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YOUR TOWN

MAYLOWER NAMES DIRECTOR

Cheryl-Anne Sadowski was named Director of Nursing at The Mayflower Retirement Community's Health Center.

Sadowski, who holds a degree in nursing from the University of Massachusetts — Dartmouth, came from Life Care Center of Altamonte Springs, where she served as director of nursing.

A season to remember

Edgewater finished its 2018 campaign with a 24-6 record. **PAGE 11.**

Shamrocked!



BLACK TIE

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Cannoball Kids hosts Gold Gala.
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Local residents sported the color green and lined Park Avenue Sunday, March 4, to watch the 50th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

PHOTOS ON PAGE 4.

The Pipes and Drums of the Orange County Sheriff's Office received a roar of applause.

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Duck, duck, go

Mead Garden will celebrate the ninth running of The Great Duck Derby this weekend. **SEE PAGE 4.**

Winter Park PD creates plan to address school shootings

Led by Chief Michael Deal, the department has taken to steps to review and develop a new plan that it hopes will help curb future issues regarding violence in schools.

TROY HERRING
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Following the mass shooting at Stonemason Douglas High School in South Florida, Winter Park Police Department, under the leadership of Chief Michael Deal, is looking to take progressive action.

In an announcement Feb. 28,

Deal detailed plans to ensure an event like the one in Parkland doesn't occur in Winter Park.

"Everybody in the country — especially parents who have kids going to schools — are very concerned, and me too," Deal said. "Part of our job is to not only deal with crime and things like that,

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Q&A



Meet Winter Park's 2018 mayoral candidates. **3.**

YOUR CALENDAR

WINTER PARK

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14
WINTER PARK GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING**
10 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, at the Winter Park Garden Club, 1300 S. Denning Drive, Winter Park. Speaker Linda Price, president of the African Violet Council of Florida, will teach the group about the proper care and propagation of African violets. The event is free, and there will be African violets for sale at the meeting. (407) 644-5770.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17
ANNUAL SPRING LITERARY LUNCHEON**
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at the Interlachen Country Club, 2245 Interlachen Court, Winter Park. Featured author Holly Manderkern will discuss her book, "Beneath White Stars — Holocaust Profiles in Poetry." Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased by contacting gazianomyra@yahoo.com. (321) 363-1105.

**MAITLAND
FRIDAY, MARCH 9
GOLF TOURNAMENT: 'TALES OF TWO CITIES!'**
8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, March 9, at Casselberry Golf Club, 300 South Triplet Lake Drive, Casselberry. Take part in this friendly competition between the cities

and chambers of Maitland and Casselberry. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$400 for a foursome and \$100 for an individual. Vets and first-responders, call the chamber at (407) 644-0741 for a discount.

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 11
MAITLAND FARMERS MARKET**
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays at Lake Lily Park, 701 Lake Lily Drive, Maitland. Browse through a section of fresh produce and other items at this weekly farmers market in Maitland. For more information, visit Maitland Farmers Market on Facebook.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15
MAITLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
5 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, at the chamber office, 110 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland. The board of directors holds its meeting on the third Thursday of each month. (407) 644-0741.

Keeping students safe

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but the fear that our residents have every day?"

To begin, the department will be placing a full-time officer in both Brookshire and Lakemont elementary schools. Before, the department has had one officer divide their time between the two schools.

Deal also said the department will keep its two currently assigned officers at both Winter Park High School and the Winter Park High School Ninth Grade Center.

"People really want to see a police officer in their schools full-time — when they drop them off they feel a lot better when they see a police officer there," Deal said. "So that was the main objective — to provide better security for the schools, and to hopefully keep somebody from coming in their who feels like their is no one there to stop them, and also to help the parents deal with the concern."

The next step is a complete review of the department's Standard Operating Procedures regarding its response to an active shooter situation.

Although the procedures

were developed after the shooting at Columbine High School in 1999, Deal said the policy was still sound, but it never hurts to examine and better develop plans of action.

One of the main sections addressed in the policy is in regards to how first officers on scene are supposed to act.

"The first officer who arrives on scene has to make some decisions based on what is going on — because he or she is there," Deal said. "If nobody has been shot and there is no active shooting at the time, then you have the ability to formulate a plan with a team and go in and do a search."

"If you get there and you've got someone who is shooting, and you can hear the shots, then you can't wait for your backup — your main objective is to go in and eliminate the threat," he said.

To help prepare officers for such circumstances, the department will be conducting refresher training in the next few weeks. Deal said the department had not done any active shooter training in the last several years.

"We'll go over different sce-

narios and how to respond — when this happens then you do this, and if this is going on, you do this," Deal said. "So it is basically scenario-based training — not just reading the policy but actually putting people in situations and training on how they should react."

With all these steps being put into place to better protect students, the department also is holding meetings over the next few weeks with principals from each school in the city as a means of discussing their plans.

It's a policy Deal hopes will help make Winter Park schools as safe as possible.

"We already have a good relationship with the principals, so the key thing here is making sure we are all on the same page in how we are going to address threats or students who are having issues," he said. "Regardless of what it is, we just want to be on the same page. If there are threats, we need to be involved, and we need to be able to effectively deal with those things."

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Meet the candidates

Winter Park voters next week will be tasked with choosing the city's next mayor.

The 2018 race includes incumbent Steve Leary and his challenger, Jim Fitch.

Leary, 51, who has served as mayor since 2015, previously served seven years as a city commissioner. He is a Winter Park business owner and resident for more than 13 years.

Fitch, 81, is U.S. Navy veteran a relative newcomer to the area; he moved to Winter Park in late 2016.

Winter Park employs a commission/city manager form of government in which City Manager Randy Knight is charged with the operation of the city. The mayor is one of five members of the City Commission.

Responses have been edited for space. For complete answers, visit OrangeObserver.com.

CHALLENGER

JIM FITCH

AGE: 81

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, Louisiana State University; MBA, Stanford

EXPERIENCE: U.S. Navy veteran; Managed construction projects (\$100 million) and public works facilities in a 30,000-employee public works center. O'Fallon, Missouri; treasurer for mayor campaign, O'Fallon, Missouri; St. Charles County Board of Adjustment; O'Fallon Police Advisory Board; Comprehensive Plan Development Board. Haines City: chairman, Finance Advisory Board; Board of Adjustment; Planning and Zoning Board

YEARS LIVING IN WINTER PARK: Since Nov. 4, 2016

What will be your biggest priority if elected?

- My priorities would be:
1. Complete the undergrounding of electric service much sooner than present projections.
 2. Start an overall traffic study to find answers to the present situation.
 3. Enforce the Comprehensive Plan.
 4. Make sure our police and fire departments have what they need to keep us safe.
 5. Maintain our water quality.
 6. Maintain our streets.
 7. Better prepare for the next hurricane.
 8. Plant more trees.
 9. Prepare for SunRail loss of funding by May 2021.
 10. Stop wasting our tax money and spend it locally — not in Orange County.

Why are you the best person for the position?

I am what Winter Park needs now because:

I have the knowledge — engineering, financial and management education.

I have the experience — relevant work history.

I have the time to spend on city matters — retired, not working two jobs and raising a family.

I will listen — that is my nature and my experience. I will be respectful.

I will be transparent — no hidden agendas and outside influences. I don't owe anybody anything. No favors.

I will be fair — no past alliances.

I don't have any development interests in Winter Park.

I will manage our money conservatively — no more rebates to developers, no more adventures outside of Winter Park, no more questionable projects (\$4.5 million for underground fiberoptic intranet that might be technologically obsolete and replaced with a Low Earth Orbit satellite system — LEO, starting in 2019), no more



electric Christmas trees.

I want the job so we don't go over the "tipping point," not like the last six-plus years. I will donate my salary to a Winter Park charity each year.

Winter Park is known for its charm and village character, but we know that progress marches forward. How do you balance these two realities?

Winter Park's character can be maintained by honoring the Comprehensive Plan and not overbuilding and densifying. A current 18 townhome project on Aloma to replace four single-family homes and an office is a prime example.

Winter Park recently celebrated Weekend of the Arts, which involved all of the city's arts nonprofits. How much emphasis would you put on supporting these nonprofits if elected?

Winter Park has an active arts community, and the celebrations of that and enhancement to it should be emphasized. Being known as a "city of the arts" is a great asset. Public funding of more public art, statuary, gardens and sculpture should be emphasized.

Some would say there is a parking problem in downtown Winter Park. What is the best solution?

Traffic is mostly pass through, and that can wear on the people that live here. Why should we have to endure that? There are technical (adaptive traffic signal control) methods and practical methods to reduce traffic to tolerable levels. Parking is a challenge in the downtown area now, and a remote lot with a free shuttle bus may be part of an answer. Enforcing handicap parking areas will also help. An underground or elevated concrete parking structure is not a solution I would first seek.

What are your thoughts on recently introduced bills at the state level that some say would preempt cities' abilities to govern?

I am for Home Rule, and Tallahassee should not micromanage our towns and solve some of the more real problems — school shootings.

INCUMBENT

STEVE LEARY

AGE: 51

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, Washington College, 1989

EXPERIENCE: Seven years as Winter Park city commissioner;

three years as Winter Park mayor

YEARS LIVING IN WINTER PARK: Home and business owner for more than 13 years



What will be your biggest priority if elected?

I will continue to work with other elected and appointed officials across the region/state to manage the impending growth of the region. I will also be promoting additional efforts to restore and revitalize our passive and active parks, maintain sound fiscal policy and encourage more and new input from the public.

Why are you the best person for the position?

Experience. As mayor, I have led a commission that has significantly increased green space; made major renovations to Showalter Field and the golf course (which now no longer loses money); renovated other parks and playing fields; worked with professionals to see us through Hurricane Irma; increased our electric utility undergrounding program; kept our finances in excellent shape; developed plans and programs to lessen the impact of the regional growth; and many other improvements.

Commitment. I'm a longtime Winter Park resident who is raising my family and building a business here, and have been serving on the commission for seven years. It has been my personal commitments to Winter Park that ensure stakeholders that their mayor understands the role. I do not represent one Winter Park special-interest group.

Winter Park is known for its charm and village character, but we know that progress marches forward. How do you balance these two realities?

The Winter Park population grew just under 5% (less than 1,500 residents) from 2010-17. The Metro-Orlando population grew by 253,000 during the same time period. The traffic we see is from our neighbors driving through Winter Park. In 2017, we removed R-4 zoning from our Land Plan. So unless grandfathered in, that large-scale, high-density designation can no longer be applied for in Winter Park. Also in 2017, we approved funding for our own fiberoptic network, which will connect all our traffic signals and allow for them to be tied into an Intelligent Traffic Signalization System to smooth traffic flow through Winter Park. We have

HOW TO VOTE

WHEN: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13

PRECINCTS: Winter Park Christian Church, 760 N. Lakemont Ave.; St. Andrews Methodist Church, 100 St. Andrews Blvd.; Winter Park Presbyterian Church, 400 S. Lakemont Ave.; First Baptist Church, 1021 New York Ave.; Azalea Lane Recreation Center, 1045 Azalea Lane.

taken steps to manage growth within the city and manage the impact of the growth around us, such as the Fairbanks lane extension, Lee Road extension, 17-92 PD&E Study and more.

Winter Park recently celebrated Weekend of the Arts, which involved all of the city's arts nonprofits. How much emphasis would you put on supporting these nonprofits if elected?

In 2017, I seated (the) Arts & Culture Subcommittee of our Public Arts Advisory Board. This group recently launched an annual event, Weekend of the Arts, and it will bring more programs forward to continue to promote this incredibly important aspect of our community. We also increased funding this year to both the Welbourne Day Nursery and Winter Park Day Nursery to help them provide needed services to families with young children.

Some would say there is a parking problem in downtown Winter Park. What is the best solution?

We recently conducted a parking study for downtown Winter Park, and in the future, we will be ... investigating ways in which to make parking more available. This also has the added benefit of reducing traffic, because we have many people circling looking for parking spots.

What are your thoughts on recently introduced bills at the state level that some say would preempt cities' abilities to govern?

There are many bills that are/were brought before the state Legislature that would preempt our ability to manage items. I worked with the Orange County Council of Mayors to draft resolutions that were sent to our legislators to share our objection to the state's overreach. Mayors and representatives of every municipality in Orange County stood together on the steps of Orlando City Hall ... to inform our constituents of the issue. I also sit on the executive board of the Florida League of Mayors, and we have been working with our lobbyists in Tallahassee to fight these bills.



Above: Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings waved to residents lining the streets.

Left: Ladies from Red Hats and Purple Chaps arrived on horseback.

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Friedrich Hayek
"Road to Serfdom," 1944

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Park Avenue goes green

The St. Patrick's Day celebration featured Irish music and step-dancing at the main stage in Central Park with demonstrations by three Irish dance schools including Sarah Costello, Tir Na Greine and the Watters School of Irish Dance. Irish music was performed by Mike Daly.

— TIM FREED



Orange County School Board member Nancy Robinson threw beads for the residents lining the streets.

Left: Nicole Lyons, Connor Preece, 9; Karen Preece, Jack Preece, 4; and Patrick Preece, 4, had a great time at the parade.



Gordon and Kate McConnell wore their festive Irish attire at the parade.

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Duck Derby floats into Mead garden

TROY HERRING
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Daytona may have the 500, but Mead Botanical Garden has its own "great American race" — The Great Duck Derby.

Going into its ninth year, the derby has become an annual day of fun for local children looking to race their small, rubber duckies down the southernmost headwaters of Howell Creek.

"It has absolutely become a springtime tradition for so many Central Florida families," Mead Executive Director Cynthia Hasenau said. "There's tons of children out there just really having a great time being outdoors at Mead Gardens."

Last year alone, Hasenau said, the event attracted about 600 race participants and more than 1,000 visitors overall.

The derby fun all starts at 10 a.m. Children and parents will be able to buy their own little duckies for \$5 apiece — or five ducks for \$20 — and decorate them any way they'd like at the "duckoration station."

During the early portion of the day's events, the first race will be a sponsor's race — where derby sponsors will race their own large decorated ducks down the creek.

From there, it's all about the kids. Mead will put on three separate family races from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. At the end of the day,



File photo

prizes will be given out to winning participants.

While the races remain the highlight of derby day, there also will be a plethora of different activities for children enjoy — including face painting, games and crafts, snacks and educational showcases from the Back to Nature Wildlife Refuge Animal Encounter and UCF's Bug Closet.

The Bug Closet, also known as the UCF Collection of Anthro-pods, is one of the largest data-based collections of insects in the world — with more than 560,000 specimens.

This educational side of the derby is one of the most important

IF YOU GO

THE GREAT DUCK DERBY

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 10
WHERE: Mead Botanical Garden, 1300 S Denning Drive, Winter Park
COST: Free, \$5 for rubber duck to race

aspects, and it's one of the many concepts that originally inspired the event, Hasenau said.

"It was started by our board ... they were looking for ways to get children into the garden, as well

as raise money — the Duck Derby proceeds benefit our children's nature programming," Hasenau said. "One of the things we see children really loving to do, is (getting) to see nature — they're out there sticking their hands in the pond, and seeing the turtles that are there, and the plants. It's the best way to spend a Saturday."

For kids who can't get enough of the outdoors during the Duck Derby, the garden also will have a drawing for a free week at the popular Mead Young Naturalist Children's Summer Camp.

Held in six different sessions between June 11 and July 27, the camp — open for children ages 5 to 12 — will feature lessons and adventures that explore the garden's ecosystem that include wetlands, wildlife, and plants.

"The camp, every year, sells out early," Hasenau said. "I always say that the camp is about going green and getting grimy and good old fashion summer fun, because the kids really learn a ton about nature."

The ultimate hope for those at the garden is that local children will walk away with more knowledge about the great outdoors — while also having had a good time doing it.

"It's absolutely beautiful, the weather has warmed up, and it's a perfect time for the ducks," Hasenau said. "It's a great time to be out at Mead."

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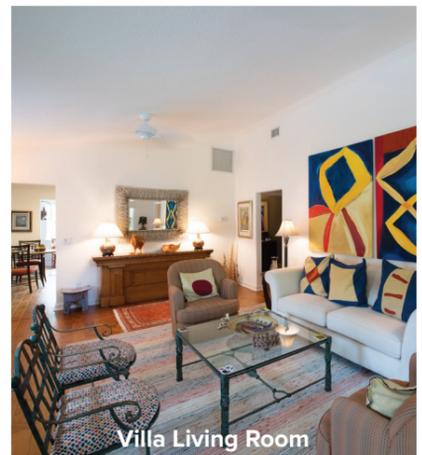
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Rotary dishes out chili, charity at annual festival



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Sonny's BBQ won first place at the cookout.



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Mary Barksdale and Evans Baldwin walked through the farmer's market together.

Hungry locals enjoyed good chili for a good cause at the Rotary Club of Winter Park's Chili for Charity event Wednesday, Feb. 28.

Hosted at the Winter Park Farmer's Market, the annual event featured 16 vendors offering chili and drinks to the crowd.

Guests ate and drank to their hearts' content before bidding on donated items at the silent auction. Money raised at the cookout was given to 40 charities and organizations that benefit Winter Park.

— HARRY SAYER



Nate Gobel and Nick Magargee sampled as much food as they could.

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Meet the Mosleys

Husband and wife real-estate duo Alison and Frank Mosley affiliated recently with Premier Sotheby's International Realty's Winter Park office.

TIM FREED
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

One of the top Winter Park real-estate firms is on the move. But don't worry: It's only a couple blocks away and still in downtown Winter Park.

The Mosley Team, led by husband-and-wife duo Frank and Alison Mosley, recently affiliated with Premier Sotheby's International Realty's Winter Park office.

"We're super excited about the change," Alison Mosley said. "It's something that was well-thought-out for us — we've been in residential real estate for a long time. We're at a tipping point in our career and personal life that we felt like this alignment was really a good fit. We were looking for a more collaborative environment where management, broker and executive leadership get more personalized attention. You get a smaller company feel but with an international brand and reach, which is a hard one to find."

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Alison and Frank Mosley have been selling residential property together for about 15 years.

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Mosley Team makes move

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The Mosley Team has been established in the Orlando market since 1993 and boasts over \$500,000 in combined career sales volume. Seven-time winners of Orlando Magazine's Top 100 Realtor's award, the team works in every price point with both buyers and sellers.

"The Mosley Team has an impeccable reputation," Premier Sotheby's International Realty CEO Judy Green said in a statement. "Their tenacity and integrity, coupled with their unwavering commitment to client service, sets them apart from other teams in the market. We are very happy to welcome them to Premier Sotheby's International Realty."

Alison Mosley has been in the real-estate business for nearly 25 years, selling residential property together with her husband for the

"It's a strong company. ... It's well-respected and sought after. Buyers and sellers really are brand-loyal. They look for exceptional service and the marketing platform there is phenomenal. They focus on quality listings, not price."

— Alison Mosley

past 15 years. They both have a long history in the area.

"We're very hands-on," she said. "We limit the listings we have so we can give great customer service. Frank is from a third-generation Orlando family, and I've been here since '86. This is an area we love, that we live in and those deep-seeded roots are really important. You have the local strength that we bring to the table and than coupled with the national brand and strength of Sotheby's — it's a good alignment."

Premier Sotheby's International Realty reached out to The Mosley Team about joining forces.

"When the alignment came with Sotheby's, it was just a natural fit," she said. "We knew it would work. It's a strong company. ... It's well-respected and sought after. Buyers and sellers really are brand-loyal. They look for exceptional service and the marketing platform there is phenomenal. They focus on quality listings, not price."

Alison Mosley said she's excited for what's to come in the near future, because the market is currently thriving.

"I think the market's great, and I think it's going to continue to be strong," she said. "We're excited. We think we're going to be able to grow and grow our team. I don't see the market sliding any time soon."



Courtesy photo

CURRENT LISTING

1501 Summerland Ave.

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DETAILS: A brick street invites buyers to this custom-built Winter Park estate near Park Avenue. This home features five bedrooms, five-and-one-half baths and more than 5,000 square feet. It features a three-way split plan with downstairs master, craftsmanship and views of a pool and yard with a California Napa-inspired cabana. A stone fireplace and old growth hickory floors warm the gathering room.

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Buyers express frustration as housing inventory tightens



CHRISTINA RORDAM
FLORIDA REALTY INVESTMENTS

Homes in Central Florida are a little harder to come by as we head into the spring/summer selling season.

Although the trend of reduced inventory has become a refrain commonly repeated by Realtors to prepare buyers for the competitiveness of the local housing market, it seems inventory has been depleting since last year. The Orlando Regional Realtor Association reports that there was an 11% decrease in available homes from January 2017 to January 2018. Adding to buyer's anxieties, the median price has continued to rise at a rate of 13% year over year as of January. A total of 2,225 homes were sold by Orlando area Realtors in January 2018 versus 2,213 in January 2017. Demand remains strong — much to the delight of sellers looking to move up into newer and larger homes. As the housing inventory

constricts, buyers are feeling the pressure and sometimes asking if they should be worried about a redux of the housing crash or whether they can even compete.

My answer to these questions: Buyers can still compete, and it is highly unlikely that Central Florida's home values will plummet the way they did starting in 2006 and 2007.

DEMAND WILL REMAIN

In terms of what to expect if you are planning to purchase a home in 2018: You can safely anticipate that demand for housing in Orlando and surrounding areas will remain robust.

Lawrence Yun, the National Association Of Realtor's chief economist, addressed the issue of low housing supply across America in February: "Even though contract signings were down, Realtors indicated that buyer traffic in most areas was up January compared to a year ago."

Yun went on to note that to improve the amount of homes available to buy, new home starts need to continue to increase, and institutional investors must start to release their portfolio of single-family homes into the market. Also helpful would be some hesitant homeowners making the move to place their properties for sale and abandoning

the wait-and-see philosophy. Even with the occasional hurricane, Florida boasts enviable weather and Central Florida offers proximity to beaches, the theme parks and a growing cultural and sports scene — all facets of a desirable place to live that aren't changing.

So, demand isn't going anywhere, especially not anytime soon.

INTEREST RATES

Another factor to prepare for if you plan on becoming a Central Florida homeowner is the rise of interest rates. According to Jason Zeigler, senior loan officer with Waterstone Mortgage, interest rates have climbed from the high-3% range to the low- to mid-4% range in the past three months. They are projected to climb to 5%, if not slightly more, by the end of 2018. This means rate increases three and possibly four times in 2017.

If you are on the bubble of affording the house that you want, a rising rate will impact your bottom line by increasing your payments, even if slightly so. It all adds up in the end so decisiveness in today's real-estate market is key. If you are ready, willing and able to buy, don't wait another six months thinking an inventory surplus or drastic price reduction is coming. It isn't. Frequently, buyers will

remark they are not in a hurry to buy. That's great for buyers to stay emotionally neutral and not pressure themselves into purchasing a home before they are ready. It's equally important as a buyer to understand that right now, waiting and hoping for a dramatic market shift in buyer's favor is unwise and will result in ending up with higher interest rates and possibly higher prices, too. Being willing to wait in a seller's market does not make you more competitive when you do make an offer — other than preventing you from making a hurried purchase you wouldn't have otherwise made.

STAY COMPETITIVE

If you are making the move to buy a home, now it is possible to secure a home you love and be competitive in terms of submitting your contract in multiple offer scenarios.

The first thing is to look at the neighborhood sales in the last 90 to 180 days. What are similar homes selling for, and what makes the home you love special? Your Realtor can consult with you to come up with a viable contract price and terms based on demand and data.

And buyers will do well to remember that price isn't the only factor that a seller is considering, terms matter, too. Most sellers want a quick close,

so pick a lender that can help you with that and also one that is willing to answer the phone with a listing agent calls. Many agents, myself included, will call the loan officer on a buyer's pre-approval letter to verify that the lender has in fact taken the steps necessary to conclude a buyers credit-worthiness.

Another way to stand out from the crowd when placing an offer is to provide full documentation to your lender such as W2s, pay stubs, tax returns and bank statements to get an automated underwriting approval. The more a lender has procured from you in terms of documents, the better they are able to demonstrate that you are a solid buyer, and that the seller will not be surprised by any buying side hiccups that could prevent a closing.

Plan on a healthy and competitive housing market to persist in the Orlando and Central Florida areas. If you are buying, act quickly and with precision. If you are selling, call a Realtor and get the champagne ready — now is your time.

Christina Rordam is a local Realtor with 12 years experience and a member of ORRAs Top Producer Club. For more, visit christina.sellsorlando.com.

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Puzzle Two Solution:
 "From the time I was twelve I was dancing for bread and butter, but in my heart I was always an actress." – Rita Hayworth

This week's Sudoku answers

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Edgewater falls in regional final

The Eagles finished their 2018 campaign at 24-6. They fell to Winter Haven in a heartbreaking 71-68.

TROY HERRING
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Four points. That's what separated Edgewater from another trip to the state semifinals in Lakeland.

Unfortunately for the Eagles (24-6, 10-0), their run came up just short as they fell in a wild 71-68 game with the Blue Devils (23-9, 6-0) in the regional final Friday, March 3.

"You have to love the fight in them — they never quit," said Eagles' head coach Jason Atherton. "There were a couple of times when they could have quit. When things aren't going your way — whether it's shots not going in, whether it's officiating, whether its 50-50 balls — some times things just don't go your way."

Things didn't go their way early on, when the Blue Devils jumped out in a 12-0 run in the first five minutes of play. Eagles' guard Terrence McClain managed to stop the bleeding with 3:33 in the first.

After the slow start, the Eagles found a better rhythm behind guard Trevon Cason, whose 10 points helped the home-side go into the half tied at 22-22. Cason went on to finish with a team high 23 points.

Sophomore guard Michael Eads, who was the leading scorer for the Eagles this season, remained quiet in the half with just three points. He eventually found his shot a bit better in the second half — finishing with 11 points on the night.

The second half started off rough for the Eagles, as well, as the Blue



Photos by Troy Herring



Senior forward Robert Allen fought for a rebound against Winter Haven.

Devils went on a 6-0 run. After a few minutes into the third, the Blue Devils found themselves up by 13 with just under two minutes to go in the quarter.

The Blue Devils' offense was largely led by Keyshawn Bryant (24 points), Dorian James (21 points) and Bryson Birdsong (15 points).

That kind of production has been rare against the Eagles. Of the 30 games it played, Edgewater only had given up more than 65 points on four occasions — two of those instances happened in the last two games against Viera and Winter Haven.

But even in those higher scoring games, the Eagles' offense managed to outlast opponents just about every time — it's why they were able to outscore opponents 2,030 to 1,559 throughout the year.

Despite the deficit in the game that kept ballooning, the Eagles clawed their way back into the mix in the fourth quarter behind the

heroics of Cason.

In the span of about five minutes, the Eagles and Blue Devils exchanged the lead three times and found themselves knotted up three times, as well.

Unfortunately for the Eagles, however, time simply ran out following a couple of untimely turnovers and missed shots — leading to a victory for the Blue Devils.

Although there was obvious disappointment following the loss, there was a lot to look back on and appreciate, Atherton said.

"It's going to be hard tonight, it's going to be hard tomorrow, and it's going to be hard next week when everyone is in Lakeland," he said. "But at the end of the day, to reflect back on what we were able to accomplish this year, it was a good season. Metro champs, district champs, and we won the Rotary again and made it back to the regional final — so it's nothing to hang your head about."

Eagles' head coach Jason Atherton gave some words of advice to his team prior to the game against Winter Haven.

CROSSWORD AN ILL FITTING by Timothy B. Parker

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20 C.S. Lewis land
22 Hay fever drug brand
23 Not given careful thought
25 Gig fraction
26 Dissolved compound
28 Brooklyn b-ballers
29 "Long, long ___ ..."

- 30 Bustling commotions
32 Beautiful, graceful birds
33 General Mills cereal
35 Pantomimist
36 Reporter's jottings
38 Absorbed, as losses
39 Beefy farm animals
42 Gets narrower at the ends
44 Uses a lot?
45 China's Zhou En-___
46 Sidewalk material
47 Loudly, in music
48 Kind of impression

- 52 Model Dickinson
53 Maladies
55 Thai language
56 Compel
57 Aussie greeting
58 "___ always something!"
59 Chorus member
60 Days in Spain
61 Writers that rhyme
62 Hard to swallow, as a story
64 Ticket part
65 "This won't hurt ___!"
66 Initials on a tooth-

- paste box
67 "What ___ is there?"
68 Pop in a barnyard
69 Elementary particle
70 In an unlawful way
74 City of Texas or Germany
76 Guardianship
79 Employee's reward
80 Beet with a yellowish root
81 ___ Claire, Wisc.
82 Parts of a full house
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- 88 School transport
89 Worsted wool
92 Lighter ___ air
93 Some lap dogs, for short
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96 Foragers in the forest
97 Lung filler
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109 Straighten up
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113 Old and gray
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2 Holy city?
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8 Babes in stables
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13 Have ___ to pick
14 X-ray units
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16 Glued to the tube
17 Gangster Bugsy
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33 A la ___
34 Treks through woods
35 Fighting tooth and nail
37 Architect's detail
39 Make socks unholly

- 40 Refined and stylish
41 ___ in apple
43 Arizona-to-Kansas dir.
44 Tech and graph beginnings
46 North American reindeer
47 Like a useless tire
48 River in Hades
49 It's better left unsaid
50 Not man-made
51 Mayberry man
52 Jewish
53 Most suitable
54 Spacek with an Oscar
57 Divine
59 Like some seating
61 All square
62 Embryo no more
63 Societal woes
71 Common construction girder
72 Dutch Boy layers
73 Word that divides
74 "The ___ We Were"
75 Hall of Famer Slaughter
77 Like some idols
78 Horse's snack
80 Refined French ladies
82 Tolerate
83 Pat a baby's back
84 Cleaners' target
85 Passes time (with "away")
86 Winter cap attachment
87 Like a good receiver
88 Kon-Tiki wood
90 One-spot first name
91 Decayed
94 Astute and shrewd
95 Period of work
98 Small duck
99 Cannery row?
100 Far from wealthy
101 Jazz singer Fitzgerald
104 Beehive State athlete
105 "I want some ___!"
106 Savings vehicle, briefly
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CELEBRITY CIPHER

By Luis Campos
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Puzzle One Clue: A equals D

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Puzzle Two Clue: L equals V

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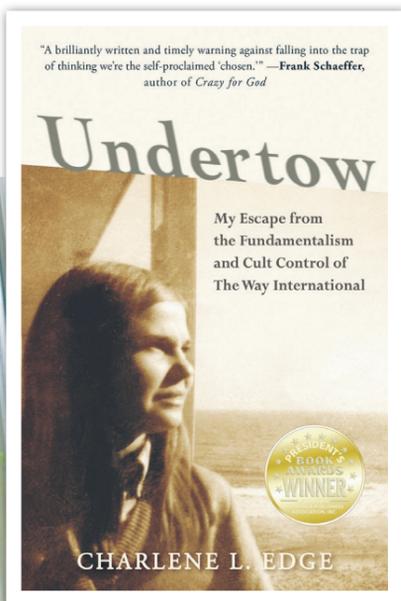


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Winter Park resident Charlene Edge is telling her story of her experience in a fundamentalist cult.



Winter Parker Charlene Edge will be giving a talk about her experience on Wednesday, March 21, at Rollins College.

Tim Freed

TIM FREED | ASSOCIATE EDITOR

One Winter Park resident has a story of manipulation, escape and a fresh start – and she’s sharing it with the world. Charlene L. Edge is the author of “Undertow: My Escape from the Fundamentalism and Cult Control of The Way International,” which gives a detailed account of how she joined the faith-based group and how it controlled more than a decade of her life. She will be among the panelists at this year’s Winter Park Library Book Festival, which takes place Saturday, March 10. Edge will appear on an 11 a.m. panel titled “Publishing: Traditional, Self or Electronic. Which is Write for You?”

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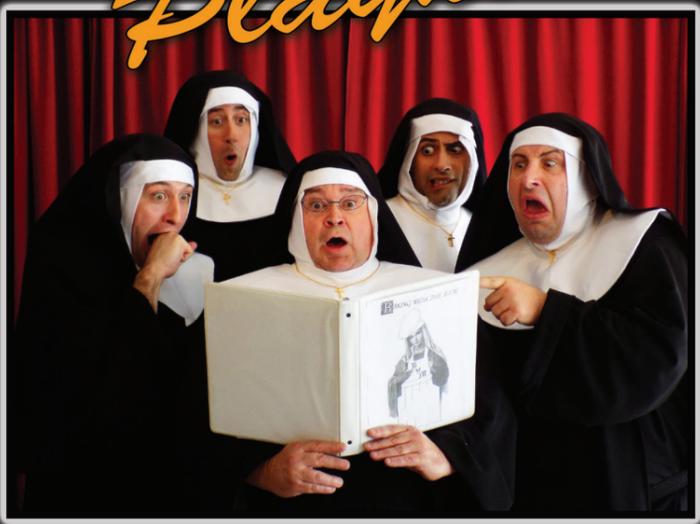
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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

JAMES BALDWIN BOOK DISCUSSION: THE FIRE NEXT TIME

2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Hannibal Square Heritage Center, 642 W. New England Ave., Winter Park. A national bestseller when it first appeared in 1963, this is a disturbing examination of the consequences of racial injustice; it galvanized the nation and gave passionate voice to the emerging civil rights movement. The event is a partnership with Hannibal Square Heritage Center Let's Talk Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. For more information, call (407) 539-2680.

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6 p.m. Sunday, March 11, in Central Park. The city of Winter Park will proudly host the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra as it presents Spring Pops "Tribute to Heroes" in charming Central Park. Take blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy an evening of heart-warming music under the stars. This wonderful performance, made possible by a generous grant from the Charlotte Julia Hollander Trust, is free and open to the public.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

'NUNSENSE A-MEN!'

Running from Thursday, March 15, to Saturday, April 21, at the Winter Park Playhouse, 711 Orange Ave., Suite C, Winter Park. Nunsense A-Men! is the original Off-Broadway Nunsense musical, with all of the characters being portrayed by male musical comedy performers. Think of it as "Mrs. Doubtfire enters the Convent." This hilarious show begins when the Little Sisters of Hoboken discover their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters and they are in dire need of funds for their burial. The sisters decide the best way to raise the money is to put on a variety show. For more information and showtimes, call (407) 645-0145 or visit winterparkplayhouse.org.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

59TH WINTER PARK SIDEWALK ART FESTIVAL

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, March 16; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 17; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 18 in Central Park, Winter Park. The Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival is one of the nation's most prestigious outdoor art festivals. Each year, more than 350,000 visitors enjoy the show. Expect to see dazzling sculpture and glass for the big pocketbook, as well as smaller works to please



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just about anyone. Enjoy Friday night's jazz concert, children's workshop village and school art exhibits, and great food and sidewalk cafes. Be sure to leave your dogs at home when you visit the festival, because they are not allowed to enter the event. An open house also will take place over the three days at the Morse Museum, 445 N. Park Ave. For more information, call (407) 644-7207.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

TAKÁCS QUARTET

3 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at the Tiedtke Concert Hall at Rollins College, 1000 Holt Ave., Winter Park. Recognized as one of the world's great chamber music ensembles, the Grammy Award-winning Takács Quartet plays with a unique blend of drama, warmth and humor. The New York Times recently lauded the quartet for "revealing the familiar as unfamiliar, making

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GALLERY TALKS ON REVIVAL AND REFORM — ECLECTICISM IN THE 19TH- CENTURY ENVIRONMENT

11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Morse Museum, 445

N. Park Ave., Winter Park. Learn more about the rich diversity of styles, especially in leaded-glass windows, that made up the visual environment of the late-19th century in Europe and America. Space is limited and there are no advance reservations. Free with admission. For more information, call (407) 645-5311.

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Jim Foy put on a show at the recent concert.

In the mood



Paul Lemanski, Rick Ingoglia and Ken Cutler played their trumpets from the back.

The Maitland Stage Band put on a show at the Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts Monday, March 5. An enthusiastic crowd gathered to hear the 16-piece big band play a variety of jazzy tunes for a couple of hours. The Maitland Stage Band has performed at numerous Maitland venues over the years including the 2015 Art Festival, the civic center and the art museum.

— HARRY SAYER



Scott White and the rest of the band were excited to perform.



Howard Herman performed on piano.



Dave Sheffield blew his trombone for the cheering crowd.



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Sharing her story

For those interested in learning more about her experience in the cult, Edge will speak at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21 at Rollins College.

"To me it's an important story — it has universal parts to it; it's not just The Way or this terrible cult leader," Edge said. "It serves as an example."

HOW IT BEGAN

It all began in 1970 when Edge was a college freshman at East Carolina University.

"I was looking for more than a college degree," Edge said. "I was looking for Christian fellowship and some knowledge about the Bible."

"They said, 'When you get off to college, be sure to find yourself a fellowship and keep reading the Bible and stay out of trouble.'"

She found a fellowship on campus that met on Fridays — and that's when she met two people who were recruiting for The Way International.

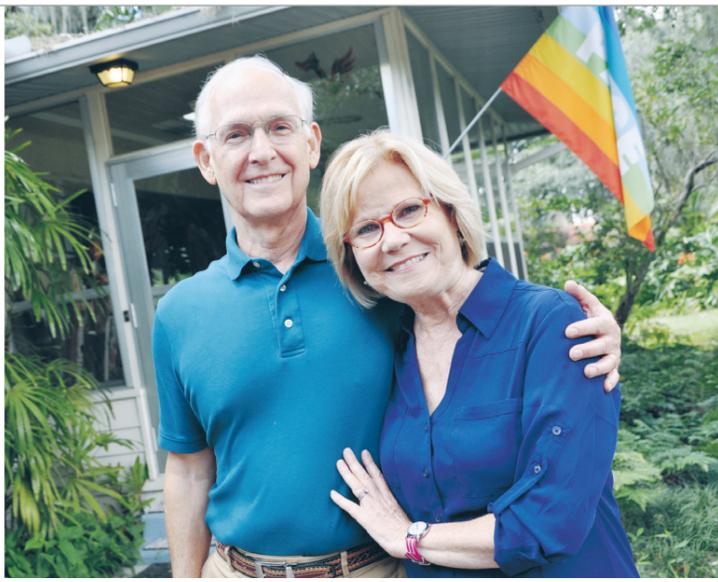
"These two fellows started to chime in and challenged the minister and had some things to say that I thought were very interesting," Edge said. "They said, 'We can teach you the accuracy of the word! That's really what got me going.'"

In retrospect, Edge said she realized The Way International was recruiting at colleges because they were looking for future leaders.

Much of the group's appeal had to do with The Way Founder Victor Paul Wierwille, who was reportedly able to teach people how to speak in tongues and that he could hear God.

Wierwille even was referred to as "our father in the word," Edge said.

One-and-a-half months later, several women from the fellowship at East Carolina University attended a retreat in Ohio. That's where Edge first heard Wierwille speak. She became absorbed in his teachings and the idea of learning



Tim Freed

After leaving a fundamentalist cult, Charlene Edge has started a new life alongside her husband, Hoyt, in Winter Park.

the Bible, she said. That took a turning point while she was taking a history exam toward the end of the semester in college.

"I thought God was telling me to drop out of college to go work for The Way and spread the word," Edge said. "I wrote something for this one essay answer, put it on the professor's desk and left the room."

'THAT WAS MY WORLD'

That following year, 19-year-old Edge was swept up in The Way Corps. She trained at the group's headquarters in New Knoxville, Ohio.

In 1973, Edge fell in love with a man from The Way and got married. The couple was sent off to Los Angeles to recruit more followers. Edge and her husband continued to move up the ranks within The Way's reach in California.

It was at that point that their marriage started to suffer, Edge said, and the couple separated but were forced get back together by The Way's leadership.

Edge and her family came back to headquarters in 1976, but the couple separated once again and were later reunited once more under Wierwille's direction a year later.

"Wierwille was very manipulative with spouses," Edge said. "It seemed as if he was the authority in your marriage. He was the authority no matter what you were in the ministry."

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2 JASON MRAZ

7:30 p.m. March 13 at Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. Jason Mraz has quietly amassed a diverse fan base throughout all parts of the globe. Since his humble start in coffeehouses in San Diego, Mraz has brought his positive message and his folk-pop sound to the world through numerous platinum releases, including Grammy Awards for his record-breaking classic single, "I'm Yours" and "I Won't Give Up." Through it all, Mraz is first and foremost a committed global citizen. His social activism and philanthropic efforts range from environmental advocacy to his ardent support for human rights. As his Jason Mraz Foundation serves arts education and the advancement of equality, Mraz sings and celebrates music's power to inspire. Call 844-513-2014 or visit drphillipscenter.org.

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— Charlene L. Edge

Edge was brought onto The Way's research team, where she helped work on a project for a reference book — a type of dictionary for the Bible that translated Syriac text and listed where certain words are referenced in the scripture.

Edge's life was consumed by The Way International all the way up until the 1984, when she had a crisis and a realization.

"I wasn't clued in on the she-nanigans going on behind the scenes with Wierwille, including emotional abuse, sexual abuse of women and I'm sure financial abuse," Edge said. "Over time, he accumulated lots of money, property, airplanes, motor coaches — this was a big ministry in the '80s; there were more than 40,000 followers in every state in the Union and 36 other countries.

"My whole support system, my whole life was all wrapped up in this group for all those years," she said. "That was my world."

THE COMMENT

That world was turned upside down thanks to a single comment during a research team meeting. There was a discrepancy with a word in Ephesians — a clear example where Wierwille was wrong about a translation and added his own meaning to a word.

"In this moment — in my book, I call it 'the comment' because it woke me up — this person sitting next to me said 'I love Dr. Wierwille, but sometimes his Greek isn't so good,' Edge said. "I was finding out that there were a lot of things like that that were hushed up or put in a file drawer or denied or that the general believer in The Way never knew about or heard about.

"You're world is totally not what you thought it was," she said. "I couldn't take it all in psychologically. I'm a truth-seeker, and thank God, because that's how I got out. I decided, 'OK, now what do I do?'"

Edge quit the research team and eventually left The Way International in 1987, in the midst of a sudden power struggle following Wierwille's death in 1985.

Edge returned to college and finished a degree, and finally divorced her husband in 1991.

'GO WITH THE FLOW'

Today she lives in Winter Park with her new husband, Hoyt, whom she married in 2002. She still has questions about faith and religion, but at the same time, she's not actively seeking those answers out anymore. It's been a long time she's opened up the Bible, and she's traveled with her husband across the world and witnessed many different religions and philosophies.

She decided to tell her story about her time in The Way through a written account, and her book has been an experience that's brought peace and closure, she said.

When asked what she believes in today — whether it's a philosophy or a religion — Edge smiles and gives a simple answer.

"Go with the flow," Edge said. "I want to be present in my life. I don't want to be worrying about whether I'm earning rewards in heaven. I don't know if there is going to be a heaven. I'm concerned with, 'How am I doing today?'"

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WINTER PARK LIBRARY BOOK FESTIVAL

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WHERE: Winter Park Public Library, 460 E. New England Ave., Winter Park
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■ 10 to 11 a.m. — Create a character, grades Pre-K to 4

■ 11 a.m. to noon — Author panel: "Publishing: Traditional, Self or Electronic. Which is Write for You?"

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■ 1 to 2 p.m. — Young adult and middle-grade author panel

■ 1 to 2 p.m. — Author panel: From Working 9 to 5 to Writing 9 to 5

■ 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. — Storybook STEAM, ages 3 to 6. Registration required.

■ 2 to 3 p.m. — Author meet and greet, all ages

■ 3 to 4 p.m. — Write-a-Thon, grades 5 to 12

■ 3 to 4 p.m. — Storytime for adults

JOSH RECOMMENDS

Usually, it is my pleasure to write about the activities of our distinguished arts organizations, but timing has made this week's column into a list of highly recommended solo acts coming to Central Florida in the next two weeks. Each is distinctly unique — from the world's most inventive guitarist to the farewell tour of a singing legend.

1 ANDY MCKEE
8 p.m. March 10 at Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. Andy McKee describes himself as "just this guy from Topeka, Kansas, who kind of blew up on the Internet." For a time, three of McKee's videos were concurrently the three most-watched on YouTube and garnered more than 100 million views. A finger-style guitarist, McKee is among the world's great acoustic guitarists with his youthful energy and attention to melody that elevates him above the rest. At age 16, he got his mother's permission to complete his GED to quit attending school and play guitar. A self-taught artist, McKee credits an instructional video as the beginning of his experimenting with the acoustic guitar techniques that have made him famous. Enter-

taining both the eye and the ear, he transforms his steel string guitar into a full orchestra using altered tunings, tapping, partial capos, percussive hits and his signature two-handed technique. For tickets, call 844-513-2014 or visit drphillipscenter.org

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3 ANITA BAKER

8 p.m. March 16 at the Bob Carr Theater. After headlining the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival this April, Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter Anita Baker will retire from her legendary singing career. After three decades of sharing her magnificent voice as a significant influence to the world of music by mixing her contemporary soul music with jazz traditions, Baker will bring her tour to Orlando. The tour acknowledges the deep gratitude she feels for the fan base that propelled her to eight Grammy Awards, seven albums (including six platinum), four No. 1 Top R&B/Hip Hop Albums, and six world tours. It is now time for Orlando to welcome Baker back to the Bob Carr Theater, so we can "give her the best that we got" ... one last time. Call 844-513-2014 or visit drphillipscenter.org.

4 JOE ROGAN'S 'STRANGE TIMES TOUR'

8 p.m. March 17 at the Bob Carr Theater. So popular that a second performance has been added to his stop in Orlando, TV host, martial artist and feisty stand-up comedian Joe Rogan sells out theaters

internationally with his "intense comedic style." In addition to two decades of comedy specials, Rogan is host of "The Joe Rogan Experience" one of the most popular podcasts on iTunes while his Syfy series, "Joe Rogan Questions Everything" recently premiered with 1.3 million viewers. Since 2002, Rogan has provided commentary for the "Ultimate Fighting Championship" with a passion for martial arts that began at age 13. For tickets, call 844-513-2014 or visit drphillipscenter.org.

5 RICHARD MARX

8 p.m. March 18 at The Plaza Live As a performer, songwriter and producer, Richard Marx's three-decade career has seen the Chicago native sell more than 30 million albums worldwide. His self-titled debut led to four top-five singles, including "Hold on to the Nights," which earned him a Grammy Award nomination for Best Male Rock Vocal. The follow-up, "Repeat Offender," went quadruple-platinum. To this day, Marx is the only male singer in history to have his first seven singles reach the top five on Billboard. As a songwriter and producer, Marx has an amazing 14 No. 1 singles,



JOSH GARRICK

Josh Garrick, a West Orange resident, is a fine-art photographer, writer and curator. He holds a master's degree in fine arts from Columbia University. He was the first non-Greek artist in history to exhibit in the National Archaeological Museum of Greece. In Orlando, Mayor Buddy Dyer named June 27 as "Josh Garrick Day" in perpetuity.

including a No. 1 hit in each of the past four decades. Marx describes "Beautiful Goodbye," his new album, as "sensual and ethereal, with lyrics more adventurous than I've been willing to go in the past." Many of those new songs will be part of his Orlando appearance at The Plaza Live in East Orlando. Tickets from \$39 to \$250 are available at ticketfly.com.



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Whitney and Sergio Prieto had a blast with friends.



Hearts of gold

Derek and Emily Lacy, Anja and Jimmy Drew and Matt Nilles chatted close to the lake.



Cannonball Kid's Cancer co-founder Melissa Wiggins wore striking gold attire for her big night.

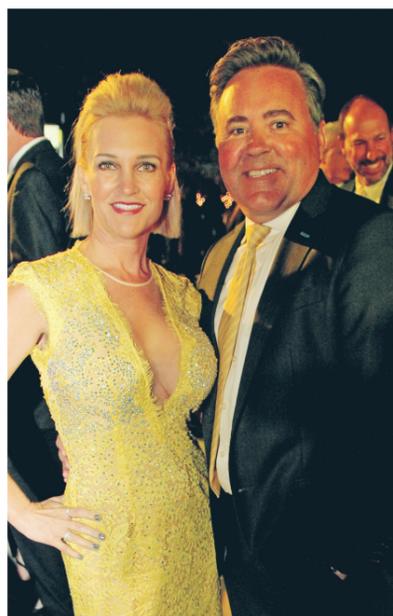
Lake Maitland was awash with golden tones and hues for Cannonball Kids' cancer's third annual Gold Gala Saturday, March 3.

Held at a private residence overlooking Lake Maitland, the gala raised money programs and research helping children suffering from cancer. Guests clad in yellow and gold attire had a full night of drinks, auction bidding, and music.

— HARRY SAYER



Dr. Kristen Carter, Carla Warlow, Sara Rothfeder and Dawn Bramley were a dazzling quartet.



Jenny and Thomas Fross wore bright gold.



Tori Spradlin, Ashley Martin and Krista King turned heads at the gala.

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Andi Thornton, Rachel and Scott Hilinski, and John Kelly watched the card games.

Give Hope Foundation's Gala 2018

The Give Hope Foundation brought a little bit of Las Vegas to the City Beautiful during its annual gala Saturday, March 3. Held at the Rosen Centre Hotel, the Give Hope Foundation Gala raised money for children and families with childhood cancer through silent and live auctions, raffle giveaways and a high-stakes poker tournament that lasted throughout the night.

The tournament's winner received a \$10,000 vacation to the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Tampa.

— HARRY SAYER



Yohan Hazen and Moe Anato enjoyed some wine.



Raymon and Crystal Salama couldn't keep their eyes off each other.

Left: John Mansour and Give Hope founder Pete Piacenti dressed to impress.



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Mennello Museum of American Art's An Evening With Fabulous Friends Gala



Cathy Sawruk, Niels Leppert and Shanna Bender were an arresting trio.



Left: Sheila Arnold, Paul Scarborough and board member Mary Kenny were all thrilled with the event.

Orlando's arts community came together for the Mennello Museum of American Art's annual gala Saturday, March 3, at the Four Seasons Resort at Walt Disney World. Titled "An Evening with Fabulous Friends," the event honored both museum founder Michael Mennello and his wife, Marilyn Logsdon Mennello, for their years of work.

Numerous paintings, sculptures and art pieces created by Central Florida artists were up for auction. Orlando singer Michael Andrew sang tunes to a dancing crowd.

— HARRY SAYER



Mark and Aimee Hitchner looked the part for the stylish night.



Left: Ross Silverbach grabbed a photo with museum founder Michael Mennello.

Below: Sheena Thakrar, Daniel Irick and Genean McKinnon were photo-bombed by Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer.

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Liana Busby, Tech Sassy Girlz founder Laine Powell and Kharis Hughes were instrumental in putting on the event.



Tech Sassy Girlz members at Freedom Middle School held up letters that spelled out "thank you."

Five local students received STEM scholarships from nonprofit Tech Sassy Girlz during a breakfast fundraiser Friday, March 2.

Held at the Orlando Science Center, the annual Tea and "Bytes" fundraiser garners support for TSG, created in 2012 "to empower middle- and high-school girls to pursue careers in STEM fields." Scholarships were awarded by the Ford Motor Company and CenturyLink.

Recipients are Amari Assefa, Edgewater High; Jenisse Rios, Colonial High; Samela Mynas, Oak Ridge High; Naia Butler-Craig, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; and Jianna Best, Cypress Creek High.

— DANIELLE HENDRIX



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Right: Michael Felix captured the event on his phone.

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Register and start fundraising today!



Saturday, April 28, 2018
Lake Lily Park, Maitland

9:30 a.m. - Festival
11:00 a.m. - Walk

A Decade of Difference

Celebrating its 10th Anniversary, Take Steps for Crohn's & Colitis is the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation's national walk and the largest event dedicated to finding cures for digestive diseases. Nearly 1.6 million American adults and children suffer from Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, life-changing digestive diseases. Help us celebrate our 10th Anniversary as we recognize everyone who strives every day to support the IBD community.

You can make a difference. When you walk, you'll help raise funds for cures!

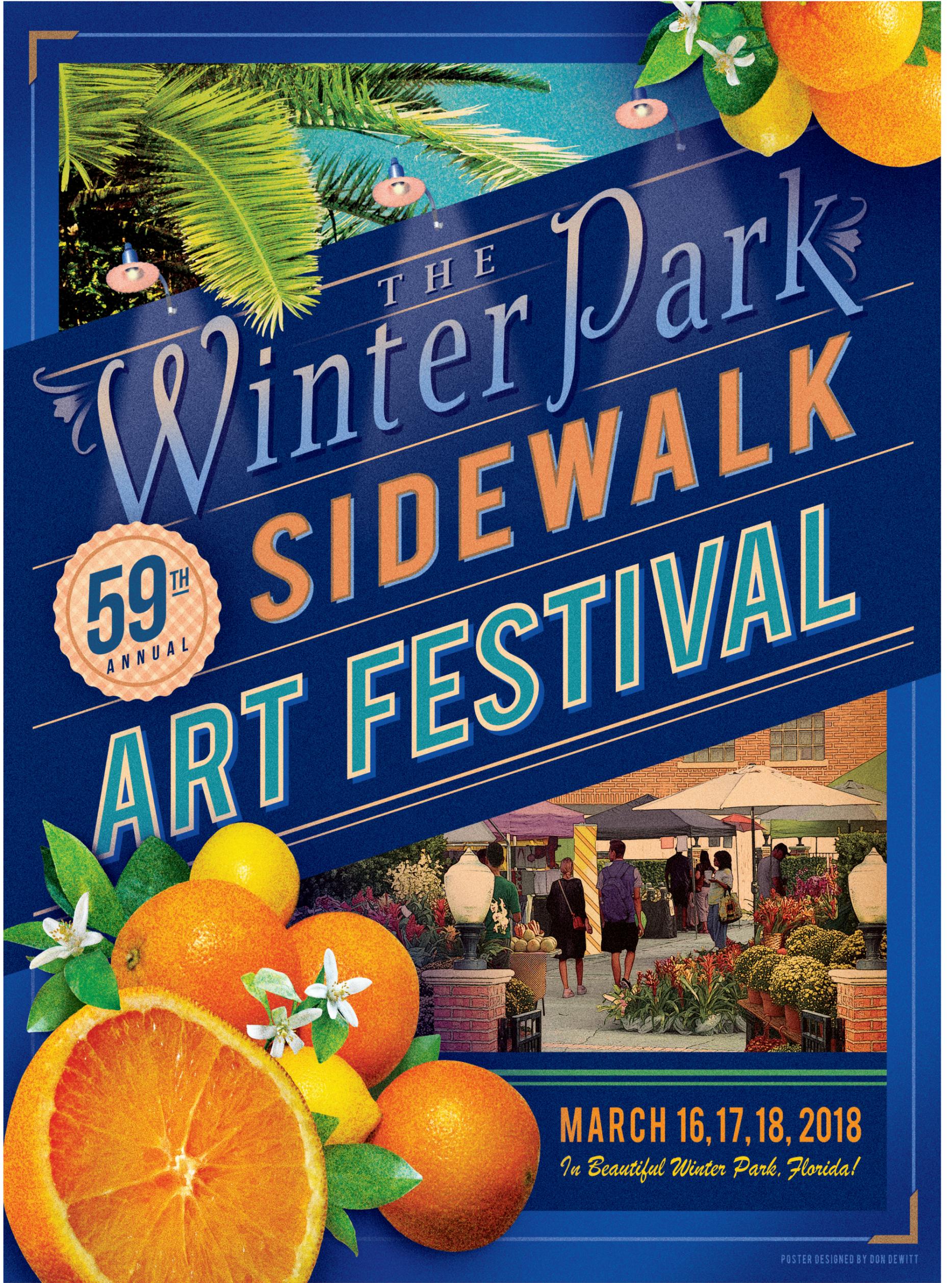
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