids will be accepted in person, via telephone, and on the Internet. For more information visit

[www.SavannahRidgeAuction.com](http://www.SavannahRidgeAuction.com).

## Stirling Sotheby's named exclusive broker for Tavares estate home on Lake Dora

**ORLANDO** — Stirling Sotheby's International Realty has been named exclusive broker for a magnificent 5,460 square foot estate home on Lake Dora at 16001 Acorn Circle in Tavares.

Janice McGeough, certified luxury home marketing specialist at Stirling Sotheby's International Realty, said the three-acre, \$1.5 million Squirrel Point home offers five bedrooms, five-and-a-half baths, a banquet-sized dining room, a huge family room with see-through fireplace, a seven-car garage, a private swimming pool with outdoor terrace, and 800 feet of Lake Dora shoreline.

The gated Spanish-style estate was completed in 1981, said Roger Soderstrom, founder and owner of Stirling Sotheby's International Realty.

"This is a rare find," Soderstrom said. "For the buyer who aspires to ultimate privacy with a magnificent view of Mount Dora's 'Riviera skyline,' this estate fits the bill."

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## REAL ESTATE NEWS

### Green building technology, efficient space design and in-home entertainment potential are the way to a home buyer's heart

**ORLANDO** — Green building technology that lowers energy costs, efficient space design and features that make a home more functional like kitchens, great rooms and dens are at the top of the "want lists" of most new home buyers today.

That's the report from Sean Strickler, vice president of sales and marketing for Pulte Homes in Central Florida.

"More and more buyers are shopping for smaller, smarter and more energy efficient homes today," Strickler said. "Buyers are looking for proper allocation of the square footage. Kitchens, dens and great rooms are really important and formal living and dining rooms rank low on the list of priorities. There is a stark comparison to the efficiencies a new home affords when compared to a used home built a few years ago," Strickler said.

Strickler said those values mean that home buyers plan to get more living out of their new homes.

"New home buyers today are looking at their new home as an estate, where they plan to eat in more often, entertain themselves and their friends," Strickler said. "They want durable, liveable homes. They want to get every ounce of value out of it both from an every day use perspective and the monthly costs associated with the energy efficiency of the home," he said.

That's a smart lifestyle strategy, Strickler said. "It's better for the environment, it's better for families and it's better for our home buyers," Strickler said.

More than five years ago, Pulte Homes' engineers began redesigning new homes to dramatically improve their energy efficiency, Strickler explained.

"There's no silver bullet when it comes to energy efficiency," Strickler said. "It's a combination of several elements, from right-sizing, higher efficiency air conditioning systems to reduce energy consumption to low-emissive windows that screen out most UV rays to Dow's Weathermate® House Wrap, which creates an airtight barrier against moisture."

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### Mercantile Capital Corporation provides commercial real estate loan in Orlando worth over \$488,000

**Altamonte Springs** — Mercantile Capital Corporation

which ranks as one of the nation's leading providers of U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) 504 loans for small business owners who want to acquire or develop their own facilities, closed a commercial loan for Southern Boom & Scissor Lift, Inc. recently for \$488,500 in total project costs.

Southern Boom & Scissor Lift is a lift rental company that provides electric lift and transport equipment for the Orange County Convention Center as well as hotel meeting rooms and other show area venues.

"Not only was the loan process simple and painless, but their program saved us at least 5-10 percent on our down payment, compared to handling it conventionally at a bank," said owner, Rickey Slater. "We would do business with MCC again in a heartbeat."

The SmartChoice Commercial Loan Program helps owners of small to mid-sized businesses, like Southern Boom & Scissor Lift, have an opportunity to create wealth and financial freedom. Their specialization in SmartChoice Commercial Loans, also known as SBA 504 loans, allows borrowers, like Rickey Slater, to own their commercial property with the highest cash-on-cash return financing available, without tying up their precious capital, so they can grow even faster.

For more information visit [www.TheSmartChoiceLoan.com](http://www.TheSmartChoiceLoan.com) and [www.504Blog.com](http://www.504Blog.com).

### HUD and Florida management companies reach agreement to improve and increase housing opportunities for families

**Pompano Beach firm to pay up to \$70,000 to resolve discrimination complaint**

**WASHINGTON** — Families with children are now able to live without restrictions at a Pompano Beach, Florida housing development under a voluntary agreement between the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Cornerstone Residential Management, Inc., and the Oaks at Pompano, Ltd. The agreement will improve and increase the affordability of multifamily housing in their area and provide \$30,000 in rental assistance to families with children. The firms will also make family-friendly improvements to their properties and donate \$20,000 to a fair housing organization.

The agreement comes after a June 2008 HUD review of occupancy restrictions set forth by the management group at the Oaks at Pompano, an apartment complex in Pompano Beach, Florida, that leases one, two- and three-bedroom apartments. HUD discovered that the restrictions not only forced families to pay more for their dwelling, but also denied families tenancy. The Fair Housing Act, [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov), prohibits housing discrimination based on family status, including actions that unreasonably limit rental occupancy.

"This settlement takes significant steps to further fair housing, make units available to families, and promote a positive living environment," said John Trasviña, Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO). "Ensuring fair housing for all at the local level has a significant national impact."

Under the terms of the agreement, the management companies will:

— Provide families with children \$30,000 in rental incentives or discounts on their rental amounts at the Oaks at Pompano.

— Use \$20,000 to make family-friendly improvements to the Oaks at Pompano.

— Adjust occupancy standards so that one-bedroom units house two people, two-bedroom units house four people and three-bedroom units house six people.

— Donate \$20,000 to a local fair housing organization(s).

— Provide and verify fair housing training to staff at Oaks at Pompano and all other properties.

HUD's mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. HUD is working to strengthen the housing market to bolster the economy and protect consumers, meet the need for quality affordable rental homes, utilize housing as a platform for improving quality of life, build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination, and transform the way HUD does business.

More information about HUD and its programs is available on the Internet at [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov) and [espanol.hud.gov](http://espanol.hud.gov).

### Cambridge closes six HUD lean loans on senior housing facilities totaling \$40.4 million during the first half of 2010

Cambridge Realty Capital Companies reports closing six transactions totaling \$40.4 million during the first half of 2010 and notes that activity totals should be even more robust in the third quarter of this year.

"Given the economic challenges, we're very pleased with the way the year is shaping up. Based on loans currently being processed, it now appears that third quarter closings alone could exceed totals for the first six months of the year," Chairman Jeffrey A. Davis said.

"With interest rates at current low levels, borrowers are reconsidering the economics of their current situation and giving more serious thought to the refinance option," he noted.

Cambridge is one of the nation's leading senior housing/healthcare debt and equity capital providers and consistently ranks among the top FHA-approved HUD 232 Lean lenders. The firm has closed more than 300 senior housing/healthcare loans totaling more than \$3 billion since the early 1990s.

In the first half of 2010, the average loan size closed by the company was \$6.76 million. The largest transaction was over \$10 million and the smallest was a \$1.4 million HUD loan to refinance McGill Terrace Apartments in Chicago. Davis said Cambridge originally provided HUD funding for the 48-unit apartment community in December 1996.

Cambridge is the creator of The Signature Experience, a four-step process designed to transform the traditional lender/borrower relationship and identify ideal capital solutions for worthy projects. The company has a national origination office in Los Angeles, and numerous correspondent and brokerage relationships nationwide.

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# Lamps can bring more than light into a room

MARY CAROL GARRITY  
Scripps Howard News Service

Like fine pieces of art, lamps bring character to our homes and help finish a room. And, like art, high-quality lamps can be pricey, so it's important to pick lamps that look perfect in your home and that will capture your heart for years to come. I asked Rich and Beth, two of the talented designers at Nell Hill's, to join with me in shedding light on how to pick a lamp that will truly light up your life.

Most rooms in your home will call on the power of three different types of lighting: task, accent and overhead. Start by surveying your space to see what's missing.

I'm not a huge fan of overhead lights because they tend to cast a harsh, unforgiving light. In fact, Rich cautions, "No one under the age of 30 should be sitting in overhead light." So I tend to illuminate the rooms in my home with task and accent lights whenever I can.

Wall sconces make a great alternative -- they brighten up your space without a harsh flood of light. But in rooms where overhead lighting is a must, such as your dining room, Beth urges installing dimmer switches so you can soften the light.

The job of task lighting is to give you the proper amount of light to accomplish whatever job you need to get done, from paying the bills to reading that best seller you can't put down.

When you need a pop of light to brighten a dark corner or give your room a warm glow, look to accent lights to save the day. In addition to positioning accent lights in prominent places, like on a buffet or side table, I also like to tuck them into unusual spots, like on the kitchen counter, in a bookcase or on the vanity in the powder room.

I think the lamps we pick for our homes should do a lot more than bring light into our rooms. They should also reflect our style and personality. When you go looking for lamps, think of it as a treasure hunt. Scout for a lamp that will blend with the style of your home and match the scale of your room and furnishings.

Refuse to settle for anything that does not steal your heart.

I'm thankful that the days when we were expected to buy a set of four matching brass lamps are long gone because I'm a big fan of using a wide variety of dissimilar lamps in my home.

Why not try mixing it up a bit in your room? For instance, you could pair a chunky lamp made from a concrete urn or an old wooden finial with a lamp made from a fine porcelain vase. I have two really fun lamps available at Nell Hill's Online right now. One features a fun rooster base and is a steal at only \$39. The other, the Verdi urn table lamp, is a timeless classic that will work in just about any room and with any decor. It's also at a great price. (Just click the "shop online" button at the top of the Nell Hill's Web site home page to access Nell Hill's Online.)

Part of the fun of picking a lamp is finding one that is perfect, right down to the last detail. Carefully consider the shape of the lamp. Do you want one with straight lines or curves? Do you prefer a thinner lamp base or one that's hefty? Which will work better for the space -- a short or tall lamp? (If you fall in love with a lamp that's a bit too short, you can elevate it with a riser, like a stack of books.)

Pay close attention to the color of the lamp's shade. If you want to use the lamp for task lighting, get one with a light color shade because it will give off more light. If you're looking for mood lighting, you can't beat a lamp with a black shade. Colored lamp shades, like red or gold, are also a great choice for accent lights because they add color to a room.

Note the kind of fabric used to cover the shade. Rich points out that different kinds of fabric provide different qualities of light and will dress up or dress down a lamp base. For instance, a linen lamp shade will give a more casual look than one made of silk.

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Lamps add style and mood to a room as well as light. When choosing a lamp, attention should be given to the decor theme, colors, scale and proportions of the room.

## REAL ESTATE NEWS

From C2

### Active adults will lead Florida's home building industry out of the slowdown, says Del Webb executive

ORLANDO — Legions of active adults including more younger, healthier retirees than Florida has ever accommodated in the past will help rekindle Florida's home building industry as the national economy heats up, according to one of Florida's most active home builders.

Sean Strickler, vice president of sales and marketing for the Central Florida Division of Del Webb, said housing sales to active adults in Florida are already showing signs of growth and the market segment will likely lead the rest of Florida's home building industry over the next five years.

"Millions of adults plan to relocate to Florida as soon as they sell their family home up north," Strickler said.

"The recession created a bottleneck, and many active adults put off the move, but now that the market is picking up again, we expect to see very obvious signs of pent-up demand, and the steady stream of active adults moving to Florida will increase, perhaps dramatically," he said.

"All the important factors which have ranked Florida a top retirement destination for more than a century are still important — affordable prices, year-round sunshine, no state income tax, plenty of golf courses, fishing lakes, attractions and more," Strickler said.

Recently, two grand opening festivities were held at Del Webb active adult communities at Southshore Falls in Apollo Beach and Del Webb Orlando in Davenport.

"Both grand opening events drew more than 300 prospective home buyers, far surpassing our expectations," Strickler reported.

"Active adult buyers are more demanding than they have been in the past," Strickler said. "Amenities and features are important factors, but we're seeing more demand for energy efficient engineering and appliances and efficiently designed spaces," he said.

#### About Del Webb

Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2010, award-winning Del Webb active adult communities provide a vibrant, enriched lifestyle for those ages 55 and older, creating an unmatched experience for "retirement." Del Webb communities began with the original Sun City which opened outside Phoenix, Arizona in 1960 and have grown to include more than 50 communities currently open for new home sales in 21 states. Del Webb is the best-known brand of active adult communities in America and draws on its 50 years of experience of providing residents an engaging life which fulfills their creative, physical, mental, and social needs.

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## Organize to help your aging parents

SARAH WELCH AND  
ALICIA ROCKMORE  
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Becoming a "parent" to your parents can be one of the most emotionally trying times of your life, especially if you don't know how your parents feel about certain issues.

Unfortunately, too many people wait until it is too late to sit down and have a discussion with parents to learn their needs and wishes. Don't wait for an emergency just because you feel uncomfortable discussing topics like finances, wills and funerals. Nobody ever wants to watch his or her parents age, but if you have everything buttoned up ahead of time, it can ease some of the stress.

#### Alicia on "caring for an older parent":

My dad died 15 years ago and my mom is almost 90 now. I'm the baby of the family by many years, so I'm seeing my mom age well before my friends are experiencing it. I've learned that it's never easy, but having everything at our fingertips is vital. My mom, who has dementia, just broke her hip a few months ago. It's stressful when something like that happens and you're worrying about their care and recovery. My sisters and I put together her living-will and power-of-attorney documents years ago, before the dementia set in. We've also compiled all of her medical



HOLLIE SEHRT AND CINDY RODRIGUEZ / SHNS ILLUSTRATION

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and insurance information, and all three of us have it at the ready. I can't imagine not having it all together. It would just make things that much worse. Now, when emergencies arise, we can focus on her care and comfort instead of scurrying around for paperwork.

Even if you do nothing else, complete the first three tasks and keep the documents and information in one spot (Life.Doc or Medical.Doc binders are available at [www.getbuttonedup.com](http://www.getbuttonedup.com)):

1. **Legal:** In addition to a standard will, have a lawyer draw up a durable power of

attorney, which allows you to make financial decisions on behalf of your parents. Additionally, each parent needs a health-care directive, also known as a living will, that spells out his or her individual wishes for medical care.

2. **Medical.** Everybody should document the family's medical history. Among that information, keep a detailed list of all of the medications your parent is taking. In addition to the drug's name and purpose, be sure to include dosage amounts. Also keep a list of doctor's names and contact numbers, since many elderly

patients are under the care of several doctors and specialists at once.

3. **Insurance.** In addition to your parent's Medicare policy number and 800 information number, be sure to keep any information on supplemental or secondary insurance, as well as long-term health coverage, if he or she has it.

4. **Finances.** It's always advisable to discuss finances with your parents to learn more about their situation. Will they require financial assistance from you or will you need to know how they want their estate distributed? While a will can tell you how the estate will be divided, if you have a record of all of their accounts and policies, account numbers and contact information, it can save you a lot of time and frustration later.

5. **Coordinate Care.** Will your parents live at home, require live-in assistance or opt for assisted living? Either way, aging parents require a lot of help. Whether it's picking up their groceries or taking them to doctor's appointments, their needs can be overwhelming for one person to handle alone. Create a spreadsheet with various tasks and divide the work among family members and/or friends.

The writers are co-founders of *Buttoned Up*, a company dedicated to helping stressed women get organized. Send ideas and questions to [yourlife@getbuttonedup.com](mailto:yourlife@getbuttonedup.com).

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When you purchase a Foreclosure, you are purchasing a house directly from the lender. The lender has taken title after a judicial proceeding due to the owner's failure to timely make their mortgage payment. Typically, a Foreclosure purchase moves fairly quickly and does not have the delay associated with a Short Sale. When purchasing Short Sale or Foreclosure, it is critical that you work with an experienced Realtor, familiar with the market and the Short Sale/Foreclosure process.

**Q:** What do I do if I have to sell my house in this market, if I am not in a Short Sale or Foreclosure situation?

**A:** Unfortunately, there are so many Short Sale and Foreclosures in our current market, that it impacts the selling price of all properties. First and foremost, you should work with a Realtor who knows how to properly price and aggressively market your property to get the highest price possible. You should remember that even if you take less for your property than you would like, you can more than make up for it in the purchase of your replacement property.

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# Tools make perfect gifts for do-it-yourself homeowner

**DWIGHT BARNETT**  
Scripps Howard News Service

Q: My husband reads your column. Your advice has helped him to maintain our home. I would like to buy him the various tools he needs, but everywhere I go they have different suggestions of what to buy for him. What do you think he needs in his tool collection?

A: Having the proper tools makes any job so much easier, and tools make perfect gifts for the do-it-yourself homeowner.

First, check your husband's toolbox to make sure you don't buy something he already has. A basic tool kit will contain a claw hammer (a 16-ounce version will do), different sizes of standard and Phillips screwdrivers, pliers, wire cutters, a box knife, safety glasses and, of course, a tape measure.

To tackle most small home-repair projects, he will also need a handsaw, coping saw, nail-set (punch), a standard-size handy bar as well as a miniature handy bar, a cat's paw

for pulling nails, side-cutting pliers, and needle-nose pliers.

Find pliers with rubber grips to protect the user from electrical wiring. Also consider a carpenter's tool belt, pocket square and a sturdy pair of sawhorses or a sturdy workbench with built-in wood vise clamps. Plumbing projects will require two pairs of Channellock pliers, two pipe wrenches and a crescent wrench, and don't forget a flashlight.

Every handyman can use a variety of nails, screws, picture hangers and various fasteners, all of which can be found in pre-stocked storage cabinets. Once you've selected the tools he will need, pack them all together in a sturdy portable toolbox.

*Dwight Barnett is a certified master inspector with the American Society of Home Inspectors. Write to him with home-improvement questions at C. Dwight Barnett, Evansville Courier & Press, P.O. Box 286, Evansville, IN 47702, or e-mail him at d.barnett@insightbb.com. Please include a SASE with your questions.*

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# Here's a few ways to chill out with summer wine crafts

**CATHIE FILIAN**

Scripps Howard News Service

Chill out with these cool ideas for wine. A colorful wine chiller and personalized cork stoppers are the perfect summer craft. You don't need to be an advanced painter or sculptor to do these techniques. The painted glass chiller is perfect for keeping cold bottles chilled, and the decorative stopper will keep summer bugs at bay.

Art stores have a variety of colors of glass paint and polymer clays, so the sky is the limit when it comes to designs.

If you feel nervous about freehand painting, look for glass stencils and templates. You can also use a grease pen to draw or trace a design.

However you craft it, this summer wine craft is sure to cool you down and impress your friends.

#### Materials for the glass chiller and cork stopper:

8-inch-tall hurricane vase  
Cork plant coaster (diameter

ter the same or larger than the hurricane vase)

Glass paint (such as FolkArt Enamels)

Flat paintbrush

Round paintbrush

E6000 glue

Wine stopper-sized cork

Polymer clay

Polymer clay glaze

Flower-shaped polymer clay cutters in graduated sizes

Steps for the glass chiller:

Wipe the glass vase with rubbing alcohol. Paint leaves and vines on the glass hurricane vase using glass paints and the flat paintbrush. Add blossom shapes with the round paintbrush.

Dry and bake the glass vase (if necessary) according to the glass-paint manufacturer's instructions.

Glue the bottom of the cooled hurricane vase to the center of the cork plant coaster using E6000 glue. Allow to set for eight hours.

Steps for the wine stopper:

Condition the clay by rolling it in your hands to soften it.

Roll one color of polymer clay into a ball that is approximate-

ly 2 inches in diameter. Press the larger flat end of the cork into the clay to form an impression and stick to the cork.

Roll out additional colors of clay using a pasta machine (dedicated to clay work) set to the thickest setting or a rolling bar. Use the flower-shaped polymer clay cutter to cut petals. Cut different sizes in different colors.

Layer the flower shapes on top of the clay piece on the cork. Gently press them together. Press a center into the flower using the end of a small paintbrush.

Remove the cork and bake the clay according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Once the clay has cooled, glue it to the cork with E6000. Glaze the clay with polymer clay glaze.

Fill the vase with glass and nestle in a bottle of white wine.

*Cathie Filian is a lifestyle expert, Emmy-nominated television host, author and designer. Learn more about Cathie at [www.cathiefilian.com](http://www.cathiefilian.com).*



CATHIE FILIAN / SHNS

A colorful wine chiller and personalized cork stoppers are the perfect summer craft.

# The Italian kitchen is getting a makeover

**ZAHID SARDAR**

San Francisco Chronicle

With the resurgence of crafted, handmade goods, even the precisely engineered stainless-steel aesthetic of Italian kitchens is getting a makeover.

"We are responding to what people want now," says Boffi CEO Roberto Gavazzi.

The company's newest lines, which build on Vienna-based Norbert Wengen's timeless, efficient K2 kitchen design that Boffi adopted in 2003, have recycled, distressed wood counters, steam-darkened sustainable acacia cabinets and surprisingly humble, traditional veneers that have been used for centuries: handmade ceramic tiles with low-relief arabesque patterns.

Unlike colorful Ottoman originals, these nostalgic matte-glazed Duemilaotto tiles of fired clay, designed by Boffi Creative Director Piero Lissoni, are all white, like monochromatic plateresque moldings on Hispano-Moresque buildings.

The creamy white 1/2-inch-thick square tiles in three mix-and-match designs sometimes vary slightly in size depending on how much they shrink or warp in the firing. The occasional discrepancy adds to the overall handcrafted effect, but grout between the 15-by-15-centimeter (almost 6 inches) and 20-by-20-centimeter (almost 8 inches) tiles makes it easy enough to clad precisely engineered Boffi kitchen island stove hoods or form custom backsplashes and wall treatments.

"They almost look Victorian," says Cardenio Petrucci, owner of Dzine, the showroom that showcases Boffi kitchens and baths in San Francisco. That's no coincidence: The new tiles are made by Domenico Mori in Macerata, south of Venice, in kilns that have been in use since the 19th century.

"A kitchen is no longer a craft shop. It also has a social and aesthetic function. We are no longer in the '70s when everything 'designed' had to look avant-garde."

**Norbert Wengen**  
Boffi designer

ry. They may well have supplied the dowager queen.

At a glance:

Expert opinion: "A kitchen is no longer a craft shop," says Boffi designer Norbert Wengen, 48. "It also has a social and aesthetic function." While he likes spare, efficient designs that are timeless, a kitchen can also be organized and decorated in the manner of other living spaces.

"We are no longer in the '70s when everything 'designed' had to look avant-garde," he says.

The new Piero Lissoni tiles "soften the Boffi look," says Dzine owner Cardenio Petrucci. They are handmade near Boffi's Milan headquarters and can be made and delivered within two months.

Pros: The all-white tiles can be mixed and matched for a custom look. Tiles are as easy to clean as stainless steel but don't show fingerprints. The tiles are intended to fit Boffi hood sizes perfectly, so there is little waste.

Cons: The tile-clad hoods can weigh as much as 600 pounds. Metric grids are harder to apply to American construction planned in inches.

Price: \$20-\$32 per tile  
Resources: [dzinestore.com](http://dzinestore.com)

E-mail Zahid Sardar at [home@sfnchronicle.com](mailto:home@sfnchronicle.com).

# Brighten up your bathroom

#### HOME AND GARDEN TELEVISION

White sinks, tubs and toilets are classic bathroom fixtures. Learn how to pair them with colors that make them look fresh.

Although there are some absolutely gorgeous boutique lines producing sinks and toilets in rich, deep colors, white is still by far the most popular choice for toilets, tubs and sinks, says Bob Garder, president of the National Kitchen & Bath Association.

For a clean but comfortable look, Los Angeles interior designer Nicole Sassaman loves Restoration Hardware's Silver Sage with white bathroom fixtures. "Or," says Sassaman, "try some of the metallic blue paints in the Ralph Lauren line." Choosing a darker paint color also gives you an artistic backdrop against which you can install col-

orful hooks or hang vibrant towels.

If you will be putting on makeup in the bathroom, says Marcia Walter, of the International Association of Color Consultants, colors flattering to your skin tone can be important. "Steer clear of gray and deeper yellow-greens," she says.

Other deep colors can work very well in bathrooms, however, even if your bathroom is tiny, says Catherine Stein, president of The Color Council.

"Don't try to hide the fact that it's a small space," says Stein. "Instead, treat the room like a little jewel box, painting the walls and the ceiling the same color, and make it really special."

Courtesy of Susan Kleinman on [hgtv.com](http://hgtv.com). For thousands of other ideas, visit [www.hgtv.com](http://www.hgtv.com).

# How to save water this summer

#### ED DEL GRANDE

HGTVP.com

The dog days of summer have arrived, and in many communities, water-use restrictions are in full swing. You may have noticed that your water pressure has also slowed down due to the high demand.

Remember, everybody suffers when water levels are low. You've heard me say this before, and I'll say it again: If we all cut down just a little bit with our personal water use, we'll all have a lot more water for our homes in the long run.

With that in mind, here is my new list of summertime water-saving suggestions. I don't expect everyone to use every tip on this list, but if each of us picks out a few favorites, we can create bigger water reserves in each area of the country until the cooler fall weather kicks in.

- 1. Turn off the water:** While brushing your teeth or shaving, please keep the faucet off.
- 2. Cut just one minute off your shower time:** Your home can save more than 750 gallons a year by following this simple, water-saving trick.
- 3. Landscape with native or drought-tolerant plants:** Especially in drier areas, if you use native plants and/or grasses that live naturally in dry climates, you'll water less.
- 4. Replace old, water-guzzling toilets:** Installing new, high-efficiency toilets in place of older models can save thousands of gallons of water per year.
- 5. Use leftover water for houseplants:** By doing things like putting a bucket under your showerhead while you wait for the water to heat up, you can reclaim all the water you may need for watering houseplants and filling your dog's bowl.
- 6. Make sure your dishwasher is fully loaded:** Many of us just run a partly filled dishwasher out of habit. Take the time to make sure it's completely loaded.
- 7. Use the appropriate water level for your laundry:** Again, a small thing many of us overlook. Check the laundry load size and set your washing machine to the proper level; you'll save on water and sewer-use charges.
- 8. Fix leaky faucets/install water-saving aerators:** Repairing and/or installing new, efficient aerators on faucets can save hundreds of gallons a month.
- 9. Use a broom, rather than a hose:** It seems that most of us forgot how to use a broom when cleaning a driveway or a walkway. Sweeping saves water.
- 10. Water your garden in the early morning:** Take advantage of the head start created by morning dew. Get up a just a little earlier to water your garden.

These are just some tips that I have seen work around my own home. If you have any ideas or tricks that work for you, please send them in. If we get enough of them, I can keep the water-saving tips flowing by writing "volume two" before the summer ends.

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# A novelty wagon clock that lights it up

HELAI NE FENDELMAN AND  
JOE ROSSON  
Scripps Howard News Service

**Dear Helaine and Joe:** I have been told the item pictured on the enclosed photograph is valuable. The wagon has a light, and the United Clock Company of Brooklyn, N.Y., manufactured the piece. Any information would be appreciated. — R.B., Durham, N.C.

**Dear R.B.:** There seems to be a little confusion about the particulars of the United Clock Company of Brooklyn, N.Y. One source says the founder was Abraham Levy, who remained president of the company until his death in 1961. The firm was reportedly in business at 379 DeKalb Ave. around 1905, but it was not incorporated until 1931.

Another source links this company to the more famous Sessions Clock Company, but exactly how they were connected is left rather vague. This source also maintains that the United Clock Company was known for its "carnival clocks" — or cheap novelty clocks offered at carnivals as the "grand prize" in games.

Indeed, the company was known for its figural and novelty clocks, and collectors can now find United

Clock Company examples shaped like the Statue of Liberty holding a torch that lights up, a three-dimensional horse reminiscent of Roy Rogers' Trigger or a carriage that looks to be waiting for Cinderella.

The covered wagon in today's question was initially intended to be a television lamp, with the round "VO" advertising sign located where the clock should be. Most television lamps were made from ceramic and designed to provide a low light, because it was thought at the time that watching television without ambient light would damage the viewer's eyes.

These television lamps came in a variety of shapes that ranged from running deer to flamingos, ships, panthers, dogs and ducks, among others. This covered-wagon example is rather large for the genre and made from metal and wood, not ceramics. At auction, this lamp in good condition has sold for as much as \$225. However, this piece was not designed as a household TV light. Instead, it was modified by removing the clock and adding logos as an advertisement for the Seagram Company, and probably graced a shelf in a barroom somewhere.

The history of the Seagram Company is rather long and con-



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One version of this covered-wagon lamp was meant to sit on a television set, another was designed to provide illumination in a barroom.

voluted, but today, 32 percent of the company is still owned by the Bronfman family, which fled the pogroms in czarist Russia in 1889 and settled in Canada. They had been tobacco farmers in Russia, but this crop did not grow well in the Canadian climate, so the Bronfmans had to find other ways to earn a living.

Eventually, they went into the

hotel and bar business and subsequently entered the whiskey trade around 1916. In 1924, they opened their first distillery. Today, their brands include Chivas Regal, Crown Royal, Captain Morgan, Absolut and Mumm, and are sold in more than 150 countries.

This covered-wagon advertising piece hails from the late 1950s or early 1960s. If in perfect condition

(with the driver's hand moving to crack a whip over the horses), its insurance-replacement value rests in the \$400 range. If in less-than-perfect condition, the value falls dramatically.

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## Home prices rise in May from April

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**NEW YORK** — Home prices rose in May for the second straight month as federal tax incentives pulled more buyers into the market.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city home price index released Tuesday posted a 1.3 percent increase in May from April.

Nineteen of 20 cities showed price gains month over month. Minneapolis and Atlanta led the way with 2.8 percent and 2 percent increases, respectively. And San Diego posted its 13th straight monthly gain.

Only Las Vegas recorded a price decline. The metro hit a new record low in May. Home prices there have lost 56.4 percent of their value since peaking in August 2006.

And while Detroit recorded a 0.7 percent increase from April, the average home price there is about same as it was in 1994.

Overall, the gains underscore the impact of the government's homebuying tax credits. Buyers rushed to purchase before the credits expired at the end of April. The index is an average of home sales in March, April and May.

May is typically a strong month for selling homes. Most economists don't expect the price gains to last through the year and many predict home prices will fall through the rest of the year.

"I bet in six months 15 to 20 cities will have falling prices," said IHS Global Insight economist Patrick Newport. He predicts prices will fall another 6 percent to 8 percent before turning around next year.

Nationally, prices have risen 5.1 percent from their April 2009 bottom. But they remain 29 percent below their July 2006 peak.

More recent housing figures show a gloomier outlook, even though mortgage rates are at the lowest level in decades.

Sales of previously occupied homes fell 5.1 percent in June. New home sales jumped last month, but it was the second-weakest month on record and it came after sales tumbled in May.

A high number of foreclosures has forced home prices down in many areas, while 9.5 percent unemployment and tight credit have kept many from buying.

## Suggestions on how to save the planet and your bank account

ROSEMARY SADEZ  
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Scripps Howard News Service

OK, so we all want to go green and save the planet. However, we are also all pinching pennies to make ends meet. And we all want homes that are comfortable and beautiful. So how can we save the planet, save money and live comfortably all at the same time? Here are a few suggestions.

It is a good idea to keep heating and air-conditioner filters clean. Replacing the fiberglass filters with reusable, washable ones is a great idea because it will save you money and save the planet.

There are programmable thermostats that let you set temperatures for different times of the day so when you're out and don't need the house to be so cool (or so warm in winter), the temperature automatically changes and you will save on electricity. The timer is set so the temperature will go back to your comfort level before you come back home.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, in colder months, turning the heat down from 72 degrees

to 65 F for at least eight hours a day can reduce your heating costs by up to 10 percent. Speaking of thermostats, try not to place lamps or large appliances near a thermostat, as they put out heat and will make the air conditioner run longer than necessary.

Do you still have an air conditioner placed in your window somewhere in the house? Removing those units in the fall is an excellent idea because they invite drafts into the house. If that is not possible, then use an

insulated jacket on the exterior part of the air conditioner.

Replacing conventional incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent ones is a smart idea. Though the compact fluorescent bulbs cost more initially, they last up to 10 times longer, use two-thirds less energy and give off 70 percent less heat. Oh, and don't forget what Mom taught you as a kid: Turn the light off whenever you leave a room.

We all know that much of our heating and cooling

energy is lost through windows. A highly insulated shade could help solve that problem. Duette honeycomb shades, particularly those made by Hunter Douglas, are made specifically for saving energy, and they are attractive as well. For those trying to save money, there is a tax credit you can get for using Hunter Douglas shades.

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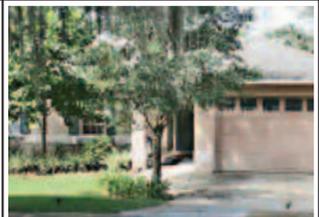


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