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Declining water levels stir concerns about lakes

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A little rain would go a long way toward cooling tempers along Lake County's waterfronts.

Water managers blame dry weather for the low water levels that are plaguing the county's lakes.

Residents blame the water managers for those low levels. And debate over the issue has divided residents along different lakes.

But everyone seems to agree that a drop in lake levels is taking a toll on marinas, waterfront businesses and fishermen in the Harris Chain of Lakes. It's tourist season and fish spawning season, when businesses see the most boat traffic. But in many areas, boaters are having troubling getting in and out of slips and navigating canals.

"It's not only affecting my business, it's killing my business," said Dennis Mulholland, owner of Twin Parks Resort & Marina, on Lake Griffin in Fruitland Park. "There's nothing but muck."

Mulholland said all of his boat slips are on dirt, his rental properties are half-empty, and he is losing bait, tackle and fuel business.

"It's brutal," said Mulholland, adding that he has spent $1.5 million on improvements. "The economic impact is going to be felt."

At Nelson's Outdoor Resort, formerly known as Nelson's Fish Camp, owners say low water levels are hurting their boat rental business. Nelson's, at the northern tip of Lake Griffin and the Ocklawaha River in Umatilla, has been a camping and fishing destination since the 1950s.

Co-owner Robin Butler told county commissioners last week about recent investments in the business.

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David and Sam Hammond fish off of the dock at Nelson's Outdoor Resort.

AIR YOUR OPINION

The St. Johns River Water Management District has scheduled a public forum for 5 to 7 p.m. Jan. 5 at Mission Inn in Howey-in-the-Hills for residents to express their views, and for staff to explain the science behind the district's temporary reduction in discharges.

Waterlines recede along Lake Griffin.

New Year's Eve festival canceled

Bond-fire Arts and Music Festival promoters were unable to secure location

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Unable to find an outdoor venue, and with fans preferring refunds, promoters have canceled the Bond-fire Arts and Music Festival.

After Lake County commissioners last week denied a permit for the New Year's weekend event over a slew of safety concerns, organizers sought other venues. But with time running out to stage the show, Facebook postings from ticket buyers suggest that most preferred to get their money back.

Last Saturday, promoters posted this annoucement: "It is our deep regret to inform you all that the festival will be officially cancelled. FULL refunds will be offered, despite the negative comments we are FULLY prepared to refund all money gained from presale tickets. This is not the way we had hoped for things to turn out, and we worked around the clock to prevent such an announcement, however, with the holidays and switching of venues it will not be possible to make this event the success we had hoped for."

The posting said refund information would be provided after the holidays. Producer Chris Bolster declined to comment on Sunday.

The festival was originally scheduled for Dec. 29 to Jan. 2 on 40 acres of pastureland west of County Road 33 in unincorporated Lake County. Organizers publicized 50-plus bands, including headliners George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic, and North Mississippi Allstars. At least 2,500 music fans were expected over the weekend, many of them to camp out.

County commissioners, however, denied a permit for the event because of a

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> **I hate stuff like this. Lake County doesn't need this.**
> *— Dwight Wilson, who bought a ticket to the festival*

State gets enterprise zone plans

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A strategic plan for an Enterprise Zone in Lake County has been approved and forwarded to the state.

The proposed areas of the zone are in Eustis, Leesburg and Mascotte. County commissioners recently adopted a final strategic plan. The county must submit an application with the state Department of Economic Opportunity by the end of the year. The county also must reach interlocal agreements with each city stating that they concur with the strategic plan.

The zones are designed to offer business incentives and attract private investment to spur economic opportunities and create jobs. The areas of the zone are considered blighted based on income and unemployment levels.

Amye King, director of growth management for the county, said those incentives could include: jobs tax credits; business equipment and building materials refunds; property tax credits; property tax exemptions for child care facilities; sales-tax exemptions for electrical energy; and community contribution tax credits.

Dianne Kramer, director of development services for Eustis, pointed out that the zone there is also within the city's Community Redevelopment Area, where the city is trying to revive the former business area for the historic African-American community. The city is waiving business-tax receipts for businesses in that area.

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Word on the Street

What South Lake residents are saying about ...

HOLIDAY MEMORIES

What was your favorite gift this Christmas and why?

A Kindle Fire that I've been lobbying for, for a few months now.

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A visit from my husband's grandmother from England because my kids were able to see their great grandmother.

TANYA ARMSTRONG
CLERMONT

The complete boxed set of Friday Night Lights on DVD that I asked for.

MARY RAXWORTHY
GROVELAND

My Bath and Body Works perfume, "Be Enchanted," that my grandma gave me. That's one of the things I really wanted.

ROSELYN RODERICK
MINNEOLA

The FIOS Tablet I really wanted so that I could communicate with everyone in a more lightweight and travel friendly way.

LINDA MUCHA
CLERMONT

IN MEMORY

OBITUARIES

Peter "Pete" G. Murray

Peter "Pete" G. Murray, 62 passed away December. 3, 2011. He was born and raised in the Detroit area, and besides being a former restaurateur, Pete was a master in carpentry and landscaping. Pete served his country during Vietnam in the US Navy for 4 1/2 years aboard a destroyer. He is survived by his wife Jo-Jo, his daughter, 3 stepsons and several grandchildren. Other survivors include his 2 brothers and one sister. Pete will be missed by a vast array of friends most of whom attended his legendary parties and experienced his exquisite food. A memorial service and U. S. Navy Funeral Honors will be offered at 1 P.M., Friday, January 6, 2012 at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell.

DEATH NOTICES

James Edward Clark

James Edward Clark, 68, of Clermont, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2011. Cremation Choices, Minneola.

Bruce Rexton Downer

Bruce Rexton Downer, 61, of Groveland, died Monday, Dec. 26, 2011. Becker Family Funeral Home, Clermont.

Hazel Marie Fairbanks

Hazel Marie Fairbanks, 96, of Clermont, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2011. Becker Family Funeral Home, Clermont.

Janet Franse Gilbert

Janet Franse Gilbert, 53, of Minneola, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011. Cremation Choices, Minneola.

Shawn David Holder

Shawn David Holder, 45, of Groveland, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011. Becker Family Funeral Home, Clermont.

Linda Marie Pittman

Linda Marie Pittman, 61, of Clermont, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2011. Cremation Choices, Minneola.

Thomas Stokes

Thomas Stokes, 79, of Ocoee, died Friday, Dec. 16, 2011. Hayes Brothers Funeral Home, Altamonte Springs.

John Storz

John Storz, 85, of Clermont, died Monday, Dec. 26, 2011. Becker Funeral Home, Clermont.

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lack of submitted plans for safety, security and emergency response at the undeveloped site at 3235 Blue Isle Lane. Bolster, one of four organizers, told commissioners that they had invested "massive amounts of money" in the show.

Last Thursday, Bolster said he was in negotiations for a new site. Last Friday, the promoters said they were moving the festival indoors to The State Theater and The Local 662 in St. Petersburg, and that they were working on camping arrangements.

ZONE

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"We have a plan there to create an open-air market to provide people an opportunity to build their businesses, and so this fits perfectly with that," Kramer said.

Ken Thomas, economic development director for Leesburg, said the zone also fits well within that city's CRA, and would provide another tool in the tool box of incentives for the city.

In November, county commissioners created the Lake County Enterprise Zone Development Agency.

WATER

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"Out of our 50-boat marina, we have water level for four boats," Butler said. "We just spent a lot of money on bulkheads, floating docks and docks, refurbishing our restaurant, so we serve Lake County for food, for drinks and also for fueling."

At the meeting, commissioners said they would urge the St. Johns River Water Management District to maintain at least the minimum desirable water levels on the chain. Currently, all of the lakes are below minimum levels, the district says.

Mulholland believes the low water level is the direct result of the district cutting off water flow. The district has temporarily eliminated or reduced discharges at three water-control structures on the Harris Chain to study the effects during a dry winter, just as it did last year. Water discharges have been halted at the Apopka-Beauclair lock and dam, and reduced through the Burrell dam on Haines Creek, and the Moss Bluff dam in Marion County.

The district says that the reduced discharges last winter helped increase water levels in all of the chain lakes by about six inches. District spokesman Hank Largin said water levels are low now because of less rainfall than usual in recent years, not because of anything the district has done with the dams.

Like many others, Mulholland would like to see water levels equalized among the lakes. Lake Griffin, the last lake in the chain, could be raised by about eight inches if the "superpond" lakes — Beauclair, Dora, Harris and Eustis — were lowered by about two inches, according to the Lake County Water Authority.

"That would mean everything to us, to get boats in and out of the slips," Mulholland said.

But business owners in other areas wonder why so much attention has been focused on Lake Griffin.

Keith Buse, owner of Palm Gardens fish camp on Dead River, emphasized that there are far more businesses and residents on the other lakes than on Lake Griffin. He complained about a district change to its plan that gives Lake Griffin 8 more cubic feet per second of discharges than it received last winter.

"If they're putting more water into Lake Griffin, the only place they can get it is from us," Buse said.

He said his business has not been affected much so far, but he estimated that the water level is about a foot and a half below normal, and he has heard complaints that some canals are not passable.

He said he planned to contact other business owners in his area to see what could be done about the district's move.

"We do have a lot of power, a lot of say so," Buse said. "They listened to a few people on Lake Griffin to make a change, and that's not right."

But Buse and Mulholland agree that significant rainfall is needed this winter.

Without it, "I'm afraid we're not going to be able to recover," Mulholland said.

South Lake Briefs

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Winery hosts Winter Music Fest Saturday's in January

Live music on the outdoor stage, a variety of food and beverages for purchase will be offered and winery tours will be featured at all events beginning 1 to 4 p.m., Jan. 7 with Bobby Blackmon & the B3 Blues Band featured, at the winery in Clermont.

Events continue Jan. 14, 21 and 28.

For information, call 352-394-8627 or visit www.lakeridgewinery.com.

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Quit Smoking program gets started Jan. 9

Register today for a six-week program to become tobacco-free with meetings to be held at the South Lake Hospital, 1935 Don Wickham Dr., in Clermont.

Classes meet weekly from 6:30 to 8 p.m. beginning Jan. 9 and continuing through Feb. 13.

For information or to register, call 877-252-6094.

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Adult Literacy Program offers volunteer tutoring

The Adult Literacy Program is designed to provide adults, who are interested in improving their English language skills, an opportunity to work with a volunteer tutor to improve conversation, reading and writing skills.

The program also offers citizenship classes, pre-GED instruction, conversation groups and Web-based learning.

For information, go to your local library and find out how you can get started, or contact Erika L. Greene, literacy coordinator, at 352-253-6183.

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Leave a Legacy at the new Cooper Memorial

The Lake-Sumter Community College Foundation, Inc. is offering commemorative bricks to community members who would like to support the new Cooper Memorial Library at LSCC South Lake Campus.

Commemorative bricks are $50, and include up to three lines of text.

Funds generated from the sale of the bricks will be used for a variety of programs at the new library.

To reserve a brick, call 352-365-3518.

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Do Research at Historic Village in Clermont

A "Research Center" has been set up in the original Cooper Memorial Library located in the Historic Village at the intersection of West Ave. and Osceola St. for you to research.

For information, contact Dodie King, Historic Village manager, at 352-593-8496 or Dolores Walker, secretary of the Historic Society at 352-394-1390.

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Historic Village sets up a 'Research Center'

Are you looking for information about the early days of Clermont?

If so, the South Lake County Historical Society may have the information you are seeking.

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Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the depot in the Historic Village.

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OURVIEW

Something good on the horizon

It's bound to be a busy year.
But we're counting on this becoming the year we witness something good happen.

In four days, 2011 will be mere history. And 2012 will be upon us. We have plenty to look forward to — in the new year. A desperate economy has held so many American families in its tight grip of struggle and despair.

The economic downturn has gone too long, and it's time for a turnaround.

Economists debate whether we're heading for a second recession or whether this was a single — and lengthy — dip into the fiscal doldrums. Either way, entering into a new year always establishes a sense of hope and optimism.

The president withdrew American troops from Iraq late in 2011. One of the country's arch enemies, Osama bin Laden, was slain at the hands of our soldiers.

The Occupy Wall Street crowd began to make their voices heard — squatting in public places to protest income disparities in a stagnant economy.

This year was also the time many of the nation's top Republicans entered the fray for their party's presidential nomination.

The first of the primaries begins in 2012 — within days of New Year's Day. By late spring, Americans should have a good idea who the Republican presidential nomination is.

From there begins the heated slide to the November election, when voters will decide whether President Obama should get another term or whether the GOP nominee would be better suited to lead the country.

There's little doubt 2011 was a busy and hectic year. We're hoping Jan. 1, 2012 is a turning point. We're hoping the new year brings change and creates a sense of vigor and opportunity.

It's bound to be a busy year. But we're counting on this becoming the year we witness something good happen.

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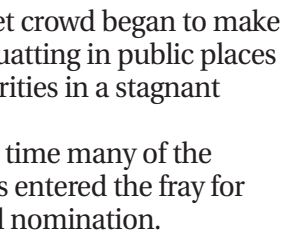

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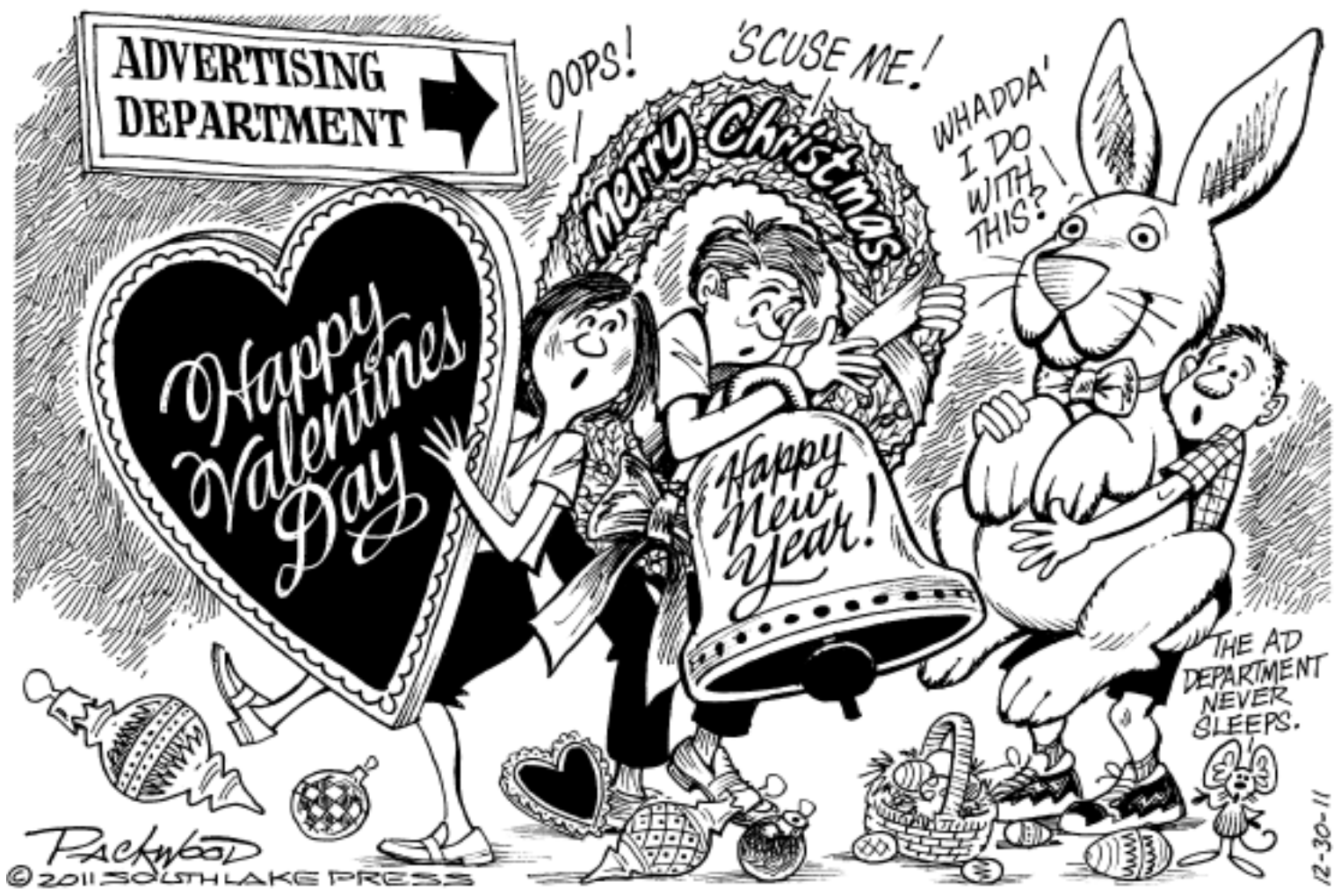

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Conspiring Republicans behind financial mess

From CNN: "Notorious antitax crusader Grover Norquist said Democrats who've blamed him for the super committee's bipartisan budget gridlock are simply lying."

The president of Americans for Tax Reform encouraged Republican members of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction to sign a pledge that binds them to resist raising taxes as they work to find $1.2 trillion in deficit-cutting measures, but on CNN's "American Morning," he said the pledge was between the country and its congressmen, and not with him."

He is the liar.

There is a well-organized group, operating as Republicans, who are willing to destroy the government of the United States with their unrelenting campaign of "just say no to any increase of taxes or anything else that is progressive."

Republican members of Congress are pledging their loyalty to Norquist rather than to their constituents.

I firmly believe that Norquist is committing treason by usurping the rights of the people by forcing their congressmen to adhere to the pledge that he coerced them to sign.

In my opinion, all of the congressmen who signed his pledge are guilty of treason, and should be arrested and put on trial for trying to overthrow the government of the United States.

The thousands of people who are marching in peaceful protest of our government's failure to look out for the middle-class citizens are being abused by policemen with pepper spray.

The police have become the current version of goon squads.

I was appalled when the red-neck patrons of automobile racing booed the First Lady and the wife of the vice president as they said the magic words "start your engines."

It seems that everything currently taking place in public is building toward a civil war.

The country is being destroyed by a handful of men who have been planning their campaign of lies and corruption for years.

The protesters are just learning how to fight back. The worst is yet to come.

RAYMOND L. LOHSL | Leesburg

Commend Sheriff Borders for Thanksgiving dinner

Our county sheriff did it again. For thanksgiving he put on a spread for the seniors who live alone and who call to report to his office each morning.

It is his way to provide care for those of us who live alone.

For my third year, I enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner, prepared and served by volunteers from his staff.

The food was delicious and served with such care, sending us home with enough food for another meal.

They should all be applauded for their kindness in giving up time away from their families to participate in this yearly event.

This is going way beyond the call of duty, and they all deserve praise.

Thanks to all of you and I am sure that I speak for all who attended.

RUBY PEGRAM | Leesburg

LETTER** of the **WEEK

WILFREDO LEE / AP

David Kaiser, 46, of Miami, is shown as he speaks to a reporter about his thoughts on the possible extension of the payroll tax cut and jobless benefits.

Businesses need to share the pain

The Dec. 14 edition reported that "Businesses want to halt tax increases," which are a "trigger" increase due to an increased unemployment rate.

The minimum tax rate would be $171.70 per worker, per year, the maximum $459 per worker per year.

The increase is codified into law and its purpose is to rebuild Florida's rapidly draining unemployment compensation trust fund without further borrowing from the federal government.

Nearly one million Florida residents remain unemployed. Our rate is higher than the national average and not expected to change dramatically very soon.

I was unable to determine, through online research, what the average number of employees is for Florida businesses. However, I'm going to use 20 employees as my baseline. So, 20 multiplied by $171.70 = $3,434 per business per year as a minimum, and 20 multiplied by $459 = $9,180 per year as a maximum. (I have no idea what determines minimum and maximum).

Where, you ask, would this money come from? How about the bonus fund for the company? Wouldn't the employees rather be assured that their unemployment compensation, if needed, will be paid from a viable trust fund?

How about reducing net profits so taxes can be paid? Probably not a good long-term solution, but in the short term, to ensure the economy stays as steady as possible, unemployment compensation must still be paid to workers unemployed through no fault of their own.

Florida businesses will have to share the pain of these terrible economic times.

BILL CALHOUN | Lady Lake

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Personal Wellness Coach, Lisa Johnson, shows information for people to use to help them make healthy choices on Tuesday in Tavares.

Planning for a brighter year

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Losing weight and getting into shape is a popular New Year's resolution, and local experts involved in health and fitness shared their views on what it takes to be successful in making the resolution stick.

"Take it slow and make it fun," said Brooks Birkhimer, exercise specialist at the Wellness Center at Leesburg Regional Medical Center North Campus, who believes by engaging in exercises or aerobic classes that you enjoy, along with group support from others, you're more apt to achieve your fitness goals.

"Don't try to jump into it too fast," he said, adding residents should not overly exert themselves into running up and down bleachers or feel they must exercise for hours like on some reality weight-loss TV shows.

"Set realistic goals," Birkhimer said.

He encourages participants to work up to 30- to 60-minutes of exercise three to five times a week.

Among the wellness center's offerings for a healthier you: Exercise and fitness training, nutrition, group exercises, aquatics, massage therapy, workplace wellness program, aerobic classes such as Zumba, Pilates and Step.

"By losing one to two pounds a week, you have a better chance of keeping off," Birkhimer said.

The exercise specialist marvels at some of the center's regulars, including an 82-year-old who exercises and swims at the center on a near daily basis. There have been others who could hardly walk when they first arrived at the wellness center, who are now avid walkers. They're enjoying improved health, due to exercising and eating healthier.

"They've change their lifestyle," Birkhimer said. "It has becomes a way of life, which is good."

LRMC's research shows regular exercise boosts energy, enhances mood, reduces stress, and contributes to a more satisfying quality of life. Exercise also reduces the risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity and osteoporosis, among other adverse health conditions.

Overweight by 107 pounds, Lisa Johnson of Tavares recalled she was diagnosed with high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, high cholesterol, acid reflux, polycystic ovary syndrome in 2005.

"My doctor pretty much said, 'If you don't get serious about your health, you're going to die and you're not going to see your daughter grow up.'"

That was the turning point for Johnson. She wanted her daughter, Jordyn, to have a healthy mom. She lost the weight, has kept it off, and is no longer on medication.

"I tell people that you've got to live for something," Johnson said. "Don't just lose weight because you want to fit in size 2 jeans or that you want a boyfriend."

She leads EZ Nutrition 101 in Tavares, where she offers classes that includes a weekly meeting about nutrition, features weigh-ins, meal plans, recipes and emotional support.

"You have to find something that works for you," Johnson said. "I really think being around a support system helps, and I don't believe in deprivation of any kind. If I want a piece of pizza, I'm going to eat a piece of pizza, and then go back in doing what I know is right."

Johnson said what has worked for her has been portion control, reading food labels, eating smaller mini-meals throughout the day. She also enjoys making a protein shake every morning for breakfast from a powdered soy protein. Among her favorites is one that is flavored to taste like a German-chocolate shake. It has 200 calories and keeps her feeling full for three hours in the morning. She also eats sensibly and enjoys snacks the remainder of the day.

"For me, it has to be simple," Johnson said of keeping the weight off, which she believes may be the key for others, too. "It has to be a lifestyle change that you like and an exercise that you like."

She has partnered with Zumba instructor Amber Wilnau to offer Zumba in her next session of educational weight-loss classes that will begin Jan. 3.

"The classes are all about supporting your decision to get healthy," said Johnson, who gives prizes to those who lose the most weight each week or has met a goal. "And then we have the Zumba, which is a lot of fun."

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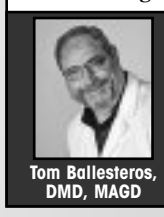
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CLERMONT | BEAUTY FOR ASHES

COURTESY PHOTO

Janet Darrah, right, with Beauty for Ashes was the speaker at the Kiwanis Club of South Lake Breakfast meeting in December. Organized in 2006, Beauty for Ashes is a Christian non-profit 501c3 organization that helps people deal with painful life experiences, offering help through education, support, referral and advocacy. For information, contact Darrah at 352-241-6042. Club president Diane Staszel is also pictured.

CLERMONT | INTERESTING JOB

COURTESY PHOTO

Bob Clements, president of the Sunrise Kiwanis Club in Leesburg,was the guest speaker at a December Clermont Kiwanis Club meeting. He shared with the group that he has the most interesting job in the world, inspecting cruise ships. From left, Clements and Kathy Scherer, club president.

CLERMONT | GRAND CHECK

COURTESY PHOTO

Robert Britten, Past Grand Knight, and current Grand Knight, Peter Capece of the Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus Council No. 13240 of Clermont, present a $300 check to Lori Lau, team assistant at Mike Conley Hospice House in Clermont on Dec. 7. The council also made a $200 donation to the Out-Ward Sign Food Pantry, 415 Citrus Tower Blvd. in Clermont, with Barbara Cybulski accepting the donation. On Feb. 4, 2012 the Knights will be in front of local supermarkets seeking donations for their annual Citizen with Disabilities Campaign.

PINE RIDGE ELEMENTARY | TERRIFIC KIDS

K.C Sams, Luciano Marino, Tyler Lord, Karisma Phelps, Allie Gatto, Isabella Limonta, Megan Gerwig, Kasey Tyson, William Torres, Rubt Campbell, Aidan Santiso, Daniel Noa, Ashley Sohit, Ashlyn Hutchinson, Megan Klepps, Draken Meyers, Kenneth Blair, Olivia Richardson, Haley Foro, Brody Stewart, Alejandro Rodriguez-Valadez, Ashley Lord, Skittlez Dillard, Baiden-Melody Greenstein, Skyla Medez, Natalie Pizzuti, Sarah Peterson, Tailor Tyer, Jessica Stolar and Raymond Stosberg were Pine Ridge's Terrific Kids. Principal Amy Cockcroft, Assistant Principal Stephanie Mayuski and Kiwanian Richard Chapman are also pictured.

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GROVELAND | SINGING FOR THE SENIORS

COURTESY PHOTO

Fourth graders at Groveland Elementary School prepared songs for the seniors at the Groveland Senior Center.

TAVARES | LEARNING ABOUT SAFETY

COURTESY PHOTO

Lost Lake Elementary School's Pride Patrol went on a class trip to learn about Lake County law enforcement, spending the day in Tavares and meeting sheriff's officials and learning about what they do to keep the county a safe place to live.

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

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JAN 4, 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
For expectant parents teaching breastfeeding basics and establishing breastfeeding habits for beginners. Course fee $30, or $15 for Childbirth Education attendees. To register call 352.241.7109.

BREASTFEEDING WORKSHOP II
JAN 9, 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Advanced issues in breastfeeding taught including maintaining breastmilk supply, pumping and returning to work, and incorporating solid foods while continuing to breastfeed. Class taught by an IBCLC. Course fee $30, $15 for those who attend Breastfeeding Workshop I. To register call 352.241.7109.

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION
Express Class: JAN 14, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
5 Week Series: JAN 10 – FEB 7, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
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CPR TRAINING
JAN 11, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation training for community members and health care professionals. Course fee $25. For more information call 352.394.4071, ext. 4419.

DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION
JAN 4 & 18, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
A one day program designed to help diabetics learn self-care behaviors. Course fee $10. To register call 352.241.7109.

FIRST AID
FEB 22, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Basic First Aid covering the most common medical and injury scenarios. Course fee $27. For more information call 352.394.4071, ext. 4419.

NEWBORN CARE CLASS
FEB 21, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
This class will teach you how to care for your newborn so that you will feel more confident when you take your baby home. Free to those attending five week Childbirth Education class, all others $15. To register call 352.241.7109.

NEW VISION GROUP
JAN 19, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
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SUPPORT GROUPS

BETTER BREATHERS
JAN 10, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
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JAN 12, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Free program. For more information call 352.429.9343.

JOINT REPLACEMENT EDUCATION
JAN 3 & 17, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
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MONTVERDE ACADEMY LOWER | CHANGE CHALLENGE

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The Montverde Academy Lower School completed its annual "Change Challenge" community service project to raise money for the local Faith Neighborhood Center in Groveland. Overwhelming response helped the school surpass last year's amount by collecting $1,613.62. Donations were presented to Jerry Collier from the Faith Neighborhood Center at an assembly at the school. Pictured is Faith Neighborhood Center's Jerry Collier and students.

GROVELAND ELEMENTARY | TERRIFIC KIDS

COURTESY PHOTO

Misael Agosto, Kamille Pabarroo, Chaka Scott, Wyatt Fountain, Chase Reed, Eva Jose, Javier Arteaga, Ethan Messmer, Jessica Jordan, Hyot Alwine, Kylee Burchett, Trapper Johns, Caleb Siple, Gabriel Bodre, Kimberly Torres, Gaby Jimenez, Ja'Brayan Coleman, Jordyn Tarquine, Amari Graham, Delana Dillard, Luis-Francisco Guevara, Preston Castricone, Briana Jackson, Peter Tolentino, Savannah Spahn, Sophia Dezerga, Haley Rozar, Andrea Mejia, Alexander Croy, Kayleen Peraza, Paloma Luna and Brittany Stevens were Groveland Elementary's Terrific Kids..

FOUNDATION ACADEMY PRESCHOOL IN WINTER GARDEN | CHRISTMAS

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NOTEBOOK

JAN. 4

PASTFINDERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BASIC GENEALOGY FORMS: 10 a.m., bring pencil, eraser, notes with names for the class. For information, contact Dotty or Bob Dill at 352-242-9805.

JAN. 7

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November Student of the Month
Wesley Reed from Ameriprise Financial Advisors presented the November 2011 Outstanding Student of the Month award to Kirsten Foster from East Ridge High School. Kirsten received a plaque and $25 donated by Ameriprise Financial Advisors.

Lake Minneola High School
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President's Hall of Fame Museum
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Angel Cut
Welcome to Angel Cut & Color Studio (Owner Jose Angel Beaton) located at 12302 Roper Blvd. in Clermont (in the Kohl's shopping plaza). Please stop by for a visit or call them at (352) 241-4949 to set up an appointment today!

Beauty for Ashes
Welcome to Beauty for Ashes, Inc., a non-profit organization whose mission is to help hurting women of all ages heal through education and mentoring programs. They are located at 1508B Max Hooks Road in Groveland. Contact them at (352) 241-6042 to find out about all of the vital services that they offer.

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Salina's Market
Welcome to Salina's Market and owner Ranji Seepersaud. His market is located at 2560 East State Route 50 in Clermont (Shoppes at Hancock Village) and offers up fresh produce, fruits, vegetables, meats, and much more! Ranji can be contacted at (352) 241-6350.

Hammock Oaks Apartments
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Each year Wal-mart in Clermont presents to 3 local businesses their "Wal-mart Small Business Award" through the South Lake Chamber. The award is given to those small business owners who dedicate themselves and much of their spare time to worthy endeavors and charities in the local South Lake area.
A surprise presentation was held December 13, 2011 at the Clermont Wal-mart where the winners were announced.
Each recipient receives $500. And are chosen by the Chamber's Member Services Committee.
Congratulations to the 2011 award winners:

1. Mike Madawi from Smooth Musical Entertainment who has donated his talents numerous times for various community events.
2. Kay Simpson Papa's Diner who has donated her time and talents to the Greater Clermont Cancer Foundation.
3. Carlos & Sandy Solis from Graphics Direct. They have donated their time to Pig on the Pond and the South Lake Hospital.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Members in Action:
Making a Difference in our Community

1. South Lake Kiwanis Club Elves (from left) Linda Sheets, Robbie Ross, Diane Staszel, Lucy Hage (Linda, Diane and Lucy are also members of the Chamber) worked hard as Santa's elves during the 23rd Annual Light Up Clermont celebration held in historic Clermont, Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3, 2011.
Each year the group hosts Santa and Mrs. Claus' and invites the boys and girls of South Lake County to stop in and share their Christmas list with Santa.

2. Clermont Kiwanis Club members (from left) Kathy Scherer and Kalena Meyers (who are all also members of the Chamber) worked hard to bring smiles to local children during the group's Annual Christmas luncheon held in Jenkins Auditorium, Friday, December 9.
Each year the group hosts the luncheon and invites select boys and girls from the south Lake County schools to attend this fun-filled event.
Santa stopped by with gifts for all the girls and boys.

3. Santa along with the Kiwanis elf stopped by for a visit at the Chamber December Breakfast at Minneola City Hall to spread holiday cheer. During the breakfast the Montverde Choir and Michael Madawi from Smooth Musical Entertainment performed several holiday pieces to entertain the crowd.

The Chairman's Corner
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It is my hope that each of you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season of fellowship with friends and family and that the New Year will bring you good health and prosperity.

First, I wish to extend my thanks and gratitude to John Moore who has served as your Chairman during the 2011 year. Recently appointed CEO of South Lake Hospital, John has dedicated many years of service to the Chamber of Commerce in a variety of capacities. His leadership in public policy for several years has provided an invaluable framework for the Chamber of Commerce to continue to have an important voice in shaping public policy in our area in ways that will continue to make our community a stronger more viable area for families to be employed, and enjoy a quality of living that makes South Lake County an exceptional place to call home. On behalf of the Board and the membership, I extend to you John, our thanks for your leadership, and I look forward to your continued guidance on the Executive Committee as the Immediate Past Chair!

Second, the Chamber is privileged to have a President who is very committed and dedicated to the mission of the South Lake Chamber of Commerce. Ray San Fratello continues to provide energy and enthusiasm to the organization supported by some truly dedicated staff in Ray Villegas, Christie Bobbitt, Janice Hull and Lucy Hage and Cheryl Fishel, our independent contractors.

Joining me on the Executive Committee this year will be Robert Thompson as Vice-Chairman, Wendy Terry as Treasurer, Lucy Hage as Secretary and John Moore as Immediate Past Chairman. These wonderful folks have considerable experience with the Chamber, and I look forward to their leadership throughout the year.

It has been my privilege to serve this organization over the past several years; there are abundant opportunities through the South Lake Chamber of Commerce to serve the community and to assist in advancing our mission to promote the business community through networking and special events opportunities, membership drives, educational workshops, Ambassador's program, and committees on Education, Economic Development and Public Policy. Like many of you, before joining the Chamber, I was engrossed in the minutia of my own business and largely unaware of the importance of participating in areas that would help shape our community. Through participation in the Chamber, I have received an invaluable education—a genuine learning experience on how to understand, dissect and analyze the important issues that influence the health of our community and therefore affect the health of our business community.

As we enter into this New Year, the Chamber Board of Directors will embark on our strategic planning process to provide for us a map to address those issues that are important to serving the membership throughout the year, and I look forward to Ray sharing the results of that process with you sometime in the first quarter.

In closing, let me invite you to become an active participant in the Chamber…in 2012 we will be *Business Ready for Business!*

Dr. Kasey Kesselring
Chairman
South Lake Chamber of Commerce

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CLERMONT | JINGLE BELLS

COURTESY PHOTO

Fairrell Jacobs, former Tomoka Chapter Regent, was the guest speaker at the December meeting of the Tomoka Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Clermont. She entertained the group with the history of the song "Jingle Bells," first known as "One Horse Open Sleigh," which was published in 1857.

SOUTH LAKE | BOOK FOR A LIBRARY

COURTESY PHOTO

Mary Beth Salisbury, current chairperson for the District Family of Rotary, was the guest at a December meeting of the South Lake Rotary. As a token of appreciation for her presentation, a book will be placed in a local school library in her honor. From left, club president Anna Rose Pauley and Salisbury.

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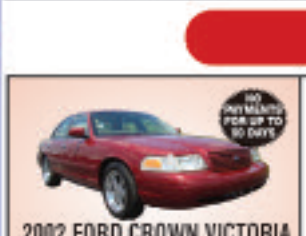

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CLERMONT

Find old-world cuisine at Bella Gia's Pizzeria

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At "Bella Gia's Pizzeria," not only do customers get to enjoy family cooked Italian food handed down for generations, but while there they become part of the family.

"People seem to enjoy when the owner comes out and personally talks to them. I like doing that. I give them a little sauce, some meatballs, talk a minute. That's just how we were raised," owner Gia Ambruoso said. "We welcome all our customers to our family. I also remind them that since they came in, they'd better be prepared to eat."

Everyday, Ambruoso, alongside her mother "Mama Rose" and her fiance and fellow chef Anthony Serviss, prepare the homemade sauces and other foods.

"I guess you can say we've got a little sauce running through our veins," Gia said. She said co-owners and cousins Christopher Colone and Steve Pastrone support the business side of the venture.

As for the food, it begins with a huge sauce pot filled to the rim with the secret family recipe (grandfather's sauce) brought to the Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1950.

Gia said that as a child of about 7-years-old, she remembers staying home from school to be at her grandfather's restaurant with him.

ROXANNE BROWN I SOUTH LAKE PRESS
From left, Bella Gia's Pizzeria owner/chef Gia Ambruoso, fiancee/fellow chef Anthony Serviss and mother "Mama Rose" hold a trayful of the meatballs, prepared from a recipe handed down to Gia from her grandfather, at the restaurant last week.

"I've been cooking since I was a little girl with my grandpa. I would play hooky from school to be with him and at nap time, I remember falling asleep on the flour bag sometimes," Gia said. "It was just natural I got the trade passed on to me."

And although the sauce — straight Sicilian-style sauce using fresh tomatoes, onions and basil, with no fish or meat in it — has

BELLA GIA'S

OWNER: Gia Ambruoso

LOCATION: 120 E. Highway 50

HOURS: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday-Saturday

INFORMATION: call 352-241-6588 or follow the restaurant on Facebook at http://facebook.com/bellagias

Meet Your NEIGHBOR

PAM SERVISS

■ **HOMETOWN:** Long Island, New York

■ **OCCUPATION:** Office manager at Graphics Direct in Minneola, newly elected city of Minneola Councilwoman.

■ **FAMILY:** Husband Michael and daughters Brittany and Alexis.

What do you enjoy most about South Lake County?

Living in Minneola, I can say we are a tight city. We treat each other like family.

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

Live for today, love like there is no tomorrow and laugh until you can't laugh anymore.

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?

I was with a dear friend of mine and I was having a really stressful day. He stopped me from what I was doing and told me that I needed to say "It's a beautiful day." He said the reason he wanted me to say that is to remind myself of how I should be thankful for the days that I am still

SEE NEIGHBOR I B5

FROM THE FILES I 26 YEARS AGO — 1985

Reliving history through the pages of the South Lake Press

Ann Dupee
REMEMBER WHEN

A weekly column that reprints some of the more interesting news stories that have appeared over the years in the South Lake Press.

PASTOR LEADS TOUR OF HOLY LAND

First Baptist Church of Minneola pastor C. Tom DuVall (and Wanda DuVall) led a "once in a lifetime" tour of the Holy Land. In the group were Derow and June Poynter, Bill and Polly Gillilan, Max and Carole Judy, Grace Judy, Bob and Betty Epps, George and Rae Barnes and Peggy Cox.

The Florida Council of the American Water Ski Association set its 1986 tournament schedule. Tournaments to be sponsored by The Benzel Skiing Center and Groveland/Mascotte Chamber of Commerce at Lake David Park in Groveland will be the Groveland Slalom and Trick Tournament, Liz Allan Open, The SuperStars and Florida State Championships.

Letter to the Editor from Marion Lucas: "Kudos to Kmart for providing needy children with a breakfast, a gift and the opportunity to buy presents for their loved ones. Learning to be selective as well as sharing the joy of giving are only two of the many benefits derived from this store's act of kindness."

ROBERTS REQUESTS REZONING

Lake County Planning and Zoning Commission, followed by the County Commission, will hear a request from Arthur E. Roberts to rezone 124.5 acres from Agriculture to PUD (Planned Unit Development) for a mobile home and RV resort with related commercial services.

The property is located at the junction of S.R. 50 and C.R. 565A. Dave Clapsaddle, County Land Development Manager, said the plan calls for 350 mobile home sites and 50 RV sites, plus 30,000 square feet of commercial land. He said county staff would recommend denial because it means amending the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. He said the area was an industrial node and the approval could create land use conflicts.

Thousand Trails, a time-share RV resort park located two miles north of the intersection of U.S. Highways 192 and 27 on the east side of 27, is seeking to expand its operation on an additional 268 acres which they own.

6 COUPLES ATTEND BIG PARTY

What A Party! Six local couples were invited to attend what may have been one of the most elaborate parties given in the greater Orlando area.

Nick and Betty Jean Jones, Millard and Pat Whiteside, Dave and Bonnie Kranz, Tibor and Gisele Halo, Bob and Donna Kidder and Rob and Janine Kidder all received an 11x17 hand delivered posters inviting them to "Christmas in Vienna" with Pat and Mike Segal, who were host and hostess at their Winter Park home.

Fifteen limousines delivered 500 guests from a designated parking area to the home with the lawn and roof covered in snow, white Christmas trees and a huge sleigh filled with wrapped gifts. A

RELIVING HISTORY I B2

Prepare yourself before doing a body detox

Michael A. Visconti

NATURAL MEDICINE

Michael A. Visconti, A.P., N.D., is a doctor of oriental medicine whose office is located near the Citrus Tower. If you have any questions regarding this or any other health related topics, you can contact him through his Website at www.docvisconti.com, or on Facebook by signing up for the "Visconti Acupuncture & Natural Medicine" fan page.

It's that time of year again, getting healthy after the holiday binges and the guilt drives you to make the changes you have been trying to make for the last decade.

I do cleanses periodically through the year but this one, after the holidays, is usually the longest.

There are a lot of factors that play into doing cleanses and detoxes so I figured I give some information to clear up some misconceptions. Don't just go to a store and buy a kit if you have never done this or if you have health issues as you will find out by reading more.

Our bodies do many things in our quest to stay alive. We eat to gain energy and drink water to hydrate cells. Our bodies use the food, water, vitamins and whatever else we put into mouths to run our metabolism. As this is accomplished, waste is generated. The liver is responsible for taking these waste products and converting them into forms that can be eliminated through bowel movements, urination, the skin and the breath.

If the liver is not working optimally, these things have a tendency to find themselves stored in fat. The liver also does many other things like creating and breaking down many hormones, cholesterol, drugs, vitamins and herbs to name a few. If the liver is not working well there can be an imbalance in any or all of the above things. Periodically, if we cleanse the liver we can optimize function and get back into balance.

A proper cleanse is more difficult than many people think. You can go to the health food store and buy a kit but there many factors that go into choosing the right cleanse. A person who has never done a cleanse before should use a mild detoxification formula or maybe shouldn't even use herbs the first time as your body can have reactions to the cleanse ranging from mild to severe. The first time my mother tried a mild cleanse she bought a kit off the shelf. She has chemical exposure from years of getting her hair colored and permed and her nails done weekly. After the second dose of herbs on the first day she was lying on the sofa in a cold sweat with severe headaches, abdominal cramping and a plethora of other symptoms. She was laid up for two days. She never did another cleanse. Often people will have less intense but still unpleasant reactions to cleanses and never do them again.

Medical problems can affect the choice of cleanses. A detox for someone with asthma or heart problems would be different from someone who has digestive problems or skin problems. And there are even some problems that would be dangerous if a person did a cleanse.

All of these cleanses and detoxes are complicated and should not be tried without a knowledgeable person to guide you, especially when you have medical conditions or have a possible exposure history to chemicals, pesticides or heavy metals. However, they can be a very powerful tool to allow your body to reverse some serious disease processes and gain your health back.

There are two different detoxification pathways in the liver, phase one and two. Substances go through phase one and are changed into compounds that phase two can modify to enable them to be excreted out of the body. However, when something goes through phase one it often becomes more toxic that it was to start. If there is an imbalance with phase one you can have more damage in the body than if you didn't do the cleanse. This is often the case with asthma and some of the immune based diseases.

Using a cleanse that affects the faulty pathway is important. There are also tests to tell the detoxification status of the liver which can be important in people who are very sensitive to allergens, smells, chemicals or who have multiple health issues. With the knowledge gained from the test the cleanse can be further customized for the person.

After the basic cleanse, which would benefit most people, there are cleanses further specialized for people with a history of chemical exposures such as hair and nail stylists or exterminators and landscapers. There are also cleanses for parasites and yeasts.

The most specialized detox is the heavy metal detoxification protocol. There are tests to see if you have a high heavy metal burden in your body. People who are at risk are those who have many silver dental fillings, crowns or frequent hair coloring, those who have worked in factories, dental offices, hair salons, paint shops, etc.

The two main tests are the hair analysis, which is moderately adequate and the urine test. The urine test is better especially when coupled with a loading dose of a heavy metal chelator. (There are different chelators indicated for different metals.) After the test comes back a detox can be customized for which metals are high in the body.

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RELIVING HISTORY

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red carpet led from the driveway to the front door. Twelve bartenders served guests. A band played for dancing and during breaks a string quartet provided listening pleasure.

A huge tent was placed in the backyard for food service of grilled lamb chops, salads, many types of fish, imported cheeses, fancy mushrooms, steak tartar and a variety of desserts. Guests were served on china and ate with silver utensils.

Snow covered another area close to the lake in back of the house. There was placed an artificial ice rink. Three young women skated all evening to soft, pretty music. At the conclusion of the "Black Tie" affair guests were chauffeured back to the parking lot and reality.

The host and hostess are owners of Sesco Lighting Manufacturing based in Orlando. The guests were mostly architects and distributors of Sesco's products.

Mike French and his parrot "Radar" gave me (Editor Ann) a tour of what will be the new home of French's Southlake Interiors (present location of the Brickhouse Pub) at Minneola Avenue and 8th Street. The decorative metal ceiling has been painted a gold gilt. The walls will be solid burgundy with decorative wallpaper.

Across the street remodeling is almost completed for the new home of Becker's Florida Funeral Service. Owners Ron and Marcy Becker plan to reside here.

Resident manager Jim Loomis is the son of Frances E. Loomis, a Clermont resident for a number of years.

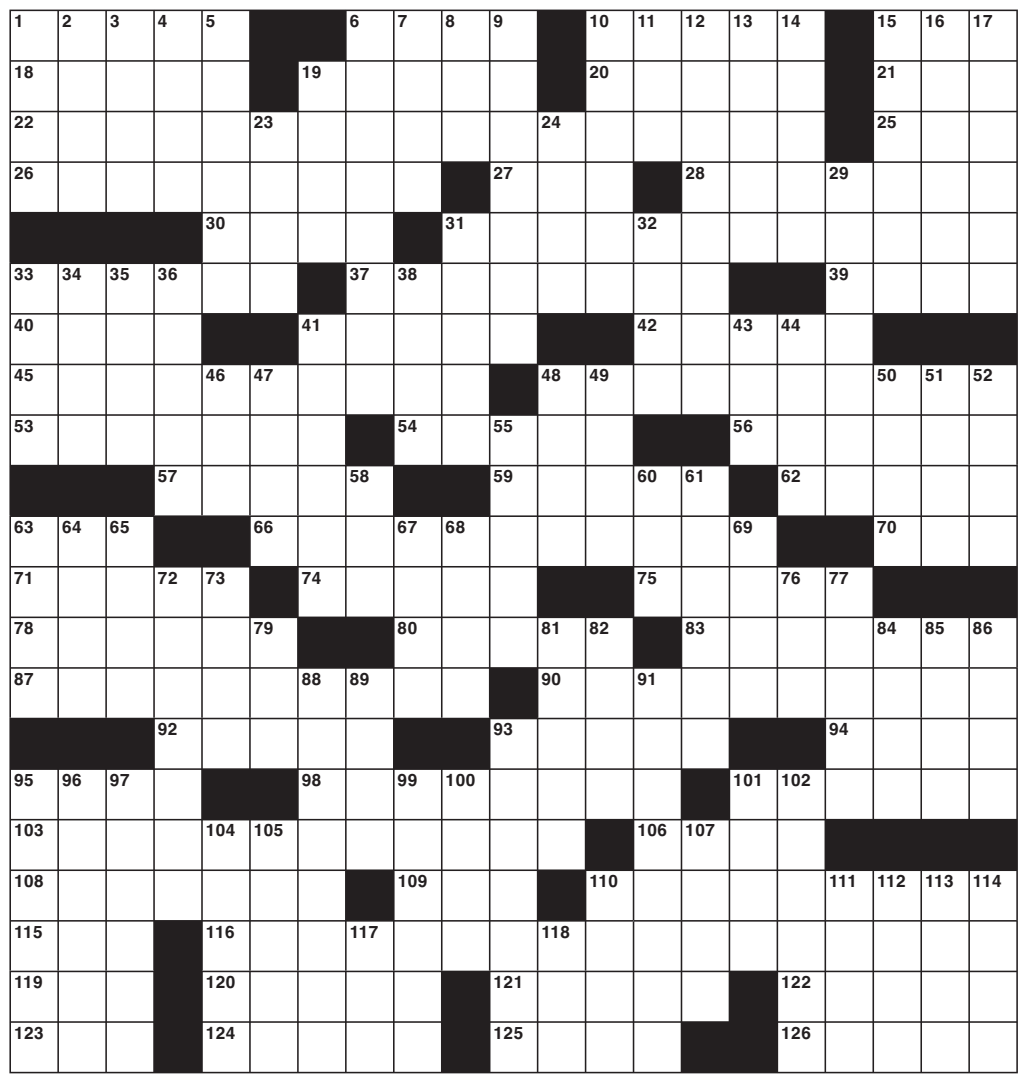
Originally from Groveland, internationally known gospel singer Billy Speer is home for the holidays and will present an inspiring program of gospel and Christmas music at First Baptist Church of Minneola.

Hundreds of South Lake County residents attended a weekend open house at the home of George Hovis to introduce Dr. Cindy Rust, a pediatrician. Mrs. Pam Thacker will serve the new office as medical receptionist; Mrs. Howard Schuster will be office nurse.

South Lake Memorial Hospital's materials manager Brad Roll made a jolly Santa Claus for employees and their families at the annual Christmas party.

No. 1218

AGAIN? By Patrick Merrell / Edited by Will Shortz



Across

1 Natives of the land known as Aotearoa
6 One with eyes for a cook?
10 Implied
15 Silken construction
18 Pasty
19 Share a view
20 Split
21 Plant's grain-bearing part
22 Dislike of the son of Mary, Queen of Scots?
25 Prefix with bar
26 It's hard to understand
27 Heavy metal rock?
28 Springtime calendar hunk
30 Suffragist Carrie Chapman ___
31 Catwalk no-show?
33 March sisters' creator
37 Threatened ferociously
39 Conservative
40 Take the plunge
41 Southwest natives
42 "No introduction needed" phrase
45 Soft-spoken prayer ending?
48 Build a publishing empire?
53 Mosaicist, e.g.
54 First Arab country to have sanctions imposed on it by the Arab League
56 Poet Pablo
57 Radioactivity unit
59 Mag space seller, e.g.
62 Golf cup name
63 Not just my
66 Practical joke used on squirrels?
70 Things may be picked up with this
71 Cohesion
74 Brown, maybe
75 Highlighter colors, often
78 Catholic university in Philly
80 County on one side of the Golden Gate Bridge
83 Hauled, in a way
87 What sweaty dancers create at an annual awards show?
90 Rush to get on the train?
92 Jewish mourning period
93 Dwarf with a purple hat
94 Arm part
95 Mein ___
98 Like some cookware
101 "Lumber" collector in a park
103 Where worms don't last long?
106 It's found between the shoulders
108 Rubber man?
109 Lunch inits.
110 "Consider it done!"
115 Air pump setting: Abbr.
116 What black holes swallow to bulk up?
119 "Horatio, thou art ___ as just a man ..."
120 "___ ride"
121 10E and 40 long, e.g.
122 Former Red Sox star Garciaparra
123 Lines with crossings: Abbr.
124 Utopias
125 Mai ___ (drinks)
126 Purchase that's canceled

Down

1 Fashion
2 "No guarantees"
3 "Yikes!"
4 Mil. unit below a division
5 Give a shot
6 A to Z, e.g.
7 University of ___, where Andrea Bocelli earned a law degree
8 Italian article
9 Engulfs
10 It may get stuck in an eye
11 Small batteries
12 Desert and rain forest
13 Material in old mah-jongg sets
14 Common break hour
15 Kook
16 Less stressful
17 Brit's bumbershoot
19 Neglect
23 Trapped like ___
24 Shore bird
29 Some terra cotta
31 Precipitating
32 Drink for a toddler
33 Unwanted swimming pool bit
34 What rakes may do
35 Tilt
36 Kind of disc
38 Unidentified people
41 Marx Brothers, e.g.
43 Yahoo! alternative
44 FEMA part: Abbr.
46 The Tigers of the N.C.A.A.
47 Tombstone figure
48 2000 musical with the song "Every Story Is a Love Story"
49 Singer Anthony
50 Bro
51 13th, at times
52 40 million-member org. founded in 1958
55 Not so prevalent
58 Cleanup org.
60 Gigayear
61 Fairly
63 Unseat
64 "For ___ us a child ..."
65 Rembrandt van ___
67 Shoe named for a cat
68 LAX data
69 Romance novelist Roberts
72 Geoffrey the Giraffe's store
73 "I suppose so"
76 Core
77 Paid sports spectator
79 Title of veneration
81 Justin Bieber and others
82 Ponytail locale
84 Newsman Marvin or Bernard
85 Cube creator Rubik
86 When Juno and Gold Beach were assaulted
88 Think too much of
89 "Look ___ hands!"
91 They're often sold by the dozen
93 One who works with canines
95 Hold back
96 It gets the lead out
97 Prepares a bow, with "up"
99 Monastery heads
100 Casting locale
101 Naked
102 Festoons
104 Writer Zora ___ Hurston
105 Like much of Fire Island's shore
107 Decides
110 Foe in the first Indiana Jones film
111 Unseat
112 Certain bean
113 Dutch cheese town
114 Car sticker letters
117 Coal container
118 "Three Days of the Condor" org.

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Quick hits

CLERMONT

Winter Sun track and field meet to be held Jan. 14

The National Training Center will host the Winter Sun track meet at 10 a.m., Jan. 14.

Events include 60 meter hurdles, 60 meter dash, 1,600 meter race walk, 5,000 meter run, 400 meter dash, 2,000 meter steeplechase, one-mile run, 800 meter run, 200 meter dash, 1,000 meter run, 4x400 meter relay, weight, hammer, javelin, shot put, discus, pole vault, triple jump, long jump and high jump.

Cost for early registration is $18 for first event, $5 for each additional event.

Entry form and payment must be received by Jan. 11 to receive early registration pricing.

Cost for late/onsite registration is $25 for first event, $5 for each additional event.

To register go to www.usantc.com.

For information send an email to Jami Bishop at jami.bishop@orlandohealth.com.

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Registration for Fast Kick soccer starts Jan. 23

Registration for the National Training Center's Fast Kick soccer program will begin Jan. 23.

For information call Sheri Vogle at 352-241-7144, ext. 4207, or send an email to sheri.vogle@orlandohealth.com.

CLERMONT

Register now for NTC'S Fast Attack football

Registration is under way for the National Training Center's Fast Attack football program.

This program is designed for children ages 3 years to 11 years. An eight-game season runs from Jan. 21 to March 10.

Late registration will be from Jan. 2 to Jan. 16. Practices will begin Jan. 9.

Cost is $90 per athlete.

For information send an email to Sheri Vogle at sheri.vogle@orlandohealth.com.

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Registration under way for Fast Track program

Registration for the National Training Center's Fast Track program has started. The youth program is designed for ages 8 to 15 years old.

Early registration ends Jan. 1 with late registration slated for Jan. 2-16.

Sign-up early to get the best price of $50 for the eight-week session running from Jan. 23 to March 16.

For information send an email to Sheri Vogle at sheri.vogle@orlandohealth.com.

CLERMONT

Fast Water Polo program starts season Jan. 26

The National Training Center has announced the start of a Fast Water Polo program designed for ages 16 years to adults.

Registration is now in progress.

The season will start Jan. 26 and run until March 29.

Cost is $50 per athlete for the season.

For information send an email to Sheri Vogle at sheri.vogle@orlandohealth.com

HICKORY POINT INVITATIONAL

PHOTOS BY KERI RASMUSSEN DAILY COMMERCIAL

St. Thomas' Jonathan Freel and South Lake's William Klein battle for control of the ball on Tuesday during the Hickory Point Invitational soccer tournament in Tavares.

Freel and South Lake's Eduardo Magana jump to head the ball.

Freel and South Lake's Joe Fernandez try to grab the ball.

Banner year for area's prep sports

Some fans have said that 2011 was a down year for high-school sports in Lake and Sumter counties.

I couldn't disagree more!

From my perspective, the past 12 months may be remembered as one of the best periods for area prep athletics.

Ever!

We had a state champion in boys basketball, a state Final Four representative in girls basketball, and a state Final Four team in baseball. In addition, an East Ridge senior won the school's first state championship in swimming.

Countless other student-athletes earned opportunities to compete in Florida High School Athletic Associations championships in a variety of other sports, ranging from weightlifting, soccer, golf, and track and field.

Boxing enthusiasts always like to compare fighters using the phrase, "pound for pound."

Taking a few literary liberties and using a little poetic license, "student-athlete for student-athlete" Lake and Sumter County doesn't have to take a back seat to anyone when it comes to performing at the highest level.

Leesburg High School set the stage in late February when its girls basketball team made the school's third appearance in five years at the FHSAA state tournament in Lakeland. Even though the Yellow Jackets bowed out of the tournament after a state semifinal loss to St.

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Just a few more day left before we'll be bidding farewell to the old year and welcoming in the new. And if you're one of those hosting parties to mark the occasion, don't forget to make suitably nonalcoholic arrangements for the designated drivers among your guests — and, for that matter, those who, for whatever reason, just don't drink.

Many people feel that for really important occasions, the only suitable beverage is champagne. If that's true in your case, there're plenty of recipes for faux champagne floating around. There's a really interesting one in my files, but unfortunately, it requires elderberry blossoms, and those are in short supply at this time of the year.

On the other hand, if you've bought a fund-raiser cookbook lately, you might check the "Miscellaneous" section for a champagne substitute. Or you can use I Can't Believe It's Not Champagne, a recipe included in a handy leaflet of drink recipes distributed by Winn-Dixie some years back.

It calls for chilling everything overnight, so it will take a bit of planning ahead, and you may have to shuffle the contents of your refrigerator to make room for your fake champagne ingredients. On the other hand, it doesn't demand anything problematic, such as those elderberry blossoms we just mentioned. Everything's easily and immediately available from your nearest supermarket.

I Can't Believe It's Not Champagne calls for 4 cups of club soda, 4 cups of ginger ale, and 3 cups of unsweetened white grape juice. Everything is chilled overnight, then, just before serving, all ingredients are combined and served over ice.

And no, you can't just dump everything together and let the mixture chill overnight. When using carbonated beverages for festive drinks, it's important not to let them sit around and go flat. So chill the ingredients separately, and open them only at the last minute, when you're ready to mix and serve your fake champagne.

If Champagne, or a suitable stand-in isn't a "must" item on your list, you can always serve sparkling grape juice or sparkling apple cider, and there're any number of good punch recipes for those who prefer their drinks festive, but not alcoholic.

A friend of mine discovered a beverage known as Presbyterian Punch shortly before her wedding, and decided this was what she wanted served at the reception. It was basically a mixture of lime sherbet and gingerale, or perhaps 7-Up, and I believe it had some fruit cocktail thrown in as a decorative touch.

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Petersburg Lakewood, the tradition of excellence established by coach Mark Oates is recognized by many.

A week later, the Yellow Jackets were heading back to the Lakeland Center when the boys basketball team earned a berth in the Class 4A Final Four. Leesburg was one of only a handful of schools to earn berths in the boys and girls state tournaments.

For many in Lakeland, the Yellow Jackets were the proverbial, "Little Engine that Could." Leesburg was not considered a serious threat to win a state title, but the Yellow Jacket bandwagon picked up steam following a 68-52 win against a highly touted Tampa Blake squad.

After taking care of a few logistical issues, including getting coach Marcel Thomas a fresh suit transported from Lake County to Lakeland, the Yellow Jackets prepared for a championship game against Fort Lauderdale Cardinal Gibbons.

Behind solid efforts on both ends of the floor, Leesburg accomplished what had seemed unlikely only a few days earlier with a 66-58 win. It was the Yellow Jackets' first state championship in boys basketball since 1977.

Among those who made the trek to Lakeland to support the Yellow Jackets were members of the school's previous championship team. The school's past and present titlelists celebrated as one and provided the impetus for a celebration that hasn't been seen within city limits in many years.

Less than a week after Leesburg cut down the nets in Lakeland, city officials closed off downtown for a parade to recognize the Yellow Jackets' accomplishments. Residents lined Main Street as players rode to City Hall in a scene reminiscent of parades following recent World Series, Super Bowl and NBA championships.

With a victory on Tuesday against Chandler (Ariz.) Basha, the top-ranked team in Arizona, at the Kingdom of the Sun holiday tournament in Ocala, the Yellow Jackets made it clear the road to the state championship goes through Leesburg.

In November, East Ridge's Jason Kaisrlik capped a brilliant high-school career with a win in the 200-yard individual medley at the FHSAA Class 3A state meet at the YMCA Aquatic Center in Orlando. Kaisrlik won the race, which consisted of 50-yard segments in four strokes — butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle — by nearly a second.

He also finished fourth in the 500 freestyle.

And Kaisrlik, apparently, is not done with his work in the pool. After finishing up his final year at East Ridge, which includes attending Lake-Sumter Community College as a dual-enrollment student, Kaisrlik will take his academic and athletic achievements to the University of Florida.

Eventually, Kaisrlik hopes to represent Team USA at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Throw in the Mount Dora baseball team's appearance in the FHSAA's Class state semifinals in May at Digital Domain Park in Port St. Lucie, and a state semifinal berth for the East Ridge football team in November, and 2011 was anything but a down year for high-school sports.

In reality, it was one of the better years for area sports.

Truthfully, it may wind up as the best year.

Ever!

Frank Jolley is a columnist for the Daily Commercial. Write to him at frankjolley@dailycommercial.com.

NEIGHBOR
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alive and blessed with what I have. Coming from a cancer survivor, he couldn't have said it any better.

How does what you do contribute to the welfare of the area?

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What's something you've always wanted to do but haven't yet?

I would like to go on an Alaskan cruise..

What advice would you give to people who want to help out in the community?

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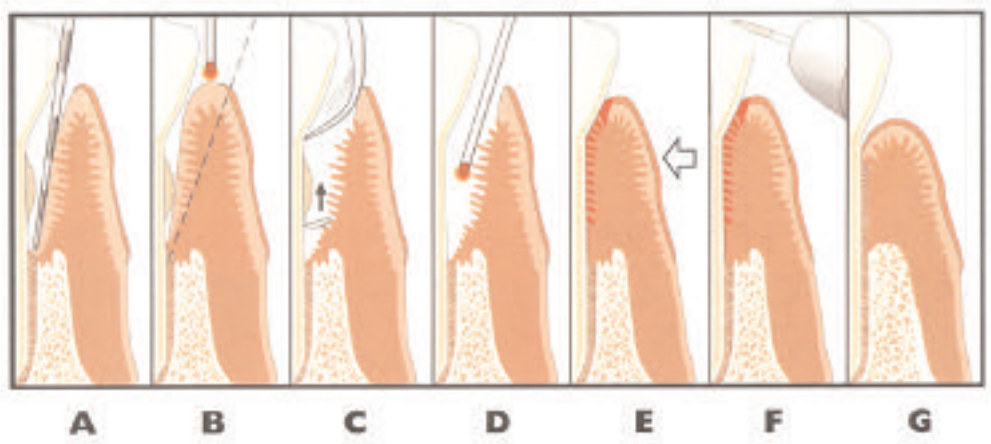

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Kasey Hobbs, CenterState Bank, Assistant Manager, and Board of Director for the Leesburg Area Chamber hooked a 10 inch earth worm on July 1st, 2011 to bring in Broker Bait and Tackle, 1351 A West North Blvd, Leesburg.

Kim Allman, Office Manager/Loan Officer for First National Bank, and Board of Director for the Leesburg Area Chamber had Botox injections on August 2nd, 2011 to bring in Advanced Rehab Specialties at 910 Old Camp Road, Suite 142, the Villages.

Rosanne Brandeburg, Executive Director Lake-Sumter Community College Foundation, and Board of Director for the Leesburg Area Chamber changed oil in a Nissan on October 28th, 2011 to bring in Lake Nissan Sales, 10234 US Hwy 441, Leesburg.

Polly Watson, Owner of Newman & Associates and Board of Director for the Leesburg Area Chamber detailed a vehicle on November 7th, 2011 to bring in Phillips Buick GMC Trucks, 2160 US Hwy 27/441, Fruitland Park.

Polly Watson, Owner of Newman & Associates and Board of Director for the Leesburg Area Chamber scooped dog poop on November 10th, 2011 to bring in Park Heights Animal Care, 3850 US Hwy 27/441, Fruitland Park.

Joseph Shoemaker, Associate at Bogin, Munns, & Munns and Board of Director for the Leesburg Area Chamber was a sign walker on November 19th, 2011 to bring in Family Furniture, 8626 US Hwy 441, Leesburg.

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003 Legal Notices

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December 30, 2011

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December 30, 2011

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

CASE NO: 2010 CA 1442
Civil Division

DAVID P. MAY,

Plaintiff
v
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR AGAINST MYRA L. WILLINGS, THE UNKNOWN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF MYRA L. WILLINGS, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH OR AGAINST THELMA E. EATON HATHAWAY a/k/a THELMA ELLEN EATON, THE UNKNOWN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF THE THELMA EATON HATHAWAY a/k/a THELMA ELLEN EATON, AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS.

Defendants,

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

TO: All Defendants and all others whom it may concern

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to re-establish a lost deed to the following property in Lake, County, Florida:

Lot 33, in Eagles Nest Mobile Home Estates First Addition, a subdivision in Lake County, Florida according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 18, Page 32, Public Records of Lake County, Florida

Has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your answer or pleading to said Complaint on Plaintiff's attorney of record, Lennon E. Bowen, III Esq. 600 Jennings Avenue, Eustis, Florida 32726 and file the original answer or pleading in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Lake County, Florida on or before the 20th day of January 2012. If you fail to do so, a Judgment by Default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in said Complaint.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tavares, Lake County, Florida, this 30th day of November, 2011

Neil Kelly
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By:/s/ K. Skirvin
As Deputy Clerk

Ad. No: 00313731
Dec. 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2011

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA
COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
Case No: 11CC3282
SUMMER BAY PARTNERSHIP, a Florida general partnership
Plaintiff,
vs.
KALAMBAYI MUKUNA and MUJINGA BULOBA et al
Defendant(s)
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS GIVEN, that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure in the captioned matter dated **December 16, 2011**, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Lake County Judicial Center, 550 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778, at 11:00 A.M. on **January 26, 2012** the following-described property, all of which are SUMMER BAY RESORT CONDOMINIUM II, according to the Declaration of Condominium, thereof recorded in Official Records Book 1582, page 1253, Public Records of Lake County, Florida, as amended.

Count 1 KALAMBAYI MUKUNA and MUJINGA BULOBA Timeshare Period Week (O)37 in Condominium Unit No. 401308

Count 2 GLORIA JOHNSON NELSON Timeshare Period Week (W)50 in Condominium Unit No. 403203

Count 4 PHIL TERRY PHILLIPS and DEBBIE PEACOCK PHILLIPS Timeshare Period Week (O)46 in Condominium Unit No. 401303

Count 5 GARY PINK and MONICA DENISE BOYD-PINK Timeshare Period Week (E)46 in Condominium Unit No. 401108

Count 6 NIVIA A. PRATT Timeshare Period Week (E)4 in Condominium Unit No. 403206

Count 7 MARY JEAN ROBERTSON Timeshare Period Week (W)28 in Condominium Unit No. 407306

Count 8 APRIL L. ROGERS Timeshare Period Week (O)43 in Condominium Unit No. 403207

Count 9 JOHANDRYS JOSE SALAS ZAMBRANO Timeshare Period Week (O)43 in Condominium Unit No. 407306

Count 10 SERGIO SEPULVEDA and ELVIA AGUIRRE SEPULVEDA Timeshare Period Week (E)44 in Condominium Unit No. 403105

Count 11 LONNIE W. SHAW and BONNIE D. SHAW Timeshare Period Week (E)18 in Condominium Unit No. 401302

Count 12 STEVEN LOUIS SILLS II and JODI LENE SILLS Timeshare Period Week (E)44 in Condominium Unit No. 401202

Count 13 MIGUEL A. SOTO MERCADO and RAMONITA SOTO SOTO Timeshare Period Week (E)37 in Condominium Unit No. 403202

Count 14 OSCAR MARIO VALDEZ JR. and ELVIRA ESQUIVEL VALDEZ Timeshare Period Week (E)45 in Condominium Unit No. 407302

Count 15 FREDDIE VAZQUEZ and LUZ E. QUINTANA Timeshare Period Week (E)7 in Condominium Unit No. 407305
Dated December 19, 2011
NEIL KELLY
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/V.UHL
Deputy Clerk
Paul M. Caldwell
Caldwell & Payne, P.A.
Post Office Box 120069
Clermont, FL 34712
Telephone: 352-242-2670
Attorney
Ad. No.00317537
December 30 & January 6, 2011

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

Case No: 2011 DR 1452

JENNIFER JAMES,
Petitioner,
and
JONATHAN SCOTT
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PATERNITY

JONATHAN SCOTT
((Respondent's last known address:) 3812 Cleveland , St. Louis Mo. 63110

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 **Jennifer James** whose address is **1681 Dorset Dr. MT Dora Fl 32757** on or before **1-26-2012** and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 550 WEST 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.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders are available at the Copies of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12,915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

Warning: Rule 12,285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: 12-15-11
NEIL KELLY
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/T Fierst
Deputy Clerk

No.: 00316316
Dec. 23, 30, 2011 Jan 6, & 13, 2012

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA
COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
Case No: 11CC3283
SUMMER BAY PARTNERSHIP, a Florida general partnership
Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHNMARK G. AKERS and JASMINE D. BAILEY et al
Defendant(s)
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS GIVEN, that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure in the captioned matter dated **December 16, 2011**, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Lake County Judicial Center, 550 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778, at 11:00 A.M. on **January 26, 2012** the following-described property, all of which are SUMMER BAY RESORT CONDOMINIUM III, according to the Declaration of Condominium, thereof recorded in Official Records Book 1681, page 1850, Public Records of Lake County, Florida, as amended.

Count 1 KALAMBAYI MUKUNA and MUJINGA BULOBA Timeshare Period Week (O)37 in Condominium Unit No. 401308

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Dated December 19, 2011
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December 30 & January 6, 2011

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA
COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
Case No: 11CC3282
SUMMER BAY PARTNERSHIP, a Florida general partnership
Plaintiff,
vs.
KALAMBAYI MUKUNA and MUJINGA BULOBA et al
Defendant(s)
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Count 1 LEFNY R. MARTINEZ ESCABI Timeshare Period Week (O)26 in Condominium Unit No. 105302

Count 2 NORBERTO STANLEY PAREDES and GLORIA ANGELICA PAREDES Timeshare Period Week (E)16 in Condominium Unit No. 106108

Count 3 OROSMAN PELAEZ and ESTELA L. RODRIGUEZ PONS Timeshare Period Week (O)26 in Condominium Unit No. 104304

Count 4 JE. PIZARRO-SANCHEZ Timeshare Period Week (E)26 in Condominium Unit No. 107101

Count 5 LESLIE DALE RYTHER JR. and BEVERLY FAYE RYTHER Timeshare Period Week (O)13 in Condominium Unit No. 107207

Count 6 WALTER W. SMITH Timeshare Period Week (E)10 in Condominium Unit No. 104107

Count 7 BILLY J. SPENCE and ANNA M. SPENCE Timeshare Period Week (E)30 in Condominium Unit No. 105105

Count 8 THEODORE HAROLD THOMAS and KATHLEEN ANN THOMAS Timeshare Period Week (O)14 in Condominium Unit No. 105206

Count 9 ANGEL M. VELEZ and ALICIA DOMINGUEZ Timeshare Period Week (O)16 in Condominium Unit No. 103301

Count 10 CHRISTIAN ALEXANDER VILLENA Timeshare Period Week (O)14 in Condominium Unit No. 106102
Dated December 19, 2011
NEIL KELLY
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/V.UHL
Deputy Clerk
Paul M. Caldwell
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Post Office Box 120069
Clermont, FL 34712
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Ad. No.00317505
December 30 & January 6, 2011

003 Legal Notices

NOTICE Under Fictitious Name Statute Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the "Fictitious Name Statute" Florida Statute 865.09, 2009, will register with the Division of Corporations, Department of State, State of Florida, upon receipt of proof of publication for this notice the Fictitious Name, to wit:

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Clermont Lake County
Florida, 34711

That the interested owners in said business enterprise are:
Anthony J. Caruso
Lisa R. Grossman

Dated in Lake County, Florida this **21st** day of **December, 2011.**

/s/Anthony J.Caruso

Ad.No: 00317834
Date:: December 30, 2011

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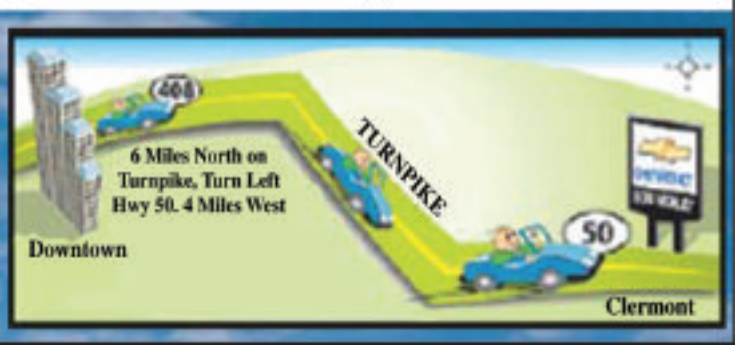

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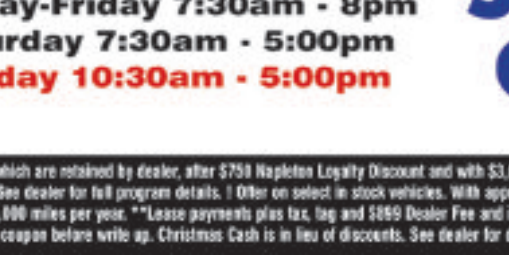

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Split two bedrooms, two baths, den w/double door entry.

The kitchen features an adjacent breakfast room, upgraded cabinets with pull-outs, plantation shutters, built in microwave and closet pantry.

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Beautiful 3/2 split floor plan

Beautiful 3/2 split floor plan majestic model (2,023 sq.ft.) with light oak hardwood floors located in Royal Highlands 55-plus active-adult gated community. Thekitchen features an adjacent breakfast room, upgraded cabinets with pull-outs, plantation shutters, built in microwave and closet pantry. Master suite includes two walk-in closets, garden tub and separate shower stall. The home has a spacious dining room and living room with vaulted ceiling. There are French doors leading to the large (12x20) enclosed lanai with sliding glasswindows and an outside cement patio perfect for barbecuing. You will appreciate the extra room in the oversized two-car garage with sliding screen door. There is an inside utility room with washer/dryer and storage shelves. Home also includes a water softener and all appliances stay. Termite Bond is transferable to the buyers. Royal Highlands is located within easy access to the FL Turnpike. Royal Highlands offers many amenities and a low monthly association fee of $130, which includes cable TV and RV/boat storage. To learn more about Royal Highlands and this move-in ready 2,023 sq.ft. home listed at $184,900 visit my website: www.RoyalHighlands.net. MLS# G4667020. Call Doug DuVarney of ERA Tom Grizzard, Inc. at (352)255-3236.

The ABCs of real estate investing, part 3

In parts 1 & 2, we dealt with the short-term investment practice of purchasing, improving and immediately reselling. If you decide you would rather rent properties and hold them for income and future resale, there are multiple options. The three most common types would be condominium units, single family homes and multi-unit buildings such as duplexes, triplexes and quads. Like any other choice, each option has its pros and cons.

For several reasons, the beginner may be wise to consider modestly priced condominiums. Most have excellent lifestyle amenities that make them very attractive to a broad range of renters. In addition, the monthly condo fee completely relieves the investor owner of any exterior maintenance burden. The downside is diminished cash flow resulting from the payment of that fee. Before you commit to a condo purchase, make sure your Realtor verifies that renting is permitted. Many condominiums restrict occupancy to the owner only. Some only allow renting after the first year of ownership, many require tenants to be approved by the board of directors and some are virtually unrestricted. In all cases, tenants are obligated to abide by all of the rules and regulations that govern owners.

Single family homes will often attract families as tenants. One advantage of this is the likelihood that there will be two incomes to support household expenses. This normally makes receipt of timely rent payments more stable. Another big advantage is the fact that significant

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single family inventory is in newer homes located in recently developed communities. This reduces the likelihood that high dollar repairs will be needed in the near future. However, this can sometimes be neutralized by the additional wear and tear associated with the presence of children and pets. The greatest disadvantage may lie in the fact that inventory is still plentiful and is likely to remain so for the foreseeable future. This condition probably means holding onto the property for several years before reselling at a profit is possible.

This brings us to perhaps the most intriguing option. That is the multi-unit acquisition. Recently, several well located (in north Lake County cities) duplexes and triplexes, in good condition, have sold for an average price of about $43,000/unit. That translates to $85-$90,000 for a duplex and $125-$135,000 for a triplex. The typical unit is a 2 BR/1BA which should rent for $600/month. Here's a thumbnail financial analysis based on extremely conservative assumptions. Start by paying cash for a $90k duplex. At $600/month/unit, that's gross income of $14,400 for the year. For annual expenses, deduct property taxes ($2000), insurance ($800), maintenance ($2500, including recurring plus a small reserve) and 10% vacancy ($1440). The result is a cash-on-cash return of 8.5%. That's before any appreciation (whenever it happens) and a virtual guarantee that the principal will not erode. That combination of yield and security is rare if not non-existent.

Often, some modest improvements will be appropriate to attract the best of tenants. If a property requires the kind of work required for short-term investing/flipping, go find another one.

Your Realtor should supply you with market rents for properties similar to what you are considering. This is your baseline for deciding the right price to pay and method of financing. The market is what it is and will not produce tenants willing to pay above market rent just because you need that much to cover your carrying costs. Remember to take into account the types of expenses in the example above. Financing any acquisition will reduce your cash flow (by the amount of the mortgage payment) but increase the cash-on-cash return because you will only be committing 20-30% of the price up front.

Residential real estate can be a wise addition to your investment portfolio. Like all other options, research and analysis will pay off.

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

Stirling Sotheby's negotiates sales of two luxury properties

ORLANDO — Stirling Sotheby's International Realty recently negotiated the sales of two luxury properties — one in Lake County and the other in Osceola County.

Roger Soderstrom, founder and owner of Stirling Sotheby's International Realty, said trusted real estate advisor Chris Wilson, a luxury home specialist with Stirling Sotheby's brokered both deals.

In Lake County, Wilson negotiated the short sale of a 5,195 square foot, five bedroom home on Medici Way in the upscale community of Bella Collina in Monteverde for $865,000.

The seller was a doctor in the U.K. and the transaction took months to complete with several obstacles to overcome, including foreign tax issues.

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Stirling names Hillman specialist

ORLANDO — Stirling Sotheby's International Realty has appointed Benjiman Hillman an International Marketing Specialist in the Southwest Orlando area.

Roger Soderstrom, founder and owner of Stirling Sotheby's International Realty, said Hillman is a former hotelier and restaurateur who was once appointed a popular restaurant chain's youngest area director. He later opened his own restaurant in Arkansas.

Disney recruited Hillman as a top manager and brought him to the Orlando area, Soderstrom said. After service at The Peabody, one of Disney's most fashionable resort hotels, Hillman launched his own real estate career in 2004.

"Benjiman Hillman has a terrific background in hospitality and food service and a tremendous drive to succeed for his real estate clients," Soderstrom said.

"We expect him to play a major role in our growth and development in the Southwest Orlando area," Soderstrom said.

Contact Roger Soderstrom, founder/owner Stirling Sotheby's International Realty at 407-581-7890 or email to rsoderstrom@stirlingSIR.com; Larry Vershel or Beth Payan, Larry Vershel Communications 407-644-4142, Lvershelco@aol.com, or visit www.StirlingSIR.com for information.

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Crossman to speak at institute

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Crossman, who ranks as one of the most prolific retail property brokers in

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the southeast will discuss retail developments and trends.

The event begins with registration and networking at 7:30 a.m., breakfast at 8 a.m., program at 8:30 a.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 661 N.W. 53 St., Boca Raton.

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The panel of industry experts will discuss past, present and future trends in South Florida in the areas of commercial, retail and residential, according to George Chrismark, IREM Association Executive for the South Florida Chapter.

Cost is $47 for IREM members, $67 for guests and $87 at the door for everyone.

For details call 407-581-6218.

NAI negotiates acquisition of Tomoka Oaks Golf

ORLANDO — NAI Realvest recently negotiated the purchase of the Tomoka Oaks Golf and Country Club on Tomoka Oaks Boulevard in Ormond Beach for $1.5 Million.

Associate Jeff Ettinger brokered the transaction representing the buyer, EJTS Holding, LLC of Longwood. The seller, Putnam State Bank of Palatka, was represented in the transaction by Mark Arnold of Stirling Sotheby's International Realty.

The property includes an 18-hole golf course currently managed by Billy Casper Management. The course is in excellent condition and accepts greens-fee players, Ettinger said.

Visit www.NAIRealvest.com for information.

Emerson negotiates lease at Major Plaza II

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Emerson International, Inc. recently negotiated a new three-year lease agreement for 1,245 square feet at Major Plaza II, an office building located on Major Blvd. in southwest Orlando off Kirkman Road near the International Dr. tourism corridor.

Eric Emerson, vice president and general manager of Emerson International, said Kenneth Koch, commercial portfolio director at Emerson International, negotiated the lease agreement.

Paulo Maia Business Consulting, Inc. is the new tenant.

Contact Kenneth Koch, commercial portfolio director, Emerson International, Inc. at 407-834-9560 or via email to kkoch@emerson-us.com.

Tolaris completes project, hosts open house

Tolaris Homes based in Lake Forest off State Road 46 west of Sanford marked completion of a $120,000 remodeling project at a luxury home in Lake Forest recently with an open house to show off their work.

Most of the more than 125 guests who attended the event were Lake Forest neighbors, said Tolaris Homes president Rick Bavec.

Bavec said Tolaris completed the project in less than 45 days, updating the home's interior and retrofitting several new technologies to make the home more energy efficient.

For informaiton, contact Richard Bavec, president, Tolaris Homes, at 407-402-9866 or email to rbavec@tolarishomes.com; or Larry Vershel or Beth Payan, Larry Vershel Communications, 407-644-4142.

Hendricks negotiates sale of Palm Villas Apartments

FORT MYERS — Hendricks & Partners, which ranks as one of the largest and most active multi-family investment banking and research companies in the U.S., recently negotiated the REO sale of the 64-unit Palm Villas Apartments property in Fort Myers for $1,575,000.

Palm Villa Apartments was constructed in 1968 and renovated in 2006.

Cole Whitaker, director of the Southeast Division of Hendricks and Partners in Orlando, said Associate Partner Hal Warren helped negotiate the sale of the apartment property representing the seller PNC Bank.

Promotora Inmobiliaria, LLC was the buyer of the apartments consisting of four two-story garden-style buildings situated on 4.6 acres. The buyer was represented by Michael Maurer of RE/MAX Estates.

Contact Cole Whitaker, southeast partner, Hendricks and Partners, at 407-218-8880 or via email to cwhitaker@HPAPTS.com; or Hal Warren, associate partner, Hendricks and Partners, 407-218-8881, hwarren@HPAPTS.com.

Mattamy Homes reports record month in November

ORLANDO — Mattamy Homes U.S. Group, the U.S. division of Canada's largest homebuilder, reported it sold 60 homes valued at approximately $15 million in communities in Orlando and Jacksonville, Charlotte, Minneapolis and Arizona in November.

Steve Parker, president of Mattamy Homes U.S. Division, said sales for the month were the best ever since November 2005.

At Lake Nona Preserve, Parker said the Mattamy sold 31 townhomes during the last four months and in November six townhomes were sold.

Ten Minneapolis area communities averaged 20 sales during November while in the Orlando region sales totaled 13 for the month of November.

Mattamy Homes U.S. Group builds single family and townhomes in five Orlando communities, 10 in Jacksonville, three in Phoenix, nine in the Charlotte area and 11 in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota.

Contact Steve Parker, president of Mattamy Homes U.S. Group at 407-599-9994, or Larry Vershel or Beth Payan, Larry Vershel Communications, at 407-644-4142.

Stirling negotiates sale of Tomoka Oaks Golf

ORLANDO — Stirling Sotheby's International Realty's Commercial Division recently negotiated the $1.5 Million sale of Tomoka Oaks Golf and Country Club, 20 Tomoka Oaks Blvd. in Ormond Beach.

Mark Arnold, International Commercial Investment Specialist at Stirling Sotheby's International Realty negotiated the transaction representing the seller, Putnam State Bank, based in Palatka.

Arnold said an Orlando area investment partnership purchased the property, which consists of an historic 18-hole golf course built in 1965 and 144 acres including 33 acres for future residential development.

Tomoka Oaks is complemented by magnificent oaks throughout the established residential community. The prime location and proximity to the beach have long attracted seasonal residents.

Renovation rookies build new home inside old walls

LYNN UNDERWOOD
Minneapolis Star Tribune

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The Quinns display a favorite painting by local artist Hiromi in their new gray-tiled living room. They kept the original wood-burning fireplace but added a sculptural concrete surround.

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The laundry room is off the kitchen. Bryce splurged on a wine refrigerator for his wine collection.

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Bryce and Natalie Quinn's 1925 Mediterranean-style home was gutted and remodeled in an edgy, contemporary style. The couple did most of the work themselves with friends.

Family members tried to talk Natalie and Bryce Quinn out of buying their early 1920s Mediterranean-style fixer-upper in Minneapolis.

"My dad said, 'You don't know how much work this will be,'" said Natalie.

And Dad was right, Bryce conceded. "But we bought it anyway."

The Quinns, who had never remodeled a home before, thought it would take just a few months to repair and update the neglected home. Instead, they spent more than a year on a whole-house renovation, ultimately rebuilding a modern interior within the Old World concrete and stucco shell.

When Bryce first stepped inside the multi-level Mediterranean, he dismissed it as another DIY special they would be fools to take on.

"It was rundown, the windows were nailed shut and it hadn't been touched in 50 years," he said. Still, Natalie was seduced by its Mediterranean charm, especially the curved archways, vaulted-ceiling sunroom and three graceful Juliet balconies across the front.

"It had a good energy," said Natalie. "And I felt like it really had potential."

Bryce got on board because of the home's great location — plus it was in their price range. In the fall of 2009, the Quinns bought the 2,800-square-foot house "as is."

"After we closed on the house, we were handed the keys, and none of them worked," recalled Bryce. "Not a good sign."

They had planned on making typical cosmetic improvements — new lighting and paint and rehabbing the outdated bathrooms before they moved in. Their biggest project was remodeling the tiny servants' kitchen, which was on another level off the living room. "If people on HGTV can do it, why couldn't we?" said Natalie.

But when Bryce tore down plaster walls to move a bathroom, he discovered rusted leaky pipes. When they pulled up carpet, they unearthed uneven floors. Rotting windows would have to be replaced. The red metal roof had been improperly installed, and water was dripping into an upstairs room.

"We got in way over our heads," said Bryce. "We had bought a house that needed 100 times (more) work than we wanted to do."

The couple reassessed the home's condition and decided to demolish all three levels of the interior, retain the concrete block and stucco shell and start from square one.

Bryce took time off from his job at his family's business to serve as general contractor. He hired experts to hang drywall, do plumbing and lay tile. He did the demolition himself, with the help of friends.

Natalie, meanwhile, launched a blog, Quinn + Co Urban Design (quinnandcompany.blog spot.com), to document their progress and vent about the "highs and lows of construction."

When every last wall was down, "it opened up all these possibilities," said Natalie. "That's when we started to have fun. We got out a ruler and drew a new floor plan."

But after six months, the Quinns had run out of renovation money. With just the framing and floorboards completed, they had to re-evaluate whether it was worth it to continue or whether they should sell. After consulting with real estate agents, they were assured that finishing the home would be a good investment and took out another loan.

The Quinns finally moved into their nearly finished home 13 months after the closing. "It's exceeded our expectations," said Bryce.

Instead of a kitchen center island, Natalie chose a long granite-topped Parsons table that doesn't obstruct the elevated view from the dining room. "It's a community table where you can pull up a stool on both sides," she said.

The Quinns decided to salvage the original staircase, and refinished the dark oak steps as an homage to the home's history. But they added a modern touch — a wall made of glass to let in more light. "It looks like something you'd see at a car dealership," said Bryce.

The upstairs level holds two bathrooms, a guest bedroom, office and a master suite with a walk-in closet the size of a luxe dressing room. The couple meticulously chose every material and finish, from the chunky bar-style faucets to the quartz-topped walnut cabinets, which are duplicated in other rooms.

"Repeat elements," advised Natalie, who designed the interior. "It gives a home continuity and unifies the spaces."

In the end, they spent about $350,000 to essentially build a brand-new house, which includes new stucco exterior and landscaping.

"In hindsight, it would have been easier to tear it down," said Bryce. "But we were naive and wanted a challenge. Now we're glad we saved it."

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

LOCATION: 7 Lakeview Street, Mascotte **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA, 1,036 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** $40,000 **SELLING PRICE:** $38,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Andy Hernandez, Watson Realty Corp. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Yanett Saborido, Watson Realty Corp.

LOCATION: 242 Lakeshore Pointe Blvd. **FEATURES:** 6BR/6BA **LISTING PRICE:** $1,950,000 **SELLING PRICE:** $1,350,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Janice McGeough, Remax Realty Center. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Jon Wanberg, Remax Realty Center

LOCATION:12736 Douglas Fir Court, Clermont **FEATURES:** Stunning custom built 5BR/3BA pool home on cul-de-sac. **LISTING PRICE:** $235,000 **SELLING PRICE:** $222,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Kathleen Soulliere, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Nancy Uhlman, Zip Realty Inc.

LOCATION: 30933 Top of the Hill Drive, Mount Dora **FEATURES:** Spacious 4BR/3BA with bonus room/loft upstairs. **LISTING PRICE:** $199,900 **SELLING PRICE:** $190,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Linda Lake, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Daniel H. Dow, Guardian Realty.

LOCATION: 406 China berry Circle **FEATURES:** 4BR/2BA **LISTING PRICE:** $104,900 **SELLING PRICE:** $104,900 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Jarene Mathias, Remax Realty Center. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Steve Cohen, Coldwell Banker Realty.

LOCATION: 2005 Anniston Drive **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA, 1,407 sq. ft., Enclosed lanai **LISTING PRICE:** $194,900 **SELLING PRICE:** $185,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Joy Wilson, Re-Max Premier. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Cindy Wheeler, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc.

LOCATION: 3238 Seven Seas **FEATURES:** Royal Harbor 3BR/2BA, 2,147 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** $229,000 **SELLING PRICE:** $188,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Cindy Wheeler, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Barbara Franki, Coldwell Banker Camelot Realty.

LOCATION: 61 Sand Lake Place, Eustis **FEATURES:** Custom 4BR/2.5BA pool home, park-like setting with Lake Eustis access **LISTING PRICE:** $249,500 **SELLING PRICE:** $235,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Kathleen Soulliere, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Jonathan Wanberg, Re/Max Realty Center.

LOCATION: 4844 Kelso Street **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA, 1,474 sq. ft., Enclosed Lanai. **LISTING PRICE:** $150,000 **SELLING PRICE:** $115,900 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Kathy O'Brien, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Mary Jane Grimes, Four Star Home Brokers Inc.

LOCATION: 3518 Manatee Road **FEATURES:** 2BR/2BA **LISTING PRICE:** $49,000 **SELLING PRICE:** $45,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Jill Nelan, Remax Realty Center. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Mitchell Stiefel, Keller Williams,

LOCATION: 32122 Alice Street, Tavares **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA, 1,653 sq. ft., Built in 1972, Block **LISTING PRICE:** $87,900 **SELLING PRICE:** $88,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Susan Jackovich, Keller Williams Advantage. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Duane Lanier, Vangie Berry Signature Realty.

LOCATION: 33205 Coventry Drive, Leesburg **FEATURES:** 4BR/3BA, 2,856 sq. ft., Built in 1980, Stucco **LISTING PRICE:** $250,000 **SELLING PRICE:** $235,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Julie Reigler, Re/Max Realty Center. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Karen Riscinto, Vangie Berry Signature Realty.

LOCATION: 38 E Morningview Drive, Eustis **FEATURES:** Quaint & charming 2BR/1BA with hardwood floors throughout **LISTING PRICE:** $79,900 **SELLING PRICE:** $75,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Nancy McCloskey & Terri Tomassi, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Lynne Cox, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc.

LOCATION: 38845 County Road 439, Eustis **FEATURES:** Short Sale! 4BR/2BA home on 5+acres **LISTING PRICE:** $79,500 **SELLING PRICE:** $79,500 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Linda Lake, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Tera Morgan, Vangie Berry Signature Realty.

LOCATION: 2242 Merry Road, Tavares **FEATURES:** 4BR/2BA, 1,772 sq. ft., Built in 2005, Block/Stucco **LISTING PRICE:** $99,000 **SELLING PRICE:** $96,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Greg Rokeh, Watson Realty Corp. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Tera Morgan, Vangie Berry Signature Realty.

LOCATION: 36227 E. Eldorado Lake Drive, Eustis **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA, 1,545 sq. ft., on 1 acre in desirable location in county with lower taxes. **LISTING PRICE:** $129,900 **SELLING PRICE:** $120,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Loretta Maimone, Maimone Realty. **SELLING AGENT:** Mary Jo Williams.

Mammy cookie jar likely a reproduction

HELAINE FENDELMAN and JOE ROSSON
Scripps Howard News Service

DEAR HELAINE AND JOE:

Please let me know if you are interested in our treasures. We think the cookie jar is Aunt Jemima. There is a big "B" on the base underneath.

THANK YOU,
M.S., LIVONIA, MICH.

DEAR M.S.:

One of the reasons we decided to answer this question is the phrase, "let me know if you are interested in our treasures."

This suggests to us that M. S. thinks we might want to purchase one of these items, and we want to state strongly and unequivocally that we never have and never will buy anything that comes to our attention through this column. It is completely unethical.

Collectors are interested in the various types of "mammy" cookie jars that were made by many companies across America. To name just a few, there was Brayton Laguna, McCoy, Metlox, Weller, Abington and Pearl China, among a number of others.

The mammy cookie jar in today's question is supposedly the product of Mosaic Tile Co. of Zanesville, Ohio. The company was started by two men, Karl Langenbeck and Herman Mueller, who had previously been employed by American Encaustic Tile Co.

They were successful initially making floor tiles, but they later expanded into all sorts of tiles, including pictorial mural tiles, wall tiles and tiles that were used on the facade of structures. In the 1940s, the company made two large decorative panels that were 120 feet long by 7½ feet tall depicting the development of Texas for the Will Rogers Memorial in Fort Worth.

Mosaic Tile stopped making faience tile in 1959 and tried to stay in business by making miscellaneous pottery products such as boxes, bookends, souvenirs, wall panels and the mammy cookie jar in today's question. They could not compete with other pottery makers and the company closed in 1967.

Mosaic Tile's mammy cookie jar is rather rare, and in certain color varieties is extremely rare. The original mammy cookie jar is 13½ inches tall and is found most often wearing a yellow dress with a turban-like head covering. This would appear to be the type that M. S. has.

This yellow-dressed Mosaic Tile cookie jar mentioned above is worth up to about $600, but if the dress is blue the price jumps to $700 or $750. But if the dress happens to be peach and green, peach and blue, or blue and yellow, the value is three times more than the common yellow-dress examples.

Our problem with the cookie jar pictured here is that M. S. reports that it is marked with a big "B" on the base. Unfortunately, the original Mosaic Tile example is completely unmarked. Further examination and comparison with genuine examples reveals what we believe are subtle differences between the real Mosaic Tile mammy cookie jars and the one belonging to M. S.

Primarily, the smile on the one shown here is jovial and inviting while the smile on the originals are, well, different — more forced and less welcoming. But when all is said and done, it is the big "B" on the base that strongly suggests to us that this piece is just not right.

We feel this piece is a reproduction, and reproductions of this cookie jar sell at auction for about $50.

SHNS

This could be a hard to find cookie jar, but is it valuable?

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