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The Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra started the holiday season with a "Holiday Pops" concert in Central Park Nov. 29.

Special session a go

ISAAC BABCOCK
OBSERVER STAFF

State lawmakers may see a clearer picture of how they'll assemble a mass-transportation network in Central Florida as they grapple with the future of SunRail and other transportation systems at a special legislative session that starts Thursday.

Lawmakers flooded the Capitol this Monday to ready for the special session, which would help in the push for the \$1.2 billion SunRail project, as well as a high-speed rail project that could connect the Orlando area to Tampa and Miami.

"We've got a lot of support for this," U.S. Congressman John Mica said. "We've got both sides of the aisle working for it."

Legislators are pushing for votes to form a Florida Rail Enterprise that would oversee commuter and high-speed rail statewide. Political arm-twisting will culminate in a Thursday vote.

But the Legislature already faces a significant hurdle against the project, with the AFL-CIO — Florida's most powerful labor union — changing its course and railing against the deal.

The loss of the labor

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Gifts not found in the mall

CARMEN CARROQUINO
GUEST REPORTER

Every year after the Thanksgiving holiday, people flock to stores at early hours in the morning to get their hands on the perfect gifts for loved ones.

But there are families, children and individuals throughout the community unable to give gifts, receive them or have a home

in which to spend the holidays.

Chris Allen, executive director of Hands on Orlando, said volunteering and donating makes a profound impact on not only those you help, but yourself.

"It's important to find something meaningful when picking a cause you want to support because you'll be helping others,

but learning about yourself and what kind of person you really are," Allen said.

Here are a handful of local nonprofits that need donations or volunteers this holiday season:

Kids House of Seminole

A local non-profit advocating the health and safety of

> turn to **NON-PROFIT** on A7

Police actions questioned in case

ABRAHAM ABORAYA
GUEST REPORTER

The report Officer Randy Davison wrote on Oct. 19 weighs in at 11 pages with more than 1,500 words of narrative, not including three statements from three witnesses and another page to describe the surveillance.

But one paragraph in it is turning heads.

An officer doesn't think a man should be arrested.

Then, after hearing from several residents, a city commissioner asks the deputy police chief to revisit the case. He calls the state attorney, who says to charge the man with disorderly conduct. The man is then arrested. That breaks a state law.

"I was advised that City Commissioner Beth Dillaha was contacted by person(s) living on Parkland Drive, after which she contacted

[Deputy Chief Art] King," Davison's affidavit states. "King then reportedly called Assistant State Attorney Mark Graham, who told King that [the suspect] should be charged with Disorderly Conduct."

That's the situation described by Davison in the report, but everyone close to the case is saying that isn't how it happened.

Davison's affidavit was sent to the State Attor-

ney's Office. They decided that, based on the report, a 46-year-old resident of Winter Park should be charged with three counts: first degree exposure of sexual organs, second degree lewdness and second degree disorderly conduct. The man wasn't arrested; instead, he received a summons to appear in court on Dec. 18.

It all stemmed from two

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News

Knights bowl-bound after big win

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OBSERVER STAFF

A late rally wasn't enough to overcome the Knights, who beat the UAB Blazers 34-27 on the gridiron on Saturday in Birmingham. Now they're bound for the St. Petersburg Bowl to celebrate a strong finish to the season.

The Knights picked up their sixth straight conference victory with their season-ending win.

As has been the case with the Knights in recent games, they led from the outset, never relinquishing the momentum to the Blazers. At one point in the game the Knights had a 17-point advantage over the Blazers, but watched that gap narrow in a fourth-quarter comeback.

But with a resounding final snub by the Knights, they blocked an extra-point kick attempt that would have brought the Blazers within a touchdown of tying the game. Then they re-

tained possession until the clock ran out on a strong season.

Six different Knights would combine in the team's four touchdowns and two field goals.

In a freak statistical anomaly the Knights were outgained significantly in the game, but still managed a win. Good field position on strong punt and kick-off returns from Quincy McDuffie and A.J. Guyton gave the Knights a shorter field to cover to make it to the end zone. The Knights would gain 435 yards in the game to the Blazers' 527.

An issue that haunted the Knights early in the season came back with a vengeance Saturday, as they managed only 2 of 10 third-down conversions, with three of them just outside of the red zone.

Senior Cory Hogue again dominated on defense, picking up 12 tackles in the game. Junior Bruce Miller



PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE OBSERVER

Quarterback Brett Hodges led his team to its sixth conference win against UAB on Nov. 28, en route to the St. Petersburg Bowl.

found Blazers quarterback Joe Webb twice in the backfield, sacking him back 12 yards.

The Knights' big finish set a few marks in the Conference USA record books. Only one other team in conference history started a season 0-2 in conference

play and finished with six straight wins. They also recorded their highest ranking in school history for rushing defense, coming in fourth in the nation.

They'll play in the second annual St. Petersburg Bowl at Tropicana Field at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19, mak-

ing this their closest bowl game appearance. As of Tuesday three teams were in the running as potential opponents, with Rutgers and Connecticut the favorites, and Pittsburgh another possibility.

Hoop domination for the Knights

ISAAC BABCOCK
OBSERVER STAFF

The Knights continued their season-opening dominance with a 76-72 win over Albany on Nov. 28. Now 5-1, the men's basketball team is finding its groove and spreading offense around

the roster, which helped them break away from a 37-37 halftime stalemate against the Great Danes.

Freshman Dave Diakite again led his team with a dominating 21-point, 8-rebound performance. Not far behind, sophomore Isaac Sosa paced the team on

3-pointers, dropping three into the net on his way to 13 total points. Taylor Young came off the bench to drop 10 points of his own, with a hard-charging offensive style that drew seven foul shots. Dishing out of the lane, he also picked up four assists, leading the team.

Seven of the nine Knights in the game scored 6 points or more, keeping the Danes guessing.

On defense, Marcus Jordan hounded opponents in the paint, leading the team in turnovers created with four, and picking up three rebounds, one block and one steal in the contest.

Tuesday night at press time the Knights ended their two-game homestand against Newberry at home. They'll get a few days' break before hitting the road for South Bend, Ind., against Notre Dame. That game tips off at noon on Sunday.

The Fighting Irish are 6-1 this season, losing only to Northwestern in a 72-58 game Nov. 27. The Irish have proven adept at scoring this season, posting 80 points



PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE OBSERVER

A tough defense and scrappy offense have kept the Knights in the win column, with the mens basketball team boasting a 5-1 record to start the season.

or more in five games so far. The Knights have only eclipsed 80 points twice, with a season low of 46

points in their only loss of the season against Niagara on Nov. 21.

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Wildcats storm to playoff victory

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OBSERVER STAFF

Winter Park devastated reigning Florida 6A football champion Seminole on Friday night, winning 31-10. The big win helped propel the Wildcats (11-1) into the regional championship game.

But it didn't come easy, with Seminole keeping pace through most of the first half of the game. But later in the second quarter the Wildcats took control, with running back Patrick Mputu carrying the ball 14 yards into the end zone to break things open.

After that, quarterback Sam Richardson threw a 16-yarder to receiver Zee Ware to take the score up to 21-7.

From there the Wildcats cruised, outgunning the Seminoles on the ground and in the air, and showing some special teams and defensive scoring strength with a 38-yard field goal from Alex Rowlinson to open the gap, and a 15-yard interception return by Ker-



Winter Park running back Patrick Mputu helped carry his team to a big win over Seminole on Nov. 27. The Wildcats play DeLand in a regional final showdown Friday. PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE OBSERVER

on Rouse to deliver the devastating final blow.

The Wildcat defense held Seminole in check for much of the game, allowing only one red zone possession, which resulted in a four-

yard run for a touchdown.

The win was the biggest so far by the Wildcats in the postseason. Now they face what could be their toughest defensive and offensive opponent — the DeLand

Bulldogs.

In two postseason rounds the Bulldogs have outscored opponents 72-0 in two shut-outs. In two of their two postseason appearances, the Wildcats have outscored

opponents 81-57.

Once again the Wildcats will have home field advantage, kicking off at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at Showalter Field.

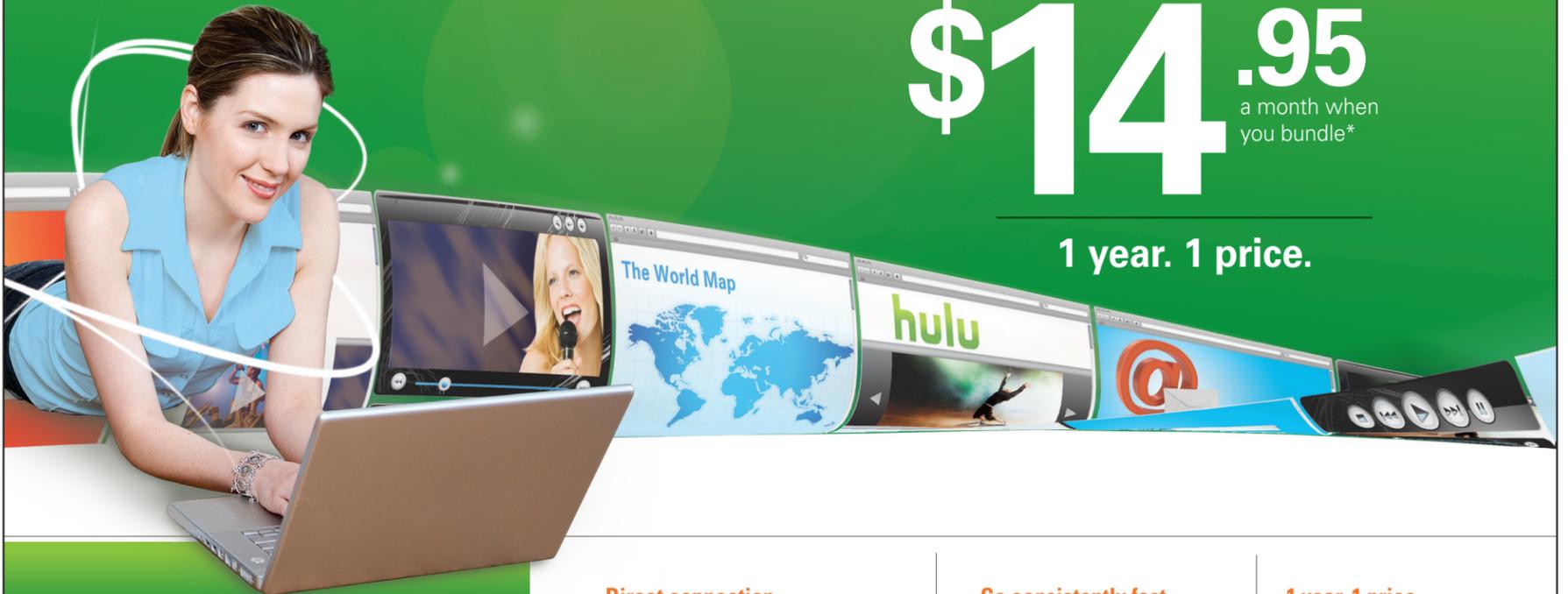
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POLICE | Officer disagrees with deputy chief's decision to charge local man

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neighbors, a husband and wife, taking a walk in their neighborhood. As they passed suspect James Koepke's house at the corner of Parkland Drive and East Winter Park Road, they looked over and saw Koepke naked and masturbating with the blinds open and the lights on, according to witness statements.

Koepke didn't return a request for comment. The husband and wife witnesses, David and Amanda McReary, declined to be interviewed, and a third witness, neighbor Ameleen Mae Gross, didn't return phone calls requesting comment.

Should Koepke have been charged? Davison didn't think so.

The police officer didn't see Koepke do anything illegal, even after setting up surveillance. The legal definition of disorderly conduct says the act must "outrage the sense of public decency, or affect the peace and quiet of persons who may witness them."

Since none of the witnesses were outraged enough to go home and call police — the McRearys finished their walk — or call police from their cell phones, Davison doesn't think it meets the criteria.

"Just because a citizen sees something happen does not necessarily mean there is legal probable cause that this particular crime has been committed," Davison said. "I have to examine what they're telling me and put that in the framework of the legal charge."

Davison said that the direction to arrest Koepke came from WPPD's deputy chief after a high-ranking state attorney told police to charge him with disorderly conduct. And that came only after a city commissioner made a call to the deputy chief asking him to look into it.

The Observer obtained a police report detailing Davison's notes concerning the arrest.

Davison went out the night of the incident, but didn't think Koepke should be charged, and instead talked to him about not repeating the behavior.

But then this happened, according to the arrest report: citizens made calls to City Commissioner Beth Dillaha. She contacted Deputy Chief Art King, who said he would look into the matter.

King talked to State Attorney

Mark Graham. Graham told King that "Koepke should be charged with disorderly conduct," Davison's report states.

Davison said he stands by what was written as the facts told to him — although he makes it clear it was hearsay from another officer.

"As I indicated in the report, that's what I was directed to do," Davison said about charging Koepke. "Again, that's the way I do reports. I try to provide all the information I can."

King told the Observer that the conversation with Graham did happen, but not the way Davison writes in the report — Davison, after all, got the information third-hand from Sgt. Mike Hilton. If a state attorney told a police officer to arrest a specific person, that would be illegal, according to Florida statutes.

That's because the State Attorney's Office isn't the legal representation of the police department. If they give legal advice — like telling an officer to make an arrest — they would lose "sovereign immunity." That means they could be charged in a civil case if the arrest was invalid.

King said the conversation was based in hypothetical situations. He said that after he looked over the case after Dillaha's phone call, he felt it was a gray area — that maybe Koepke should have been charged.

"We're here to do a thorough, complete, professional job," King said. "I feel better knowing that my decision was checked by someone higher than me to make the right decision." The State Attorney's Office wouldn't let the Observer interview Graham about the conversation because it's part of an ongoing case. Randy Means, director of Investigations with the State Attorney's Office, said they normally frown on law enforcement calling attorneys and asking advice.

But he said he could see a situation where an attorney and a law enforcement officer could discuss hypotheticals.

"We will not tell law enforcement officers to make an arrest one way or another," Means said. "So if it was done, shame on our part. And police departments shouldn't be asking us whether or not to make an arrest."

Means said they will likely meet with Graham to find out what happened.

"We will have an administrative meeting with him," Means said. "We

don't even know if anyone is even accusing him at this point.

"If that's the case, we will discuss that with him. Mark [Graham] is a very senior person here, and I would be reluctant to believe he would tell an officer to make an arrest."

King also said he wasn't pressured by Dillaha or Graham, and that city commissioners often get phone calls from constituents concerned about resolving cases. He said the commissioners just forward the information along.

Dillaha said she didn't know Koepke had been charged when contacted by the Observer.

"I didn't even know it went to the State Attorney's Office," Dillaha said. "I had gotten a couple e-mails, and I said I would absolutely follow up. That's what I did, so they (the police) took it from there, which is their job, not mine."

Lt. Wayne Farrell said the situation was a simple misunderstanding. Davison's direction to look into the case came from King to Farrell to Hilton.

"Here's part of the issue: Officer Davison misunderstood," Farrell said. "He was told to go out and revisit it and look at whether disorderly conduct applied, and if [it] did, file an at-large affidavit, or simply write an office supplemental report. He did an at-large affidavit. ... He was given the opportunity to do either."

King said there was no impropriety, and that he's not worried about the appearance of impropriety. He said since he's been with the police department, there have been a handful of officers who don't think

someone should be arrested for various reasons.

"We're to do the right thing," King said. "If the officer says no, and I say no, I'm comfortable with that. But if I'm in a gray area, let a better authority review it to be safe, which is what we did in this case."



PHOTO BY ABRAHAM ABORAYA
James Koepke's home in Winter Park, where neighbors say he exposed himself in the window.

RAIL | 'Big changes' for SunRail deal

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union support could be crippling to some Democratic votes, which have been seen as closely tied to the approval of labor unions.

But Mica said that the deal would help create jobs and improve the economy.

"It would be a huge economic shot in the arm, especially with the economy down," Mica said. "The construction of the stations, the tracks, the signaling — it would be one of the biggest infrastructure projects we've had in a long time."

Contingent on the deal's approval is a change to the liability provisions, which some lawmakers have tried to strengthen to protect Florida from carrying the full brunt of economic liability in the event of an accident on the rail lines. Rail line operator CSX, which would enter into a deal with the state department of transportation in the agreement, had previously attempted to remove its liability in

the event of an accident along the commuter rail lines.

Winter Park Mayor Ken Bradley, who has seen grappling at the City Commission dais on a rail system that would run through the city, said he thinks the deal has enough approval to make it.

"I think this has a strong chance," Bradley said. "And it'll be excellent for our region. Multimodal forms of transportation are critical for cities to survive."

With Sen. Lee Constantine, R-Altamonte Springs, in meetings in Tallahassee Monday, he was unavailable for comment on developments. Constantine's legislative assistant, Nathan Cook, described "big changes" in the deal compared to the one that failed in the spring legislative session.

In Central Florida, legislators will have to wait until the end of next week for a verdict.

"We'll see by this time next week where we're at," Bradley said.

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CrimeLog

Winter Park

Nov. 20 to Nov. 26

Residential burglaries

An unknown suspect entered a residence on the 2400 block of Mandan Trail on Saturday, Nov. 21 and stole wedding ring.

An unknown suspect pried open the rear French doors then stole loose coins from the 1800 block of Loch Berry Road on Saturday, Nov. 21.

An unknown suspect forced open the door to a residence and stole jewelry on the 500 block of Balmoral Road on Sunday, Nov. 22.

An unknown suspect entered a residence through an unsecured bedroom window and stole fine jewelry and a Toshiba Satellite laptop on the 500 block of North Lakemont Avenue on Sunday, Nov. 22.

Business burglaries

An unknown suspect damaged the front door, which activated the alarm system, and the suspect(s) fled without making entry to the business on the 2600 block of West Fairbanks Avenue on Sunday, Nov. 22.

An unknown suspect broke the front glass door and stole an Asus laptop computer and a Sony Viao laptop computer on the 200 block of North Denning Drive on Sunday, Nov. 22.

An unknown white male broke the lower glass window with a crowbar and then stole the cash drawer from a business on the 900 block of West Fairbanks Avenue on Monday, Nov. 22. The suspect was approximately 5-foot-10, 165 lbs with short hair.

An unknown suspect forced open a suite door and stole a Dell Inspiron 1700 laptop, USB drives, cash, prescription pads and a bottle

of Cymbalta medication on the 1100 block of Louisiana Avenue on Monday, Nov. 23.

An unknown suspect forced open a main suite door and stole an iPod with "Davy Dill" engraved on the back on the 1100 block of Louisiana Avenue on Monday, Nov. 23.

Criminal mischief

An unknown suspect cut copper wiring from several power meter boxes on the 500 block of North Orlando Avenue on Friday, Nov. 20.

A subject was charged for slashing a vehicle's tires on the 800 block of Margaret Square on Sunday, Nov. 22.

An unknown suspect sprayed an unknown oily substance on the exterior of a residence on the 900 block of Balch Avenue on Monday, Nov. 23.

Robbery

An unidentified black male, 5-foot-6, grabbed a victim's purse from her person and fled north on foot on the 500 block of North Orlando Avenue on Sunday, Nov. 22.

Winter Park Police registered various noise complaints from around the city between Friday, Nov. 20 and Monday, Nov. 23 including loud music, people and parties.

Arrests were made in Winter Park between Friday, Nov. 20 and Monday, Nov. 23 for crimes including petit theft, dealing in stolen property, violation of pawn act, stalking, warrant, retail theft, driving under the influence, loitering and prowling, resisting without violence, domestic battery, disturbing the peace, criminal mischief and cyber stalking.

Business Briefs

Mattamy Homes U.S. Group will start construction of 11 new homes in December at City Homes in Baldwin Park.

Palmer Electric Co. won three Excellence in Construction awards in the annual competition sponsored by the Central Florida Chapter of Associated Builders & Contractors.

The Rollins College Philanthropy & Nonprofit Leadership Center is working closely with Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A. and 10 other Central Florida law firms as part of the Business Lawyers' Pro Bono Project. The Rollins College Philanthropy & Nonprofit Leadership Center is currently accepting and reviewing applications.

Cuhaci & Peterson Architects was awarded contracts to re-image the exteriors of eight retail centers and to design interiors for three retail facilities at Village Crossroads retail center at The Villages in Lady Lake.

NAI Realvest negotiated a new lease agreement for 1,380 square feet of office space at 3361 Rouse Road, Suite 125 in University Court.

Crossman & Company recently closed two new 10-year lease agree-

ments for retail space totaling 6,876 square feet in Maitland and College Park.

Ashton Woods Homes has appointed Ben Snyder strategic marketing analyst in the Orlando and Tampa regions.

Allstate Insurance Company is proud to announce the opening of two new offices. Allstate Agent Michael Lapella is opening an agency at 1567 Meeting Place in Orlando. Allstate Agent Patrina Freeman is opening an agency at 549 Wymore Road #208 in Maitland. Both offices will open on Dec. 1.

RLF, a leading Winter Park-based architecture, engineering and interior design firm, recently received two Merit Awards in the Best of 2009 competition held by Southeast Construction Magazine.

The Central Florida office of SIKON Construction was awarded a contract for the new \$3 million, 45,000-square-foot Publix Super Market at 2227 W. New Haven Ave. in Melbourne.

Larry Vershel Communications was named public relations agency

for Meritage Homes, Central Florida.

Rebecca Furman of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed recently took part in the Developer's Update: Navigating Change panel.

Palmer Electric Co. announced the expansion of its residential north Florida office, the opening of its new residential office in Central Florida and the signing of a new homebuilder client, Lennar Homes.

Mary Hurley, real estate and leasing manager of Pineloch Management Corporation, received the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional designation from the U.S. Green Building Council.

The Central Florida office of SIKON Construction has been awarded a contract to build the new Publix-anchored Seminole Shoppes retail center in Neptune Beach.

William T. Dymond Jr. of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed was elected vice chair of the Downtown Development Board and the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board on Oct. 28..

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Community Bulletin

Make a difference in the life of a child by bringing a new unwrapped toy to any Central Florida Chick-fil-a or Qdoba Restaurant location or Centra Care clinic location from Nov. 27 through Dec. 14. Contact Dawn or Sandi at Christian HELP, 407-834-4022 or visit www.christianhelp.org.

This year's first place winner of the 17th Annual Young Artist Competition is cellist Logan Castro of Saint Cloud. Flutist Jake Chabot won second place and pianist Enoch Wong from Orlando won third place.

Maitland Library youth services librarian Michelle Swiat and her standard poodle, Trek, will be among the contenders at the prestigious American Kennel Club National Obedience Invitational. Michelle Swiat will compete Dec. 12 and 13 in Long Beach, Calif. Visit www.akc.org/aenc for more information.

The Florida Wildflower Foundation, Maitland, recently donated \$100,000 to the Gary Henry Endowment for the Study of Florida Native Wildflowers at the University of Florida/IFAS. The endowment is made possible by the \$15 donation made with the purchase of each State Wildflower license tag.

The Howard Phillips Center for Children & Families will be collecting holiday gifts for their Adopt-a-Family Drive now through Monday, Dec. 14. To adopt a family or to arrange for donation pick-up, please contact Amy Drury at 407.317.7430, ext. 2197 or Amy.Drury@orlandohealth.com. Donations can be dropped off at the Howard Phillips Center: 601 W. Michigan Street, Orlando.

Interstate All Battery Center kicked off a six-week recycling drive at the company's 157 locations from Nov. 16 through Dec. 31 to celebrate America Recycles Day. Orlando customers can bring in a used car, laptop or cell phone battery in exchange for a free pack of alkaline batteries and a coupon for 20 percent off their next purchase. IABC Orlando is located on 1950 W. State Road 426.

Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles H. Bronson is urging consumers to check on the registration status and funding history of charities before agreeing to donate any money. Bronson says it is prudent to take time to investigate a charity and ensure the money is being spent wisely. Consumers can find out if a charity is registered by calling 1-800-HELPLA (1-800-435-7352), or



1-800-FLAYUDA for Spanish-speaking operators, or by visiting <http://www.800helpfla.com>. They can also check the complaint history of an organization.

There is an upcoming reunion of Winter Park High School Class of '70. Contact the committee on Facebook at [WphsNineteenSeventy](https://www.facebook.com/WphsNineteenSeventy) or e-mail WPHS.1970.Alumni@gmail.com.

Interior design students at Seminole State College of Florida are using their creativity to transform the Leu House Museum into Leu's Holiday House (pictured above). The holiday display runs through Jan. 7 at the museum, which is at 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando. Hours are 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

For people with Alzheimer's there's no time to lose.

A research study – ICARA – is now under way to explore a possible new investigational treatment for Alzheimer's disease.

You may be eligible to participate in the ICARA study if you:

- Are 50 to 88 years old
- Have a diagnosis of probable Alzheimer's disease

In addition to receiving study-related physical exams and laboratory services at no charge, participants may receive study drug and will be monitored by a medical team, including a nurse or study coordinator and a physician.

Ask your doctor if the ICARA study is right for you.

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NON-PROFIT | Local charities are in need of donations, volunteers for holidays

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children who've experience neglect or abuse, Kids House of Seminole is hosting a holiday party from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 5 for children who've been helped by Kids House of Seminole. Marcie Dearth, development director of Kids House, said the event is hosting about 400 children, who have walked through their doors, so they can experience the holidays as children should. The event, held at Seminole State College, will feature arts and crafts, games, and photos with Santa, where each child will receive a toy from their wish list. "It's an exciting time for kids just to be kids," Dearth said. Kids House is looking for volunteers for the event and toy donations from the community, and asks for anyone interested in helping with the event to call Kids House at 407-324-3036 ext. 237. Kids House of Seminole is located at 5467 N. Ronald Reagan Blvd.

HOPE Foundation

With a mission to prevent and reduce homelessness in Central Florida by equipping individuals and families to become self-sufficient, the HOPE Foundation in Oviedo is hosting its second annual "Christmas in the City"

on Dec. 20. The event partners with 20 local churches to help families in need during the holidays.

At last year's event more than 500 families were given a complete Christmas dinner totaling \$25,000, and more than 600 children were given two new gifts totaling \$30,000. The event, which lasts from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Oviedo Aquatic Center, located at 148 Oviedo Blvd., allows families and individuals to walk through the facility and shop for holiday gifts and necessities, said Joan Faulkner, a Hope Foundation director. While outside, there will be music, food, announcements and children's games.

Hoping to serve more than the 1,100 helped last year, Faulkner said families in need must register in person by Saturday, Dec. 12 at the HOPE Foundation's Emergency Food Pantry located at 149 E. Broadway St. in Oviedo. Families must be from Seminole County and cannot be registered for another Christmas event. Proof of residence and ID is required for all members of the family. Those who want to donate items, money or volunteer their time should call 407-366-3422 or visit www.helpforthehomeless.net.

Seniors First

Seniors First, a non-profit social service organization dedicated to the needs of Central Florida senior citizens, is hosting two holiday events:

The Holiday Shoebox Gift Drive helps brighten the season for more than 4,000 seniors just by filling a shoebox. The drive is designed for frail and homebound senior citizens that may not otherwise receive a gift for the holidays. Seniors First asks people to fill a shoebox with gift cards, hygiene products, puzzle books, calendars, notepads, dominos, wallets with some change or small bills, and anything else that a senior might enjoy. Jan Ingrando, director of community relations and marketing for Seniors First, said that slogan for the drive is, "A little box that goes a long way to brighten a senior's holiday." With 2,500 boxes already committed to benefit seniors through the Meals on Wheels program, Ingrando said she hopes they reach their 4,000 shoeboxes-collected goal.

On Sunday, Dec. 20, Seniors First hosts their 3rd Annual Holiday High Tea at the Peabody in Orlando, located at 9801 International Drive. They invite the community to spend a delightful afternoon enjoying fruit,

sandwiches, desserts and exotic teas with the chance to win prizes. Jan Ingrando says special guest judges will judge the guests' stylish tea hats. A chance auction and silent auction will also take place at the event, which raises money to benefit homebound seniors living in Orange and Seminole County. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by calling Ingrando at 407-581-9366. For more information, e-mail her at jingrando@seniorsfirstinc.org.

Christian HELP

Christian HELP, devoted to preventing homelessness by helping people find jobs while providing for them in the meantime, is partnering with Chick-fil-a and Qdoba eateries to allow customers the opportunity to sponsor a child this holiday season. At participating restaurants, customers can take part in Christian HELP's Dove Tree project, where the age and gender of children in need will be placed on the tree, so customers can buy toys and necessities to give them for the holidays.

Christian HELP has also partnered with Centra Care clinics as a drop-off point for new, unwrapped toys. Additionally, Christian HELP offers community members the chance to sponsor a

family at the low and generous price of \$40 this holiday season. Lastly on Dec. 17, 18, 21 and 22, Christian HELP is looking for volunteers to participate in the Christmas distribution event, where families or individuals can come in and shop for items to give and receive. For more information on all of these events and opportunities, visit www.christianhelp.org or call 407-834-4022. Christian HELP is located at 450 Seminola Blvd. in Casselberry.

Second Harvest Food Bank

The Second Harvest Food Bank is always looking for volunteers to help them collect, store and distribute donated food to more than 500 partner agencies in six Central Florida counties. Contact their volunteer services manager, Mindy Ortiz at 407-843-5009 ext. 20 or mortiz@foodbankcentralflorida.org for more information. Also, visit their Web site at www.foodbankcentralflorida.org and click on the volunteer tab to see a full list of United Way sponsored organizations, such as the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, for holiday giving opportunities throughout the community.

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Baldwin Park Community Update

BY PAT JONES-PETRICK
MERCHANT'S ASSOCIATION

December has some exciting activities!

Baldwin Bark & Meow

On Saturday, Dec. 5, Baldwin Bark will host "Naughty & Nice Pet Pajama Party" from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be yummy bites for the doggies, pictures with Santa, a Holiday Sale Tree, Puppy Pawdicure, 15 percent off boutique purchases and a create a personalized piece of doggie art. Oh and let's not forget the champagne for the humans! Baldwin Bark is located at 4836 New Broad Street, Orlando. For more details, call 407-893-6868.

BullFish Baldwin Park

Friday, Dec. 4 BullFish hosts their Wine Flight: Wine Tasting Series from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 11 BullFish hosts Holiday Wine Tasting & Presentation from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. featuring a selection of limited production and reserve wines. There

is a \$10 admission fee; \$5 is applied to purchase of \$15 or more.

Friday, Dec. 18 BullFish hosts Wine Flight - A Toast to 2010 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Try a sampling of sparkling wines for your New Year's celebration

BullFish is located at 4899 New Broad Street, Orlando. For more details call 407-894-3474.

Jack's Steakhouse

On Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 and 26, Jack's Steakhouse hosts evenings with "Live Music".

On Dec. 31 Jack's Steakhouse hosts a New Year's Eve Bash with Live Entertainment with a dance floor. Dinner is served until 10 p.m. and there will be a Champagne Toast. Jack's Steakhouse located is at 4868 New Broad Street. For more details, call 407-896-2688.

Tiny Toes

On Saturday, Dec. 5, Tiny Toes Children's Shoes hosts Santa Claus from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., so bring your camera. Tiny Toes is located at 4867 New Broad Street. For more information call 407-228-2100.

Trish's Teas

On Friday, Dec. 4 Trish's Teas presents "Picture Opportunity with Santa" from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Bring your own digital camera or camcorder and take as many pictures per setting as you wish. Suggested \$10 donation per setting. Trish's Teas is located at 4844 New Broad Street, Orlando. For details, call 407-896-3155.

On Saturday, Dec. 12 Trish's Teas presents a book signing with Jesse Cutler, author, Grammy-award winner performer and composer. Trish's Teas is located at 4844 New Broad Street, Orlando. For details call 407-896-3155.

Annual community celebration

Come join us in Downtown Baldwin Park for the Annual Baldwin Park Festival of Lights holiday celebration on Sat., Dec. 12 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Celebration schedule
5-9 p.m. - Merchant Open House
5:30-8 p.m. - Musical Per-

formances

6 p.m. - Parade
7 p.m. - Baldwin Park "Movie Night on The Green" in the Village Center

Parade route

Starts at Jake Street and New Broad Street
Runs down New Broad Street to Chatfield
Right on Chatfield to Lakemont
Right on Lakemont to Jake Street

There will also be Horse and Carriage rides, face painters, balloon artists, sand candy, make-n-take arts & crafts, popcorn and military & municipal "Rigs For Kids" so you won't want to miss this!!!!

Be sure to check out the Baldwin Park Merchant Association December Calendar of Events to see what's scheduled. For more information on Baldwin Park activities, visit www.baldwinparknetwork.com.

November was the start of the holiday season and Baldwin Park was ready to celebrate!

The Baldwin Park Merchant Association hosted a "B2B Happy Hour" on Thursday, Nov. 4. The event was open to the public with tasty food and drink. Admission was free and the event provided a great opportunity for local busi-

nesses and neighbors to meet, socialize and network.

The Baldwin Park Merchant Association monthly "Movie Night" for November, sponsored by Belle Vie Day Spa offered a slightly different twist. "Rock Out on the Green" was held on Friday, Nov. 27 in the Village Center Courtyard. The Baldwin Park Merchant Association hosted a family and kid-centric "Battle of the Bands" contest while local merchants donated prizes for a fun-filled evening.

Tiny Toes Children's Shoe Store hosted its November Story Hour each week. Nov. 27-28 Tiny Toes Children's Shoes held their Semi Annual Sale. Thanks to all those customers that supported the pre-holiday sale!

Friday, Nov. 5, BullFish Baldwin Park hosted Cheese and Wine 101 Event to a large gathering with much success.

The OBSERVER is now covering Baldwin Park.

Copies of the paper are available in front of Subway and CVS.

Calendar

Events this week at Maitland Public Library, 501 S. Maitland Ave.:

For more details, please contact 407-647-7700

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3 the Knit & Crochet Club will meet.

At 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 is creative writing with Dale Slongwhite.

From 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6 is Creative Stamping with Linda Heller. Registration is required.

From 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 7 is PC Academy class. Registration is required.

The following are free Morse public programs and events this month:

From 6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3 the annual lighting of century-old Tiffany windows in Central Park with an outdoor concert by the Bach Festival Society Choir.

From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4 is live music by the Holiday Flute Trio.

From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11 is live music by the Chamber Quartet.

Holidays at the Waterhouse, is open from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays through Sundays through Jan. 10 at 840 Lake Lily Drive, Maitland. Evening tours are from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday Dec. 4, 11 and 18. Visit www.maitlandhistory.org or 407-644-2451.

The 18th Annual Brouhaha Film and Video Showcase, will be held at Enzian on Dec. 5 and 6 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. will include films by student filmmakers from Dr. Phillips High School, Full Sail University, Florida State University, Ringling College of Art and Design and the University of Central Florida. Tickets are \$5. Visit Enzian.org, the Enzian Box Office, or call 407-629-1088, touch zero.

Ballroom dancing to live music with the Armand Marchesano Orchestra is from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 at the

Beardall Senior Center. Please bring a covered dish. Admission is \$4.

The Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida will be screening "Swimming in Auschwitz" for free at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6. at 851 N. Maitland Ave.

The Holler Family Fun Day will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6, in Central Park and the West Meadow Ice Rink is next door. Holler-Classic activities are free and ice skating is \$10.

Friends of Fleet Peoples Park will hold a fundraising event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2000 S. Lakemont Ave., Winter Park. FFPP has a goal of putting the plan for site improvements to the park into action by raising the \$800,000 needed.

There will be a free anthropological lecture, "How our early settlers survived during the late 1850s" by Roy Singer at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 1920 N. Forest Ave.

Valencia Community College's vocal students' performances take place at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 11 and 12 in the Black Box Theater at 701 N. Econlockhatchee Trail in Orlando. Both are free and open to the public. Call 407-582-2900.

The annual Winter Park Boat Parade and Festival of Lights will take place Dec. 12 on Lakes Virginia and Osceola beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Polasek Gardens. At 4 p.m. there will be a water ski show by former SeaWorld and Cypress Springs skiers. For resident boats, there is no entry fee this year, and all local licensed area boat owners are invited to participate. Boat registration is required with applications available by contacting winterparkboatparade@polasek.org. All proceeds will benefit The Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens. Call 407-647-6294 or e-mail bgreene@rose.net.

Visiting Angels Helps Spread Joy to Our Seniors This Holiday Season

Visiting Angels starts community effort "Stocking Stuffers for Seniors"

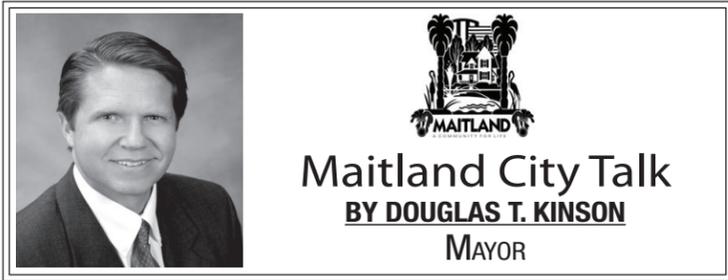
Orlando, FL (Dec. 2009) - Visiting Angels, Americas Choice in Homecare, has officially kicked off "Stocking Stuffers for Seniors". They will be collecting donated items and money donations in an effort to help brighten this holiday season for local senior home residents by providing them with Holiday gifts.

The holiday season is supposed to be a happy and fun time that you share with your loved ones. It is a time for gifts, food, and festivities. "I think in general as a society we put most if not all of our focus and effort to make sure that Christmas is exciting and memorable for those who we feel it should matter to most which is children. Unfortunately, because of this, our seniors most often than not get pushed to the way side and are forgotten," says CFO of Visiting Angels Orlando/Winter Park, Peg Pickett. "We forget to realize that this holiday season is very important to people of all ages. Everyone wants to wake up Christmas morning and open a gift and have the feeling that someone remembers and cares about them." What most people do not know is the reality that more than 50% of nursing home residents have no close relatives, and 46% of them have no living children. It is no wonder that the rate of depression among nursing facility residents can run as high as 50%, according to some studies, with about 10 to 15% of residents suffering major depression and 25 to 35% suffering milder forms.

Because of this reason, Visiting Angels has created a community effort called "Stocking Stuffers for Seniors". We will be collecting donated items that our seniors could use in the nursing home, as well as taking donations which 100% of it will go towards purchasing gifts for the residents. We will have drop off locations at which you can bring by a new and unwrapped item that will be given as a holiday present to a senior. House slippers, non-skid socks, night gowns, cross word puzzles and word search books are just a few examples of items that can be donated which will make this holiday season a little brighter for our nursing home residents.

They will be delivering gifts on December 19th to deserving Seniors with a local Brownie Troop and Santa along with some special caregivers to help with any needs for that day. "Please give from your heart for the Seniors in need." Says Peg Pickett

Gifts and donations can be dropped off Monday thru Friday 9a-4p at the following location: 625 Executive Dr, Winter Park, 32789, (407)236-9997 We will be accepting donations now thru December 15th.



Maitland City Talk
BY DOUGLAS T. KINSON
MAYOR

The holidays are in the air!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with their loved ones. It is this time of year that we can all reflect on the good things in our lives and make memories that will last a lifetime.

The Season of Lights is upon us

“City sidewalks, busy sidewalks, dressed in holiday style...” only at Lake Lily! Join us this Saturday, Dec. 5 for our annual Season of Lights Celebration! Music at the Overlook Stage will begin at 5 p.m. and then help me count down with Santa Claus as we throw the switch to light up Lake Lily Park and start

the holiday festivities. Food will be available and entertainment from the Maitland Middle School Wind Ensemble, Maitland Middle School Chamber Singers and Maitland Middle School Orchestra will fill the air. Dancers from the Maitland Colby Dance Studio will delight one and all. Mark your calendars for this Saturday and join me as we celebrate the holiday season with you!

Santa is coming to town

City of Maitland residents should be on the lookout for Santa Claus this year! The Maitland Police and Fire departments will team up to escort Santa through

our city’s streets on Dec. 19. For more details and times in your neighborhood, please go to our Web site at www.itsmymaitland.com where you can find out when and where you can see Santa!

Holiday safety

Keeping Your Family Safe! Tips from Maitland’s Fire Department:

Tree safety

Water that tree! It may seem like it goes without saying, but if your household includes a natural tree in its festivities — 33 million American homes each year do — keep the tree watered.

Christmas trees account for 200 fires annually, resulting in six deaths, 25 injuries and more than \$6 million in property damage. Typically, shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches start tree fires. When decorating your tree, always use lights listed by a testing laboratory. Some lights are designed only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both. Larger tree

lights should also have some type of reflector rather than a bare bulb. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions on how to use tree lights. Any string of lights with worn, frayed or broken cords, or loose bulb connections should not be used. Connect no more than three strands of push-in bulbs and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and extend their life. Never use lit candles to decorate a tree, and make sure any lit candles in the room are placed well away from tree branches. Safely dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are highly flammable and should not be left in a house or garage, or placed against the house.

If you purchase an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire-retardant. Make sure the tree is at least three feet (one meter) away from any heat source, such as fireplaces and radiators.

Try to position the tree near an outlet so that cords are not running long distances. Do not place the tree where it may block exits.

Turkey fryers

When the turkey is placed in the hot oil, oil may spill onto the burner, creating a fire.

The units can tip over spilling hot, scalding oil onto anyone or anything nearby. Some units do not have automatic thermostat controls to regulate the temperature of the oil, so oil may heat to the point of boiling over and catching fire. The sides, lids and handles can get extremely hot and may cause burns.

As we enter the last month of 2009, take this time to reflect on your accomplishments from the past year and don’t forget to tell your loved ones how much they mean to you. Be safe and Happy Holidays from my family to yours!

—Many thanks to Mari Smith and Kristine Neal for their contributions to this week’s City Talk.

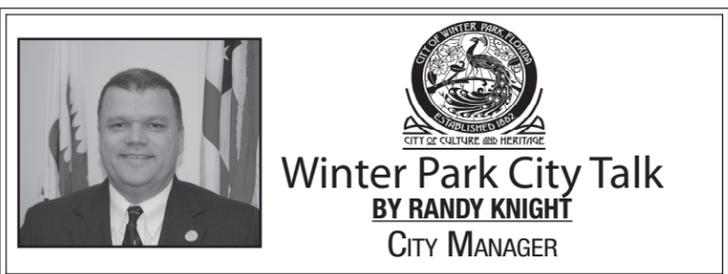
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Winter Park City Talk
BY RANDY KNIGHT
CITY MANAGER

NOV. 23 CITY COMMISSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The City Commission met on Nov. 23 at 3:30 p.m. in City Hall Commission Chambers. Below are a few highlights regarding decisions that were made:

CONSENT AGENDA:

-The minutes of Nov. 9 were approved.

-The appointment was confirmed for Ms. Dori DeBord as the new Director of Community & Economic Development effective Monday, Dec. 14.

-The resale of a Hannibal Square Community Land Trust home located at 654 W. Canton Ave., requiring city’s waiver of first right of refusal and assignment of 99-year lease was approved.

ACTION ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION:

-High Performance Management was awarded the contract for the Tennis Management Services at Azalea Lane Tennis Center.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

-The resolution authorizing

the filing of funding applications with the Federal Transit Administration was approved.

-The Conditional Use Request for Dr. Alexander Jungreis to add tennis court lighting to the existing tennis court at 1360 Alabama Drive was approved.

-The first reading of the ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2730-08 to extend the deadline established in Section 2 by one year was approved.

-The first reading of the ordinance for the charter revisions for March 2010 ballot was approved with modifications.

-The second reading of the ordinance to amend and restate the Winter Park Police Officers’ Pension Plan was approved.

-The second reading of the ordinance to amend and restate the Winter Park Firefighters’ Pension Plan was approved.

-The second reading of the ordinance revising Concurrency Management Regulations to implement school concurrency in

conformance with the new Comprehensive Plan was approved

A full copy of the Nov. 23 City Commission minutes will be available on the city’s official Web site at www.CityofWinterPark.org the week of Dec. 14, pending approval by the City Commission.

WINTER PARK LAUNCHES THE GREEN BUTTON AND FACEBOOK, TWITTER ACCOUNTS

On Dec. 1, the city of Winter Park offered Web users three new ways to receive information about the city that can be accessed from www.CityofWinterPark.org or by logging on to the following sites:

1. Facebook: www.cityof-winterpark.org/facebook
2. Twitter: www.twitter.com/WinterParkFla
3. The Green Button: www.winterparkgreenbutton.org

These accounts will complement the city’s existing communication methods and diversify its communication portfolio. By adding these powerful global communication tools, the city is able to send out information faster, wider and more efficiently than ever before.

In addition, the city also launched the Green Button accessible from the home page of its Web site

or by visiting www.winterparkgreenbutton.org. The new site encourages users to be mindful of the environment and also furthers the city’s commitment to become a Green Local Government. This new resource gives Web users the ability to easily access information about environmentally conscious and sustainable living.

So whether you’re going green or want to keep informed on upcoming city events, there are now more choices than ever.

CITY TO OFFER LIMITED SUPPLY OF H1N1 AND SEASONAL FLU SHOTS

The City of Winter Park’s Fire-Rescue Department will administer a limited supply of H1N1 and seasonal flu shots beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 4, at the Rachel D. Murrah Civic Center located at 1050 W. Morse Blvd. Licensed, insured fire-rescue professionals will administer a supply of 200 seasonal influenza and 200 H1N1 vaccines to the first 200 people requesting the vaccinations. A charge of \$15 for the H1N1 vaccination and \$25 for the seasonal flu vaccination (exact change cash, check or credit card) will apply. For those insured primarily with Medicare Part B, there is no charge for vaccinations.

According to the National Center for Disease Control, no shortage of 2009 H1N1 vaccine is expected. However, vaccine availability and demand is unpredictable as the vaccine has been initially available in limited quantities. The CDC recommends the seasonal influenza vaccination for anyone wishing to reduce their chances of getting the seasonal flu.

There are several sources of reputable information regarding current public health situations. Winter Park officials recommend that citizens use the contacts below for the most up-to-date and accurate public health information:

Center for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov; 1-800-cdc-info (1-800-232-4636)

Florida Department of Health Information Line: www.doh.state.fl.us; 1-800-775-8039

Orange County Health Department Call Center: www.orchd.com; 311, press 4

For additional information regarding the city of Winter Park flu shot offerings, please call 407-599-3613.

Visit the city’s Web site at www.CityofWinterPark.org

Lifestyles

Seven companies, one kitchen

SARAH KEZER
GUEST REPORTER

Bacon covered in dark chocolate, vegan hummus dip and homemade jellies aren't items you'd find next to each other in the supermarket, but the display of complimenting and contrasting treats seemed to represent the heart of A Chateau Kitchen quite appropriately during its grand opening on Nov. 18.

The 1,900 square-foot space on Winter Park's Fairbanks Avenue has been newly made over into a busy kitchen and home base for seven individual local culinary entrepreneurs. These eclectic chefs all make their food under one roof, using it as a launching pad to sell their products at local shops and farmers markets.

The master behind Barkolate!! chocolate bark gourmet edibles, Donna Moore, owns the space and offered other small business owners she met at the markets to lease kitchen usage from her. Moore

said she spent about five months searching for the right location, then redecorated it herself.

The walls now cast a warm red color, covered by dog-themed artwork and photographs opposite a large multi-color tiled bar where Moore said she has plenty of space to lay out her chocolates.

Moore was "unleashed" last year, after quitting a corporate job she had for 30 years. Her first business, Chateau E.I.E.I.O., sells pet-themed products and accessories including doggie bandanas, pet sympathy cards, games and two books. Chateau Confections is her chocolate product line she makes without wax, fillers, or oils.

Moore makes about 20 different chocolates and fudge including Smokin' Barkolate!!, which is made with bittersweet chocolate and chipotle chili powder and Bernie's Santa's White Christmas Coffee Bean Barkolate!!, which is sold in all Bernie's corporate



PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE OBSERVER

Donna Moore shows off her Barkolate!! chocolate bark at the grand opening of A Chateau Kitchen in Winter Park on Nov. 18.

stores.

"There's nothing like women entrepreneurs," said Alice Reo, president of AE Foods, who will now use A Chateau Kitchen for a workspace. "We rule the

world."

Reo also has a corporate background but said that cooking and food was always her passion. AE Foods features dips free of artificial ingredients and preservatives. "Healthy

made easy is our slogan," said Reo. Whole Foods Market has picked up her all natural hummus, dips and chilies and she also sells at the Winter Park Farmers

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FRIDAY CLOUDY

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TODAY'S MOON PHASE

Waning gibbous
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Moonset: 9:25 a.m.

MARINE FORECAST

Cocoa Beach tide schedule

Time	Low	High
Saturday	1:34 a.m.	8:07 a.m.
Nov. 14	2:06 p.m.	8:12 p.m.
Sunday	2:25 a.m.	8:57 a.m.
Nov. 15	2:57 p.m.	9:06 p.m.

CHATEAU | Baking and learning

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Anna Marie Mele, aka the Pesto Diva, said after having her rent raised and being forced to move from her last location, A Chateau Kitchen is a dream. Sold in Whole Foods Markets all over Florida, her eight pestos are homemade and preservative free.

"I like different and unusual," said Cathy Boulosa, owner of Cathy's Cajun Cuisines. Boulosa includes New Orleans flair to her gourmet jams, jellies, relishes and pickled veggies. Her Mardi Gras Jam made with onion and garlic pepper paired well with Sharon Brenner's blue cheese short bread cookie, another chef at A Chateau Kitchen.

Brenner's line "Our biscotti" includes almond, orange zest and pistachio biscotti and is sold in the new Waldorf Astoria, Orlando. Brenner said she enjoys cooking with the other women because they are able to bounce ideas off one another and work together.

"I wish Karen would have brought her coconut rum cake. You need a smoke af-

ter you eat it," said Moore, boasting about Karen Scheff, owner of Scheff Bakes.

Scheff will be baking her confections with Moore along with Lissa Adams, owner of Chunky Junk Granola. Adams started selling her all-natural granola in March. "You can learn from those who have been doing this for a while," said Adams about working with the other business owners.

It may be chocolate in the morning and jalapeño relish in the afternoon, but something will always be cooking in A Chateau Kitchen.

A Chateau Kitchen

A Chateau Kitchen is the new workspace and cooking location for seven local and homemade food manufacturers located at 955 Fairbanks Ave., Winter Park.

Doors will be open to the public at varying hours while the chefs are working.



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Boasting some of Winter Park and Maitland's most famous culinary artists, A Chateau Kitchen turns out food ranging from hummus to jalapeño chocolate.



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At 4 p.m. on Thursdays is Reading Buddies

At 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6, there will be Teen Pizza Taste off. Sign up to sample selections of pizzas from local pizzerias.

Bright House Networks and C-SPAN are encouraging Central Florida students to enter C-SPAN's 2010 StudentCam Video Documentary Competition. C-SPAN invites all middle school and high school students to produce a five to eight-minute video documentary on one of the following topics: One of the country's greatest strengths or a challenge the country is facing.

C-SPAN will award a total of \$50,000 in cash prizes. Students working alone or in groups up to three can upload their entry form and videos directly online at www.studentcam.org. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010. Educators can register for updates and view details at www.brighthouse.com/studentcam.

The following are events at the Maitland Jewish Community Center, 851 N. Maitland Ave.:

Israeli dance workshop for children and adult beginners is from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14.

Israeli Culture Week kick off will be led by Anat Taggart, Limor Gabbai and Orna Jaffe.

Children will learn and dance to the newest in Israeli folk dance. Debbie Meitin will lead the adults in the beginning steps to traditional Israeli dances. Intermediate dancers are welcome to join, \$5 admission.

Chanukah Maccabiah is from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15. The evening will begin with a latke dinner followed by a Chanukah lighting and games. It is \$20 for families of four and \$2 per additional child older than age 6.

Israeli movie night and children's sing-a-long is from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17. Adults enjoy an evening watching "Lost Islands" while kids and teens watch "8 Crazy Nights" and eat falafel.

The JCC offers a variety of winter break camps from Dec. 21 through Jan. 1. Visit OrlandoJCC.org.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NATHANIEL'S HOPE
Groups of carolers visit disabled children in local hospitals during the holidays each year to lift their spirits as part of Nathaniel's Hope's Caroling for Kids

ABRAHAM ABORAYA GUEST REPORTER

Ask Pastor Wally Meyer if he has any favorite stories from volunteering with Caroling for Kids for the last six years and he'll pause. His favorite story isn't a specific one, but rather one that unfolds every year at Florida Hospital East.

Every year, there are children with the group of carolers bringing Christmas spirit — and gifts — to children in the hospital on

Christmas. And every year, a child will go into a room and give a toy to another child.

"There's just a connection immediately, the kid smiling at the bed," said Meyer, who was a Florida Hospital East Foundation board member until a few years ago. "It's so neat to see that. And that happens on a regular basis."

Since Christmas 1998, Nathaniel's Hope, a non-profit Christian mission organization dedicated to helping children with dis-

abilities, has organized Caroling for Kids. It all started with Marie Kuck, the executive director.

Kuck's son Nathaniel was born prematurely on June 6, 1997, with multiple birth defects, including duodenal atresia (the absence or closure of the first section of the small intestine) and craniosynostosis (a condition where the skull closes too early in development, causing brain and skull growth problems). He spent most of his four and a half

years in and out of hospitals, being fed through tubes and getting multiple surgeries.

That included Christmas 1997, Nathaniel's first Christmas. While in the hospital, Kuck realized that no one wanted to be there on Christmas — not the patients, not the families and not the caregivers.

So the next year, Kuck got about 40 volunteers together and they walked through the hospital, singing carols and giving small presents to

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This week kids from Wee The People Pre-K in Sanford were asked:

"What are you thankful for?"

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"For my teachers, the animals, games, for everything."
— Michai, age 5



"For my brother and Hoppy my bird, he's like my little brother."
— Abbigail, age 4



"For being nice to everyone, my sister and Danger, my dog."
— Madison, age 5



"I don't know, maybe for everything."
— Saunti, age 4



"For my dog, Elmo, my new school and my smile."
— Adam, age 4

Cinema

A showcase of this week's releases, and a look ahead to upcoming movies.

Coming Dec. 18



Photo courtesy Columbia Pictures

'Did you Hear About the Morgans?'

Coming Dec. 25



Photo courtesy Warner Bros.

'Sherlock Holmes'

Coming Jan. 8



Photo courtesy Dimensions

'Youth in Revolt'

'Brothers' — Opens Friday



Photo courtesy of Lionsgate

Marine Tommy Cahill is presumed dead during his tour of duty and his brother steps in to fill his place with his sibling's wife and children.

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Coming Jan. 15



Photo courtesy Lionsgate

'The Spy Next Door'

Also opening: 'Armored'



Photo courtesy Screen Gems

Guards for an armored truck company plan a risky scheme to steal a truck and the \$42 million inside.

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Coming Dec. 11



Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures

'Invictus'

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CAROLING | Ready for holidays

< continued from previous page the children.

"This last year, we had 550 people going into the hospitals in 14 caroling teams," Kuck said.

Nathaniel's Hope, Kuck's organization, is ramping up for this Christmas. Before the big day, they are asking the community to donate prepackaged snack items, Christmas cookies, big red and white candy canes and beanie babies. The deadline to drop off items is Dec. 16, and the items can be dropped off at any Walgreens, including the location at State Road 436 and Curry Ford Road.

They also need volunteer carolers and musicians on Christmas Day to bring cheer to the hospital as well as homebound children with disabilities, which over the past few years the program has been expanded to include. Last year, they paired 72 homebound children with 72 groups of carolers to sing and hand out presents. Kuck said that having a child with disabilities can be severely taxing financially, and for some families, the gifts Nathaniel's Hope gives are the only gifts the children get.

"The needs are incredible," Kuck said. "We're trying to identify the families that are the neediest and that

truly couldn't come to us to get the help they need."

Nathaniel's Hope organizes four major programs every year, including Caroling for Kids. They offer the Buddy Break program, which allows families with children with special needs to drop their child off at a church and take a break for an hour or two. They offer the Birthday VIP program, which sends various cards and letters of encouragement to children throughout the year.

Every June, Nathaniel's Hope puts on the Make 'm Smile event, which celebrates Nathaniel's birthday. This June, they had 7,000 people at the event, including 1,000 kids with special needs.

Meyer, a pastor at Calvary Assembly of God in Orlando, said that he would encourage anyone thinking about volunteering to do it. He said caroling in hospitals on Christmas has helped him to better appreciate time with his family on Christmas.

"Oh Amen," Meyer said. "I don't know that I've ever spent a night in the hospital. To think that you're there on Christmas, when it's such a family day and a day to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, you're even more thankful of what you have."



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Senior Observer

THRIVE @ 55 AND BEYOND!

Seniors on the move



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Seniors can shop and then drop off their purchases at home without needing to drive, thanks to a new shuttle service that takes them to local stores in the Winter Park area.

KRISTY VICKERY
GUEST REPORTER

The wheelchair ramp lowers to the ground ever so carefully, right in front of best friends Shirley Miller and Nilda Sosa, as they hold hands and wait together to step onto the shuttle.

"It's wonderful," Miller said.

"We've been looking forward to it for weeks."

The seniors are not waiting for a typical shuttle service; they have been awaiting the arrival of a program that has been in the making since 2008.

Shop 'n Shuttle is a low-cost pilot transportation service that provides seniors who are resi-

dents of Calvary Towers and the Plymouth Apartments door-to-door service one day per week for errands, shopping and eating out at businesses in the Winter Park area.

Scheduled stops include the Hollienna Publix, Einstein Bros. Bagels, K-Mart Plaza, Walgreens and Winter Park Village.

The shuttle's first ride began Nov. 18. It's sponsored by Senior Resource Alliance, funded and ran by the Winter Park Health Foundation, LYNX and Seniors First.

Linda Watson, chief executive officer of LYNX, said that every year LYNX gets a certain amount

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Senior Community Bulletin

Older Drivers Safety Week is Dec. 2 through 12. The Web site www.aota.org/Older-Driver/Awareness.aspx has articles on driver screenings, adaptations, and life after driving.

The Winter Park Life Long Learning Institute will host Jacqueline Rawiszer, ACC of Reform Judaism, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3 at the Winter Park Library.

Many seniors need ways to finance their dreams and are turning to reverse mortgages and life settlement because these have been largely unaffected by the recession. Online calculators like those at www.goldengateway.com are a good way to determine if they can help.

RetireSafe, a senior advocacy group, is calling on all of America's seniors to protest the massive cuts to Medicare. RetireSafe President Thair Phillips said, "the simple, uncomplicated fact the legislators are skirting is: This bill cuts Medicare by almost \$500 billion." Visit www.retiresafe.org

Claire Gaynor of Cornerstone Hospice will present a free seminar "Adult Children Caring for Their Parents" from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Orange County Library, 101 E. Central Blvd. on the third floor, Albertson Room. Lunch is provided to the first 50 people who RSVP to 407-836-7446 or officeonaging@ocfl.net.

On Dec. 2 and 3, the Senior Resource Alliance will offer a training seminar for ALF and

AFCH providers. For more information call Jean or Barbie at 407-514-1800.

The 2009 National Triad Conference is coming to Orlando on Dec. 7 through Dec. 10. Visit www.nationaltriad.org/Orlando09.

The Agency for Health Care Administration is "connecting Florida with health care information" through its easy-to-navigate Web site, www.floridahealthfinder.gov.

Elderhostel, the popular travel and life-long learning organization has changed its name to Exploritas. Exploritas offers educational tours in all 50 states and more than 90 countries. Learn more at <http://exploritas.com>.

Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/ for data on individuals receiving Social Security.

The Food & Drug Administration Web site has a consumer page with information and updates on everything from drugs, food, medicine and more; www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates.

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Create an heirloom

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

If you start now, you have time to make the best holiday gift your family has ever had.

What I have in mind is called Life Story Writing. You'll tell pieces of your life story, either written down or as an oral history on tape or video, and give it as a gift to your family.

Here's a suggestion for getting started: As quickly as you can, make a list of your life's early events, things your family might not know, jotting down a word or two to remind yourself later. Make the list as long as you can, and keep it handy because other things will come to mind as you get started.

By events, I don't necessarily mean big things. It's in the small, everyday life occurrences you'll find the greatest value.

If you have a computer, use that. Copy the files onto CDs.

If you have a tape recorder, use that to record your stories. Tapes can be duplicated.

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if that is easiest for you.

Still don't know how to start? Here are some ideas to get you going.

"I learned a hard lesson when ..."

"One thing I never told my parents was ..."

"The best day of my childhood was ..."

"The first car I ever had was ..."

"My first job was ..."

"I got caught doing ..."

The more details, the better.

Even the smallest descriptive detail can make your story come alive.

If telling your life story is something you'd like to do, but you want help with it, ask among your friends who has a camcorder or who can transcribe what you write.

Don't believe that your story has no value. It does! Chances are your family will want more chapters! Consider this as chapter one in a family heirloom.

Matilda Charles regrets that she cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into her column whenever possible. Write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to columnreply@gmail.com.

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GI Bill backlog leaves vets in lurch

VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

With the economy being in the shape it's in, a record number of people have decided to sit it out — and go back to school. Veterans are a healthy portion of that number.

The new GI Bill, with its cash benefit, is a good impetus for veterans to enroll.

The problem? Getting the money. The Department of Veterans Affairs didn't expect to be so swamped with education claims.

Recently, the delays in getting the funds out were so long that the VA came up with a way for veterans to get their checks pronto: Appear in person at the closest regional office, and a check would be cut while you wait. I imagine the VA hoped that would take care of the backlog and get things back on the right track.

Well, it didn't. Unfortunately,

that payment at the regional office was a one-time deal. If you've done it once, you can't do it again.

Now the solution, it says, is to hire an outside contractor.

Don't those two words — outside contractor — just send a shiver down your spine?

It's said that the outside contractors will weed through the backlog by doing enrollment certification. VA personnel will actually make the claims decisions. At this point, the VA has put out a solicitation for a contractor to handle the work.

Bottom line: If you're stuck in this no-check scenario, don't give up. Stay in school. Talk to the people in the appropriate department and see if you can make arrangements to pay your tuition later. Maybe you can take out a school loan for expenses and pay it off when the checks come in. Just don't quit. These education benefits are yours. You've earned them.

Write to Freddy Groves in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to columnreply@gmail.com.

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SHUTTLE | Cultural events could be added

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of federal funds through Federal Transit Administration New Freedom Program.

"We have a very cooperative relationship with Seniors First and the Winter Park Health Foundation," Watson said. "It's one of many, many programs — we probably fund about a dozen or more agencies that can do services like this."

Cathy Edwards, chief operating officer for Seniors First, said they are very excited to be part of such a wonderful partnership.

"Because Seniors First is such a large nonprofit in Central Florida that serves seniors, it just makes sense," Edwards said. "So it was just a natural partnership to come together and see whether we would be able to participate."

Marsha Lorenz, CEO of Seniors First, said they are also getting a lot of positive

feedback from participating seniors.

"One resident ran up to me and told me, 'I have been waiting for this day,'" Lorenz said. "It just makes all the difference in the world for them to be able to go out and do things."

Calvary resident Rita Stanton said she believes the shuttle is an excellent idea.

"Everyone seems to be happy with it," she said. "I've talked to a couple of ladies who are just thrilled to death about it."

Although 85-year-old Stanton still drives, she said she is glad to know there is a transportation service for her when she can no longer get behind the wheel. She also said she would love to use the service if and when the project gets enough funds to expand and offer more outings to cultural events, such as museums or art exhibits.

Watson said the shuttle's

primary purpose is to offer the basics but if they receive more funding they hope to offer more trips for seniors. As the program stands now, the seniors benefit as do the businesses they visit.

"It's a win for everybody," she said.

Shuttle stops

The shuttle will run every Wednesday beginning at 10 a.m., with the first stops at Calvary Towers and Plymouth Apartments on Gay Road, and then stops at Publix, Einstein Bros. Bagels, K-Mart Plaza, Walgreens and Winter Park Village. The bus will make three runs and costs \$5. To learn more about Seniors First, or to make a donation, call 407-292-0177 or visit www.seniorsfirstinc.org.



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Maitland docs pioneer technique

KRISTY VICKERY
GUEST REPORTER

Jack Waltz never thought he would be cruising through the Caribbean to celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary two and half months after heart surgery. But a pioneering technique from some local doctors made the weeklong celebration with family and friends possible.

Maitland-based vascular surgeons Drs. Robert Winter, Manuel Perez and Kendrick Adcock were the first to perform the procedure called endovascular repair (EVAR), in Central Florida. Now they're performing hundreds of the arterial surgeries a year, taking what used to be one of the most serious heart surgeries and slashing its severity and recovery time.

At one point Waltz thought he'd be lying in bed rather than enjoying his anniversary.

"Dr. Winter advised against it at first," Waltz said. "But then after I had it done, he said go on your cruise."

He underwent a minimally invasive treatment for a deadly type of vascular disease, abdominal aortic aneurysms (AAAs), as an alternative to open heart surgery. Rather than cutting open his chest, doctors



PHOTO BY KRISTY VICKERY—THE OBSERVER for helping patients get on their feet quicker.

A group of Maitland-based doctors has slashed recovery times with a pioneering heart surgery, which has gained popularity for helping patients get on their feet quicker.

made a small incision and inserted an artificial graft to stabilize the artery and prevent it from rupturing.

Winter said they have been performing EVAR ever since it was approved by the FDA, 10 years ago, and their institute members have performed 143 just in the last year.

"This is a huge number for a single institute," he said.

Winter also said that this procedure is sometimes a much better choice for older patients because some cannot tolerate an open operation in the chest.

AAAs are the 13th leading

cause of death in those aged 55 or over, and according to the U.S. Census Bureau 17.4 percent of the population in Florida are over 65.

They occur when the body's largest artery, the aorta, bulges out. The bulge is fatal if it bursts, but can easily be treated by EVAR if detected early.

According to a new U.S. study, the rate of death for the endovascular procedure at 30 days was 0.2 percent versus 2.3 percent with open surgery.

Winter said that the mortality rate for all aortic surgery, open and endovascular, in their institute is 2.7

percent, which is about half of what is considered to be excellent on a national basis.

Perez said they have gotten a lot of positive feedback from the patients who had undergone the procedure.

"They (patients) all love it... they like being back to normal in within one month versus three months," Perez said.

Waltz is one patient who Winter remembers getting a lot of positive feedback from after the procedure.

"He went on to go on a big cruise with his family to celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary," Winter said.

"So that was particularly meaningful."

Waltz said the procedure went very smoothly and he and his family are very grateful to Winter and his team.

"It meant everything to me," Waltz said. "I'm a better man because of it."

Although Waltz is not the only one who is grateful, Winter said he is also grateful to be able to have such a huge an impact on his patients.

"It is exceptional to be able to help someone and have an impact on an entire family," he said. "That's big stuff."

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Fore! Game on!

Part of me is intrigued with the Tiger Woods jaunty line drive into a fire hydrant and part of me is not. I genuinely do not care who schtupps who, although I did Google the alleged "schtuppee," Rachel Uchitel, and found her appropriately fetching. Memo to Rachel: Wear contrasting panties when photographed in a partee mode. Didn't your sorority sisters teach you anything?!

No, what would perplex me about the whole affair, if true, would be the "why" question. Why have two babies with a woman (your wife in this case) if you are not going to be there to finish the "round," so to speak? Ah, there's the rub. Indeed.

One of my all-time-favorite sights is to be walking down Park Avenue and up ahead I spot a guy in his 50s, early 60s. He's got this "What in the hell have I done?" crazed look in his eyes as he holds the hand of his runny-nosed progeny, and beside him his new model wife pushes a pram with a crying baby. It absolutely warms the cockles of my heart. It is too funny. Best of luck, fella! Have another one! No doubt his other children are just fin-

ishing college.

Last Saturday night I was in Sanford having dinner at the German Restaurant, the Willow Tree Cafe. Lots of Oompa-pa-pa music and laughter. We then headed around the corner to The Sanford Wine Company and listened to a great, genuinely sublime singing duo (They'll be back the weekend of the 13th). In walk two couples. I'd guess the men to be in their late 50s, professionals, either doctors or lawyers. You can tell by their shoes. In can. The gals were in their 40s. Pretty. I intently watch the interactions of each couple.

One woman (no ring) is all over one of the guys. They're out dancing and she's listening ever so intently to every word "her" man utters, laughs uncontrollably at his wit and has her hands all over him. It's sweet. It is.

I turn to the barkeep — who's been slyly watching the same show — and say, "Well, it's obvious they haven't been married 10 years," and we both knowingly "Ha! Ha! Ha!" laugh. No wife, no woman finds her man "that" amusing given enough time. Sigh.

I've repeatedly read that the seven-year-itch is really

closer to a four-year-itch — that we evolved with the need for the male to stick around at least that long to ensure the survivability of any offspring. If the seven-year-itch is accurate, I'd venture two children have been born of that relationship. Statistically speaking.

If I were to give marriage counseling — and that, in and of itself, is hysterically funny, regardless — I'd give women two pieces of unsolicited advice regarding how to achieve a long-term relationship. My advice to men would be much more lengthy and nuanced.

To women, I offer two things for a long(er) relationship: Laughter and fun. There is no real way to get around it. Life is genuinely sorrowful. It comes at you relentlessly, by the wheelbarrow load. How do you counteract that?

Aside: I am going to write an essay on what percentage of our daily life we should be happy. Happy 50 percent of the time? 75 percent? 40 percent? 25 percent? Happiness, as a daily (hourly) pursuit, is a relatively recent phenomenon. Our ancestors did not necessarily "feel" that was life's goal. But what the hell did they know?

So all around us, all of the time, relatives are dying, cousins are getting breast cancer, nephews are shipped off to Afghanistan, children are deconstructing, jobs are lost, homes in foreclosure, failing businesses, divorcing neighbors, parents are becoming sponge-brained shells of their former selves and are now moving into the bedroom just vacated by your college-bound child, the

chickens ain't laying, the milk has soured and the roof leaks. And that, perhaps, is a good day. And that doesn't even begin to touch on an environment that should have us all weeping, a government out of touch with reality and the infinite tragedy of an America at war all the time, forever. Sigh.

Men, shallow creatures that we are, are easily (genetically?) distracted by the shiny new bauble that sparkles and shines and sits dewy-eyed enthralled by the mush that spews forth from our mouths. So sad but true, ladies. Men, perhaps more than women, require fresh ears to give them their validity — that our meager lives amount to something more than "He was born, he bred and he died." Ha! Ha! He! He!

And laughter, when all is said and done, is just the tonic for the human condition. Irony makes me laugh, caustic S.O.B. that I am. Yet irony is but one "type" of humor. I like it all. Infantile, middle school boy humor that centers on bodily functions, noises and secretions. You bet. Ethnic humor. Humor that takes a stereotype and turns it on its ear. Slapstick humor. Sexual humor. Mmm-Mmm Good! Puns. Wordplays. I don't even so much mind when I'm the butt of the humor (Gawd only knows I so deserve it at times). Sheer goofiness. Un-huh. Irreverence. Nearly my favorite. Humor that sees the precariousness of the human condition and laughs at it. Humor that deflates the pompous, inflates the vulnerable and conflates what it means to be human, to be alive. I

love a woman who sees the humor in life and that the joke, perhaps, is on all of us.

Tiger is in the "rough," to employ an overused golf analogy. And the world is all atwitter about this and that as it pertains to his life and marriage. And part of me says, "Are you kidding? Obama is getting ready to drive America farther into the ditch, into the morass called Afghanistan, and we're focusing on whether Tiger has his driver out, swinging away on an, uh, unsanctioned, uh, hazard?"

But then I'm reminded of the time when Arnold Palmer and his wife were on the Johnny Carson TV show and Johnny asked Mrs. Palmer if they had any pre-tournament rituals for luck? Mrs. Palmer said yes, she "kissed Arnie's balls for luck?"

Quicker than lightning, Johnny said, "I'll bet that keeps his putter up." Evidently, the Mrs. didn't see the humor. Ladies: please see earlier paragraphs on the importance of laughter.

All I know is if the "typical" man, while hurriedly exiting his home, crashes into a fire hydrant at 2:25 a.m., and the wife — within mere seconds — is out with a nine iron clubbing out the back window, we cannot automatically assume it is to rescue the poor fool. We only have her word, after all, that he was knocked out, bloodied from the actual car accident. Fore! Game on!

TALK TO JEPSON

Chris Jepson's opinions are made independently of the newspaper. Write him at jepson@MEDIAMerica.us.

Letters to the Editor

Dockery, city owed apology
Mayor Bradley once again not only disgraced himself, but went further this time to disgrace the city. We did not sign on for this. His behavior toward state Sen. Paula Dockery at the Nov. 23 City Commission meeting in which she spoke was reprehensible and abhorrent.

I have long enough held the opinion that Bradley's ego is way too large for this little town, and that he clearly does not have the temperament to be its

mayor. Not to mention that he is not an effective mayor. Conciliation and respect are two characteristics distinctly bereft in his skills repertoire.

No one, and I mean no one, should sit idly by and allow this churlish behavior to continue un-redressed. Silence at a minimum condones his misconduct. Nothing short of twin apologies to Sen. Dockery and the city will suffice.

The recall petition is a coming (sung to the tune of the Wells Fargo Wagon). I will go into the streets

and joyfully sing when he is banished.

—William Shallcross
Winter Park

It's not time for SunRail

For the fourth time special interest groups are attempting to force passage of a government spending program known as SunRail. I have been a consistent opponent of commuter rail for the reasons detailed below. With massive cuts in education on the horizon, even supporters of commuter rail are saying now is not the time. I ask the taxpayers of Winter Park to contact your commissioners to let them know where you stand on commuter rail.

1. Sun Rail will move freight traffic through our community during sleeping hours. Most people think the freight traffic that comes during the day will now go through Lakeland.

But freight needs to get to Orlando, and that freight will arrive after midnight on whistle-blowing trains coming through our neighborhoods. Any transit system should not lower the quality of life for our residents.

2. SunRail will create more traffic than it alleviates. SunRail claims it will have 3,200 riders a day, some which already take buses or carpool. The reduction in car traffic will be offset by additional traffic from road closures when the train passes through each community. Time saved on Interstate 4 will be lost getting to and from I-4. Any transit system should be a net gain to commuters in terms of travel time.

3. SunRail does not have a dedicated funding source. Once the federal money stops coming in, SunRail may cost local taxpayers as much as \$100 million a year

to operate. Because of Save Our Homes, that burden will fall on small businesses who are already struggling. Any transit system needs to have a dedicated funding source preferably approved by the voters.

4. SunRail will cost local governments \$1.5 billion over the first 30 years (according to an FDOT estimate).

The special interests suggest commuter rail will promote economic development. This assumes people will want to move into new condos next to the freight tracks. The reality is commuter rail will raise taxes on every homeowner and small business in Orange County.

Please tell your elected official now is not the time for commuter rail.

—Matthew Falconer
Candidate for
Orange County mayor

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"You are entitled to your own opinions—you are not entitled to your own facts"
— Daniel Patrick Moynihan

Where oh where has my little life gone?

Some disturbing anonymous thoughts have stuck in my mind, and have become parts of my distracting search for the political whole: "So much of what I respected in my early life is today viewed as Shinola."

(I still don't know precisely what George W. *did* to so infuriate American voters that they paid us back with the madcap wild-spending Barack Obama.)

We've come to learn there are Americans among us who hate the U.S.A. Spending is the way to make us a Third World country *fast*.

Here we are on the George Soros Limited headed for membership in a degrading world government. There is a catastrophe waiting for us around every bend while most folks

are simply looking out the windows.

We are reducing ourselves crazily into bankruptcy, in a never-before-seen orgy of spending.

Obama told us to judge his administration by evaluating the people surrounding him, in this cleanest of all possible administrations.

Mr. Obama has filled most of his salaried appointments with an entourage of folks from South Chicago.

These Obama-sycophants all seem to have studied their catechism with Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels and Saul Alinsky — what a faculty!

I come away thinking that these guys are maybe some vestigial branch of the Al Capone finishing school. Perhaps the one thing these ex-Chicagoans share is their common Marxist origins.

Mr. Obama — a former Chicago community organizer — has been president for about a year.

I am still waiting patiently for his first crystal-clear pronouncement of truth.

When will he keep *one* of the vast or half-vast promises that are spurring us on our footloose gambol to the poor house?

I should think it would take a certain kind of guts to stand up in front of the world and reel-off nonstop prevarications!

By now, do *I* believe what the president says? Do you?

I get the feeling that those who voted for Obama are reeling from the shock of having to face the entirety of the man.

Those of us who have long lived comfortably with our Constitution and "way of life" are a bit fidgety as

the cold wind of "change" blows down our necks.

It's quite a jarring thing when the proud *finesses* of our American civilization are rudely uprooted and dumped, in one fell swoop.

Obama and his gang are shamelessly "revamping" the *fundamental* ideals of the American Constitution!

The president's equivocations, if unchallenged, are an endangerment to those principles that are the backbone of our democracy. Meanwhile, we are spending ourselves into oblivion.

We did want "change," didn't we?

But "change" *a la* Obama?

The riches enjoyed by human beings on this Earth come in many different forms.

Material wealth gets most of the attention in our mundane lives.

Wealth of heart and spirit are riches far more important, but are often valued far less.

Reputation itself is something of immense value: "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold."

Does material wealth make one nicer or smarter? Does it enhance one's character?

It is said that a rich man has about the same chance of getting into heaven as a camel does in walking through the eye of a needle.

Most camels are too smart to try such a sappy stunt!

An old saying goes, "It's hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven, but it's easy for him to get on the board of trustees." — Anonymous

"Wealth is what gives you the right to preach about the virtues of poverty," said someone who probably knew little about either.

With Barack Obama's folks in power, there's a lot of talk about "sharing the wealth" these days. The socialistic nature of our present White House is well-documented.

When you look at all the fine people in this great land, are you happy to contemplate those chosen to sit at the top?

When "sharers" like Barack get through, don't be surprised if no one else has anything.

You can joke all you want about "sharing the wealth," but in the Bible, the locusts were probably the politicians of today, and when they get finished, there ain't usually much meat on the bone left to share.

When you put your hand in your pocket on April 15, you find another hand already there—the IRS'.

"The Scriptures may have first taught us about the futility of riches, but it took an income tax man to drive the lesson home." — Anonymous

Have you ever tried to spend your "wealth of experience"?

It doesn't even pay interest!

Where are the snowy Alps of yesteryear, where the eagles and trumpets lie buried?

The road back will be a tough climb for high-minded conservative thinkers who know that our country has *lost* qualities without which all of us are poorer. Even more important, we have lost our *way*.

I can think of no time

in my life when the federal government of the U.S. has seemed so lacking in direction, in strong morality, in good will, and in inspiration.

I believe that the great poet T.S. Eliot could have been thinking of us and our time when he wrote "The Waste Land."

The word "conservative" has overtones embodying concepts that are social, intellectual, political and personal, however there are people who call themselves "conservatives" who don't know exactly what they mean.

The kind of people who "serve" the public in all government capacities will determine very much the kind of lives we enjoy. Barack Obama himself has expressed a like opinion.

Obama's choices for his staff and advisers have already changed — even debauched — the mental, physical and spiritual environment in which we Americans now live and think.

Late in my lifetime, secondary education has been rudely jerked away from old American principles and crammed into an armature of Marxist dimensions.

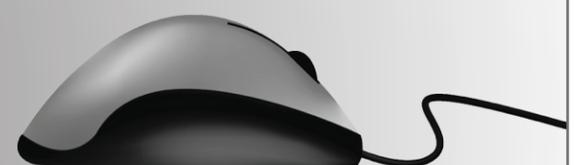
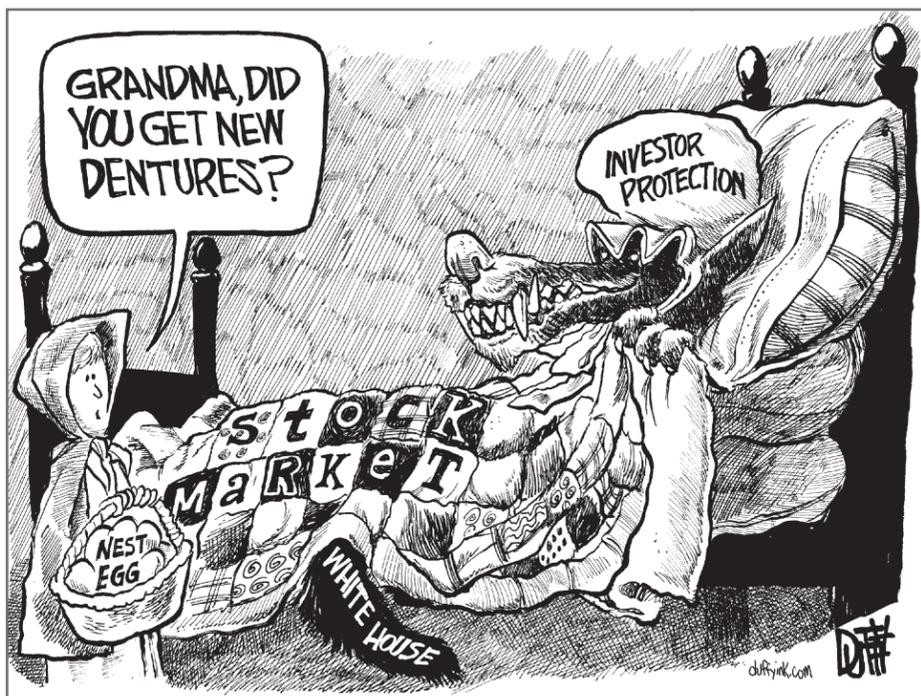
The historic feeling that ordinary students and teachers alike have expressed in thanks toward our Founding Fathers has been systematically downgraded, laughed at, and finally spat on as "worthless."

American kids are still in American classrooms.

But where is Old Glory — the flag we hailed each day in *our* schooldays?

Where *are* the eagles and the trumpets of yesteryear, and what has taken their place?

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE No. 2008CA008592-14-K
 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS CWALT, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-86CB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-86CB.,
 PLAINTIFF,
 VS.
 PATRICK NAVE, ET AL.
 DEFENDANT(S).
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 13, 2009 in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Seminole, Florida, on January 14, 2010, at 11:00 AM, at Room S201 of Seminole County Courthouse - 301 N. Park Ave., Sanford, FL 32771 for the following described property:

CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. 205, SANDY COVE, A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF AND EXHIBITS THERETO, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1310, PAGE 1344, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, ALSO RECORDED IN THE PLAT BOOK 24, PAGES 86 THROUGH 91, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN AND TO THE CONDOMINIUM ELEMENTS APPURTENANT TO SAID UNIT.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.
 Dated November 16, 2009

MARYANNE MORSE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By Selene Worley
 Deputy Clerk of the Court

Prepared by:
 Gladstone Law Group, P.A.
 101 Plaza Real South, Suite 217
 Boca Raton, FL 33432

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at The Seminole Civil Courthouse, 301 N. Park Avenue, Suite 301, Sanford, FL 32771-1292, (407) 665-4227 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 or 711.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
 File No. 2009-CP-001020-0
 IN RE: ESTATE OF RAY E. WARE
 Aka Ray Elizabeth Ware
 Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of Ray E. Ware, deceased, whose date of death was April 28, 2009, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-8345, file number 2009-CP-001020-0, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 310, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this notice is Nov. 26, 2009.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE No. 2009CA003075
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST 2005-4, MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, 2005-4,
 PLAINTIFF,
 VS.
 TONY WILLIAMS, ET AL.
 DEFENDANT(S).
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 18, 2009 in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Seminole, Florida, on Jan. 19, 2010, at 11:00 AM, at Room S201 of Seminole County Courthouse - 301 N. Park Ave., Sanford, FL 32771 for the following described property:

LOT 26, HEATHROW WOODS PHASE II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 51, PAGE 84, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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 Dated Nov. 23, 2009

MARYANNE MORSE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By Lisa S. Hockenhill
 Deputy Clerk of the Court

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 Administrative Order No. 08-01
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE No.: 09-CA-13321
 WATERFORD LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.,
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 GAVIN GORDON, THE CREST AT WATERFORD LAKES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE, as unknown tenants,
 Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
 To: GAVIN GORDON
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a lien on the following described property in Orange County, Florida:

Unit 511, Building 5, THE CREST AT WATERFORD LAKES, a Condominium, according to the Declaration thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 8170, at Page(s) 1746, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, together with an undivided interest in the common elements appurtenant thereto

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Matt G. Firestone, Esq., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is POHL & SHORT, P.A., 280 W. Canton Avenue, Suite 410, Post Office Box 3208, Winter Park, Florida 32790, on or before 30 days after date of first publication, 2009, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.
 DATED this 19th day of November, 2009.

LYDIA GARDNER
 CLERK OF COURTS
 By: KERRY BRICKNER
 CIVIL COURT SEAL
 As Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration, at 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801, telephone (407) 836-2303, not later than two (2) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.
 11/26, 12/3

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 Case No.: 2009-CA-018618-0
 Division: 32A

TRUSTCO BANK,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 RICHARD E. RUIZ; MARIA I. RUIZ; and AQUA FINANCE, INC., a Florida Corporation,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of January, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 350 of the Courthouse of Orange County, Florida, 425 S. Orange Avenue, Orlando FL 32801, the undersigned Clerk will offer for sale the following described real property:
 LOT 18, ROYAL MANOR ESTATES, PHASE FOUR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 21 PAGES 13-14, PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 The aforesaid sale will be made pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-018618-0; Div. 32A, now pending in the Circuit Court in Orange County, Florida.
 In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration at 37 North Orange Avenue, Suite 1130, Orlando, Florida 32801, telephone number 407/836-2050, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.
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 Dated this 12th day of November, 2009.

By: Eric Jontz
 JEFFRY R. JONTZ
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE IN TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS FOR AMERICQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2006-R2, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-R2, PLAINTIFF,
 VS.
 JENNIFER R. ASARO, ET AL.
 DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 13, 2009 in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Seminole, Florida, on January 14, 2010, at 11:00 AM, at Room S201 of Courthouse - 301 N. Park Ave., Sanford, FL 32771 for the following described property:

That certain Condominium parcel known as Unit No. 2933, LAKE LOTUS CLUB III, A CONDOMINIUM, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 31, Pages 33 through 37, inclusive of the Public Records of Seminole County, Florida, and the undivided interest in the common elements and common expenses appurtenant to said unit, all in accordance with and subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, terms and other provisions of the Declaration of Condominium of Lake Lotus Club III, a Condominium, as contained in Official Records Book 1595, Page 1732 through 1774, and any amendments thereto, of the Public Records of Seminole County, Florida

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.
 Dated November 16, 2009

MARYANNE MORSE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By Selene Worley
 Deputy Clerk of the Court

Prepared by:
 Gladstone Law Group, P.A.
 101 Plaza Real South, Suite 217
 Boca Raton, FL 33432

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at The Seminole Civil Courthouse, 301 N. Park Avenue, Suite 301, Sanford, FL 32771-1292, (407) 665-4227 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 or 711.
 11/26, 12/3

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE No. 59-2009-CA-005690

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF AUGUST 1, 2007, GSAMP TRUST 2007-HSBC1,
 PLAINTIFF,
 VS.
 CHRISTOPHER GLOCK A/K/A CHRISTOPHER A. GLOCK, ET AL.
 DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 18, 2009 in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Seminole, Florida, on Jan. 19, 2010, at 11:00 AM, at Room S201 of Seminole County Courthouse - 301 N. Park Ave., Sanford, FL 32771 for the following described property:

LOT 14, IN BLOCK 11, OF TOWNSITE OF NORTH CHULUOTA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, AT PAGE(S) 54 THROUGH 58, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.
 Dated November 24, 2009

MARYANNE MORSE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By Lisa S. Hockenhill
 Deputy Clerk of the Court

Prepared by:
 Gladstone Law Group, P.A.
 101 Plaza Real South, Suite 217
 Boca Raton, FL 33432

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990
 Administrative Order No. 08-01

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 12/3, 12/10

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 Case No. 2009-CA-010880-0; Division 32A
 TRUSTCO BANK,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ETÖNNE DUPRAS; and ERNSLINE DUPRAS,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of January, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 350 of the Courthouse of Orange County, Florida, 425 S. Orange Avenue, Orlando FL 32801, the undersigned Clerk will offer for sale the following described real property:
 LOT 37, MAGELLAN CROSSING, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 33, PAGE 10, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 The aforesaid sale will be made pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-010880-0; Division 32A, now pending in the Circuit Court in Orange County, Florida.
 In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration at 37 North Orange Avenue, Suite 1130, Orlando, Florida 32801, telephone number 407/836-2050, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.
 Dated this 19th day of November, 2009.

By: Eric Jontz
 Attorney

JEFFRY R. JONTZ
 Florida Bar No. 133990
 ERIC B. JONTZ
 Florida Bar No. 64905
 SWANN & HADLEY, P.A.
 Post Office Box 1961
 Winter Park, Florida 32790
 Telephone: (407) 647-2777
 Facsimile: (407) 647-2157
 12/3, 12/10

Attorneys for Plaintiff

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
 File No. 2009 CP-2295-0

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY K. STEBBINS
 Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of Mary K. Stebbins, deceased, whose date of death was September 13, 2009, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-7541, file number 2009 CP-2295-0, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 310, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this notice is Dec. 3, 2009.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
 Daniel M. Hunter
 Florida Bar No. 038132
 Hunter & Marchman, P.A.
 1330 Palmetto Avenue
 Winter Park, FL 32789
 Telephone: (407) 647-6900

Personal Representative:
 Billye Sharpless DePratter
 324 SE Pearl Terrace, Lake City, Florida 32025
 12/3, 12/10

NOTICE OF SALE MOTOR VEHICLE PURSUANT TO F.S. 715.109(5) (6)
 To: CHRICLOPHE BLANC / former tenant. You are hereby informed the following described vehicle will be sold in Public Auction for cash to the highest bidder. 1992 FLEETWOOD BOUNDER VIN: 1G8-KP37N9M3313421. Vehicle location: 180 HOPE STREET LONGWOOD, FL on December 14, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
 11/26, 12/3

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 2009-DR-12674
 Div. 31

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF
 YVA MUTISYA,
 Petitioner,
 and
 JOSEPH MUTISYA
 Respondent,
AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
 TO: JOSEPH MUTISYA
 Last Known Address: 12852 Gettysburg Circle
 Orlando, Florida 32837

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed against you and the Petitioner seeks an award of that certain property owned by you and the Petitioner, YVA MUTISYA, as tenants by the entirety, located at 1266 Epson Oaks Way, Orlando, Florida 32837, in Orange County, Florida, and more particularly described as:
 Lot 135, SOUTHCHASE PHASE 1A PARCELS 14 AND 15, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 40, pages 132 through 138, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida.

Petitioner is claiming special equity in the aforementioned property and seeks sole and exclusive use, title and possession of said property due to alleged special equity in same as lump sum alimony. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on NICOLE M. BURNS, ESQ., Attorney for Petitioner, whose address is 705 W. Emmett Street, P.O. Drawer 422084, Kissimmee, FL 34742-2084, on or before January 7, 2010, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at Domestic Relations Division, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801, before service on Petitioner of immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
 Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice Of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law form 12.915). Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.
WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules Of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
 Dated: 11/25/09

LYDIA GARDNER
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 BY: KAREN M. SMITH
 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
 Deputy Clerk
 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 2007-CA-007985-0
 Division 33

ANTICA DEVELOPMENT, LLC,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 VINOOD MINOO AND ROMA MINOO,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 29th day of December, 2009, at 11:00 a.m., at room 350 of the Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801, the Clerk of Court will offer for sale the real estate described as follows:

Lot 2, Sawmill Summit, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 54, Page 58, Public Records of Orange County, Florida
 6832 Mill Stream Road, Ocoee, FL 34761

together with all structures, improvements, fixtures, and appurtenances on said land or used in conjunction therewith.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

The aforesaid sale will be made pursuant to a Final Judgment entered in this cause on October 14, 2009.
 DATED this 30th day of November, 2009

/s/James C. Washburn
 James C. Washburn, Esq.
 Florida Bar No.: 0138800
 Pohl & Short, P.A.
 280 W. Canton Avenue, Suite 410
 Post Office Box 3208
 Winter Park, Florida 32789
 Telephone (407) 647-7645
 Washburn@pohlshort.com
 Counsel for Plaintiff

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 2130, Orlando, Florida 32801, telephone (407)836-2303, within 2 working days of your receipt of this Summons; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call: 1-800-955-8770.
 12/3, 12/10

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 2009-CP-1904

IN RE: ESTATE OF
 CARL E. HARMS,
 Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of CARL E. HARMS, deceased, whose date of death was August 9, 2009, file 2009-CP-1904, is pending in the Circuit Court for Seminole County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 301 North Park Avenue, Sanford, FL 32771. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice has been served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LAST OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this notice is: Nov. 26, 2009.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
 DOUGALD B. LEITCH, ESQUIRE
 FLORIDA BAR NUMBER: 312908
 Mahaffey & Leitch
 2461 West State Road 426, Suite 1001
 Oviedo, FL 32765
 (407) 894-2081

Personal Representative:
 Shirleen K. Harms
 1281 North Division Street
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held by the City Commission of the City of Winter Park, Florida, on Monday, December 14, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 401 Park Avenue, South, to consider the following:
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2730-08 TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE ESTABLISHED IN SECTION TWO B ONE YEAR.
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF WINTER PARK PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK AT THE REGULAR CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD MARCH 9, 2010; PROVIDING BALLOT TITLES, SUMMARIES AND TEXT FOR THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE CALL OF A REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTION TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE APPROVED AMENDMENTS.
 PLEASE NOTE: This hearing will be held at 5:01 p.m. or soon thereafter
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workforce job listings continued

Sub Sandwich Manager
Job Description: Responsible for and accountable for all restaurant operations and profitability. Establishes/maintains outstanding guest service and oversees all restaurant operations to ensure maximum sales and profitability through marketing, inventory, expense control, human resource management, and managing operating costs. Work days and hours may vary. Pay Rate: \$10.00 per hour Job Order Number: 9442810

Manufacturing Engineering Manager
Job Description: Responsible for assisting in management of business unit by participation on management team. Assists in preparation of annual/multi-year business plan and supports business plan. Ensures performance plan and development plan are in place for direct reports. Coaches, develops, and provides feedback to direct reports. Work Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm. Pay Rate: \$75,000.00-\$100,000.00 per year Job Order Number: 9430339

Housekeeping Room Attendant
Job Description: Responsible for cleaning guest rooms and assisting with any guest requests. Work 11:00am-7:30pm or 12:00pm-8:30pm. Pay Rate: \$9.00 per hour Job Order Number: 9442156

Security Officer
Job Description: Responsible for conducting patrol, roving patrol, and/or standing guard as instructed. Serves as general security presence and visible deterrent to crime and client business rule infractions and violations. Detects suspicious activities and watches for criminal acts/activities at or near assigned post which may be a threat to the business, property, clients, employees, visitors and others alike visiting and or entering the business or area to be secured. Work days and hours may vary. Pay Rate: \$10.00-\$12.00 per hour Job Order Number: 9443468

Fab Process Technician
Job Description: Responsible for providing technical support for temperature compensated surface acoustic wave (TC-SAW) development lots. Work days and hours may vary. Pay Rate: \$30,470.00 per year Job Order Number: 9440728

workforce job listings continued

Commercial Truck Tire Technician
Job Description: Responsible for performing commercial truck tire maintenance including tire repair and rotation. Provides on-call service to customers and rotate tires to different positions of automobiles, buses, trucks, and other vehicles using pneumatic and/or hand tools. Seals punctures in tubeless and tube tires by inserting adhesive material and/or expanding rubber plugs into punctures. Work days and hours may vary. Pay Rate: \$10.00 per hour Job Order Number: 9443085

Cabinet Shop Supervisor
Job Description: Responsible for planning, directing, and adjusting as necessary production activities and managing to meet scheduling requirements. Revises production schedules and priorities as result of equipment failure or operating problems and ensures departments to follow standard work procedures. Work Monday-Thursday, 6:00am-4:30pm. Pay Rate: Salary based upon experience Job Order Number: 9442592

Receptionist
Job Description: Responsible for handling a multi line telephone system, assisting agents and walk in customers, inputting data, correspondence and performing general office duties. Work days and hours may vary. Pay Rate: \$7.25 per hour Job Order Number: 9444581

Construction Laborer
Job Description: Responsible for performing manual labor duties as related to pipe laying, water service, fire hydrant installation, and water meter sets/exchanges. Performs small diameter size wet and dry taps for service connection, sets up push rod machine for installing pipe under paved road, and trains in testing and repair of all sizes of meters. Work Monday-Friday, 6:30am-3:00pm. Pay Rate: \$12.00-\$13.50 per hour Job Order Number: 9444302

Communications Technician
Job Description: Responsible for installing and servicing products to commercial and residential customers while adhering to procedures and safe work practices. Installs, inspects, and troubleshoots existing pole, ground or indoor cable connections and equipment. Work 8:00am-7:00pm, days may vary. Pay Rate: \$11.50 per hour Job Order Number: 9441887

workforce job listings continued

Housekeeping Utility (House Person)
Job Description: Responsible for maintaining all corridors, stairwells, and closets. Assists room attendants with stocking housekeeping carts, emptying trash, and deep cleaning rooms. Assists with guests' requests for extra supplies promptly. Work 1:00pm-9:30pm, days may vary. Pay Rate: \$9.00 per hour Job Order Number: 9442158

Office Assistant
Job Description: Responsible for handling of escrow deposits and account receivables/payables. Prepares letters to customers and manages listings/closings. Work days and hours may vary. Pay Rate: \$7.25 per hour Job Order Number: 9437127

Answers

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King Crossword

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Answer
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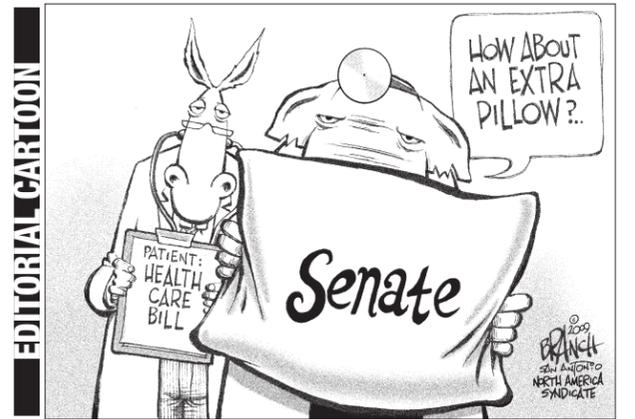
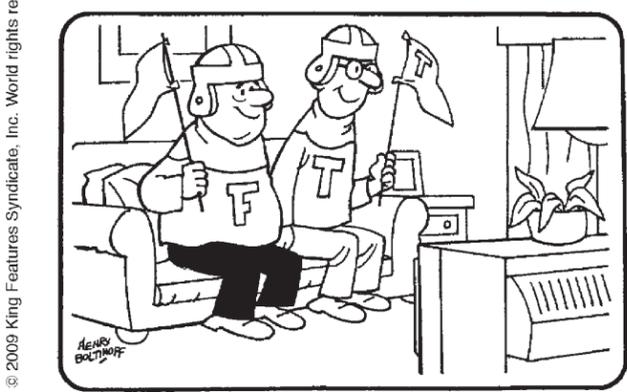
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Letter on flag is missing. 2. Mustache is gone. 3. Vase is missing. 4. Drawer knob has been added. 5. Letter on shirt is different. 6. Plant has fewer leaves.



King Crossword

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| 1 Some time | 36 Cut corners | 1 Tummy muscles | 22 Swindle |
| 4 Aesopian story | 38 Talk and talk and talk | 2 Sticky stuff | 23 Reliability |
| 9 Bribe | 40 The Red or the Black | 3 Pussycat's partner | 27 Showbiz job |
| 12 Violinist's need | 41 Dweeby type | 4 Up against | 29 Genealogy chart |
| 13 Forcefully | 43 Tenant | 5 1839 mutiny site | 30 Calendar quota |
| 14 Mine output | 45 Maine city | 6 Slugger's prop | 32 Urban blight |
| 15 Lawyer, in the U.K. | 47 Heavy weight | 7 They have their pride | 34 007's quaff |
| 17 Confederacy leader | 48 Previous night | 8 Sign up | 37 "Cheers" |
| 18 Opposite of "trans-" | 49 Card game for recluses? | 9 "Only the self exists" theory | 39 Started a computer |
| 19 Idea | 54 In medias | 10 Sandwich cookie | 42 Danish money |
| 21 Missing | 55 Foolish | 11 Hammerhead part | 44 - rampage |
| 24 Hit with an open hand | 56 Conventional | 16 Capades locale | 45 Shoulder of a road |
| 25 Brazilian resort | 57 Wife's address | 20 Lacking slack | 46 State with certainty |
| 26 Joke | 58 Lukewarm | | 50 Stander's loss |
| 28 Lascivious | 59 Homer's neighbor | | 51 Hostel |
| 31 Right angles | Flanders | | 52 Regret |
| 33 Poorly lit | | | 53 This clue's place, aptly enough |

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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From the
Corner Table
Restaurant Reviews by
Josh Garrick



One of the greatest meals of my life — really!

If you have not yet experienced the tastes, the ambience and the “fun” of Cuba Libre Restaurant and Rum Bar at Pointe Orlando on International Drive, now is the time to go. They are currently offering a menu called “15 Tastes of Cuba.” I went, I saw, I tasted and am more than happy to report

that the meal is truly one of the greatest meals I’ve ever had the good fortune to experience.

Spoiler Alert: At first you cannot believe you will have placed before you all 15 taste-sensations on the menu, but once that is explained, you simply sit back and allow the luxury

of food — and more food — to be brought to you in perfectly portioned servings, so that the evening becomes one great tastings sensation. And it is even more exciting (yes, exciting) to realize how wonderful certain foods are that you might never order, but you can say, “OK, it’s here, so let’s try it.” That was the case for my dinner guest and me with mustard greens, a vegetable on the menu. I had never tasted this particular vegetable, but it was so wonderful that I immediately added it to my Thanksgiving menu.

The décor of the two-story, 20,000-square-foot restaurant transports its guests to Havana, Cuba, with the kind of amazing decor we do so well here in Orlando. In an environment that recreates buildings and courtyards of old Havana, the interior is an

inviting tropical ambience of vibrant colors, exotic foliage, Latin rhythms and servers dressed in guayabera uniforms. Our server — Christopher — deserves special mention for providing nothing less than perfect service. He was knowledgeable about every menu item and checked with us just often enough to be sure that the food and drinks arrived with perfect timing. Of the appetizers, the pork ribs in a guava barbecue sauce was more than worthy of the “award-winning” part of its name. Of the entrees, the sugarcane-skewered jumbo shrimp and the “suntanned” salmon were clear winners. I also have to throw in a personal vote for the pineapple-flavored mojito, a surprise taste sensation.

The menu is the creation of James Beard Award-Winning Chef Guillermo

Pernot who mixed the traditional Cuban beef, poultry, pork and seafood dishes with contemporary tropical fruits, root vegetables, herbs and seasonings. And the amazing thing is you taste some of each of those offerings in the “15 Tastes” menu! Pernot has a special commitment and personal connection to Cuba, as his wife’s great-great-grandfather was once president of Cuba. For reservations to the Cuba Libre Restaurant & Rum Bar, please call 407-226-1600 or visit www.CubaLibreRestaurant.com.

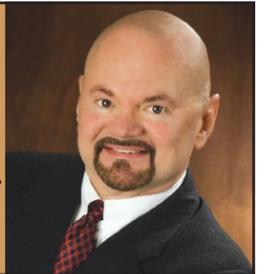
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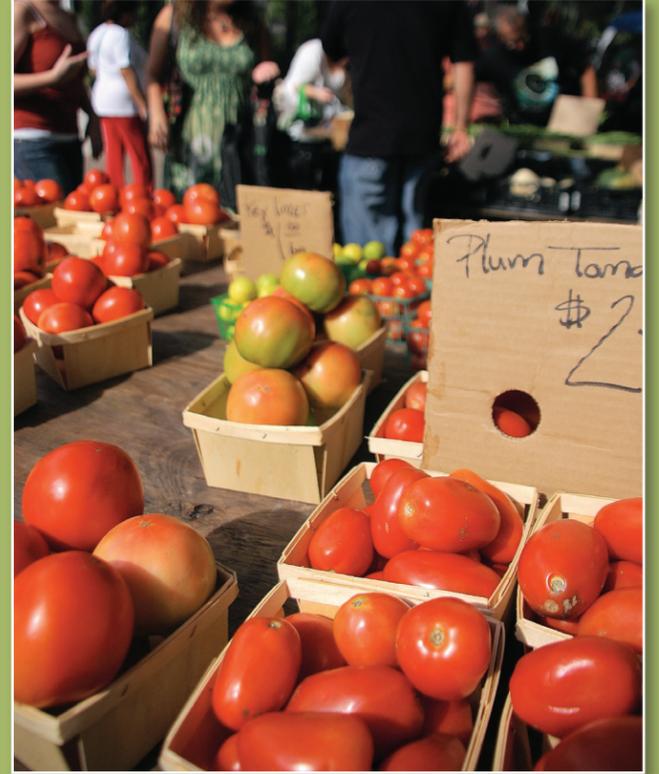
Lake Lily Park



Shots added to market lineup

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