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Faces of art



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Works of art — including these pieces by festival poster artist German Lemus — filled the boulevards of Baldwin Park's downtown Saturday at the fourth annual Baldwin Park Arts Festival.

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Kiss gets cop fired

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GUEST REPORTER

It started with a kiss and ended with an undercover police officer disgraced and fired.

Winter Park Police Department Detective Carlos Calderon was terminated Feb. 16 after a four-month internal investigation. Calderon was spearheading an investigation into Club Harem, which led to three suspected drug dealers and two former employees being charged.

Club Harem attorney Steve Mason accused Calderon of having a romantic relationship with Michelle Merry, one of the dancers — and the police department agreed.

“While the exact extent of the relationship is not known, there is clear evidence that you and she (Merry) established a personal relationship of a romantic nature, which could have interfered with the performance of the important duties to which you were assigned,” wrote Winter Park Police Chief Brett Railey in the letter firing Calderon.

The police department has declined to go on record about the incident until after Calderon's appeal is heard by the Winter Park Civil Service Board, a date that has

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E-mail spurs controversy

Nonprofit director ‘inadvertently’ sends political message

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A discussion involving a political e-mail upset the Maitland City Council on March 8, as some called the timing of the talk an attempt to influence the next day's election.

Maitland Mayor Doug Kinson said there have been other attempts in the

past to cloud campaigns.

“This bullying and intimidation during election times has got to stop,” Kinson said.

Councilman Phil Bonus, who put the item on the agenda, defended it. “PAM is a cultural partner of our city, mayor. It's not OK for one of our cultural partners to send out political speech,” he said.

The e-mail was sent out Feb. 28 by June Flowers, director of nonprofit organization Performing Arts of Maitland (PAM). It expressed support for a candidate challenging a sitting city councilwoman, about a week before the March 9 election. PAM gets most of its funding from the city, and per its charter, is not

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Diebel and Bridges say adieu

Women leave city; one pursues Congressional seat, other keeps one-term promise

ISAAC BABCOCK
OBSERVER STAFF

Two Winter Park City Commissioners described by colleagues as “very different” in their approach to legislating will end their terms Monday.

Both Margie Bridges and Karen Diebel are at the end of their first terms in office. Both had chosen to end their tenure on the Commission without seeking re-election.

But that's where the similarities end for the two Commissioners, who have vastly differing plans for

their next step out of office.

Bridges leaves the city ‘in good hands’

Bridges had promised to only run for one term in office when she campaigned in 2007.

Despite calls from friends and supporters to run for re-election, Bridges chose to stick with her promise.

“My husband has been retired for a number of years,” she said. “He wants to spend that time with me, and I want to spend that time with him. I have

a 30-year marriage and I'm more interested in being still married this time next year.”

The City Commission did “a lot of heavy lifting” during Bridges' three-year term in office, as she worked with the City Commission to make broad changes to the Comprehensive Plan, City Charter and CRA.

Often cast in the role of a consensus builder or swing vote on the five-member Commission, Bridges said her position made her seek a middle ground on as



Diebel



Bridges

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Welcome to the digital house



PHOTO BY KATIE KUSTURA — THE OBSERVER

Housed in this building, just across the street from Full Sail University, are budding digital media companies specializing in 3-D interactive technologies, such as ZeeGee Games and Helios Interactive.

Central Florida's only digital media incubator moves in across from Full Sail, just outside Winter Park

KATIE KUSTURA
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Chris Oltyan emerged from his office looking like a deer caught in headlights. Crunch time in the video game world will do that to you.

But Oltyan, director of product development for ZeeGee Games, knows it's just one of the many situations he'll learn from while working in Central Florida's only digital media incubator.

Just outside Winter Park, across the street from Full Sail University at 1 Purlieu Place, is 30,000 square feet of pure potential, some of which is already being plugged into the community. Companies that specialize in 3-D technologies are sharing the space, and while each company has its own office, it is their passion for the industry that makes the place function like a cooperative.

The building owned by MEHTA Group, a holding company, currently houses MEHTA Interactive, the 3-D visualization and simulation division of MEHTA Group; Helios Interactive, a game development studio and the creators of GameCore; IMI Labs, 3-D virtual world developers; ZeeGee Games, game developers; and Digital Media Alliance Florida,

the state's nonprofit industry association that connects digital media, arts and entertainment companies.

"This is a particularly strong time for this type of 3-D interactive content emerging in the marketplace," said Jud French, executive director of Digital Media Alliance Florida. "It's not a classic incubator. This is designed as a case where the companies come together out of business interests to coexist and help support each other. It's exactly the sort of project that we feel is needed in the area."

Since its official launch in December, the incubator's focus has been fostering the development of the current tenants and their businesses.

"It's still a lot of home-spun, small companies that are making big differences in terms of innovation," said David Beatriz, President of Planet Digital and Treasurer of Digital Media Alliance Florida. "Their idea that they're putting together is to make this business building area where they can do business development for little companies and build them into big companies."

Although University of Central Florida's Business Incubation Program isn't very far from MEHTA's Digital Media Incubator, the latter is still one-of-a-kind.

"[These companies] really need support in getting up and going and developing technology that attracts capital," said Rave Mehta, MEHTA Group managing director and Helios Interactive CEO. "We're very complementary to what UCF is doing. We can tap into their resources from a supporting start-up, and we really complement that from helping companies develop technologies and business models in this specific segment."

A particular benefit of the incubator's location, Mehta and other supporters said,

is its proximity to both Full Sail and UCF.

"Florida is evolving into a strong digital media state and Winter Park is kind of an epicenter of it," Mehta said. "To have the creative forces of Full Sail and UCF, there's no reason why Orlando can't be put on the map in the gaming and 3-D interactive [industry]."

One of the incubator's primary supporters is the Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission (EDC), an organization dedicated to helping businesses develop and grow within an economically competitive environment.

"The competition to attract [digital media] to any community is very high," said Suzy Spang, EDC vice president of technology and entertainment. "I think it's smart. I think it offers companies an opportunity to live and learn off of each other in a close proximity."

Those who work for companies that are a part of the incubator couldn't agree more.

Ross Rockafellow, an artist and designer at Helios Interactive, has been with the company almost six months and feels confident in the knowledge and abilities of those around him.

"For the most part it's all about sharing and having that fresh set of eyes and fresh brain," Rockafellow said. "The technology changes so fast that it's literally impossible for one person to stay updated by themselves."

Members of the incubator are united by more than their skills. It's their passion for the industry that really makes it work.

"Everyone wants the industry to move forward, collectively," Rockafellow said. "It's not about who gets there first, but it's really about progressing the industry as a whole."

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In addition to accounting, legal, financing and other traditional start-up services, MEHTA has recruited massage therapists, yoga instructors, and personal trainers into the building to help developers keep their mind, body and spirit balanced and help them to get through those high-stressed deadlines, according to a press release.

HAREM | Club Harem is closed again, and the property is for lease, while the officer awaits his appeal

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yet to be set. Attempts to reach the police union and Calderon were also unsuccessful, and calls to Mason's office weren't returned before deadline.

Calderon posed as Luis Lopez, a construction worker, during his undercover investigation into Club Harem, where he met Merry. The police department couldn't find Merry to interview her as part of the investigation — the last reports were that she was working for in Casselberry, but the police department's attempts to reach her were unsuccessful.

Club Harem has publicly called foul against the whole investigation in the press, saying that Winter Park simply wants the only strip club in city limits to

close down. The club property is once again up for lease, as the most recent tenant was forced to close down. Police investigations had indirectly led to clubs at the site being forced to close in the past, under multiple owners.

Winter Park Mayor Ken Bradley defended the police department's current investigation.

"As it relates to other kinds of crimes, if you're a business in this community and you feel like you're being harassed, you may need to consider what you're doing," Bradley said. "We don't harass. We enforce."

When Mason filed the complaint, he filed Merry's deposition, in which she said that she was attracted to Calderon and they talked on the phone and sent text messages. But the night

with which police were most concerned was Merry's birthday.

On that night, she met friends for drinks at McRaney's Tavern in Winter Park and opened her gifts. She got a text from Calderon wishing her a happy birthday and wishing he was there.

So Merry had her friend drop her off downtown. They had pizza, held hands and Calderon took her home — where they kissed, according to reports. In repeated interviews with the department, Calderon denied the night happened, even when he was told he likely wouldn't be fired.

"During the investigation, instead of being forthright with Lt. (Earl) Barber (the officer who conducted the investigation), admitting your mistakes and be-

ing repentant, you were evasive as well as untruthful," Railey wrote in Calderon's termination letter.

While police couldn't find Merry, they did find the friend who dropped her off downtown; he was able to pick Calderon out of a lineup, as well as recall that Calderon wore his hair in corn rows. Calderon had a police-issued phone as well as a prepaid phone he used during the investigation.

Call records showed more than 100 phone calls were made between Merry and Calderon — including a 20-minute phone call on Merry's birthday. Calderon told investigators he couldn't remember what they talked about, but that it was business.

But Calderon never mentioned Merry in any of his reports, and she wasn't con-

sidered a source in the investigation. During the deposition, they asked Merry if Calderon ever touched her inappropriately.

Merry vigorously defended Calderon.

"It is improbable that Ms. Merry would defend Detective Calderon on these allegations and then make up a story about meeting with Detective Calderon on her birthday, eating pizza and French kissing him," Barber wrote in the internal affairs report.

Calderon was fired for nonfeasance (intentionally leaving out a truth), conduct unbecoming a police officer and immoral, unlawful, indecent or improper conduct that would affect his reputation in the community.

MAITLAND | Flowers says wife apologized for e-mail; Reponen said she never received an apology

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allowed to participate in political campaigns.

June Flowers, wife of Councilman Jeff Flowers, retracted her e-mail less than 12 hours later, saying that she "inadvertently sent an e-mail with the wrong sign-off."

It was in support of Councilwoman Bev Reponen's challenger, Bill Randolph, and it also mentions Friends of First Response-Maitland, another city-funded non-profit.

Reponen didn't appreci-

ate Kinson's push to dismiss the discussion.

"Here's the rub — my supporter's money was used to promote another candidate," she said. "My supporters pay taxes and PAM received that money and used it against me."

It breaks a federal law, she said, and it should not be discounted.

But Jeff Flowers said it's not an area that the Council can adjudicate.

"This is a waste of time," he said. He called his wife's e-mail an "inadvertent mistake" that she has apolo-

gized for.

"This is a red herring to even talk to you people about it," he said. "You've all made up your minds and you've got your little angry points to hold onto, and you've got unforgiving hearts to hold onto."

But Reponen said she hadn't received an apology. "Perhaps you got an apology. I didn't get an apology. Not to this moment, and I'm the wronged party."

Councilwoman Linda Frosch chastised Bonus for putting it on the agenda, calling it an attempt for him

to get back at members of Council that didn't vote in favor of terminating the Maitland Town Center development agreement.

"I'd like to get Council back on city business and stop this nonsense that keeps coming up every time there's a vote that's not acceptable to someone," she said.

Resident Sandy Bonus, Phil Bonus' wife, said the timing of the discussion was acceptable, and said the mayor was wrong to try to stop it.

"As for the e-mail situa-

tion, which clearly broke the law, for you to just dismiss it and say it's because of timing ... I find that disrespectful to the audience also," she said.

Resident Renee Stein Charlan said bickering between the Council is hurting the city.

"Imagine what all this energy and divisiveness is doing to our town," she said. "You cannot tell me June purposely tried to hurt Councilwoman Reponen ... We'll never have a community if we can't get past this pettiness."

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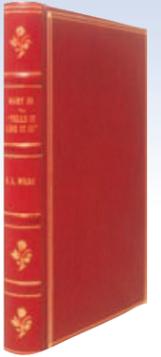
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Knights trounce SMU, fall to UTEP

After winning its second C-USA tournament game ever, UCF's mens team loses to top-ranked Miners

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A wild finish to the basketball season ended with a thud for the UCF Knights, as they were knocked out by UTEP in the Conference USA Tournament's second round.

But that's not before they stunned SMU in a 69-53 revenge win March 10.

In the two teams' only other meeting this season the Mustangs trampled the Knights 65-43 on Feb. 7 in Dallas. In that game the Knights only had one player shooting in double digits as they suffered from a dismal 36.2 shooting percentage.

A dramatically different

Knights team walked onto the floor of Tulsa's BOK Center as they met the Mustangs last week. They held steady on strong shooting early on, edging the Mustangs at the half.

When they came back from the break, the Knights caught fire, launching into a scoring tirade that would outpace the Mustangs 37-23 in the second half of the game.

Under the basket, the Knights dominated, picking up 27 rebounds and outscoring the Mustangs 2-1 in the paint.

Aggressive play in close quarters gave the Knights a scoring edge that kept increasing, with Taylor Young

again leading his team with 15 points, Isaac Sosa just behind with 14, and A.J. Tyler rounding out players in double digits with 12.

Against the UTEP Miners on March 11, the Knights were a different team on the floor, struggling to keep pace as they were embarrassingly outmatched in the first half, falling behind 48-20 by halftime.

"We just didn't handle their press very well at all," UCF Coach Kirk Speraw said after the game.

The Miners' defense worked feverishly to force turnovers and bad shots for the Knights, and the tactic worked. The Knights shot a combined 34.7 percent in

the game, using nearly their entire bench.

Keith Clanton led his team with 12 points despite shooting just 33.3 percent from the floor.

In the end the Knights would fall 76-54 as the Miners cruised to victory. That euphoria wouldn't last long for UTEP, who fell to Houston in a championship shocker.

For the young Knights, the next season awaits with a promise of more experience after the Knights made it to the second round of the C-USA tournament for only the second time in team history.

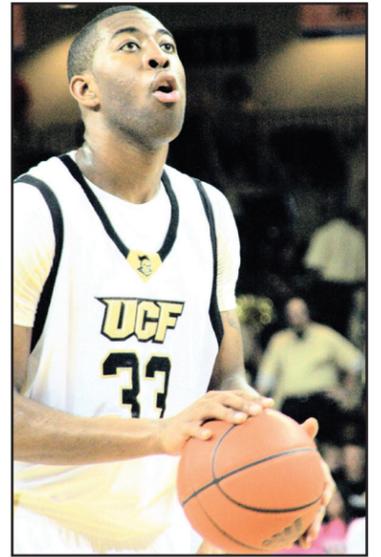


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Keith Clanton's scoring helped buoy the Knights but it wasn't enough to win.

UCF fires longtime basketball coach

Knights Coach Kirk Speraw passes the school's all-time win record at 279-233, then loses his job

ISAAC BABCOCK
OBSERVER STAFF

Kirk Speraw just passed the all-time win record for any coach in UCF history. Now the Knights' men's basketball coach is looking for another job. The university fired him Monday, citing a need to make a "change in direction."

The announcement from UCF came just days after Speraw had spoken about a bright future building a young team at the school where he'd spent most of his career coaching. He'd amassed a 279-233 record in 17 years as the Knights' head coach.

In a statement immediately following the decision, Athletic Director Keith Tribble praised Speraw for his leadership.

"Coach Speraw has always gone about his position with integrity and class, and we appreciate all he and his staff have contributed to UCF basketball," Tribble

said. "This is the right time to make a change in direction."

What that direction is remains to be seen, as the athletic department had kept the decision not to retain Speraw a secret until the day he was let go. No prospective coaches have been announced as his replacement, though Associate Head Coach Mike Jaskulski has been promoted as interim coach.

A change in direction has served as a more vague reason for Speraw's dismissal, though more specific rumors about his inability to move his team upward in the conference have persisted.

In Conference USA play, where the Knights have played since 2005, the Knights have a 40-38 record. This past season they finished 15-17 overall and 6-10 in C-USA.

Tribble cited a need for better recruiting as a quality he was looking for in a

future coach, who may be hired in as soon as three weeks.

The Knights fielded one of their youngest teams this season, with all but three of its players ranking as underclassmen.

Only one player will graduate from the program — Drew Speraw, who played for his father for four years at UCF. Despite short court time this season, the younger Speraw proved instrumental in clutch situations on the court.

In his wake a team of rising freshmen and sophomores are expected to play out their second and third seasons in 2010-2011.

This includes two key players who immediately became starters on their new team. Center Keith Clanton and guard Marcus Jordan both improved dramatically over the course of their first season in a Knights uniform. Both players entered the season with slow, nervous performanc-



PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE OBSERVER

Speraw, above left, built a team of underclassmen this season, finishing with a 15-17 overall record. He'll be replaced by interim coach Mike Jaskulski, at right.

es early on, but by season's end, Speraw had groomed them into team leaders on the court, with the pair frequently alternating as team leaders in scoring or rebounding.

Tribble announced Sper-

aw's firing in a team meeting with all of the players Monday.

"This was not an easy decision, but one we felt will serve in the best interest of our program's direction," Tribble said.

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Wildcats win state cheer title

After coming in second place last year, Winter Park beat eight teams to the state championship

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Alexa Burzee's high school cheerleading career just ended in tears. But a year after her Winter Park cheerleading team's toughest defeat last season, those tears came with a smile. The Wildcats had just won it all.

It was a relieving end to a long wait. That Saturday morning, Feb. 6, inside the Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee, the Wildcats had drawn a nerve-wracking spot on the final day of competition. They had to go first.

Leaping through intricately formed pyramids and dazzling the crowd with synchronized tumbling they'd spent a year perfecting, the girls held together with near flawless precision. Standing atop the final lift, her head 10 feet above the floor, Burzee had a feeling that she didn't dare talk about. Not after what happened in 2009 when her team had come so close.

That afternoon the Wildcats waited for hours as

eight other teams tried to beat them.

"You feel like you think you won, but you never know," Burzee said.

A year ago Burzee was trapped in that same agonizing moment. On that cold March afternoon, her Winter Park cheerleading team thought they'd won the state championship. Then they found out they'd lost by only 14 points shy of the winner's 448.5.

"You get a feeling that you did everything you could," Burzee said. "Then it came crashing down. The whole team was crying."

Flash forward one year to the arena floor, and she's waiting again. But this time, as the team scores ticked off like a countdown, the Wildcats weren't on the list. Sixth, fifth, fourth, third then second.

"That's when we thought it had to be us," teammate Natalie Gidus said.

When the Wildcats' name was announced, the girls in orange and black erupted in jubilation.

"The whole team was

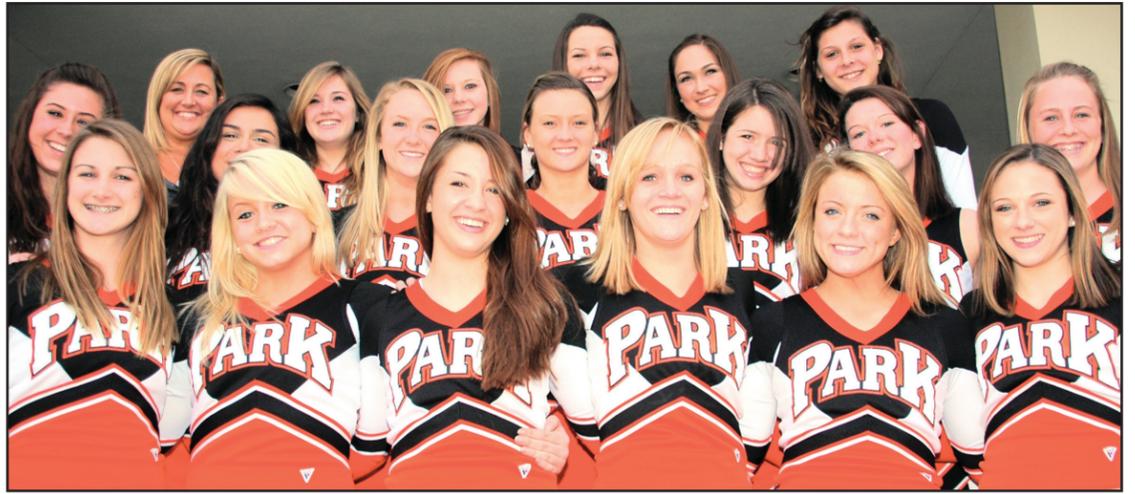


PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE OBSERVER
The Winter Park Wildcats cheerleading team poses in front of City Hall, where Mayor Ken Bradley recognized them March 8 for winning the state championship. The team comprised mostly younger cheerleaders, many of whom had just joined the varsity team.

crying," Burzee, 18, said. "We were just hugging each other and crying."

"I jumped on my friend," Gidus said. "We were all so happy."

Teammate Chelsea Farr was in her first year on the competitive varsity team, but said she couldn't help herself in the moment.

"People always told me that when you get really happy you can't control it," Farr, 16, said. "Every picture you see that I'm in I'm cry-

ing." As the team walked through the halls that Monday with medals around their necks, classmates who'd been strangers suddenly said hello.

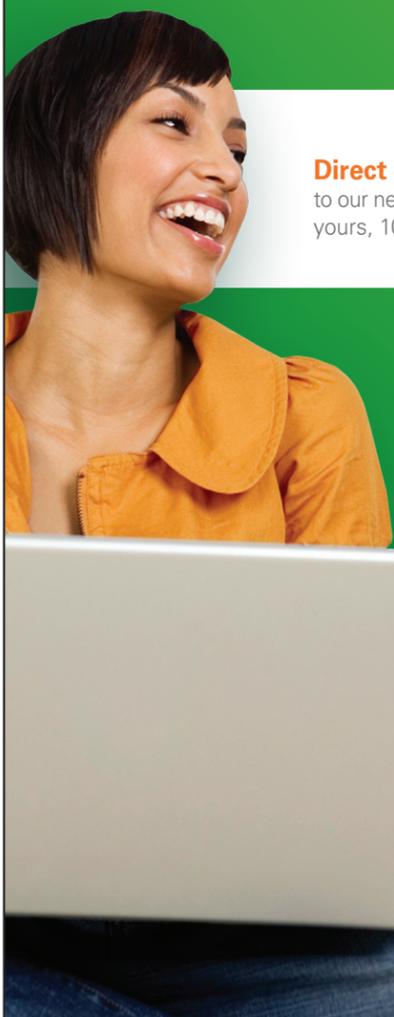
Gathered at the Winter Park City Commission chambers March 8, the lady Wildcats earned their official welcome back as the 2010 state competitive cheerleading champions, performing one final cheer for the home crowd.

"You can come back to City Commission meetings anytime you want," Mayor Ken Bradley said. "We're proud of you."

Most of the team will be returning for next year, possibly stronger than ever coming off their biggest win yet.

"This is virtually almost a brand new team," Coach Angela Ryan said. "To win a state championship is amazing."

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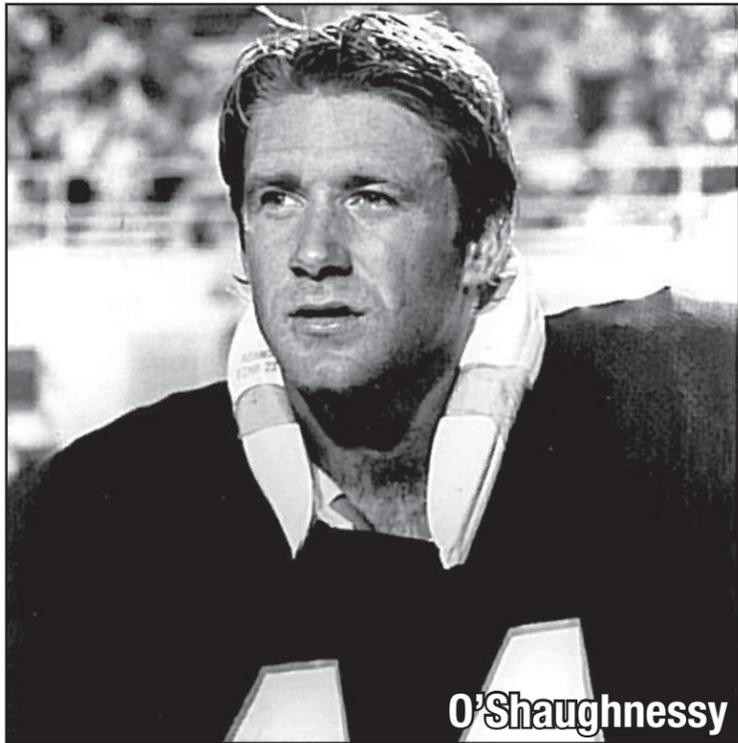
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Community Bulletin



O'Shaughnessy

The 2010 class of Hall of Fame Inductees includes Winter Park resident Michael O'Shaughnessy. The 2010 Distinguished Letterwinner played football and baseball for UCF. A two-sport athlete for the Fighting Knights, O'Shaughnessy was a standout defensive lineman for UCF's football team during the program's first two seasons of play in 1979 and 1980.

The Enzian announced that the opening night film for the 19th Annual Florida Film Festival will be the Southeast premiere of Paper Man, directed by Kieran and Michele Mulroney. The Festival will take place April 9-18. Tickets to attend the opening night film and party start at \$30 for film only passes, \$80 for party only passes and \$100 for film and party passes. Visit www.floridafilmfestival.com for the complete program and to order tickets.

The Maitland Historical Society celebrates its 40th anniversary this year

with free admission to the museums for the rest of the year. Maitland Historical Society operates four unique museums in Maitland including the Waterhouse Residence Museum and the Carpentry Shop Museum, Maitland Historical Museum and The Telephone Museum. For more information, call 407-644-2451.

Councilman Jeff Flowers has offered a \$250K gift to the city of Maitland for a performance stage in Lake Lily Park. He said the money provides a continuing funding source for the city. "My desire is to leave [Maitland] in a strong position financially to provide community events on a more frequent basis than it could have done in the past," said Flowers.

Nonprofit organization Shepherd's Fold began a pilot program helping to provide job skills, coaching and support with a web design class and music recording for people with disabilities. Winter Park Police Chief

Brett Bailey and Fire Chief Lars White donated the pilot program space. For information, call 407-645-1782.

Borders Bookstore in Winter Park Village hosted a lecture and book signing with Thomas J. DiLorenzo, New York Times best-selling author of "How Capitalism Saved America" and "Lincoln Unmasked." The event was organized by the Orange County Campaign for Liberty. Visit www.campaignforliberty.com.

Friends of First Response-Maitland's annual dues are due to keep the great work of the charity moving for the benefit of our area's first responders. Individual membership is \$20 and family membership is \$35. Please send your membership for 2010 to Friends of First Response-Maitland, 255 W. George Ave., Maitland. Event volunteers are needed. Call 407-629-7091 for more information.

Business Briefs

Long touted as the "Founding Father" of Thornton Park, Olde Town Brokers' Phil Rampy was thrilled to see his neighborhood selected as one of the nation's "Best Old House Neighborhoods 2010" by This Old House magazine.

Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor, & Reed, P.A., the largest law firm in Central Florida, according to the Orlando Business Journal, has launched an innovative internship program with Florida A&M University

(FAMU) College of Law to provide law students with a unique opportunity to learn about the legal profession and develop their legal skills.

Winter Park-based RLF, a leading architecture, engineering and interior design firm, announces the addition of Gary Badge to the firm's team of professionals.

United Arts of Central Florida awarded \$33,025 to 37 artists and arts administrators selected as recip-

ients of its 2010 Professional Development Grants. For more information, visit www.UnitedArts.cc.

Dellecker, Wilson, King, McKenna & Ruffier, LLP announced that as of Jan. 1, Anthony F. Sos has been elevated to partner.

NAI Global has formed an Investment Services Group to provide expert investment property service to institutional and private commercial real estate sellers and buyers. Twelve

senior investment brokers have been designated as directors.

SmARTboard is a hands-on program developed by United Arts to educate business professionals in Central Florida about the responsibilities and benefits of serving on a nonprofit board. Completion of the course guarantees placement on a cultural board. For more information, please visit www.UnitedArts.cc.

The Gardens at DePugh Nursing

Center has selected Syslin Francis as the interim administrator. She will manage the 40-bed facility in Winter Park. Syslin is also a candidate for the permanent position.

Stirling Sotheby's International Realty has been appointed exclusive sales and marketing agents for a \$1.35 million Winter Park estate located near Park Avenue at 961 Bonita Drive in Winter Park.

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Georgine Lamvu, MD, MPH Chosen to Serve On AHRQ Panel Formulating Treatment Guidelines for Chronic Pain

March 9, 2010 - Georgine Lamvu, MD, MPH had been selected by the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to help formulate new evidenced-based guidelines for the treatment of chronic pelvic pain.

Chronic pelvic pain often results from pelvic inflammatory disease and affects about eight percent of all women of reproductive age in the United States. In addition to chronic pelvic pain, pelvic inflammatory disease can lead to infertility and tubal pregnancy, according to the AHRQ.

Dr. Lamvu, a board-certified gynecologist, is a recognized leader in gynecology and minimally invasive gynecologic surgery. She is a member of the medical staff of Florida Hospital. She practices with Frederick Hoover, MD, Liza Colimon, MD and Dabney Lipscomb, ARNP at Advanced Minimally Invasive Surgery and Gynecology Specialists, and is located at 2501 N. Orange Avenue Suite 286 in Orlando, Florida.

The AHRQ is part of the United States Department of Health and Human Services which supports medical research designed to improve the outcomes and quality of health care, reduce costs, and to improve patient safety. It sponsors and conducts research to improve health care services quality.

For more information on Dr. Lamvu and the physicians and staff at AMISGS, call 407-303-2780 to schedule an office tour, or visit their website at www.gynspecialistsorlando.com.

PROFILES | Fiscal fastidiousness marked Diebel's tenure on the City Commission

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many issues as she could to maintain unity on the Commission.

"I've served with two mayors and always pleaded my case to try to find supporters for my viewpoint and tried to build consensus when I couldn't necessarily bring people around to my way of thinking," Bridges said.

Her diligence in researching issues earned respect from other members of the Commission.

"She always came prepared," fellow Commissioner Beth Dillaha said. "She always did her homework."

I always appreciated the time and effort."

That effort helped lead to the first successful amendment to the Comprehensive Plan in more than 10 years. Bridges saw that process through to the end, starting with a Commission that at the time included Mayor David Strong and Commissioners John Eckbert and Doug Metcalf. Changes to the mayor and Commission happened midway through the process, but Bridges helped the final push that saw the plan sent to Tallahassee.

"I'm very proud of all of the effort that went into

passing the Comprehensive Plan," Bridges said.

Though that plan may help determine the shape and governance of the city for years to come, Bridges said she's even more proud of some forward-thinking budgeting that spared the city financial heartache during the ongoing recession.

"I'm very proud of the fact that the commissions that I've served on have worked to streamline our budgets in anticipation of economic challenges that are unprecedented," Bridges said. "We still maintained services, our phenomenally recognized library, park maintenance, paving schedules for our roads and still brought in all our utility projects that aren't pretty but need to be done."

Despite her term ending on the Commission, she said she hopes to continue with a project she has worked for years to see through — the inclusion of Winter Park on the national register of historic places.

"It's the collection of our whole historic downtown that's one of the elements that makes Winter Park so special," Bridges said. "I'm very excited that we've started that process to designate that on the historic register."

She said she's hoping to land on the Historic Preservation Board when Mayor Ken Bradley makes his new appointments in May.

Until then, her thoughts are set on greener pastures, spending more time with her husband, and working on a home they own in North Carolina.

In her stead, she said the city will be in good hands, regardless of what the future holds.

"The citizens of Winter Park are involved, they're engaged and they're caring," she said.

"I really think the city will be in good hands because we have so many passionate, concerned citizens."

Diebel running for Congress

Diebel has her sights set high. After her first term in public office, she's bypassing county and state office and campaigning for Congress.

During her three years on the City Commission, she left her mark as a staunch supporter of the SunRail system, which passed through the state Legislature in December.

That may have proven one of the most divisive issues during the last three years, as factions took sides either supporting Winter Park's inclusion in a rail funding agreement with Orange County or deriding it as being too risky or expensive.

Diebel continued to push for the system against some strong opposition on the Commission.

"We shouldn't go against the will of the voters," Diebel said. "I've supported this because the voters supported it."

Within the city she worked to increase efficiency in the budget, which at times helped bridge gaps



PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE OBSERVER
Karen Diebel poses for a photo during a Christmas Party in December. She's running for U.S. Congress rather than campaigning for a second term on the Commission.

between herself and Commissioners Dillaha and Phil Anderson. Those gaps were vast on some issues, many beginning from the outset of Diebel's term, Dillaha said.

"I think she was very true to abiding by the wishes of her campaign contributors," Dillaha said.

Despite differences of opinion on the Commission, the quintet rallied to tighten the budget and avoid cutting services.

"Commissioner Diebel was a champion of making

sure our tax structure was as low as possible," Bradley said.

Both Commissioners Bridges and Diebel survived the pressure of public office well, Bradley said, operating in what Bridges said was one of the most economically difficult times in the city's history.

"I don't think anybody else knows what it's like until you're up here," Bradley said. "These ladies have served gracefully."

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Calendar

The Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival, located in Central Park, will be held March 19-21. It is from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The Orlando Garden Club will host their Spring Flower Show from noon to 2 p.m. on Friday March 19, for club members and exhibitors and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 20 for the public for free. The club is located at Lock Haven Park, 710 E. Rollins Street, Orlando. For a show schedule and entry guidelines, call 407-426-8759 or visit www.garden-central.org/florida/-orlandogardens/.

The Family History Center will have two free workshops on Saturday, March 20. From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. will be "Using Free Personal Ancestral File (PAF) Genealogy Software," and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. "Using U.S. Census Records." The Center is located at 45 E. Par St., Orlando. For more information, call 407-461-2831.

Scott Joseph will host the Rosen Hotels' Homeowners for Haiti fundraiser from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 20, at the Orange County Convention Center. Tickets to this special event are just \$25, which includes admission to the Home Show, a \$10 value. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance online. To purchase your tickets, go to www.FloridaHomeShows.com, click on Spring 2010 and enter in the special code, HAITIHOUSE, when you purchase your ticket.

At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23,

the University Club of Winter Park will host the debate "China: Friend, Foe or Banker?" This free event is located at 841 N. Park Ave. and is open to the public. Call 407-644-6149 for more information.

At 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, Kris Kolar Vice President of Interior Design at Robb & Stucky Interiors will host the a Q&A session with acclaimed designer Michael Weiss, who is known for his furniture, rug, lighting and fabric designs. Attendees can meet the designer, view his new collections and hear about his inspirations for the furniture. The session will take place at Robb & Stucky Interiors, 351 S. State Road 434, Altamonte Springs. For more information, visit www.RobbStucky.com.

The Association for Corporate Growth (ACG Orlando) and the Miami Consulate of Canada will present "Cross Border Business Opportunities" from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, at the Sonesta Hotel, 60 S. Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando. The event will feature Everton Lewis, Managing Consultant with IBM Global Services. Save online by pre-registering by Monday, March 22 at www.ACGOrlando.org.

From 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 26, there will be an art auction at the Maitland Art Center, 231 W. Packwood Ave., to benefit Doctors without Borders (MSF) in Haiti. The event, Art with Heart, will have donated artworks by local artists and collectors that will be for sale, as well as part of the auction. All of the proceeds will be donated to MSF in Haiti.

For more information, contact Jerry or Gayle at 407-672-1001.

From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 26, there will be a Winter Park Celebrity Waiters Luncheon at Flemings Prime Steakhouse, 933 N. Orlando Ave., Winter Park, to benefit B.A.S.E. Camp Children's Cancer Foundation. Join co-chairs Orange County Commissioner Bill Segal, and the President and CEO of the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce, Patrick Chapin, for this event that will feature silent and live auctions, dares and dances. Sign up to be a celebrity waiter, reserve a corporate table for \$500 (seats 10) or purchase tickets at \$35 per person by visiting www.basecamp.org or calling 407-673-5060.

Join the Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society next weekend for the Spring Mineral & Gem Show at the Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando. The event will be held from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 26, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 27 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 28. The society will feature unique beads, mineral specimens, custom-made jewelry, door prizes, auctions, stone cutting (faceting) and cabbing demonstrations. Parking is free and tickets for adults are \$5 and \$2 for students. For more information, visit www.thumblicker.com.

Join St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 27, for a 5K Road Race Challenge to support Help for Haiti. The race will be held at St. Mary Magdalen Par-

ish, 869 Maitland Ave., Altamonte Springs. Call 407-339-7301 or visit www.smmschool.org for more information.

The Camaraderie Foundation is holding a free event in Orlando from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 10. All veterans, current service members and families who have served or are still serving in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom are invited to enjoy lunch and entertainment provided by The Camaraderie Foundation. All attendees can learn more about the ways The Camaraderie Foundation is working to serve U.S. military service members and their families. For more information, visit www.camaraderie-foundation.com.

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

-March 1-31 is Youth Poetry Contest sponsored by the Friends of the Maitland Public Library. Contest is open to ages 8 to 18 with a Maitland Public Library card. Gift cards will be awarded to winners and honorable mentions at the Poetry Award Reception in April. For details and an entry form, visit www.maitlandpubliclibrary.org.

-Friday, March 19: From 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. the Maitland Fire & Rescue will conduct blood pressure checks. No registration required.

-Saturday, March 20: At 1:30 p.m. local author Julie Compton will discuss her new book, "Rescuing Olivia," and

sign books.

-Monday, March 22: At 10 a.m. PC Academy teaches Computer Basics – E-mail. Registration is required.

-Tuesday, March 23: 7:30 p.m. Books to Die For! Mystery Book Club – this month's selection is Blaize Clement's "Curiosity Killed the Cat Sitter."

-Wednesday, March 24: 1:30 p.m. The Contemporary Authors Book Discussion Group will discuss this month's selection, Bo Campbell's "Distant Land of My Father."

Performances by the Performing Arts of Maitland this month at the Maitland Farmer's Market, 701 Lake Lily Drive, for more information, call 407-339-5984 or visit www.pamaitland.org.

-Sunday, March 21 - Amanda Clark and Bob Sanders

-Sunday, March 28 - Davey Schweizer

-Sunday, April 4 - Farmer's Market closed for Easter

-Sunday, April 11 - String Theory with Kayonne Riley

From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays, check out the Maitland Stage Band at the Germaine Marvel Building in the Maitland Art Center, 210 W. Packwood Ave. Rehearsals are open to the public. Inquire about booking the 16-piece band for your next event. For more information, call 407-539-2181.

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Artists converge on Baldwin Park

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Christina Cavallo, 14, from the Orlando School of Music sings at the 4th Baldwin Park Arts Festival on March 13, below. Artist Christopher Tobar Rodriguez shows off his work, at right.



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Winter Park City Talk
BY RANDY KNIGHT
 CITY MANAGER

MARCH 22 CITY COMMISSION MEETING TOPICS OF INTEREST

There will be a City Commission meeting on Monday, March 22, at 3:30 p.m., in City Hall Commission Chambers. Below are a few topics of interest:

Presentation to outgoing City Commissioners
 Oath of Office for the two newly elected City Commissioners

BOARD UPDATES:

-Keep Winter Park Beautiful

MAYOR'S REPORT:

-Passing of Mr. Stanley Wilson

-90-day plan - Scheduled Work session for April 12

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

-Agreement resolving Williams vs. city

NON ACTION ITEMS:

-Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

-Fiscal Year 2009/2010 financial report

-Potential 2010 comprehensive plan changes

CONSENT AGENDA:

-Approve the minutes of March 8.

-Approve the Tennis Court Rules and Standards and Tennis Instructors Use Fee for Cady Way Park and Phelps Park.

-Approve Reforestation

Services bid award to Groundtek of Central Florida.

-Approve Reynolds Inliner LLC for sanitary sewer main rehabilitation lining, piggy-backing the City of St. Petersburg contract.

-Approve Medtronic Physio-Control Corporation, piggy-backing National Association of State Procurement Officials.

-Approve the Keep Winter Park Beautiful Board revised bylaws.

ACTION ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION:

-Schedule a strategic planning session and discuss how it will be facilitated.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

-Second reading of the ordinance adopting new zoning regulations Section 58-89 and Section 58-90, amending the process and procedures, standards and criteria for approval of changes to the zoning regulations text and official zoning map and for conditional uses.

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS:

Commissioner Anderson
 Commissioner Dillaha
 Commissioner Cooper
 Commissioner

McMacken

Mayor Bradley
 -Repeal Ordinance No. 2793-10 requiring a supermajority for

Comprehensive Plan changes to align with the vote of the people as expressed in Charter Amendment No. 10.

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.

MARCH 22 CRA AGENCY MEETING

The City Commission will adjourn from the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting on Monday, March 22, and reconvene as the CRA Board at 4:30 p.m., to discuss the appointment of the Park Avenue Area Association Task Force.

GET GOOGLING

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Get mapped: Make your mark and tell Google why they should build its fiber network here. You can make your Google mark at www.cityofwinterpark.org > Get Googling button.

Tell your friends: Post it on Facebook, talk about it on Twitter. Tell them to go to www.cityofwinterpark.org > Get Googling button.

There isn't much time. The application is due to Google on Friday, March 26. Our community is up to the task, so let's "Get Googling!"

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL BIKE FROM PARK TO PARK

The City of Winter Park Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Board will celebrate by hosting the second annual Bike from Park to Park at 8 a.m. Friday, March 26.

Bicyclists will begin their ride through scenic Winter Park at Mead Garden, located at 1300 S. Denning Drive, and will conclude in Central Park's West Meadow with refreshments

courtesy of Panera Bread. Bike from Park to Park supports the mission to promote a viable and safe pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly infrastructure.

Those interested in participating are asked to please RSVP by Tuesday, March 23, via e-mail at trafficguy@cityofwinterpark.org or by calling 407-599-3233.

56TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The city of Winter Park is proud to announce their 56th annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 3, in beautiful Central Park located in downtown Winter Park. This fun-filled event will provide as much excitement and laughs for adults as it will for youngsters.

Children as old as 10 can begin lining up at 9:30 a.m. The hunt will begin promptly at 10 a.m. when the Easter Bunny gives the official starting signal. Children with special needs are also encouraged to join in the fun.

More than 10,000 stuffed eggs will be placed throughout Central Park. As always, children who come up empty handed will still be able to enjoy special treats at the designated area.

For more information regarding the city of Winter Park's 56th annual Easter Egg Hunt, please call 407-599-3203.

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




Maitland City Talk
BY DOUGLAS T. KINSON
 MAYOR

Take 10 in 2010!

Maitland Needs Your Help to Complete the 2010 Census

Do you have 10 minutes?

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Do you have 10 minutes to ease your daily commute or improve public transportation options?

All of these things and more depend on data collected during the 2010 Census. I need you to join me in taking 10 minutes to complete and return your census form.

This week, the U.S. Census Bureau distributed the 2010 Census to

more than 130 million addresses across the nation. Mandated by the U.S. Constitution and conducted every 10 years, the census counts every man, woman and child. Mailing back the census form is the easiest way to participate in the 2010 Census, and every household should complete and mail back the form upon receipt.

The 2010 Census is important to our community's future. The data gathered will determine funding for vital local services as well as representation at all levels of government. To ensure an accurate count, join me in taking 10 minutes to fill out the form and mail it back.

Here's why:

Census data helps determine how more than \$400 billion per year in federal funding is distributed to tribal, state and local governments for services that affect local communities such as ours. Census data can help fund services for people in poverty, and establish facilities for people with disabilities, children and the elderly.

Census data helps forecast future transportation needs and determines how we are represented in all levels of government. Basically, the 2010 Census is about the future and well-being of our community and country.

Completing and mailing back your form is the easiest and most efficient method of participating. This is one of the shortest census forms in U.S. Census history. It asks 10 questions and only takes about 10 minutes to complete.

All of your answers are safe and confidential. By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share your answers with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement

entities. All Census Bureau employees take an oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

Census workers have to visit households that do not return forms to take the count in person. Not only does mailing back a form ensure an accurate count, it also lowers the cost of the 2010 Census by reducing the number of census workers who must go door-to-door to collect census data.

To put it in perspective, about \$85 million is saved for every 1 percent increase in the number of forms returned by mail. Also, the Census Bureau saves \$60 to \$70 per census form mailed back.

"The 2010 Census is an historical event that will help shape the future of our country," said Robert Groves, U.S. Census Bureau director. "It is vital that everyone is counted once and only once and in the right place."

During Census 2000, about 72 percent of

households across the country mailed back their forms by the April 2000 cut-off. I challenge you to beat that number this year.

Our community's future relies on the 2010 Census. Do what's right, take 10 minutes to complete and mail back your census form.

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—Special thanks to Kristine Neal, communications coordinator for the city of Maitland, for her contributions to this week's City Talk.



Location, dates and times

Located in Winter Park's Central Park bounded by New England Avenue on the South and Garfield Avenue on the North, Park Avenue on the East, and New York Avenue on the West.

March 19-21

Friday, March 19, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 20, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 21, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

No pets are allowed in the park or on Park Avenue during the art festival hours of operation.

Ken Bowser

Poster Artist

Ken Bowser brings a fresh look to this year's official art festival poster with his whimsical and edgy illustrative style. In addition to writing and illustrating four of his own books for children, Ken Bowser has illustrated scores of other published book titles and his work has appeared in countless magazines, newspapers and periodicals worldwide including The New York Daily News, The Chicago Tribune, Time and Newsweek to name just a few.

He is also the creator, illustrator and writer of an internationally syndicated humor panel and has authored and illustrated a widely distributed culinary column. His latest book, Space Cat will be available this spring through Red Chair Press. In addition to his thriving illustration career, he also teaches in the Digital Art & Design Department at Full Sail University. Ken is married, has two children and has been a Winter Park resident for 25 years.

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Letter from Suzanne Woodward, President, The 51st Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival

Since our first year, which featured 90 artists displaying work on folding easels and simple display tables, it has been the mission and passion of WPSAF to bring fine art into Central Florida for the enjoyment and education of all ages. What began as a grassroots effort in 1960 by local art lovers has grown over the past five decades into one of the premier art festivals in the United States.

The work of 225 fine artists from around the world is presented to more than 300,000 art lovers in Winter Park during our three-day annual event. A panel of three independent professional judges will award \$67,500 in prize money for excellence in various two and three-dimensional categories, including the top purchase award of \$10,000 for Best Of Show and the Morse Museum Award for Distinguished Work of Art of \$2500.

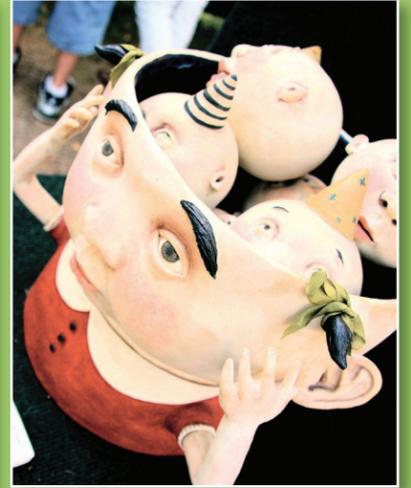
The 45 volunteer members and provisional members of the WPSAF board, as well as our dedicated com-

munity volunteers, spend thousands of hours each year planning, organizing, and fine-tuning what you will see during your stroll through the park. Our Emerging Artists Program features cutting-edge works by college art students and new artists who have never appeared in an outdoor show and our Leon Theodore Schools Exhibit showcases work by Orange County students.

You'll also find numerous 'hands on' art activities for children presented by local museums at our Children's Workshop Village. Delectable food is available throughout the park, and a variety of ongoing musical entertainment is performed during the entire weekend. Our Friday night jazz concert is always a crowd pleaser.

I want to thank our patrons, sponsors, volunteers, artists and supporters who have greatly contributed to the success of this weekend. Without the help of the wonderful employees of The City of Winter Park, especially the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Police and the Fire Departments, this festival would not be possible. Thanks also to you, the festival attendees, for visiting our 51st event. We hope you have an enjoyable experience and visit us again next year!

Looking back at '09



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The 50th annual Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival was held in Central Park in March 2009. This year's festival will feature 90 artists displaying work on folding easels and simple display tables.

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2010 judges

Each year the art festival selects three judges from around the country; they each have artistic credentials in varying fields. In October, these judges select the artists that will participate in the show from the more than 1,000 artists who apply. The images that

they view for selection have numbers and no names so the judges won't be swayed by recognition of the artist. These same judges attend the festival in March and view each artist's whole body of work in order to select the winners of this year's awards.



George Kinghorn is the director and curator of the University of Maine Museum of Art.



Chawky Frenn is a Professor of Art at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.



Susan W. Knowles is an independent curator, art historian, and writer.

Music and entertainment

The 51st Annual Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival will feature entertainment on the Florida Family Insurance Stage and will include performances by jazz artist/original songwriter Peter White (Friday), soul-jazz flutist Althea Rene (Saturday), and smooth jazz guitarist Tim

Bowman (Sunday). Entertainment presented by Florida Family Insurance, WFTV Channel 9, Orlando Home & Leisure Magazine, and Smooth 103.1 WLOQ. All performances are on the Florida Family Insurance Stage, located in north Central Park.

2010 Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival Entertainment Schedule

Friday, March 19

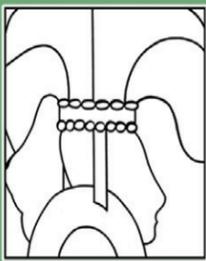
4:30pm-5:30pm:	Winter Park High School Jazz Band
6:00pm-7:00pm:	BK Jackson
7:30pm-9:00pm:	Peter White

Saturday, March 20

10:00am-10:45am:	Chamber Quartet
11:00am-11:45am:	Suzuki Players of Central Florida
12:00pm-1:00pm:	Duvall Dance Academy
1:15pm-2:15pm:	Orlando Brass Quintet
2:45pm-3:45pm:	Rich Walker Quartet
4:15pm-5:45pm:	Althea Rene

Sunday, March 21

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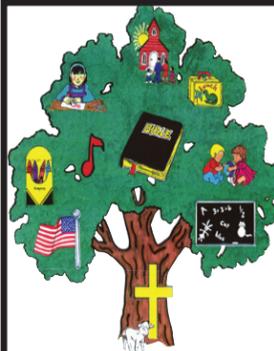
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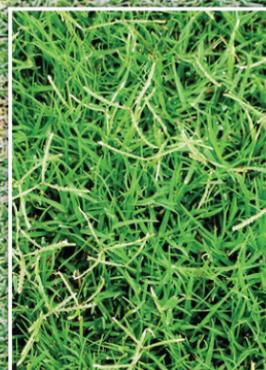
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Single mother Eliana Mahant and her three children, Justin, 9, Jason, 7, and Rachel, 16, were given a Habitat for Humanity house that was built by a Winter Park firm and friends of retired RLF chairman Jack Rogers.

Friends and colleagues of Winter Park's Jack Rogers band together to make home for deserving family

CARMEN CARROQUINO
GUEST REPORTER

Hammering nails, putting up dry-wall and painting walls is not typically the way people want to celebrate 41 years of work before setting off for retirement.

But friends and colleagues of Jack Rogers, former chairman and CEO of the Winter Park-based Rogers, Lovelock & Fritz (RLF) architectural firm, knew that designing and building a house for a less fortunate family was a dream that a lack of free time had kept him from achieving.

So when Rogers decided it was time to retire in 2006, those who care about him surprised him by raising more than \$60,000 in partnership with the Winter Park/Maitland affiliate of Habitat for Humanity to build "The house that Jack built."

A dedication ceremony took place on March 6 at the home located at 865 English Court in Winter Park, where it was named only the second home to be privately sponsored by individuals and the 45th house built by the Winter Park/Maitland affiliate.

Steve Schoene, friend and former colleague of Rogers at RLF, said that Rogers had grown up and worked in Winter Park. He had always been involved in community outreach and appreciated the mission that Habitat for Humanity had.

"Jack's integrity is really something," he said. "He's one of the last men willing to operate on a handshake and be a man of his word. If doing the right the thing is considered a good trait, he would go above and beyond it."

When friends and colleagues toyed with the idea of buying Rogers a gold watch as a retirement gift, Schoene was one of many who agreed the gift would not do for his longtime friend. He spearheaded the Habitat project as a tribute to an unknowing Rogers, rounding up about 150 individuals who wanted to celebrate Rogers' retirement in a unique way.

The 1,100-square-foot, three-bedroom/one-bath Craftsman-style

bungalow, broke ground in January 2009 and was completed in less than a year for the Mahant family.

Habitat homes cost between \$75,000 and \$100,000, not including land costs. A no-interest loan for 30 years is given to Habitat home recipients, where their monthly payment is about \$300. Habitat for Humanity Winter Park/Maitland works with Orange County income guidelines to choose those most in need. All recipients of Habitat Homes must volunteer 100 hours of "sweat equity" on other Habitat projects besides their own and 500 volunteer hours on the construction of their own home as their down payment.

Rogers said the house was the "finest retirement gift" he could ask for after 41 years at the firm and expressed a quiet, but deep gratitude to all his friends and family who had a hand in making the house a reality.

He said not only has the family moving into what he calls the "greatest blessing" been enriched, but he has too by the generosity of those close to him throughout the years.

Hal George, president of the affiliate, said "The house that Jack built" was an interesting project to work on because of the rarity of how it came about.

Most homes are constructed by organizations such as schools, churches and non-profits because of the fundraising required, George said, adding that it can be quite an undertaking for smaller groups of individuals to accomplish.

George said the first privately sponsored home was built in 2002 in memory of the affiliate's former attorney, Hope Strong III, by his brother, former mayor of Winter Park David Strong.

The uniqueness of the home also refers to the addition of having Rogers' design expertise. Special features to the exterior and interior of the home include a wrap-around porch displaying bricked-column bases, specialized cabinetry and a cathedral-ceiling frame.

For single mother Eliana Mahant and her three children (Rachel, 16,

Justin, 9, and Jason, 7) the house is a dream come true.

Rich reds, serene greens and vibrant turquoise and pinks decorate different rooms of the home, matching everyone's personalities. The Mahant family walked through their new home smiling ear-to-ear with pride and gratitude written all

over their faces.

"I feel like I've won the lottery," Mahant said to everyone at the dedication ceremony. "I know in every part of my home that there is love and your hard work... It will always be more than a house, but a home to me and my family."

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Family Calendar

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Events at the Maitland Art Center, 231 W. Packwood Ave. Call 407-539-2181 or visit www.maitlandartcenter.org for more information.

-From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., starting Monday, March 22, children ages 6 to 8 can join the Little Artist Series for the six-week program. Mondays will be drawing, ink and pen. Tuesdays will be watercolors. Wednesdays will be acrylic painting. Cost is \$90 for non-members and \$80 for members. There is a \$25 material fee.

-From 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., starting Thursday, March 25, K-4, K-5 and first grade can join the Young Masters program. K-4 through second grade meet Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cost is \$90 for non-members and \$80 for members. There is a \$25 material fee.

The Orange County Health Department's School Health Program is encouraging parents to start early to get their child immunized. Through the Middle School Initiative, the health department is helping to get middle school students ready for the next school year by providing the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine, which is required prior to a child entering seventh grade. A schedule of when school nurses will be at your child's school is available at www.orchd.com.

At 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, the Orange County Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) is celebrating the "2010 Kick Butts Day" by hosting a community park cleanup. The cleanup will be held at George Barker Park, 2000 Monte Carlo Trail, Orlando. For more information, contact SWAT at 407-340-3415.

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.

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H.R. Director Kristin Shutler and Workforce Advantage Academy student Geneva Culbertson review case files at deBeaubien, Simmons, Mantzaris & Neal LLP law firm.

Workforce Advantage Academy students get real-world experience as interns

KAREN McENANY-PHILLIPS
OBSERVER STAFF

Geneva Culbertson dreams of caring for exotic animals such as cheetahs or polar bears. But for now the fearless 17-year-old is happy sorting, shredding and scanning client records at a downtown Orlando law firm.

The student body president and yearbook editor will soon graduate from Workforce Advantage Academy, an Orange County charter school where she takes classes two to three days a week and works a paid internship the other two days.

"This schedule gives me time to study but I get to work too," Culbertson said. "I've learned so much at school and through my job."

The innovative program is the vision of Kenneth E. Hartsaw Jr., whose military and business careers included 30 years of youth job training and education. He founded Workforce Advantage Academy, a nonprofit organization in 2003.

By its fifth year, the academy's stunning academic performance won it an unprecedented 15-year extension.

"When students get here, most have not passed the FCAT, have fallen behind and are off track to graduate. We have over 400 graduates, a 90 percent graduation rate with improvements in both FCAT and grade point averages," Hartshaw said.

As part of Orange County Public Schools, students attend for free, however Hartsaw admits most juniors and seniors arrive with reservations and most have never worked.

What turns them around? Small class sizes of 15 to 20 students with certified teachers who pick up on student moods, struggles

and successes allows problems and strengths to be identified early on.

The curriculum combines classes taught in any Orange County high school and business courses that prepare them for paid internships and real world challenges. Students work with household budgets, business plans and consumer math. They learn interviewing, communication and workplace skills, including tips on appearance, being on time and filling out applications.

"When I finally got my job last January, I was prepared," Culbertson said.

Internships span areas of employment including law, manufacturing, construction, business administration and retail.

Hartsaw said many students come from economically challenged families or have become lost at high schools with 4,000-plus students.

"This is not an alternative school," Hartsaw said. "When people come here, they begin to turn their lives around. We give them choices and the tools to be successful."

His graduates go on to attend community colleges, universities, technical schools, the military or full-time work.

Culbertson plans to attend Valencia Community College then pursue a degree in zoology and biology.

Kristin Shutler, firm administrator and human resources director at deBeaubien, Simmons, Mantzaris & Neal LLP has been working with the academy's students from its inception and commented on Culbertson's performance.

"Geneva is the pinnacle of a star — she is determined, bright and focused with a great work ethic."

Shutler said students admit that a smaller school

with a career focus has rescued them from the social pressures of traditional high schools. Employers win by paying trainable employees a moderate wage without extensive benefits. The unique partnership between employers and the academy differentiates from other teens who struggle alone to balance a job with classes and extracurricular activities.

Allison Okamoto, a junior at the Academy, is considered "invaluable" by her office manager Dottie Geniotto at Lake Howell Chiropractic Clinic in Maitland.

"She's my right arm," Geniotto said. "Her computer skills are awesome, which allows me to take care of my other duties."

Okamoto designs flyers, types clinical notes, creates labels and scans records.

Next year as a senior and honor student she hopes to have dual enrollment at Valencia Community College. "This is a good opportunity to get a job and your education," Okamoto said.

When faced with a 30 percent budget cut, Hartsaw increased his student enrollment and raised private donations. He has helped fund student proms, scholarships and trips to college campuses, Washington, D.C., and New York City. His enrollment is at full capacity with more than 200 students sometimes with a waiting list.

"No one is alone here," Culbertson said. "This school helps you focus on yourself, not on someone else's problems. It's easy to get close to the staff because they help you."

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'Date Night'

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In a future world where people use credit to buy mechanical organs, Remy's job is to collect the expensive parts from the bodies of those who have defaulted on their loans. But when he can't pay for his own heart, he must go on the run.

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Milo, a bounty hunter, finds himself tasked to bring in his ex-wife, a reporter covering a murder story. His vindictive joy soon sours when killers start hunting the prickly pair.

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It's not the dying, it's the ending

I'm sixty-sucking-one this week. I'm old. In my fifties, I used the F-word to count my way through that decade. Instead of sucking. I do not particularly like aging for two reasons. Regardless of the hype to the contrary, I am physically less of the man I was 20 years ago. I don't like that. But even more than that I'm closer to being dead.

And, I so love life. I'm one of those guys who says, "I want to live forever." I do. Puh-leece, do not send me your favorite Biblical passage promising eternal bliss as a footstool or nightstand or fawning, singing acolyte to God. I'm talking about *life* life. Life where choices have to be made. Life where pain is commonplace. Life where death is the best man or gorgeous bridesmaid at every celebration.

That's one contradiction about death. It makes life precious.

That may be the downside to eternal life (if it were an option), what would get you excited? Actually, it's a common enough theme in fiction. The bored aristocrat — yawn, yawn — the guy with the lavish English

gardens who speaks fluent Italian, reads Greek and shoots skeet like James Bond in "From Russia With Love." And the poor chap, he's so bored. My brother says, "Life is boring to boring people." I tend to agree with Uncle Stevie. But acknowledging that "remote" possibility doesn't staunch my longing for more time.

My wish to live forever is, no doubt, predicated on a number of things. My health is still good, as far as I know. And isn't that the damned truth. You reach a certain age, oh, say, sixty-sucking-one, and you know folks who just up and die. Young people. Not people who enlisted for combat and subsequently died being all they could be. But educators who wake up with a headache and are dead 11 months later (my sister at age 54 of glioblastoma multiforme). Or, killed in traffic accident. Or, had her breasts removed and then died cancerous anyway. Here one day and gone tomorrow.

Actually that is how I feel about what I hope is the 81 or so years I am alive. Here one day, gone tomorrow. That's about what I'll

get. 83 years. And it is so short, so brief a time span as to be — here today, gone tomorrow. And because I am healthy I want more. I'm human, I want. More life. More happiness. More joy. More love. And to have that in life requires that you have more pain. More sorrow. More heartache.

That is one of life's true dichotomies. To have exhilaration you will have doubt. And disappointment. And despair at times. And each of us has some internal "scale" that constantly evaluates and answers, "How am I doing today?" And the reply you give to yourself is what puts the skip in your step or the wiggle in your walk. Or the giggle in your talk.

So life still excites you and you want more. Yet, alas, sigh, more is a finite number. I've been seriously aware of my own mortality and what a screw life is at the end because you've acquired all this "perspective" and then shazam, it's over. How fair is that? At age 21, one of those light bulbs went off, you know, one of those — they hang from an ancient electrical cord dangling from an open rafter in a rustic, remote Minnesota cabin. Primitive. You're standing next to it and the chain hanging from the dirty bulb is swinging as "POP!" On goes that light in your mind like the bright bolt of illumination that it is and something concretely registers in your mind.

The last time this had occurred was with my father while standing on our front porch at age 16 at 2 a.m. one hot July morning with the taillights of the police car fading down the

street. My father got his left eyeball four inches from my right eyeball and succinctly asked, "When are you going to learn?" He sternly turned in his purple flannel robe and went back to bed leaving me to ponder just that question. That particular light bulb experience was an important lesson.

My light bulb experience five years later wasn't a lesson but a recognition — about life having a "very" real stop point. And, that at age 21, I was already a quarter cooked! And here I am at sixty-sucking-one, wanting more. Good Golly Miss Molly! Three-quarters in the can!

Friends, people say, oh, you're not old, Chris. It's only people my age or older who say that and have any believability quotient. I subscribe to a lot of magazines and see a lot of movies, I know old and I am it.

As much as I am disgruntled by the inherent unfairness of it all — my not living for a nanosecond-like 10,000 years — I'm totally OK with it, too.

"Marcus Welby," as my sainted mother used to say. Might as well be — accepting of one's fate.

The crux of the matter is how to live life. How to shove as much of what you love and want "into" your life right up to the day you die. And then cross your legs, hopefully sigh thoughtfully, and expire. Who-o-o-o-oooosh! Here today. Gone tomorrow. My mother died like that.

I've been thinking of giving death a name. And "Chuck" sounds good to me. By giving death a name we would personalize him a bit more. He'd become

more accessible. You know when you're with a woman and you overhear something to the effect "Aunt Flow" is visiting. Well, if Aunt Flow can personalize a menstrual cycle, Chuck, sure as "My Friend" can stand in (be the — wink, wink — code word) for death. The applications are endless. "Chuck took your Granny away, Little Mary. Don't cry." I'm too much. Hah!

It's not the dying, it's the ending.

"Out, out, brief candle! Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player, that struts and frets his hour upon the stage, And then is heard no more." Shakespeare said that.

OK, we have this wonderful consciousness that quickly lets us know it's all temporary. Even knowing our outcomes, life has us wanting more. It could be construed as cruel but that begs the question of intent.

It simply is. And to the degree that we have control over our lives and destinies I so recommend that we all embrace what life we have left with the same gusto, verve and pleasure as the newborn babe suckles at his mother's breast.

M-mm-M-mm, Good.

I'm in heaven! Life is. Even at sixty-sucking-one.

I said earlier, and I quote myself, "It's not the dying, it's the ending."

No, my good friend, it's the living.

TALK TO JEPSON

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

Letters to the Editor

Why close Winter Park Memorial thrift store?

The Winter Park Memorial Hospital Auxiliary White Elephant Thrift Store is closing, and 31 volunteers are asking *why*. We know that Publix is expanding and will be tearing down our building in the Aloma Plaza, but why, after 27 years of being a source of income and volunteer service for the Winter Park Memorial Hospital, was the decision made to close the store, even though another building was available. During these years, thousands of dollars have been made for hospital projects, improvements, scholarships and various needs of the hospital.

Why now, with the economy like it is and the community needing stores such as ours, would the hospital close it down? The monies we made did help the

hospital and the community by being there for the people. The 31 volunteers are dedicated ladies that have formed friendships throughout the years with a wonderful store that has served the community well and helped many who were in need and unable to pay.

We feel that the Winter Park Hospital fails to realize just what the White Elephant Thrift Store and its volunteers have done for the hospital and the community after all these years.

—Carol Rollman
Orlando

Jepson stacks the deck on religion

Chris Jepson blasted God again in his March 4 column, "Satan as a Card Dealer," in the Observer by exalting the devil. He quotes Samuel Butler who laments that, since God has written all the books; mankind has

only heard one side of the story. (Is Satan illiterate?) God's Book is only of value, however, if read. The devil can in no way match God's power, though he can inflict great damage. He was the first to realize and take advantage of free will — to realize that the choice to obey God also opens the door to rebellion, which many prefer.

Epicurus' error has been answered many times, but some have not read those books either. A diet of skepticism seldom yields wisdom. Could God prevent evil? He could — but only at the expense of our free will. God is unwilling to eradicate all evil at the moment of its inception because the devil and all of us would have been destroyed long ago. Furthermore, no one would ever have a chance to learn from mistakes, repent, or make positive

changes. God is not malevolent to allow the existence of evil because it provides us the means of deciding our future. God knew from the beginning what man's choices would be. For that reason Jesus was slain from the foundation of the world. God Himself has paid an enormous price for allowing us freedom. Epicurus and Jepson have confused Earth with heav-

en, where no evil will exist. Those who dwell there forever will enjoy a sin-free environment.

Is Satan a mere "fall guy"? The devil has never made anyone sin, but he does know how to manipulate, spin, twist and distort circumstances to his own advantage. He excels in making sin look attractive,

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Sweating it out in the touted tropics

Come to see me in my Florida house. I'm the guy in the seal-skin pants and jacket huddled by the thermostat. It's not that I'm *really* cold since I came back home to Florida to live, it's just that I can't keep warm. The sun shines a lot, but in winter it can't seem to warm *me*.

I was in the North Pacific once during the war, and I never expected a balmy clime. But in Florida, they keep telling you you're warm, while you're shivering.

I was just talking with a friend on the telephone. I mentioned Florida in the 30s.

"You mean when you were in high school?" said my friend.

"No," I said, "I was referring to the temperature this morning."

By 10, I was a confirmed

Floridian, who had all but forgotten his birthplace up North — in cold Atlanta.

There are a few things in my life that I always hated: rattlesnakes, Hubbard squash, grits and cold weather, for example.

I must say truthfully that I have been colder in Florida than anywhere else in all my days, because being in Florida does a Chamber of Commerce *legerdemain* trick on me: that of making me *think* it's warm only because it's *supposed* to be.

I'm writing in early March, and yesterday was in the 50s — going down to freezing at night.

Such weather, I feel in my soul, breaks the sacred compact made with me when I involuntarily became a Floridian in my gullible childhood.

When it's cold in Florida, everything still *looks* summery and inviting. The hibiscus bloom, and the water shimmers in the sunshine. Those accoutrements are just "props" arranged by the C of C in Florida to make Yankees scratch their heads and rationalize when they are looking for their overcoats. We schoolboys wanted to swim in Lake Virginia almost every day of the year. When it was just too cold, we "cursed whatever Northern gods might be." The Florida heat we boys could take all day long and never gripe about it — even in scratchy woolen football jerseys.

Came the day when I innocently took exams to see whether any institution of higher learning in the hinterlands might see some glimmer of hope in my future.

An envelope came weeks later telling me to come

to Massachusetts, a state I couldn't even spell, and which shrouded a sense of inimical foreboding to a Florida Cracker like me.

When I got to Cambridge in September, the weather was just as nice as any Florida day you could ask for.

About a month later the weather-beast came out of hiding at the North Pole and whooped into Cambridge one morning when I was in the office of the dean of freshmen.

The dean noticed I didn't have an overcoat. When he asked why, I said I had *never* owned one. He told me to go across Harvard Square to the Coop, and charge one, preferably a Harris Tweed, to an account number he gave me. I told him I was a little short of money, and he said, "Pay it back when you can." That generous act made me smile in Boston despite the hateful weather.

I graduated in 1942 straight into the U.S. Navy. I had enlisted shortly before, but the summer dragged on without my being called up. First I was ordered to Notre Dame University, and after the weather turned "chilly" we trained at the crack of dawn on the shores of Lake Michigan, north of Chicago. We were given only raincoats because our overcoats had not yet arrived.

Those of us who weren't eliminated by pneumonia went on to duty in either hellishly hot or frigid climes.

We couldn't complain much — after all the Japanese were there sweating or shivering with us. Suddenly I was sent temporarily to a 40 mm machine-gun target range on a forlorn Northern Cape Cod beach, where

I lived in a Quonset hut amid Arctic breezes from Newfoundland.

When the war was finally over, I accepted contracts from a European manager to sing opera and concerts in Europe. Of course, I ended up singing in mid-winter in such cities as Berlin, Paris, Hamburg, Copenhagen, London and Dublin. One thing about winters in Northern Europe — you don't have any sunshine to remind you that somewhere the sun *is* still shining. I noticed that my sunny Southern disposition was packed away somewhere in a piece of discarded luggage. Anyhow, it was a living — freezing though it might have been.

In the 1990s one summer, my b.w. and I were in the states and a friend offered us a nice trip on his big, beautiful airplane. We were just to "fly around" a few places and see some interesting things. Before we knew it, we were landing in Anchorage — that's in Alaska folks! We went ashore needing *heavy* jackets. It was still summer there, some misguided natives in shirtsleeves informed us.

We braced our shoulders and shifted into smiling histrionics, which may have been accented by the audible chattering of our teeth.

One day we flew over to Dillingham (July 31), a town east of Anchorage. I was first out the door when heavy sleet sent me back into the plane. When we had all "deplaned" we stood in the wind and wet and waited for a car to pick us up. We drove on roads, mostly mud, for about an hour heading for Aleknagik — a town my wife has henceforth referred to

fondly as AleknaMUD. There are folks who love Alaska — and mud — dearly, folks who cherish short pseudo-summers, and the feeling of "roughing it" Arctic style in their own backyards.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the glory of Alaskan scenery, the wild animals, and the imposing silhouette of Mt. McKinley. Most unforgettable was a boat trip on Prince William Sound with glaciers on all sides. In a hotel restaurant on Kodiak Island we enjoyed the best fish *ever* — halibut.

Early in World War II my ship visited the Aleutian Islands, off Alaska, after we learned that Japanese subs were operating there. I remember being on the flying bridge in a temperature more than 30 percent below zero. I made a note then — never to visit Alaska unless ordered to do so by the U.S. Navy.

There are some things in life, I suppose, that are meant to be tough, like Chicago winters, and New York bagels. Soft grocery store bagels and Miami sunshine don't seem to build real character.

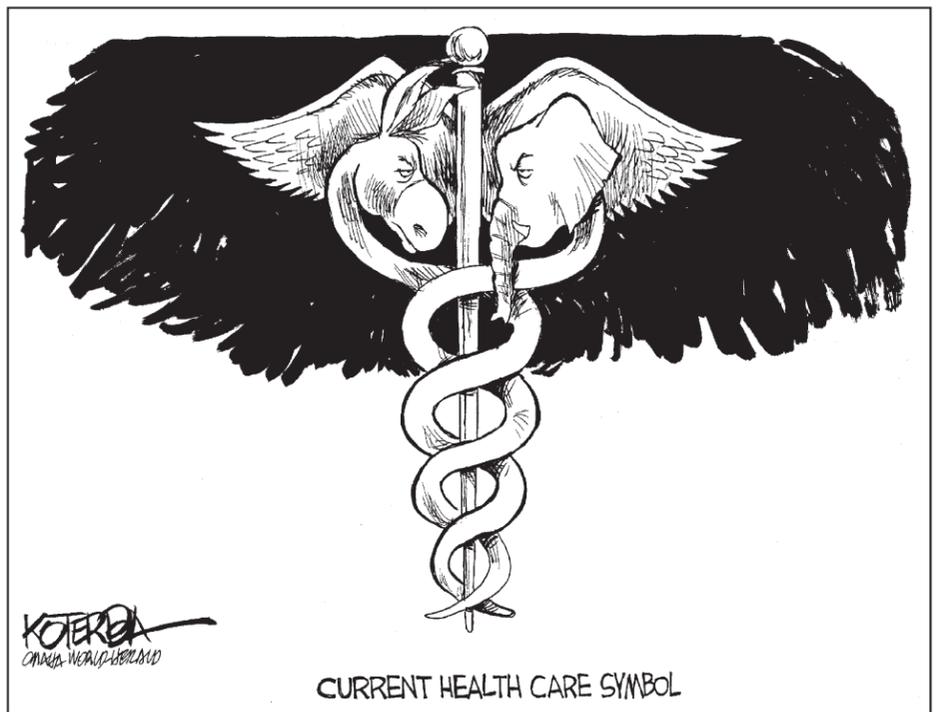
There surely should be something that builds character when a person moves *from Miami to Chicago* and manages to survive for a full year.

People joke about living in places with climate extremes.

Of course, there's more joking about not freezing in Bismarck than there is about surviving the heat in Orlando.

I'll tell you succinctly why I have a special detestation for cold:
It hurts!

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LETTERS | Almost 6 million people are unaware that they have diabetes; know your risk for Type 2 diabetes

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but we are still drawn away by our own lusts. We bear the blame for our decisions.

Mark Twain was a brilliant humorist, but did he say with a straight face that Satan "hasn't a single salaried helper"? Really? Do those who traffic in illegal drugs do it for free? Are there no paychecks for those in Hollywood who encourage young people to use crude speech and engage in acts of fornication? Sin ministries are big business. Even writers of books and newspaper columnists have been known to receive remuneration for their efforts.

Many claiming to be Christians serve in the devil's camp. As the old story goes, a man was on the way to a costume party dressed as what many people imagine the devil to look like (orange suit, horns, etc.). A sudden storm arose, and he ran for cover from the rain. He slipped into a church building just as lightning struck and the power flickered. People suddenly saw him and began to scream and scatter — except for one elderly man, who stood his ground and confided, "I just want you to know that I've been a member

of this church for 40 years, but I've been on your side the whole time." Likewise, some "clergy" now champion fornication, adultery and many other sins — contrary to the Word of God.

Those who want to know God should read His Book instead of listening to those who claim to represent Him. The Bereans did not even take Paul's preaching as truth until they searched the Scriptures. Paul also encouraged brethren to prove or test all things. Lumping all or even most religious leaders together with the one Jepsen cited is nothing more than the logical fallacy of "hasty generalization," which he surely knows. Talk about stacking the deck!

—Gary W. Summers
Winter Park

Identifying the silent killer

Can you imagine if everyone in the state of Florida walked around with a disease called "the silent killer" — and didn't know it? Or if every single resident in New York and California were at high risk for developing this "silent killer?"

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tes. Could one of them be someone you love?

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ness, kidney disease, stroke and amputation.

What can you do to stop diabetes? Know your risk.

Tuesday, March 23 is American Diabetes Association Alert Day. Discover your risk for Type 2 diabetes — and join the movement

to stop this terrible disease — by visiting stopdiabetes.com or by calling 800-DIABETES.

It's time to stop this silent killer once and for all.
—Thomas Kincaid
Longwood



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Third Thursday and a battle of the sexes

It's Third Thursday! You definitely want to check out the "once-a-month" celebration of fine art that takes place on the third Thursday of each month when the art galleries of downtown Orlando bring us new exhibits to view and enjoy. The evening is one continuous party with anchors at the CityArts Factory (corner of

Orange and Pine) and the Gallery at Avalon Island (corner of Magnolia and Pine). The Galleries could not be more welcoming, and you don't need to remember any of your Art History 101 to have a good time. The exhibits open March 18 at 6 p.m. and will be available for viewing until next month's Third Thursday event.

Among the artists exhibiting this evening, one of my favorites — Brigan Gresh — will open her solo show at the CityArts Factory. Her new works are large mixed-media canvases on which she examines "the moment when light and dark meet." Her opening is March 18 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Keep your eyes open for the white signs all around Downtown Orlando. In this economy, you'll be surprised at the variety of spaces where artists find an empty wall on which to hang — and hopefully sell — their work.

Ballet Battle of the Sexes! The Orlando Ballet continues to re-invent itself under the inspired and forward-thinking direction of Artistic Director Robert Hill. The title of this weekend's performances is your first clue that this is not your grand-

mother's ballet company. The performances coming up March 19, 20 and 21 promise world-premiere choreography and some serious "body-body" dancing. Called "Battle of the Sexes," these performances are bold, sensual and proud to showcase the dancers' athletic prowess.

Each performance includes 14 works with music by artists as varied as Shirley Bassey, George Michael, Frank Sinatra and Grace Jones, among others. The concept behind "Battle of the Sexes" comes from Robert Hill, who possesses the ability to create ballets that work to introduce new audiences to the medium. He says, "We aim to present an exciting, provocative show which will intrigue ballet patrons — from season-ticket holders to first-time audience members. Some describe it as 'bringing sexy

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Orlando Shakespeare's Playfest

We have so many reasons to be proud of our local Shakespeare company. Anyone who saw the company's recent (brilliant) production of Hamlet can attest to that. Now "Shakes" is providing us with another source of pride in the first week of April in a Festival of new plays the company calls Playfest — The Harriett Lake Festival of New Plays. Running from April 2 through April 11, the Festival includes performances, workshops, panels and play readings as well as a keynote event featuring Academy Award-winning actor Philip Seymour Hoffman. Hoffman will take part in an "Inside the Actors Studio" type of interview with Artistic Director Jim Helsing during an event set for Saturday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m.

And there's more: The theater is presenting the "National New Play Network Rolling World Premiere" of the play "Shotgun" by John Biguenet. Shotgun takes place in New Orleans four months after Katrina. Other titles including "The Weird Sisters," "Glassheart," "Once a Marine," "Citizen Eve," and "Time in Kafka" attest to the diversity of Playfest's offerings. You want something new and different? Then this is the festival for you. For a complete listing of plays and events, visit orlandoshakes.org. Call 407-447-1700 for tickets.

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Once again we get to blame the economy for the recent announcement that the much-loved UrbanThink! Bookstore will close at the end of March. What began as a small store in 2001 became a literary neighborhood institution offering books, events, and a real commitment to the culture of our community. The UrbanThink! legacy will continue in the UrbanThink! Foundation, a charitable organization founded in 2008, which supports various community programs. To thank the community, UrbanThink! is holding a clearance sale with 35 percent off everything. Children's books, fiction, non-fiction ... it's all priced to clear out the space. UrbanThink! is located at 625 E. Central Blvd in Orlando. Call 407-650-8004 for details.

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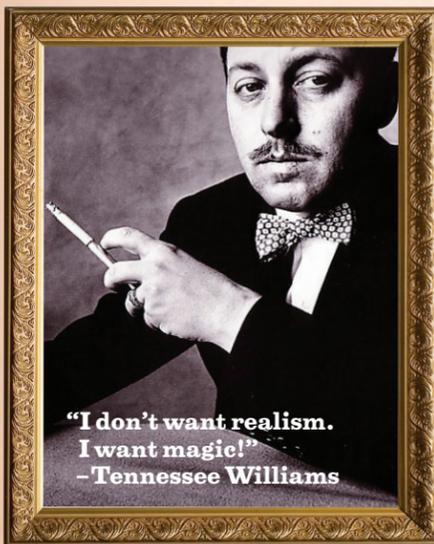
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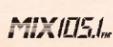
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TALK TO GARRICK

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 09-CC-3147
WATERFORD LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Plaintiff,
v.
KARL STEPHEN, and JOHN DOE, and JANE DOE, as unknown tenants,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 6 day of April, 2010, at 11:00 a.m., at room 350 of the Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801, the Clerk of Court will offer for sale the real estate described as follows:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 48-2010-CP-294-0

IN RE: ESTATE OF
William H. Brown a/k/a William Hans Brown,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of William H. Brown a/k/a William Hans Brown, deceased, whose date of death was December 21, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 340, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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The date of the first publication of this Notice is 3/18/10.

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329 Park Avenue North, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 880,
Winter Park, FL 32790
Telephone: (407) 423-4246

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 48-2010-CP-000456-0
Division 1

IN RE: ESTATE OF
JEWEL STEWART OVERSTREET,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Jewel Stewart Overstreet, deceased, whose date of death was February 13, 2010, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Room 340, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is March 18, 2010.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Sheri Lund Kerney
Attorney for Edward H. Overstreet
Florida Bar No. 263028
1420 E. Concord St.
Orlando, FL 32803
Telephone: (407) 898-5526

Personal Representative:
Edward H. Overstreet
314 Woodgrove Trace
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29301

3/18, 3/25

NOTICE OF SALE OF VESSEL
Pursuant to FL. Stat. 328.17(7) the following described vessel(s) will be sold in a public sale to the highest bidder to satisfy a claim lien by lienor for labor and/or storage: 1979 MURRAY CHRIS CRAFT HIN#; CCH09790M79D251. Owner/ TOMOTHY J UNGER & JOHN R TILLMAN ORLANDO, FL L/H .

Lienor/ BOAT TREE MARINA 4370 CARRAWAY PLACE SANFORD, FL 407-322-1610. Sale Date: April 08, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at 4370 CARRAWAY PLACE SANFORD, FL 32771. For additional information call: 407-657-7995.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Eric Jontz
ERIC B. JONTZ
Florida Bar No.: 64905

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2009CA004230

FEDERAL TRUST BANK,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
ENRIQUE E. FRANCO MORANTE, ET AL.
DEFENDANT(S)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 26, 2010 in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Seminole, Florida, on APR 27, 2010, at 11:00 AM, at Room S201 of Courthouse - 301 N. Park Ave., Sanford, FL 32771 for the following described property:
BUILDING NO. 15, UNIT NO. 101 OF LAKEWOOD PARK, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 6100, PAGES 473 THROUGH 551, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.
Dated FEB 26 2010

MARYANNE MORSE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By Linda Rubright
Deputy Clerk of the Court

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

"If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Ms. Stacy Brady at 2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940; telephone number 321-633-2171 two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired, call the Florida Relay Services at 1-800-955-8771 (TTY); if you are voice impaired, call the Florida Relay Services at 1-800-955-8770."

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case Number: 2009-CA-033447-0; Division 32A

TRUSTCO BANK,
PLAINTIFF,
v.
JAMES OWUSU; CLAUDETTE-NORMAN OWUSU,
husband and wife; and SUNTRUST BANK,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: James Owusu
Claudette-Norman Owusu
17822 Olive Oak Way
Orlando, Florida 32820

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Complaint to Foreclose Mortgage on the following described real property located in Orange County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 96 of CYPRESS LAKES - PARCELS D AND L, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 61, at Page 3, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is: Swann & Hadley, P.A., 1031 West Morse Boulevard, Suite 350, Winter Park, Florida 32789, within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court of Orange County either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys, or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint.

Please contact Court Administration at 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801, Telephone: (407) 836-2000 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.
WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on this 9th day of March, 2010.

LYDIA GARDNER
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: TENYL BRADFORD
CIVIL COURT SEAL
As Deputy Clerk

Copy furnished to:
Jeffry R. Jontz
SWANN & HADLEY, P.A.
1031 W. Morse Blvd., Suite 350
Winter Park, Florida 32789

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
SALE BY CASH AUCTION
THE FOLLOWING UNITS

On March 30, 1010, at Assured Self-Storage, Inc. to the highest bidder for cash, items contained in the following units:
D2163 — Rose Schulaka — Household Items
D2086 — James Bryant — Household Items
D1138 — Coast to Coast Title — Business Items
C2052 — Norris Slue — Household Items
C1127 — Robert Reich — Household Items
C1120 — Robert Reich — Household Items

TO BE HELD AT
510 DOUGLAS AVENUE
ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL
ON MARCH 30, 2010
AT 10:00 A.M.

ASSURED SELF-STORAGE, INC.
Assured Self-Storage, Inc. reserves the right to bid and to refuse or reject any and all bids.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 2009-CA-14592; Division 33

TRUSTCO BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
PATRICK QUETANT and JEAN RICHARD LYS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of April, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at Room 350 of the Courthouse of Orange County, Florida, 425 S. Orange Avenue, Orlando FL the undersigned Clerk will offer for sale the following described real property:
LOT 3, REGENCY PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGES 9 AND 10, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

The aforesaid sale will be made pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-14592-0; 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 2 day of March, 2010.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Eric Jontz
ERIC B. JONTZ
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
Facsimile No.: (407) 647-2157

3/18, 3/25

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2010-CP-000424-0
Division PROBATE

IN RE: ESTATE OF
JEFFERSON L. FLOWERS
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of JEFFERSON L. FLOWERS, deceased, File Number 2010-CP-000424-0 is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Probate Division, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice has been served must file their claims with this Court, WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is March 11, 2010.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Michael L. Marlowe, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 157000
Marlowe & Weatherford, P.A.
1150 Louisiana Avenue, Ste. 4
Winter Park, Florida 32789
Telephone: (407) 629-5008

Personal Representative:
Jefferson S. Flowers
117 Whitecaps Circle
Maitland, Florida 32751

3/11, 3/18

Notice Under Fictitious Name Act
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, pursuant to the "Fictitious Name Statute", Chapter 865.09, Florida Statutes, will register with the Division of Corporations, Department of State, State of Florida, upon receipt of proof of the publication of this notice, the fictitious name, to wit:
Needle Rat Press

under which the undersigned expects to engage in business at
3826 Windway Ct
Orlando, FL 32817

and that the party interested in said business enterprise is as follows:
Kyoko Blanchard
Dated at Orange County, Florida this 18th day of March, 2010

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2009-CA-030560-0

FIRSTBANK PUERTO RICO d/b/a FIRSTBANK FLORIDA
PLAINTIFF,
vs.
AP/GRUPO ARGENIO PENA, INC., FRANCISCO ARGENIO PENA, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION NO. 1, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION NO. 2, and CHATHAM PLACE AT ARBOR MEADOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE PURSUANT TO
\$45,031, FLA. STAT.
To Defendants AP/GRUPO Arcenio Pena, Inc., Francisco Arcenio Pena, Unknown Tenant in Possession No. 1 (now known as Francisca Dominguez), Unknown Tenant in Possession No. 2 (now known as Braulio Dominguez) and Chatham Place at Arbor Meadows Homeowners Association, Inc., and all others whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 9, 2010, in Case No. 2009-CA-030560-0 in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit In and For Orange County, Florida, in which FirstBank Florida is the Plaintiff, and AP/ Grupo Arcenio Pena, Inc., et al., are Defendants, I, the Orange County Clerk of the Court, will sell at public sale the following described real property located in Orange County:

Lot 120, Chatham Place at Arbor Meadows, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 63, Page 39, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida.
The sale will be held on April 29, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Room 350, Orlando, Florida 32801. 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 9th day of March, 2010

Winderweede, Haines, Ward & Woodman, P.A.
Post Office Box 1391
Orlando, FL 32802-1391
Telephone: (407) 423-4246
Facsimile: (407) 423-7014
Attorneys for Plaintiff
/s/Michael C. Caborn
Michael C. Caborn
Florida Bar No. 162477

3/18, 3/25

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 April 2, 2010 @ 10:00 am 3411 NW 9th Ave #707 Ft Lauderdale FL 33309
1968 1983 Palm hs vin#: 236107875 tenant: nicole lynn oglesby

Licensed & bonded auctioneers flab422 flau 765 & 1911

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Inspect 1 week prior @ lien facility; cash or cashier check; 15% buyer prem; any persons interested ph (954) 563-1999

Sale date March 26, 2010 @ 10:00 am 3411 NW 9th Ave #707 Ft Lauderdale FL 33309
1965 1983 Comm hs vin#: G307707A tenant: johns s donahue

Licensed & bonded auctioneers flab422 flau 765 & 1911

3/18, 3/25

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 48-2008-CA-017509-0

SPACE COAST CREDIT UNION, a State Chartered Credit Union,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MELISSA J. TEACHWORTH, LYNN TEACHWORTH, FOREST AVENUE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation, and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE PURSUANT TO \$45,031, FLA. STAT.

To Defendants MELISSA J. TEACHWORTH, LYNN TEACHWORTH, FOREST AVENUE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and all others whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 3, 2010, in Case No.: 48-2008-CA-017509-0 in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and For Orange County, Florida, in which Space Coast Credit Union is the Plaintiff, and Melissa J. Teachworth, et al., are the Defendants, I, the Orange County Clerk of the Court, will sell at public sale the following described real property located in Orange County:

UNIT 1, FOREST AVENUE CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 7244, PAGE 2610 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH THEREIN

The sale will be held on April 9, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 350, Orlando, Florida 32801, in accordance with § 45.031, Fla. Stat. 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 3rd day of March, 2010.

WINDERWEEDLE, HAINES, WARD & WOODMAN, P.A.
390 North Orange Avenue, Suite 1500
Post Office Box 1391
Orlando, Florida 32802-1391
Attorneys for Space Coast Credit Union
Telephone: (407) 423-4246
Fax: (407) 423-7014
/s/ Michael C. Caborn
Michael C. Caborn
Florida Bar No. 0162477

3/11, 3/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 59-2009-CA-005875

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST 2007-1, MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES AND GRANTOR TRUST CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, PLAINTIFF,
vs.
GINA CAROLLO, ET AL.
DEFENDANT(S)

NOTICE OF ACTION
To: Anthony Marino
RESIDENCE: UNKNOWN
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 443 Club Drive, Winter Springs, FL 32708
AND TO: All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the aforesaid defendant(s).

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in Seminole County, Florida: LOT 55, CYPRESS LAK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 33, PAGE(S) 25 AND 26, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on Gladstone Law Group, P.A., attorneys for plaintiff, whose address is 1499 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Suite 300, Boca Raton, FL 33486, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in The Winter Park-Maitland Observer.
DATED: MAR 3 2010

MARYANNE MORSE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Chris Wright
Deputy Clerk of the Court

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If you are a person with a disability who needs accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, for the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 301 N. Park Avenue, Sanford, Florida 32771, telephone number (407) 665-4227, within 2 working days of your receipt of this document; if hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771.

3/11, 3/18

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 09-CC-3564
DIVISION: #73

WATERFORD TRAILS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Plaintiff,
v.
JOSEPH C. PECORARO, JASON PECORARO, JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, as unknown tenants,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 13th day of April, 2010, at 11:00 a.m., at room 350 of the Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801, the Clerk of Courts will offer for sale the real estate described as follows:
Lot 104, Waterford Trails Phase 1, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 56, Pages 81 through 91, 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 February 25, 2010.
DATED this 2nd day of March, 2010.

Matt G. Firestone, Esq.
Florida Bar No.: 381144
Pohl & Short, P.A.
280 W. Canton Avenue, Suite 410
Post Office Box 3208
Winter Park, Florida 32789
Telephone (407) 647-7645
Facsimile (407) 647-2314

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.

3/18, 3/25

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 08-CA-23690

TRUSTCO BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MARCUS JOHNSON and SAGUINN JOHNSON and STATE OF FLORIDA,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of April, 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 10, HIWASSEE OAKS, UNIT 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 25 PAGE 68, PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

The aforesaid sale will be made pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure in Civil Case No. 08-CA-23690 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

Thank You, Winter Park!



Thank you for electing me to serve on the Winter Park City Commission. The encouragement and support I received throughout this campaign were overwhelming. I am so grateful for the trust you have placed in me. I will honor your trust, and I will keep an open door for all my neighbors here in Winter Park.

– Carolyn Cooper

Political advertisement paid for and approved by Carolyn Cooper for Winter Park Commission, Seat 3.



Welcome to Winter Park Presbyterian Church

Winter Park Presbyterian Church

You Are Invited ...

Special Services & Events

Palm Sunday, March 28:
8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Labyrinth – Holy Week,
Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
A personal journey through the passion of Christ

Maundy Thursday, April 1
Service with Communion – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service,
April 2 – 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
Sat., April 3, 9:30 a.m.

Easter Services, Sunday, April 4
Sunrise – 6:30 a.m.
Bring flashlight & towel
Regular - 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Vacation Bible School
June 21 – 25 – 9:00 – 12:00 noon

Our Regular Services

Sun. 8:30 a.m. – Early
Sun. 9:45 a.m. – Contemporary
Sun. 11:00 a.m. – Traditional

Sunday School
Sun. 9:45 a.m.

Youth Fellowship
Sun. 5:00 p.m.



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Winter Park, FL 32792
Phone: 407.647.1467
www.winppc.org



Thank You for Your Continued Support!

The businesses, organizations and individuals below have chosen to support your local Chamber of Commerce again in 2010 by renewing their membership. Please join us in thanking them for their investment in our community the next time you shop, eat, or call on their place of business.

- Adventist Health System
- AGIS Florida Agency, LLC
- ❖ Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens
- Ruth Anne Arch
- ❖ BankFirst
- BB&T Bank
- Beasley & Henley Interior Design
- ❖ Bebe's
- ❖ Bella
- ❖ Best Western Mt. Vernon Inn
- Beta Center
- ❖ Bosphorous Turkish Cuisine
- Bright House Networks, LLC**
- Deloris (Dee) Burke
- Burns Appraisal, Inc.
- Representative Dean Cannon
- Carly Ane's Floral Studio, Inc.
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- ❖ Christian Science Reading Room
- Clanton, Floyd & Nestor CPA Firm
- Classic Creations Catering, Inc.
- CNL Bank
- CoAdvantage
- Consensus Communications, Inc.
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- Dales Gas Appliance Repair
- ❖ DownEast Orvis
- ❖ Earth Inspired Living, LLC
- ❖ Eileen Fisher
- ep3, inc.
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- Fannie Hillman & Associates**
- Festival of Orchestras
- First United Methodist Church

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- Don Gallagher
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- Gomez Construction Company
- Grace Title, Inc.
- ❖ Great American Land Investment Co.
- Saundra Hester
- ❖ Home Resource Gallery
- Houston's Restaurant
- Hubbard Construction Co.
- ❖ Jacobson's
- Jewett Orthopaedic Clinic, P.A.
- Lamm & Company Partners
- Lewis-Cobb Pest Control
- ❖ Luma on Park
- Lykes Insurance, Inc.
- ❖ Marvaldi - A Hair & Makeup Studio
- Massey Services, Inc.
- Matthews Roberts, Inc.
- ❖ Mauruarend Art Gallery
- Mears Transportation Group
- Midtown Title
- Moore Stephens Lovelace, P.A.
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- Orlando Ale House Winter Park
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- Park Maitland School
- Paychex
- ❖ Peterbrooke Chocolatier
- PNC Wealth Management
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- RLF
- ❖ Rollins College
- Ruggiero, Martinez & Norton, P.A.
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- Ruth Rushing
- S & W Kitchens, Inc.
- ❖ Scenic Boat Tour
- ❖ See, Inc.
- ❖ Shooz On Park Avenue
- ❖ Simmons Jewelers
- Simply Well, Inc.
- St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
- ❖ Synergy
- Ten Thousand Villages of Orlando, Inc.
- The Keewin Real Property Company
- The Oakley Corporation
- The Rawls Group
- ❖ The Spice and Tea Exchange
- The Volvo Store
- ❖ The Wine Room on Park Avenue
- ❖ Tuni
- Wayne Densch, Inc.
- ❖ Wearable Art by Scott Laurent
- Winderweede, Haines, Ward & Woodman, P.A.
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- Winter Park Memorial Hospital**
- Winter Park Towers
- ❖ Denotes Park Avenue Area Association members
- BOLD** members are Chamber Trustees

For more information on the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce, our members or events, please visit us at the Winter Park Welcome Center, 151 W. Lyman Ave., call (407) 644-8281 or log on to www.winterpark.org.

Upcoming Events



Hannibal Square
Wine Tasting
&
Business
After Hours

Presented by:



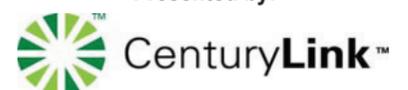
Street Party on New England Avenue
(between Virginia & Pennsylvania)

Featuring:
40+ Wine & Beer Samples
Hors d'oeuvres from Hannibal Square
merchants
Live Entertainment by The Redcoats

Thursday, March 18 - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Tickets are \$25 at the door



Presented by:



Save the Date!
Wednesday, April 21 - 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Winter Park Farmers' Market