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YOUR TOWN

WINTER PARK HOSPITAL STARTING COMMUNITY GARDEN



Ripe tomatoes, crunchy lettuce and sweet carrots are just a few of the nutritious foods that will be growing in Winter Park's newest community garden.

Winter Park Memorial Hospital and urban agriculture program Fleet Farming are teaming up to plant a fruit and vegetable garden at the hospital to meet a significant community need: food insecurity.

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Winter Park resident chasing county mayor's seat

TIM FREED
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A Winter Park resident is looking for your vote, believing he brings the skill set to be Orange County's next mayor.

Rob Panepinto is knocking on doors and talking with residents as he continues his campaign for the Orange County seat. He faces a range of candidates that includes Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings, Orange County Commissioner



Rob Panepinto hopes to be the next mayor of Orange County.

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CREATIVE TWIST

Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival **PAGE B4.**



Artwork of every medium was on display at this year's Sidewalk Art Festival.



Small works of art by Richard Cooley were placed on shelves to be shown off.



Visitors enjoyed a large sculpture piece that stood tall in Central Park.

Photos by Troy Herring

Police investigate bomb threat at Fiddler's Green Pub

The incident occurred the afternoon before St. Patrick's Day.

HARRY SAYER
BLACK TIE REPORTER

Winter Park law enforcement responded to a bomb threat at the Fiddler's Green Irish Pub & Eatery on Friday, March 16.

Fiddler's Green employees received an anonymous call Friday afternoon informing them

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YOUR CALENDAR

**WINTER PARK****SATURDAY, MARCH 24
ZIMMERMAN KISER SUTCLIFFE WINTER PARK ROAD RACE**

7 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 24, along Park Avenue in downtown Winter Park.

Join Track Shack for the 41st annual Zimmerman Kiser Sutcliffe Winter Park Road Race. Take a break from your average 5K with a 10K, two-mile, Distance Dare and kids run the whole family can participate in. Run or walk through beautiful, neighborhood friendly Winter Park. This event sold out last year, so register soon. Event highlights include chip-timed races, finisher's medal to 10K participants and access to Florida Hospital experts. Cost is \$28 to \$83. For more information, call (407) 896-1160.

TRISMEN PARK WORKDAY

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 24, at Trismen Park, 231 Brewer Ave., Winter Park. Activities at this workday might include but are not limited to weeding, mulching, and planting – stooping, kneeling and bending. Meet at the park by 8:30 a.m. Gardening supplies and water will be provided. Remember to take a reusable water bottle and wear closed-toe shoes, hats and long pants. For more information, call (407) 599-3364. To register, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/city-of-winter-park-sustainability-program-5593791349>

**TUESDAY, MARCH 27
15TH ANNUAL "TREES FOR PEACE" TREE PLANTING PROJECT**

11 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, at the Howell Branch Preserve, 1205 Howell Branch Road, Winter Park. The City of Winter Park and the Multifaith Education Project announce the 15th annual Trees For Peace Interfaith Tree Planting Project. The ceremony will begin at 11:30

a.m., and the program will be led by Debbie Medina, director of the Multifaith Education Project. More than 50 students and faculty representing The Geneva School, Jewish Academy of Orlando and Leaders Preparatory School, will join together to plant trees for peace. For more information, call (407) 599-3334.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31
64TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**

9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 31, at the West Meadow in Winter Park's Central Park. The City of Winter Park is holding its 64th annual Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt will begin promptly at 10 a.m. with an official starting signal. Children with special needs are also encouraged to join in the fun. More than 14,000 stuffed eggs will be placed throughout the park, and every child will leave with an Easter egg. New this year, is the addition of an "Easter Kids Zone" that will open when the egg hunt concludes. Winter Park's annual Easter Egg Hunt is the city's longest running community event. For more information regarding the City of Winter Park's 64th annual Easter Egg Hunt, call (407) 599-3463.

MAITLAND
**FRIDAY, MARCH 23
YOGA AT THE MAITLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

4:30 p.m. every Friday at Maitland Public Library, 501 Maitland Ave. S., Maitland. Let Jenny Blackburn help you destress from the week and refresh for the weekend. Take your own mat, towel and water bottle. For more information, call (407) 647-7700.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 25
MAITLAND FARMERS MARKET**

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday 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 29
'MEMBER HAPPENING!' – SIP N SNACK: TREATS TO SATISFY YOUR SWEET TOOTH!**

5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at Whole Family Healthcare, 1201 Louisiana Ave. Suite E, Winter Park. This month's Sip N Snack features treats to satisfy your sweet tooth: cold brew cocktail, vegan blueberry cheesecake and more. Sign up for the raffle to win great prizes, as well. RSVP to (407) 644-2990 or NBrogan@WholeFamilyHealthcare.com

ORLANDO**FRIDAY, MARCH 23
STORYBOOK FUN**

10:30 to 11 a.m. every Friday and Saturday at the Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando. Designed especially for preschoolers ages 3-5, Storybook Fun lasts 25 minutes. The use of picture books, songs and told stories will encourage your child to read, talk, sing, write and play. For more information, call (407) 835-7323.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24
YOGA AT BARLEY AND VINE BIERGARTEN**

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COLLEGE PARK**SUNDAY, MARCH 25
COLLEGE PARK FARMERS MARKET**

9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday at Infusion Tea, 1600 Edgewater Drive, Orlando. Browse local produce and goods at this dog-friendly farmers market in College Park every week. For more information, visit TheCollegeParkFarmersMarket.com

**MONDAY, MARCH 26
FENCING CLASSES**

7 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at the College Park Community Center, 2393 Elizabeth Ave., Orlando. Join this developmental and instructional class that teaches the fundamentals of fencing. A fencing class for youth is also available from 6 to 7 p.m. on Mondays. Cost is \$10 per class. For more information, call (407) 246-4447.

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Maitland's Joy Goff-Marcil enters Florida House race

Maitland's vice mayor recently filed for her candidacy.

HARRY SAYER
BLACK TIE REPORTER

One of Maitland's top elected officials has entered the Florida House race.

Lawyer and Maitland Vice Mayor Joy Goff-Marcil has entered the Florida House 30 District race. The district envelopes Winter Park, Maitland, Altamonte Springs, Goldenrod and other Central Florida municipalities.

"What got me interested to begin with is that I've lived in this district my whole life," Goff-Marcil said.

An attorney specializing in probate and wills, Goff-Marcil was raised in Maitland and graduated from Winter Park High School. She received her political science degree from Florida State University and earned her Juris Doctorate from Stetson University.

She was first elected to the Maitland City Council in 2013 and was re-elected in 2016. The following year, she was chosen to be vice mayor by her peers. She

filed for her candidacy as a Democrat and is in the midst of fund-raising for the primary in August and the election in November.

She is not the first in her family to run for higher office — both her father and sister have run for house positions in Florida and New Jersey, respectively.

"In the back of my mind, I always thought I might run for office," she said. "I'm always thinking 'OK, if we do this, what will be the implication of this, what will be the ramifications to the people under this law?'"

HOME RULE

As with many of her peers in local government, Goff-Marcil has taken umbrage with several legislative choices made by the state government — it's a big part of what made her want to run for state office.

"(While on Maitland City Council) I saw how the state government was taking away the power from the local government with various bills they were try-

ing to pass," she said. "They just kept taking away (local government) control, and that gave me inspiration to run. They've been doing it every year, and it seems like they're closer and closer to taking away our home rule."

Goff-Marcil is a proponent of the home rule for local government, which gives more control to local municipalities over the Florida Legislature. Both Winter Park and Maitland recently opposed state bills pre-empting control over tree removal.

"We as a city are very proud of our tree canopies," she said. "We work really hard to take care of them and are also reasonable with them. ... It was just infuriating that (some state legislators) would think they could do a better

job than us."

For Goff-Marcil, a serious issue for the Sunshine State is a lack of education funding.

"As a mom, I've watched state legislature take away funding from public schools, and I've been very concerned about that," Goff-Marcil said. "Discouraging teachers, making them teach to the test."

She said protecting the district's wetlands and overall environmental health were a focus for her during her time on Maitland council and that would continue if she was elected.

Goff-Marcil said she was also invested in pursuing sensible gun control across the aisle.



Courtesy photo

Joy Goff-Marcil is hoping to win the Florida House 30 district race.

Baldwin Park Elementary starting new school garden

Baldwin Park Elementary School has some big plans for its school garden.

HARRY SAYER
BLACK TIE REPORTER

For over 10 years, the Baldwin Park Elementary School garden hasn't really had its time in the sun. But that's about to change.

The school garden is in the midst of a massive overhaul. The existing layout will be removed and replaced with 11 new garden beds, as well as a possible outdoor class area complete with benches.

"It's going to be a really great garden area for the school to use," says Drew Byrne, chairperson of the school's garden committee.

Getting to this point has been a long time coming. PTA parents had been asking about what was to be done about the garden for some time, according to PTA President Stephanie Harley. Baldwin Park Elementary teach-

ers had been taking care of the garden, originally an Eagle Scout project, on their off-time. The PTA then assumed responsibility at the beginning of the school year.

Byrne figured she'd be a perfect fit for the initiative — she graduated from the University of Idaho with a bachelor's degree in plant sciences.

"The garden had been abandoned," Byrne says. "We had a company come in and fill it with soil and plant a few different crops for us (at the start of the 2017 school year)."

It proved to be something of a false start. The new garden was torn apart by Hurricane Irma in September. Rather than trying to salvage the remains, the club decided to rip everything out and start over. The new plan is to have



Harry Sayer
Baldwin Park Elementary students have been working hard to bring the school garden to life.

a year-round, self-sustaining garden that even will have students and children in the community tend to the garden over the summer, according to committee co-chair and avid gardener Mireya Booher.

The project is in its infancy, with a handful of students and honor-roll volunteers helping bring the garden to life. Every day, members water the crops and rip out any weeds encroaching on the plants. The club recently harvested their first real crop, consisting of tomatoes, kale, lettuce, radishes and more, and used them to make gourmet salads to sell at

the Winter Park Farmers Market. They also share their harvest with the school's teachers.

Byrne's two children, Avery and Harper Erb, attend Baldwin Park Elementary and do their part as well.

"Their mom is in charge of the garden," Byrne says. "They have to help out, whether they like it or not."

Avery, 9, has fun with the daily work. Her favorite vegetables to water and harvest are radishes and lettuce.

"It's just fun to see all the stuff we harvest," Avery says. "The radishes are fun to pull out. I like

to see what we can grow."

The club also is looking at ways to integrate the garden into the school's curriculums through mathematics in weighing soil or using the scenery for paint class.

"We think it's important that kids know where their food comes from," Byrne says. "A few of them have said they think their food just comes from Publix."

According to Harley, each garden bed costs around \$500. She says the PTA already has raised \$10,000 to go toward the initiative and is looking into grants for more. The team currently is looking into outdoor area designs at schools across the country. One of the PTA parents is an architect who helped with a possible design for the garden.

"Some schools have pergolas built over the benches; some schools have a big hydroponic system (for the plants), there's so many great things we could do," Byrne says. "But it all depends on the funds. If we don't have the funds, we'll scale back."

Byrne is patient and is hopeful that the fruits of their labor will come by the fall.

"Hopefully by the new school year, we'll have the new beds installed," she says. "August and September is a great time to start gardening."

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Panepinto

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Pete Clarke, Jose Datil Colom and Robert Edward Melanson.

But what is it about the Winter Park resident that sets him apart?

Panepinto said it's his broad range of experiences and skills — both in the private sector and the public sector — that makes him the best choice for the job.

BACKGROUND

Panepinto previously was part of the founding executive team for Connexions, helping it grow from a small manufacturing and logistics company to a leader in healthcare technology and business processing solutions with more than 5,000 employees.

Today, he works as the president of Florentine Strategies, which provides board support, strategic consulting and investment capital for healthcare, social enterprise and technology companies.

"I basically completely reoriented my time, and so my professional life became about helping other small businesses and entrepreneurs, particularly in the tech and healthcare space, grow their businesses through mentorship and through investment," Panepinto said. "I'm a real believer in the importance of entrepreneurship and small businesses to diversify growing our economy."

The candidate also has a background in civic leadership, previously serving as the chair of the Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce and currently serving as chair of the Central Florida Foundation, which tackles multiple social issues in the community like homelessness and continued support for those affected by the Pulse tragedy.

Panepinto said his desire to run all stems from knowing that Orange County is a great place to live, but that it has room to be even better. He's lived in Winter Park since 2011 but has worked and lived in the Orlando area since he moved here with his wife almost 25 years ago.

"I've got two teenage daughters — Ali is 16, Samantha is 14," Panepinto said. "You start to see that they're not going to be here forever."

er. In fact, with Ali, we're looking at colleges. I do wonder whether they will want to come back here and build their families here and build a life. ... I think it's a little bit up in the air, because there are some amazing things about this community but also some systemic challenges we need to address.

"I think how the next generation views this community will largely be based on the decisions that community and elected leaders make over the next 10 years," he said. "That, for me, was really the driver to get into the race."

THE ISSUES

The candidate's priorities all start with a desire to improve the area's economy. The quantity of jobs is there, but there needs to be an increase in the quality, Panepinto said. It's about focusing on attracting new companies; supporting the existing small businesses, local entrepreneurs and high-growth companies; and increasing venture capital by attracting investors, he said.

"(We need) to make sure that as kids are coming out of the schools here that they (have) got quality jobs that they can go into, that as people are thinking of moving into this area we can attract talent because they know they can find a quality job here," Panepinto said. "The diversification of our economy is definitely step one for me."

Panepinto has said his campaign also has a significant focus on addressing the county's housing challenges in terms of affordability, expanding SunRail's service while helping get riders to the stations, and investing the right resources for first responders.

When it comes to Winter Park, Panepinto said he wants to bolster the relationship between the county and all of the municipalities within it.

"Winter Park, to some extent, is an island and has a lot of positive things going for it," he said. "Clearly we wrestle here with growth and the relative charm of the community. From the county mayor perspective — in talking with Mayor (Steve) Leary and other folks that are politically engaged here — I think the key is



Photos by Tim Freed
Winter Park resident Rob Panepinto hopes to be the next Orange County Mayor.

"We have so much potential here — we're such a young community, we're such a diverse community. I think we've got to harness that energy and the will to really solve some of these issues; otherwise I worry that we're not going to quite reach this potential that we appropriately see for ourselves."

— Rob Panepinto

how can the county be a strong partner for Winter Park.

"My sense sometimes is that there's some separation between the individual municipalities and the county, but the reality is that the cities are all part of the county," he said. "How are we really supporting and helping each other?"

At the end of the day, Panepinto said he loves the Orange County area, and that's a huge part of why he's running for the mayor's seat, he said.

"There's a lot to do, and I think it's a good time to roll up our

sleeves and start to get this stuff done," he said. "We have so much potential here — we're such a young community, we're such a diverse community. I think we've got to harness that energy and the will to really solve some of these issues, otherwise I worry that we're not going to quite reach this potential that we appropriately see for ourselves."

The primary election for Orange County mayor is scheduled for Aug. 28, while the General Election is set for Nov. 6.

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"If we are to build a better world, we must remember that the guiding principle is this — a policy of freedom for the individual is the only truly progressive policy."

Friedrich Hayek
"Road to Serfdom," 1944

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Unlucky threat closes roadways around local pub

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there was a possible bomb on the roof of the West Fairbanks Avenue establishment. The Winter Park Police Department was contacted and responded before calling in the Orlando Fire Department bomb squad to inspect the location.

"They checked the roof with a drone and then sent someone up," Lt. John Montgomery of the Winter Park Police Department said. "Nothing was discovered. ... Once the roof was cleared, they checked the building and nothing was found."

Montgomery was unsure of the reasoning for the call but said it was possible the caller was directly involved.

"I would assume that someone called in saying it was on the roof," he said. "I don't know if they saw it or (were) the perpetrator of it. It would be hard to see some-

thing on the roof and know what it is unless you either were the one who put it there or did the false reporting. Or you had a drone."

Winter Park police shut down the streets surrounding Fiddler's Green for OFD's bomb squad unit to inspect the area.

"When there's a bomb situation, we traditionally use the Orlando Fire Department; they have a bomb squad unit," Montgomery said. "They have a lot of support vehicles with them. ... Our patrol division was there, as well."

Law enforcement responded to the possible threat Friday afternoon as the first day of the Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival was coming to a close. Montgomery said given that Fiddler's Green is located where Orange, Fairbanks and Pennsylvania avenues come together, the bomb threat caused major disruptions to local traffic.

"Shutting the roadways down

around that business, especially at that time of day, is going to cause some pretty significant traffic issues," he said. "Fortunately we had enough units to shut (parts of Orange, Fairbanks, Pennsylvania and Holt avenues) down and we got it back up as quickly as we could."

According to Montgomery, traffic was heavily congested for a time but eventually worked its way out and the last patrol cars left the scene close to 7 p.m. He was satisfied with his officers' response time for the incident.

"Someone called in there was a bomb, they called us, we came over, we shut it down, looked, couldn't find one, cleared the building, opened it back up," he said. "I wouldn't say this kind of thing is rare, but we don't get a lot of these."

Garden

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miles of the hospital.

In Central Florida, one in six people turns to local charitable food assistance programs, according to the latest figures from Second Harvest Food Bank. Food insecurity can have a big impact on health, as certain ailments and chronic diseases can be directly linked to malnourishment.

Fleet Farming is an innovative farming model that is changing the way communities eat by providing knowledge and education about sustainable farming and by installing micro-farms in front yards.

The Odyssey

Killarney Elementary School's Odyssey of the Mind team took home first place in regional competition.

TROY HERRING
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Welcome to the Stellar Hangout, a place where aliens can hang out and grab a bite to eat while they enjoy a show.

The Hangout is the place where a few E.T.s can kick back and relax as they take a break from their grand treasure hunt.

It's also a place born from the creativity of a small group of humanoids at Killarney Elementary School on Planet Earth.

The scene, story and costumes themselves were created and put together by the school's Odyssey of the Mind team — which won first place in the Division 1 regional held at Edgewater High School on Feb. 24.

"I was in tears," said Susan Silverman, the team's coach and a fourth-grade teacher at the school. "I was crying because we had been practicing and practicing and practicing, and that was actually the best they had ever done. ... They gave it all they got when it really mattered, and I was really proud of them."

Odyssey of the Mind, which started in 1978, is a world-wide creative problem solving competition among participating middle and high schools.

Each year schools get to pick from one of the five questions offered and explore it through analytical and creative means.

So for this year's competition, the program at Killarney picked a performance problem and were asked to create an eight-minute performance in the most creative way possible.

"If they go out and purchase costumes for their performance, they would score less points than if they were to make them out of unique recyclable materials — the more creativity the better," Silverman said. "In the problem there are specific guidelines they have to stick with, and from there they can get creative."

Among the guidelines included were that there needed to be three aliens, but the third had to be created in some other way — as in, not human. The students were also asked to create their own made-up food and develop a map that goes from 2D to 3D during the story.

And the planning itself has been fairly long and thorough, with the group starting up their project back in October.

"They put in a lot of hard work just before the performance," Silverman said. "I would say I had them meeting with me every single day for two-and-a-half weeks

straight up until that Saturday, so they were very dedicated."

The first-place finish is an impressive feat when you consider that this season of Odyssey of the Mind was only the school's second time competing.

Two years ago the school's principal mentioned the program and asked if a teacher would be willing to help lead. After looking into the program and checking out the regional, Silverman decided to act.

"It was so amazing being around all of these children who were so focused and so energized to do well at something that they worked so hard on," Silverman said. "Everyone is very creative and not judgmental in any way, because the more creativity the better. It was just so cool."

In their first year of competition, Killarney finished an impressive sixth among 20 teams.

Unlike last year, Killarney know finds themselves heading right down the road to take part in the state competition on April 14 on the campus of UCF. That competition will have around 50 teams, Silverman said.

The next stage after states, should they qualify again, would be the world's competition, which will be held in Iowa City at the University of Iowa.

Although Silverman said she is looking forward to helping her students grow through this process, there's a lot more that



Courtesy photo

Teacher Susan Silverman and the Killarney Elementary Odyssey of the Mind team took home first place at the regional held back on Feb. 24.

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Winter Park High School students shine in C-SPAN's 2018 StudentCam competition.

TIM FREED
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Film has always been a powerful tool to convey important messages. A documentary can change perspectives and raise questions — and some Winter Park High School students were recently recognized for doing just that.

Multiple Winter Park Wildcats were recently recognized as winners earlier this month in C-SPAN's national 2018 StudentCam competition.

Each year since 2006, C-SPAN has partnered with its local cable television providers in communities nationwide to invite middle school students and high school students to produce short documentaries about a subject of national importance. This year, students addressed the theme, "The Constitution & You: Choose a provision of the U.S. Constitution and create a video illustrating why it's important to you."

Out of 2,985 video submissions from more than 5,700 students in 46 states and Washington, D.C., this year, eight documentaries made by Winter Park Wildcats were recognized, including three second-place winners, one third-place winner and four honorable mentions.

Among the second-prize winners was duo Claire Prudhomme and Santiago León, who picked a theme that hits home in today's society: the First Amendment, or, more specifically, the freedom of the press.

Their documentary, titled "'PRESSure' The Pressure for Freedom of The Press," took a look at why the press is important and why it should be protected. The project included interviews with a local news anchor, a Rollins College professor and a sports journalist, who all gave their thoughts on the challenges the press faces today. The documentary will air on C-SPAN at 6:50 a.m. and throughout the day on Sunday, April 8.

"We worked our butts off for it," Prudhomme said. "It's so humbling to be able to get second place and to be recognized for our work like that, especially if it's both stuff that we want to do. For Santiago, recognition for his cinematography is huge for him, because he wants to be a photographer. For me — being able to be played on C-SPAN — I can have that on my resume."

Prudhomme said she and León chose that provision due to the critical role the press plays with monitoring government and how U.S. President



Winter Park High School students Santiago León and Claire Prudhomme recently were honored for their documentary discussing freedom of the press.

Donald Trump has attempted to shut media out of the White House.

"There (were) so many instances talking about why the press was so bad that I felt like we needed something that talks about why it is good for our government," said Prudhomme, who wants one day to be a news anchor or work in politics.

"We need someone who's out there wanting to tell the truth," she said. "If we didn't have (the press), who would be there to tell the truth?"

Another second-prize award went to Christina Spain and Chelsea Wilck for their video, "Gun Control: America Under Fire," tackling another topic that's been heavily discussed throughout the country.

The project included a broad range of perspectives, including interviews with Pulse nightclub owner Barbara Poma, U.S. veteran and NRA member David Rickey and Winter Park Police Chief Michael Deal. The documentary will air on C-SPAN at 6:50 a.m. and throughout the day on Wednesday, April 4.

"When we made this documentary, obviously gun violence at the moment is a very hot topic in the news and just pop culture in general," Wilck said. "We started planning for this back in November, so what we really used as our inspiration was the Pulse shooting, because living here in Orlando that was obviously something that hit us very close to the heart."

"The whole idea of C-SPAN is creating a very balanced documentary and not being one-sided," Spain said.

"We thought the Second Amendment would be a great one to see both sides of the issue. We thought we'd be able to create a really cohesive but also balanced documentary in that way."

The duo said they feel honored to walk away with a second-place award, having captured third and an honorable mention in previous years.

"It was definitely an honor because not very many people win," Spain said.

"It was just amazing."

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Christina Spain and Chelsea Wilck for their video "Gun Control: America Under Fire"

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Three years ago, Georgia Ellison was facing the same prognosis that she has watched her mother suffer with for decades. The progressive osteopenia would someday develop into osteoporosis, bringing on devastating broken bones and pain.

"My mother is 93 now, and I've watched her suffer so much; I just don't want that to happen to me," Ellison said.

Medication to strengthen her bones never produced significant results, and after years of taking them, she decided to try a new course of action.

Following the recommendation of a friend she signed on with Elite Strength and Fitness of Winter Park and began following a twice-weekly strength-training regimen designed to increase her muscle mass and bone density.

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Success stories like Ellison's don't come easy though; it took months of intense workouts with the guidance of personal trainers to get there.

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Lakemont Elementary's Taste of Culture International Festival

Lakemont students dressed in their finest cultural attire for a worldwide tour.

Lakemont Elementary put on its first Taste of Culture International Festival on Tuesday, March 13. Held in the school cafeteria, the event had teachers and parents uniting to showcase cultures from 14 different countries. Lakemont students tried out new recipes, made arts and crafts and learned more about the world.

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Eliana Arocha showed off the Venezuelan flag with her children, Anthonella and Emanuel.



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As Bishop Moore's athletic trainers, Gabriella Armor and Ronaldo Green are helping to keep the Hornets in tip-top shape.

TROY HERRING
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

You might not know their names, and you might not know their faces, but there is one thing that's certain — you're glad they're there. While there are many actors that take part behind the scenes at sporting events, none might be bigger than athletic trainers — the first responders of the sports world.

When an athlete suffers a vicious blow or lands awkwardly, they're the first ones out onto the field to lend a hand.

For parents, coaches and the players themselves, they are seen as proverbial lifesavers. That's why trainers like Gabriella Armor and Ronaldo Green take their jobs as seriously as they do.

That kind of seriousness is needed when dealing with a job that's as time consuming as many medical jobs.

"We're the first ones there and the last ones to leave with everything," Armor said. "We set up and make sure that we get there in enough time for the athletes to get treatment; get taped up or whatever they need to do."

"It's not as time consuming as the college level, but there are times where a coach will call a 5 a.m. practice on a Monday morning, on the day before (a game)," Green said.

Both Armor and Green work at Orlando Sports Medicine but are contracted as athletic trainers by Bishop Moore Catholic High School. The job requires them to split their time between the clinic and the school.

As a former high school basketball player who tore her ACL twice, Armor found a passion for sports medicine during her physical therapy — though she originally didn't know much about the field.

That all changed during a health class when she was at the

University of Central Florida. From there, she fell in love with the ability to be around athletes and help them the way her physical therapists had helped her.

"You get that one-on-one care with the athlete, and you get to follow them from before they're injured to return to play, so it's a great personal connection with that athlete," Armor said. "And it's very hands on, we're always busy (and) always doing something."

Green's story is fairly similar to Armor's, though as a basketball player in high school, he never suffered any serious injuries.

As a huge sports fan, Green spent a lot of time hanging out with the athletes and trainers at the small college he attended — which inspired him to get his masters in athletic training from Stephen F. Austin University.

"I've always been around sports, and when you're not playing anymore, you can be an athletic trainer and offer the medi-

cal attention that the kids need," Green said. "And athletes always have fun personalities ... so it's kind of a joy to be around."

While the job of athletic trainer sounds pretty self-explanatory, Green and Armor said a lot of people don't understand their actual role on and off the field.

Sometimes, they said, people think all they do is apply ice or tape ankles, but the job can be a lot more serious than that.

Before Green joined on with Orlando Sports Medicine, he helped save an athlete's life while working at ESPN's Wide World of Sports.

Toward the end of a late-night basketball game, Green, who was an intern at the time, was forced into action when a player went down on the court.

"I grab the AED (automated external defibrillator) and run over and get there, and we start the CPR cycle, calling people that we need to call to activate EMS," Green said. "His heart was

stopped — he had a condition — so we got the AED on him, and it was able to administer shocks to bring him back before the EMS got there."

And their jobs as athletic trainers don't just stop with the physical injuries they deal with — they're also counselors, in a way.

While an injury can physically slow you down, it can also be a blow to a person's mental state, especially to high school kids.

"You really have to develop a sense of trust with the athlete, because you're taking full medical care of them," Armor said. "You have to be able tell when they're over-exaggerating or if they're in a state of anxiety and depression."

"At this level if they get injured — and say it is a significant injury — for a lot of them it is the first type of adversity they've had to deal with in their life," Green said. "We're not that old, but being older than high school kids, we have a little more perspective to offer."

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Trees for Peace plants seeds of friendship, diversity

The event that brings together children of three different faiths is celebrating its 15th year.

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TIM FREED ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A local Winter Park event in its 15th year has a simple purpose: to bring us closer together, no matter what faith or religion we believe in.

More than 40 young students from three different faith backgrounds will have a chance to bond while supporting the environment at the upcoming Trees for Peace event. Fifth- and sixth-graders from The Geneva School (a Christian school), the Jewish Academy of Orlando (a Jewish school) and Leaders Preparatory School (a Muslim school) will come together to plant seven trees Tuesday, March 27, at Howell Branch Preserve.

The event is a collaboration between the city of Winter Park and the Multifaith Education Project – a nonprofit program that looks to bring students of different faiths together so they can get to know each other.

"The city of Winter Park is known for its tree canopy, so this is an amazing partnership that we have where these children come to our parks and our public spaces and plant trees with two missions," Winter Park Assistant Director of Communications Craig O'Neil said. "The first one is to get to know each other better, which fosters a respect for diversity, and the second mission is to plant beautiful trees that will be there for generations to come."

The students divide into mixed groups and work together to plant and water the trees. They then each offer a prayer in their faith tradition to bless the tree.

Each school will also take a tree back to their campus to plant, a reminder of the celebration and

the bond shared between the students.

The Multifaith Education Project was first started back in 2003 by Louise Franklin Sheehy. Since then the program has worked to bring the three local schools together three times a year so they can make friends and learn about each faith.

"We have somebody (who) speaks specifically about the faith, explains it to the children and lets them ask questions to better understand," said Debra Medina, director of the Multifaith Education Project, who works alongside co-director Anne Vercheski. "The Trees for Peace are kind of like a final celebration with the city."

The idea for the Trees for Peace event was inspired by the work of Olive Trees Foundation for Peace president and founder Dr. Khaled Diab, who took students of different faiths to Israel to plant olive trees along the Israeli West Bank barrier, which separates Israelis and Palestinians.

Louise Franklin Sheehy noticed this concept and decided to bring it to a local level, said O'Neil, adding that it promotes environmental awareness as well.

"The city is also excited that this is an opportunity to teach the children to be stewards of the earth and how important it is to plant our trees and protect our trees because they create such a healthy environment," O'Neil said.

"Regardless of our differences and our faith background, I think when we learn to respect those differences and learn more about each other, then that's what fosters stronger relationships and friendships. One of the things we have in common of course is the beautiful tree canopy and protecting our earth. We all need to do that."

Just like the students learn to nurture and care for the trees, they learn to care for each other, Medina said.

"This isn't about politics, this isn't about anything but coming together and realizing that we're more alike than we are different," Medina said.



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Renovations at Winter Park Memorial Hospital continue with Nicholson Pavilion

The new five-story facility will have 140 private rooms to house the hospital's patients.

TROY HERRING
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

As Winter Park Memorial Hospital continues to grow, along comes new and exciting additions.

Since the hospital was bought by Florida Hospital in 2000, it has seen massive renovations done, which includes the most recent development: the Nicholson Pavilion.

Named after philanthropists Tony and Sonja Nicholson, the \$85 million project will be located on the east side of the hospital and offer amenities that the hos-



pital has never had, said Jennifer Wandersleben, the senior vice president and administrator at the hospital.

"It's going to be the home to 140 private rooms and bathrooms, and that's significant because our hospital was built almost 63 years ago, and parts of it still have the older infrastructure — semi-private rooms, and they don't all

have their own bathrooms," Wandersleben said. "We're excited about having the state-of-the-art, modern place for patients to heal."

So far, construction on the facility is going well, Wandersleben said, as the building's fifth floor will be topped out on April 3. Wandersleben said that the hospital plans on holding a celebra-

tion for the special occasion.

In terms of total completion, Wandersleben said the hospital is looking to open up the pavilion for use some time in mid-2019.

Originally, the hospital had planned to only open 80 rooms but decided to go ahead and start up with all 140 rooms open.

"Sometimes it's just the timing of the demand, that need to go ahead and build it out," Wandersleben said. "It's also cheaper to go ahead and do it all at once than to come back and build it out later. We're just grateful that we were able to get that investment done."

The facility itself will be much more than just beds and rooms; it'll also become the home of the hospital's intensive care unit, which currently sits in the main building now.

There will also be a new private surgical waiting area for families and friends of those having surgery done.

The hope is that having a private waiting area will help families deal with the nerve-racking nature of having a family member or friend in surgery.

"It's really important because we have a large lobby, and in that large lobby today there is kind of a mix of different functions, including surgery waiting," Wandersleben said. "So what this

new pavilion will allow for (is) a private area for those waiting for their loved ones in surgery, which is nice because you can be anxious when that happens."

Along with the new private waiting area, Wandersleben said the hospital will also be expanding its surgical support, which includes surgery recovery areas.

When completed next year, there will be some empty space on the ground floor of the facility that Wandersleben said will be utilized for other support services as well. There's also a future plan being looked at to move the hospital's dining hall to the pavilion.

While the project is one of the largest in the hospital's history, the hope for Wandersleben and others at Winter Park Memorial is that the new pavilion will help make patient's visits as pleasant as possible.

"For me it's having the best healing environment for our patients and giving them a space that gives them privacy that provides them the quietness that they need to heal," Wandersleben said. "When we designed these rooms we also considered the family — so they will be an area that really caters to the family within the room, and there's an area for the patient and caregiver. It just creates an overall environment that helps our patients heal."

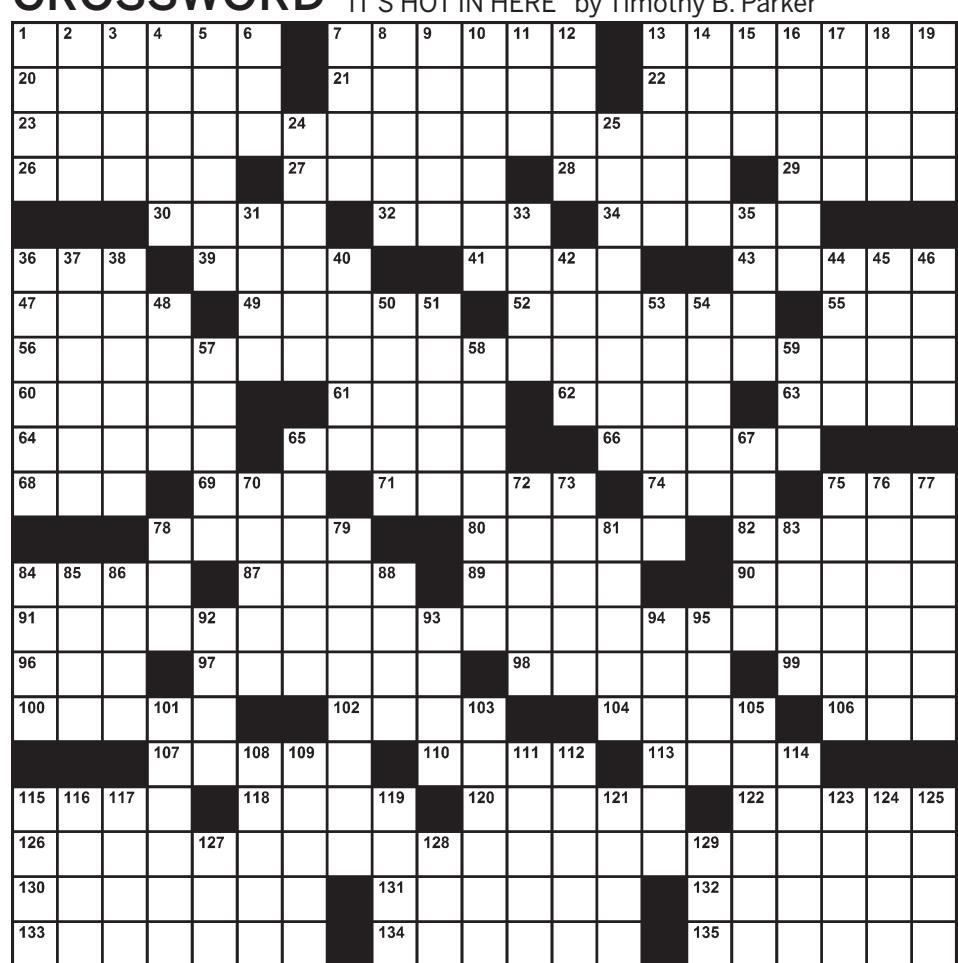
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By Luis Campos

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This week's Celebrity Cipher answers

Puzzle One Solution:
"In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love."
— Alfred Tennyson

Puzzle Two Solution:
"I've said things and meant them, but I'm... a very confused person who has no idea how they feel about things."
— Sienna Miller

This week's Sudoku answers

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This week's Crossword answers

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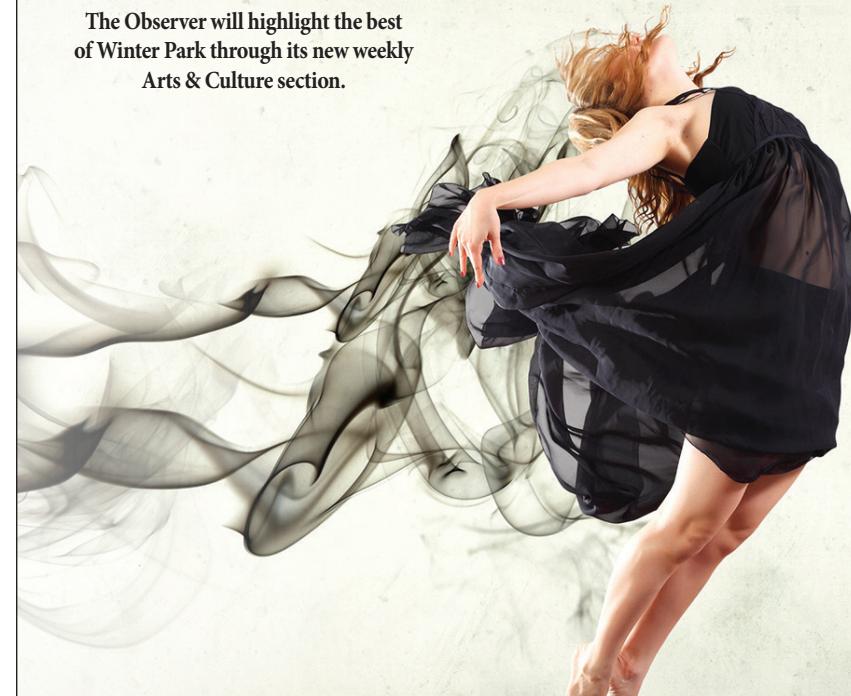
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Night at the Carnegie



Courtesy Photos
The Orangewood Christian School choir performed in Carnegie Hall.

The Orangewood Christian School Choir performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

HARRY SAYER | BLACK TIE REPORTER

Some people train their entire lives to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Others find themselves in the esteemed music hall before they've passed their drivers license tests.

Such is the case for the Orangewood Christian School Choir, which performed at Carnegie Hall on Feb. 20. The 22-person group, composed of students ranging from seventh to ninth grade, took a five-day trip to the Big Apple to perform in a 400-person group of stu-

dents from across the globe.

"I'm so proud of them; I can't even describe it," said Laura Nelson, fine arts director and choral director for Orange-

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Orangewood students perform at Carnegie Hall

From Page B1

wood. "It's a real show with the best of the best. It doesn't get any better."

Nelson has been a teacher for 34 years and has served as Orangewood's director for nine years. This is the third year running she's taken her choir to New York City to perform. It started when a Manhattan-based concert group contacted Nelson offering her choir an audition for a Broadway production of "The Secret Garden" in the Lincoln Center. The performance was comprised of two choruses of 400 students from across the world singing with Broadway stars.

"The music was difficult (in the beginning); we were a bit overwhelmed," Nelson said. "None of us knew what a big deal it was until we got there and saw the level of star power that was in the show."

The chorus received its music for the February show in October of last year and practiced for an hour every school day leading up to the performance.

This year's production, the first for the choir to perform at Carnegie Hall, was titled "Broadway Classics: A Concert at Carnegie Hall." Students performed a compilation of pieces from "Titanic," "Ragtime," "Parade," "Sister Act" and more.

"It gets stressful (practicing) at first, but it gets easier as we go along," said Grace Hanna, an Orangewood choir sophomore. "By the end, we're usually pretty happy with where we are."

Hanna, who says she started singing as soon as she could speak, always hoped she'd play at a venue as large as Carnegie Hall.

"It's eye-opening; you're in this huge hall facing thousands of people," Hanna said. "It was on my bucket list for sure. I just never thought I'd get the chance to."

Both the cast and audience have been star-studded. Nelson said her chorus has performed with Rachel Dratch of "Saturday Night Live" and Jack McBrayer of "30 Rock," while Neil Patrick Harris and Lin-Manuel Miranda have paid to watch the show.

"We sing with the New York Chamber Orchestra, Tony award-winning actors, directors, people that are the top of the business right now," Nelson said. "They treat the students like they're professionals as a part of the production."

Which is just how Orange-wood senior Seth Niquette likes it.

"I have more confidence in my singing and being able to be up on stage in front of people," said



Courtesy Photos

Niquette, who has spent three years performing as a bass with the group.

Niquette, a senior, aims to be accepted into the University of Central Florida's theater program and hopes his involvement at the Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall will help his chances.

"Hearing the other cast and crew's experiences and stories, and almost wanting to follow in their footsteps, has given me a good guideline to follow," Niquette said.

The trip itself had some

curveballs however — Nelson said 15 pieces of luggage were left in Orlando. But, overall, it was another successful outing.

"When you see it all together, you wish that more people from Orlando could see what our kids are doing," she said. "It's fun to hand it off to the directors once you get up there because you know you've done your job and it's up to them and up to the kids."

The choir spent five days in the Big Apple.



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Park Avenue was packed throughout the weekend as guests made their way around Central Park and enjoyed the 59th Sidewalk Art Festival.



Olivia Andrade looks through a table full of homemade jewelry as her mother, Cebele Dias, looks on.



Visitors admired large print photos that were on exhibit as a part of the art festival.



An interesting piece by artist Eddie Myers appears to break through the wall, which drew a lot of attention from those checking out his work.



Tiffany Kelly, left, sits alongside her mother, Alice Flowers, and daughter, Shy Kelly, as they enjoy an evening downtown at the Sidewalk Art Festival.

A piece by artist Trent Manning welcomes guests outside of his exhibit during the Sidewalk Art Festival.

Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival

TROY HERRING | ASSOCIATE EDITOR

It was a weekend of fun and art in Winter Park as the city celebrated its 59th annual Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival.

From Friday to Sunday, downtown's Central Park turned into a city of tents as 225 artists from around the country exhibited their work.

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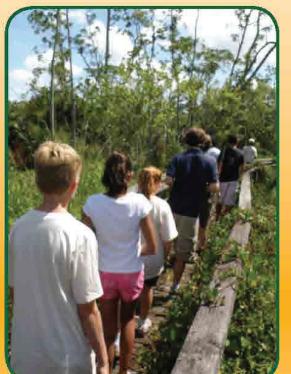
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PERSEVERANCE BRASS BAND

8 p.m. Friday, March 23, at Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts, 1905 Kentucky Ave., Winter Park. Now in its 31st year, Kid Dutch's Perseverance Brass Band entertains and explores the beginnings of the American Art form with its "Brass Roots of Jazz" concert program. From rags, cakewalks, marches, dirges and hymns, to rockin' and bootshakin' music – dancing is inevitable. For more information and tickets, visit bluebambooartcenter.com.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

BOOK DISCUSSION: 'THE FIRE NEXT TIME'

2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at the Hannibal Square Heritage Center, 642 W. New England Ave., Winter Park. Writing as an artist, activist and social critic, James Baldwin probes the complex condition of being black in America. 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 a passionate voice to the emerging civil rights movement. For more information, (407) 539-2680.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

JEFF RUPERT QUARTET

8 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, at Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts, 1905 Kentucky Ave., Winter Park. Jeff Rupert is a Yamaha performing artist, a record producer, recording artist, freelance tenor saxophonist, full-time professor and director of Jazz Studies at the University of Central Florida. Rupert has been a featured soloist on dozens of recordings with artists like Maynard Ferguson, Sam Rivers, Mel Tormé, Diane Schuur and Benny Carter. He played on Carter's Grammy Award-winning "Harlem Renaissance." For more information and tickets, visit bluebambooartcenter.com.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

J.S. BACH – A CANTATA AND A BRANDENBURG CONCERTO

7 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at Tiedtke Concert Hall at Rollins College, Winter Park. Pablo Casals described Bach as "the supreme genius of music." Through three succinct works, investigate whether shy Casals' assessment rings true through a Brandenburg concerto, considered one of Bach's most important secular works and the cantata form where Bach's creative genius thrived. This concert, featuring members of the Bach Festival Orchestra, is part of Insights & Sounds, a new series that focuses on individual composers and genres and provides audiences with concise concerts in which great music is performed and discussed. Cost is \$20. For more information, call (407) 646-2182.

ONGOING

'TOWARDS IMPRESSIONISM: LANDSCAPE PAINTING FROM COROT TO MONET'

Through April 8 at the Cornell Fine Arts Museum at Rollins College, 1000 Holt Ave., Winter Park. The Musée des Beaux-Arts in Reims owns one of the largest collections of French 19th-century landscape paintings, 45 of which will be displayed in this exhibition. "Towards Impressionism" marks the first time that an exhibition drawn exclusively from this collection will travel to the United States; the museum is one of only two venues nationwide to host this extraordinary collection. The exhibition, organized by Art Centre Basel in collaboration with the Musée des Beaux-Arts de Reims and the City of Reims, France, traces the revolutionary evolution of landscape painting in France from the Romantics to the School of Barbizon, the circle of Honfleur and up to Impressionism.



Jeff Rupert Quartet

Courtesy photo

'NUNSENSE A-MEN!'

Running through Saturday, April 21, at the Winter Park Playhouse, 711 Orange Ave. Suite C, Winter Park. "Nonsense A-Men!" is the original Off-Broadway "Nonsense" musical with all of the characters being portrayed by male musical comedy performers. Think of it as "Mrs. Doubtfire enters the Convent." This 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 that 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.

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11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Morse Museum, 445 N. Park Ave., Winter Park. Learn more about Louis Comfort Tiffany's Long Island estate with a Morse curator. Space is limited, and there are no advance reservations. Free with admission. Call (407) 645-5311.

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.

GALLERY TALK ON CELEBRATING 75 YEARS — PATHWAYS OF AMERICAN ART AT THE MORSE MUSEUM

11 a.m. Fridays at the Morse Museum, 445 N. Park Ave., Winter Park. Learn about the more than 60 objects in the exhibition, which include paintings, pottery, art glass and works on paper. Together the works reflect the range of the Morse's collection and the values of the museum. Free with admission. For more information, call (407) 645-5311.

'RIA BRODELL: DEVOTION'

Through May 13 at the Cornell Fine Arts Museum at Rollins College, 1000 Holt Ave., Winter Park. Ria Brodell disrupts traditional narratives and offers multifaceted ways in which to experience the concept of devotion. While Brodell's art stems from personal experience, the works in this exhibition allow for a nuanced rumination on gender and sexuality from both historical and contemporary contexts. Featuring new and recent work by the artist, Ria Brodell: Devotion recontextualizes devotional imagery from CFAM's permanent collection.

'PICTURING WAR'

Through May 13 at the Cornell Fine Arts Museum at Rollins College, 1000 Holt Ave., Winter Park. This exhibition presents an array of objects, drawn entirely from CFAM's permanent collection, that respond to instances of American involvement in global conflict from the end of the first World War to the present day. The presence of American propaganda posters coupled with contemporary works by artists such as An-My Lê and Martha Rosler serve to challenge the ideas and conventions surrounding wars in which the United States have been involved during this period. This exhibition is curated by Margaret Milford '18, the Cornell Fine Arts Museum's Fred Hicks Fellow.

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Morning Star's A Runway For Giving

The school's auxiliary presented its 56th fashion benefit at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

The Morning Star Catholic School Auxiliary put on its 56th annual Runway for Giving Fashion Show and Luncheon on Wednesday, March 14. Held at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, the benefit raised money for the special-needs school's programs. Guests bid at the silent auction before settling to watch models strut up and down the runway with fashions provided by Neiman Marcus.

— HARRY SAYER



Bishop Moore students Teagan Milford and Alice Grenier volunteered at the event.



Nancy Rotatori, Gary Lambert, Mary Lightbody, Rose Plumley and Robin Miles came as a group.



Lisa Alfonso and Robin Ogier picked up a Neiman Marcus gift bag.

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Orlando Magic Youth Foundation's Final Black Tie & Tennies Gala



Max Lynch stood with his parents, Thad and Jennifer, as he got his basketball signed by an Orlando Magic player.



Orlando Magic dancers Robyn G. and Cierra P. smiled for a photo with Debbie Higgins.



Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer thanked attendees for their support of the Orlando Magic Youth Foundation.



Orlando Repertory Theatre kids Carson Revels and A.J. Deleon welcomed guests to the gala.



R.K. and Faron Kelley and Kevin and Catherine Carlson coordinated in shades of blue.

It was a good run, but after 28 years the Orlando Magic Youth Foundation has decided to hang up the tennis shoes on its Black Tie and Tennies Gala. OMYF hosted its final gala at the Amway Center on Saturday, March 17. The gala serves as a premier fundraising event and on average brought together 700 guests. In 2017, it raised more than \$500,000 for Central Florida youth. Guests got to enjoy a multi-course dinner, cocktail reception, live entertainment, silent and live auctions and, of course, interaction with Orlando Magic players and staff.

— DANIELLE HENDRIX



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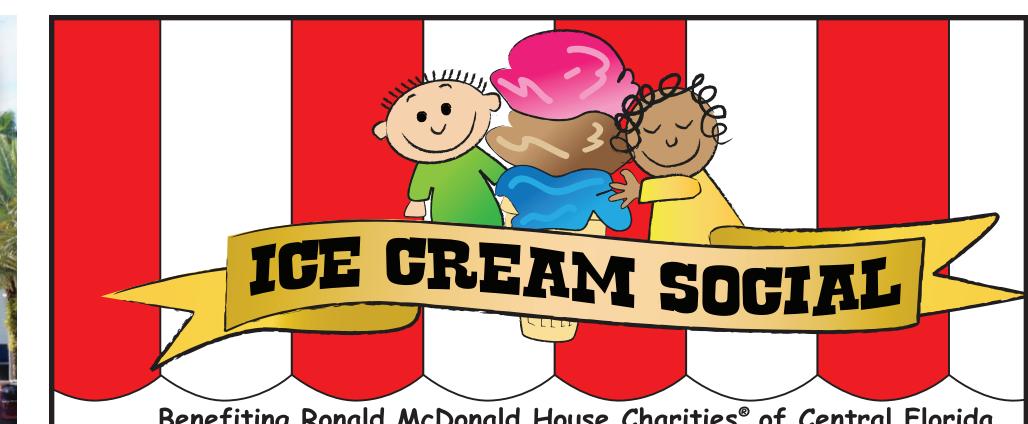
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The co-owner of OhmWoke, a vegan/vegetarian meal delivery service based in Orlando, served as one of the three caterers at the gala.

Vegans and vegetarians alike received a special treat at Noor 17's Vegan Gala, held Saturday, March 17.

The evening's gala celebrated the health benefits of an all-vegan lifestyle and offered delicious vegan meals to enjoy by vegan caterers based in Central Florida.

Noor 17 co-founder Imari Denise encouraged any non-vegan attendees considering a plant-based diet to make the transition, adding that the main goal of the event was to support the vegan movement, increase awareness and make plant-based diets more mainstream.

— GABBY BAQUERO



Dancers from Vida Florida: Voice of Indonesians in Florida entertained gala attendees onstage with a traditional Indonesian dance.



Lizzie Shutt and Stephanie Cornwell made sure to don fabulous dresses for the cocktail-attire-only event.



Jennifer Agravat and Rebecca Villar jumped at the chance to attend the gala once they learned about it from the Vegetarians of Central Florida Facebook page.



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Orlando Union Rescue Mission's Homecoming Gala 2018

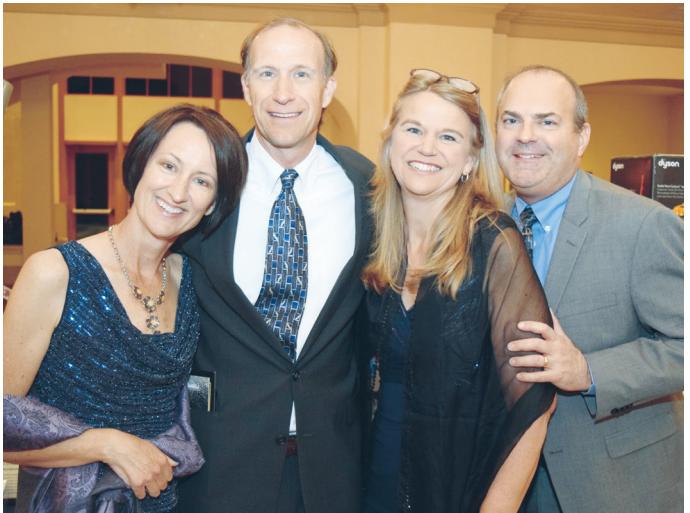
It might only be the second time that Orlando Union Rescue Mission has hosted a fundraising gala, but passionate volunteers and a great turnout indicated the annual gala's growing success.

This year's event — Homecoming: Celebrating 70 Years — not only served as a fundraiser but also gave mission supporters and staff an opportunity to look back on how the organization has served the community for 70 years now. Held at Rosen Shingle Creek on Saturday, March 10, the gala included a cocktail hour, silent auction, dinner, program and dance party.

— DANIELLE HENDRIX



OURM Volunteer Manager Sharlene Stanford and husband Scott were excited to be part of the gala.



Rondo and Erik Olson and Karin and Larry Banks perused the silent auction together.

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Frances Maestro and Ivan Melendez walked around together.



Nancy Asche and Ruthann Dilauri from the Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips worked hard to have a successful event.



Leslie Heimer and Amanda Newstreet tried out some mango popsicles.



Carlos Rodriguez, Alex Garcia and Omar Vega were a fun trio.

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Arnold Palmer Invitational

Wine & Dine on 9



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The owners of Dorough Brothers Development and Nona Blue dressed up for a fun day.

Golf fans took a break from the Arnold Palmer Invitational tournament to enjoy food and wine at the Arnold Palmer Invitational Wine & Dine on 9 event on Friday, March 16. Put together by the Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips, the annual event had numerous vendors offering a variety of tasty meals and delicious drinks right next to the golf course. Guests also bid on prizes at the silent auction, which benefited the Dr. Phillips' public institutions.

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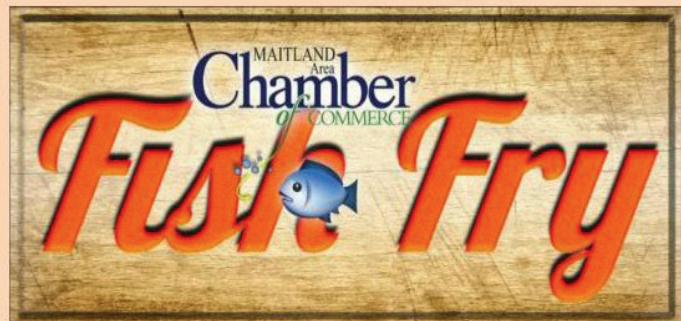
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