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NYPD Pizza will open across from Walgreens, which has refused to allow cross access with the plaza to increase traffic.

A new restaurant opens next month amid visibility struggle

ABRAHAM ABORAYA
GUEST REPORTER

General Manager Cesar Otero sits in a makeshift office, talking over the sound of construction workers framing extra metal around the kitchen what will soon be NYPD Pizza.

The restaurant is scheduled to open next month in the Shoppes of Maitland, at the corner of U.S. Highway 17-92 and Ventris Avenue, in the former home of Shane's Rib Shack.

It's been more than eight months since the developer of Shoppes of Maitland told the Maitland City Council that he wasn't getting anywhere in negotiating a cross access with the neigh-

boring Walgreens. The city tried to help but hit a brick wall.

Attempts to reach the owner of Walgreens were unsuccessful.

The Walgreens access would have made it easier for traffic to get in and out of the tight plaza, increasing tenant visibility and bettering the chances of getting tenants in the second story of the building.

Plaza owner Chuck Whittall of Unicorp National Developments had to pay \$120,000 to the city because he couldn't reach an agreement with Walgreens to build the cross access.

That money was supposed to be used by the city

to negotiate and build the cross access, but that process has come to an end, said Dick Wells, Maitland's community development director. They sent a letter to the owner of Walgreens, whose attorney sent them a letter back telling them to never contact them on that subject.

The only way the city would be able to proceed would be to go through a complicated eminent domain process to get the land and build it themselves, something the city isn't willing to do.

"Brick wall," Wells said. "Barring a complete change of heart on the property

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City races shape up

JENNY ANDREASSON AND ISAAC BABCOCK
OBSERVER STAFF

Four seats are up for grabs on the Winter Park City Commission and Maitland City Council on March 9. Next month, the Observer will present in-depth interviews with all of the candidates. Here's a quick look at the folks vying for these seats:

Winter Park

Four candidates will vie for two City Commission seats in Winter Park this March. All had announced their candidacy by the end of last year, though the official qualifying week ended Jan. 5.

All will be running for seats vacated by first-term Commissioners.

Karen Diebel, at Seat 3, is running for the Republican nomination to challenge U.S. Rep. Suzanne Kosmas, and Diebel will vacate her seat at the end of her term.



Cooper

Outspoken activist and board member Carolyn Cooper, and construction company owner David Lamm are running for Diebel's seat.

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City lays out goals

Despite downturn, Winter Park points to milestones in 2010

ABRAHAM ABORAYA
GUEST REPORTER

Before Winter Park Mayor Ken Bradley took the podium to give the annual State of the City address on Jan. 13, the sounds of Petula Clark's 1965 hit "Downtown" echoed throughout

the Civic Center.

A 20-foot-tall screen splashed video of Park Avenue and Winter Park's downtown area. It was, as Clark noted in the song, a place to "forget all your troubles, forget all your cares".

"Our infrastructure is

strong; our utilities are reliable; our finances are sound," Bradley said during his 17-minute speech at the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce luncheon. "The health of our city is in thriving condition. However, we can't think about the

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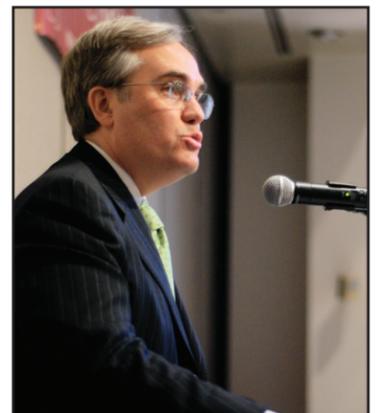


PHOTO BY ABRAHAM ABORAYA
Winter Park Mayor Ken Bradley speaks at the Jan. 13 annual State of the City.

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Cooper has acted as one of the loudest voices to keep Winter Park's growth under control, speaking out at meetings about divisive issues such as the growth and scope of downtown and Central Park, as well as the contentious commuter rail station, which she argued against being built downtown.

Maintaining the city's character has been a mantra for Cooper, who serves as an alternate on the city's planning board.

Lamm has been in the construction business for 26 years and has also served as chairman of the city's planning and zoning board and its architectural review task force. He's also a member of the Make-A-Wish Foundation board of directors.

"I'd say wanting to preserve the Winter Park lifestyle is my main goal," Lamm said. "The biggest difference is moving the philosophy away from 'no' and 'can't' and toward 'can' and 'will'. It's a philosophy of the city being able to tell the citizens what they can do and not what they can't do."

Margie Bridges, at Seat 4, will not be running for a

second term, saying that she wanted to be faithful to an early promise to only serve one term in office.

"This is a promise that I made that I wanted to keep," Bridges said.

Former Commissioner Peter Gottfried and landscape architect Tom McMacken will contend for her seat.

Gottfried served as commissioner from 1986 to 1996, and is running again on a platform of managed growth and a pro-business outlook. Having served as a commissioner in the past helps give him an edge, he said.

"The major difference is I've got experience," Gottfried said. "I helped set up the CRA, Chain of Lakes Management System, and helped get stormwater management system operational. I know what it's like to run a business in these hard times."

McMacken has made regular appearances at Commission meetings and has served as chairman of the historic preservation commission, helping maintain the city's character.

"People are passionate about politics in Winter

Park," McMacken said. "I've got at least a 50-50 chance of winning," he added, joking.

Maitland

The qualifying period for two spots on the Maitland City Council opened Monday and runs through Friday. On Monday, Councilwoman Bev Reponen said she will seek a second term, and 15-year city board member Bill Randolph said he will challenge her for Seat 3. Planning and Zoning Commissioner Howard Schieferdecker said he is running for Seat 1, which is term-limited Councilman Jeff Flowers' seat.

Councilwoman Bev Reponen moved to Maitland in 1974 and is in her first term on the City Council. In 2009, she was elected vice mayor, serving as mayor in Mayor Doug Kinson's absence.

When asked in December whether she planned to run for re-election, she said she hadn't made up her mind. On Monday, she said she was certain that she wants to serve a second term.

"The biggest thing was the support of the people... people stopped me and called me to see if I was run-

ning, and I felt they have so much confidence in me," Reponen said.

If re-elected, Reponen said she would focus on the west side revitalization, planning the pedestrian-friendly downtown including the commuter rail station, expanding the city's cultural partners and beautification.

Challenging Reponen so far is Bill Randolph, a 21-year Maitland resident who has served 15 years combined on volunteer boards, such as the Lakes Advisory Board and the Transportation Board, where he spent five years. He was also on the Citizens Advisory Committee for Metroplan Orlando representing Maitland. He helped renovate the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey in Maitland.

If elected, he said he would focus on the Maitland Town Center and the redevelopment of the commercial Maitland Center, as well as combating declining property values and other government mandates.

He said it just "feels right" about the timing of his run.

"I think I can be stronger in that seat than Ms. Reponen's been," Randolph

said. Howard Schieferdecker was unopposed as of Tuesday for term-limited Jeff Flowers' seat.

A 26-year resident of Maitland, Schieferdecker has been on the Planning and Zoning Commission for two years. He's also served on the Transportation Board. He has a background in construction, design and finances.

Now he's semi-retired, making it the opportune time to serve on the dais, he said. He will focus on setting up design credentials for the downtown, getting the new city hall and fire station built, as well as finding new revenue sources to combat declining property values — but keep the tax rate the same.

He said Councilman Flowers, who is term-limited, is pleased that he's running for the seat.

"I've lived here for almost 26 years now, and I just want to give back," Schieferdecker said.



Schieferdecker

CITY | Winter Park shares plan for new community center, road improvements

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health of our city without thinking of its heart: Park Avenue and our downtown community."

Bradley pointed to the \$130,000 the Winter Park CRA spent to redo the facade of 13 downtown businesses last year and other initiatives to help the downtown. He said that, while the city will face tough financial challenges in 2010, there are things to look forward to.

The city will begin construction on the Winter

Park Community Center, a 38,000-square-foot center with classrooms, meeting spaces, gym and fitness center, and a pool. There will be major improvements to the intersection of Fairbanks Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue, and the city will pave and landscape West Morse Boulevard.

And in 2010, The Bach Festival will turn 75, the Winter Park Women's Club will turn 95, and the Winter Park Library and Rollins College will both turn 125 within a month of each other.

A heavy subject at the event was what 2010 will mean for finances. Forecasters are predicting another down year for property values, which translates to less revenue to run the city on.

There's also talk of more tax reform coming out of Tallahassee, including the Florida equivalent of Colorado's Taxpayer Bill of Rights, which would restrict revenues to a formula based on population growth and inflation. And then there's talk of a ballot initiative that would take all zoning decisions out of local gov-

ernment's hands and put them on an annual ballot — Hometown Democracy.

Commissioner Beth Dillaha, who spoke before the mayor at the event, said that the challenge will be to keep from overreacting to the issues.

"It's going to result in streamlining the way government operates while focusing on how we can best continue to meet the needs of all the residents of Winter Park," Dillaha said. "I actually think this is a good thing. Sometimes when times are really tough, it can bring

some really great change."

Commissioner Margie Bridges echoed Dillaha's comments, saying she thinks the true financial tests and serious challenges lie ahead.

"I also believe our community has what it takes to weather the storm of tough economic times and the challenges to our solidarity as a community," Bridges said. "And I base that on the over 100 years that we have been a wonderful community."

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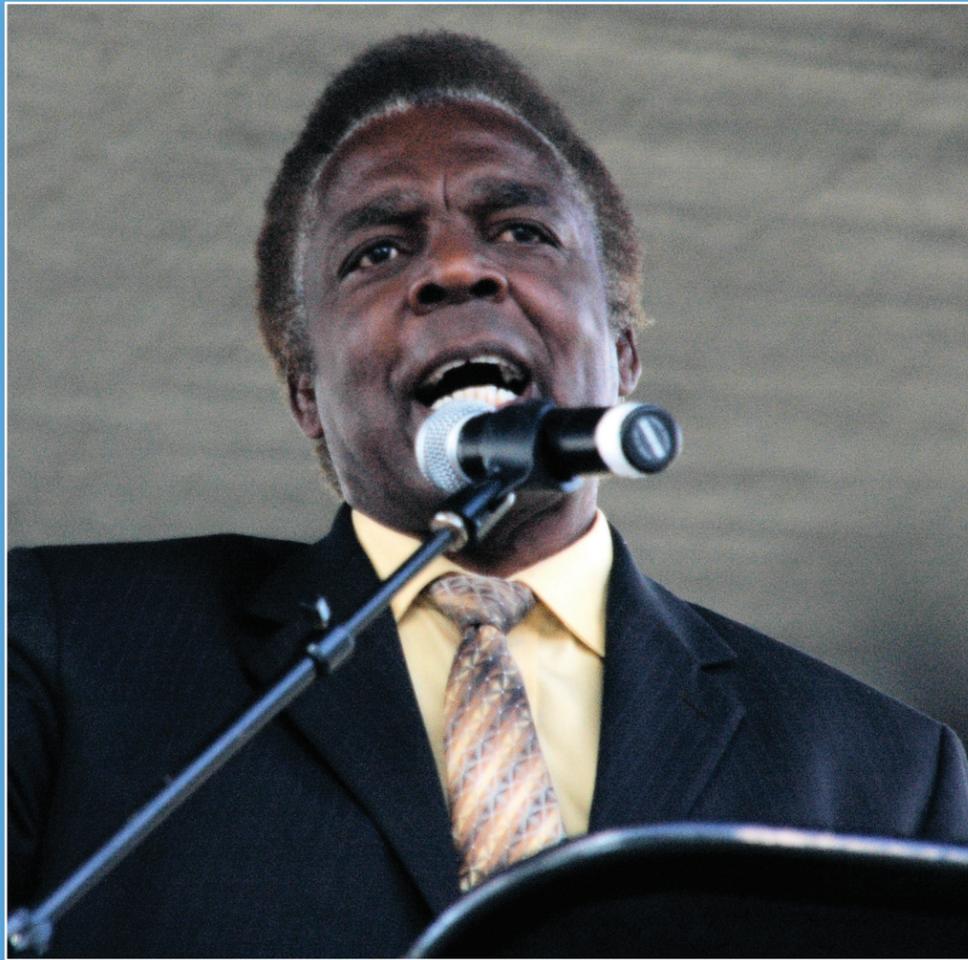
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Remembering King's dream



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Rev. John Phillips, left, speaks about the fulfillment of Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous speech at Winter Park's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration Monday. The event also featured local merchants and a reptile exhibit, alongside a long list of speakers in Hannibal Square.



Women robbed at gunpoint Jan. 11

Five men rush young women at Winter Park apartment, duct tape them, take \$7K in electronics

KATIE KUSTURA
OBSERVER STAFF

Orange County deputies have not made any arrests in the case where two Winter Park women were duct taped and robbed at gunpoint during the early hours of Monday morning, Jan. 11.

The attack took place at the Sun Key Apartment Homes, located near University Boulevard and Goldenrod Road, and the suspects got away with about \$7,000 worth of electronics, cash and jewelry.

According to a police report, Savannah Lee Schond, 19, heard a knock at the door and looked through the peep hole to see a white male, about 20 to 25 years old, wearing a white jacket with three black stripes and a black hat.

The suspect said he had accidentally backed his car into the back of her vehicle, but since Schond does not own a vehicle, she assumed he meant her roommate Nicole Lynn Coletti, 23.

She told Coletti, and when they opened the door,

they were rushed by four armed black males carrying handguns, followed by the white suspect. One had a shotgun and all were dressed in black.

Schond reports that she and Coletti were instructed to go to their respective rooms and that they were each followed by two of the black male suspects.

Once inside her room with two of the suspects, Schond stated that the two men reassured her that she and her roommate would not be harmed, but they

wanted to know where money and other valuables were kept.

The suspects stole \$150 in cash and various valuables including a gold diamond cross, a gold chain with a charm, a black Hewlett Packard laptop, a 50-inch Samsung HD TV, a cellular phone, and a Wii game console with two games and controllers, all estimated to be worth \$7,350.

One of the suspects laid a knife on the bed next to Coletti, telling her to wait 15 minutes before using it

to free herself. Coletti followed the suspect's instructions and then went into her roommate's room to free her.

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Knights drop two games in a row

Some of Conference USA's best teams held back UCF scoring

ISAAC BABCOCK
OBSERVER STAFF

After starting conference play in the win column, the Knights can now count two big losses on their record, bringing them to 1-2 in the Conference USA standings.

Last week didn't treat the Knights (9-8, 1-2) well, at home or on the road. They hosted Marshall (14-2, 3-0) Jan. 13 in front of the second largest crowd in team history.

The Knights exploded out of the gate, outscoring the Thundering Herd 44-35 in the first half, confusing a Marshall team that'd proven dominant so far in the season.

But at halftime, something fell apart with the Knights. Emerging from the locker room, they'd shot

58.1 percent so far in the game. In the second half, that plummeted to 37.1 percent. Only 20 percent of 3-pointers fell when in the first period more than half had found the basket.

"We've got to be more consistent from beginning to end," Coach Kirk Speraw said after the game.

The Knights' scoring collapse was met by the Herd's consistency that saw them overtake early in the half and put on the afterburners from there.

Along the way, Marcus Jordan's high-energy heroics weren't enough to boost his team. He shot a career-high 19 points in the contest, leading his team with relentless drives under the basket. From the outside he proved equally dangerous, nailing all three attempts

from outside the arc. He also picked up five rebounds, four assists and two steals in the game.

On Jan. 16 the Knights traveled to Tulsa and received a beating from the Golden Hurricane. Tulsa would launch into an opening scoring tirade that would stretch to 40-20 by the end of the half.

Tulsa (14-3, 4-0) would continue to hold that lead for the rest of the game as the Knights struggled to keep up, eventually falling 90-70.

The Knights were at Houston during press time Wednesday, but they'll return home at 5 p.m. on Saturday to host UTEP (11-5, 2-1). The last time the Knights played the Miners last February, UCF lost 73-68.

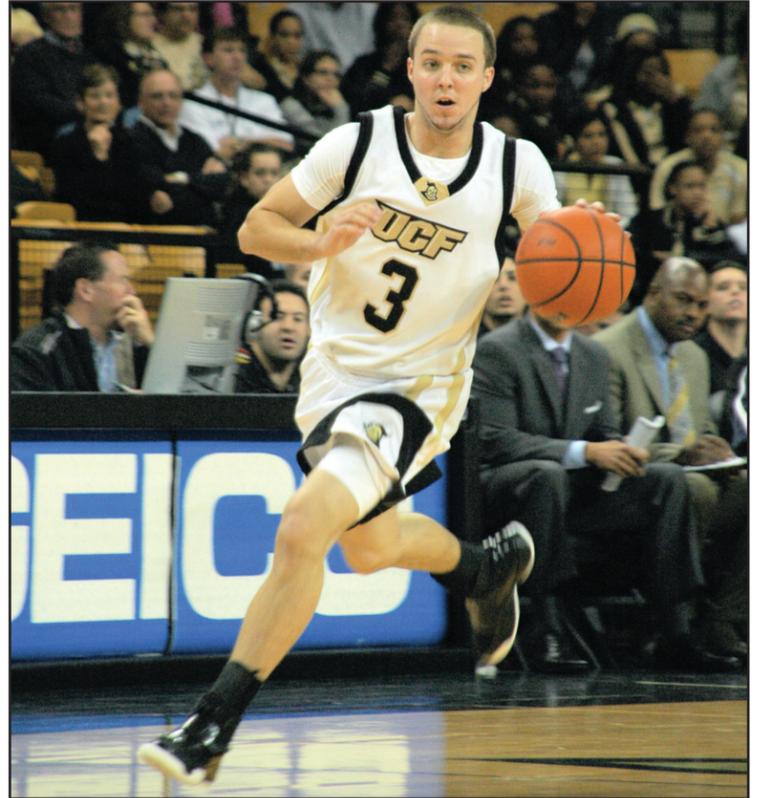


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A.J. Rompza's 12 points and 6 assists weren't enough against Marshall, which outran UCF in the second half of their game last week. Marcus Jordan hit 19 points.

Cats shock Gonzaga in Mass. tourney

Austin Rivers falls with ankle injury in fourth quarter, though docs rule out broken ankle

ISAAC BABCOCK
OBSERVER STAFF

The Winter Park Wildcats are 15-4 after dominating yet another nationally ranked basketball team, but not before losing a key player to injury.

The Wildcats edged Washington D.C.'s Gonzaga 73-69 Saturday night in a nail biter in Springfield, Mass.

For the last few minutes of the game they had to contend with not only one of the toughest teams in the country, but with the loss of

star shooting guard Austin Rivers, who had to be carried off the court in the fourth quarter after suffering an apparent ankle sprain.

The Wildcats' dominance of teams inside Central Florida continues unchallenged more than halfway into the season, and they'll take on tougher competition as they near district time. With some of the nation's best out of the way, the Wildcats will be looking to pad their record in the coming weeks.

They'll host University

this Saturday night, aiming for their sixth district win of the season. So far the Wildcats are undefeated in the district. The Cougars have yet to crack a handful of wins this season, as early-scoring struggles have continued to haunt the team. They've only scored more than 50 points in a game once this season, which could make for an easy target for the streaking Cats.

A trio of losses has plummeted the lady Wildcats to 7-7 overall. They'll be look-

ing for redemption at Lake Mary on Saturday.

Meanwhile the Lake Howell Silver Hawks boys have struggled at about the .500 mark all season, though they've been strong in the district. With a 5-1 record closing in on the end of regular season play, they're looking strong heading into the playoffs.

Monday night they host Lake Brantley. The Patriots have also struggled to pass the .500 mark, both in overall play and in the district.

The girls' squad has dropped a pair in the last two games, bringing their record to 14-5 on the season, with a dominating district run ensuring their chances of a playoff berth.

Trinity Prep's girls team has dominated so far this season, with point guard Natalie Ball averaging 17.4 points per game en route to her team's 13-3 overall record. They travel to Montverde Saturday night.

SHOPPES | NYPD plans clever marketing

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owner's (Walgreens) part — and that doesn't appear to be in the cards at all, much as we would all like it to happen and as hard as we've tried. After a while, it's like, 'don't you understand what N-O means?' and we finally got it."

The second floor of the plaza building has never been occupied. Whittall offered a year of free rent on the second floor last year, and still there are no tenants. He said he didn't want to even build the second floor, but was required to by code.

"We're offering incentives on the top floor, depending on the lease they sign," Whittall said. "It just depends on the deal we strike. We've got a lot of people looking at the space."

Otero said that NYPD Pizza is looking at taking a small office on the second story to serve as a headquarters for more franchises.

The other challenge facing the plaza is signage. Whittall told the City Council in May that they needed a sign to let motorists know what was in the plaza, but that a sign wasn't allowed because of the city's Community Redevelopment Agency

code.

The city has given them an exception, providing a way to get a concrete sign approved by the council. Verl Emrick, the CRA program director, said that while there is a process in place, the city hasn't heard from the developer recently on the sign.

Otero and his NYPD Pizza team are moving full speed ahead. He said that by Feb. 1, there will be glass partitions so patrons can watch cooks make dough, 11 televisions on the walls, and wireless speakers at the tables to tune into the TV channel of the patron's choice.

Before Shane's closed in November, Jim DeRusha, the owner of NYPD Pizza, visited the store and fell in love with the building, Otero said.

They don't plan to share Shane's fate.

To succeed, he said they are going to use a combination of guerilla marketing, such as having patrons say a password to get a free pizza, and will facilitate a family environment.

"He (DeRusha) really liked the feel," Otero said. "He kind of saw what it could be. He felt like this could be a place he could come, not just to work, but to hang out."

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CrimeLog

Winter Park

Jan. 8 to Jan. 12

Vehicle burglaries and theft

An unknown person entered an unlocked vehicle Jan. 9 on the 500 block of North Orlando Avenue and stole a bag containing shoes and a cooler.

An unknown person broke the passenger window of a car on Jan. 10 on the 2000 block of South Lakemont Avenue and stole a purse.

An unknown person broke the driver's side window of a car at the 1400 block of Village Lane on Jan. 12 and stole a Garmin GPS unit.

Business burglaries

Three to four unknown suspects in a dark four door van pried open the front door of a business at the 500 block of North Orlando Avenue on Jan. 12 and stole an Acer netbook computer, Linksys router and adapter, two Canon cameras, a Nikon Camera, an Olympus camera, 14 iPods & iPod accessories, two 32" LCD TVs and seven GPS units.

An unknown person broke the front glass door of a business at the 1100 block of Orange Avenue on Jan. 12 and stole \$400 from the cash register.

An unknown person broke out the side glass

entrance door of a business at the 1300 block of Orange Avenue on Jan. 12 and stole cash from the register and an LG 32" LCD TV.

An unknown person unsuccessfully attempted to force open the door to a business at the 1800 block of Yorkshire Drive on Jan. 12 by damaging the locking mechanism.

Residential burglaries

An unknown person entered an unlocked residence at the 500 block of Huntington Avenue on Jan. 12 and stole two necklaces and a ring.

Winter Park Police registered various noise

complaints from around the city between Jan. 8 and Jan. 12, including loud noises, loud party and a loud protest.

Arrests were made in Winter Park between Jan. 8 and Jan. 12 for crimes including driving without a license, retail theft, driving under the influence, false imprisonment/battery and violation of probation.

Business Briefs

SchenkelShultz Architecture, Orlando, designed the School District of Osceola County's recently constructed Westside K-8 School at 2551 Westside Blvd. in Kissimmee.

C.T. Hsu + Associates P.A. has entered into an alliance agreement with global architecture and design firm NBBJ to provide design/planning services for the region's emerging healthcare and science facilities.

Michael R. Gibbons, a Construction Law attorney and Partner with

Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor, & Reed, P.A. recently authored "Building Green Without Losing Green: Managing Risks In Sustainable Design and Construction Contracts."

The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners recently concluded its year-long 75th anniversary observances with its annual Board of Directors meeting. Three new members of the board were installed, including Ronald R. Burns, D.O. of Winter Park.

Darick Brokaw, senior member of the Cuhaci & Peterson Revit committee and a structural engineer at Cuhaci & Peterson Architects, based in Orlando's Baldwin Park, recently finished teaching a class to AEC (architecture, engineering, and construction) professionals at Autodesk University in Las Vegas.

The Track Shack Foundation Board of Trustees announces its new incoming board members C. Tatjana Chenoweth-Rollins College; Charline Gauthier-Interwest Partners, Life

Sciences; Alan Lawson-Florida Fifth District Court of Appeal; Joel Remigo-Homeless Services Network of Central Florida.

The national labor and employment law firm Fisher & Phillips LLP has announced the election to partner of David Young from the Orlando office.

Grubb & Ellis Commercial Florida reports that three of its Orlando office group brokers closed on 63 commercial property transactions in 2009.

The Central Florida office of SIKON Construction announced the completion of the new TooJay's Gourmet Deli located at The Fountains, a shopping plaza anchored by Marshall's and Kohl's in Plantation, Fla.

United Arts announces Lisa Schultz, Chief Communications and Human Capital Officer for CNL Financial Group, Inc., as its newest board member.

Community Bulletin

The City of Winter Park, with the Salvation Army, is organizing a supply drive for the earthquake victims in Haiti.

"Although Haiti may seem like worlds away, when devastation and tragedy strike, distance no longer becomes a divide," said Mayor Ken Badley. Donations will be accepted through Friday, Jan. 29.

Please donate items at the following locations: Winter Park City Hall, Winter Park Public Safety Facility, Winter Park Public Library, Recommended for donation: batteries, infants/children clothing, blankets, powdered milk, bottled water, shoes, flashlights, and undergarments.

Orlando Health team members are being asked to donate basic toiletries to the people of Haiti. Donations will be accepted until Tuesday, Jan. 19. Items to donate include: toilet paper, sanitary napkins, diapers, toothbrushes and toothpaste, bars of soap, deodorant rolls, handwipes, shampoo, combs and brushes.

Orlando Health team members are being asked to voluntarily donate basic toiletries that can be collected and relayed through Harvest Time International, based in Sanford, and UNICEF to the people of earthquake-ravaged Haiti.

Orlando hotelier Harris Rosen announced that a long-term relief effort to raise at least \$1 million to assist the earthquake victims in Haiti. Rosen started the fundraising campaign with a personal donation of \$250,000 and is seeking assistance from local companies, vendors, churches, Rosen Hotels & Resorts' associates and individuals in the Orlando community to raise the balance.

Supplies may be dropped off at Rosen Centre hotel, First Haitian Baptist Church of Orlando, or at the Child development Center of Orlando. Monetary donations may be mailed to the Harris Rosen Foundation, memo: Haiti Relief, Orlando,. For more information,

call 407-996-6715 or visit rosenhotels.com/haiti.

Martin R. Glickstein, shareholder in Glickstein Laval Carris, P.A., would like to inform you that the Internal Revenue Service recently issued the 2010 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

The Princeton Review, one of America's best-known education services and test preparation companies, has joined Kiplinger magazine in selecting a University of Central Florida educa-

tion as one of the best values in the country.

The Maitland Symphony Orchestra DVD of its 2009 Holiday Concert is Available for a \$20 donation. You can get a free preview at pamaitland.org/orchestra.

The City of Winter Park's 9th annual Dinner on the Avenue scheduled for Saturday, April 17 is officially sold out. A whopping 141 tables were sold within 10 days.

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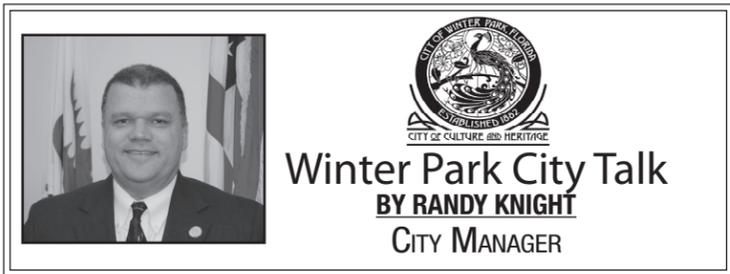
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Winter Park City Talk
BY RANDY KNIGHT
CITY MANAGER

JAN. 25 CRA BOARD MEETING

There will be a Community Redevelopment Agency Board meeting at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, in City Hall Commission Chambers to discuss the following:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- Project budget update and funding priorities
- Ice Rink 2009 update
- Winter Park Historical Society funding request

ACTION ITEMS:

- Community center financing
- Demolition of 941 Morse Blvd. (state office building)
- Parking Piazza Purchase
- St. Patrick's Day Parade Funding
- RFP Process Approval for 941 Morse (State Office Building)

JAN 25 CITY COMMISSION MEETING TOPICS OF INTEREST

Immediately following the CRA Board meeting, there will be a City Commission meeting at 3:30 p.m., in City Hall Commission Chambers. Below are a few topics of interest:

MAYOR'S REPORT:

-Presentation of check by Congressman John Mica for Federal grants received by the police department

-Presentation of spring 2010 Webisode produced in partnership with Full Sail's SPARK program

-Haiti support

CONSENT AGENDA:

-Approve the minutes of Jan. 11.

-Approve Amendment 1 to Task Order 2007-01 for CH2MHILL for enhancements to the Water & Wastewater Utility SCADA system in the amount of \$38,000.

-Approve the modification of the current Keep Winter Park Beautiful (KWPB) liaison position from part-time to full-time with the funding to be paid from the existing KWPB funds.

-Approve the contract with High Performance Sports Management, Tennis Management Services.

ACTION ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION:

-Discussion and ranking of legislative priorities

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

-Second reading of the ordi-

nance requiring a supermajority vote.

-Second reading of the ordinance establishing a policy for the automatic advancement of citizen board alternates to regular positions in the event a regular member of the board vacates his or her position prior to the expiration of his or her term.

-First reading of the ordinance authorizing the issuance by the Winter Park CRA of not exceeding \$9.1 million Redevelopment Revenue Bonds, Series 2010.

-Resolution entering into a grant Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry.

-Request of the Winter Park Towers (1111 S. Lakemont Ave.): Held no earlier than 5:30 p.m.

-First reading of the ordinance changing the comprehensive plan future land use map from low density residential to high density residential.

-First reading of the ordinance changing the zoning designation of Planned Unit Residential District (PURD) to Multi-Family (High Density R-4) District.

-Conditional use approval to allow the construction of a new four-level, 383-space parking garage and a new five-story, 60-unit residential building.

-Second reading of the ordinance regarding the

Land Development Code revisions. Held no earlier than 5:30 p.m.

-Resolution supporting the acquisition of the property currently owned and used by the United States Postal Service for the purpose of public parkland.

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS:

- Commissioner Anderson
- Commissioner Dillaha
- Commissioner Diebel
Report on Howell Branch retention pond escalation.

- Commissioner Bridges
- Mayor Bradley

You can find the Commission's full agenda and information on specific agenda items by logging on to the city's official Web site at www.cityofwinterpark.org and by clicking on Government > City Commission > Packets.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS PUBLIC MEETING

On Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m., in City Hall Commission Chambers, the city of Winter Park will hold a public meeting to answer questions related to the proposed charter amendments. Winter Park voters will be asked to vote on these 12 proposed amendments, in addition to voting for the two open City Commission seats (3 and 4) on Tuesday, Mar. 9.

A municipal charter is the equivalent of a local constitution. It governs the

form and powers of the city and the general responsibilities of the legislative and administrative powers. A complete copy of the ballot language and proposed changes are on the city's Web site under What's New and click on Proposed City Charter Amendments.

WINTER PARK ORGANIZES EMERGENCY SUPPLY DRIVE TO ASSIST VICTIMS IN HAITI

The city of Winter Park, in partnership with the Salvation Army Orlando Area Command, is organizing an emergency supply drive to assist with the relief and recovery efforts for the hundreds of thousands of earthquake victims in Haiti.

Donations will be accepted through Friday, Jan. 29.

Please donate items at the following locations:
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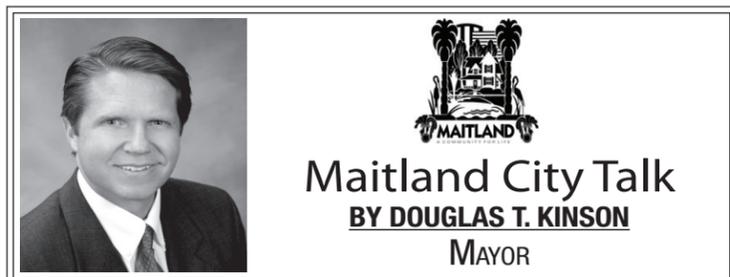
Winter Park Public Safety Facility, 500 N. Virginia Ave.

Winter Park Public Library, 460 E. New England Ave.

Items recommended for donation include:

Batteries, infants/children clothing, blankets, powdered milk, bottled water, shoes, flashlights, undergarments.

Visit the city's official Web site at cityofwinterpark.org, find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.



Maitland City Talk
BY DOUGLAS T. KINSON
MAYOR

Maitland greets world leaders

I was recently invited to present to a group of Rotarian leaders from around the world gathered in the United States for a leadership conference. The leaders came to the States for a conference in San Diego, Calif. and were hosted by Rotarians from across the country.

In Orlando, the volunteers that coordinated the effort were Rotarians Rob and Kelley Lesperance, and through their efforts, Rotarians across Central Florida hosted 16 Rotarian leaders and their spouses from literally around the globe.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world.

Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

In 1975, the International Assembly of District Governor-elect founded the District Governor-elect Florida Hospitality Program. District Governor is the highest held office in any given area and it is through this Hospitality Program that honored guests came to Central Florida prior to their conference in San Diego.

In 1983, this program was expanded to include District 6980 in the Central Florida area, which includes approximately 2,000 members. This program became the Home Stay and Friendship Program where Rotarian leaders could visit Central Florida and be hosted by

local families prior to the main conference out west.

The 27th Annual Florida DGE Home Stay and Friendship Program took place last week in Central Florida and was hosted by District 6980 and District Governor Randy Rawiszer and District Governor-elect Charlie Rand.

I was honored to present a proclamation, which designated the week of Jan. 10 through Jan. 16 as 'Rotary Home Stay and Friendship Week.' This was an especially distinguished event for me as I have been a Rotarian for over a decade and have had the privilege to serve as my club's president as well.

The honored and distinguished international guests include:

Shehzad and Maimoona Ahmed, District 3272, Lahore Garrison, Pakistan; Alan and Dorothy Anderson, District 9790, Eltham, Australia; Torben and Karen Andreasen, District 1450, Lemvig, Denmark; Allan and Patricia Church, District 9550, Townsville, Australia; Jean-Marie and Denise Evers, District 1630, Hasselt, Belgium; Mogens and Hanne Joergensen, District 1460, Haderslev, Denmark; Albert and Lizzie Johnson, District 1190, Tallentire, United Kingdom; Torben and Kirsten

Justesen, District 1470, Farum, Denmark; Jens and Bodil Kristiansen, District 1440, Hjorring, Denmark; Malcolm and Antoinette Lindquist, District 9520, Lower Mitcham, Australia;

Jaam Husted and Betty Aasberg Madsen, District 1480, Nakskov, Denmark; Peter and Erni Moeller, District 1850, Stuhr, Germany; Len and Judith Taylor, District 1270, Alford, England; Donna and Steve Wallbank, District 1150, Brynmawr, England; Martin and Hana Timrova, District 2240, Nerudova, Czech Republic; Ashok and Rama Agarwal, District 3240, India.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who made this event so welcoming to our visitors and guests. Should you have any questions

about Rotary, please visit the District 6980 website at rotarydistrict6980.org.

Please don't miss out on the upcoming events in the City of Maitland:

Movie in the Park:

Mar. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Quinn Strong Park – "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs."

April 17 at 8 p.m. in Quinn Strong Park – "Night at the Museum 2."

May 8 at 8 p.m. in Quinn Strong Park – Movie TBD.

Party in the Park

July 17 at Lake Lily Park

For further information on programs and events in Maitland, please visit our website at itsmymaitland.com or call 407-539-6219.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY OF MAITLAND
Mayor Doug Kinson, second from left, presents an award to a group of Rotarians who flew to San Diego, Calif., from across the globe for a leadership conference.

Bagpipe invasion



PHOTOS BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE OBSERVER

Scots invaded Central Florida in Winter Springs last weekend, at the 33rd annual Central Florida Scottish Highland Games. An estimated 20,000 visitors turned out for the two-day event, which brought bagpipes, haggis, and unusual sporting events to the city's Central Winds Park.

Calendar

The Lake Eola Amphitheater will host a prayer vigil for persecuted Christians from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21.

The Mauruarend Art Gallery host Artful Asia collection from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22 at 515 N. Park Ave., Suite 116, in Brandywine Square.

Golfweek's Golfest will tee off its annual event series Saturday, Jan. 23 at the ChampionsGate Golf Club in Orlando. Event is open to the public and will run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Purchase tickets at the gate or visit Golfest.com.

The Central Florida auction will be held at the Maitland Civic Center on Sunday, Jan. 24, offering the largest-ever collection of 1950s, 1960s and 1970s furniture, lighting, art and accessories ever offered at a Central Florida auction. Visit www.a-1-auction.net.

The 2010 Central Florida Economic Forecast will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 25 at the Renaissance Senior Center, 3800 S. Econlockhatchee Tr., Orlando. Call 407-836-5850 or e-mail sarah.folger@ocfl.net for a reservation.

Acclaimed poet Stephen Dunn will read from his latest book, "What Goes

On: Selected and New Poems," from 1-2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28 at Valencia Community College's Winter Park campus library, located 850 W. Morse Blvd., in room 225.

Events this week at Maitland Public Library, 501 S. Maitland Ave.: For more details or to register, please contact 407-647-7700.

Saturday, Jan. 23: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. is a Resume Writing Workshop provided by WorkForce of Central Florida. Registration is necessary.

From 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Computer Lab is open.

Sunday, Jan. 24: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. is a Valentine Card Workshop with Stampin' Up demonstrator Linda Heller. Register early.

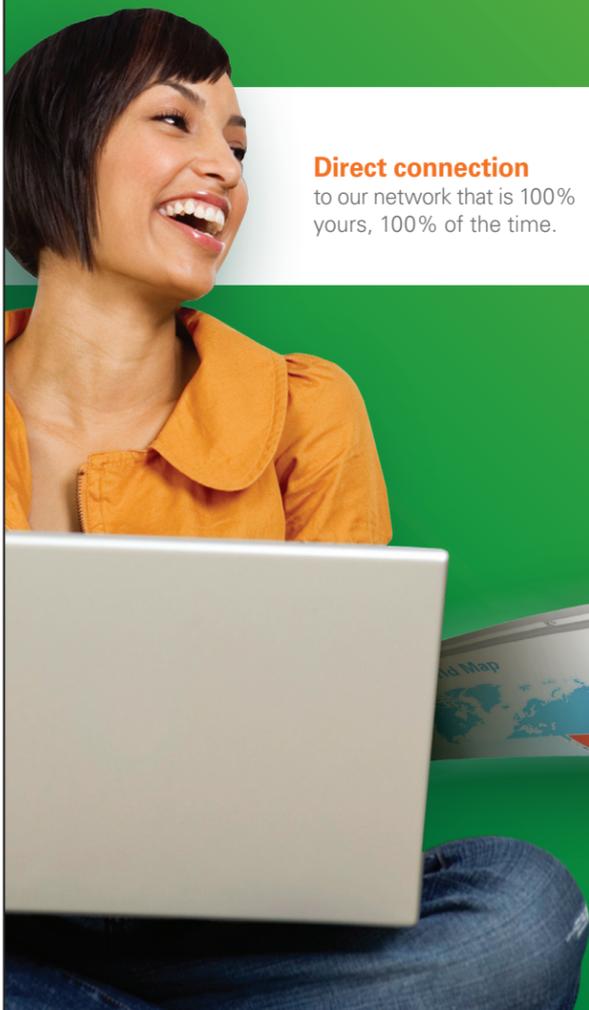
Monday, Jan. 25: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. is Computer Basics: Web-based E-mail. Registration is necessary.

Tuesday, Jan. 26: 7:30 p.m. is Books to Die For! Mystery Book Club, Scott Turow's "Presumed Innocent."

Wednesday, Jan. 27: At 1:30 p.m. is a Contemporary Authors Book Discussion, Susan Howatch's "Wheel of Fortune."

The American Association of University Women will meet 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at the First Congregational Church, 225 S. Interlachen Ave. It features Summer Rodman, a founding member of the Kerouac House Project. Call 407-678-3013 or e-mail gingersnap2@cfl.rr.com.

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Lifestyles

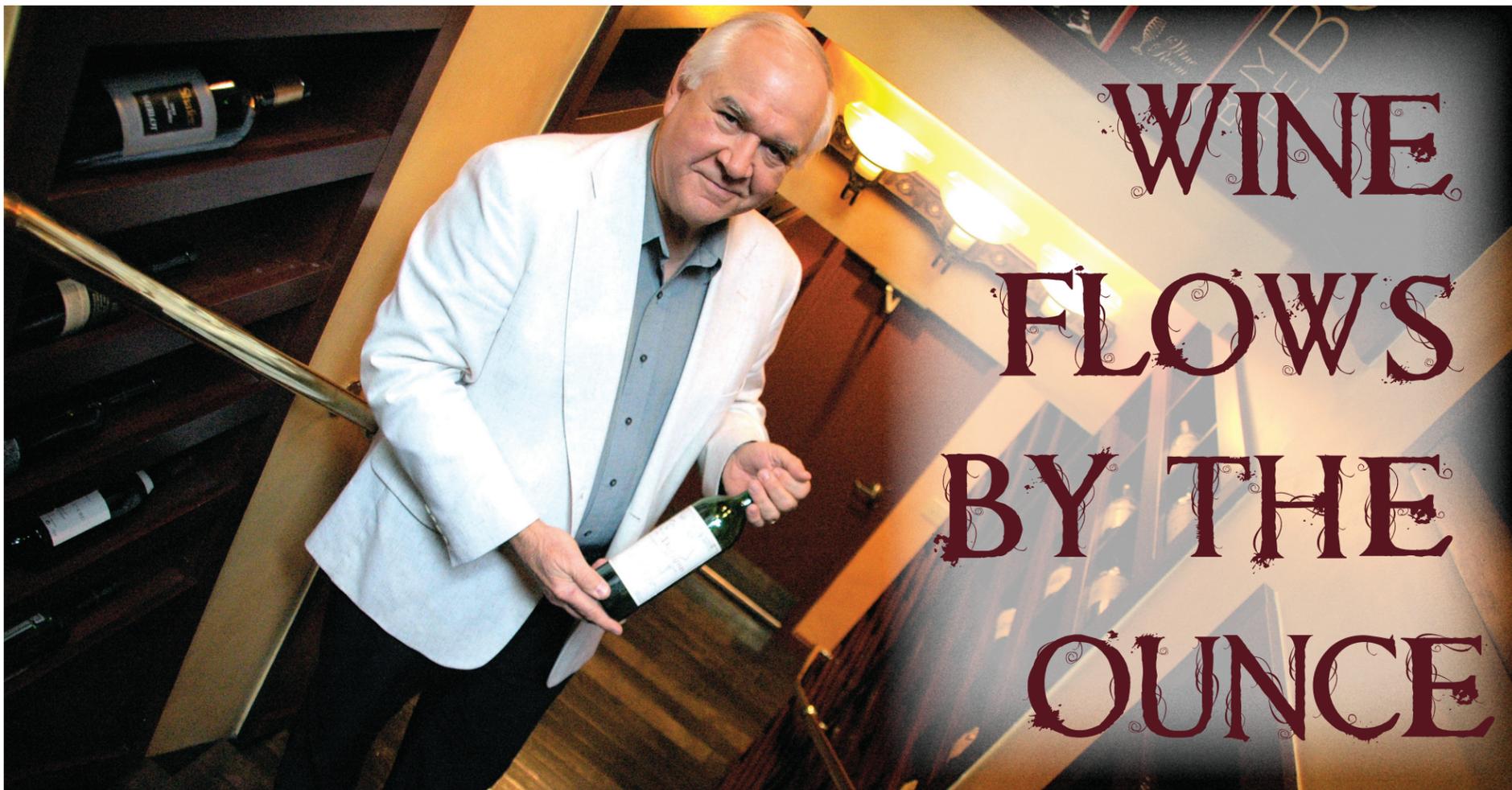


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Jim Hepple, manager of the Wine Room on Park Avenue, stands above the restaurant's vault, which is kept at 52 degrees at all times to preserve the wine. It was originally a bank vault.

The Wine Room on Park Avenue sells 150 wines from around the world in convenient sip-size portions

KRISTY VICKERY
GUEST REPORTER

Californication, Mr. Holland's Opus, Sweet Dreams Made of These, After a Hard Days Work and The Sweet Blood of Judas. No these aren't movies coming to a theater near you — they are just some of the labels the Wine Room uses to describe their vino sold by the ounce.

"It is the best idea I have seen in restaurants or bars in decades," Wine Room

Sommelier Kevin Decker said. "I can't remember a better idea... Where else can you sample wine like it was just opened?"

By combining both a wine bar and a wine shop, the Wine Room on Park Avenue is successfully bringing a unique concept to Winter Park.

Part of what makes the experience so unique — an Enomatic dispensing system. The system allows customers to sample up to 150 different wines from all

over the world in 1, 2.5, or 5 ounce portions with just a swipe of a card and the push of button.

The state-of-the-art machines keep the wine fresh for more than 30 days, by forcing nitrogen into the bottles and oxygen out, similar to the wine-bottling process.

Owner of the Wine Room, Bruce Simberg, said the concept was to give people a chance to try different kinds of wine before they decide to purchase a bottle.

"We want people to be able to taste wine one ounce at a time so they don't have to spend \$50, \$100 or \$200 for a bottle," Simberg said. "We want them to taste something that is affordable."

He also said customers appreciate the cozy atmosphere, as well as the extensive artisanal and farmstead cheeses offered.

"We have a lot of parties — people bring in 15, 20, 30 or 50 people at a time," Simberg said. "People love it because it's something very different."

Private parties can be reserved and set up downstairs in the vault, which accompany not only the needs of special events, but hold lockers that can be rented for personal wine storage. The vault is kept at 52 degrees year-round to preserve wine, and is also the original vault of what used to be the old Barnett Bank.

Wine Room Manager Jim Hepple said people visit

“Where else can you sample wine like it was just opened?”

— Kevin Decker,
Wine Room sommelier

from across the globe.

"If you look at our guest book you will see addresses from all over the world," Hepple said. "We are kind of a destination here."

Wine Room customers Mike and Sally Bowrey came all the way from North Carolina to warm up with a glass of wine.

"The concept is fantastic; we really enjoy it," Sally said.

"We like to taste different kinds of wine and what better way to do it," Mike said.

Miami residents Jules and Bob Baer also said they appreciate the unique flavors the Wine Room has to offer.

"My wife doesn't really drink, and if I open a bottle I can't drink it all by myself," Bob said. "Eventually it goes bad, so it's nice to be able to come to a place and sample different wines."

"We know what we are going to get, we are going to like," Jules said.

The Wine Room

The Wine Room is located at 270 S. Park Ave. and is open Monday through Thursday from 3 p.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

They offer more than 150 different wines, as well as a variety of champagne and beer selections available at the bar. A light fare menu is also available, with an extensive variety of hand-crafted cheeses. Visit thewineroomonline.com or call 407-696-9463 for more information.

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

Coming Feb. 5



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'Dear John'

Coming Feb. 12



Photo courtesy Universal Pictures

'The Wolfman'

Coming Feb. 19



Photo courtesy Universal Pictures

'Shutter Island'

'The Tooth Fairy' — Opens Friday



Photo courtesy 20th Century Fox

Dwayne Johnson is "The Tooth Fairy," a hard-charging minor league hockey player. When Derek discourages a youngster's hopes, he's sentenced to one week's hard labor as a real tooth fairy, complete with the requisite tutu, wings and magic wand.

PG - 1 hour 42 minutes

Coming Feb. 26



Photo courtesy Warner Bros. Pictures

'Cop Out'

Also opening: 'Legion'



Photo courtesy Screen Gems

When God loses faith in Mankind, he sends his legion of angels to bring on the Apocalypse. Humanity's only hope lies in a group of strangers trapped in a desert diner and the Archangel Michael

R - 1 hour 40 minutes

Coming next week



Photo courtesy Warner Bros. Pictures

'Edge of Darkness'

R

H1N1 SWINE FLU MESSAGE

While the holiday season is over, the flu season is not. The peak of the flu season typically occurs in February so it's not too late to get the H1N1 vaccine - and it's available to ANYONE who wants to get it.

Visit www.orchd.com to find out where you can go to get the H1N1 vaccine or call **407-858-1400**.

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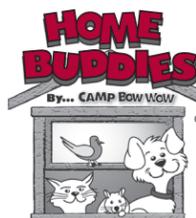
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Family Calendar

Two Ohio men have come up with an idea that will change potty training forever, and at a price that's "right on target." The Heat Sensitive Potty Training Sticker changes colors when urinated on. The stickers can last up to several months and hundreds of flushes. Visit pottytrainingstickers.com.

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

At 7 p.m. on Mondays is Bedtime Stories.

At 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays is story time for ages 36 months to preschoolers.

At 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays is story time for babies up to 36 months old.

At 4 p.m. on Thursdays is Reading Buddies.

For more details, contact 407-647-7700.

The following are events at the Maitland Jewish Community Center, 851 N. Maitland Ave. Visit OrlandoJCC.org for more information.

The Princess Ball for all princesses ages 4 to 14 are invited to bring the special man in their life to a gallant ball, Saturday, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m., at the Harriett and Hymen Lake Auditorium. Dressy attire is a must at this festive affair. Cost is \$36 per couple and \$5 per additional child. Cost includes desserts and photo. Financial assistance is available.

Please contact Julie Varkonyi at 407-645-5933 x238.

Join in this Mah Jongg tournament at the JCC Maitland Campus at 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 31.

The first ever Abigail's Attic Consignment Shop extravaganza is coming! Save your "used but almost new" baby/children's clothes, toys, books and gear for sale at Abigail's Attic. Drop off dates will be Jan. 29 to Jan. 30. A special pre-sale for consignors only will be held on Monday, Feb. 1 with Abigail's Attic open to the general public on Feb. 2-3.

The following events will be held at Whole Foods Market, 1989 Aloma Ave., Winter Park. Events, unless otherwise specified, are free and open to the public. Reservations required on select events.

From 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21 is Parents Morning Out. Parents, join us every third Thursday at the front of the store to enjoy a complimentary cup of Allegro coffee, breakfast pastry and a free five-minute massage compliments of Take 5 Massage!

From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 is Kids Club: this is my year to... Make a Colorful Plate. Kids, join us for a hands-on class as we create a colorful plate of food, learning what foods contain nutrients, fiber and antioxidants. Class is for children ages 6 to 12 and space is limited to the first 15. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



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The Zora Neale Hurston Festival flag flies high at the 2009 event, held in Eatonville, just outside of Maitland. This year's festivities begin on Saturday.

"Their Eyes Were Watching God" author honored at family festival in her name

KAREN McENANY-PHILLIPS
OBSERVER STAFF

Eatonville is normally a quiet town best known as the first incorporated African-American municipality in America.

Yet each January the township gets loud and colorful, outspoken and overwhelming, as it welcomes the world in celebrating its famous daughter, Zora Neale Hurston.

Hurston, an anthropologist, novelist, and folklorist, shared her childhood memories of Eatonville through short stories and novels such as "Their Eyes Were Watching God".

More than 250,000 visitors are expected to stroll down Kennedy Boulevard celebrating the legacy of Hurston's earthy, creative spirit during the 21st Annual Zora Neale Hurston Festival of the Arts and Humanities, which begins Saturday, Jan. 23 and runs through Jan. 31.

Specific events will also be held at venues across Orange County including the University of Central Florida Library and Main Stage, Crealde School of Art, The Zora Neale Hurston National Museum of Fine Arts and the UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management.

Art exhibits, workshops, literary panel discussions, a Literary Reading Group Mobile Tour, a UCF theater production, Children's Literacy initiatives, musical performances and The Legacy Festival Awards Celebration gala will take place during the nine-day event. The last three days include an Outdoor Festival of the Arts, which is free and open to the public for the second

year. The Outdoor Festival held in downtown Eatonville includes an International Marketplace, Food Festival, musical entertainment, community service information, and children's activities including storytelling, crafts, theater and books.

"We have something for everyone. Readers will enjoy wonderful programs for the intellect. We have humanities offerings from national and international speakers including a Russian scholar who represents Zora's global impact," said N.Y. Nathiri, executive director of The Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community and general manager of the festival.

The play "From Sun to Sun: A Day in the Life of a Railroad Camp" will be performed at UCF Main Stage Theatre and is based on Zora's folklore research. Music lovers will be inspired by the Heavenly Voices Gospel Children's Choir, the 1,000 Voice Multi-Cultural Community Choir and nationally known headliner R & B artist Kem Owens.

Hurston's literary legacy will be presented through storytelling, panel discussions and an all-day Reading Group Mobile Book Tour that will include stops at Maitland Art Center, Hannibal Square Heritage Center in Winter Park, Wells' Built Museum in downtown Orlando and the historic St. Lawrence A.M.E. Church in Eatonville.

Friday, Jan. 29 is designated Education Day 2010 and registered students can participate in cultural activities such as arts and crafts and the Zora! Literacy Initiative. Nathiri said free, age appro-

priate books will be available to children from toddlers through teens while supplies last.

"We will probably give away over 6,000 books, and we want children to shop and find the books they want to read," Nathiri said.

Libraries in Maitland, Winter Park and Eatonville celebrated Hurston's birthday on Jan. 7 with cake and tributes. Patrice Walker, branch manager of the Eatonville Library, will soon mark the library's 5th anniversary and looks forward to the year-long reflection dedicated to Hurston's life.

Reading group participants will discuss five of Hurston's works from February to January 2011. Maitland resident and Rollins graduate Martha Bryant-Hall enjoyed Hurston's autobiography, "Dust Tracks on a Road: An Autobiography". Bryant-Hall was a sorority sister of Hurston.

"Education is the key to improving your life and way of thinking. People who are educated think totally differently and get involved," she said.

Nathiri considers the outdoor festival a cultural landscape for children to learn with hands-on activities such as making hats, masks, dolls, animals, jewelry, which were developed by

certified educators. "A positive learning experience is intentional for adults and children," said Nathiri.

Food donations are still needed to help feed the several hundred festival volunteers as are donations to help pay for students to visit on Education Day — about \$275 for a five-hour field trip. Nathiri hopes people can get in together to support this effort.

"We have children who hear about the festival but will never be able to come. If they can't pay for their daily lunch how can they pay for a bus?" she said.

Zora Festival

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From the
Corner Table
Restaurant Reviews by
Josh Garrick



Anatolia — traditions and food treasures from Turkey

There is a new restaurant just off of Sand Lake Road in the Marketplace at Dr. Phillips that seems to have been busy since its opening, and now I know why. The restaurant is called Anatolia, named for a region in Turkey that happens to be one of the great crossroads of ancient civilization. The friendly and welcoming people of Turkey have been hosting visitors in one form or another for centuries and that warm welcome

translates beautifully into the restaurant that now carries the name of that legendary region. Travelers are often told to go to Turkey “for the history, but stay for the food.”

Many Mediterranean recipes show the influence of Turkish cuisine: yogurt salads, meats cooked in olive oil, stuffed vegetables in vine leaves, and phyllo dough desserts have placed Turkish foods among the world’s great cuisines. With

so many dishes dependent on vegetables, there are abundant menu items to please both the vegetarian and the meat-eaters among us, and all of these culinary choices are offered in Anatolia’s menu.

You’ll want to begin your meal with the many choices of “mezeler” (appetizers), Turkish specialties which show off the originality and unique skills of the restaurant. Not only could the appetizers make up a tasty meal unto itself, but Anatolia offers a special platter of five appetizers on one plate. Choose from several forms of roasted, grilled or pureed eggplant, fine chopped salads, or stuffed grape leaves, but please be sure to order the Haydari – a thick, creamy yogurt mixed with walnuts, spinach and garlic. Haydari is the perfect dipping sauce for the restaurant’s homemade breads, and the Lavas (bread) is an experience unto itself, served hot and steaming to your table.

Of the hot appetizers,

we were most impressed by the lightness and texture of the calamari. Chefs can only prepare calamari with that texture when they really know what they’re doing. Another winner is the “sigara boregi”, a finger roll of phyllo dough wrapped around a melt-in-your-mouth feta cheese. Not to be missed are the Icli Kofte, a magnificently seasoned ground lamb found inside a “cracked wheat” pastry.

For the main course, lamb and chicken are the featured meats and these are offered roasted, skewered, ground into patties or sliced paper thin and then variously seasoned with dill, mint, parsley, cinnamon, garlic and lemon. I was happily stuck on the Haydari sauce, which served as the perfect complement to both the lamb shish kebab and the “doner,” — thinly sliced strips of beef and lamb slowly rotating on a skewer. Cooking is all about seasoning in Turkish cuisine, and Anatolia succeeds magnificently.

Even the ground lamb kebab has its own distinct taste and texture, placing it among the favorites.

Of the desserts, I must admit the Turkish version of baklava is lighter and more enjoyable than other native versions. A dessert called Kunefe, made of shredded dough layered with a pastry cheese and drizzled with syrup and served warm, was not only a magnificent surprise, but in the words of my guest: “That blows cheesecake right out of the water.”

We loved our experience at Anatolia. From the very friendly (and informative) staff to the bistro-like atmosphere to the unique and delicious menu, this is truly a family friendly restaurant that is a pleasure to recommend.

Anatolia is open for lunch and dinner every day. It is located at 7600 Dr. Phillips Blvd. in the Marketplace at Dr. Phillips, just north of Sand Lake Road. Call 407-352-6766 or visit anatoliaorlando.com.

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Chris Jepson



When men are in control

There is a certain inevitability of detachment whenever the latest human "tragedy" flares up on our nightly news. We watch our TV screens or computer monitors, even our phones, fixated on the current story of unfolding sorrow. It runs a familiar course of amazement at the size and scope of this "specific" misfortune. Foreign aid is rushed in and then over a few days (or weeks) "this" tragedy is inexorably replaced by the sales at Wal-Mart, the latest Tiger Wood's revelation and our local high school football scores. That's the way it goes. Life goes on. Our focus is difficult to sustain. Our moral outrage is temporary, for after all, there is much to be outraged about.

The Haitian tragedy has the feel of Katrina. Of course, there is no comparison in the loss of life. But the faces, black faces of despair, hopelessness and just over-wrenching poverty are reminiscent of the images broadcast of Katrina. The fact that I can make that comparison/observation is an indictment of America but that is grist for another column.

What transfixes me about so many of the tragedies in the Third World are the scenes of impoverished children. Hundreds of them, thousands. Carried on their mother's hips. Dragged around by their hands. Standing, crying,

abandoned. Protruding bellies, flies circling their forlorn, crusted eyes. Or dead, stacked like so much cordwood. Dumped into mass graves because their culture cannot afford to bury them let alone educate them. Or house them. Or feed them.

And I rage at such images. How can "these" women be having babies in such poverty? What is the logic or sense in that? Why? Why bring child, after child, after child, after child into arguably the poorest place on the entire planet? What woman consciously says, "Oh, I'm not quite impoverished enough. My life is not sufficiently tragic with the four children I already cannot sustain, I'll have yet another. And if that doesn't quite do the trick, I'll squeeze out more. Until my body is spent, my teeth have fallen out and my rickets-plagued children are dying like dogs in the streets. That's the life I aspire to." Tragic, yet fulfilling. Motherhood unleashed, damn the results.

If you are a woman reading this essay, ask yourself the following, "How many children did you have while you were living in acute poverty, incapable of adequately taking care of your existing children?" Oh, you say, "I was never in poverty." Fine. I am asking my intelligent female readers to project, that being the woman you are, exactly how many

babies would you bring into the world if you lived in the bone-crushing poverty of Haiti? Or, the Ninth Ward of New Orleans for that matter? How many?

I'd sooner chop off my left arm than have a baby under those circumstances. But I'm a man. I have the answer for why women have babies in impoverished circumstances.

My father had an expression when I would assume "more" than what was called for that went, "Who died and made you Pope?" We'd laugh. Hah! Hah! In this particular discussion, being the Catholic Pope is a handicap; I'll be emperor for the day.

If I were emperor for the day with unquestioned power, I'd empower all the women of the world to be in control of their own fate, in control of their own bodies. Exclusively. No woman, but herself, would decide what is "good" for her. No government, no religion, no man (as in male) would ever tell a woman what to do. Unless such acquiescence was a freely given prerogative.

If I were emperor for the day, I would make birth control safe, accessible and free. I'd educate all (men and women) to its use starting before the age of fertility.

If I were emperor for the day, I'd give all women of the world the complete and unequivocal right to determine for herself if and when she becomes pregnant and if and when she takes any pregnancy to term.

If I were emperor for the day I'd instill in women the moral imperative to not have children unless the circumstances are advantageous to their actually flourishing. That having children in impoverished

circumstances is unwise, unsafe and it is a burden to the family and society and harms the welfare of any existing children because it dilutes parental resources and attention.

So why do women all over the planet have babies they cannot sustain? Because they are ignorant, oppressed and impoverished. They are the Lethal Three that plagues the status of women worldwide.

But basically, it is men. Men in goofy clerical robes spouting scripture that is so out of touch with reality on planet Earth that it would be comical, but that it is so tragic. Goofy, allegedly celibate men who claim to speak for women and families when they are so utterly clueless as to what it means to be pregnant or to adequately sustain a family. Men who declare, "Do as I say," as the tragedy of profound poverty traps her family and kills her children. Priests who say they speak for God, but who pronounce in religious corporate-speak (absurd dogma), 10th century gibberish for 21st century challenges. Men who claim infallibility but who are an anachronism, a wretched accident of history. Must they forever plague the planet with their anti-female rhetoric. Be they Christian, Hindu or Muslim. Or, Jewish for that matter.

It's men, everyday men all over the planet who feel/think/consider women are secondary to them. Who tie their masculinity (their worth) to how many children they produce. Who do not insist that their cultures make accessible free, safe and effective birth control. We require men who take pride in what the women of their culture become, in addition to being mothers. Men

who are confident enough in themselves to want women of equal confidence and accomplishment in their lives. Men intelligent enough to know that equality is not just a word but an integral part of what it means to be human.

Nothing will change in Haiti until the women of that nation are educated and empowered and are in complete control of their sexuality. For the impoverished to continue to have child after child, well, those babies just become fodder, so much grist for the next tragedy whether it be an earthquake, tsunami, famine or whatever horror mankind inflicts (war, etc.).

When again we will look up, perplexed, from our books or knitting and go, "Tch, tch, such sorrow. What are we going to do now? Such poverty. Look at those poor children? Where do they come from?"

Not where, but why?

For religion or government or "a" man, any man to restrict any woman's right worldwide to reproductive choice, well, how moral is that? And you might as well consign the results (the impoverished babies) to the dung heap of history. See: modern day burial practices in Haiti.

Any redevelopment money invested in Haiti must include educating and empowering the women of that island and in making birth control safe, accessible and its use, a moral imperative. Anything less, "Well, Tch, tch, such sorrow. What are we going to do ...?"

TALK TO JEPSON

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Letter to the Editor

Jepson column worse than bile

This guy could put his time to better use tearing the wings off flies.

To call Chris Jepson's editorial/opinion on the Republicans last week ("A stroke here, a stroke there...") bile would be an insult to the liquid secreted by the liver.

—Bob Rader
Raders Relics in Winter Park

Thanks for the columns

Today I read Chris Jepson with his biting satire rambling about what's wrong with all those brain-dead Republicans without giving us any idea of what he is rambling about. I guess he is just overwhelmed with what the media gives him and piles on the satire from there.

However, you must know that I read Jepson every week. And, more often than not, enjoy his quips and, more often than not, agree with him. His "I have no faith in religion" last week, right on. This week,

not so much.

Then I read "Play On." Louis Roney gives me such relief from the ramblings of Jepson. "Business as unusual" and "Mountains high, valleys low" especially so. I often read Louis vicariously being a frustrated singer myself.

Thanks for Observer.

—Lee Liming
Fern Park

Evidence leads to religion

Chris Jepson's article, "I Have No Faith in Religion," in the Thursday, Jan. 7 Observer reflects his Darwinian evolution profession of faith; it is chaotic. He rambles all over the place in search of a thesis. One would expect that it would be a unified attack against religion, but instead it is a protest of religion-inspired war. Or is it? The reader is treated to a panoramic view of: religion is worthless, religion means war, the Muslims are fighting against us (but maybe it's our

fault), to the decline of Western Europe that implies our own doom. No one could successfully answer all that Jepson alleges, but a few false allegations need reply.

I have no faith in Darwinian evolution, which is unproven and unprovable. I am amazed when any thinking person actually professes a belief in it. I have never once found myself thinking, "I don't know why I'm here, and I don't care." I find any reliance on evolutionary superstition an impediment to moral living (since evolution implies no morality). "If there is no God, everything is permitted." (Fyodor Dostoevsky). Apart from an objective source of revelation, the only morality anyone possesses is either what he invents or what he subscribes to. No other logical alternative exists.

It is nice that Jepson values freedom and humanism; Hitler valued humanism and control over others. On what basis is Jepson right and

Hitler wrong? What anyone values is irrelevant. Perhaps Jepson is a product of his home environment, a slave to what he has been taught, or the result of his genetic makeup. Who cares what he values? Apart from God, who created man, no objectivity exists; everything is subjective, and according to post-modernism, everyone has a right to his own interpretation (unless it is Christian or conservative in nature). Morality cannot exist in such an environment because people's values always clash.

Jepson claims that Mother Earth gave birth to man (was there a midwife?) and that he shares a common ancestry with modern apes of 6 million to 8 million years ago. Yawn. He could just as easily believe that Xenu and his Galactic Confederacy populated the earth 75 million years ago. Both lack substantial evidence. That the Bible is the Word of God, however, is

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

Thoughts today

The other morning, riding down Aloma with the temperature in the 20s, I was thinking of January days when some of us would go after school from our old brick schoolhouse on Park Avenue and head for Lake Virginia across the Rollins Campus. We'd take off the clothes that covered our bathing suits and run-jump into the amiable waters of Lake Virginia for a nice swim. Of course, that was a very different January day.

In Chicago, in 1942, as a naval ensign marching down Michigan Boulevard shortly after daybreak, I witnessed the quite insane Polar Bear Club members cavorting among the ice floes in the lake! For the past week I've been thinking of them.

I, a Winter Parker, never found that being cold makes one a hero!

Eating fish has proven good for your heart. Now, red wine is deemed not only a heart help, but a *tooth* fortifier! So drink red wine with a fish dinner and cancel your trip to the dentist!

When Beethoven asked young Mozart to dine, Wolfgang Amadeus asked, "Your flat or mine?"

Obama bows to the Saudi Arabian king, the Japanese emperor, etc., but has disdain for what *we* here stand for.

"2010 is going to be a tough year. We are going to have huge struggles over terrorism, war, shockingly large new deficits and public debt policies, crushing tax proposals on energy, income, health care and many other human activities. We have every right to dissent, and to do so vigorously even on such matters as terrorism policy. Contrary to White House and Democratic Party complaints in the last few days, there is nothing partisan or improper about sharply criticizing such administration policy." — Columnist Tony Blankley

My doctor just said to me, "Mr. Roney, you may possibly get words of sympathetic approbation in regard to your writing from some of your less-educated readers — even for your speaking — but I must tell you that, *physically*, you're no great shakes! At 89 you've given in to macular degeneration, and sport only a fraction of your peak vision. Not only that, your recent CAT scan looks like Dresden after the bombing. How did you muster up the selfish urge

to marry a pretty thing only — let's face it — a high fraction of your age? Why, sir, your legs resemble nothing so much as two battered survivors of a forest fire." Ah! The joys of old age.

Thanks to our good neighbors who send us warnings of computer viruses. Interfering with communication via the Internet today should be regarded the same way as interference with U.S. mail.

Massachusetts Democrats must not be allowed to manipulate the situation so that Republican Scott Brown, if he wins the seat of the late Sen. Ted Kennedy, won't be allowed to vote on the upcoming health care bill. Even the name Kennedy should not be able to stop the passage of time or the legitimately expressed will of the people — in Massachusetts, yet?

Former St. Louis Cardinal great Mark McGwire's record-setting batting was not "kosher." He finally *now* admits to using performance-enhancing drugs! Will his marks stand? Is the sport now drug-free? Does admitting what everyone already knew inject "morality as reality" into the game?

Inside employees of the White House owe about \$1 million dollars to the IRS in unpaid taxes. While at the same time, *they* are hiring 2,000 more IRS workers to come after *you* for not paying your taxes.

Following four years of wartime U.S. Naval officer duty, this commentator lived and worked in West

Germany for several years. He has now grown sensitive to differences in governments, and the way in which life can change when leadership is markedly altered. Through those years in Germany the thing that I, as a working foreigner, kept close tabs on was "taxes." Soon, we in the USA may be pleased, surprised, or disgruntled — even outraged — at how we are taxed when our new president is firmly ensconced in White House. We'll see ...

My b.w. and I listened to Sarah Palin in two recent interviews. Our joint opinion was: Sarah is a nice, bright, working-class American gal who is quite articulate. She comes across as a capable person of character and credibility. (How does this compare with Jimmy Carter, or Barack Obama when they took office?)

As noted economist Thomas Sowell writes: "Putting terrorists on trial in American criminal courts, under rules designed for American citizens, tells you all you need to know about whether the Obama administration is serious about (American) security or is still playing the political correctness game. Terrorists are not covered by the Geneva convention for the simple reason that they do not abide by the Geneva convention. They are enemy combatants, and you do not turn enemy combatants loose to go back to killing Americans while there is a war on — not if you are being *serious* ..."

The Americans are suckers for power and will anoint anyone who can use the

powerful arithmetic that persuades them.

Obama is hemorrhaging money right and left to buy acclamation. We have not acquiesced to the levels of national health as wished by the wide world, and that's why other nations oppose our private medical system. When all the money goes to the government, it's Communism no matter how you slice it. How could we covet the European standards of Socialism, and its chaos?

Obama seems to court places and people that have the ability to make him look like either a president who sees little good in his own country, or a fumbling quarterback. Surely Obama shows no high respect for the U.S. Constitution. He sees our sacred founding principles as ones to twist out of shape and to "reform" as playthings of his own design.

Don't misunderstand me; I don't think Obama is a guy to play around with. He seemingly knows how to handle birds like Chavez and Van Jones. My strong conviction is that Obama is hurtling on a path to supreme power, probably following the brainchild Marxian mandates of George Soros or some other top Leftist thinker. The generally accepted theory that these Marx-inspired advocates are out to level the playing fields of all North American countries to that of Mexico seems logically to be on the drawing board. It's a lot easier to tear a country down than to build one up.

LETTER | Chris Jepson's column 'demonstrates that we are at war with our own ignorance'

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demonstrated by the testimony of reliable witnesses and supernatural proofs, such as the resurrection that convinced a world of pagans in the first century.

The charge against religion for creating wars is an old, not to mention, tired argument. To be sure, many have fought wars in the name of religion, but many have also been fought in the name of atheism. Perhaps Mr. Jepson would like to describe Hitler's theology. Could it be that he was influenced by, hmm, Darwinian evolution? How many millions did Stalin kill, and in the name of what God? What was the religion of Mao Tse-Tung, and how many millions did the Red Chinese exterminate? Comparing the Spanish Inquisition to one of these "purges" is like comparing a candle to a powerful searchlight.

Those who have fought wars in the name of Christianity were

wrong to do so, violating the very teachings they professed to believe. Perhaps Mr. Jepson can produce the New Testament passage that is comparable to those in the Quran that instruct its adherents to kill their enemies (Jews and Christians). He might recall that Jesus taught that men should love their enemies and do good to those who hate them (Matt. 5:44).

How gracious of Mr. Jepson to condescend to allowing people to believe something he has judged to be worthless. His imagination is so lacking that he cannot accept the idea that anyone would believe in God unless they were so confused and frightened by life that they were driven to it. Apparently, he has never heard that some people believe because that is where the evidence takes them. Did we come from God or goop? Let's make a brief comparison test.

Is it possible that intelligence made this universe, or did it just pop into existence on its own? The

universe does show intelligent design, and in all of our accumulated human experience we have never noticed anything just creating itself. In fact, we have some scientific laws that oppose that idea.

If we were to land on Mars and see houses or cities, we would immediately deduce that intelligent life had once been there, yet we look at the amazing universe and say, "It just happened"? Yes, out of chaos came order that is so precise that we can send a man to the moon and bring him back — because of all the "natural laws" that just "happened" to develop. And how marvelously has the human body evolved, with all of its complex systems! Ain't "chance" grand! And Jepson thinks that the idea of God is fantastic? Sigh.

Christianity, if followed, has always been good for mankind. False religion usually has provided man with conflicts. Some of today's false world religions teach violence, but Christianity does not. Those who

possess a warlike mentality may do so in the name of religion, but they have also done it in the name of a political philosophy — or in neither. Prior to the Flood, the Earth was filled with violence (Gen. 6:11), but none of it was commanded or taught by God. And, rats, they had no ape ancestors to blame it on, either.

Man, without compelling motivation, has no reason to live at peace with all men (Rom. 12:18). Conflicts will continue. Man also is at war against himself. For that reason Jesus offers peace (John 14:27). People are hostile toward others, themselves and God frequently because they do not know the truth or possess spiritual knowledge. And Mr. Jepson was kind enough to present us a column that demonstrates that we are at war with our own ignorance.

—Gary W. Summers
Winter Park



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: ESTATE OF FAY L. SHARKEY, JR., Decedent.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Fay L. Sharkey, Jr., deceased, File Number 2009 CP 2322, is pending in the Circuit Court for Seminole County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Drawer C, Sanford, Florida 32771. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below:

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The date of first publication of this Notice is: Jan. 14, 2010.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF JEAN E. STOKES a/k/a JEAN STOKES Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JEAN E. STOKES, deceased, whose date of death was April 20, 2009, and whose social security number is XX-XX-3144, file number 2009CP1926, is pending in the Circuit Court for Seminole County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 301 North Park Place, Sanford, Florida 32771. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

WATERFORD LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff,

v. JERMAINE SIMMITT, THE CREST AT WATERFORD LAKES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, as unknown tenants, Defendants.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

WATERFORD LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff,

v. ASISA ALIA MUSA, and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, as unknown tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 11th day of February, 2010, at 11:00 a.m., at room 350 of the Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801, the undersigned Clerk will offer for sale the real estate described as follows:

LOT 133, OF HUCKLEBERRY FIELDS N-2B, UNIT ONE, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 17, at Page(s) 43 and 44, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida.

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 September 2, 2009.

DATED This 2nd day of September, 2009

Matt G. Firestone, Esq.
Florida Bar No.: 381144
Pohl & Short, P.A.
280 W. Canton Avenue, Suite 410
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

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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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Winter Park, Florida on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 401 Park Avenue South, Winter Park, Florida, to consider the following PUBLIC HEARING:

COR 10-001 Request of John and Mary Curtis Trbovich for a Certificate of Review for an addition to the rear of the house located at 433 East New England Avenue, Winter Park, Florida including a variance request to allow a rear setback of 15 feet to the first floor and 25 feet to the second floor in lieu of the required 25 feet and 35 feet. Individual historic property under a conservation easement agreement. Zoned R1-AAA. Parcel ID. #05-22-30-9400-37-020

COR 10-002 Request of James and Cynthia Strollo for a Certificate of Review for the demolition of an existing detached garage and shed, and construction of a replacement garage; including a variance request to allow the continued use of the existing rear setback of 5 feet in lieu of the required 10 foot setback at their property located at 777 French Avenue. Non-contributing property located within the College Quarter Historic District. Zoned R1-AA. Parcel ID. #07-22-30-1490-01-180.

All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard. Additional information will be available in the Planning and Community Development Department office so that citizens may acquaint themselves with each issue and receive answers to any questions they may have prior to the meeting. (407) 599-3498.

NOTE: If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (F.S. 286.0105) Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office (407-599-3277) at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

TRUSTCO BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. JORGE L. MAGDALENO; and MARIA L. MAGDALENO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of February, 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 5, SPRING ISLE UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 61, PAGES 131-138, 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-023624-0; Division 33, 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 6th day of January, 2010.

By: ERIC B. JONTZ, Attorney
Florida Bar No. 64905

JEFFRY R. JONTZ
ERIC B. JONTZ
SWANN & HADLEY, P.A.
Post Office Box 1961
Winter Park, Florida 32790
Telephone: (407) 647-2777
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Notice of Public Auction
Pursuant to Ch 715.109 FS and/or 83.801 and/or 677.210 FS etal United American Lien & Recovery as agent with power of attorney will sell at public auction the following property(s) to the highest bidder subject to any liens for the purpose of satisfying claim of lien and/or disposition of abandoned property(s); owner/lienholder may redeem property(s) for cash sum of lien; all auctions held in reserve
Inspect 1 week prior @ lien facility; cash or cashier check; 15% buyer prem; any persons interested ph (954) 563-1999

Sale date January 29, 2010 @ 10:00 am 3411 NW 9th Ave #707 Ft Lauderdale FL 33309
1935 1973 Peac h suv: 4795 tenant: whiteway

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FSB, PLAINTIFF,

VS. LYDIA A LAPOTAIRE, ET AL. DEFENDANTS(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated AUG 12 2009 in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Seminole, Florida, on FEB 09 2010, at 11:00 AM, at Room S201 of Courthouse - 301 N. Park Ave., Sanford, FL 32771 for the following described property:

LOT 248, PARKSTONE UNIT 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 59, PAGES 19, 20 AND 21, 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 JAN 08 2010

MARYANNE MORSE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By Mary Stroupe
Deputy Clerk of the Court

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

IN RE: ESTATE OF HELEN I. JOHNSON Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Helen I. Johnson, deceased, File Number 48-2009-CP-002561-0, by the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 340, Orlando, FL 32801; that the decedent's date of death was October 21, 2009; that the total value of the estate is \$83,410.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name / Address
Helen I. Johnson Testamentary Trust c/o Larry Johnson & Kenny Johnson, Trustees / 7606 Plantation Drive, Orlando, Florida 32810

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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 Jan. 14, 2010.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
Catherine E. Davey
Attorney
Florida Bar No. 0991724
Post Office Box 941251
Maitland, FL 32794 1251
Telephone: (407) 645 4833
Fax: (407) 645 4832

Person Giving Notice:
Larry Johnson
7606 Plantation Drive
Orlando, Florida 32810

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

WATERFORD LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff,

v. GLORIA PRESCOD, JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, as unknown tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: Gloria Prescod
75 Galsworthy Road
Crickwood NW2
United Kingdom

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a lien on the following described property in Orange County, Florida:

Condominium Unit No. 921, Building No. 9, THE CREST AT WATERFORD LAKES, a Condominium, together with all appurtenances thereto, according and subject to the Declaration of Condominium, recorded in Official Records Book 8170, at Page(s) 1746, and any amendments thereto, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida. Together with an undivided interest in the common elements appurtenant to said unit.

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 February 22, 2010 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: January 6, 2010.

LYDIA GARDNER
CLERK OF COURTS
By: Christina Bustamante
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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

TRUSTCO BANK, Plaintiff,

v. MARCOS GRATEREAUX; LUZ GRATEREAUX, husband and wife; and CYPRESS LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of February, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at Room 350 of the Courthouse of Orange County, Florida, address 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801, the undersigned Clerk will offer for sale the following described real property:

Lot 170, Cypress Lakes - Parcels E and F, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 56, Pages 18 through 26, inclusive, 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-028142-0, 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 6 day of January, 2010.

Clerk of the Circuit Court (SEAL)
By: Eric B. Jontz, Attorney
Florida Bar No. 64905

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Notice of Public Auction
Pursuant to Ch 713.585(6) F.S. United American Lien & Recovery as agent with power of attorney will sell the following vehicle(s) to the highest bidder subject to any liens; net proceeds deposited with the clerk of court; owner/lienholder has right to hearing and post bond; owner may redeem vehicle for cash sum of lien; all auctions held in reserve
Inspect 1 week prior @ lienor facility; cash or cashier check; 15% buyer prem; any person interested ph (954) 563-1999

Sale date February 12, 2010 @ 10:00 am 3411 NW 9th Ave Ft Lauderdale FL 33309
21547 1998 Dodge vin#: 2B4G644XRW516209 lienor: transmatic inc zembowers auto ctr 956 e Altamonte dr Altamonte spgs fl 407-831-5620 lien amt \$3232.79
21548 1994 Toyota vin#: JT2AE04BR0081267 lienor: delta transmission 185 s semoran blvd Orlando fl 407-282-0008 lien amt \$4284.78
21549 2003 Ford vin#: 1FAP52U13A232338 lienor: value auto painting & body maaco auto painting 917 mercy dr Orlando fl 407-297-8551 lien amt \$2611.00
21550 2001 Nissan vin#: 3N1CB51D01485091 lienor: value auto painting & body maaco auto painting 917 mercy dr Orlando fl 407-297-8551 lien amt \$2637.62

sale date February 19 2010 @ 10:00 am 3411 NW 9th Ave #707 Ft Lauderdale FL 33309
21562 2009 Toyota vin#: 4T1BE46K9U846935 lienor: flvt llc davis maus toyota 2925 north hwy 17/92 longwood fl 407-831-9788 lien amt \$2193.45
21563 1996 Nissan vin#: JN1H21457G165087 lienor: j & sanchez auto sales inc 9781 s ort Orlando fl 407-470-6501 lien amt \$2400.00
21564 1999 Mercedes vin#: WDBGA51G9XA410934 lienor: value auto painting & body work maaco auto painting 917 mercy dr Orlando fl 407-297-8551 lien amt \$2586.50

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54th Annual Banquet

Date: January 28, 2010
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$35.00 per person
Location: Maison & Jardin
430 South Wymore Rd., Altamonte Springs

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Awards Dinner and presentation on The State of the Chamber by Michael Culbertson, Chamber President
The State of the City by Doug Kinson, Mayor of the City of Maitland.

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To make your reservation, please contact the Maitland Area Chamber of Commerce.
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Winter Park Chamber of Commerce

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