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Landslide for Reponen

Returns to office for third term after winning re-election

SARAH WILSON
 Observer staff

A year after she stepped down following a six-year stint on the dais, Bev Reponen will return to City Council after defeating community activist Martha Bryant-Hall with 74.2 percent of the vote to win Seat 2 in the March 11 election.

Weeks worth of walking door-to-door during her campaign – enough to wear out the soles in her favorite sneakers – paid off for the soon-to-be three-term councilwoman.

“It feels good to be back,” Reponen said smiling amongst supporters at her victory party at Sam Snead’s in Maitland.

Reponen will replace terming-out Councilwoman Linda Frosch when she’s sworn into office on April 14.

Also on its way into the books will be a ban on billboards built into the city’s charter. An amendment proposed to prohibit – with extra force – the potential development of already-banned billboards will be added to the charter after receiving an overwhelming 82.8 percent of the vote.

“Maitland will not have another billboard for a very long time, if not forever, and not without a voter referendum,” city board member Dale McDon-



PHOTO BY SARAH WILSON — THE OBSERVER
 Bev Reponen celebrated at Sam Snead’s after word of winning a third term in office.

ald said.

McDonald was there to read the final election results to Reponen in the restaurant where her supporters gathered to celebrate. Applause from tables across the room rang out with the final word that she’d captured 1,268 of the 1,751 votes cast in the race for the Council Seat 2.

“It’s a very sunny outlook for Maitland now,” she said.

Reponen was first elected to Seat 3 on the Maitland City Council in 2007 after serving for more than a decade on both the city’s Lakes Advisory Board and Personnel Board. She served on Council for the maximum of two consecutive three-year terms before taking a year off in 2013 and then deciding to re-run for

the only open seat this election season against Bryant-Hall.

Councilman John Lowndes had been automatically reelected after no opposition came forward to challenge him for Seat 4.

“I can say now, the residents will be heard,” Reponen said. “Because honestly, right now, I don’t think they’re being heard, and that’s why I did this.”

Reponen said she had no plans to ever run for Council again after her last term ended, but was so angered over lack of plans for lake protection and from fielding complaints of residents about the goings on during her absence, she didn’t have a choice.

“I just had to get back up there,” she said.

Sprinkel re-elected

TIM FREED
 Observer staff

Winter Park City Commissioner Sarah Sprinkel successfully defended her commission seat Tuesday as city residents voted in her favor by 61.8 percent.

Sprinkel’s victory over opposing candidate Sandy Womble marks her second three-year term on the City Commission.

The vote counts for each precinct slowly crept in by way of text message as a crowd of Sprinkel supporters gathered behind Palmano’s Trattoria and Wine Bar in anticipation.

Sprinkel’s son, Clark, kept a watchful eye on the numbers from an Excel spreadsheet before finally announcing his mother’s victory more than an hour after the polls closed.

The newly re-elected Commissioner spoke before the crowded patio of loyal voters.

“I really struck oil when I had all of you guys come out and help me,” Sprinkel said.

“Thank you guys for coming out and for helping us because you know how much I love this city and how much I love you. I promise I’ll do my best and will not disappoint you.”

Sprinkel walked away with 2,549 votes over Womble’s 1,571, topping her at all five voting precincts.

The final vote count showed a slightly closer race compared to her first election, where

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Cracking down on sign overload

City looks to address increasing ‘sign pollution’

TIM FREED
 Observer staff

Drivers see them along major roads and residents spot them while strolling through downtown Winter Park: rampant signs upon signs – a blemish on the city’s aesthetic character, City Commissioners say.

The Winter Park City Commission discussed the issue of ‘sign pollution’ at their Feb. 24 meeting

while considering an update to the city’s sign code, hoping to make code enforcement easier.

An ordinance drafted by attorney Catherine Reischmann with director of code enforcement James White proposes almost 100 different language changes to Winter Park’s sign code.

Revisions would include clearly prohibiting electronic signs, clarifying that residents are allowed to hold ‘free expression’ signs in public, and defining ‘animated signs’ – the prohibited practice of waving and spinning

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 Winter Park may get fewer signs in response to complaints.

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ELECTION | Sprinkel wins, but by lesser margin than last time

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Sprinkel won with 65 percent of the total 5,089 votes.

The 4,120 votes on Tuesday went solely toward deciding the new city commissioner, with no charter amendments on the ballot.

Womble said she learned a great deal from her candidate experience, but would not be running for a Commission seat again.

"I have put in 10 years working in politics and helping other people run," Womble said. "I would be very interested in

helping people throw their hat in the ring for the next race."

"I'm not going to run again not because it was so terribly difficult ... I just want to do other things in life."



PHOTO BY TIM FREED — THE OBSERVER
Winter Park Commissioner Sarah Sprinkel thanks supporters March 11.

SIGN POLLUTION | Law could let residents throw out signs

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advertisements along city roads. Foldable A-frame signs - often left along sidewalks by merchants on Park Avenue - must be within 2 feet of their respective businesses as well.

"We're interested in seeing it be consistent," White said.

"We do approach people who are aware of the ordinance and they go, 'You really can't prohibit us from doing this.' Under the current [code] it is a little gray, so we're going to make it pretty clear to everybody what's going to be allowed and what's not."

The ordinance hopes to add several case law changes to the city's sign code, which hasn't been updated since 1976, Winter Park Planning Director Jeff Briggs said.

Updates would include allowing free expression signs of 4 square feet in all zoning districts and lifting the ban on placing election signs no sooner than 45 days prior to an election.

"We're trying to capture a lot of different objectives in this ordinance," said Bill Reischmann, a representative of the City Attorney's office.

"A lot of laws have come out in the federal courts since our current code was constructed regarding signs."

But the slew of revisions left Mayor Ken Bradley wondering whether the city was going too far - or perhaps not far enough.

"If I look and take the collective signs we have in Winter Park in all forms ... it doesn't feel like we have an ordinance," Bradley said. "The term 'mishmosh' would come to mind."

"In my opinion, the city is overrun with signs. That's why I'm arguing for something even

stronger than this."

Winter Park's code enforcement faces a daily struggle to rid the city of snipe signs - small advertisements stuck in the ground with metal prongs.

Major thoroughfares like U.S. Highway 17-92 are hotbeds for the signs, which are usually placed in large groups and range from foreclosure ads to yard sales notices.

Code enforcement officers will often finish a day with their pickup trucks completely filled with confiscated signs, White said.

One potential revision to the sign code would designate the snipe signs as 'abandoned property,' allowing residents to remove them without any legal repercussions.

"I see the snipe signs - they're like mushrooms," Commissioner Tom McMacken said. "They're there one day and gone the next and there's another batch up and down even the small streets that I drive, not the main thoroughfares."

Winter Park should attempt to emulate cities like Boca Raton and Port Orange, who have an appearance of far less signage, Bradley said.

The perceived lack of sign code enforcement comes from the mix of varying temporary signs, particularly along Park Avenue, Briggs said.

"It's the mishmosh of the A-frame signs - some are very professionally done and some of them are crude with letters of all different sizes and colors and all different locations," Briggs said. "I think the single most important thing we could do if we wanted to ... is get rid of all those A-frame portable signs. They're a constant headache for enforcement."

"Now there's an entitlement to them if you're a business owner, so it's very difficult to take something away."

Commissioner Carolyn Cooper was hesitant with a number of the proposed revisions, which she felt added to the city's issue with sign clutter. One revision would increase the maximum number of election signs allowed in front of homes from two to four.

Office signs along Lee Road would be allowed to expand from 36 square feet to 50 square feet as well, while church signs would be bumped up from 18 square feet to 24 square feet.

"In so many places we're increasing the size of all the signs that we currently allow," Cooper said.

"We have sign clutter. We have sign pollution and there's no doubt about it."

Hundreds of current businesses abiding by the out-of-date code means it could take decades for the city to get signs where they want them to be, Bradley said.

Reischmann suggested exempting current businesses from the new revisions, but said that signs moving forward could be regulated by size, amount and specific location. Though the ordinance would have to be content neutral as not to inhibit free speech.

"If somebody is for or against something, I'm very hesitant to attempt to legislate that in any way, shape or form," Bradley said. "That's part of our - in my opinion - constitutional rights."

"I don't know that every business and every strip mall has to have a sign though."

City Commissioners voted to table the item and discuss it at a future work session.

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FAMILY CALENDAR

MARCH 14

The Winter Park Public Library will present **"Top Ten Things you Don't Know About Your Library"** at 7:45 a.m. March 14 at the Winter Park Welcome Center as part of the Good Morning Winter Park series. It's at 151 W. Lyman Ave. Free continental breakfast will be served.

Friday night at the Morse Museum continues with free admission to the galleries from 4 to 8 p.m. March 14. Visit morsemuseum.org for more information and plan your night! In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, this Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. there will be **live Celtic music** from Celtic Crossings. It's free!

MARCH 15

There's something for everyone at the **Winter Park Road Race** presented by Florida Hospital on Saturday, March 15, on Park Avenue, with a 10K road race, 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk and Free Kids' Run! Winter Park/Maitland Observer readers receive a \$2 discount on online race registration by registering at TrackShack.com and using the code "WPO2014". The registration deadline is Thursday, March 13.

Family members of all ages will get the chance to celebrate the brain and all of its wonders at a free, day-long **BrainFest event** set to begin at 10 a.m. on March 15 at the Rachel D. Murrah Civic Center located at 1050 W. Morse Blvd. in Winter Park. BrainFest is a project of Brain Up! a local initiative of the Alzheimer's Association, Central & North Florida Chapter and

made possible by a grant from the Winter Park Health Foundation. This program was designed to teach how brain health can be incorporated into everyday life. For more information and to register for this free event, go to act.alz.org/brainfest or call 1-800-272-3900.

Community Bulletin

Triking for kids

The Rollins College Child Development & Student Research Center recently hosted its annual **Trike-A-Thon fundraiser**. The CDC is a laboratory preschool (children ages 2 to 5 years old) for the undergraduates in the Psychology department at Rollins College. The annual Trike-A-Thon fundraiser benefits the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The fundraising goal was \$500, but more than \$2,000 was raised from the event. In addition to sup-

Calendar

MARCH 14

Good Morning Winter Park, presented by Florida Blue, starts at 7:45 a.m. March 14 and will give you the chance to network over breakfast at the Winter Park Welcome Center, 151 W. Lyman Ave. in Winter Park. For more information, visit winterpark.org

An **AARP Drivers Safety Program** event is from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 14 at Goldenrod Civic Club, 4763 Palmento Ave. in Winter Park. Save up to 15 percent on auto insurance. For reservations, call Don Embree at 407-671-2733.

MARCH 15

The Junior League of Greater Orlando will host its annual **Spring Soiree** on Saturday, March 15, at 8 p.m. at the **Quantum Leap Winery**. Proceeds from the event will support the Junior League of Greater Orlando's mission and its community programs focused on alleviating childhood hunger and poverty in Central Florida. The

port from local families, the CDC received help from the Rollins College women's lacrosse team, who helped guide the children.

venue features a large tasting room, an outdoor terrace and an ambiance of twinkling lights and wine barrels. The night will include silent auction, a raffle, live music, dancing, heavy appetizers and sampling of various wines and beverages. Visit jlgo.org for more information and tickets.

A **book release party for "Train Shots"** by Central Florida author Vanessa Blakeslee starts at 2 p.m. March 15 at the Enzian's Eden Bar. Presented by Burrow Press and the Urban Think Foundation, a brief reading and Q&A with author starts at 2:30 p.m., followed by a book signing. It's free and open to the public. Visit enzian.org for more information.

MARCH 18

The **Rollins College Debate Team** will host Cambridge Union Debating Society at 7 p.m. March 18 to debate the use of **predator drone strikes**. Both teams are internationally renowned and will be competing for the Rollins Cup. Become more enlightened on world events at this event that's free and open to the public. Doors open at 6 p.m. at Bush Auditorium, 1000 Holt Ave. in Winter Park. Food and refresh-

ments will be served.

MARCH 19

Congressman John Mica will speak at the Maitland Chamber of Commerce's Washington Update event from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 19 at the Sheraton Orlando North, 600 N. Lake Destiny Dr. in Maitland. Reservations are required, so RSVP to 407-644-0741, visit maitlandchamber.com or email jeff@maitlandchamber.com for more information. RSVP deadline is 5 p.m. March 17.

MARCH 20

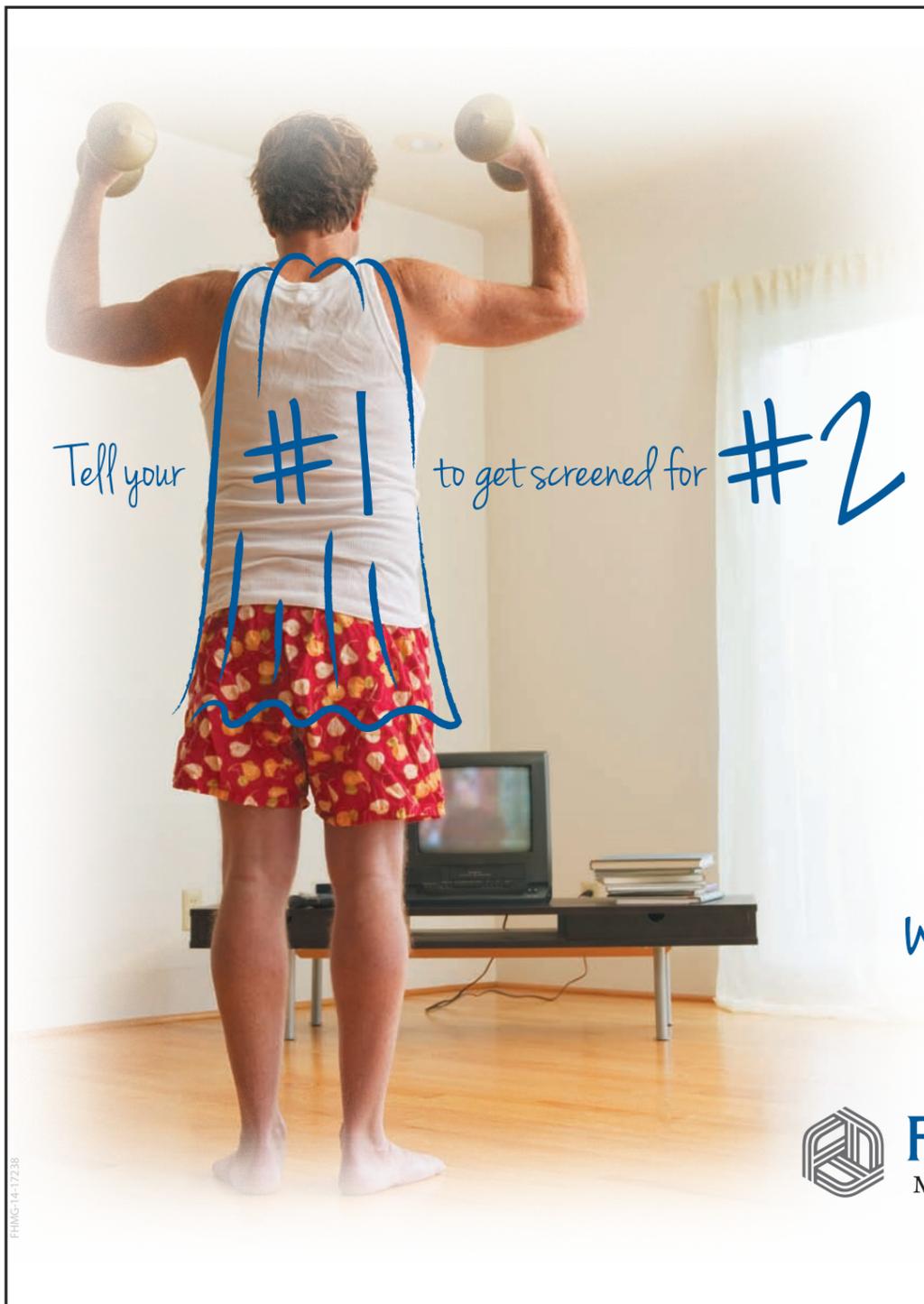
The **Hannibal Square Wine Tasting** returns to W. New England Avenue from 5-7:30 p.m. March 20. Try dozens of wines, listen to live music and mingle. Visit winterpark.org for more information.

MARCH 21-23

The **Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival** is March 21-23 along Park Avenue and Central Park. Thousands of pieces will be available at this world-class event. Live entertainment and food will be available throughout the event. Visit wpsaf.org for more information.

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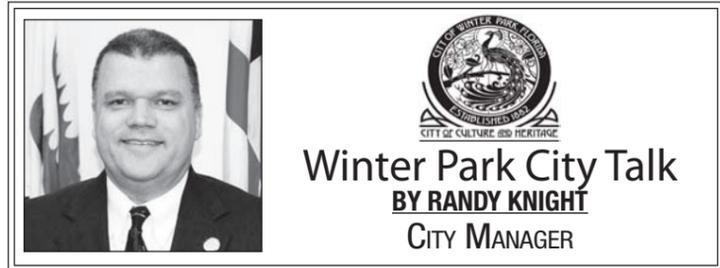
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Winter Park City Talk
BY RANDY KNIGHT
CITY MANAGER

St. Patrick's safety

March 10 City Commission meeting

If you were unable to watch or attend the City Commission meeting held March 10 in City Hall Commission Chambers, below are a few highlights of decisions made at the meeting:

Mayor's Report

- A proclamation was pre-

sented declaring March as Purchasing Month in Winter Park.

Consent Agenda

- The minutes of 2/24/14 were approved.
- The various contracts and purchases were approved (for a complete listing, please visit cityofwinterpark.org/ccpackets).
- The collection of various

fees associated with connecting utility services to the Grant Chapel was waived.

Public Hearings

- The second reading of the ordinance authorizing the issuance of Electric Revenue Bonds was approved.
- The first reading of the ordinance vacating and abandoning the easement located at 2020 W. Fawsett Road was approved.
- The first reading of the ordinance authorizing the conveyance of the city-owned property at 321 Hannibal Square West, in exchange for the property located at 325 S. Pennsylvania Ave. was approved.
- The resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into an Urban and Community Forestry Grant Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services was approved.

A full copy of the March 10 City Commission minutes will be available at cityofwinterpark.org the week of March 24, pending approval by the City Commission. Remember, if you are unable to attend the City Commission meetings, you can watch them live, gavel-to-gavel, as they happen. During the meeting, simply log on to cityofwinterpark.org/cclive to easily stay tuned-in to official city business.

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The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that more than 700 people were killed in crashes involving impaired drivers during St. Patrick's Day holidays from 2006 to 2010 nationwide. WPPD will stop and arrest anyone who makes the dangerous decision to drive while impaired by alcohol

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If you are interested in learning more about city government, one of the best opportunities to do this is by becoming a city board member. Depending on your area of interest, background and experience, Winter Park may have the perfect board for you. The city relies on the recommendations of its boards as it makes major decisions that impact the quality of life for its residents.

Each year the mayor reviews the applications and at the first City Commission meeting in May, then presents his slate of board appointments for the City Commission's consideration and confirmation. Currently, there are positions open for the following boards:

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- Code Enforcement Board
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- Ethics Advisory Board
- Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable Advisory Board
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- Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Board
- Tree Preservation Board
- Utilities Advisory Board
- Winter Park Police Officers' Pension Board

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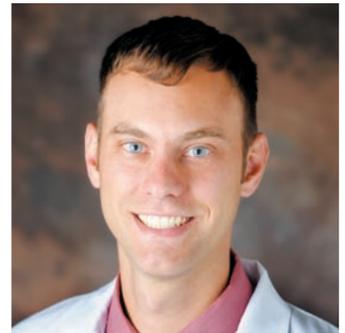
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Maitland City Talk
 BY HOWARD SCHIEFERDECKER
 MAYOR

This is only a (very wet) test

Last week, the Maitland Fire Rescue Department began its annual citywide fire hydrant testing, with work expected to be completed within two months. A coordi-

nated effort between the city's water and fire rescue departments, fire hydrant testing ensures that hydrants are in full, working order and verifies their flow capacity. Fire

department crews evaluate nearly 500 city-owned fire hydrants annually. Signage will be placed in neighborhoods prior to testing and the day of testing.

In order to comply with Florida state required testing — and to determine whether the city water system and fire hydrants provide enough water to fight a fire for buildings in all areas of town — fire department crews must open the hydrants and discharge water at a very high flow rate and volume.

The testing process determines three pressures produced by each hydrant. Crews measure static pressure, the water pressure in the mains when water is not flowing; the residual pressure, the water pressure that remains in a hydrant while a second hydrant is flowing water; and flow pressure, the pressure of the water that is flowing from the hydrant. From these pressure readings the amount of water in an area is determined using mathematical formulas and tables in the guide recommended practices for fire flow



PHOTO COURTESY OF MAITLAND FIRE RESCUE
 Firefighter/Paramedic Greg Sandler uses a hydrant wrench to open a fire hydrant for a static pressure reading to begin the testing process.

testing and marking of hydrants. This process allows fire department crews to test approximately 15 hydrants each day.

While fire hydrant testing is a routine maintenance procedure, it may result in temporary inconveniences. High flow rate discharge during testing disturbs sediments in the water distribution system. This often results in brown or rust-colored water. If you experience discolored water during this time, run your faucet for approximately five minutes until the water runs clear. Hydrant testing also may reduce regular water pressure. Reduced water pressure should only be intermittent as the hydrants are being tested. Your regular water pressure will return to normal once the flow testing is complete.

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— Dennis Marshall, Fire Marshall, and Will Watts, Deputy Fire Chief.

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Lifestyles

Charity inspired by a lost child

After Rollins student Chiquita Wright lost her daughter, she decided to fight back

BRITNI LARSON
Observer staff

Children dressed in bright orange with butterfly wings bouncing behind them pranced down the runway with pride. Best friends followed while sporting shirts decked in rhinestones spelling out “Chanell Wright Save a Child Foundation.” They were excited to share the memory of their friend Chanell – knowing the fashion show would have put a smile on her face.

“She was my little shopaholic,” her mom Chiquita Wright said.

Chanell modeled as an “American Girl” for the nonprofit Kids Beating Cancer, her Make-a-Wish was a shopping spree at Gymporee and Justice, and she always made sure she was totally dressed to the nines for Halloween. Having her own fashion show would’ve been a dream-come-true for Chanell, but she wasn’t there to experience it. Chanell was just 7 years old when she died from complications from sickle cell anemia in 2011.

Sickle cell anemia is an inher-



ited disease that turns normal, round blood cells to a more crescent shape. Those blood cells are sticky and block blood flow to the limbs and organs, causing pain and organ damage.

You couldn’t tell Chanell was sick just by looking at her, and she did her best to never let on that she was. Her bravery inspired her parents to start the

Chanell Wright Foundation out of their Apopka home, aiming to help families overcome the financial and emotional obstacles that come with having a child with a life-threatening illness.

“Some days it’s hard, but just to know we can help another child, and just knowing the experience that parents can go through with having a sick child, if we can



PHOTOS BY SARAH WILSON — THE OBSERVER
Chiquita Wright launched a charity to fight the disease that took daughter Chanell.

help find cure, or just being able to support the families, it helps me get through the day, get through the months,” Chiquita said.

Since the foundation’s start in 2012 – less than a year after Tony and Chiquita Wright lost their daughter – they’ve raised more than \$60,000 in Chanell’s memory. They’ve donated money to Kids Beating Cancer, the Make-a-Wish Foundation and other groups focused on children with illnesses.

“That they didn’t let that crush them, and they were still able to move forward and to propel

through this and to really be able to help other people really shows their true hearts,” said Phil Burton, a friend and the designated emcee at all the organization’s charity events.

At a time when many families might fall apart, the Wright family got stronger. And they’ve done it for their daughter. Chanell loved helping others and wanted to be a pediatrician when she grew up. Chiquita said she’s not sure if Chanell’s disease was the reason she wanted to be a doctor – she really just loved babies, Chiquita remembered with a smile.

“It’s something Chanell

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CHARITY | Mom working on partnership with Nemours to help parents of sick children cope with stress

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would've been proud of, to help other kids that may be going through a similar situation she went through," Tony said.

Chanell loved school as well. She was passionate about learning and reading and always wanted her mom to go to college. The same week Chanell died she asked her mom again if she'd head back

to school. Chiquita agreed, and now she's using her daughter's wish to make the foundation better by attending Rollins College. She's earned several certificates educating her on the business aspect of running a charity, and is now seeking her bachelor's degree in business and communications.

Chiquita has some big goals for the charity. They'd like to eventu-

For more information about the Chanell Wright Foundation, visit chanellwrightfoundation.org

ally build a home similar to the Ronald McDonald House, one that offers a free place to stay for families whose children are in the hospital and can't afford a hotel. Right now they're working on creating a program to directly help

families, not just donate money to other charities. They hope to raise money for families who need financial help, particularly with hefty medical bills.

Chiquita said they know what it's like to run out of sick time and

vacation time. They were lucky enough that Tony had a job that could support them when Chiquita went weeks without pay because she spent days and nights next to Chanell in a hospital bed.

"We're looking not just to have an event for the kids, but if their families are struggling – a medical bill, a prescription or something like that – we want to be that source to help them out if we could," Tony said.

They're also working on a partnership with Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando to be a part of the support groups for parents with sick kids. The Wrights would be there to give an insight into what parents can expect from a child with sickle cell anemia, to help them find meaning in the medical lingo, or just be there to listen. They understand what the parents are going through.

And they want to use the foundation as a way to never let them, or the world, forget their daughter. The little girl who shopped with her mom every Saturday, who loved to take car rides with her dad, and practiced choreographed dance moves with her sister Cherrish so they could put on a show for their family to her favorite Katy Perry song.

Their work keeps Chanell in their lives every day.

"You don't forget her, but just being able to work on the foundation and to have that name, Chanell Wright, I can say her name every day, it's like she's right here with me," Chiquita said.

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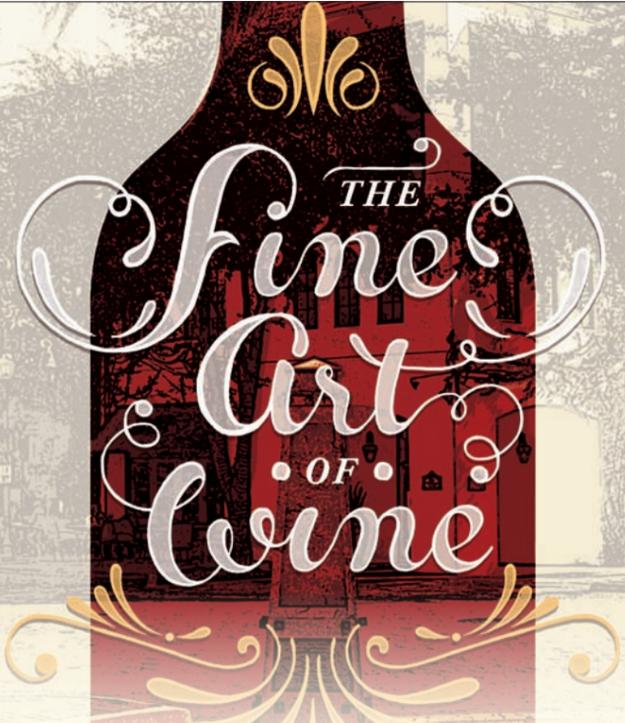
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Tars meet early end to postseason

ISAAC BABCOCK
Observer staff

It all ended in one final minute on the court in Kissimmee. The Rollins Tars had battled Nova Southeastern into overtime, with a scoring gap that hadn't been separated by more than two points for the final 140 seconds. Down by two, with six seconds left, they watched Nova's Chris Page step to the free throw line. He hit both.

When a three-pointer by Rollins' James Ferrell didn't fall in the final second, the Tars did, 75-71. Season over. In a game that the Tars were within two shots of the lead for all but two minutes of the game, the final shots would be the story of a season.

All five of Rollins' starters — Jeff Dirkin, Adam Allen, Chris Uhle, Alex Blessig and Mitch Woods — would bury double-digit scores. Dirkin and Uhle would snag eight rebounds and two steals each.

And just like in so many of the Tars' losses this season en route to a 14-13 final record, the difference separating them from a win was achingly slim. The four-point gap was the sixth time this season that they lost by that margin or less. A cumulative 24 more points in those games would have given the Tars a 20-7 final win tally on the season.

"The kids played just like they did all year," Head Coach Tom Klusman told Rollins Sports after the game. "They didn't quit."

UCF basketball

Just about when the American Athletic Conference had left the Knights for dead on the court, they set a season scoring high and shocked fans into believing again.

The UCF men's basketball team (12-17, 4-14) demolished Houston (16-15, 8-10) on March 7 in a 104-83 blowout that tied a record for the most points in a game this season by the Knights, and also the most points they've allowed while holding on to win.

Both couldn't have come later in the regular season, as the Knights closed out their final night at CFE Arena with a bang, opening the game with a Staphon Blair layup and then never relinquishing the lead again.

The Knights would dominate the Cougars with a scoring gap that was more than

double-digit-wide for 36 of the 40 minutes of the game. They outshot the Cougars, who had beaten the Knights 88-84 just two weeks prior. They out-rebounded them 40-33. They out-blocked them 9-1. The only mark on the stat line that didn't go the Knights' way was steals, which they Knights ceded to the Cougars by two.

Four Knights would end the night with double-digit points, with Isaiah Sykes leading with 24, nearing triple-double territory with eight rebounds and six assists.

"I'm happy for the seniors," Coach Donnie Jones told UCFKnights.com. "Those

four guys got to go out the right way."

The Knights' four seniors — Isaac Lang, Calvin Newell, Tristan Spurlock and Isaiah Sykes — would combine for 43 of the Knights' points.

The Knights headed to the AAC's championship tournament in Memphis at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at press time with hopes of going up one in their series with Temple (9-21, 4-14), a team the Knights beat 78-76 on Jan. 4 but were defeated by in an 86-78 overtime upset March 4. The winner of that game will play No. 13 Cincinnati at 7 p.m. March 13 on ESPNU.



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Isaiah Sykes is leading the Knights into the playoffs.



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Vietnam vet Claude W. Gillespie laid to rest after cancer fight

by Manny P. Hernandez

Vietnam hero Claude W. Gillespie once said, “During my two tours of duty in Vietnam in 1968, I was exposed to Agent Orange. My oncologist at MD Anderson has determined that my cancer was likely a result of my exposure to Agent Orange.”

Claude W. Gillespie died peacefully on Saturday, February 15 after a long battle with cancer. Born in Virginia’s coal country, he had semi-retired to Orlando years ago.

Gillespie became one of thousands of Vietnam veterans who were victims of cancers and other diseases veterans would suffer for decades to come. Agent Orange and other highly toxic defoliants were sprayed on crops and forests in Vietnam under the erroneous assumption it was not harmful to the soldiers.

Says his wife of 25 years, Cheryl, that her husband kept his discomforts and conditions to himself. “He was his own man, and he always stood for what he believed in,” wrote Cheryl in a letter to the chaplain for her husband’s service on Friday, February 25 in Orlando. “I truly believe that his exceptional longevity for his type of cancer was because of his will to live and positive attitude, the same attitude that kept him alive in Vietnam.” writes his wife.

Claude Gillespie is survived (in addition to his wife) by children Tracy Gillespie-Brown; Judi Ruhl; Errick and Claude, all of Maryland; Adam from Orlando; his brother Randall and sister Laura Tiller, both from Virginia; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The military salute was officiated by Wayne Smith, U.S. Army, retired after 23 years of service to the armed forces, plus he is a former College ROTC instructor with the University of California, Berkeley, as well as a program instructor with the University of Central Florida, Office of Student Conduct. Diane Klebanow, Volunteer Specialist with Cornerstone Hospice assisted Smith during the presentation.

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Ret. U.S. Army Ranger Wayne Smith (left) announces proceedings at ceremony for Vietnam veteran Claude Gillespie. At right, Gillespie’s son Cadet Adam Gillespie.



Honor Guard lowers American flag moments before presentation to Cheryl Gillespie.



Cheryl Gillespie (widow) holds American flag moments after presentation. She is surrounded by close friends and family members.



In happier times, on occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary, Claude Gillespie and wife Cheryl Gillespie pose with their great-granddaughter Nahla Smith who lives with her parents in Maryland.

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Get ready for spring

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In the northern part of the country, it's unlikely that the lawn is ready for mowing. But homeowners here need to start unpacking and preparing lawn-care equipment for use. This is a good time to bring the hedge trimmers, saws, rakes and other tools down from their pegs. Wipe off excess oil and dust from the handles and clean dirt or rust spots from the metal blades or tines. Sharpen trimmer and lawnmower blades using a metal rasp, or take them to a hardware store or service that will sharpen them for you.

Bring out the lawnmower and prepare it for its first use. In the fall, you should have removed or emptied the gas tank, removed the spark plug, and removed the mower blades for cleaning and storage; now it's time to put those back on.

Start by installing the blades and brushing away old grass cuttings and dirt from the underside of the mower, then turn the mower upright and fill the tank with fresh gasoline or the correct gas-oil mixture. Install the spark plug. Roll the mower outside, prime the motor (either using a priming button if it has one, or by tugging the starter cord twice), and start the lawnmower. Run it for a few minutes, testing the throttle and other settings, then shut it down and store it in an accessible place, ready to mow the lawn.

In more southerly states, new grass



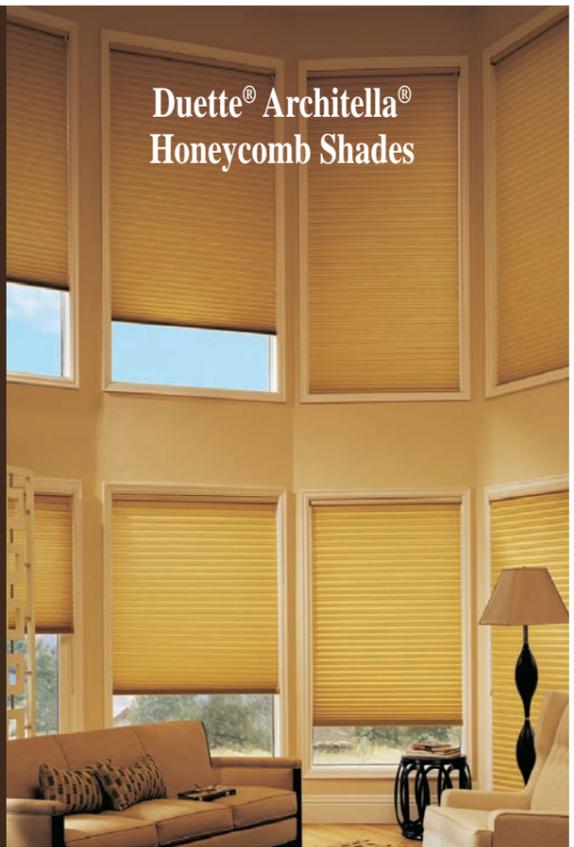
By Samantha Mazzotta

should already be visible, if not yet ready to mow. Now is the time to de-thatch the lawn, if needed, to allow that new growth more air and light. Any bare spots should be re-sodded, sprigged or de-thatched and re-seeded. Protect newly seeded areas from birds by setting low stakes around the spot and crisscrossing the area with string, or tying strips of cloth to the stakes to keep them away.

Once the danger of hard frost has passed, shrubs and small trees that were wrapped in burlap over the winter can be unwrapped. Any bulbs that were planted or went dormant in the fall, such as tulips, will begin showing green shoots soon. Trees are beginning to bud and bloom, so avoid pruning them until the leaves are fully open. Spring can be an incredibly busy time for homeowners, so prepare your lawn-care tools now in order to hit the ground running.

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percent of things buyers are looking for—exterior and interior appearance and livability—solely in your hands. Both can be accomplished at minimal cost and more often than not will be the key to taking your home from 'for sale' to 'sold'.

Since you don't get a second chance to make a good first impression, curb appeal is key to getting buyers out of their cars and inviting them inside. A fresh coat of paint, a well-manicured lawn and vibrant garden, a well-lit entry, and an uncluttered yard will create a very positive visual appeal. Also, take care of any needed repairs so your home looks ready to move into. Buyers will often shy away from a home that needs work.

To create an appealing, "homey" interior and make your home look well cared for, do a thorough cleanup, remove clutter and eliminate any odors. To make rooms feel larger and help buyers visualize what spaces will look like with their belongings, add a fresh coat of paint, preferably in neutral colors, open curtains and blinds for maximum natural light, and remove and store clutter such as extra furniture, knick-knacks and other personal items. Also consider replacing worn carpet, refinishing worn hardwood floors, and replacing cracked

According to research done by Proctor & Gamble, 69% of buyers surveyed listed location as the most important characteristic they are looking for. No surprise there. Curb appeal (12%), a "homey" interior (10%) and size (9%) ranked two through four in buyer preference. In other words, 78% of what buyers are looking for (location and home size) are predetermined and pretty much out of your control.

That leaves a very important 22

tile if it is in your budget. All can be a great return on your investment.

Since the kitchen is considered by many to be the heart of the home, create an added wow factor and visual memory point by updating appliances and remodeling with subtle touches like new cabinet hardware and stylish light fixtures to create a warm and in-

viting environment. You don't have to break the bank to make these changes, but they will enhance your home's market value.

By following these guidelines, prospective buyers will not only imagine living in your home, they will want to.

Fannie Hillman + Associates recently released its annual Hillman Report, a de-

tailed overview of local residential real estate. View it at fanniehillman.com or call 407-644-1234 for a free copy.

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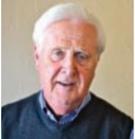


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In a seller's market some homeowners are bound to look around at how fast homes in their neighborhood are selling and wonder, why list my home with an agent? After all, at the end of the day the goal for any seller is clear: sell their home for the most money. Being a real estate agent myself I'm clearly bi-ased, but not for the reasons that you may think. It's definitely a seller's market here in Orlando and the greater Central Florida area. If you can place a sign in your yard or put an ad on craigslist, people will inquire about your home. But how many, and



Christina Rordam
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will they be real buyers? More importantly, will their offers be worth your consideration?

Let's take a look at for-sale-by-owner versus agent-managed home sales.

It's estimated that as many as 80 percent of for-sale-by-owner properties are eventually listed by a real estate agent. Also notable and slightly hilarious to me, the founder of arguably one of the largest and most well-known websites promoting for-sale-by-owner properties sold his home with an agent.

Let's look at why.

Numbers

As mentioned above, an overwhelming majority of for-sale-by-owners sell their homes with an agent. According to the National Association of Realtors 2013 profile of Homebuyers and Sellers, 88 percent of sellers were assisted by a real estate agent when they sold their home. The same percentage of buyers hired

a real estate pro to help them find their dream home. In fact, only 9 percent of home sellers did it without an agent.

People

I grew up in a family where both my parents were Realtors and real estate investors. So for many years I have seen the difference the right agent makes in the sale of a home. The real estate business at its core is about relationships and people. I learned firsthand the value of building relationships with my customers and with fellow agents. This has created for me, and likewise other Orlando real estate agents, a broad network of people who see me – or their own agent – as a resource for buying and selling property in Central Florida. Realtors are constantly striving to expand and nurture their sphere of influence. Why? Year after year more homes are sold this way. Realtors are a resource worth utilizing for

sellers because of their nonstop personal branding and networking efforts.

Flexibility

Selling your home yourself most likely means you need to be there to show it. If you work this can be difficult, not to mention the buyer calling on your sign or ad may or may not be qualified. Realtors always pre-qualify their buyers prior to showing them any homes, and buyers understand this protocol. Buyers feel safe providing this type of personal information to their agents knowing they are licensed and regulated professionals.

In terms of when your home can be shown, most agents work full-time as Realtors and are free to show your home whether you are there or not. In fact, it's best that you aren't there. Homebuyers need to be able to visualize themselves and their families in the home they are purchasing.

It can be harder to do that if the owner is there or worse, telling them everything they love about the home instead of letting the buyer explore. Every buyer has a different wish list for their home, and their priorities may not match the sellers. Best case scenario is for the owner to be absent during the showing and have a trained sales professional accompany them.

Marketing and negotiating

With the advent of the Internet, it's much easier to get information regarding your home out there. But you never get a second chance to make a first impression. Agents make sure your home is seen in the best possible light the first time around. We place your home on hundreds of sites and pay for upgraded and premium placement on the most well known real estate websites. We blog and create websites exclusively for your home in addition to hiring professional photographers and, most recently, using social media to gain exposure for your home. Then we bring you offers from qualified buyers to purchase your home. That's when our job really starts. Realtors negotiate on your behalf to get you the best price for your home. Buyers typically factor in that a seller is not paying a real estate commission into their offer price when considering for sale by owner homes.

In another recent NAR survey, it was documented that the average sales price of a for-sale-by-owner was \$174,900 versus \$215,000 when the seller hired an agent. If a seller is able to sell their home for \$40,100 more, even after paying a commission, that's still a lot of profit. Getting a contract in a hot market may not be the most difficult thing to do. Getting a contract for more than what your neighbor sold his home for and getting the sale closed efficiently is another matter. Spring selling season is in full bloom so choose wisely when listing your home to take full advantage of the housing recovery.

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Orlando Realtors launch project to build homes for vets

Six military veterans will soon have their dreams of homeownership fulfilled thanks to the efforts of Orlando Realtors.

Behind-the-scenes work has been going on for more than a year, but an affordable housing initiative spearheaded by local Realtors officially launched on Feb. 24 when the city of Orlando approved the donation of six lots in downtown Orlando to the Florida Real Estate Foundation, the charitable arm of the Orlando Regional Realtor Association.

The lots are located in the Parramore neighborhood off Benson Avenue, on Polk Street and Jefferson Street.

"The foundation and its project partners are grateful to the Orlando City Council for their donation of the six lots," said Realtor Beverly Evans of Axel Real Estate, Inc., chair of the Florida Real Estate Foundation. "By removing the cost of the land, the city's donation will contribute to the homes' affordability and will help enormously in getting the project off the ground."

"The city of Orlando is pleased to support the Florida Real Estate Foundation initiative," added Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer.

"Through the Pathways for Parramore initiative, the city of Orlando has made significant strides in revitalizing the Parramore neighborhood, including a focus on providing more opportunities for homeownership in the community. This partnership with the foundation will further support these efforts."

The six contiguous lots donated to the foundation will be transformed into Heroes Commons at Jefferson Park, a "village" which centers around six detached single-family homes. The village will include shared garage access, green space, and connectivity between the homes to create a commons area.

Future Homeowners

The primary goal of Heroes Commons at Jefferson Park is to provide mortgage-free homes to (in order of priority):

- Income-qualified, disabled veterans from any branch of the United States Armed Forces;
- Income-qualified veterans;
- or
- Income-qualified City of Orlando and Orange County public safety employees*.

"The Orlando Regional Realtor Association is honored to offer homeownership to those who have served," said ORRA Chairman Zola Szerencses of RE/MAX 200 Realty. "The servicemen and women who defend our country and our way of life are also defending the American dream of homeownership, which of course is the cornerstone of all Realtors."

Future homeowners will have access to supportive social services that ease the transition to civilian life and family life. Customized services related to mental health, physical health and

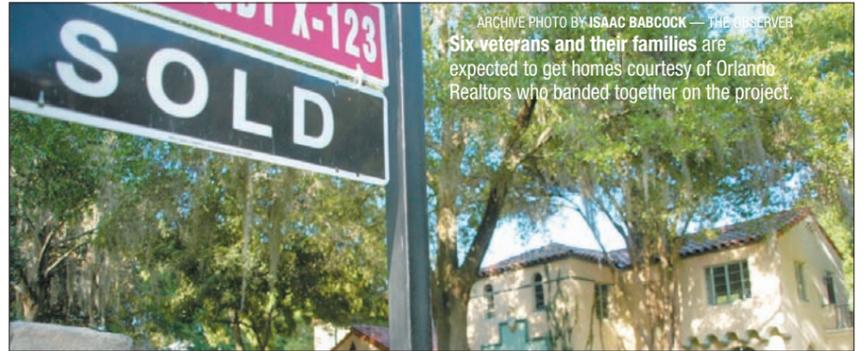
education will be available for as long as they are needed.

Housing and Neighborhood Development Services of Central Florida has once again partnered with the foundation to handle qualifying potential homeowners and ensuring that they fulfill the project's income and education requirements.

A military veteran or city of Orlando/Orange County public safety

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March 14 – One night – two openings at Art & History Museums Maitland

As part of Art 31, a month-long series of events celebrating artistic creativity, the Art & History Museums Maitland will present two openings on March 14. They include Opening Receptions for Film Stories: Nancy Cervenka and Moving Pictures by Joyce Ely Walker beginning at 5:30 p.m. This will be followed by a Culture Pop! Event called

Roll, Repeat – in partnership with Enzian Theater and the Florida Film Festival beginning at 7 p.m. The Maitland Art Center is at 231



W. Packwood Ave. Visit art31.org for a complete listing of events.

March 14 to 16 – CFCArts helps us 'Believe in Spring'

After this 'colder-than-normal' winter, CFCArts invites us to "You Must Believe In Spring," a cabaret musical about youth, love and warmer weather! Bringing together six singers and a jazz quartet, this sophisticated revue includes classics such as "Blue Skies," "Singin' In The Rain" and "It Might As Well Be Spring."



ART BY CERVENKA

Performances will be March 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. and March 16 at 3 p.m. at Central Christian Church at 250 SW Ivanhoe Blvd. in Orlando. Visit cfcarth.com or contact Sarah.Mattingly@cfcommunityarts.com

March 14 to 16 – The Orlando Ballet – 'Some Assembly Required'

"Some Assembly Required" is the name given to the World Premiere performances being offered by the Orlando Ballet on the weekend of March 14 to 16 at the Bob Carr PAC.

The ballet is the newest creation by Artistic Director Robert Hill, promising to showcase the dancers' physicality in movement as an evolving process. Additional works will be presented by guest choreographers Abdur-Rahim Jackson and Arcadian Broad



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CULTURE | Two classics take the stage with 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof' and Shakespeare's 'Julius Caesar'

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Peanuts characters are teenagers battling real-life issues. When CB's dog dies, CB questions the existence of an afterlife, but his best friend is 'burnt out,' his sister has gone Goth and his girlfriend is in rehab. A chance meeting with an artistic kid (the target of the group's bullying), offers CB a friendship that pushes teen angst to the limits. Performed from March 14 to 16 at the The Venue in Orlando, tickets are available at DogSeesGodOrlando.com

and mixed media art. Personally I never leave home without Rik's art. You see, Rik is also a professional tattoo artist, and he's done three of my tattoos. The exhibit is at the Peacock Room at 1321 N. Mills Ave. in Orlando. Call 407-228-0048 or 407-484-3196 or visit inkintattoos.com

March 19 to April 20 – Shakespeare takes on 'Julius Caesar'

Shakespeare's version of the death of "Julius Caesar" explores the line between patriotism and



personal ambition. After Caesar's assassination, Brutus and Cassius are left to divide the empire, but they underestimate Caesar's devoted follower Mark Antony ... leading the world to the brink of anarchy. In an already brilliant season for the Shakespeare Center, "Julius Caesar" is yet another timeless classic. Adding to the experience (30 minutes before each performance) an Orlando Shakes actor shares insights about the production with the audience. Visit OrlandoShakes.org or call 407-447-1700.

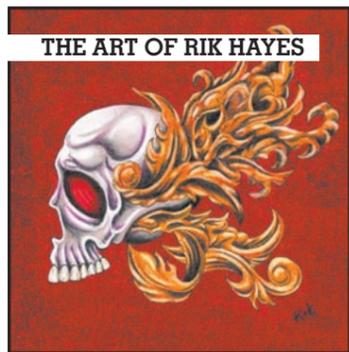
March 19 to April 20 – The Mad Cow has a 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'

Legend says that "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" was Tennessee Williams' favorite play – perhaps because it won him the Pulitzer Prize for drama in 1955. Set in the plantation home of Big Daddy Pollitt, the play examines relationships among Big Daddy's family, focusing on his son Brick and Brick's wife – Maggie the Cat. Williams' unflinching

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March 18 at 8 p.m. – The art of Rik Hayes at the Peacock Room

The somewhat foreboding title "The Inmates Are Running the Asylum" should be enough to pique the interest of adventurous art-lovers, especially when the artwork comes from the inventive mind of Rik Hayes. On May 18, beginning at 8 p.m., we're invited to see the inmates who have escaped onto his canvases



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March 20 – Hannibal Square Wine Tasting

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March 20 – Jeb Bush at Rollins College

As part of a series of talks offered free to the public, the Winter Park Institute at Rollins College will present former Governor Jeb Bush in a talk called 'America's Promise in Uncertain Times,' in which he will share his insights on the current challenges facing America. Set for March 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Alford Sports Center, the event is free and open to the public. Call 407-691-1995 or visit winterparkinstitute.org



JEB BUSH

Orlando continues to enhance its reputation in the art world as local arts legend Robin Maria Pedrero creates – and curates – the Twitter Art Exhibit: Orlando. Opening March 20 at the CityArts Factory, this is the fourth installment of a worldwide art experience featuring original, postcard-sized art, donated by artists from around the world. The postcard art will be displayed and sold through April 11 at a price of \$35 each to benefit special needs students at The Center for Contemporary Dance.

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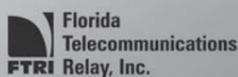
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Opinions



Chris Jepson

Perspectives

Get off the bench

I recently attended the annual literary luncheon of the Orlando/Winter Park Branch of the American Association of University Women. The AAUW is all about equity for women and girls, and I am all for that. It is great to be in a large room of sharp, opinionated women. The luncheon was held at the always happening Winter Park University Club.

I had paid no attention to who was the featured speaker other than the topic was "sports." Dr. Richard Lapchick, Ph.D., endowed chair and director of the DeVos Sport Business Management program at UCF, it turned out, was scheduled to speak on some nebulous aspect of sport. Quite candidly I thought, "What the hell is this academic yahoo going to talk about?" Well, color me the rube. I haven't been so impressed with a public speaker in years.

Once Dr. Lapchick introduced himself as the son of Joe Lapchick, I had a flood of warm memories associated with Joe Lapchick tennis shoes (Kinney) when growing-up in Sioux City, Iowa. Joe Lapchick was a phenomenal East Coast basketball legend (player/coach) who had his own "brand" with the Kinney Shoes; one of the first ever such sports celebrity endorsements. Lapchick was the Man. The real deal.

Dr. Lapchick spoke glowingly of the moral lessons and examples he observed in his father. Dr. Lapchick, born in 1945, observed firsthand the Jim Crow racism of 20th century America. He spoke authoritatively on the many beneficial contributions of sports in America as well as around the world. He worked with Nelson Mandela of South Africa, such that they considered each other real friends. So, too, Lew Alcindor (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) and Muhammad Ali. Dr. Lapchick was violently attacked for supporting the anti-apartheid movement in the 1970s; he publicly advocated boycotting South African participation in international sports.

Dr. Lapchick is a polished speaker with a message that resonates: A mes-

sage that is quintessentially American, a message that needs to be heard, and one I've been spouting for years. Everyone, every American, is part of the home team and when the team huddles-up, the color of your skin, your ethnicity, your religion is secondary to working together for the common good. Dr. Lapchick speaks of that inherent American quality (our collective team spirit), its importance and our need to continually commit to cultural inclusiveness.

Dr. Lapchick spoke of gathering a second wind that at this point in his life, as he closes in on 70, he is committing himself to the growing issue of female subjugation, violence and slavery (sexual) around the word and particularly in America. He spoke passionately about the power of people to organize for change and to achieve it.

He closed with an anonymous quote, "I cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good I can do." Get moving, in other words.

I cannot recommend enough Dr. Lapchick as a speaker (author/educator) with a message that will make you, again, feel good — that each of us can contribute, can play a role in helping America achieve its loftiest ideals.

America's non-profit sector is where the proverbial rubber meets the road of societal change. The ideas that make us better human beings are often created, nurtured and applied in the working laboratories of our non-profit organizations. Whether it be the AAUW, the University Club of Winter Park or UCF's DeVos Sport Business Management Program, find your second wind, get involved, and do all the good you can do.

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Louis Roney

Play On!

Greed?

"There is a sufficiency in the world for man's need, but not for man's greed."
—Gandhi

"If we're looking for the source of our troubles, we shouldn't test people for drugs, we should test them for stupidity, ignorance, greed, and love of power."
—P.J. O'Rourke

My attitude may be somewhat cynical, but after 93 years on this Earth, I am quite convinced that the majority of human actions are designed to satisfy thoughts of greed in one form or another. Greed is coveting fervently something that we do not yet own.

Greed is satisfied by bargaining and conniving, and often in stealth. It is patently illustrated in the outstretched hand of the smallest child who wants something.

The industry of advertising is nothing less than a constant whetting of the greed in human beings — greed for a new car, a new house or the latest in fashion. Americans probably own more material things per capita than any other people on the face of the earth, and a continuous feeling of need is generated from every angle by tongue and pen in order

to attract money for those who benefit from the satisfying of greed.

Greed is the emotion that causes people to go into outsized debt, which their rationality warns them they cannot repay. Greed makes the guy who can afford a Chevy buy a Mercedes to make him look more successful to his neighbors.

Greed keeps doctors and hospitals busy with those who are sick and are greedy to live a while longer. But the greediest doctor himself has no more power to prolong his own existence indefinitely than he does the lives of his patients.

Time is, of course, the victor over all human greed, and even the doctor does not know whether, when he closes his eyes for the last time, he will awaken in a heaven of sorts as promised by his religion, or the black void from which he sprang. "Ashes to ashes and dust to dust" may not be inspiring, but isn't it better than never to have had a brief glimpse of life's sunshine?

We want more of everything good, and less of everything less than good. Our first words in life may be "I want" and our last words may be ditto — we are greedy from beginning to end.

My grandmother declared, "The happiest people are those who have learned to enjoy what they already have." Most Americans probably have everything they need, and almost everything they want. Money is power, and the more money we save, the more power we hold over other people's goods and services.

Figures in a bankbook can bring a smile to the face of one looking for security. Perhaps each of us should take an accurate inventory of the material goods he possesses, and assess reasonably the things he needs to acquire before he has "acquired his share."

At the end of the line, John D. Rockefeller could not take any more of his possessions with him than you and I can. The manner in which we leave our wealth to our descendants gives us the last control we ever have of anything on Earth. Our lawyers can do their part in seeing that our wishes are accurately fulfilled. But no one can guarantee that our ends will be met exactly.

If money is the source of our power, is money then our only prime impetus? Along the way we may lose our grip on what we have owned, and therefore the power to affect things far in the future.

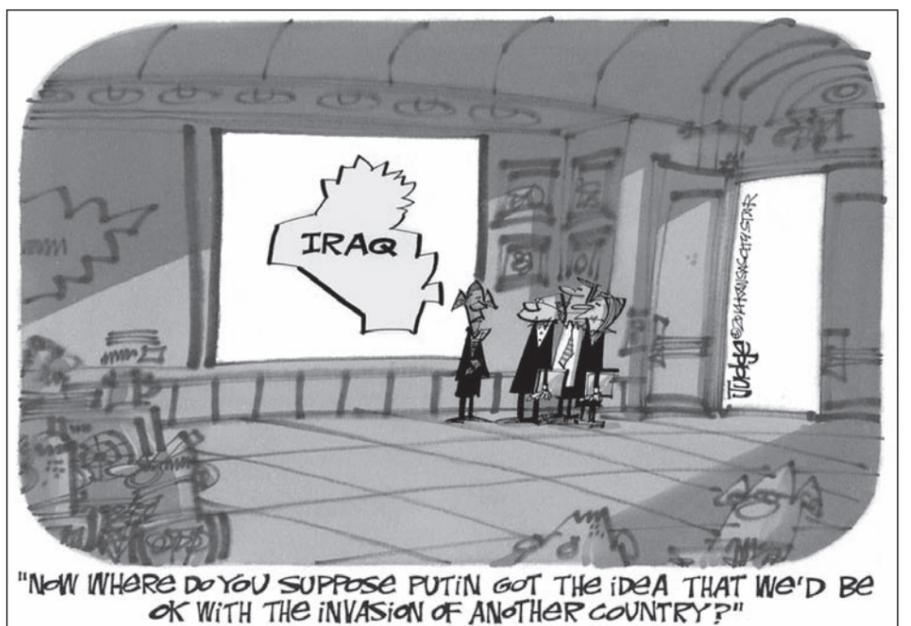
As Shakespeare says in "Macbeth," "Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player who struts and frets his hour upon the stage, and then is heard no more; it is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

Shakespeare had it right, didn't he?

Or, is it perhaps the greatest expression of greed to give things away that bring, through giving, the maximum joy of pleasure to ourselves? Is giving then, in reality, a selfish act done for the pleasure it brings the giver?

About Roney: Harvard '42—Distinguished Prof, Em.—UCF 2004 Fla. Alliance for the Arts award (Assisted by beautiful wife Joy Roney)

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THE MARKETPLACE



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Open Houses

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Sunday, March 16th

405 Lakewood Drive, Winter Park FL 32789

4 BR | 3 BA | 4,208 SF | \$3,220,000
Exquisite custom designed lakefront estate on the Winter Park Chain of Lakes! Stunning indoor/outdoor living spaces. Designer gourmet kitchen, travertine tile and Brazilian walnut floors, cathedral ceilings and exposed trusses. Serene master retreat with breathtaking lake views and large sitting area. Summer kitchen, fireplace and outdoor living area overlook the tranquil lake. No expense was spared!

Hosted by: Amanda Geller with Kelly Price & Company from 2-5 PM

134 Detmar Drive, Winter Park FL 32789

4 BR | 3.5 BA | 3,333 SF | \$717,700
Fantastic home with incredible entertaining space! Two master suites, bonus room, spacious bedrooms and over 1,800 SF of outside decking. Family room with wood burning fireplace, charming sitting area, and spacious great room with French doors leading to the inviting deck space and brick courtyard. Renovated gourmet kitchen with breakfast bar. Downstairs master suite has large sunken Jacuzzi tub, dual vanity and walk-in closet.

Hosted by: Gwyn Clark with Kelly Price & Company from 2-4 PM

1805 Harland Park Drive, Winter Park FL 32789

4 BR | 3.5 BA | 3,051 SF | \$829,960
Brand new Taylor Morrison home in prestigious Windsong! Gourmet kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances, upgraded wood flooring, crown molding and an interactive home package with an intercom system. Additional interior features include a large master bedroom with two walk-in closets, master bath with garden tub and separate shower.

Hosted by: Sherri Dyer with Kelly Price & Company from 2-5 PM

1809 Harland Park Drive, Winter Park FL 32789

4 BR | 3.5 BA | 3,654 SF | \$989,050
Gorgeous new construction in Windsong! Beautiful kitchen with high-end appliances, wood floors, crown molding and large master suite. Upstairs offers a spacious game room and den! Open floor plan is perfect for entertaining.

Hosted by: Sherri Dyer with Kelly Price & Company from 2-5 PM

149 Chelton Circle, Winter Park FL 32789

4 BR | 3 BA | 4,511 SF | \$1,500,000
Exquisite Mediterranean home on a quiet brick street overlooking Lake Chelton! Formal living and dining areas, updated kitchen, spacious breakfast nook and bright sunroom with panoramic lake views. Master retreat offers a walk-in shower, Jacuzzi tub and walkout balcony.

Hosted by: Rhonda Chesmore with Kelly Price & Company from 2-5 PM

1700 E. Winter Park Road, Winter Park FL 32789

3 BR | 2 BA | 1,606 SF | \$325,000
Two story home on a tree-lined street in Winter Park! Corner lot with a driveway on Lake Sue Road. Fantastic option to remodel or build new. Home offers a split floor plan with a downstairs master suite, wood floors, cozy kitchen and updated master bath.

Hosted by: Marty Katz with Kelly Price & Company from 2-5 PM

1555 Palmer Avenue, Winter Park FL 32789

4 BR | 2.5 BA | 2,139 SF | \$485,000

Completely renovated home just minutes from Park Avenue! Open concept living spaces, hardwood and tile flooring throughout. Brand new kitchen offering stainless steel appliances, granite counters, oversized island and beautiful wood cabinets. Master suite offers a spacious walk-in closet and gorgeous master bath. Hosted by: Lauren Fritch with Kelly Price & Company from 2-5 PM

2612 Parkland Drive, Winter Park FL 32789

4 BR | 4.5 BA | 3,282 SF | \$819,000
Stunning custom-built pool home with top-of-the-line details and finishes throughout! Formal living room with two-story ceiling, formal dining area with built-ins, open family room with fireplace, and chef's dream kitchen with breakfast bar. Three sets of French doors in the living room open to the covered patio overlooking the sparkling pool. Master suite offers an office area, large walk-in closets, access to a covered balcony and luxurious master suite.

Hosted by: Kelly L. Price with Kelly Price & Company from 2-5 PM

1550 Chestnut Avenue, Winter Park FL 32789

3 BR | 2 BA | 1,555 SF | \$289,000
Immaculate home on a brick street in Winter Park! Large living spaces, updated vanities and lighting in bathrooms, new paint inside and out. Screened outdoor patio overlooks the well-maintained backyard shaded by beautiful oak trees. Modern detached studio with concrete flooring and large windows. Located near Phelps Park and the YMCA!

Hosted by: Jennifer "JJ" Mackle with Kelly Price & Company from 2-5 PM

1826 Laurelton Hall Lane, Winter Park FL 32789

4 BR | 3 BA | 3,425 SF | \$899,000
Marvelous Taylor Morrison home in prestigious Windsong! Features include a stunning kitchen, office, loft and downstairs master suite with separate shower and relaxing garden tub. Additional features include a beautifully paved, covered patio and three car garage.

Hosted by: Kelly L. Price with Kelly Price & Company from 2-5 PM

1655 Barcelona Way, Winter Park FL 32789

5 BR | 4.5 BA | 5,371 SF | \$1,295,000
Fully reconstructed traditional brick estate on Howell Creek in Seville! High-end finishes throughout. Gourmet kitchen offers a breakfast nook, fireplace and top-of-the-line appliances. Master suite offers a Jacuzzi tub and built-in TV. State of the art audio/video system throughout the home! Additional features include a game room, gym, pool, lush landscaping and dock on Howell Creek.

Hosted by: Liz Jones with Kelly Price & Company from 2-5 PM



SUNDAY 1-4

NEW PRICE!
END UNIT TOWNHOME WITH GREAT LAYOUT

2201 Hawick Lane, Winter Park. 3BD/2.5BA, 1,814SF. Quality details throughout, starting in the gourmet kitchen with granite counters, stainless appliances and breakfast bar. Downstairs 10' ceilings, lighted archways and porcelain tile floors. French doors open to brick paved courtyard. Master suite offers walk-in closet, granite vanity, whirlpool tub and separate shower. Located close to shopping, restaurants and local parks. \$307,000

NEW LISTING!

LOVELY HOME IN DOMMERICH ESTATES
421 Arapaho Trail, Maitland. 3BD/2BA, 1,813SF. Terrific floor plan with features including floor-to-ceiling built-ins, vented garage/artist's studio, and wood-burning fireplace in living/dining room. Family room and den/office overlook spacious backyard. New roof, AC, duct work and plumbing in 2007. Deeded lake access and walking distance to schools. Mature trees, sidewalks and wonderful parks. \$310,000

NEW LISTING!

TWO MASTER SUITES
472 Macgregor Road, Winter Springs. 3BD/3.5BA, 2,280SF. This one story home offers two master suites with a split plan, large living and dining room. Private backyard with screened lanai. Great community with pool and tennis courts. Move right into this home on a quiet, tree-lined street. \$239,999

SUNDAY 1-4

NEW PRICE!
PRIME CONDO AT WHISPERING WATERS

311 E. Morse Blvd #6-19, Winter Park. 2BD/2BA, 2,140SF. Condo located on fifth floor with wonderful views toward Park Avenue. Screened porches/areas are set off almost every room- living room, eat-in kitchen and both spacious bedrooms! Laundry room, kitchen, deeded parking space in the underground garage with storage. Condo complex located on Lake Osceola. \$649,000

SUNDAY 2-5

CINDY'S NEW LISTING
MODERN MEDITERRANEAN ON BRICK STREET

1330 Hibiscus Avenue, Winter Park. 4BD/2.5BA, 2,286SF. Fabulous light and bright home with private screened

courtyard. The eat-in kitchen opens to family room with vaulted ceilings and wood burning fireplace. Screened back porch with built-in grill. Master suite has separate tub and shower and private courtyard. Great location near the Via's, shopping and restaurants. \$499,000

NEW PRICE!

OLDE WINTER PARK CHARMER
1816 Mizell Avenue, Winter Park. 3BD/2BA, 1,765SF. You'll love the neighborhood of this charming home with lovely brick paved circular driveway which adds to the nicely landscaped corner lot. Original hardwood floors, upgraded master suite with vaulted ceilings, California closets, and room for an office. Master bath has double sinks and separate tub and shower. A+ schools. \$399,000



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500 Shepherd Avenue, Winter Park FL 32789 sold by Jennifer Sloan with Kelly Price & Company

1020 Albany Avenue, St. Cloud FL 34771 sold by Julie Bombardo with Kelly Price & Company

27 W. Steele Street, Orlando FL 32804 sold by Jennifer Sloan with Kelly Price & Company

607 Lake Catherine Drive, Maitland FL 32751 sold by Jennifer King & Kelly L. Pricewith Kelly Price & Company

1861 Edwin Boulevard, Winter Park FL 32789 sold by Jennifer Sloan with Kelly Price & Company

1683 Lakehurst Avenue, Winter Park FL 32789 sold by Jennifer Sloan with Kelly Price & Company

1760 Thunderbird Trail, Maitland FL 32751 sold by Pamela Seibert with Kelly Price & Company

4113 Fairview Vista Unit 132, Orlando FL 32804 sold by Jennifer King with Kelly Price & Company

4017 Wardell Place, Orlando FL 32814 sold by Jennifer King with Kelly Price & Company

505 W. Harvard Street, Orlando FL 32804 sold by Jennifer Kingwith Kelly Price & Company

212 Green Lake Circle, Longwood FL 32779 sold by Rhonda Chesmore with Kelly Price & Company

King Crossword

ACROSS

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- 5 Sphere
- 8 Auto pioneer Henry
- 12 Pinnacle
- 13 Fish eggs
- 14 Great Lake
- 15 Ocean-going vessel
- 16 CBS crime-solving series
- 18 Easily angered person
- 20 Swiss mathematician
- 21 "Of course"
- 22 Fellow
- 23 Harsh
- 26 Ideological conflict
- 30 Move like 38-Across
- 31 Author Umberto
- 32 Historic period
- 33 Franks
- 36 Starksy's partner
- 38 Kanga's kid
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- 40 Spotless
- 43 Rarity in Hell?
- 47 Trouble
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- 51 Peculiar
- 52 Go sightseeing
- 53 Bellow
- 54 Golf ball holder
- 55 Fencing sword
- 8 Fruitful
- 9 Verbal
- 10 Get up
- 11 Antelope's playmate
- 17 Transaction
- 19 "A mouse!"
- 22 Cattle call?
- 23 "Be quiet!"
- 24 Excessively
- 25 Suitable
- 26 IV measures
- 27 Drench
- 28 Curved line
- 29 "Hurray!"
- 31 Id counter-part
- 34 Bureau compartment
- 35 Chaplin's
- 36 "2001" computer
- 37 Latest news
- 39 Teeming throng
- 40 Burn
- 41 Crazy
- 42 Sicilian spouter
- 43 Relinquish
- 44 Let fall
- 45 Chills and fever
- 46 Bygone times
- 48 Youngster

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2160 Sunderland Road, Maitland FL 32751 sold by Renee Dee Morgan with Kelly Price & Company

1532 Langham Terrace, Maitland FL 32751 sold by Jennifer Sloan with Kelly Price & Company

422 Carolina Avenue, Winter Park FL 32789 sold by Debbie Tassell with Kelly Price & Company

3074 Lindale Avenue, Orlando FL 32814 sold by Padgett McCormick



Dawn Romance 570 W. Spring-tree Way, Lake Mary \$202,000. 03/03/2014

Lisa Fleming 8315 Newbury Sound Lane, Orlando \$205,000. 03/03/2014

Nancy Bagby/Catherine D'Amico 1167 Adair Park Pl, Orlando \$520,000. 03/04/2014

Wendy Williams Crumit/Sandra Jones 38814 Corrine Dr, Orlando \$390,000. 03/04/2014

Nancy Bagby/Catherine D'Amico 2305 Edgewater Dr #1405, Orlando \$310,000. 03/05/2014

Jerry Oller/Shirley Jones 302 Salvador Square, Winter Park \$605,000. 03/07/2014

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John McDade 432 Fletcher Pl, Winter Park \$491,500. 03/10/2014

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Winter Park, FL 32789



Owner	Purchase Date	Block	Lot	Spaces
Guerin, Frances	No Record	7	D	NW, SW, CW, NE, CE, SE
Lee, William Justice	No Record	9	A, B, C, D	All of Lot A; All of Lot C; Lot B NW, CE, SW, SE; Lot D NW, SW, SE
Reed, Sarah	7/12/20	12	B	NW, CW, SW, NE, CE, SE
Read, Frederick D.	3/22/23	14	C	NE, CE, SE
Sample, R. J.	3/15/23	14	D	NW, CW, NE, CE
Healey, Claire	4/29/21	25	D	NE, CE, NW, CW, SW
Aldis, Graham	11/24/33	26	B	NW, NE, CE, SE
Reid, U. E.	12/4/34	31	A	NE, CE, SE
Barnes, George	8/6/12	55	D	NW, CW, SW, NE, CE
Stillman, Helen P. (Malcolm Oakes Executor)	3/9/38	58	D	SE, CW, SW
Blackman, W. F.	No Record	58	B & C	Lot B - NW, NE, CW, CE
Hayes, Charles S.	12/29/23	58	A	NW, NE, CW
Sims, Mr & Mrs Charlie	11/18/46	69	B	CW, SW, NE, CE, SE
Rumbaugh, John D.	4/7/47	85	AA	10, 11, 12
Haine, Louis & Tennie	10/3/45	85	C	NW, CW, SW, NE, CE, SE
Rumbaugh, John D.	3/27/45	90	D	NE & SE



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