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## Reeves, Goff-Marcil win

Politicians from Winter Park and Maitland fared well at the polls in Tuesday's election. **PAGE 6.**

## Good for the soul

The new Trinity Preparatory School senior chaplain the Rev. Richard Towers arrives at the school after eight years as a military chaplain.

**TIM FREED**  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**E**veryone is forced to face challenges and struggles at some point in their lives — and the years of middle and high school are no exception.

But a new staff member at Trinity Preparatory School is there to lend a helping hand and encouraging word.

The Rev. Richard Towers is the new senior chaplain of the Winter Park school. It marks the fifth college preparatory school at which Towers has worked during a long, purposeful career.

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The Rev. Richard Towers has served in the Philippines and Guam. Now, he's at Trinity Preparatory School.

Troy Herring

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## No end in flight?

Concerns and complaints regarding low-flying planes still linger after Greater Orlando Aviation Authority officials spoke to Winter Park City Commissioners.

**TIM FREED**  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

City Commissioner Greg Seidel could have sworn it sounded like the roar of a plane going down in flames.

"I was out Saturday working in my yard, and I actually thought a plane was crashing going from the east to the west," Seidel said. "I went around and looked at the

other side of the house cause it was so low — I thought it was coming down."

Seidel is just one of many Winter Park residents waiting for a potential solution — if any — to loud airplanes flying over the city.

Officials from the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority gave a presentation to Winter Park

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## ON DISPLAY

Polasek museum features Czech artist Jan Kaláb in exhibit.

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## YOUR TOWN

### PADDY'S PUB BUILDING SOLD

Robert P. Hold, principal at Hold-Thyssen, Inc., closed the sale of a Winter Park landmark: the former Paddy's Pub at 1566 W. Fairbanks Ave. The bar and restaurant operated for more than 25 years at the location before closing prior to Hold's purchase in October 2017.

Byrnes Properties LLC paid \$850,000 for the 2,915-square-foot building constructed on the site in 1948. The sale included a 13,244-square-foot lot. The new owner plans to raze the building and redevelop the property for a dental practice.



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## OFFENSE ON TRACK

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Director of Marketing and Communication Carlin Beekman. Cost is \$25 to \$50. For more information, call (407) 644-8281.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 8**  
**'PREPARING FOR THE  
COLLEGE AUDITION' SEMINAR**

1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Winter Park Library, 460 E. New England Ave., Winter Park. The Winter Park Library, in partnership with Tim Evanicki, author of the book "The College Audition," presents this 90-minute seminar for high-school students who are interested in pursuing a degree in theater. This seminar will cover everything you need to know about the college audition process — beginning with understanding the different theatre degrees available; selecting a smart list of colleges to ensure your best chances of getting accepted; and the prescreening and in-person audition processes and acceptance. Attendees will leave this seminar with the tools needed to move forward and take the first steps in applying for a theater degree. The seminar will conclude with a Q&A and book signing. The event is free, although pre-registration is suggested at [wppl.org/preparing-college-audition](http://wppl.org/preparing-college-audition).

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 13**  
**POPCORN FLICKS  
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8 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at Winter Park's Central Park, 150 W. Morse Blvd., Winter Park. Enjoy a free screening of "Iron Man." Presented by Winter Park CRA and produced by Enzian Theater, this film series features classic films for the whole family. Take a blanket, a picnic or snacks, and some family and friends.

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# A fresh start

Mead Botanical Garden is nearing completion of upgrades to its little amphitheater, including new benches, a wheelchair-accessible area and trees.

**TIM FREED**  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

One of Winter Park's most beloved wedding venues is getting a facelift.

Work is underway to renovate the little amphitheater at Mead Botanical Garden, which soon will feature new benches, new hardscaping for a wheelchair-accessible seating area and some new trees.

The project is part of an ongoing public-private partnership between Mead Botanical Garden Inc. and the city of Winter Park's Parks and Recreation Department.

"The board and staff at Mead Botanical Gardens are very excit-

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— Cynthia Hasenau, executive director, Mead Botanical Garden

ed about this project," Mead Garden Executive Director Cynthia Hasenau said. "We knew that it was looking less than its best and the old green benches hadn't been upgraded in many, many years. We took the approach of a long-term, sustainable approach."

The old painted plywood benches are being replaced with ipe wood, also known as Brazilian walnut. It's a much sturdier wood that will withstand the elements. It's naturally resistant to rot and decay.

Visitors also can expect to see a new paved area at the back of the amphitheater that can accommodate wheelchairs, which enable seniors to get closer at events.

Six magnolia trees and a live oak now sit behind the stage as well, Hasenau said.

The total price tag of the project falls just under \$30,000, Parks and Recreation Director Jason Seeley said.

"It was a very good initiative between (Mead Garden and the city) to get this little amphitheater upgraded and kind of give it a facelift," Seeley said. "The benches in there were painted green and have probably been there since the 80s, if not longer. It was time for those to be brought up to a better standard. Mead Botanical Gardens Inc. took care of the replacement of the benches, and we assisted with removal of some benches and some hardscape work."

"The nonprofit has been working hand-in-hand with the



city for a number of years — for well over a decade — to restore, revitalize and improve the garden," Hasenau said. "When we approach projects like this, part of our responsibility is we're identifying enhancements and community needs and opportunities out here in the garden. With this one, the venue itself has some historic implications."

Built in 1956 and gifted by a women's group called Fashions in the Garden, the amphitheater has been the site of outdoor weddings, concerts, sunrise services and community events.

The original wrought-iron grill work along the perimeter of the amphitheater is there to this day, while the bench seats were added later.

Mead Garden also has been working on upgrades to the nearby Garden Clubhouse, home to the Winter Park Garden Club. Some recent renovations include new lighting, windows, ceiling tiles and a stage. Other improvements such as new flooring and an ADA-compliant restroom are on the way.

Hasenau said she looks forward to seeing even more com-



munity events take place at the little amphitheater now that it's receiving a fresh look, which should be finished by the end of September.

She added the venue has been the site of thousands of weddings over the years and that the garden may consider hosting a romantic event soon for couples who said, "I do," at the little amphitheater.

Top: Work is underway to give Mead Garden's smaller amphitheater a new look.

Bottom:  
The amphitheater's previous benches had not been updated for several years.

## Maitland approves medical marijuana dispensary ordinance

The ordinance allows dispensaries beyond 500 feet of a school and 1,250 feet of any other operating drugstore or pharmacy.

**HARRY SAYER**  
BLACK TIE REPORTER

After months of discussion, the Maitland City Council adopted an ordinance allowing medical marijuana dispensaries in the city limits.

The ordinance, crafted following a 180-day extension of the moratorium on decisions regarding medical marijuana, allows dispensaries beyond 500 feet of a school and 1,250 feet of any other operating drugstore or pharmacy. The modification included med-

ical-marijuana dispensaries into the legal definition of pharmacies and drugstores such as Walgreens or CVS.

Possible dispensaries looking to set up shop in Maitland will face a number of conditions including an operational alarm system, 24/7 video surveillance system, sufficient lighting from dusk to dawn, as per a Florida statute.

As has been the case since the ordinance's inception, both Councilwoman Bev Reponen and Mayor Dale McDonald opposed the measure for a number of rea-

sons, including its affect on other businesses; a higher chance of recreational marijuana coming to Maitland; and the fact that Maitland residents can drive to neighboring municipalities to get medical marijuana.

"For those folks that need the pain relief that medical marijuana provides, that's not an argument ... having access to this, granted, should be available to everybody," McDonald said. "But is it being available to everybody in Maitland better because there's (a facility) in Maitland? That's my question."

The three other council members ultimately remained steadfast in their support, deciding the inclusion would be innocuous enough to not prove a harmful effect on Maitland as a whole. The

### IN OTHER NEWS

■ Maitland executed its annual agreement with the Orange County School Board to fund school resource officers beginning in July 2018 through June of 2019. This year will have an additional officer on staff at each public school in compliance with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Safety Act. The agreement will cost \$157,500.

■ The city executed a sidewalk easement between the city and the Maitland City Centre. The mixed-use project will become responsible for sidewalks surrounding the project.

ordinance passing 3-2.

"We've gone through it; they're not a drug issue," Councilman Mike Thomas said. "Not as far as drug proliferation. They're boring little storefronts where people can get medicine. There are times where even Casselberry isn't such

an easy commute. I just don't see any reason not to do this. ... Sixty, almost 70% of our residents voted yes on that referendum."

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# Trinity Prep names new chaplain

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"I'm very excited; Trinity Prep is a great school with a really good faculty, staff and student population," Towers said. "It's a beautiful part of the world. A couple things I like about Trinity Prep is it's co-ed, and it's middle and upper school, so we can focus on ministry as the students are becoming young adults. ... I enjoy talking with students who are a little older."

Towers will be in charge of pastoral care throughout the school community, leading chapel and coordinating community service. He also will be teaching introduction to the Bible and introduction to ethics.

"The thing you really can't figure for is the life cycle, emotional needs that people have with family," Towers said. "Part of my ministry is trying to make sure that you support people in all aspects of their lives. I get to share in the joys and the challenges that we face as human beings."

## DRAWN TO MINISTRY

Towers grew up in New York outside of Rochester and knew early on that he was called to serve the church.

"Some people have 'lightning bolts,' so to speak, where there's some dramatic life switch that says, 'I'm going to commit myself to service of God,'" Towers said. "From the earliest memories at age 6, I had a sense that I was going to be going into the ministry."

After graduating from high school, Towers attended Houghton College for his bachelor's degree and Bexley Hall at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School for his master's. He also obtained a certificate of advance study from Seabury Western Theological Seminary in Illinois and his doc-



Tim Freed

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— The Rev. Richard Towers

toral degree at Virginia Theological Seminary.

Following graduation from seminary and ordination, Towers served as a chaplain at the Bishop Brent School in the Philippines, as well as in Guam at St. John's School and Church.

That was followed by roles as associate dean for academic affairs at Seabury Western Theological Seminary and as a chaplain of St. Mark's School of Texas.

It was at St. Mark's that Towers met now-Trinity Head of School Byron Lawson, with whom he served for three years.

## MILITARY SERVICE

In 2010, Towers realized a dream that was many months in the making when he was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy. His father was a veteran of the Korean War, and Towers always had been interested in service as a chaplain in the military.

"At the time, there was a serious need for chaplains in the Navy," Towers said. "The age waiver was 41, so I joined the military at the unusually seasoned age of 41."

Towers served as chaplain in the military for eight years. One of the highlights included his time as a squadron chaplain for a U.S. Marines aviation squadron at the joint reserve base in Fort Worth.

"In some ways, my experience in the military was not unlike ministry with young adults — most of the people that I worked with in the military were fresh out of high school and facing the kind of stress that any young adult might face," Towers said. "With the added challenge of combat stress, they faced relational stress and occupational stress. (They faced) the challenges of being away from home often for

the first time in their life other than basic training."

Towers also was stationed in South Korea as a force chaplain, serving as the only chaplain supporting reserve activity on the South Korean peninsula.

"While I'd hoped to go to the Middle East, it was a real blessing to be able to serve in South Korea, because it was the 60th anniversary of the signing of the armistice," Towers said. "The South Korean government had invited service members who had served in the Korean War to come back. I got to conduct a series of war memorials on battlefields in South Korea with soldiers that had not been in Korea for 60 years."

"The highlight of my eight years in the Navy I think would be the chance to speak with and learn more about what life was like during the Korean War," he said.

## RETURN TO THE STATES

After returning from Korea, Towers went into the reserves and also worked as rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Ithaca, New York.

He then returned to Dallas, where he served as the chaplain of the Episcopal School of Dallas and associate priest of St. Michael and All Angels Church.

Towers just got out of the U.S. Navy in July after being out of active duty for several years. Back in June, Lawson reached out to Towers about coming to Trinity, and the former military chaplain gratefully accepted the new post.

Towers said he's excited to start his new role at Trinity Prep.

"The students have great spirit, are kind and thoughtful, and talented in many ways," Towers said. "The opportunity to grow in the practice of my ministry is obvious to me. I really look forward to becoming more embedded in the community and finding ways to help these fine young people get ready for college."

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**Friedrich Hayek**  
"Road to Serfdom," 1944

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# GOAA responds to complaints

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City Commissioners on Monday, Aug. 27, in response to frequent complaints from residents about airplanes that seem to be flying lower than usual.

Central Florida is a major artery for commercial flights because it's at the heart of where flights are allowed in the state, said CEO Phil Brown of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, which oversees operation management at Orlando International Airport and Orlando Executive Airport. Military bases lining the east and west coasts of Florida — along with the Kennedy Space Center — all have thousands of feet of restricted airspace.

"What that means as a practical matter is that you have allowed commercial flights to come right down the middle of the penin-

sula," Brown said. "They're either going to Miami, Ft. Lauderdale or, in some instances, Tampa."

Judith-Ann Jerrette, GOAA assistant director of operations and noise abatement officer, said Orlando International Airport is the busiest airport in the state, with more than 350,000 operations in the last 12 months.

"All of the air traffic has to be funneled not only from the United States but around the world down our narrow peninsula," she said.

Jerrette told commissioners the Federal Aviation Administration is responsible for air traffic in the United States, including routes and altitudes. Pilots heading south to MCO must cross Orlando Executive Airport at either 2,200 feet or 2,400 feet depending on the approach.

"Winter Park residents are mostly impacted by south-flow arrivals," Jerrette said. "From executive airport onwards, (pilots) have to steepen their descent, and the challenge is that aircraft today are designed to stay aloft."

Jerrette said she has heard the complaints from Winter Park residents that planes seem to be flying lower, but a study of flights passing over Winter Park from January 2016 to July 2018 shows the averages altitudes only varied by about 50 feet, although there were

some flights that flew lower since the final chart displayed averages, Jerrette said.

Although the altitudes may be consistent, the number of flights has increased. A year ago, MCO averaged 868 daily flights; today the airport sees more than 1,000 daily flights, said Jerrette, adding that flights also start earlier and go later into the night, sometimes taking off at 1 a.m.

"There's a very narrow time of quiet," Jerrette said.

The number of flights going directly over Winter Park may increase even further with the implementation of NextGen, a new air-traffic control system. NextGen has yet to arrive at Florida airports but is expected to be implemented by next year.

"Residents will often ask, 'Can we impose curfews at MCO?'" Jerrette said. "We cannot. The restrictions on aircraft types and hours of operation fall entirely within the purview of the federal government."

The presentation left commissioners with a major question: What now?

"What I'm hearing from you is not only can we not expect improvement, but it's probably going to get worse with the implementation of NextGen at the airport," City Commissioner Carolyn

## IN OTHER NEWS

■ Winter Park City Commissioners discussed potential parking code changes and instructed staff to further develop an ordinance to bring before the Planning and Zoning Board.

■ Jennifer Wandersleben, CEO of Winter Park Hospital, with a design team from RLF, gave a presentation of the Lakemont beautification program set for Winter Park Memorial Hospital as a screen and sound buffer for the Central Energy Plant facilities.

Cooper said. "Is there an avenue that we should be aware of that we could pursue in an organized fashion so that we might actually be able to have some impact? You hate to tell people, 'There's no hope.' I certainly don't want to do that."

Staff was instructed to work with the GOAA to obtain data regarding how many planes were flying outside the average altitudes.

"I don't think the situation is hopeless," Mayor Steve Leary said. "I appreciate that there's going to be outreach to the community (with NextGen). ... We will certainly be there."

## CONTACT

Anyone with questions regarding the noise or the noise abatement committee can email judith-ann.jarrette@gooaa.org or call (407) 825-2674.

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# Local schools raise funds for new year

It's the beginning of the academic year, but schools such as Brookshire Elementary and Maitland Middle schools are planning fundraisers to help fund both big and small projects.

**TROY HERRING**  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Whether it's for tech upgrades, remodeling or specialty training, there is always work that needs to be done in and around schools.

That's why entities such as the Brookshire Fund and Maitland Middle School Fund exist in the first place — to raise money for a variety of projects.

Although the new year just started in the last two weeks, it's never too early to start planning fundraisers to help fill the needs of a school — especially when it comes to the bigger projects, said Teresa Donaldson, who helps lead the Brookshire Fund.

"We were set up several years ago by a group of parents who wanted to fund for larger ticket projects — some of the projects that the school may need, that the school's individual budget may not allow for," Donaldson said. "Or maybe some enhancements the principal or leadership at the school may not think are a priority, but the parents really want to provide those kind of opportunities for the school."

At Brookshire, one of the big projects left over from last year

is a large covered awning that will cover the outdoor area of the cafeteria. Donaldson said the umbrellas that shade the tables have been replaced numerous times because of weather.

Although the project was supposed to be done over summer, a delay pushed plans back. Right now, the awning is planned to be finished by sometime in September.

But as far as projects looking to be funded this year, Donaldson said there are a few items of want that teachers have let the fund know by means of a survey.

"A lot of teachers are looking for additional reading resources — like new books or different reading resources, and that's an area where teachers feel like we need more tools," Donaldson said. "I think that is going to be a big focus — whether it's a new reading room or literally new sets of grade level books."

To help fund for these new reading resources, as well as possible new tech for classrooms — which came in a close second on the survey — the fund is planning a couple of fundraising events between now and the end of the year.

Parents were invited to a fall kickoff Aug. 25 to discuss the upcoming projects in a simple meet-and-greet with Donaldson and the fund.

Then on Oct. 20, the fund will

host its annual bash — a signature event held at East End Market.

## NEW COMPUTERS FOR TEACHERS AT MAITLAND

At Maitland Middle School, the need for new computers is the project the Maitland Fund has adopted this year.

After talking with school administrators and teachers, there is currently a tremendous need for new devices, said Whitney Langholz, president of the Maitland Fund.

"My question is always, 'What is your dream?... and so he (Principal Andrew Leftakis) just kind of sat down and talked about some of the things he would like to see happen at the school if he had money to spend,'" Langholz said. "Maitland is a great school — we are lucky to be going to school there — but we can also enhance things that happen in the classroom and the instructional opportunities that are at the school."

Replacing teacher's computers will be a big task for the fund — currently, there are around 51 computers utilized by the staff. Each costs about \$1,000.

The highest of goals was to reach the \$50,000 mark in donations," Langholz said. Currently, the fund has raised \$11,000, and that was before school started."

To help fund the new computers — and other, smaller projects

— the fund organized a back-to-school event Aug. 22 at The Copper Rocket for teachers and parents. A casino night fundraiser will take place Oct. 11.

"That should be a decent moneymaker for us, as well as acting as a 'friendraiser,'" Langholz said. "We just need people to know that we are there, and we just need people to come out and have fun."

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— Whitney Langholz



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# Reeves, Goff-Marcil win nominations

**TIM FREED**  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Three candidates from Winter Park and Maitland celebrated victories after the Tuesday, Aug. 28 primary, while two other local candidates fell short in the races for governor and county mayor.

These are the unofficial election results, as provided by the Orange County Supervisor of Elections as of press time Wednesday.

#### STATE REP. DISTRICT 47

Winter Park resident Stockton Reeves said he wanted to make a difference in Tallahassee, and now he's moved another step closer to doing just that as he captured the Republican nomination for State Rep. District 47. He defeated opponent Mikaela Nix with 7,853 votes (54.55%). Nix finished with 6,544 votes (45.45%).

"After knocking on 2,569 houses personally and losing 16 pounds and being out there and talking to as many people as we talked to, it's just an overwhelming sense of relief," Reeves said. "It's not so much joy as it is relief, and knowing that there's a lot of hard work ahead. I'm not afraid of that hard work. In fact, I'm looking forward to it."

#### U.S. REP. DISTRICT 7

Stephanie Murphy moved one step closer to retaining her U.S. Rep. District 7 seat as she handily defeated Chardo Richardson for the Democratic nomination. The Winter Park local captured 21,506 Orange County votes (86.67%). Richardson finished with 3,307 votes (13.33%).

"I am incredibly honored to earn



Tim Freed  
Valerie; Nathalie, 11; Stockton and Isaac Stockton Reeves, 16, celebrated Stockton's victory in the Florida primary Tuesday.

the Democratic nomination for Congress, and I look forward to a civil general election campaign based on ideas, values, and our different visions for the future of this nation," Murphy said in a prepared statement. "My campaign is about jobs, security and equality, and I'm proud of the grassroots support we've received across Central Florida."

#### STATE REP. DISTRICT 30

Joy Goff-Marcil moved up in the world on the political spectrum and captured the Democratic nomination for State Rep. District 30. She served on the Maitland City Council since 2013 but decided to broaden her scope as a public servant.

She defeated opponents Clark Anderson and Brendan Ramirez

with a total of 2,323 votes (50.65%). Ramirez earned 1,174 votes (25.60%) and Anderson finished with 1,089 votes (23.75%).

#### ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 1

Angie Gallo captured the District 1 seat, which represents Winter Park, with 11,828 votes (50.05%). She defeated Heather Traynham, who acquired 7,381 votes (31.23%), and Terry Rooth, who had 4,425 votes (18.72%).

#### ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 6

Karen Castor Dentel won the School Board seat that represents Maitland and College Park with her 15,168 votes (51.94%). She defeated Patricia Fox, who finished with 10,250 votes (35.10%),

and Charlene Roberts Norato, who earned 3,784 votes (12.96%).

#### FLORIDA GOVERNOR

Winter Park businessman Chris King will not be Florida's next governor.

After traveling across the state pushing his campaign, King finished with 4,495 Orange County votes (4.55%) and fell short of the Democratic nomination for governor.

Opponent Andrew Gillum won the election in the biggest surprise of the night with the help of 39,952 Orange County votes (40.42%).

King addressed a group of ardent supporters at The Alfond Inn following the election.

"Eighteen months ago, we began this journey," he said. "We began this campaign to try and change the future of Florida politics. Together, you and I answered the call to serve. The forces against us, as we soon found out, were strong: the political establishment, Big Sugar, the NRA, transitional politicians and transactional politicians. But I didn't quit, and you didn't quit on me."

#### ORANGE COUNTY MAYOR

Former Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings will continue to serve Orange County as its next mayor.

Demings won 114,563 votes (61.62%), easily besting challengers Pete Clarke, who received 40,901 votes (22%), and Winter Park resident Rob Panepinto, who earned 30,445 votes (16.38%).

From his watch party Tuesday at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center's Heroes Ballroom, Demings said he was ready to begin

work as Orange County's next mayor.

"I promise to put the people first over politics as we continue to make Orange County a great place to live, work and do business," he said.

"To the voters, thank you," Demings said. "I owe you a debt of gratitude for entrusting me to be the fifth elected mayor of Orange County. My victory tonight speaks volumes of just how far this community has come. The son of a maid and a taxicab driver has been elected. I hope that this inspires every boy or a girl, because if you work hard and you play by the rules, you can become whoever you dream to be."

#### ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

Former Orange County Mayor Teresa Jacobs won her new position as chair of the Orange County School Board.

Jacobs emerged from a field of four with 95,442 votes (52.18%). That total was enough to boost her over challengers Matthew Fitzpatrick, 30,537 votes (16.70%); Robert Prater, 9,756 votes (5.33%); and Nancy Robinson, 47,174 votes (25.79%).

In her victory speech Tuesday at MetroWest Golf Club, Jacobs vowed this was just the beginning of her influence in local public education and noted school safety and teachers as priorities.

"Those teachers are so, incredibly important, and we as a society have forgotten that," she said. "We've forgotten to pay them for the important job that they do, and we've got to do better."

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# Curry Bowl opens in Maitland

The new restaurant features traditional Indian food as well as Indo-Chinese dishes.

## THREE TO TRY

**TROY HERRING**  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

■ **Tandoori chicken.** Chicken marinated with Curry Bowl special spices and grilled in traditional clay tandoori oven.

■ **Chicken tikka.** Boneless chicken marinated with creamy tikka sauce and grilled in traditional clay tandoori oven.

■ **Lamb curry.** Tender lamb marinated and cooked in a curry.

If you've been waiting for a new restaurant to spice up the Maitland food scene, the folks at Curry Bowl may have just what you need.

Located at the corner of South Keller Road and Fennell Street, the Curry Bowl is offering traditional Indian and Indo-Chinese cuisine for locals looking for something new.

The restaurant, which held its grand opening on Saturday, July 28, began a new adventure for husband and wife duo Sanjeeva and Pushpa Vallura, and chef/partner Venkateswara Gunga.

"We observed that there was no proper food — especially Asian," Sanjeeva said. "So we targeted this audience to go out and have this authentic Indian — we know how to prepare authentic Indian dishes not only (from) South India, but we also (create) Indo-Chinese items."

The dishes served up at Curry Bowl concentrate on four main Indian dishes: curries, biryanis, tandoori and dosas.

Of all of the restaurant's items, curry is probably one of the most familiar for Americans, Sanjeeva said, which makes it a good place to start for those new to Indian food. Curry refers to a number of dishes from South India that generally feature the use of complex combinations of spices or herbs.

One popular Curry Bowl special is the tandoori chicken half, which consists of chicken marinated with the restaurant's own special spices and grilled in a traditional clay tandoori oven. The tandoori is a favorite of his, Sanjeeva said.

"I always enjoy the chicken tandoori," Sanjeeva said. "It's very good, so I always go with that."

Another delicious meal locals will be able to try is the chicken tikka — a dish that includes boneless chicken marinated with creamy tikka sauce. Like many of the dishes, the chicken is grilled in the clay oven.

Many of the dishes you find at Curry Bowl feature the ever popular use of chicken, but there are a variety of meats as you make your way through the menu.

Fish and shrimp can be found in the non-vegetarian appetizers, while lamb and goat are offered up in a variety of their own meals; such as the lamb curry — which includes tender lamb marinated and cooked in a curry — and goat



Courtesy photo

The Curry Bowl seeks to spice up the Maitland food scene with its Indian dishes.

chettinadu, which is goat cooked with natural spices, coconut milk and pepper.

If you are new to Indian cuisine, the names and ingredients may be a bit intimidating. Luckily, Sanjeeva and his staff are always open to helping you find a nice entry into the world of Indian food.

"Most of the time, our staff will advise them on the dishes and tell them about the dishes," Sanjeeva said. "Aside from curry items, we always advise them to try (items like) the chicken tikka."

For those looking for meals with no chicken — or meat in general — Curry Bowl also has a selection of vegetarian meals.

From the restaurant's aloo mutter (potato cooked with green peas and Curry Bowl's own onion gravy)

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to the chaina masala (chickpeas cooked with North Indian spices), Curry Bowl is sure to have something for folks wanting a healthy meal as well — satisfying everyone's hunger.

"Most of the people they like vegetarian stuff, because they're health conscious," Sanjeeva said. "People love those items and they're always attracted to traditional masalas."

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## Maitland Middle PTA kicks off fundraising at Copper Rocket



Lise Davis, Ashley Finfrock, PTA President Mary Sue Halligan and Kim Astorga were happy with the night.

**M**embers of the Maitland Middle School Fund and Parent-Teacher Association had a blast at their kickoff party Wednesday, Aug. 22, at the Copper Rocket Pub.

Parents had drinks and fun while raising more than \$1,500 for the middle school.

— HARRY SAYER



Jacki Sabo, Becky Dotson and Hope McDavid had a ball together.

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Rollins students worked together on a large, colorful mural inside the library at Killarney.



Ben Panak poured out some paint for Katrina Conrad as they and other students participated in SPARC Day.

## Rollins ignites community service with 13th SPARC Day

**M**ore than 650 freshman and new transfer students descended upon several locations throughout Winter Park to participate in the Rollins College's 13th annual SPARC Day Saturday, Aug. 25. SPARC — which stands for Service, Passion, Action, Rollins College — has become an integral part of the school's orientation.

From mural painting and general upkeep at Killarney Elementary to the outdoor beautification at Winter Park Day Nursery, students provided numerous services throughout the morning.

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Benjamin Balak, associate professor of economics at Rollins, organized books in Killarney's library.

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# SPORTS

Edgewater High School senior Donea Sykes is a captain of the school's cheerleading squad. **Page 12.**



## HIGH 5

**1** In Winter Park volleyball's 3-1 (25-8, 25-14, 25-17) win over East River, Emily Jordan shined as she picked up 16 kills, while Lillian Baker had 11 kills and nine digs.

**2** Orangewood running back Anthony Brown had a stellar game in the Rams' 27-7 win over Cocoa Beach. The star junior carried the rock 13 times for a whopping 203 yards and two touchdowns.

**3** Sam Spade led the Edgewater Eagles boys golf team to its first win of the season. He shot 41 in the Eagles' 180-181 victory over Apopka.

**4** Sophomore outside hitter Jordan Hardy had quite a night against Harmony in Trinity Prep volleyball's 3-0 win (25-15, 25-21, 25-16). She picked up 15 kills and 19 digs for the Saints.

**5** Edgewater junior linebacker D.J. Hampton played a pivotal role in the Eagles' big win over Bishop Moore. His blocked punt — which he also returned for a touchdown — helped put the Eagles up for good over the Hornets in a 24-20 win. The Eagles' victory broke a 27-year losing streak to the Hornets.



Troy Herring

Winter Park wide receiver Marcus Parke hurdled over a defender as he made his way downfield during the Wildcats win over Lake Nona.

## Wildcats roll in season-opener

It may only be the first week of the football season, but things are already getting interesting for local teams.

**TROY HERRING**  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**F**ootball season is here, and it has started off with a bang for schools in the area.

Winter Park, Orangewood and Trinity Prep had explosive offensive nights, while Edgewater finally was able to take down longtime rival Bishop Moore in a game that will go down in the annals of the Eagles' football program.

There were blowouts, highlight-reel moments and the usual pomp and circumstance that comes with the start of football season — and we're here for all of it.

**SEE FOOTBALL PAGE 11**

## Winter Park alum earns silver at world competition

Francesca Raggi helped lead the U.S. women's eight crew to a second-place finish at the World Rowing Junior Championships.

**TROY HERRING**  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Halfway across the world, one local helped make a difference — a silver- and gold-medal-winning kind of difference.

It was in the city of Racice in the Czech Republic that Maitland native — and recent Winter Park High alum — Francesca Raggi found herself standing up on a podium with a silver medal wrapped around her neck.

Standing alongside her teammates, Raggi showed off a big grin as the U.S. women's eight crew took home a second-place fin-

ish at the World Rowing Junior Championships.

Thanks to their medal, and the work of all the other boys and girls crews who raced, Raggi was able to help the United States do something it had never done before — win the overall medal count and take first place.

"It's really inspiring to be around them, so getting to the Czech Republic, everyone was just so focused on their goal and everyone really worked together — especially in my boat," Raggi said. "We really all pulled together to create such a good environment. We weren't just teammates; we



Courtesy photo

Francesca Raggi, far left, celebrated with her teammates at the World Rowing Junior Championships.

were all really good friends and took care of each other."

The process of just getting to Worlds was a long haul in for Raggi and the other girls. To be selected,

they first had to be invited to the U.S. Rowing Selection Camp in Connecticut, which only picks the top-60 rowers in the country. While there for two weeks, the

athletes endured nonstop training and head-to-head competitions before being selected as the final 20 for the team.

**SEE ROWING PAGE 12**

# Football season is here!

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

## WILDCATS ON PARADE

Some teams make winning games look easy, and Winter Park is one of those teams.

At least that was the case when the Wildcats (1-0) ran over Lake Nona (0-1) with the force of a Mack truck.

Although the Lions' defense held the Wildcats in check for the first quarter — only giving up an Alec Boe 36-yard field goal — a 43-yard pick-six by Wildcats' CB Daniel Edwards seemed to fire the home side up to 11.

Seemingly every time the packed crowd at Showalter Field could look up at the scoreboard, the Wildcats had scored another touchdown.

The biggest explosion for the boys in black and orange came in the form of senior RB Tyrone Davis, whose 120 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries made the Lions' defense feel completely nonexistent. Davis alone averaged enough yards per carry (8.6) to come close to picking up first downs for the 'Cats by himself.

"I felt like our line came together — it was a little shaky in the first half, and then we had to pick it up," said Davis after Friday's game against Lake Nona. "All of them came together, and we were just rolling."

A big story coming into this season for the Wildcats was seeing who would replace last year's starter — and team co-captain — Cameron LeGree. The answer: senior Gino English.



Troy Herring  
The Wildcats celebrated a big win.

Despite a passing line of 8-for-20, English still picked up 141 passing yards while grabbing three touchdowns overall (two passing and one rushing).

The Wildcats will face off next against another offense-driven team in Oviedo (1-0) — which beat Timber Creek 48-0 last week. The game will take place Friday, Aug. 31.

## EAGLES TAKE THE BATTLE OF COLLEGE PARK

Some games simply feel bigger than the others. In Edgewater's case, the Battle of College Park is just that.

But for a rivalry to be taken seriously, you have to show you can win games every now and then — something the Eagles (1-0) have struggled to do against Bishop Moore (0-1) for almost three decades.

On Friday, Aug. 24, however, the Eagles put an end to a 27-year drought as they squeaked by the Hornets in a 24-20 win.

Despite a huge night from Hornets' WR Dylan Brazil — who tossed a 41-yard bomb for a touchdown and picked up 97 yards and two TDs on five passes — it was Eagles' SS/OLB DJ Hampton and senior QB RJ Harvey who stole the show.

Hampton pulled off a blocked punt in the second quarter, which he promptly recovered in the end zone for the touchdown. The score would put the Eagles up for good.

Meanwhile, Harvey — who tossed the rock for 73 yards and a touchdown on five-for-16 passing — ran circles around the Hornets' defense for 162 yards and another touchdown.

The Eagles hope to follow up their big win with another as they travel to Colonial (0-0) to take on the Grenadiers Friday, Aug. 31. The Hornets will attempt to get back to .500 against Lake Brantley (1-0).

## SAINTS ON HIGH

Last season, Trinity Prep went 8-2 behind an offense that averaged almost 45 points per game, as they almost outscored opponents two to one.

Well, this year seems to be on the same kind of offensive pace.



Tim Freed  
Edgewater High School won a close game over rival Bishop Moore.

The Saints (1-0) went on a rampage in their 42-0 blanking of Four Corners (0-1).

It shouldn't be a surprise that the high-flying Saints would continue their offensive onslaught as the offense returned six starters from last year — including key cogs in the machine with QB Spencer Fetter and WRs Kenny Hill and Tommy Tight. Fetter alone has made up a large part of the offense during his time with the Saints. Last year, he threw for more than 2,600 yards while scoring 31 touchdowns.

If trends are to be believed, the Saints upcoming game against the high scoring Master's Academy (1-0) on Friday, Aug. 31, could require multiple scoreboards to keep track with the scoring put up by both sides.

## THE RUNNIN' RAMS

Plenty of players around the area had highlight moments Friday night, but fewer had a game that was nothing but highlights.

In Orangewood Christian's 27-7 win over Cocoa Beach, junior RB Anthony Brown had a night to remember as he rushed for a whopping 203 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries.

Although the offense was a bit sluggish out of the gate — not scoring until the second quarter — once Brown got into his groove, nothing was going to stop him.

As soon as the junior found the smallest of openings, he burst through and streaked past defenders like they were standing still.

Credit also should be given to the Rams' defense, as it stifled any kind of offense the Minutemen threw at them. It surrendered only 179 total yards and a lone touchdown in fourth quarter when the game was well out of reach.

Luckily for Brown and the rest of the team, the Rams will get a bit of time off as they get the early BYE this week, before taking on The Master's Academy Friday, Sep. 7.

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### SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

# Donea Sykes

Edgewater High School senior Donea Sykes is going into her final year with the cheerleading squad and has worked her way up to captain after four years on the team. She is looking forward to an exciting year of cheering on the Eagles on Friday nights, and hopes to see the cheerleading team chase a state championship in competition season.

#### THE BASICS

AGE: 17  
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don't show. I want to know more about the side that they don't show.

#### Do you plan to do cheerleading in college?

Most definitely, yes. I want to go to Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, and I want to become a Rattler, which is the name of their cheer team.

#### What do you want to study in college?

Social work. I love working with kids.

#### How do you work on cheering and getting better?

I try to stay within the school, but we have outside workshops, we go train in gyms, and professionals come to us. We have the UCA, which is like professional cheer people who come to us in the summer, and they help us work on our skills.

#### What do you think of being a captain and taking on that leadership role?

I feel like I was made for this spot. It's something I'm good at. It comes like second nature to me.

#### What TV show are you watching right now?

"How to Get Away with Murder." It's good.

#### What do you eat on your sub?

When I go to Publix, I put everything on it except for onions.

#### If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

To read people's minds, I always want to know what other people are thinking. I feel like there's two sides to every person: the side they show and the side they



## Rowing to a medal

#### CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Following the selection process, the team made its way to Princeton University, where it trained for one-and-a-half months.

It's this constant work, team-building and past competition that Raggi said really helped the U.S. team flourish at this year's Worlds.

"Last summer I raced in Trakai, Lithuania, but we got seventh, so we didn't get a medal," she said. "Having that experience going into this summer really helped kind of stress the team and boat dynamics that we wanted, and everyone has the same goal to medal at worlds."

Before she was medaling in international competitions, the Maitland native was making a name for herself as one of the best rowers at Winter Park High.

In her freshman year at Winter Park, Raggi impressed Crew

Coach Mike Vertullo so much he dedicated time to helping her with technique and other aspects of the sport — it's ultimately what drove her to keep going.

"She was a great student-athlete," said Vertullo, who has been the school's crew coach for 20 years. "Making the varsity as a freshman — I think she was the fourth girl ever — was quite an accomplishment, and she has won three state titles, two national silver medals and (was) team captain her senior year."

Along with her list of accolades as an athlete at Winter Park, Raggi also became the school's first representative for the U.S. Team when she was selected last year.

Although this year's competition will be the last year she will be eligible for the Under-19 championships, Raggi has a lot of rowing ahead of her. She joins the University of Texas' rowing team this fall.

# ARTS + CULTURE

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Photos by Harry Sayer

Jan Kaláb traveled from the Czech Republic to install his work in the Polasek Museum.

## Baring his soul

Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens will feature artist Jan Kaláb in its latest exhibition.

HARRY SAYER | BLACK TIE REPORTER

**M**uch like the world itself, art culture has changed over the last 100 years. A century ago, the nation of Czechoslovakia was founded following World War I. In 1901, Czech woodcarver Albin Polasek immigrated to the United States and discovered a talent for sculpting.

He quickly received national renown before retiring to Winter Park in 1950 and, in 1961, establishing the Albin Polasek Foundation and Museum. Seventeen years later, Czech citizen Jan Kaláb was born and also discovered a talent for creating sculptures.

**SEE KALÁB PAGE 16**

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## Look what the cats dragged in: Enzian partners with animal rescue

**HARRY SAYER**  
BLACK TIE REPORTER

The Enzian is often home to enthusiastic moviegoers.

Come Sept. 2, however, it'll have a new clientele — a bundle of adoptable kittens.

Pet Rescue by Judy, an animal adoption nonprofit, and the Enzian are partnering for the first CatVideoFest event at the Maitland movie theater to support animal adoption. And of course, some cats and kittens are coming along for the ride.

"I'm ecstatic over this," said Judy Sarullo, owner of Pet Rescue by Judy. "It's about bringing awareness to people about the wonderful cats and kittens that are in the world and to show them off. Show how cuddly and independent and smart they are."

The idea is the marriage between Sarullo and Enzian marketing manager Valerie Cisneros. After all, Cisneros is a life-long supporter of cats and kittens alike.

"It's all just sort of come together," Cisneros said. "The community's really excited, and certainly I'm very excited. It's two of my favorite things that have come together."

The 70-minute video that's being played at the Enzian is a compilation of home videos and

internet clips of cats and kittens doing what they do best — being as cute as they can be.

Ten percent of the event's ticket sales will benefit Pet Rescue by Judy.

"Cats unfortunately multiply more than puppies do, go through kitten season, but it doesn't stop," Sarullo said.

"There's so many thousands of kitties put to sleep. ... It happens constantly: You find them on streets, others are abandoned, sometimes the mother goes out and gets picked up or run over. ... There's so many things that happen; there's so many babies out there that need to be fed and raised and loved and found a new home."

The nonprofit, located in Sanford, takes care of about 40 cats at a time, in addition to others socializing at foster homes. Sarullo estimates there are nearly 1,500 cats under Pet Rescue's care each year.

The show is sold out, but the kitties themselves are available for adoption during the premiere in the lobby.

Ultimately, Sarullo stresses owners to spray and neuter their pets.

"(We've) got to educate people to spay and neuter, spay and neuter," she said. "Stop killing thousands and thousands of animals every day."



### CATVIDEOFEST

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**SATURDAY, SEPT. 1**

**VIVACITY —  
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8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts, 1905 Kentucky Ave., Winter Park. Vivacity brings you the glitter, glamour and hot jazz of the 1920s for another Great Gatsby event. Take your dance shoes and get ready to swing dance the night away to classic tunes from the 1920s to 1950s, or come to enjoy the fabulous music of the Vivacity band, featuring Heather Thorn on xylophone and guest drummer Eddie Metz. Tickets are \$25 and \$20 for students. Visit vivacity-music.com for more information about the band. To buy tickets, visit bluebambooartcenter.com.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 6**

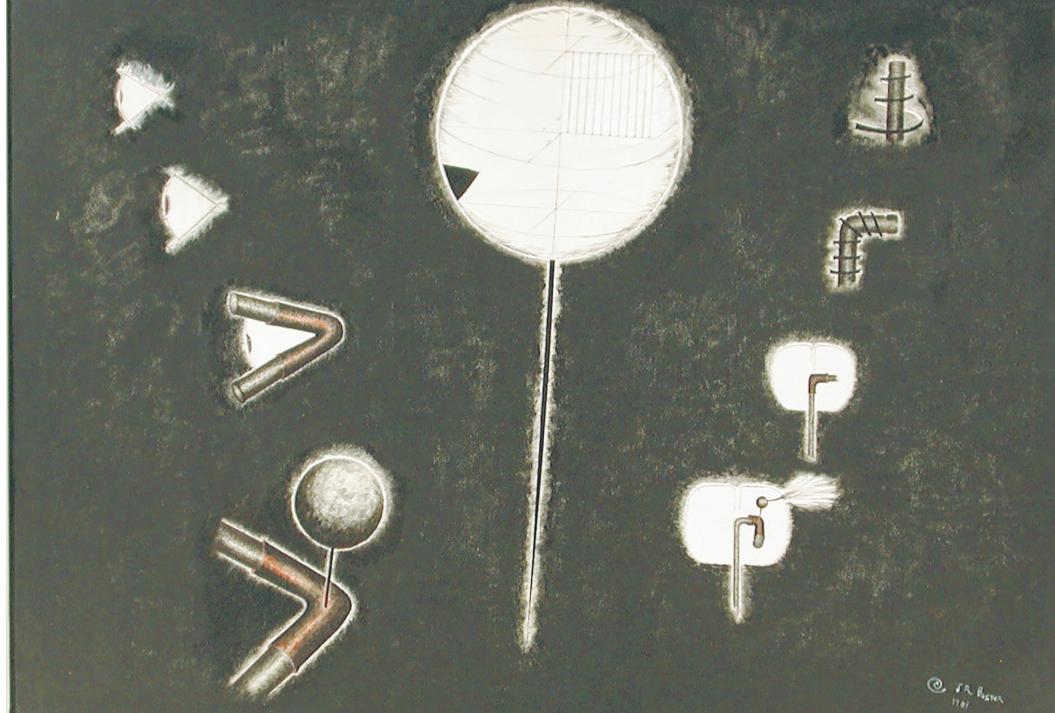
**'SOLDIER'S HOME: VETERANS'  
ART IN CENTRAL FLORIDA'**

Thursday, Sept. 6, through Monday, Jan. 7, 2019, at the Maitland Art Center, 231 W. Packwood Ave., Maitland. "Soldier's Home: Veterans' Art in Central Florida" in the Maitland Art Center showcases founder J. André Smith's works that record his wartime experience. In addition, honoring his legacy as a veteran artist, it also exhibits art works by local veteran artists William Gura, Michael Moffett and Jim Hosner. This exhibition provides an opportunity to take a look at the impact of war on individuals as well as the various meanings of art-making for these artists working in diverse media and styles. This exhibit is curated by Dr. Rangsook Yoon. For more information, visit artandhistory.org or call (407) 539-2181.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 7**

**'FROM MUSE TO MASTER:  
CELEBRATING WOMEN ARTISTS'**

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays in September at Rollins College, 1000 Holt Ave., Winter Park. "From Muse to Master: Celebrating Women Artists" is a special class that discusses a variety of women artists throughout art history. Beginning in the Middle Ages, students will explore the work and lives of a selection of female artists all the way through to the 21st



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**SATURDAY, SEPT. 8**

**SPINNING TIME WITH ART**

10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 8, at Phelps Park, 1200 N. Phelps Ave., Winter Park. Art is a creative way to express yourself and expand your imagination. During this event, attendees will choose different colored paints and squeeze drops of the chosen paints on the wheel to create crazy patterns. When finished, the

wheel will stop spinning, and the true art will be displayed.

**ONGOING**

**'THE SOUL OF  
GRAFFITI: JAN KALÁB'**

Through Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens, 633 Osceola Ave., Winter Park. The Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens is pleased to announce its fall exhibit, "The Soul of Graffiti: Jan Kaláb." The exhibit will be held in partnership with the Embassy of the Czech Republic to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Czechoslovakia. Contemporary Prague artist Jan Kaláb is known internationally for his innovative 3-D graffiti. Born in 1978 in Czechoslovakia at a time when graffiti was a form of protest in Eastern Europe, he made a name for himself in the 1990s as the country was opening itself up

to Western influences. Kaláb later became known across Europe as "Cakes" and took his art to New York in 2000, making an impression while painting train cars alongside other well-known graffiti artists. Since 2007 Kaláb has experimented with abstractions on canvas, earning him solo exhibitions in Argentina, Germany, Paris, London, New York and Miami. The exhibit will include sculptures, 3-D canvases, select new works, and an original installation. For more information, call (407) 647-6294.

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# Kaláb's Soul of Graffiti

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On Aug. 28, Kaláb's work made its way to Winter Park as the Polasek's Musem's featured exhibit — "The Soul of Graffiti."

## SPIRIT OF DARKNESS

All of this history and timing is no coincidence for museum curator Rachel Frisby — finding a way to capture the shifting Czechoslovakian art culture throughout the years has been on her mind.

Frisby, with the help of a friend at the Czech embassy in Washington, D.C., put together a list of prominent and up-and-coming Czech artists that could be showcased at the Polasek. She ultimately decided on Kaláb earlier this year because of his journey from a young graffiti artist to his international 3-D sculpture work.

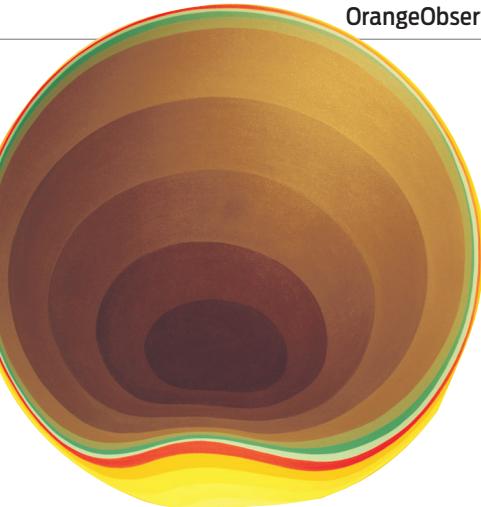
"It was his background, his personal evolution as an artist," Frisby said. "To me, it mirrors the country of Czechoslovakia and, through its independence, its new shape and cultural direction. I think Jan's artistic career has also mirrored that."

The 40-year-old artist from eastern Prague discovered his love of graffiti art when he was

just 15 and quickly became known across Europe for his work under the pseudonym "Cakes" — when he wasn't getting caught by the police, that is.

"Graffiti was something unknown," Kaláb said. "I was amazed by all the colors and the spirit of darkness, it was great for a kid (at 15).... Sometimes you go out, paint somewhere and are chased. Sometimes you escape; sometimes you're caught. You go to prison for one night but no serious troubles."

Eventually, Kaláb transitioned from spraying 2-D graffiti art on the streets — he said there was only so much he wanted to do with graffiti — to attending a fine-arts academy in Prague and creating 3-D abstract sculptures in a studio. It was that style of work that has been put on display in museums across the globe. In Kaláb's eyes, the 3-D



The interior of the Polasek is filled with colorful designs.

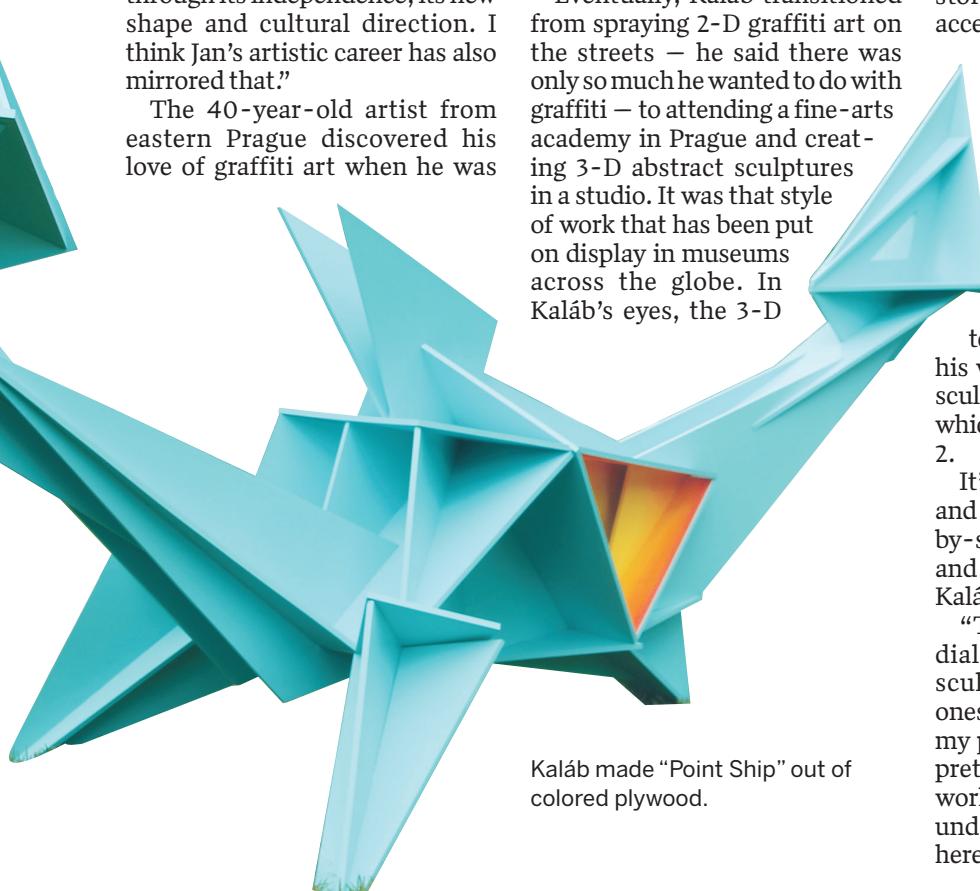
pieces that can be created and installed onto walls tell the same story as graffiti but in a more accepted way.

## CONTRAST

Although Albin Polasek, the museum's founder, created anatomically-realistic depictions of men and women, Kaláb instead opts to create eccentric, twisted shapes made of resin or plywood. He flew to Winter Park from Prague to install his work, consisting of both 3-D sculptures and abstract paintings, which will be on display until Dec. 2.

It's the contrast of those Polasek and Kaláb designs, standing side-by-side in the front of the museum and in the sculpture garden, that Kaláb enjoys.

"To me, I wanted to create a dialogue between my modern sculptures and his traditional ones," Kaláb said. "When I look to my piece and I see his, I think it's pretty weird and interesting. His work is very classical and easy to understand. Because of him, I'm here, so I have a great respect."



Kaláb made "Point Ship" out of colored plywood.

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# Brutally honest

In its upcoming show, "Soldier's Home: Veteran's Art in Central Florida," the Maitland Art Center will feature the artwork of three military veterans.

**TROY HERRING**  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

As Michael Moffett peered out of the small window of his commercial flight, he was struck by the surreal nature of his situation.

He was no longer in the friendly confines of the Sunshine State. Instead, he was looking down at a tarmac lined with F-4 Phantoms that sat alongside military buildings that were barricaded with sandbags.

It was 1969, and Moffett and those fellow Marines aboard his flight were landing in the Vietnamese coastal city of Da Nang — four years after American forces became physically involved in the ongoing Vietnam War.

"The first thing I remember (was) when they cracked the door open and you stepped outside, the heat hit you — I think it was 110 when I got there," Moffett said. "And there was a smell in the air, and the smell — I don't know what it was a combination of — it was just very distinct. To me it was like, 'Welcome to Vietnam.'"

For the next year, Moffett served as a communications/radio specialist — trekking through the Vietnamese jungles and the Ho Chih Minh Trail.

Fast forward 49 years, and that time in Vietnam — though relatively brief — has continued to play an important role throughout Moffett's life, including in his art.

Moffett, alongside Central

Florida artists and veterans William Gura and Jim Hosner, will be a part of the Maitland Art Center's upcoming exhibit, "Soldier's Home: Veteran's Art in Central Florida."

The exhibit — which takes its name from a short story by Ernest Hemingway about the return of a World War I veteran who suffers severely from the atrocities he saw during the war — was inspired by the arrival of the centennial anniversary of the United States' entry into World War I. It also celebrates Maitland Art Center founder and WWI veteran J. Andre Smith.

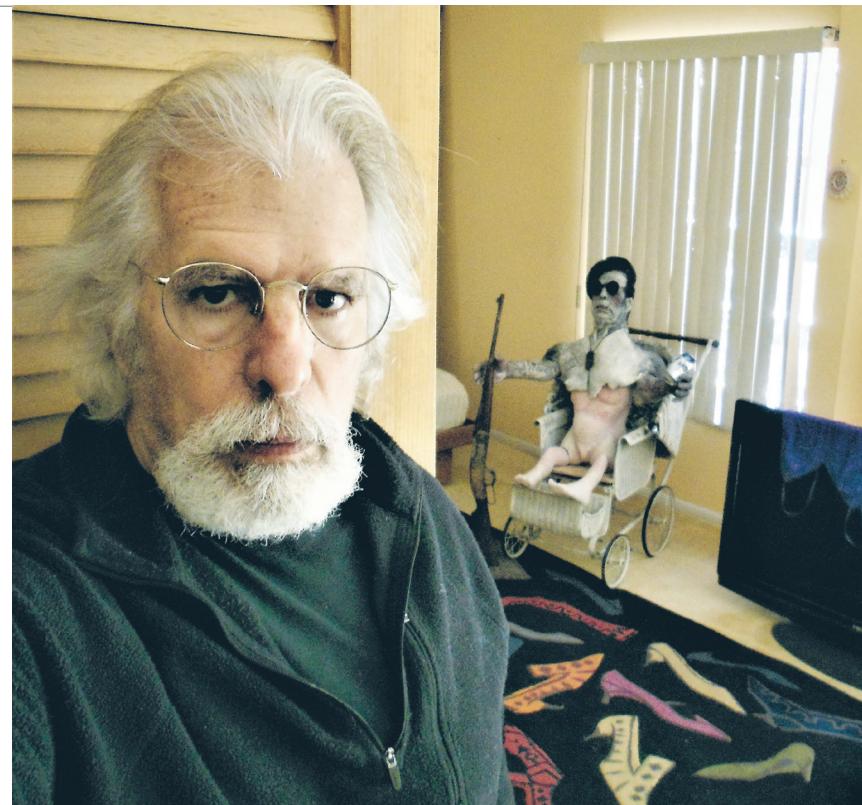
"It's 2018, and we still feel and hear that the veterans are not always taken care of, and that their stories are not heard well," said Rangsook Yoon, director of experiences and curator at the center. "They feel the disjunction between their wartime experiences and civilian life afterwards."

The difficulties faced by those who have fought wars varies from individual to individual. In the case of Moffett, the war in Vietnam led him to an observation that fits the mold Yoon was looking to explore in the exhibit: Veterans, whether broken or not upon their arrival, come home to people that don't understand them or their situation.

While Moffett utilizes a slew of media — including sculpture, painting and drawing — its his sculpture work that really hits the hardest.

One of his most notable pieces, titled "Portable War Memorial," is a critical observation of society's knack for placing veterans on proverbial pedestals while simultaneously casting them aside and ignoring their needs.

The sculpture features two separate pieces: The first is that of a man whose torso is attached to a tank that sits atop a red base. His left eye is covered by an eyepatch, and a half-burned cigarette sits between his tense lips. The



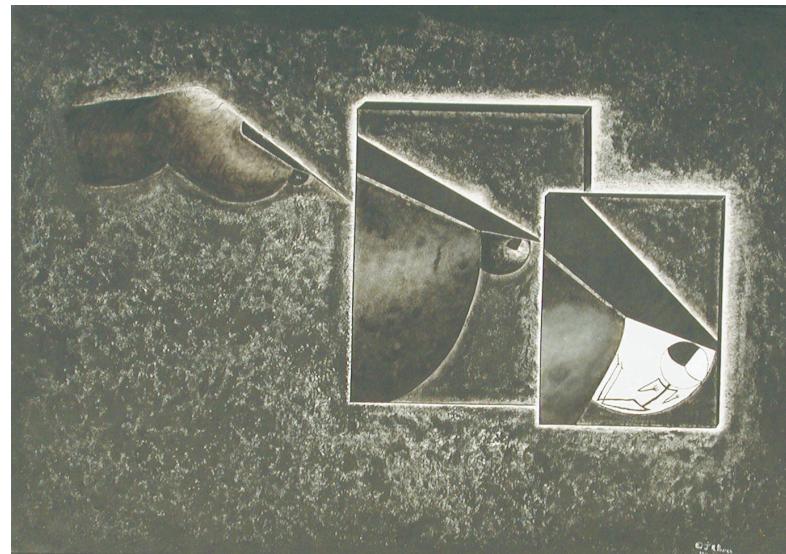
Clockwise from left:

Michael Moffett with one of his sculptures.

Jim Hosner, *The Big Lie*

William Gura, *Sailor's Lament*

Courtesy photos



anguish in his facial expression reads of great stress, as the handgun pressed to his ear creates a moment of overwhelming tension.

Placed in front of the memorial is "the viewer" — an old veteran who sits in a wheelchair thanks to age and a missing right leg.

"Moffett's work focuses more on brutally honest depictions of the realities of many veterans — the suicide epidemics, the depression and the alienation from society," Yoon said. "We want to emphasize these issues that Mike Moffett creates, which without the contextual information can be lost as something too brutally honest to actually look at."

Creating work that provokes strong emotions and reactions is exactly what Moffett sets out to do — so folks looking, or reacting by not looking, is exactly what he wants from viewers.

"The whole point of the work is to poke the tiger, so to speak, because you want to have some

kind of statement in your work," Moffett said.

#### JIM HOSNER

Like Moffett, Jim Hosner served his country during the Vietnam War, but unlike Moffett, Hosner went against his will.

Despite his pacifism, Hosner was drafted into service — a moment that had a significant impact on him. Although he didn't realize it, Hosner suffered PTSD for years before having a breakdown in 1987. Eventually, he found help in the form of therapy and art.

"His paintings that he has been making on canvas are kind of records of his recurring nightmares and dreams," Yoon said. "So it takes him a long time to complete a work, but they tend to have very personal dimensions. He tends to create them in surrealistic sequential images."

#### WILLIAM GURA

Serving in an intelligence role during the conflicts in the Middle East, William Gura is a veteran who has made a name for himself thanks in part to his illustration and knot work.

Gura, much like Hosner, also has suffered from PTSD, which has been helped thank in part to his artwork.

His love of illustration bloomed after retiring following his 20 years of military service, and his ability to create beautiful knots derives from his time in the armed forces.

"He is a very knot expert, so we are going to show some of his knot works, which are very delicate," Yoon said. "The fact that he served in the Marines also shows that there was a connection between his knot work and his career as a veteran."

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Puzzle One Solution:  
"Like wildflowers you must allow  
yourself to grow in all the places people  
thought you never would." — Lorde

Puzzle Two Solution:  
"The greatest trick that the devil ever  
pulled was convincing women that they  
looked better in their makeup." — Macklemore

This week's Sudoku answers

4	1	3	5	2	8	9	7	6
6	8	7	3	1	9	4	2	5
9	2	5	4	7	6	8	3	1
5	4	9	8	3	1	7	6	2
2	6	8	9	5	7	3	1	4
3	7	1	6	4	2	5	9	8
7	9	2	1	8	4	6	5	3
1	3	4	7	6	5	2	8	9
8	5	6	2	9	3	1	4	7

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This week's Crossword answers

S	T	R	A	F	E	R	E	N	T	A	L	I	C	I	C			
E	R	A	S	E	R	A	M	O	E	B	A	N	O	M	I	N	E	
C	A	T	H	E	R	I	N	E	D	R	A	K	E	R	I	S	T	E
S	P	E	E	D	R	I	N	D	S	E	V	E	S	P	O	S		
I	R	A	R	A	F	T	R	A	M	U	R	B	A	N	D	E		
N	O	T	E	N	U	R	S	E	R	R	P	E	N	S	R	C		
D	B	B	R	A	D	L	E	Y	A	L	I	C	E	R	G	A		
I	B	E	A	M	A	R	G	O	E	A	S	T	E	Y	E	S		
G	E	S	S	O	T	S	T	I	E	N	A	C	H	O	N			
O	R	T	U	F	O	A	R	A	B	S	T	H	E	A	T			
R	O	A	R	A	L	S	B	L	A	Z	A	F	O	R	E			
R	O	A	R	T	E	A	S	L	O	B	V	O	I	C	E			
A	N	D	R	E	W	M	I	C	H	E	A	L	K	A	T			
P	T	A	L	A	N	D	U	T	E	N	S	L	E	N	S			
T	O	R	U	S	T	N	T	S	N	A	P	R	Y	R	A			
V	E	R	S	E	G	R	I	D	U	R	S	A	Y	C	A			
E	S	A	U	O	W	E	S	O	R	I	E	Y	U	C	C			
B	I	L	L	S	M	O	K	Y	J	A	C	I	E	R	A			
B	R	E	A	K	E	R	O	A	T	E	S	H	A	S	T			
S	E	S	S	I	O	N	T	U	N	E	R	S	E	E	K			

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## FORECAST

### FRIDAY, AUG. 31

High: 91  
Low: 76  
Chance of rain: 50%



### SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

High: 90  
Low: 75  
Chance of rain: 60%



### SUNDAY, SEPT. 2

High: 90  
Low: 76  
Chance of rain: 60%



### MONDAY, SEPT. 3

High: 89  
Low: 75  
Chance of rain: 60%



## SUNRISE / SUNSET

Sunrise Sunset

Friday, Aug. 31	7:03a	7:49p
Saturday, Sept. 1	7:03a	7:48p
Sunday, Sept. 2	7:04a	7:47p
Monday, Sept. 3	7:04a	7:46p
Tuesday, Sept. 4	7:05a	7:44p
Wednesday, Sept. 5	7:05a	7:43p
Thursday, Sept. 6	7:06a	7:42p

## MOON PHASES



## RAINFALL

Wednesday, Aug. 22	0.00
Thursday, Aug. 23	0.00
Friday, Aug. 24	0.50
Saturday, Aug. 25	0.00
Sunday, Aug. 26	0.00
Monday, Aug. 27	0.75
Tuesday, Aug. 28	0.00

YEAR TO DATE: AUG. TO DATE:  
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2017 28.04 in. 2017 1.87 in.

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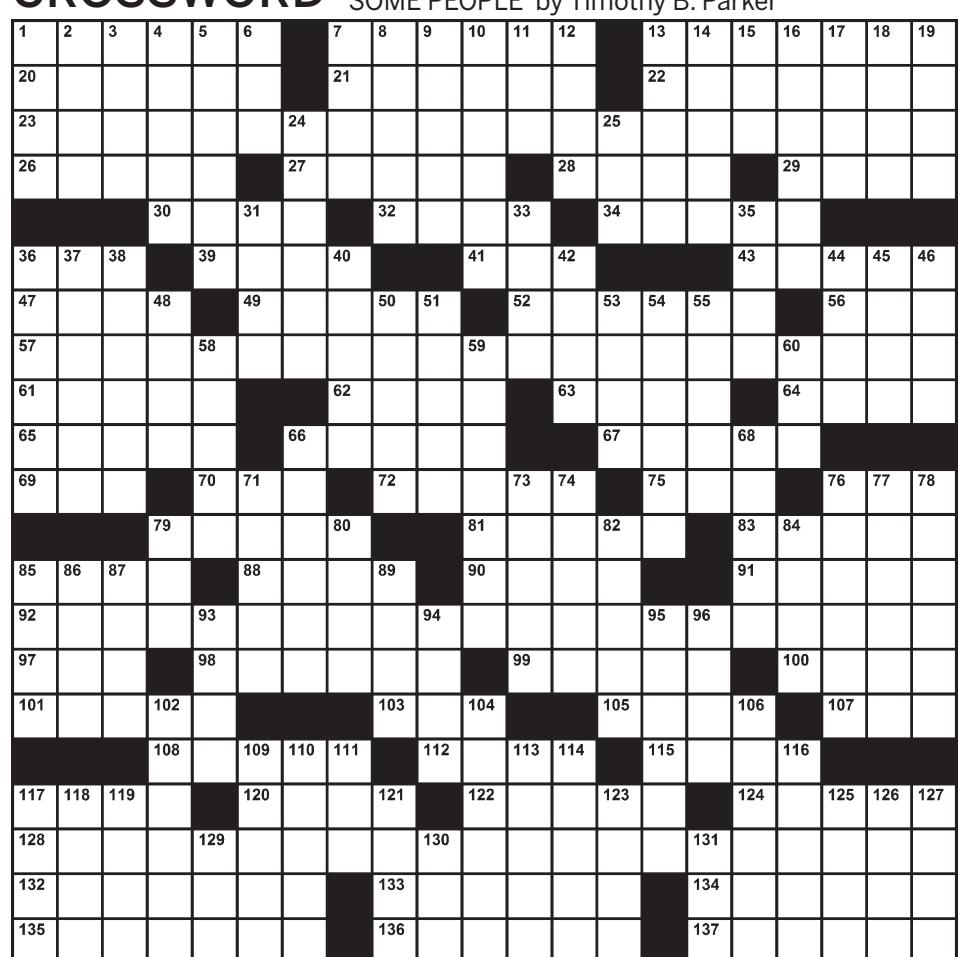
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## CROSSWORD

SOME PEOPLE by Timothy B. Parker



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### ACROSS

- 1 Attack via fighter plane
- 7 Car on the quick
- 13 Leaning types
- 20 Mistake eliminator
- 21 It has one cell
- 22 Possible Oscar-winner
- 23 Some Bells
- 26 Radar gun revelation
- 27 Melon parts
- 28 Some times to party
- 29 Announce without speaking
- 30 Dusty dry, as land
- 32 Intentionally stains
- 34 Primitive brick type
- 36 Bank savings offering
- 39 Water navigator
- 41 Computer capacity
- 43 "\_\_\_ Cowboy" (Travolta film)
- 47 Mark down
- 49 Hospital figure
- 52 Nears harvest
- 56 Electronics brand
- 57 Some Coopers
- 61 Construction bar
- 62 Mythical craft
- 63 3:00, directionally
- 64 Beautiful features
- 65 Bas-relief paste

- 34 Super-messy apartments
- 66 Common chip type
- 67 Food crumb
- 69 Strange sky light
- 70 Kaffiyeh donners
- 72 A definite article
- 75 Slugger's need
- 79 Verbal tests
- 81 Milwaukee beer brand
- 83 Before, way old
- 85 Cheering crowd sound
- 88 Darjeeling and others
- 90 Wolf, way south
- 91 Speaker's asset
- 92 Some Jacksons

- 97 After-school org.
- 98 TV's "Mission: Impossible" star
- 99 Good bit of the population
- 100 Camera part
- 101 Doughnut-shaped structure
- 103 "Bang!" maker
- 105 Jacket fastener
- 107 Bit of sunshine
- 108 Chapter go-with
- 112 Part of a crossword
- 115 Constellation bear
- 117 Jacob's Bible brother
- 120 Is in the red

- 122 Window with brackets
- 124 Agave family plant
- 128 Some Robinsons
- 132 It trips
- 133 Brit's tight jacket
- 134 California mountain
- 135 Fifty minutes on the couch?
- 136 Radio features
- 137 Not the hider
- 12 Quick moments
- 2 Part of a golf course
- 3 Bank posting
- 4 Fire aftermath
- 5 Any tributary
- 6 Be wrong
- 7 Indian prince
- 8 Change, as text
- 9 Dunce or simpleton
- 10 Shorter with words
- 11 Old NBA rival
- 12 Place many find fishy
- 13 Signed, as a big contract
- 14 Human trunk
- 15 "Who \_\_\_ to say no?"
- 16 Person struggling with esses
- 17 "Star Trek: \_\_\_ Darkness"
- 18 Preoccupied pair?
- 19 Transmitted
- 24 All angered up
- 25 A Gabor sister
- 31 100 South African cents
- 33 Asian wrap dress
- 35 Working with more to do
- 36 Blue shade
- 37 Brazen thief
- 38 Under ideal circumstances
- 40 End-of-October word
- 42 Some rodents
- 44 Make like a donkey
- 45 Planting measurement
- 46 Some floor votes
- 48 Some historical periods
- 50 Land of Damascus

## 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.

"ZBRN OBZFXZEONCU MES JSUG

KZZEO MESCUNZX GE ICEO BP KZZ

GYN VZKHNU VNEVZN GYESIYG MES

PNDNC OESZF" – ZECFN

Puzzle One Clue: H equals C

"EDM TWMBEMVE EWFXL EDBE EDM

IMJFP MJMW KHPPMI YBV

XCGJFGXFGT YCZMG EDBE EDMA

PCCLMI RMEEMW FG EDMFW

ZBLMHK." – ZBXLPMZCWM

Puzzle One Clue: Y equals W

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## SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

			8	9	7			
	1	9				2		
2							3	
5			3	1	7			
8						3		
1	6	4					8	
9						5		
3	7	6						
5	6	2						

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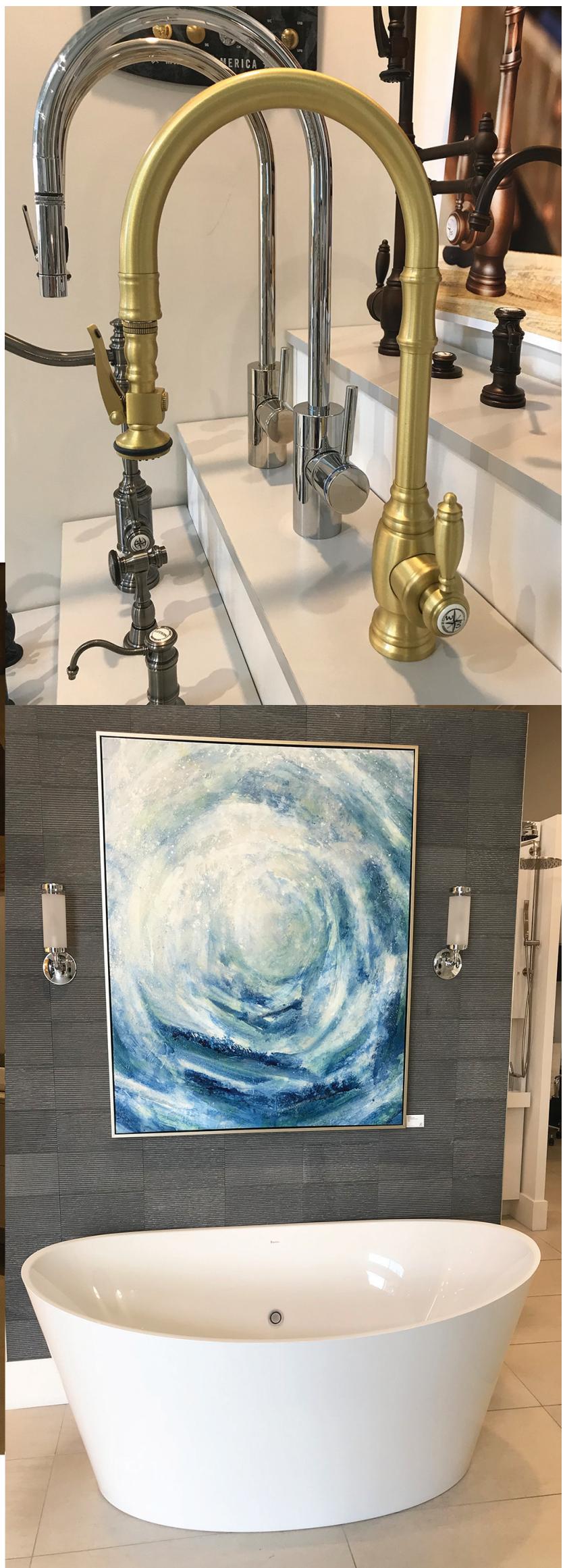
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