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The science labs at Lake-Sumter State College are shown in Leesburg. South Lake Hospital is an advocate of expanding the science lab capabilities at the south Lake campus.

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Helping students succeed

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It is a concept that has been explored before, but has never come to fruition. But now the idea to implement a magnet school for the highest performing students — specializing in health sciences — is gaining traction once again among school district, Lake-Sumter State College and South Lake Hospital officials. “This is a completely different concept and program than what was proposed previously,” said Lake County School Board Vice Chairman Tod Howard, explaining that the previous concept



PHOTO COURTESY OF LAKE-SUMTER STATE COLLEGE
Scott Pierce, far right, talks to students during a biodiesel project at Lake-Sumter State College in Leesburg.

was for a collegiate high school with a larger number of students specializing in technical certifications. “It is a true magnet school and would be specifically focused on health sciences with the hope to prepare students to go into the medical field. We want these students to work with the hospital and doctors.” Howard said the idea is for students to have internships in the hospital and other medical settings while at the proposed magnet school. “This then becomes a high-level program with students viewing surgeries and medical

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Report cards released for Lake schools

Staff report

East Ridge High School earned an A from the state and one other Lake County high school showed improvement when the school letter grades were released Dec. 18 by the Florida Department of Education. It was the second consecutive year that East Ridge earned the top grade, which is

awarded based on a complex metric that takes into account test score, graduation rates and college readiness.

“We owe this honor to our students, staff and district personnel who have supported us in our endeavor to improve academically,” said East Ridge High Principal Julie Robinson-Lueallen.

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GRADES FOR AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

SCHOOL	CURRENT	2011-12
East Ridge High School	A	A
Eustis High School	B	C
Lake Minneola High	B	A
Leesburg High School	C	C
Mount Dora High School	B	B
South Lake High School	C	B
Tavares High School	B	B
Umatilla High School	C	C

Source: Lake County Schools

GROVELAND

Council members agree on city manager pick

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The Groveland City Council voted Dec. 16 to offer the city manager job to their second-ranked candidate after rescinding an offer to their top pick, Robert Kellogg, when Kellogg indicated he would counter their offer.

The council had ranked Redmond Jones high for likability and thought he might be the best fit to work with city staff and the community

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TAVARES

Police recruits graduate from Lake Tech

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Fifteen recruits, all hoping for police work, graduated Lake Tech's Institute of Public Safety on Dec. 17.

With their families in the audience giving sporadic cheers during the commencement ceremony, the recruits cited their code of ethics in unison, listened to motivational speeches from veteran officers and received diplomas and various class awards.

“It feels good, I'm ready to go to work,” said one recruit. “It feels good, I'm ready to go to work.”

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Class 15-13-1107-02 gets ready to march into graduation at the Lake Tech Institute of Public Safety in Tavares.

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What South Lake residents are saying about ...

BAD PRESENTS

What is the worst Christmas present you ever got?



As a kid, I opened three presents in a row and they were all jeans. I almost didn't open any more presents after that because it's not really that I didn't like clothes so much, but I knew my mom was going to make me get up and go try them on so she could hem them because I am so short.

JOHN WEST
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I've never gotten a bad gift that I can think of. But it could be just me, because I'm always thankful for anything I've gotten.

ADA SANTOS
MINNEOLA



I would have to say it is clothing from my mother. Growing up, she would purposely buy me things she hated and I'd like them, so she started buying me things she liked because I'd always hate them.

TERRI JO FOX
MINNEOLA



A couple of bad sweaters, I'd say, although I wore them. You're kind of obligated to when they are from family.

SEAN BLACKBURN
CLERMONT

Groveland teacher arrested in sex sting

Staff Report

Eighty people, including a Groveland Elementary School teacher and a Mount Dora woman, were arrested during a several-day undercover operation targeting prostitution, the Polk County Sheriff's Office announced.

Detectives placed and answered ads on Internet websites such as Backpage.com, and arrested 24 men who were soliciting ("Johns"), 33 prostitutes, 13 who were aiding and abetting prostitution or deriving proceeds from prostitution, and 10 others for a variety of drug and other charges, the sheriff's office stated.

"Prostitution is not a victimless crime," Polk County Sheriff's Grady Judd said. "From the spread of disease and destruction of families

to human trafficking, prostitution is bad for our community."

The two Lake County people arrested during the operation were Anthony Stevens from Groveland and Nicole Cloud from Mount Dora.

Stevens, 50, a special education teacher at Groveland Elementary School for the past two years, was charged with soliciting prostitution. According to his booking sheet and the school's web site, Stevens is married, has a daughter, and holds degrees from Arizona College of the Bible and Southwestern College (now Arizona Christian Academy).

Before becoming a teacher, he was a pastor in Arizona and Alaska.



STEVENS



CLOUD

Nicole Cloud, 38, of Mount Dora, was charged with soliciting prostitution. She listed no occupation, but the sheriff's office stated she has a criminal history of DUI, disorderly intoxication, disturbing the peace and failure to appear.

Stevens has been placed on leave from his job at Groveland Elementary, according to Chris Patton, spokesman for the Lake County School District.

Sheriff's detectives are continuing to investigate a human trafficking charge involving a 16-year-old girl who was arrested on prostitution charges as part of the sting.

Halifax Media Group contributed to this report.

COUNCIL

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but selected Kellogg by a 3-2 vote during a special meeting last week based on his 30 years of experience.

They directed City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver to make the offer to Kellogg.

Kellogg, from Palm City, most recently served as city manager for the town of Sewall's Point for seven years before being asked to resign over a code enforcement issue. Before that, he was the city manager for the city of Rittman, Ohio for 19 years.

But when Kellogg expressed reservations about actually taking the job, telling Geraci-Carver he needed time to consider the \$87,500 offer and would get back to her with a counter offer, council members had second thoughts.

Jones had been ranked as the number one choice of council members James Smith and Evelyn Wilson. When certain department heads were asked their opin-

ions about who they thought was the best fit to work with staff, Police Chief Melvyn Tennyson and Fire Chief and Interim City Manager Willie Morgan said they'd pick Jones.

Although Jones has never been a city manager, he fills the job requirements, which were revised in October after the resignation of former city manager Sam Oppelaar.

The job description calls for "eight or more years of progressively responsible professional experience in municipal government," along with a bachelor's degree in public administration, business administration or a related field.

According to his resume, Jones was an assistant to the city manager in Davenport Iowa for eight years, (Oct. 2002 to May 2010) and in Temple Terrace for two more years, (Jan. 2000 to Oct. 2002.)

He has a bachelor's degree in public management urban studies from Cleveland State University, a master of public administration from

the University of Kansas and an associates degree in law enforcement from Cuyahoga Community College. Currently, Jones is a managing partner with Dellmar Consultng LLP.

"I think he is energetic. I can feel his energy, and I think he can motivate the staff. I think he'll work well with the council and just have a really good feeling that he is part of the new day in Groveland and will move us forward by leaps and bounds," Wilson said.

"Jones should have been the top pick all along. How about looking next door at Darren Gray. He was Clermont's assistant city manager for a long time, left to serve as interim county manager/county manager for all of Lake County and now is doing a great job as Clermont's city manager. The point is that he was hired as the County Manager and had never been a city manager before that."

Geraci-Carver said Kellogg told her he was at the meeting on Monday to observe and do his due diligence, but left the

meeting before the item regarding the job offer extended to him was discussed.

"He'd said he had to think about it (the job offer) and said if council wanted him to start on Jan. 2, that would be a problem anyway because he was gonna be on vacation during that time," Morgan said.

On Tuesday, Geraci-Carver said she had talked with Kellogg about the council's decision to rescind the offer.

"From what he said, the impression that he gave me was that the decision was probably the best one that could have been made for him and for the city," Geraci-Carver said.

Geraci-Carver also made the offer to Jones Tuesday.

"He was very excited and said he looks forward to coming to the city of Groveland, but he did not commit 100 percent to it just yet," Geraci-Carver said. "It sounds as though he's gonna take it, but he wanted to talk it over with his family and said he would get back with me in a couple of days."

Lake Minneola High and South Lake High were the only schools to drop a grade. Lake Minneola fell from an A to a B and South Lake from a B to a C.

Overall, nearly half of Florida's high schools received an A grade for the past school year, despite additional changes to the state's contentious grading formula.

climbed from a C last year to a B this time around.

"This is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of the teachers and students at Eustis High School," said Nancy Velez, principal at Eustis High, in a press release from the Lake County School District. "Together with our School Advisory Council (SAC), we

created a plan to target students' needs and then worked the plan."

School district officials said Tavares High and Mount Dora High registered enough points for A grades, "but the overall letter grade was reduced because the graduation rate for at-risk students was below the statewide target."

Area Briefs

CLERMONT

Free garden club programs scheduled to begin in January

The Clermont Garden Club invites the public to join them for three "First Saturday" programs at the Garden Club building, 849 West Avenue, beginning in January and continuing through March.

Garden Club members Betty Peterson and Dorothy Girmscheid will present the first program "Growing and Maintaining Orchids Yourself" at 10 a.m., on Jan. 4.

For information about the Clermont Garden Club, go to www.ClermontGardenClub.com.

BUSHNELL

Dade Battlefield to host reenactment on Jan. 4-5

Relive the beginning of the Second Seminole War at the 178th anniversary of Dade's Battle on Jan. 4-5 at Dade Battlefield, 7500 County Road 603 in Bushnell.

The reenactment of the engagement marking the Second Seminole War, the longest and costliest Indian war in U.S. History, will host period soldier attire, Seminole and civilian camps, Sutler Trade Fair, historic arts and crafts, demonstrations and more.

Grounds open at 9 a.m. on both days and the battle reenactment is at 2 p.m. Cost to enter the park is \$5 per person and children age 6 and younger enter free. Special rates apply to Boy and Girl Scout troops, and to military and first responders in uniform.

For information, call the park at 352-793-4782, or go to www.dadebattlefield.com.

WINTER GARDEN

Auditions for 'Hairspray' scheduled for Jan. 5-9

The Garden Theatre will host auditions for its self-produced spring musical "Hairspray," directed and choreographed by Rob Winn Anderson. Auditions will be held primarily at the Garden Theatre, 160 W. Plant St., Winter Garden.

This large production requires a minimum of six adult females, six adult males, and 30 or more female and male teenagers (ages 14 and older). All performers will be asked to sing and dance during the audition.

For information, call 407-877-4736, or go to www.gardentheatre.org.

MASCOTTE

Neighborhood mail theft investigated

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The U.S. Postal Inspection Office is investigating at least one man who allegedly stole mail from boxes in a Mascotte neighborhood, according to the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

According to an arrest affidavit, deputies responded to Betty Lane in Mascotte on Tuesday to several cluster mail boxes that had been damaged and had mail missing. During their investigation, deputies discovered mail sticking out of the bottom of a door of a 1997 Ford Expedition at a Betty Lane home.

Deputies also said they found several stolen pieces of mail in a man's room.

Sgt. James Vachon, sheriff's spokesman, said that information was forwarded to the Postal Inspection Office. He added they couldn't identify the suspect or provide details of the case, citing the ongoing investigation by the Postal Inspection Office.

Postal Inspection officials couldn't be reached Dec. 18 for comment.

However, when some of the stolen mail was found in the room, the man staying there, Yonkani Viveros, allegedly gave officers a false name and was in possession of a fake security card.

Viveros, an illegal immigrant from Mexico, was arrested on criminal use of personal information and giving a false name to law enforcement. He remained in the Lake County jail Wednesday in lieu of \$5,500 bail on the charges, but also has a hold by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.



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procedures, becoming part of the medical community before they are out of high school," he said. "I want to see this program be able to compete at an academic level on par with the top level of the state."

County Commissioner Sean Parks lauded the idea, stating: "It is a game changer for economic development and quality of life."

Superintendent Susan Moxley also praised the initiative.

"The magnet school has the opportunity to provide concentrated focus on health careers and provide a seamless program from high school to college," she wrote in an email message.

The school would target about 100 high-level performing students in the ninth grade, who would take two years of AP classes, followed by dual-enrollment at LSSC, and two years at the University of Central Florida, Howard said.

During their enrollment at the school, they then could take part in internships at South Lake Hospital.

Officials said the concept is in its preliminary stage with many details still needing to be ironed out. Funding remains a challenge at the state college level because of the need to build a science lab at the LSSC South Lake Campus.

The school would not be in one central location, but could be at multiple campuses such as East Ridge High School, LSSC South Lake Campus, the University of Central Florida and the campus of South Lake Hospital.

"I think it would be a great benefit for our students," LSSC President Charles Mojock said. "It would open up the doors for students for high demand, high skilled jobs. It also serves our local employers and hospital health care providers who need that supply of skilled workers."

Currently, LSSC officials are hoping to receive state aid to build a new science lab at the South Lake Campus: a critical component to the magnet school.

"Expanding capacity for science labs would result in greater numbers of graduates with the skills needed for the type of high demand STEM jobs that Lake County needs and has sought for many years," according to Mojock. "However, none of these goals can be fully achieved with present facilities. The science lab is still the key for us to be able to offer the kind of advance science classes students will need for this program."

SCIENCES

The Commission on Higher Education Access and Educational Attainment recently reported in a study that Florida's universities do not have an adequate number of science, technology, engineering and math graduates to meet the



job demands in the STEM fields.

"In its 2025 Strategic Plan, the Board of Governors embraced a vision to increase baccalaureate degrees awarded statewide from 53,000 per year to 90,000," the report stated. "To generate these additional 37,000 graduates, the state needs a significant number of new students to graduate from Florida's institutions."

The study confirms there is "an under-supply exceeding 2,000 projected positions" in the STEM fields.

With enrollment increasing substantially at the South Lake campus, from 949 in 2002 to 3,277 today, Mojock said the campus "faces a critical shortage of classroom and laboratory space, which prevents the college from being able to meet enrollment growth and the demand for science and health-related courses in South Lake county."

Mojock said currently the lab is in a modular building, which does not provide adequate space to meet student enrollment in the sciences.

"It is a deterrent to attracting students and also a barrier for current students, who have to travel to Leesburg to get some of the advanced science classes," he said.

While the college does not have specific majors for its associate of arts degree, biology, nursing and health sciences majors are "among the top 15 majors that our graduates pursue at UCF," Mojock said.

Katie Roles, a chemistry professor at the South Lake campus, said when classes fill up, she has had to turn students away because of the labs' inadequate space.

"I probably turn

away 20 students a semester because my classes are full and I can't take anymore," she said. "Some of them decide to wait and try to take the course next semester. Some decide it is not worth it. They hate to drive (to Leesburg)."

A SUCCESSFUL CONCEPT

Magnet schools are "public schools offering special instruction and programs not available elsewhere." There are 3,400 magnet schools nationwide, according to the Magnet Schools of America.

"Specific benefits of Magnet Schools include: 'improved academic achievement; diverse student enrollments; reduced discipline, increased cultural competence of students, increased student attendance rates, higher graduation rates,'" according to the MSA, which cited studies on the issue.

A 2013 survey of Magnet Schools of America members found that approximately 70 percent of respondents reported their magnet programs have higher levels of parent and community engagement than traditional public schools.

Mabel Hoggard Math and Science Elementary was named the top elementary magnet school in the nation by the Magnet Schools of America last summer.

Since converting to a magnet school "it has achieved Adequately Yearly Progress in all areas since the 2005-2006 school year," according to MSA. The MSA also states the school is classified as a "high achieving school and earned a "Five Star" ranking based on the district's School Performance Framework."

John Moore, chief executive officer of South



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LEFT, ABOVE: The science labs at Lake-Sumter State College are shown in Leesburg.

Lake Hospital, said a magnet school in South Lake made a lot of sense.

"What will the opportunities be in the future for our children to be employed in health care?" he asked. "We need to create the appropriate setting so they can be prepared for the opportunity. That is what the magnet school is all about."

While stating that the hospital was in early discussions with school and state college officials on the issue, he said the concept could involve "creating internship opportunities for students that have experiences at a variety of health care settings, not just hospitals."

Howard said there

are many opportunities for students in South Lake.

"We have a local VA and if students are interested in working with wounded warriors, can we become the center of the prosthetic universe for those folks?" he asked.

CHALLENGES

Even though the school district would allocate funding for the school from its FTE budget, according to Howard, officials said they have not discussed financing of the school.

Mojock said it is important the college receive funding from the state to build the science lab.

"Funding is still hard to come by," he said. "I

have asked the schools to help us in lobbying our legislatures to make this a priority."

Recently, the county commission agreed to put it in its 2014 Legislative Priorities.

With the previous magnet school concept years ago, Moore said South Lake Hospital had planned to support it financially and then when the economy took a turn, it was put on the back burner.

"The challenge is not to get too far ahead of ourselves and make sure we put it together the right way," he said. "We need to make sure we seek out as many partners as possible to help make it successful and give the students the best experience possible."

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A memory poured in concrete

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Arriving at his recent family reunion, Jim Skinner paused to greet all of his family members.

He did not look at them the same.

Suddenly, he was transported back to the Battle of Iwo Jima, reminded of the simple coin toss he took for a shell hole, which he lost.

It saved his life. The Marines in the shell hole later lost their lives to an explosion.

"I am thinking, if I am dead, none of my family would be there," he said.

Skinner then reflected on Harold Zahn, one of the Marines killed in the shell hole.

"Harold Zahn did not have anybody to pass on for him," said the honorably discharged private first class Marine. Skinner served in

Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Guam, where he received a Purple Heart, and Iwo Jima. "It is something to think about that has happened in so many places."

Skinner, who resides in The Villages, recently dedicated volcanic ash from Iwo Jima to the Veterans Memorial Park of The Villages. He had received the ash during a Marine Corps reunion.

Fran Antal, a board member of the park, also had her son donate ash that he brought back from the island.

The ash was mixed with concrete to refinish the bottom of the steps on the monument and the base of the flag pole. A dedication ceremony recently took place during the commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Scholars and park officials said the ash symbolizes more than

25,000 who lost their lives fighting to wrest the island from Japanese control.

"It is a very rare thing to have at a veterans memorial," said Richard Simpson, commander of the Veterans Memorial Park Honor Guard. "It is very historic."

Reflecting on his service with the 3rd Marine Division, Skinner said capturing the island was important because it would serve as a critical landing strip for planes to refuel and continue on their raids of Japan.

As a result of the U.S. Forces efforts at Iwo Jima, "2,400 B-29 bombers carrying 27,000 crewmen made unscheduled landings on the island," according to the Naval History & Heritage Command, which is responsible for preserving and analyzing U.S.

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Jim Skinner holds volcanic ash from Iwo Jima which he dedicated to the Veterans Memorial Park of The Villages and received at a Marines reunion.

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work," said James C. Bolling, the 34-year-old class sergeant.

The ceremony started with the recruits lined up in the back of the room, where they rattled off their class motto, "We Fight What You Fear," before they marched to their front row seats.

The keynote speaker, recently retired Mount Dora Police Randy Scoggins, told the recruits a job in law enforcement will give them lots of power, including denying suspected criminals their freedom. But he warned them the job comes with responsibility.

"Integrity has got to be your watchword," said Scoggins. "Once

your integrity is questioned, you will no longer be any good use to your department, co-workers or community."

The graduation at the police academy in Tavares comes after a five-month, 770-hour class that included a grueling physical fitness regimen, such as sprinting up and down an 84-foot high stairwell, as well as marching drills. There also was extensive classroom training on the laws they will enforce, crime scene investigation, first aid, defense tactics and ethics.

Brittany Dennis, 22, of Apopka, the lone woman in the class, had started off her career in sales before deciding to be the first

woman in her family to join law enforcement. Her father graduated from the same academy.

Dennis, who has never been in a fight before, said the defense tactics portion was her favorite part of the training.

"I'm so excited," said Dennis, who considers her best move to be the "strong arm bar" takedown, a signature move of UFC women's bantamweight champion Ronda Rousey.

More than 50 candidates applied for Class No. 15-13-1177-02. A physical fitness test, psychological evaluation and a series of interviews winnowed the candidates to about 25 before the class began in late July. The gruel-

ing exercises and classwork forced 10 more candidates to drop out of the program.

However, not all the graduates' preparations for becoming a law enforcement officer ended Tuesday night. They still have to pass a 250-question state exam to get their law enforcement certificate.

They then have to find a job.

"We're always in the market for good recruits," said Leesburg Police Chief Bill Chrisman, just before he walked into the ceremony.

Kursten French, who served as a US Marine in Afghanistan and is an expert with a rifle, said he already has been promised a job by

the Groveland Police Department.

"This is what I wanted to do," said French, shortly after receiving his diploma.

Aside from the speakers, dozens of law enforcement officers were seated in the crowd.

Lake Sheriff Gary Borders talked about the comradery among people in law enforcement.

"It's a big family," he said. Immediate family members also expressed joy about seeing a relative graduating, including Orange County corrections officer, Wendell Smith Sr., who was there to see his son Wendell Jr. graduate. "I think he will make a great officer," Smith Sr. said.

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Navy history.

Donald Goldstein, a World War II scholar and author of "At Dawn We Slept: the Untold Story of Pearl Harbor," a runner up for the Pulitzer Prize, said the Battle of Iwo Jima was critical to the war effort.

"Those guys fought to the bitter end," he said of the Japanese. "Without Iwo Jima, it would be hard to return from Japan. It saved a lot of American lives because they land at Iwo Jima."

Iwo Jima would serve as an integral air base for airplanes coming back from air raids, Goldstein said.

Skinner served as a demolition man at Iwo Jima, where

he blew up caves so the Japanese could not come out.

There were many close calls, according to the Marine.

While showing the U.S. Army around the caves, they surprised a Japanese soldier.

Skinner immediately responded with his rifle and so did the Marine he was with.

Speaking about Iwo Jima after more than 60 years, the

memories are still fresh in Skinner's mind.

He remembers the tiniest of details, from the lack of toilet paper, showers and clean clothes to the Japanese he faced head on.

Asked if he saw the famous raising of the flag at Mt. Suribachi, Skinner said he was too busy running for his life.

One of the brightest days of the 36-day campaign was

when he was able to get a shower, clean clothes and toiletries supplied by the Army and a warm meal while watching Saratoga Trunk.

The 91-year-old said he is proud to have served his country.

"The whole sacrifice that everybody made to make this possible for the airfield to be secured is important," he said. "We all did our part."

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OURVIEW

St. Johns needs to provide better explanation

We'd like St. Johns River Water Management District officials to provide a fuller explanation of their decision to recommend approval of a request by Groveland's Niagara Bottling Company.

District officials are expected to recommend the district's governing board approve a 20-year permit by the company that would allow Niagara to pump between 484,000 and 910,000 gallons per day. Company officials say the water would be drawn from the Lower Floridan aquifer, which is separated from the Upper Floridan aquifer. They assert that drawing from the lower aquifer diminishes the environmental impact.

We're not taking a stand on district officials' decision, but against the backdrop of wide-scale water conservation measures we believe the public deserves a broader explanation.

By comparison to some nearby water users, such as municipalities and community developers, Niagara's water draw is relatively insignificant.

But a closer examination of Niagara's sheer numbers alone begs the questions: Why? And why now?

Homeowners are told they can only water on certain days, and public groups are constantly spreading the conservation message.

District officials have said Niagara's application meets the district's permitting criteria.

District spokesman Hank Largin acknowledges that the numbers — nearly a million gallons of water per day — can be intimidating.

"I know 910,000 gallons of water per day sounds like a huge amount of water, but it's not as large of an amount as some businesses that use water to produce a product to sell may be using," Largin said.

To Niagara's credit, the Irvine, Calif., company carefully ensured it complied with every requirement before doing business in Groveland. Niagara officials also assert that the company's request is small compared to overall commercial demand.

Niagara is one of seven bottled water operations permitted in the 18-county St. Johns River Water Management District.

This is certainly useful information. But the public deserves broader and more specific assurances that Niagara's water use request will not harm the environment.

After all, that's the message they're receiving from conservation authorities.

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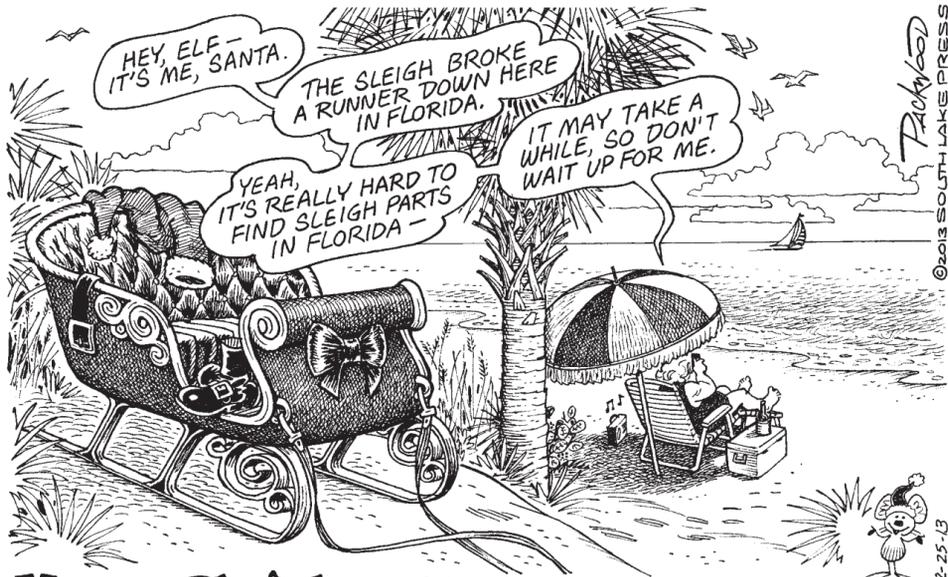
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YOUROPINIONS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pharaoh said 'Let it be written. Let it be done?'

In my life time I believe the movie I have enjoyed the most was Cecil B. DeMille's epic film, *The Ten Commandments*, shown in 1956. Loaded with a star-studded cast, the two lead roles were played by Charlton Heston, as Moses, and Yul Brynner who played Rameses, the Pharaoh of Egypt.

Both won numerous awards for their work. Brynner was brilliant in his portrayal of an arrogant and all powerful Pharaoh of Egypt. To this day I still vividly remember the line that followed his decrees, which stated, "Let it be written, let it be done."

Rameses was all powerful and answered to no one. He had no Congress or Supreme Court to deal with or thwart his decrees.

If I was making the same movie today and had to cast the role of Rameses the clear cut choice would be President Obama.

Yul Brynner as Rameses would have stated, "If you like your health care plan and doctor, you can keep them. Let it be written, let it be done."

President Obama's frequently uttered quote has been: "If you like your health care plan and doctor, you can keep them. Period!"

Both statements had the verbal emphasis of the most powerful leader in their country.

As a nation we have witnessed the most incompetent major launch of a web site in a country which probably has the greatest web site designers in the world.

Adding insult to injury we have paid more than \$600 million for this monstrosity and who knows how much more to fix it.

One of my neighbors in Leesburg just got her letter canceling her coverage.

She had been a happy customer for 15 years but was dropped due to the new requirements of ObamaCare.

The Tea Party and Republicans who have been labeled as "kooks" by the president and the Democrat members of Congress for voicing their grave concerns about the serious flaws they saw in ObamaCare don't appear so "kooky" today!

In fact, the flaws, especially the increased costs, may be even more serious than we originally thought.

Since the abysmal launch on

October first of the Healthcare.gov web site over five million Health Care plans have been canceled due to the new demands imposed by the requirements of ObamaCare.

This mass of cancellations hit the White House like the final plague of death hit Rameses and Egypt. But this is just the tip of the ObamaCare iceberg. The really huge number of cancellations will occur when the employer provided plans are affected in 2014.

In fact, in the June 2010 Federal Register, administration officials predicted, "massive disruptions of the private insurance market."

Recent polls show that the majority of Americans now feel the president was not truthful when he promised some 29 times that "If you like your Health Care plan and doctor you can keep them. Period!"

As the promises of the president and the benefits of ObamaCare evaporate, the president under intense pressure from Democrats in Congress facing the 2014 elections have forced the president to tell those who have lost their coverage that they can keep their coverage for one more year.

For the past three years insurance companies have been retooling for ObamaCare and now in about 30 days President Obama tells them to immediately pivot to reinstate canceled policies so as to protect the democrats who are running in 2014. Simply put, "Let it be written. Let it be done."

Russ Sloan is former director of Entrepreneurial Services at Lake-Sumter State College.

Cuba's hostage remains imprisoned

Alan Gross began his fifth year as a prisoner of Cuba's unjust "justice" system last week, a symbol of the continuing estrangement between that island nation and the United States, and, more important, the fundamentally unchanged nature of the governing regime.

Gross, for anyone who needs

reminding, is a 64-year-old husband and father who was surprisingly detained in December of 2009 by Cuban authorities.

He was summarily tried and sentenced to 15 years in prison for the "crime" of delivering a portable computer and a cell-phone to Cuba's small and isolated Jewish community, an action not normally considered a crime except by a handful of repressive regimes around the world, including, of course, Cuba.

Since his arrest, Gross has lost more than 100 pounds.

He suffers from degenerative arthritis and his health continues to deteriorate.

Even worse is the emotional toll that four years of incarceration and separation have taken on him and his family.

On the anniversary of his arrest, Gross' wife, Judy, made a dramatic plea for President Obama to "do whatever it takes to bring Alan home."

The Obama administration, for its part, has said, without releasing details, that it is holding behind-the-scenes talks with the Cubans on the topic, even though officials have repeatedly called for his release without the need for negotiations.

Unfortunately, the Cuban government has other plans.

Where the rest of the world sees a victim of an arbitrary and unfair government, Cuba's leaders see a human pawn that can be used to advance their own selfish political objectives.

The regime said last week that it was ready to hold talks over Gross' freedom, but that any such dialogue must include the situation of the four imprisoned spies who have been held in this country since 1998.

The Obama administration would be wrong to give in to this blackmail because the two cases are totally distinct.

Alan Gross is a hostage; the Cubans committed espionage. The four Cuban spies (a fifth was released after completing his sentence and now lives in Cuba) were sentenced for spying not on Cuban exile organizations, but on U.S. military installations and for their part in the downing of airplanes belonging to Brothers to the Rescue in 1996.

Gross' wife has pleaded that he should not be left to die in prison. Releasing him would be the humanitarian thing to do. It's up to the Cuban government to demonstrate that it's capable, just this once, of doing the right thing.

Miami Herald

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IN MEMORY

DEATH NOTICES

John D'Aiuto

John D'Aiuto, 90, of Wildwood, died Sunday, December 15, 2013. Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations.

Efrain Burgos

Efrain Burgos, 78, of Eustis, died Monday, December 16, 2013. Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors.

Roger Cheatham

Roger Cheatham, 62, of Lake Panasoffkee, died Saturday, December 7, 2013. Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

Trevor N. Davis

Trevor N. Davis, 84,

of Leesburg, died on Tuesday, December 17, 2013. National Cremation Society.

Robert Leo "Van" Van Devanter

Robert Leo "Van" Van Devanter, 89, of Leesburg, FL passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013. Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations, Tavares, FL

Earl "Bye" Dudley

Earl "Bye" Dudley, 66, of Tavares, died Saturday, December 14, 2013. Marvin C. Zanders Funeral Home, Inc.

Melanie Hatcher

Melanie Hatcher, 50, of Clermont, died

Tuesday, December 17, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory.

Mary E. Homan

Mary E. Homan, 77, of Leesburg, died Monday, December 16, 2013. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations.

Patricia A. Leusenring

Patricia A. Leusenring, 67, of Leesburg died on Monday, December 16, 2013. Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors, Eustis, FL

Ava Lewis

Ava Lewis, of Ocoee, died Friday, December 3, 2013. Floyd's Funeral Home, Clermont

Robert G. Mayer

Robert G. Mayer, Sr.,

76, of Leesburg, died Saturday December 14, 2013. Cremation Choices, Minneola.

Thomas David McMahan

Thomas David McMahan, 69, of Leesburg died on December 12, 2013. National Cremation Society.

Caroline M. Martin

Caroline M. Martin, 73, of Eustis, died Tuesday, December 10, 2013. Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors, Eustis

Henry Nesz

Henry Nesz, 97, of Lady Lake, died Tuesday, December 17, 2013. Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations.

Ervin Joseph Riedel

Ervin Joseph Riedel, 81, of Wildwood, died Sunday, December 15, 2013. Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations.

Mary Ann Scott

Mary Ann Scott, 53, of Wildwood, died Wednesday, December 11, 2013. Jacobs Funeral Home, Brooksville, FL

William M. Smith

William M. Smith, 74, of Umatilla, died Friday, December 13, 2013. Beyers Funeral Home.

Leila Stover

Leila Stover, 79, of Montgomery, AL, died Wednesday, December

11, 2013. Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations.

Jean Stroud

Jean Stroud, 91, of Lady Lake, died Wednesday, December 18, 2013. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations.

Marie Troesch

Marie Troesch, 89, of Wildwood, died Tuesday, December 10, 2013. Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations.

Sharon T Vargas

Sharon T Vargas, 61, of Lake Placid, died Saturday, December 14, 2013. Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations.



South Lake Animal League volunteers Lisa Pownall, Doreen Barker, Jessica Whitehouse and Diane Lake show off the ton of pet food and items collected.

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Pet food drive collects a ton

Staff Report

The South Lake Animal League (SLAL), in cooperation with Bill Bryan Subaru of Leesburg, recently collected one ton of pet food and supplies for their "Stuff the Subaru" event.

According to SLAL spokeswoman Jessica Whitehouse, the items donated by the community, and collected at 15 participating businesses, will go to help stock 10 food pantries that are part of SLAL's Nourish the Needy Program for pets. Other items will be earmarked for pets awaiting adoption at SLAL's adoption center.

"We can't thank ASPCA and Bill Bryan Subaru for this opportunity to help 'Share the Love' to the animals in our community!" says Do-

reen Barker, SLAL board president. "We hope that families that may be facing financial hardship and cannot afford to feed their pet are able to stay together as a result of this collection event.

"We believe that pets are important family members, and by helping to keep these pets in their homes, we will maintain the human-animal bond that is so important — especially in difficult times."

The ASPCA provided grant money for the collection effort.

The Nourish the Needy program operates year-round. Stores and offices interested in being a collection site can contact programs@slal.org for more information. For a list of collection sites, visit www.slal.org.

MIKE CONLEY HOSPICE HOUSE GETS KNIGHTS DONATION



The Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus Council No. 13240 recently donated \$500 to the Mike Conley Hospice House in Clermont. Grand Knight Jim Laria, right, and Past Grand Knight Peter Capece are pictured making the presentation to Lori Lau, administrative assistant, at Mike Conley Hospice House.

TAVARES

Lake County School District sued — again

Gay-Straight Alliance at center of dispute

Staff Report

The Lake County School Board on Thursday was sued again by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) for refusing to allow a Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) to meet at Carver Middle School in Leesburg.

The board initially was sued by the ACLU on May 1 after Bayli Silberstein, a 14-year-old 8th-grader, saw her efforts to establish a GSA at Carver blocked for nearly a year. A day after the suit was filed, the school district said the GSA could meet until the end of the 2012-13 school year.

Now, the ACLU has filed another suit on behalf of Hannah Faughnan, a 12-year-old 7th-grader who said she has been trying since October to get approval for the GSA to continue meeting at Carver. The lawsuit, filed in United States District Court in Ocala, states the ACLU was informed on Dec. 5 by the school district's attorney that approval for the club had been denied.

"It seems there's nothing the school board won't do to keep the students at Carver Middle School from their legally protected right to start a GSA and fight bullying and discrimination at their school," said Daniel Tilley, staff attorney for the ACLU of Florida.

Faughnan, elected vice president of the GSA earlier this year, echoed comments made earlier by Silberstein that bullying is a problem at Carver.

"When the GSA got to meet last year, we talked about ideas to help make things better for everyone this school year," she said. "It's frustrating that we haven't been able to do anything yet, especially because other clubs have already been meeting but we have not been allowed to meet."

GSAs are student organizations made up of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) students

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Daniel Tilley, staff attorney for the ACLU of Florida

and their straight allies that advocate for an end to bullying, harassment, and discrimination against all students. According to the ACLU, LGBT students in schools with GSAs are significantly less likely to experience victimization and less likely to feel unsafe because of their sexual orientation than students without a GSA.

In August, right around the start of the current school year, the school board enacted a revised club policy for middle schools, saying they would only be allowed if their activities strengthen certain skills, have something to do with academic honor societies or student government, or relate in some way to school curriculum.

The ACLU contends the new policy was a gambit to block GSAs.

"It's clear that the school board's new club policy was just the latest tool to try to stop these students," Tilley said. "What's most dis-

appointing is that as these kids are facing bullying in the classrooms, they're being subjected to a more sophisticated kind of bullying from the officials who should be protecting them. The school board's response to what these kids are doing is the perfect example of why a GSA is so important."

The lawsuits asks the court to allow the GSA to meet and seeks ACLU attorneys' fees and costs from the school board.

Schools spokesman Chris Patton said Thursday the district had no comment on the lawsuit because it had not been served with a copy.

The ACLU said the school district has given permission for other clubs to meet this year that do not meet the new policy guidelines, including a cheerleading squad, a chess club and a news production club. The lawsuit contends the GSA meets policy guidelines because it "strengthens and promotes critical thinking."

Faughnan's mother, Janine Faughnan, said she supports her daughter.

"I'm proud of what Hannah and her friends are doing to make things better at Carver," she said. "This is a group of kids dedicated to working together to make their school a better place. I don't understand why the school administrators, who are supposed to be supporting things to keep our kids safe, won't let them do that."

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GROVELAND

Man accused of meeting child for sex

Staff report

Lake County sheriff's cyber-crimes detectives have arrested a 26-year-old Groveland man on charges of soliciting a minor, traveling to meet a minor for sex, and molesting a child under the age of 12.

Derreck Phillips, of 12906 Cooper Road in Groveland, was arrested Dec. 16 at 1:30 p.m. and held on \$40,000 bond.

Detectives began investigating Phillips after the mother of the now 12-year-old victim reported that Phillips had sent inappropriate text messages.

Detectives found that Phillips had solicited nude pictures from the

child multiple times. They also discovered one conversation that indicated sexual activity had occurred between the two.

Detectives interviewed the child, who said Phillips is a family friend. She admitted to communicating with him via text messages and meeting him outside a bar in Groveland in July of this year, at which time Phillips molested her.

Phillips admitted the text messages were sent from his phone, and to sending most of the messages to the victim, but said he couldn't remember asking her for nude pictures. He also admitted to meeting the victim near the bar in Groveland but did not admit to the molestation.

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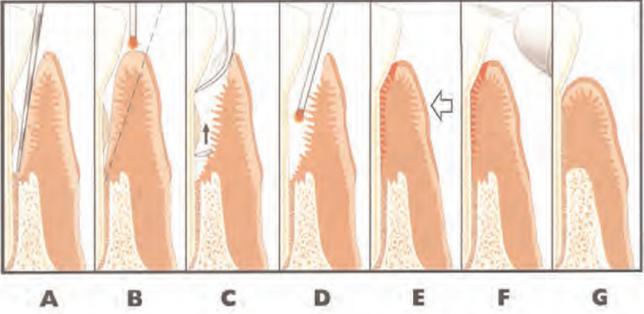
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Ex-Montverde Academy soccer standout starring in Portugal

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Former Montverde Academy soccer standout Oumar Diakhite, recently scored his first goal in Portugal's top professional division for Sporting Club Olhanense.

The goal was made even more impressive because Diakhite is a defender and the fact the goal was scored in extra time to net a tie and give his team a point that could become crucial as the postseason nears.

Despite his successes, which included a stint with Orlando City, Diakhite still remembers his time in 2011 and 2012 at Montverde Academy. Diakhite spoke recently with Eagles assistant coach Alex Prostko about his time at the college preparatory school.

"Montverde Academy has been the turning point in my life," Diakhite said. "When I first arrived at Montverde Academy, I was lost, not confident and afraid to make my dream of become a professional soccer player a reality. (Montverde Academy coach Mike) Potempa taught me how to be confident, patient and to become a hard worker. Most importantly, coach Potempa taught me how to be a better."

"Without 'La Familia' (the soccer motto at Montverde Academy, which translates to 'the family') I wouldn't be wear I am today."

Diakhite also spoke about his feelings and fears while at Montverde Academy. In particular, he spoke about how Potempa walked him through the fear of failure prior to the first Montverde Academy Soccer Tournament.

"I went to see coach Potempa in his office and told him that I struggle with the pressure that I feel when playing in important game," Diakhite said. "I would feel afraid and fell that I will make a mistake that will cost our team the game. Coach gave me his usual smile and asked, 'why?'"

Diakhite said Potempa went on to remind him that he had to worry about just three things during every game.

"The first thing was to win every single ball in the air," Diakhite said. "The second was connect every pass in possession and the last thing was



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Former Montverde Academy soccer star Oumar Diakhite dribbles the ball during his career with Orlando City. Diakhite has been player in Portugal's First Division since July.

to be the best defender and leader I could be. He told me that if I did those things, the rest would take care of itself.

"Coach Potempa's advance helped me to become the first MAST most valuable player."

Even now, Diakhite said he is motivated by Potempa's words. He said Potempa's advice during the first MAST tournament drives him constantly and has helped succeed in the professional ranks.

A native of Senegal, Diakhite played with Orlando City's U-23 team in the United Soccer League's Development League in 2012 and played with Orlando City during the

2013 USL Pro Division.

He was loaned to Sporting Club Olhanense for a trial in July and was officially transferred to the Portuguese squad where he is a midfielder in August for an undisclosed fee.

Even with his successes, Diakhite said he thinks of his time at Montverde Academy and the constant advice he received Potempa on a daily basis.

"Besides God and my family, coach Potempa made me who I am in the soccer world, Diakhite said. "Montverde Academy will stay in my heart forever and I am so thankful that I was able to be part of 'La Familia.'"



FRANK JOLLEY
 SPORTS EDITOR

It's time for a little gift giving

The holidays have as many different meanings as there are people.

Some take advantage of the opportunity to take some time off from work and watch football, hockey or basketball, while others head to grandma's for get-togethers with family and friends.

I'm lucky in that I've rarely gotten goofy gifts over the years. My kids usually buy me a sports reference book, a couple of magazines and some item of clothing adorned with the University of Alabama logo.

They do a good job of giving me things I can use, which is probably more than they can say about me.

But, I do a better job of handing out presents to those who have impacted our sporting community over the past year. These gifts, of course, are given in jest and are just words in a newspaper ... words written with the intent to provide a chortles and chuckles.

They also might be somewhat self-deprecating, such as the one I'm giving to my beloved Crimson Tide football team ... a friendly reminder that missed field goals can be returned (ouch, that wound is still fresh).

A few heartfelt comments might be embedded in the sentences that follow, but most are a light-hearted look back at the year in sports — locally and internationally.

So, without further ado, here are my annual holiday gifts to those in sports:

To members of the Gator Nation and the University of Florida football team ... a reminder of what the thrill of victory feels like. It has been awhile since they've been able to celebrate a win.

To the Jacksonville Jaguars ... the understanding that you're not the worst team in the history of the National Football League — an honor that still belongs to the 1976 Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

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To the Orlando Magic ... another solid draft so that you can continue climbing out of the muck left behind after the "Dwightmare" ended when Dwight Howard bolted for the Los Angeles Lakers.

To the football teams at the First Academy of Leesburg, Mount Dora Bible and

Students learn lessons from gold medalist

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Lake County isn't known for having a heavy involvement in the Winter Olympics.

Because the National Training Center is located in Clermont, the area is home to a number of athletes who compete in the Summer Olympics, but the lack of snow and ice in the area tends the limit the

presence of winter olympians.

But, that hasn't stopped students at East Ridge Middle School from getting involved in the Winter Games, which begins in February in Sochi, Russia.

About 40 students in Rachel Adams' health classes at East Ridge Middle recently took part in a once-in-a-lifetime op-



TOMASEVICZ

portunity when they spoke with 2010 Olympic gold medalist Curt Tomasevicz via social media. Tomasevicz, a bobsledder, was part of Classroom Champions, a program that links students with athletes and is designed to allow the athletes to mentor the students with whom they speak.

According to Chris Pat-

ton at Lake County Schools, 60 classrooms around the country and in Canada take part in the program, which was started by former Olympic champions Steve Mesler and his sister, Leigh Mesler-Parise.

East Ridge Middle School students will communicate with Tomasevicz throughout the year and learn about goal setting.

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fair play, steps to success, perseverance, friends, community and more. Tomasevich, who has competed in two Olympics and is a three-time world champion on the bobsled, teamed up with Mesler to win a gold medal in the 4-man competition in the 2010 Games in Vancouver, British Columbia.

"The students had the chance to ask him questions and he talked to us about dedication and perseverance," Adams said. "I can honestly say it was one of the coolest

things I've ever experienced. The kids were awesome and really enjoyed the opportunity."

According to Classroom Champions' website — www.classroomchampions.org — not all kids have the benefit of strong role models who encourage them to strive for success. The program uses Olympians and Paralympians as role models to help students achieve their goals, while increasing their "digital literacy."

Students and Tomasevich communicated using Skype, a video-chat program, which allowed Tomasevich to speak with the class while he continued to prepare for

the Games. Adams said Tomasevich sends the class a video periodically about a topic and students respond by replying with examples of ways they incorporated his teachings into their lives and lessons.

"Because I teach health, it was very simple for me to incorporate the Classroom Champions topics into my lessons," Adams said. "So far this year, my students have learned the different types of communities that they are a part of and how to be good role models for fair play. We are in the process of making a health 'community' paper quilt, where each student designed a square with symbols representing pride, goal setting, health and community."

"This quilt will be hung in our classroom and will remind us how important it is to have people work together to reach a common goal."

Adams said her students will get another opportunity to speak with Tomasevich via Skype again in the spring. At that time, she said, they hope to be speaking with a two-time Olympic gold medalist.

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To Roberto Aguayo, former South Lake High School place-kicker and current Florida State standout ... congratulations on the honors you've received so far this season — including the Lou Groza Award and a spot on Associated Press All American, first team. Good luck in the Bowl Championship Series National Championship game.

To Montverde Academy assistant coach Walter Banks ... a reminder — don't forget my program from the BCS National Championship game.

To Tiger Woods ... my copy of the Rules of Golf.

To the New York Yankees ... another pennant — not.

To the Tampa Bay Rays ... a fan base that appreciates what you've accomplished since 2008.

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To Leesburg girls basketball coach Mark Oates ... two games in Lakeland — if anyone deserves a chance to coach in a state championship game, it's you.

To anyone who took the time to read this or any other column I've written this year ... thanks for reading. I hope you've considered it worth your time.

Happy holidays and I'll see ya' in 2014.

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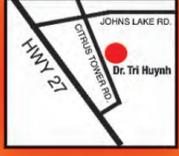






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Mike Corradino (right) editor and publisher of the South Lake Tablet, was recently named the Chamber's Gem of the Hills Award winner. Corradino volunteers at the Chamber and the South Lake Historical Society. He was once the world's only licensed, bonded monkey catcher. He founded the Florida Monkey Sanctuary and was Ringling Brothers' Circus' gorilla consultant. Michelle Michnoff (left), chair of the Chamber's Community Relations Committee, presented the award.



The Chamber and Wesley Reed (left), with Ameriprise Financial, presented the Outstanding Student Award to Salvador Perez (right), a student at South Lake High School who has a 4.5 GPA. Salvador's achievements include: National Honor Society, Navy Junior ROTC, junior varsity soccer captain, track and field, Boys State senator, messenger for the Florida House of Representatives, AP Scholar with Distinction and Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal.



Chamber Ambassadors joined Rainer Berry and the team at Mid Florida Golf cars for an official ribbon-cutting ceremony at the store's location at 711 N. US Highway 27 in Clermont. More details at www.midfloridagolfcars.com.



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Check out the Facebook page for Ikaho Sushi Japanese Restaurant for their specials. The restaurant recently celebrated their Chamber membership with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the restaurant's Eagle Ridge Shopping Plaza location at 7965 State Road 50 in Groveland.



Ambassadors joined lead Pastor Brian Broadway and his wife Allison at their Living Message Church at 830 W. Montrose St. in Clermont. Pastor Broadway ministered overseas before the native New Yorker settled in Clermont. More details at www.livingmessagechurch.com.



Jump N Joeys Play & Party Zone's Marcia Allen welcomed the Chamber at a fun ribbon-cutting ceremony at their play center located at 200 Hatteras Ave. in Clermont. More details at www.jumpnjoeysonline.com.



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"Whoah," Dalena Khuu said as she caught her first glimpses of the White House replica Wednesday.

Khuu has visited the actual White House in Washington D.C. as part of a school tour. Having a look at the 10-ton, 60-foot-by-20-foot replica at the Presidents Hall of Fame Museum, however, gave her a better idea of just how much she wasn't able to see at all, she said.

Khuu said she was impressed at every miniature detail, including pictures on the wall, magazines on the table, dining room tables – set for dinner, complete with mini utensils – tiny functional TVs, light fixtures that really light up, mini desks and chairs in every office.

In the spirit of the holidays each year, the rooms are filled with tiny decorations, wreaths, red bows,



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Clermont's Dalena Khuu and William Klein, who both attend South Lake High School and belong to its ROTC program, visited the President's Hall of Fame museum and gift shop on Dec. 18. While there, they got a look at the White House replica, decorated for the holidays, that owners John and Jan Zweifel created in the 1970's.

lights and Christmas trees. Outside, the roof, lawn and a presidential limo are covered in snow.

"They don't let you go into very many rooms," Khuu said of the actual White House. "But this, wow, it's everything."

William Klein, with Khuu at the museum Wednesday, excitedly called her over to have a look at the theater located in the White House's East Wing. Klein also pointed out a perfect and very tiny American flag flying a top the replica and said he thinks it's "amazing" that the replica is so detailed.

"People really love the replica. Some stand there for a long time, looking into every room and just study-

ing everything in it," said Museum Coordinator Joy England. "They ask us if that is what the real White House looks like and the answer is yes."

That is a fact that the museum is proud of, especially because its owners, John and Jan Zweifel, are the ones who built the replica, to 1/2-inch scale, in the 1970's.

At that time, the Zweifels were invited into the White House to measure, study and photograph every detail inside and out for accuracy.

Every couple of years since then, the Zweifels are allowed back for updates and when something changes in the White House, it is changed in the

replica as well, England said.

In 1976, when finished, the replica left Florida and began touring across the country, making stops at presidential libraries, presidential events, Democratic and Republican conventions and other educational and governmental venues.

In 2011, the Zweifels decided it was time to bring the replica to its original home, the Presidents Hall of Fame, where it joined hundreds of other displays, including a state dining room replica, dioramas of 12 detailed presidential Oval Offices, wax statues of every president to date, and thousands of pieces of

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Meet Your NEIGHBOR JOY ENGLAND



■ **HOMETOWN:** Clermont

■ **OCCUPATION:** Museum Coordinator at the Presidents Hall of Fame in Clermont.

■ **FAMILY:** Single mom of Michelle Roberson and Deidre Beecher

What do you enjoy most about South Lake County?

The opportunities, atmosphere and the terrain. There is still a country quality here.

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

Be open to life's positive challenges and enjoy a good debate; everyone does not see things the same. Revisit your philosophy of life from time to time as it will change and expand as life does.

2) 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 attend memorial services on the Capitol grounds each year for those men and women who are killed yearly as they protect our communities. Law enforcement

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

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■ Unsold lots in Sunset Heights sold by W. N. McKinney through Hill and Lake Co. to T. A. McIntire and Geo. H. Englehart, being largest realty deal in city at that time.

■ State Bank pays 18 percent semi-annual dividend.

■ 1924 construction estimated at \$324,200.

■ J. N. Jones and C. D. Kennedy prepare tracts for subdivision and sale.

■ Citizens meet commissioners and secure promise to complete Minneola Lake Shore Road.

■ First National Bank

pays dividend of 8 percent to stockholders.

■ R. H. Bryson and Perry Jernigan organize realty firm.

■ Dr. James M. Harris, Tulsa doctor, buys Log House and grounds.

■ J. U. Johnson store moved to new building and present post office room vacated.

■ Otto Wettstein announces doubling of Clermont and Minneola phone system.

■ Minneola citizens hold meeting to secure sidewalks.

■ Postal Clerks annual meeting shows colonization plan in fine condition.

■ Bryson & Jernigan orga-

nize Clermont Hudson-Essex Co.

■ Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Chandler and Dr. O. I. Woodley start Teachers Employment Agency.

■ Mr. and Mrs. John Emmert catch a 24-pound garfish.

■ Rev. Homer E. Hooks, Clermont pioneer, dies.

■ G. S. Wood, Mascotte, named to take county census.

■ J. D. Jones sells holdings in Clermont to W. H. Chandler and Fred W. Pope for \$100,000. Largest deal in history of city.

■ Clermont Band organized.

■ Citrus trees set in Postal Colony tract.

■ Aasheim place sold to Lakeland buyers for \$75,000.

■ Float representing Clermont's elevation entered in Eustis parade.

■ Council sells city plant to Florida Public Service for \$20,720.

■ T. H. Boone and Dr. W. H. Ross buy Hohenshell property.

■ Athletic Association organizes to support baseball team.

■ Missionary Alliance Church buys land in Minneola.

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presidential memorabilia that span all administrations.

What's in the museum however, is only about 10 percent of the Zweifels' actual collection, housed safely in warehouse space in Orlando.

England, who for years has greeted guest after guest into "The People's House," said her favorite part of working at the museum has been how much she has personally learned about the White House, the presidents and anything even remotely related to those things.

The Zweifels are not only expertly versed in those topics, but are personally engrained in the history of it all, having actually become close friends with several presidents and their families, having attended countless functions at the white house and having traveled around the country to attend conventions and other events.

In Clermont, England said she wants people to have experiences and mementos of their visit to the White House and other events, as well.

There is also replica of the desk John F. Kennedy used in the Oval Office, with a red phone sitting on it that people can pick up and pretend to make presidential decisions through. An animatronic President Barack Obama standing nearby is ready to pose for pictures with visitors at all times..

"I can't get over how realistic these statues are," Khuu said as she timidly touched Obama's arm to try to get him to move again.

England said when John Zweifel is able to locate a body for the Jackie Kennedy bust he owns, she will sit next to John F. Kennedy to await photo ops with important guests, as well.

"We love putting people in scenes that will get them asking questions and talking. There is so much history in here and so many stories just waiting to be told," England said.

If John Zweifel is there, however, prepare to sit and listen for hours in amazement, since the personal accounts of presidential facts and interesting happenings he's witnessed first-hand make for stories one could never imagine, England said.

For directions to the museum or for information, call 352-394-2836.

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families from all over the state come together as one to support the families and each other. Such a solemn event is filled with such dedication.

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

By being the museum coordinator at the Presidents Hall of Fame, one of south Lake County's most valuable assets for education by way of entertainment for over 50 years, I have the opportunity to engage with children, as well as adults, as they take an up close and personal walk in the history of our country. It is also a local destination attraction for guests from across the country but also some from all around the world. Because of that, there is an opportunity to further educate people from other countries about the United States and its history and history makers.

4) Name one of your greatest accomplishments so far.

My greatest accomplishments are my children, though I'm not sure who raised who! Both my daughters are great and I am so proud of each one of them, the lives they've made for themselves and their accomplishments.

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

I do not really have a bucket list, but my sister would tell you that it is to make sure my house is clean before I die. She keeps telling me that it will not matter, but I say, "You want to bet?"

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

Focus on your interest. Attend city council meetings, join the chamber of commerce and get to know the community. Also, be realistic with the time you have available and if you are new to the community, listen and learn before suggesting your ideas for change, otherwise it could be viewed in a manner that feels more like a takeover.

How to make sure your coupons will scan correctly

It can be frustrating to find that your coupon will not scan knowing you have done your due diligence in purchasing the correct size and product to the coupon specifications. Many stores will not allow the cashier to enter the coupon manually, and when this happens, what do you do? By being an educated couponer, you will be prepared and know your options.

STORE COUPON POLICY

Knowing your store coupon policy will be a key to your success. When the coupon will not scan, many stores will not allow the cashier to enter this manually. This is because stores are trying to cut down on coupon fraud. Even though you purchased the correct item, if your ink is low, bar code smears or the physical coupon has an error, the store can refuse the coupon. This means you will not be able to redeem it without a manager's approval.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

This is the number one reason that coupons do not scan. Many coupons are



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cartridges, but when it comes to printing coupons, you need to make sure you have a good supply of ink. It is okay to print in black and while, but if your prints are gray, they will most likely not scan.

PDF COUPONS

PDF means Portable Document Format or, in a couponer's world, it means unlimited coupon prints. I am still baffled that manufacturers still use PDF coupons with the amount of coupon fraud. Be responsible when you come across a manufacturer coupon in PDF format. Just because you can print without limits does not mean that it is okay to do so. There are many systems that do not recognize PDF coupons.

GS1 DATA BAR

This is the newest bar code system. Many manufacturers have already converted their coupons over to the new bar code system. In the past, you had two bar codes on each coupon with numbers below it. Now you have one bar code and manufacturers can load more information into it such as a start/end date and product size.

coded with the new bar code (GS1), and along with this the size, weight, expiration and allowances for the product. The coupon may beep or not scan.

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LEESBURG
Snowbird wins \$1M lottery prize

Staff Report

A Leesburg snowbird has claimed a \$1 million prize in the 100X THE CASH Scratch-Off game at Florida Lottery headquarters in Tallahassee, officials said.

Jerry Mayer chose to receive his winnings in a one-

time, lump-sum payment of \$686,563.17, according to a press release.

Mayer and his wife come to Leesburg every year from October to April to escape the harsh winters in Alma, Mich., officials said, adding the couple enjoys

everything Florida has to offer, including playing the lottery.

Mayer purchased his winning 100X THE CASH Scratch-Off ticket from Easy Food Mart, located at 8049 County Road 48 in Yalaha. That retailer will receive a \$2,000 bonus for selling the ticket.

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A CUT ABOVE THE REST By JEFF CHEN / Edited by Will Shortz

Solution on D5

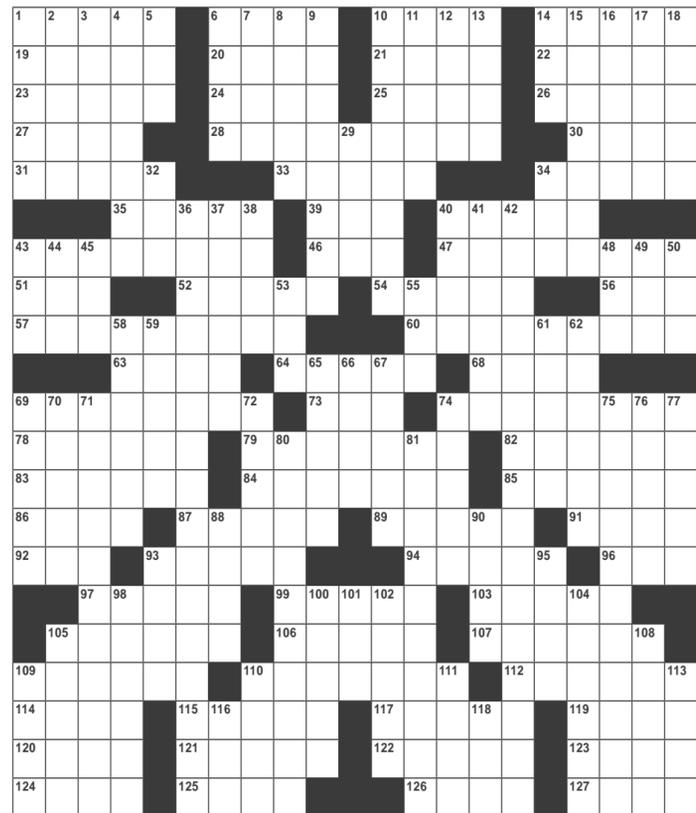
ACROSS

- 1 Oceans
- 6 Bats
- 10 "The Clan of the Cave Bear" novelist
- 14 Razz
- 19 Tennis's Goran Ivanisevic, e.g.
- 20 A band may be on one
- 21 Torch-lit event
- 22 River of forgetfulness in Hades
- 23 Iron Age people
- 24 It has nine rooms
- 25 Ottoman
- 26 Serve up on a platter, say
- 27 Collectors of DNA
- 28 Game twist
- 30 Some basketball players: Abbr.
- 31 Espies
- 33 Profit from
- 34 "I'm innocent!"
- 35 Lab safety org.?
- 39 3-D pic
- 40 Diner fixtures, informally
- 43 More rakish
- 46 Canon offering
- 47 Clown prop
- 51 Sitcom ET
- 52 Walt Disney's middle name
- 54 Cable inits. since 1996
- 56 "Be a _____"

- 57 "Six Million Dollar Man" feature
- 60 Cabbed it
- 63 Most likely to be called up
- 64 From the top
- 68 Move, informally
- 69 2400, on the SAT
- 73 Dolt
- 74 Like most checks and political candidates
- 78 Green
- 79 Not so nice
- 82 Annual literary prize
- 83 Picked up, in Britain
- 84 Home of Velázquez's "Las Meninas"
- 85 Breakfast dish
- 86 They break at dawn
- 87 Angelica and others
- 89 Like some resolution, for short
- 91 Showed no restraint, in brief
- 92 Cask filler
- 93 Linguistic quintet
- 94 Parts of sows and cows
- 96 Head of steam?
- 97 Place to lounge
- 99 Jazz great Carmen
- 103 Cricket's sound
- 105 Triply
- 106 Like New Jersey among states admitted to the Union
- 107 Subway fare

- 109 Chinese hard-liner
- 110 "Antigone" or "Elektra"
- 112 One famed for heartlessness
- 114 Last name in cookies
- 115 Some notepad jottings
- 117 It may be left hanging
- 119 Take out
- 120 Farmworker in "The Wizard of Oz"
- 121 Scale unit
- 122 Tony winner Tharp
- 123 Spheres
- 124 Ice cream brand
- 125 Recess
- 126 It's what's to be expected
- 127 "The _____ the _____"

- 13 First name in "Star Wars"
- 14 Girl group with four #1 hits in the 1990s
- 15 Often-decorative kitchen item, in Britain
- 16 Aids for long drives
- 17 Gas bill unit
- 18 Crisp
- 29 Lead-in to pop or pass
- 32 Chicago setting: Abbr.
- 34 Japanese computer giant
- 36 [See above]
- 37 Last place, with "the"
- 38 Indy 500 winner Luyendyk
- 40 2007 title role for Ellen Page
- 41 In utero
- 42 [See above]
- 43 Sharp putdown
- 44 1974 Fassbinder film subtitled "Fear Eats the Soul"
- 45 Subj. of some 911 calls
- 48 Figurehead, for short?
- 49 Like some parenting
- 50 QB Manning
- 53 Ottoman V.I.P.
- 55 RR stop
- 58 Brown- (sycophants)
- 59 Like one pre-Columbian civilization
- 61 Parting word
- 62 Taunting figure



- 65 Running pants?
- 66 Subj. for Galileo
- 67 N.B.A. Hall-of-Famer Thomas
- 69 Oscar winner Swinton
- 70 Oscar winner Tatum
- 71 [See above]
- 72 Winter month in Spain
- 74 Withdraw from the bank?
- 75 [See above]
- 76 Seashore fliers
- 77 Twosomes
- 80 [See above]
- 81 [See above]
- 88 "_____ kleine Nachtmusik"
- 90 Per
- 93 National rival
- 95 Her name is Norwegian for "beautiful woman who leads you to victory"
- 98 Van Gogh painting that once sold for a record \$53.9 million
- 100 Highlight of many a western
- 101 Fix
- 102 Ain't right?
- 104 Concerto movements
- 105 Broke
- 108 Didn't get involved
- 109 Pac-Man screen, e.g.
- 110 'clock scholar
- 111 Numbskull
- 113 Loch _____
- 116 Twosome
- 118 Canon offering, briefly

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- G. A. Maves opens 5 and 10c store.
- Action starts on securing \$985,000 bond issue from legislation.
- Minneola builds half-mile of sidewalks.
- Underwood & Underwood employed to take aerial views of Clermont.
- Clermont census shows 111 percent increase and that city is fourth largest in county.
- Council receives petition for five more miles of paving.
- Ernest Denslow moves from Clermont to Ortega to assume run as Postal Clerk and be close to local colonization project.
- Don Smith and Miss Rebecca Cook wed.
- Ellis Taylor secured as paid player for Clermont team.
- A. N. Christianson buys Clermont Furniture Co. from Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crozier.
- R. I. Morse, Groveland chicken farmer, reports shipments of 10,320 eggs in March at good prices.

- C. E. Gentry prepares Johnson building basement for bottling works.
- Stanley McCain buys Strawn pool parlor.
- City gives contract for shallow water well at cost of \$9,247.
- Legislature approves \$2 million dollar road bond issue.
- Groveland suffers a \$1 million fire when J. Ray Arnold Lumber Co. burns down.
- Archie Booth sells spring tomatoes for \$3.50 crate.
- J. L. Watson and Harry K. Stokes open new real estate offices.
- Elizabeth Poster, Opal Carr, Anna Marguerite Baker and Russell Keene graduate from Clermont-Minneola High School.
- O. H. Keene ships first car of watermelons.
- Postal Colony officials announce stock value at \$200.
- H. S. Bates leads district in sale of Dodge cars.
- Roe property sold to Hendrix, Washburn and Conrad for \$75,000.
- Council gives 99-year lease to Hendrix, Washburn and Conrad for new hotel.
- Six-pound bass jumps into boat for Hugh Davenport.

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Count 1 PANKAJ R. MODY and NEETA P. MODY Timeshare Period Week (O)19 in Condominium Unit No. 406-105
Count 2 AKENIS LAURA MONTANE Timeshare Period Week (E)51 in Condominium Unit No. 402-202
Count 3 HARRY B. MOORE JR. Timeshare

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Period Week (W)33 in Condominium Unit No. 408-402

Count 4 SOHEILA MORTEZAI-SEMNIANI Timeshare Period Week (W)11 in Condominium Unit No. 503-102

Count 5 SAMEH RAOUF MOUSSA and RANIA EZZAT ERIAN Timeshare Period Week (W)10 in Condominium Unit No. 108-102

Count 6 ALAN M. MURPHY Timeshare Period Week (W)11 in Condominium Unit No. 406-402

Count 7 LEE WILLIAM MYERS Timeshare Period Week (E)4 in Condominium Unit No. 402-106

Count 8 KATRINA RENE NEAL Timeshare Period Week (W)27 in Condominium Unit No. 404-104

Count 9 VINCENT RAYMONNE NEWTON Timeshare Period Week (O)43 in Condominium Unit No. 402-301

Count 10 EMILIA PONCE DE LEON Timeshare Period Week (O)19 in Condominium Unit No. 501-105

Count 11 RICHARD GARY POWERS and LISA PUGH POWERS Timeshare Period Week (E)3 in Condominium Unit No. 408-306

Count 12 JESSICA G. PREVATT Timeshare Period Week (E)50 in Condominium Unit No. 402-403

Count 13 RUDOLPH ARTHUR REHM and BARBARA M. REHM Timeshare Period Week (O)44 in Condominium Unit No. 404-202

Count 14 VERONICA REYES and FERNANDO GAUTRI Timeshare Period Week (W)43 in Condominium Unit No. 408-306
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SUMMER BAY PARTNERSHIP, a Florida general partnership, Plaintiff,
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Count 2 VICTOR RAMON Timeshare Period Week (E)28 in Condominium Unit No. 208-203
Count 3 SANDRO RODRIGUEZ Timeshare Period Week (W)22 in Condominium Unit No.

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Count 4 VERNON TERENCE THERON and BRIGGET THERON Timeshare Period Week (W)34 in Condominium Unit No. 202-101

Count 5 VIOLA ESTER MITCHELL Timeshare Period Week (O)22 in Condominium Unit No. 201-102
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Count 3 SARAH ROBIN ELISE MICHALOWSKI Timeshare Period Week (W)2 in Condominium Unit No. 108-110
Count 5 OSVALDO V. SILVA and MARCIA RAMALHO PINTO Timeshare Period Week (O)16 in Condominium Unit No. 501-107
Count 6 LILLIAN LOUISE SOLOMON Timeshare Period Week (E)18 in Condominium Unit No. 404-103
Count 7 JASON ASHLEY VONKURZBACH and MELINDA M. VONKURZBACH Timeshare Period Week (E)13 in Condominium Unit No. 108-209
Count 8 REBECCA WILLIAMS WHITE Timeshare Period Week (O)38 in Condominium Unit No. 501-201
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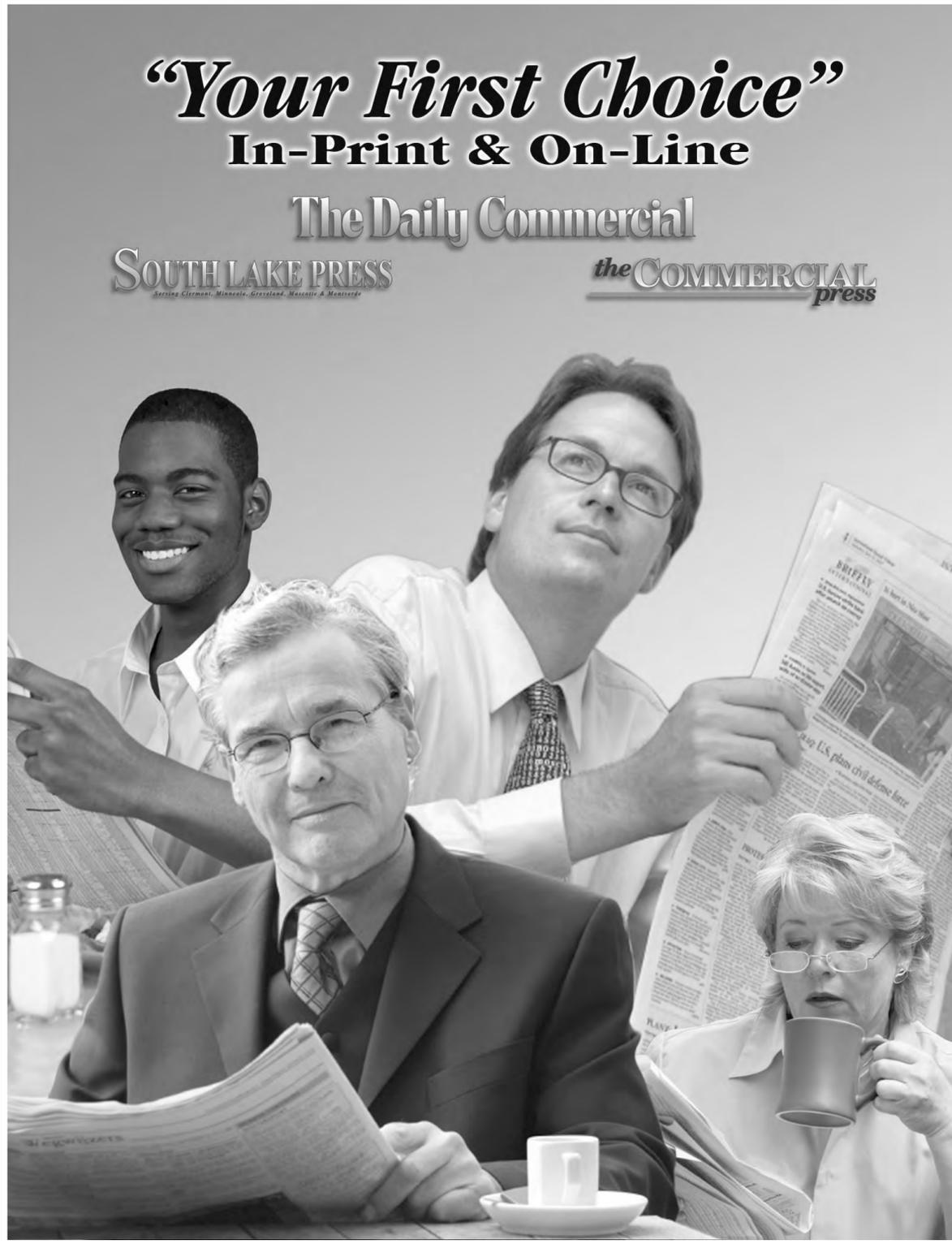
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History of the Clermont Woman's Club & Clubhouse

655 W. Broome Street, Clermont, Florida

In 1921, a group of Clermont women, headed by Mrs. Kate Chase, formed the Clermont Civic Club. In 1924, they purchased the clubhouse on 655 W. Broome Street and remodeled it. It had been built in 1923 by local merchants and citizens as a "motor camp for tourists" with a kitchen, laundry, shower and recreation room to accommodate the large influx of people during Florida's boom. The land is leased from the city and is the site of Clermont's original two-room school house.

In 1927 the building was doubled in size with the addition of a south wing providing ample room for meetings, a dining room, and kitchen facilities. On April 5th of the same year, the Civic Club was chartered as the current Clermont Woman's Club and incorporated. In 1932, it became affiliated with the Florida Federation of the Woman's Clubs.

The Woman's Club entered into an agreement with the Town Council in the Club year 1936-1937 to sponsor the library that had been operated by a group of interested women for a period of years. They operated the library until 1951.

It began being used in 1940 for defense-related projects during WWII. Since then, the building has been used exclusively by the Clermont Woman's and Junior Woman's clubs.

The Clubhouse was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on April 25, 1993 through the efforts of past Woman's Club president, Miriam Johnson. It was the first building in South Lake County to receive this prestigious designation. It is Clermont's ONLY building on the National Historic Registry as of today.

On April 24, 2014, The Clermont Woman's Club will celebrate their 82nd year of federation and their 92nd year of existence.

The Clermont Woman's Club continues to support the Cooper Memorial Library, South Lake Historical Society, and over 23 charities/organizations/civic groups, along with giving out three \$1000 scholarships to the local high schools.

Clermont Junior Women's Club

In 1989 Dana McCoy founded the GFWC South Lake Junior Woman's Club (SLJWC) as the Clermont Junior Women's Club. The Clermont Woman's Club, affectionately referred to as the "Generals", and was founded in 1927. We hold our meetings at their clubhouse located at 655 W Broome Street in Clermont, FL on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm September thru May. It is the only building in Clermont on the National Historic Registry. The late Miriam Johnson, as past president who was honored on October 19th, 2000 when she was inducted into the Lake County Women's Hall of Fame, obtained this historic designation. Her picture hangs in the lobby of the historic courthouse in Tavares.

The South Lake Junior Women's Club is currently a member of our State Organization, the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs (FFWC) and our national organization, the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC). Currently there are 14 districts in the State of Florida. We belong to District 7, which includes Clubs from Lake, Sumter, Seminole, Orange, and Osceola Counties.

The founding of SLJWC "Juniors", as we refer to our own club, soon established themselves as leaders in the community when the City of Clermont was building the Palatka Recreation area on 12th Street. The Clermont Juniors spearheaded the successful \$60,000 fundraising drive to build Park Pals Playground for well and handicapped children.

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The American Dream is alive, but not well

Owning a home has long been the foundation of the American Dream and building memories with your family in that home a cherished tradition. That American dream was hit hard by the Great Recession and millions of our fellow citizens are either homeless, living in substandard housing, or living in multi-generational households this holiday season. Is there hope for the future; is the dream still alive?

That is the debate currently brewing in the housing industry. Some people contend that the younger generation only cares about connectivity and a social media lifestyle instead of putting down roots; and that those who lost their homes due to the

economy have no interest in reliving painful memories. I don't agree. Just ask the young family living in an apartment complex with loud, obnoxious neighbors or the older couple living in a run-down rental since they lost their home. The desire of homeownership is still as alive and strong as it has ever been at any point in our country's history. The problem for most folks is that the dream is unattainable — they can't afford it.

Florida's housing market provides the best example of how to kill the American dream of homeownership. Before the housing boom, bust, and Great Recession, most Floridians entering the housing marketplace for the first time bought a small entry



Don Magruder
AROUND THE HOUSE

Don Magruder is the CEO of Ro-Mac Lumber and Supply Inc., and he is also the host of the "Around the House" radio show heard every Monday at noon at My790AM WLBE in Leesburg.

level home that they could fix-up, add to, remodel, and most importantly, afford. The small, plain entry-level home was the first rung on their housing ladder.

As incomes and families evolved, they could move up the ladder using the modest

equity from their previous home's sale to help finance their new home.

Today, the first rung of the housing ladder is gone in Florida because of codes, impact fees, permitting fees, excessive insurance rates, and government bureaucracy.

The new home that was purchased just 20 years ago cannot even be built in the state of Florida today because of the new mandates. In 1989, according to the Orlando Realtors Association, the average selling price for a home in this region was \$78,252 and last month it was \$178,750.

In this economic environment of shrinking incomes a \$100,000 increase is too much. Each year, state and local municipalities continue to mandate more

performance standards and products in homes which continually add to the cost. Sure the homes are nicer and more energy efficient, but fewer people can afford them.

Starting in January, impact and permitting fees for a 1,500 square foot home will be more than \$7,000 in south Lake County. That is a huge burden for those seeking affordable housing. These fees virtually make entry-level homes impossible. For example, in Lake County an entry-level new homebuyer equipped with USDA zero-down financing would be hard pressed to find a \$119,000 home. Even if it were possible the buyer would have to pay about \$6,000 in closing costs and around \$1,100 per

month for their mortgage, taxes, and insurance. That is simply not affordable.

To solve the problem of housing affordability, and put back in place the first rung in the housing ladder, the cost of the actual home must be addressed — not cheap financing or government handouts. Rolling back impact fees, eliminating overzealous building codes and regulations, along with establishing an "out-of-the-box" designation for entry-level homes is needed to solve this growing problem. Without entry level housing, America will surely become a nation of renters and the American dream of homeownership will cease to exist for millions of people.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS

NAI negotiates property sales

ORLANDO — NAI Realvest recently negotiated the sales of two industrial properties totaling 10,480 square feet and \$975,000 on Clark St. in Apopka.

Michael Heidrich, a principal at NAI Realvest, represented the buyer HCME, LLC of Longwood in negotiating the purchase

of the 7,200 square foot industrial building on 4.3 acres at 2325 Clark St. from seller RJP Properties, LLC for \$725,000. The seller was represented by Robby Robinson of Florida Site Selectors.

Heidrich represented seller Huntington Storage, LLC of Altamonte Springs in the sale of a 3,280 square foot industri-

al facility on 1.17 acres for \$250,000, at 2500 Clark St. The buyer is Southern Aggregates, Inc. of Ocala.

For information, call Michael Heidrich, at NAI Realvest, 407-875-9989 mheidrich@realvest.com or go to www.NAIRealvest.com.

Ashton Woods has two models ready

ORLANDO — Ashton Woods Homes now has two models completed and ready for viewing at Carrington, its townhome community located off Reams Road in Windermere in Southwest Orlando.

Michael Roche, vice president of sales and marketing for Ashton Woods Homes in the Orlando region, said one model is the

Florence with three bedrooms and three baths in approximately 1,892 square feet of living area.

The other model is the Sienna with four bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths in approximately 1,936 square feet of living area.

Ashton Woods Homes will be building 78 townhomes at Carrington in four dis-

tinct floor plans ranging from approximately 1,892 square feet to 1,936 square feet of living area, priced from \$235,990, Roche said.

All four plans feature a private courtyard, a two-car garage and the option for a garage apartment.

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

Hendricks negotiates sale

TAMPA — Hendricks-Berkadia apartment real estate advisors, which ranks as one of the leading multi-family investment banking and research companies in the nation, recently negotiated the sale of the 420-unit, Park Place apartment community at 9310 Valley View Lane, in Port Richey off U.S. Highway 19.

Situated on 23.51 acres, amenities include two pools, jacuzzi, tennis court, fitness center, two clubhouses, barbecue grills, laundry facilities, and car care center.

Jason Stanton, vice president based in Tampa, negotiated the sale with associate partner Hal Warren of the firm's Orlando office, and Cole Whitaker, partner who heads Hendricks-Berkadia's southeast region.

Hendricks-Berkadia represented the sellers, Trail Port Richey, LLC and CC Port Richey Apartments, LLC, a partnership of Tom Cabrerizo and Maurice Cayon.

Stanton said the investment property which was built in 1985, benefits from more than \$1 million in renovations and improvements over the past three years and has the potential to increase future revenues through a value add program, increasing occupancy to market levels.

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Company, LLC paid \$21,200,000 for the property.

For information, call Cole Whitaker, at Hendricks-Berkadia, 407-218-8880 or email to cwhitaker@hpapts.com.

M/I plans to open 2 communities

ORLANDO — New model homes will open in January at two new M/I Homes communities.

David Byrnes, area president for M/I Homes in the Central Florida region, said one new community is the Enclave at Bear Lake, located off Bear Lake Road and Maitland Blvd. in Seminole County.

Byrnes said M/I Homes plans to build on 35 home sites at The Enclave at Bear Lake.

The new model home under construction at The Enclave is the Norwood II, with three bedrooms, three baths and a game room in 2,178 square feet of living area, priced from \$270,990.

New three and four bedroom homes at The Enclave at Bear Lake are priced from \$243,990 to \$359,990.

The other new community M/I Homes will open in January is Narcoossee Village off Narcoossee Blvd. and Jack Brack Road in St. Cloud.

M/I Homes plans to build 199 homes at Narcoossee Village ranging from 1,758 square feet of living area to 4,700 square feet. New three, four

and five bedroom homes at Narcoossee Village will be priced from \$229,990 to \$350,000.

Two models that will be featured by M/I Homes at Narcoossee Village are the four-bedroom, two-bath Capastrano with 2,100 square feet and the Sonoma with five bedrooms, three baths in 3,642 square feet of living area.

NAI negotiates new leases

ORLANDO — NAI Realvest recently negotiated two new leases and two renewal leases totaling 8,258 square feet of space at industrial and office centers in Orlando.

Tom R. Kelley II, CCIM, principal at NAI Realvest brokered two new industrial leases on behalf of Miami-based South Park, LLC, the landlord of the South Park Business Center, a flex, office and warehouse center at 8600 Commodity Circle in Orlando.

The new tenants are Advanced Cockpit Solutions, LLC of Miami, leasing Unit 113 with 2,218 square feet and Orlando-based Sunlight Enterprises, Inc., Unit 109 with 1,830 square feet.

At the same time, Kelley and NAI Realvest Associate Chris Adams negotiated two renewal leases for office space at Plaza Central located at 6220 S. Orange Blossom Trail. KKP Holdings, LLC renewed its lease

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Whirlpool moving some production to US plant

Associated Press
 BENTON HARBOR, Mich. — Whirlpool is moving production of its commercial front-load washing machines from Mexico to Ohio. The appliance maker, whose brands include Maytag, Kenmore and its namesake, said that 80 to 100 new jobs will be created in Ohio over the next three years to support the relocation. The Clyde, Ohio, plant

is 2.4 million square feet, which Whirlpool says is the largest washing machine plant in the world. The company currently makes all of its residential washing machines for the U.S. at the plant. Whirlpool said that the move is part of its efforts to build products in the regions where they are mostly sold. It does not anticipate any interruption in the supply.

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Lake County Residential Real Estate Sold in Lake County the Month of December

Price Range	Quantity	Average DOM
\$49,999 or under	22	105
\$50,000 - \$99,999	40	71
\$100,000 - \$149,999	71	73
\$150,000 - \$199,999	58	67
\$200,000 - \$249,999	27	71
\$250,000 - \$299,999	11	76
\$300,000 - \$349,999	1	75
\$350,000 - \$399,999	4	104
\$400,000 - \$499,999	3	84
\$500,000 - \$599,999	2	133
\$600,000 - \$699,999	1	62
\$700,000 - \$799,999	0	0
\$800,000 - \$899,999	1	451
\$900,000 - \$999,999	0	0
\$1,000,000 or over	1	123
Total	242	77

In the month of July there were 242 residential sales in Lake County, of these sales 42 were REO/Bank Owned properties, 28 were short sales.

128 of these sales were cash sales, the balance had some type of financing. The \$100,000. to \$149,000. price range continues to result in the most sold range after an average of 73 days on the market. The overall average price for properties sold in December was \$168,317.

What Sold In Each City

Altoona	1	Minneola	11
Clermont	78	Mount Dora	14
Deland	1	Okahumpka	1
Eustis	17	Paisley	2
Fruitland Park	7	Sorrento	8
Grand Island	3	Tavares	22
Groveland	13	The Villages	5
Howey In the Hills	1	Umatilla	6
Lady Lake	10	Weirsdale	0
Leesburg	35	Yalaha	3

*The balance of sales were out of area. Information provided by MFRMLS.



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TAVARES — The Home Builders Association of Lake and Sumter (HBA) has announced William "Bill" Wilburth of W.C. Wilburth Inc. Construction Services will serve as 2014 President of the HBA. In addition to Wilburth, Sean del Castillo of Habitat for Humanity Lake-Sumter was selected as vice president; Paul Swanson of George Nahas Chevrolet is serving a second term as associate vice president; Dale Roberts of Dale E. Roberts and Associates as secretary/treasurer; and William "Bud" Dorman, as immediate past president. Newly elected Builder Directors are Andrew Nutt, Holly Homes Inc.; Philip Croftwell, Design South Homes, Inc.; and Peter Logan, Medallion Home. Newly elected Associate Directors are Susan Adams, Ro-Mac Lumber & Supply; Eric Love, The Paint Drop by Valspar; Jeanne Abernathy, Southern Style Management. Continuing Directors are Cindy Couillard, Dibarco Building Corp; Craig Hegstrom, Hegstrom Homes; Joe Ziler, Kevco Builders Inc. Life Directors are: George Hansford, Prominent Construction; Mike Carter, Granger Construction & Development; Carl Ludecke, Charlie Johnson Builder, Clarence Tibbs, STE Electrical Systems. For information, call the HBA of Lake-Sumter, 1100 N. Joanna Ave., in Tavares at 352-343-7101, or go to www.LakeSumterHBA.com.

Gas drilling decision leaves future uncertain

MARC LEVY and MARK SCOLFORO
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The energy industry and policy makers in Pennsylvania, the heart of the nation's gas drilling boom, are thinking about their next moves after the state's highest court threw out significant portions of a law that limited the power of cities and counties to regulate the industry.

The state Supreme Court voted 4-2 last week to strike down portions of a 2012 law that had been crafted by Gov. Tom Corbett and his industry-friendly allies in the Legislature.

Republican leaders in the General Assembly said the decision raised more questions than it answered and could damage the growing industry. They said they were not sure, for example, what the ruling would mean for the millions in impact fees being collected under the law.

Pennsylvania has over the past five years seen a boom in drilling and related industries rushing to exploit the deposits in the rock formation known as the Marcellus Shale, which lies deep

underneath several Eastern states.

The high court's decision comes as the energy industry is increasingly able to harvest oil and gas from those previously unreachable formations and, as a result, is bumping up against suburban and urban expectations of land use in states including Texas, Colorado and Ohio, where a similar legal challenge is under way.

The court majority said the law violated the state constitution, although they issued different opinions about why.

Seven municipalities had challenged the law that grew out of the state's need to modernize 20-year-old drilling laws to account for a Marcellus Shale drilling boom made possible by innovations in technology, most notably horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing. The process, popularly called fracking, has drawn widespread criticism from environmentalists and many residents living near drilling operations.

"Few could seriously dispute how remarkable a revolution is worked by this legislation upon the existing

zoning regimen in Pennsylvania, including residential zones," wrote Chief Justice Ron Castille. He said the law's rules represented an unprecedented "displacement of prior planning, and derivative expectations, regarding land use, zoning, and enjoyment of property."

After the industry began descending on the Marcellus Shale in earnest in 2008, state Supreme Court decisions expanded the legal gray area surrounding the extent of municipal authority over the operation and location of oil and gas wells, critics of the decisions say. Some companies complained that municipalities, mostly in southwestern Pennsylvania, had tried to use zoning rules to unreasonably limit drilling.

As a result, many in the industry made it a top priority to secure a law that eliminated any municipal authority over how drilling companies could operate. Corbett took office in 2011 and backed the industry, believing that a 1984 state law had intended to do that anyway.

Colorado and Ohio have recently passed such laws.

In New York, where state officials essentially put Marcellus Shale drilling on hold, state courts are currently deciding whether local governments have the right to ban the industry from operating within their borders.

The law restricted local municipalities' ability to control where companies may place rigs, waste pits, pipelines and compressor and processing stations. The new zoning rules never went into effect because of a court order. A narrowly divided lower court struck them down in 2012, but Corbett appealed, saying lawmakers have clear authority to override local zoning.

Among the objectionable provisions cited by the lawsuit were requirements that drilling, waste pits and pipelines be allowed in every zoning district, including residential, as long as certain buffers were observed.

"We must not allow today's ruling to send a negative message to job creators and families who depend on the energy industry," Corbett said, adding he will continue to work to help the energy industry thrive.



SIRACI HIRED AS NEW SALES COUNSELOR AT ASHTON WOODS

ORLANDO — Ashton Woods Homes has named Francine Siraci as a new home sales counselor in the Orlando region. Michael Roche, vice president of sales and marketing for Ashton Woods Homes said Siraci recently started her residential real estate sales career. She was formerly a sales representative in the pharmaceutical industry for 12 years and holds a Bachelor's of Science degree from Mt. Saint Mary College in Newburgh, N.Y. Go to www.ashtonwoodshomes.com for information.

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of suite 320 with 3,510 square feet, and Mark

Anthony Arias renewed the lease of Suite 101 with 700 square feet.

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Park Square hosts grand opening

ORLANDO — Park Square Homes recently had a grand opening to showcase its new five-bedroom Floridian model home at Patriots Landing at Reunion Resort, the luxury gated, golf course community on Osceola Polk Line Road off I-4 south of Orlando near Disney.

Anthony Rouhana, sales and marketing coordinator for Park Square Homes, said the Floridian model offers five bedrooms with five full baths and a half-bath, in 3,045

square feet of living space priced from the mid-\$400s with a two-car garage.

Park Square Homes plans to build 50 new homes at Reunion Resort that range in size from 3,000 square feet of living space to 3,400 square feet.

Rouhana said luxury homes at Reunion Resort are designed with both rear and front loading garages.

Visit www.parksquarehomes.com, or call Anthony Rouhana, at Park Square Homes, 5200 Vineland Road, Orlando, at 407-529-3031, or email to Arouhana@parksquarehomes.com for information.

Meritage opens 7 Oaks Community

ORLANDO — Meritage Homes recently opened Seven Oaks its newest community in Winter Springs located off Shepherd Road.

Brian Kittle, division vice president for Meritage Homes in the Orlando region, said the new communi-

ty will offer 138 home sites for three, four and five bedroom single-family homes ranging from 2,000 to 3,467 square feet of living area.

Homes at the Seven Oaks will be priced from the \$200s.

The Rockford model home is currently under construction and will be ready for viewing in March, offering four bedrooms and two-and-a-half baths in 2,997 square feet of living area.

Lennar starts construction

TAMPA — Lennar will start construction of 170 new ready-to-move-in homes in 20 communities in the Tampa Bay region within the next 60 days.

Mark Metheny, president of Lennar's Central Florida Division, said the construction boom includes town homes, single-family homes and Lennar's popular NextGen homes, designed for families with multiple generations living under the same

roof.

Lennar expects to open all 170 homes before March 1, Metheny said, and by that date many of the homes will have already sold.

"For some home buyers a move-in ready home is the more desirable option to a built-to-order home, and that opportunity will be available to them in all 20 Lennar communities in the Tampa Bay region," Metheny said.

Metheny said the homes will range in size from 1,353 square feet of living space to 4,396 square feet priced from \$139,900 to more than \$300,000, and all Lennar homes include the home-builder's "Everything's Included" pledge — a wide range of energy efficient GE stainless appliances, luxury finishes and upgrades and designer touches all included in the one Lennar Homes price.

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Walgreen fiscal 1Q profit jumps 68 percent

TOM MURPHY
Associated Press

Walgreen's fiscal first quarter earnings soared 68 percent, helped in part by investments that the nation's largest drugstore chain has made in other companies.

The Deerfield Ill., company said Friday that it booked a total of \$376 million in income during the quarter that ended Nov. 30 from its stakes in European health and beauty retailer Alliance Boots and U.S. pharmaceutical wholesaler AmerisourceBergen Corp.

Last year, Walgreen acquired a 45 percent stake in Alliance Boots, which runs the largest drugstore chain in the United Kingdom, and it has an option to buy the rest of the company in 2015.

Earlier this year, it also bought an ownership stake in AmerisourceBer-

gen and entered a supply agreement with the company for its drugstores, mail order and specialty pharmacy businesses.

Analysts have said they like the potential for future growth that these deals give Walgreen.

Overall, Walgreen earned \$695 million, or 72 cents per share, in its fiscal first quarter, up from \$413 million, or 43 cents per share a year ago, when the company took a \$24 million hit after Superstorm Sandy forced it to temporarily close hundreds of stores.

Revenue climbed 6 percent to \$18.33 billion.

Adjusted earnings, which exclude one-time items, also totaled 72 cents per share.

Analysts forecast adjusted earnings of 72 cents per share on \$18.36 billion in revenue, according to FactSet.

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LOCATION: 76 Fairway Circle, Umatilla **FEATURES:** Model Home completed in December 2012 in Twin Lakes Estates. **LISTING PRICE:** \$159,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$139,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Cheryl Hilty, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Linda Arnold, CB/Camelot Realty.



LOCATION: 1415 Raintree Lane, Mount Dora **FEATURES:** Charming 2BR/2BA across from Lake Gertrude. **LISTING PRICE:** \$164,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$150,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Lisa Jones, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Jacqueline Traynor, Run Real Estate.



LOCATION: 2205 Aitkin Loop **FEATURES:** 4BR/2.5BA, 2,896 sq. ft., enclosed lanai **LISTING PRICE:** \$170,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$144,500 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Lindsay Sellars, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Lindsay Sellars, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc.



LOCATION: 5116 Links Lane **FEATURES:** 3BR/3BA, 2,320 sq. ft., screened courtyard **LISTING PRICE:** \$199,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$180,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Doug DuVarney & Richard Be-liveau, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Adriana Skolada, PAL Realty.



LOCATION: 5035 Magnolia Ridge Road **FEATURES:** 4BR/2.5BA, 2,892 sq. ft., enclosed lanai **LISTING PRICE:** \$319,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$275,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Lauri Grizzard, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Craig Yox, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc.



LOCATION: 12399 NE 48th Loop Oxford **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA Stunning Villages of Parkwood beauty. Enjoy peaceful evenings while sitting on the back porch with a private view. Everything brand new from the LG appliances to flooring...this beauty has been barely lived in. Lovely open floor plan. **LISTING PRICE:** \$169,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$145,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Lena Williams, Morris Realty & Investments. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Kristin Myers, Lake Weir Realty.



LOCATION: 5310 Aurora Drive **FEATURES:** 2BR/2BA, 1,784 sq. ft., enclosed lanai. **LISTING PRICE:** \$155,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$155,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Marilyn Morris, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Robert Podell, CB/Camelot Realty.



LOCATION: 11724 Pineloch Loop, Clermont **FEATURES:** 4BR/2BA with 2,236 sq. ft. Spacious layout, formal living and dining, large kitchen that opens up to family room. **LISTING PRICE:** \$136,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$136,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Brandie Mathison-Klein, Keller Williams Classic III Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Kimberly Jones, Phillips & Associates Real Estate.



LOCATION: 26036 Newcombe Circle **FEATURES:** 2BR/2BA, 1,293 sq. ft., enclosed lanai. **LISTING PRICE:** \$125,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$108,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Tom Prickett, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Tom Prickett, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc.



LOCATION: 413 Jumper Drive, Bushnell **FEATURES:** 2BR/2BA 1,648 sq. ft. Adorable home on over a half acre, spacious open floor plan. Well maintained. Wood burning fireplace. **LISTING PRICE:** \$105,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$105,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Dale Odom & Mike Lovett, Micki Blackburn Realty Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Mary Ann Merritt, Micki Blackburn Realty Inc.



LOCATION: 27304 Palmetto Avenue, Okahumpka **FEATURES:** Amazing 3BR/2BA home starts with plenty of parking, lovely curb appeal and a large cozy front porch. Immaculate. Large living room with built in entertainment center. Large kitchen with granite counter tops, large pantry and 6' center island. Split bedroom plan, large inside laundry room, many, many extras. **LISTING PRICE:** \$74,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$68,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Lena Williams, Morris Realty & Investments. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Joan DeFoe, Morris Realty and Investments.



LOCATION: 10583 Lake Hill Drive, Clermont **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA 2,068 sq. ft. Stunning Home, very well kept. Sits on a hill over looking lake across the street. **LISTING PRICE:** \$199,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$199,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Dale Odom & Mike Lovett, Micki Blackburn Realty Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Deborah Studer, Northstar Realty Services.



LOCATION: 196 S Trowell, Umatilla **FEATURES:** Immaculate 3BR/2.5BA home newly renovated. **LISTING PRICE:** \$119,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$110,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Lynne Cox, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Lynn Gagnon, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc.



LOCATION: 2803 Wilshire Road, Clermont **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA with 1,686 sq. ft. Combined living/dining room, spacious family room, screened lanai, fenced backyard. Plenty of community amenities. **LISTING PRICE:** \$159,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$150,500 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Brandie Mathison-Klein, Keller Williams Classic III Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Beth Atalay, Cam Realty.



LOCATION: 3632 Bayshore Circle, Tavares **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA, 1,506 sq. ft. Exceptional Lakefront Home. This beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath Pool home is truly peaceful on the serene shores of Lake Idamere. List Date: 10/03/13 Sold Date: 12/12/13

LISTING PRICE: \$204,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$192,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Ron Schwartzman, Prestigious Home Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Loretta Maimone, Real Living Good Neighbor Realty.



LOCATION: 2422 East Moonlight Lane, Eustis **FEATURES:** Spacious 4BR/2BA block home with two-car garage. **LISTING PRICE:** \$179,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$170,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Lynne Cox, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Elliott & Breezy Owens, CB/Camelot Realty.



LOCATION: 2015 Castelli Blvd., Mount Dora **FEATURES:** 4BR/4BA 3,935 sq. ft. Beautiful waterfront home in desirable Loch Leven offers stunning features including gourmet kitchen, Master Suite Wing and lovely pool and spa area. List Date: 7/18/13 Sold Date: 12/13/13 **LISTING PRICE:** \$575,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$575,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Loretta Maimone, Real Living Good Neighbor Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Michele Lowe, Dave Lowe Realty.



LOCATION: 4105 Foxhound Drive, Clermont **FEATURES:** This two story, 4BR/4.5BA, 3 car garage, a huge open kitchen with casual dining area, a formal dining area and den as well as a large great room and spacious master suite. The relaxing lanai leads out to the pool. For extra convenience, there is access to a full bathroom from the pool area. The upstairs consists of 4 bedrooms, a loft and 2 bathrooms. One of the great added features is the balcony. This community is a natural gas community built according to the Energy Star program for personal comfort and savings. New Construction Builder: Standard Pacific Homes. New Home Counselor: Carmen Dombrowski. **SELLING PRICE:** \$442,053 **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Cheryl S. Glover, Keller Williams Classic III Realty.



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