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Democratic nominee for Florida governor Andrew Gillum chose Winter Park's Chris King as his lieutenant governor. **SEE PAGE 7.**

Tim Freed

Chris King is back in the political spectrum after being chosen by Florida gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum as his running mate.

YOUR TOWN

CITY TO UNVEIL TENNIS CENTER RENOVATIONS

The city invites the public to celebrate the grand reopening of the Winter Park Tennis Center, which takes place from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at 1075 Azalea Lane.

The festivities will include remarks from elected officials, open play on the newly renovated courts, food and fun tennis activities. Renovations made to the center include: eight new constructed hard courts; new pro shop and check-in area; updated locker rooms and restrooms; new LED lighting; addition of brick pavers and new sidewalks; landscaping; new fence and custom-designed windscreen; and shaded bleachers and patio spaces.



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Mystic Island Gala kicks off social season.

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OUT FOR A SPIN

Winter Park hosts dizzying art display.

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Winter Park ponders lake safety, new buoys

The city plans to purchase new buoys for its lakes after previous ones were deemed not in compliance by FWC.

TIM FREED
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The safety of Winter Park's lakes was the first of many topics discussed at the City Commission's Monday, Sept. 10, meeting.

City Attorney Kurt Ardaman gave commissioners an update in the wake of the city being told to remove buoys

from its lakes in June — a result of the buoys being deemed not in compliance by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission because of "technical specifications."

Ardaman said the city

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WINTER PARK

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

GOOD MORNING WINTER PARK

8 to 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Winter Park Welcome Center, 151 W. Lyman Ave., Winter Park. Good Morning Winter Park is Winter Park's live, interactive morning magazine featuring local topics ranging from politics to exploring entries in the marketplace in and around Winter Park. Join the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce and hear from Deb Watson, executive vice president of the Winter Park Health Foundation. For more information, call (407) 644-8281.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

CAPTURE THE FLAG

10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 15, at Kraft Azalea Garden, 1365 Alabama Drive, Winter Park. For this game, there will be two teams. Both teams get five minutes to hide their flags. Once the flags are hidden, the game begins. To win the game, you must capture the other team's flag and bring it back to your own territory. But if an enemy team member grabs you while you're standing on their part of the field, they are allowed to take you to "time out." You can be freed from "time out" if one of your team members touches you. This is a fun game that will bring the children and families outside along with keeping them active and healthy. For more information, call (407) 599-3342.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19

WINTER PARK GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING

10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Winter Park Garden Club at Mead Botanical Garden, 1300 S.

Denning Drive, Winter Park. Join the garden club for "Connecting to our Roots, A Celebration of the Winter Park Garden Club History." Speaker Beverly Lassiter will educate and entertain the group with historical archives, pictures and stories of the club's heritage and contributions to the Central Florida Community. For more information, call (407) 927-3768.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS

2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Winter Park Public Library, 460 E. New England Ave., Winter Park. Go behind the headlines and learn how to separate what's fact from what's fake. This class is free, but enrollment is required. Sign up by calling (407) 623-3300, Ext. 3.

MAITLAND

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18

TAI CHI AT THE MAITLAND SENIOR CENTER

9 a.m. Tuesdays at the Maitland Senior Center, 345 S. Maitland Ave., Maitland. Cost is \$10 per month to the teacher. For more information, call (407) 539-6251.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19

MONTHLY CHAMBER LUNCHEON

11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the RDV Sportsplex, 8701 Maitland Summit Blvd., Orlando. The chamber's monthly luncheon is held on the third Wednesday of every month. Hear from Sean Snaith, director of the University of Central Florida's Institute for Economic Competitiveness and a nationally recognized economist in the field of business and economic forecasting. For more information, visit business.maitlandchamber.com.

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Troy Herring

Eric Geboff, executive director at JFS, hopes his organization can make a difference in the community.

Striking at hunger

September is "Hunger Action Month," and local organizations such as the Jewish Family Services of Greater Orlando continue the fight against hunger.

TROY HERRING
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Standing in a small conference room toward the back of Jewish Family Services facility in Winter Park, Eric Geboff watches as volunteers make their way in to pick up food.

It's Sept. 7, a usual Friday, but these volunteers are doing something important for their community — taking warm meals to seniors in need.

The sight of people taking time out of their day to help their neighbors and others is one that fills Geboff — the organization's executive director — with hope.

"We've been providing food for 40 years to people in Winter Park, regardless of their race, religion, whatever," Geboff said. "Our doors are open to everybody. As a matter of fact, over 90% of the people who walk through our doors are not Jewish."

Along with the warm meals it sent out on that day, JFS also provided big bags of food items that came straight from its storage room, which sits a few doors down from the conference room.

The storage room is filled with everything from peanut butter and soups to baby powder formula and cereal — most of which was donated by residents and local businesses.

And JFS needs every ounce of the food it has: The pantry at the facility serves up 75,000 meals a

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year while seeing an average of 20 families per day.

"Hunger is not going away, and as a matter of fact, it is getting worse," Geboff said. "Even though we hear stories about how the economy is improving and (how) people are generally doing better than they were 10 years ago, when we had this recession, what happens in every case — in every community — when recessions hit, the people at the bot-

tom stay at the bottom." With the wide-reaching blow of the recession back in 2008, it's not surprising Winter Park isn't the only area affected by the issue of hunger.

According to Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida — an organizations that serves six counties, including Orange — 14.6% of the Central Florida population is food insecure, which means more than 614,000 people do not know from where their next meal will come from.

An even more staggering number is that to fill the meal gap in Central Florida, 105 million more meals are needed.

Among those served by JFS, the elderly are the closest watched, said Geboff — who also serves on a number of committees at Second Harvest.

"One of the most important things we are looking at is hunger in the older adult community — more than anybody older adults are hungrier, because most of them are on fixed income," Geboff said. "And the numbers are huge: There's about 1,700 older adult families in Orange County (who) were food insecure."

To help fight hunger in the elderly community, JFS and other local organizations have held multiple events where they take food to them.

Although JFS receives food donations daily, the organization gets a large chunk of its yearly supply from the four major food drives throughout the year, where they reach out to the community via social media in order to build up their food storage room.

The task of combating hunger — in both the elderly community and the community as a whole — is paramount, Geboff said.

"The Old Testament teaches us that we need to feed the hungry, and we take that very seriously," he said. "And we have to clothe the undressed, and we have to house the homeless. Our tradition teaches us that we — who have the means to do so — have to help our neighbors who don't have the means."

Maitland tables Independence Square design ordinance

The Maitland City Council will take a month to work on the public square's design.

HARRY SAYER
BLACK TIE REPORTER

The Maitland City Council tabled a motion concerning construction plans for the Independence Square project.

A little more than a year since the council approved the conceptual plans for a downtown public square next to City Hall, city staff and design team members from the Community Solutions Group returned with construction plans for design completion.

But some council members, John Lowndes in particular, took issue with the proposed design's amount of concrete and pavement, as well as the perceived high cost of many of its accessories.

"This plan shows 21 speciality benches at \$4,000 a pop and six standard benches at \$2,000 a pop," Lowndes said. "I think this plan is overpriced and under-delivers, and I don't understand why we are taking this perfectly useful one acre area, mostly green, and decide to pave 40% of it."

What followed was a conversation that eventually took a turn for the philosophical. Council members debated on just what they wanted the public square to be — something akin to a park or something more like a concert venue that would require a hard surface.

Council members ultimately decided to table the conversation for 30 days to set up a workshop meeting with PRAB to better pin down what the project should be.

"Philosophically, you've heard me say this many times: Who do we really want to be when we grow up?" Mayor Dale McDonald said. "We're going to have to come to some grips on how this functions."

PARK MODIFICATIONS

Council introduced an ordinance modifying the city's code regarding the park's prohibited activities.

City staff sought to address a number of resident complaints concerning local parks. Staff also introduced restrictions on powered flying devices such as drones in accordance with other park ordinances across the country. Staff also sought to address maintenance concerns such as having golf balls and equipment in the parks that disrupt mowing. Maitland's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approved the ordinance during its July 11 meeting but recommended removing a rule barring indecent swimsuits —

IN OTHER NEWS

■ The council approved a \$441,715 budget for the Law Enforcement Forfeiture Trust Fund: \$208,492 will be from fund 6B, \$192,592 will be from federal receipts, and \$15,900 from local receipts. City documents state the council already had approved \$62,000 for officer body cameras in August 2018.

■ The city approved a drainage repair contract with Shenandoah Construction. \$123,450 will be used to line stormwater piping, a cost-effective alternative to replacing the pipes, at 180 Minehaha Circle, Peacock Ford, 544 Lake Faith Circle, 1166 N. Lake Sybelia, and 2045 Summerland Ave. The repairs are projected to cost \$72,110.

■ The council authorized a contract with Providence Reconstruction to relocate Lift Station No. 10 Force Main for \$1,938,513.

■ Council moved to adopt the tentative operative millage for the 2018 tax year as 4.3453 mills, the debt millage rate at .3150 mills and the tentative budget at \$26,761,000. The public hearing date will be Sept. 24.

because they already are prohibited under Florida statutes and enforced by Maitland police — and a rule prohibiting people sleeping or setting up bedding in a park.

However, staff recommended keeping the sleeping ban in the ordinance because of a high number of complaints on the matter. The council approved the introduction unanimously. The ordinance's public hearing date for adoption will be held on at the Sept. 24 meeting.

EAST-WEST CONNECTOR TRAIL

Council unanimously approved construction plans for a 6,600-foot-long, concrete trail connecting Maitland Avenue and Wymore Road in the northern right-of-way of Sandspur Road.

"This is a long overdue connection, we're blessed to have the opportunity," McDonald said. "It will be a culture change for this city."

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New wine bar planned for Winter Park

Brazilians Fabio Perricelli and Paula Gamba hope to open Vinia Wine Bar in the next few months.

HARRY SAYER
BLACK TIE REPORTER

There's a new wine bar coming to Winter Park — and its owners are coming from another country.

Owners Fabio Perricelli and Paula Gamba have been hard at work bringing the Vinia Wine Bar to Hannibal Square. It's a labor of love for the married wine connoisseurs.

"We always went to restaurants in Brazil," Perricelli said. "We love wine, we love food, we love to cook. We always were imagining a place where we would feel 100% at home and comfortable. We decided (because) we didn't find that place, let's make that place ourselves."

Perricelli and Gamba originally planned to start a bar in Brazil, but after considering the country's political and economic climate, decided to move to a new country instead. They started in Italy — Perricelli has Italian heritage — but missed their friends and family from their home country.

They then turned to Florida more than a year ago and, after a road trip through Naples, Key West, the Villages, and West Palm Beach, stopped in Orlando. After failing to find a location they liked in the City Beautiful, the duo was just about ready to give up and head back to Brazil. But on the day before they left, they checked out the nearest Shake Shack — one of Gamba's favorite eateries — in Winter Park.

"We said, 'This is the place we want to put our wine bar,'" Perricelli said. "We came to Park Ave-



Harry Sayer

Fabio Perricelli and Paula Gamba hope to make Vinia Wine Bar Winter Park's next go-to spot.

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nue, and it was love at first sight."

The pair finally quit their jobs in design and marketing and moved to Winter Park permanently. They have enjoyed walking around the city — something they used to do together in São Paulo.

Vinia Wine Bar will offer a variety of European and Mediterranean wines, as well as a selection of cheeses, meats and other appetiz-

ers. Perricelli said the food offered will be Mediterranean, healthier and lighter, such as an Italian-style flatbread, oysters, panini, salads and more. As expected, the food is tailored to go well with wine.

The pair expects their wine bar will stand out because of its selection. Perricelli and Gamba have been contacting distributors looking for wines that aren't found on supermarket shelves or other restaurants. They plan to have 35 "old world" wines from France, Italy, Spain, Portugal and the United States available at the beginning.

"We want to have the traditional grapes and wines but also something that's a surprise," he said. "Lots of Malbec are from Argentina, but we have a French Malbec. We're looking for this sort of stuff

— chardonnay from California, of course, but others from smaller producers."

The bar's interior has a cozy, low-level lighting that Perricelli hopes will be a good hangout or date spot. The booths and tables, some of which will be outside for dining, were picked up from vintage stores, and Perricelli used his graphic-design skills to create the bar's logo. As for the name itself, "vinia" is the Latin word for "vine."

Perricelli owns a farm in São Paulo, where he raised goats that he sold to restaurants. That's how he started learning about different wines and artisanal meats.

Gamba and Perricelli plan to have a soft opening for Vinia Wine Bar in the coming months before a grand opening.

City considers new buoys

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now must look over a map of the city's lakes and investigate purchasing buoys that are compatible with FWC's regulations.

"All the markers that can be re-established as regulatory markers in the lakes will be shown on a map," Ardaman said. "There's quite a number of them. Under the statute, there are specific areas on the lakes that already specify where we can put the key points, so we can identify all of those. In addition to those regulatory markers, we can identify places on the lakes where markers can go that are hazardous conditions, which takes a little more evidence to establish. Both of those cases require the city to adopt an ordinance to approve those regulatory markers."

Hazard markers — and the ordinance that provides for them — have to be presented to the FWC Commission for approval so the city can receive the proper permits, Ardaman said.

Lake boundary/informational markers — which don't require any permitting — also will be brought before the City Commission in a second phase, Ardaman said.

But City Commissioner Sarah Sprinkel said something needs to be done immediately to ensure the safety of residents on the lakes.

"You're not living in it — I can

tell you it is just a matter of time until somebody gets hurt seriously out there," Sprinkel said.

"It's a matter of public health and safety, and it's time-sensitive," City Commissioner Carolyn Cooper said.

But Mayor Steve Leary said the city should take a step back, figure out where all buoys should be placed and find out the overall cost before placing buoys in random spots.

"We don't know how much this costs; we don't know the manpower," Leary said. "Let's take a look at the maps and say, 'Yes, everything is included on here that we would do or we missed a certain couple areas.' I think it would make a lot more sense that we all look at the maps first before we make any decisions and move on half-cocked dropping buoys."

City Commissioners directed staff to bring forward more information within the week to help them make an informed decision about placement.

"Thank you for doing this, because I get this every single day — somebody calls me and tells me about the boats," Sprinkel said. "I very much appreciate you doing this in a very quick way."

2019 BUDGET

The City Commission also moved the Fiscal Year 2019 budget another step closer to final approval on

Monday, giving approval of the first reading.

The City Commission first saw the proposed budget at the July 9 meeting. After a few subsequent meetings, commissioners reached a consensus regarding two changes to the budget: allocating \$10,000 in operating support to the Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts to provide free musical events, and providing up to \$33,000 to replace flooring at Mead Botanical Gardens.

Funding for Blue Bamboo would come from the outside organizational support funding pool, which has \$28,000 in remaining funds. The Mead Garden funding will be added to the Parks Major Maintenance CIP fund and may be contracted or performed in-house. This will reduce the general fund contingency to \$460,000.

"Thank you for considering us — we're very happy that we're here and being considered," Blue Bamboo President and founder Chris Cortez said. "If the funds are granted, 100% of the money will be distributed to performers at free events on Thursday night. This event is a unique opportunity for music students to perform with professional musicians."

Commissioners also tentatively set the millage rate for the upcoming fiscal year on Monday, holding the line at 4.0923 mills

IN OTHER NEWS

■ The principals of Winter Park High School, Winter Park 9th Grade Center, Brookshire Elementary School and Lakemont Elementary School were introduced and recognized for their service to our students and community.

■ Bronze Stephenson was confirmed as the city's new planning and community development director. Stephenson will begin serving in his new role Wednesday, Oct. 3.

for the 11th-consecutive year.

The millage rate is the amount per \$1,000 of property value that is used to calculate local property taxes, and property tax revenue is the single largest contributor to general fund revenues for Winter Park (39% of total revenues). Every quarter of a mill increase or decrease in the rate would change annual revenue by \$1.4 million.

City Commissioner Peter Weldon once again made a motion to lower the millage rate to 4.0 mills — in reflection of the \$6 million in increased tax revenue the city has received over the past several years. Weldon has made the motion to lower the millage rate and offer a tax relief to residents every year since he was elected in 2016.

The millage rate still was approved at 4.0923 mills by a 4-1 vote, with Weldon dissenting.

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Friedrich Hayek
"Road to Serfdom," 1944

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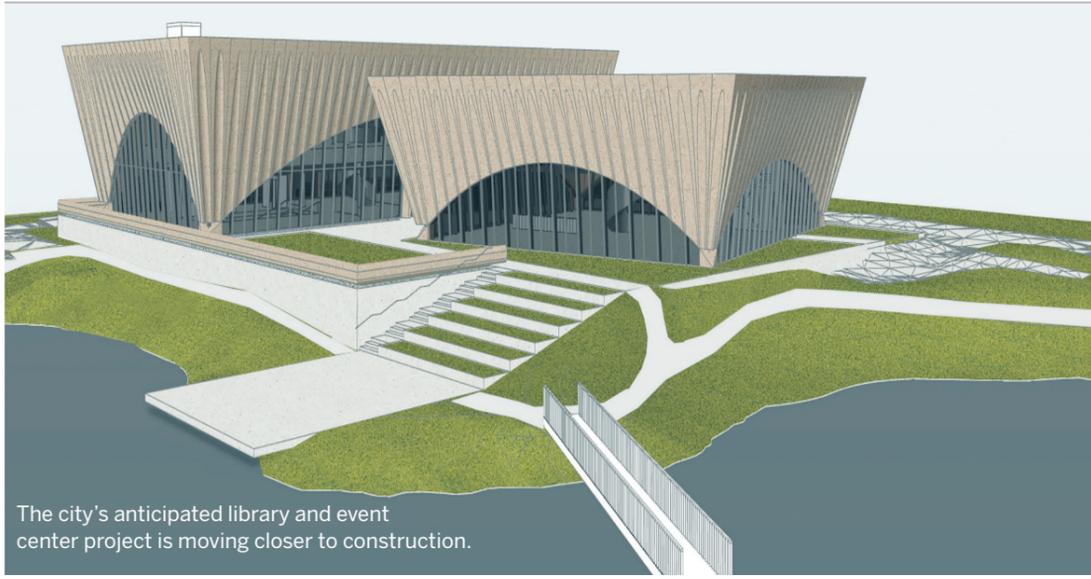
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The city's anticipated library and event center project is moving closer to construction.

Courtesy

Library/event center receives first approval from city P&Z

Winter Park residents expressed concerns about losing green space and about stormwater issues that could cause flooding.

TIM FREED
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Winter Park's new library and event center are moving closer and closer to construction — but not before being vetted by the city's Planning and Zoning Board.

Members of the city board took their first look Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the blueprints and design of the major project set for the northwest corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Park — the site of the now-closed

Rachel D. Murrah Civic Center.

The \$30 million project — referred to in its entirety as The Canopy — includes the new 34,400-square-foot library, 13,564-square-foot event center, a porte cochere to pick up and drop off visitors, an outdoor amphitheater on Lake Mendisen, and a 213-space parking lot, with the possibility of creating 24 more parallel parking spaces along Harper Street.

The project has made its way through the pipeline since March 2016, when voters approved the

bond referendum of up to \$30 million to construct the library. That was followed by a long legal battle during which a group of Winter Park residents disputed the ballot language of the referendum and where the project was being built. The location of the proposed library project was not included, leaving some residents feeling deceived when the city pressed on with the Martin Luther King Jr. Park site after the bond referendum passed.

A judge ruled in December 2016 the city had the right to move forward with the park site and that Winter Park had conducted a transparent process through several meetings to choose Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

But almost two years later, the

project still faced scrutiny from disgruntled residents, many of whom had petitioned in 2016 to keep the library out of the park.

Issues such as stormwater drainage tied with the area's history of flooding during hurricanes, surface parking eating into green space, and the small amount of additional space the new library has in comparison to the existing building all were mentioned during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Resident Sally Flynn took issue with the city spreading out surface parking in the park when the original ballot language on the referendum referred to a "parking structure" with the project.

"This project goes from bad to worse as it moves on — both financially, aesthetically and ethically," Flynn said. "One of the things we were told was (the library) couldn't be anywhere else, because there had to be a parking structure and that could not happen where the library is now. Now (the city) voted that down, and there's no parking structure. We're spreading parking and cement over where there's green space. ... We're just taking more and more of that park. It is not following the rules of the referendum. This is a project that Winter Park cannot be proud of."

Resident Pat McDonald shared Flynn's sentiment.

"The vote (for the referendum) was not overwhelming in favor — it was quite a close vote," she said. "I will tell you that I've talked to many people who voted 'yes' and are kicking themselves now, because they're not getting what they voted for."

Conversely, resident Jim Barnes spoke in favor of the project as presented Tuesday.

"I support the new library and

"We're just taking more and more of that park. It is not following the rules of the referendum. This is a project that Winter Park cannot be proud of."

— Sally Flynn

event center," said Barnes, who also agreed with the city's approach to the parking. "I think the structure will be world-class."

Planning and Zoning Board Chairman Ross Johnston acknowledged the many issues that residents had with the project but noted most of them regarding the current design of the project aren't up to the board but rather the City Commission, he said.

"The city decided on all of this, then it came to P&Z, and then it goes back to the commission after we do this," Johnston said. "A lot of people came up here and said, 'I'm totally opposed to it.' The architecture, the structure, the percolation — a lot for these things have been agreed to — are not really on the purview right now of discussion tonight."

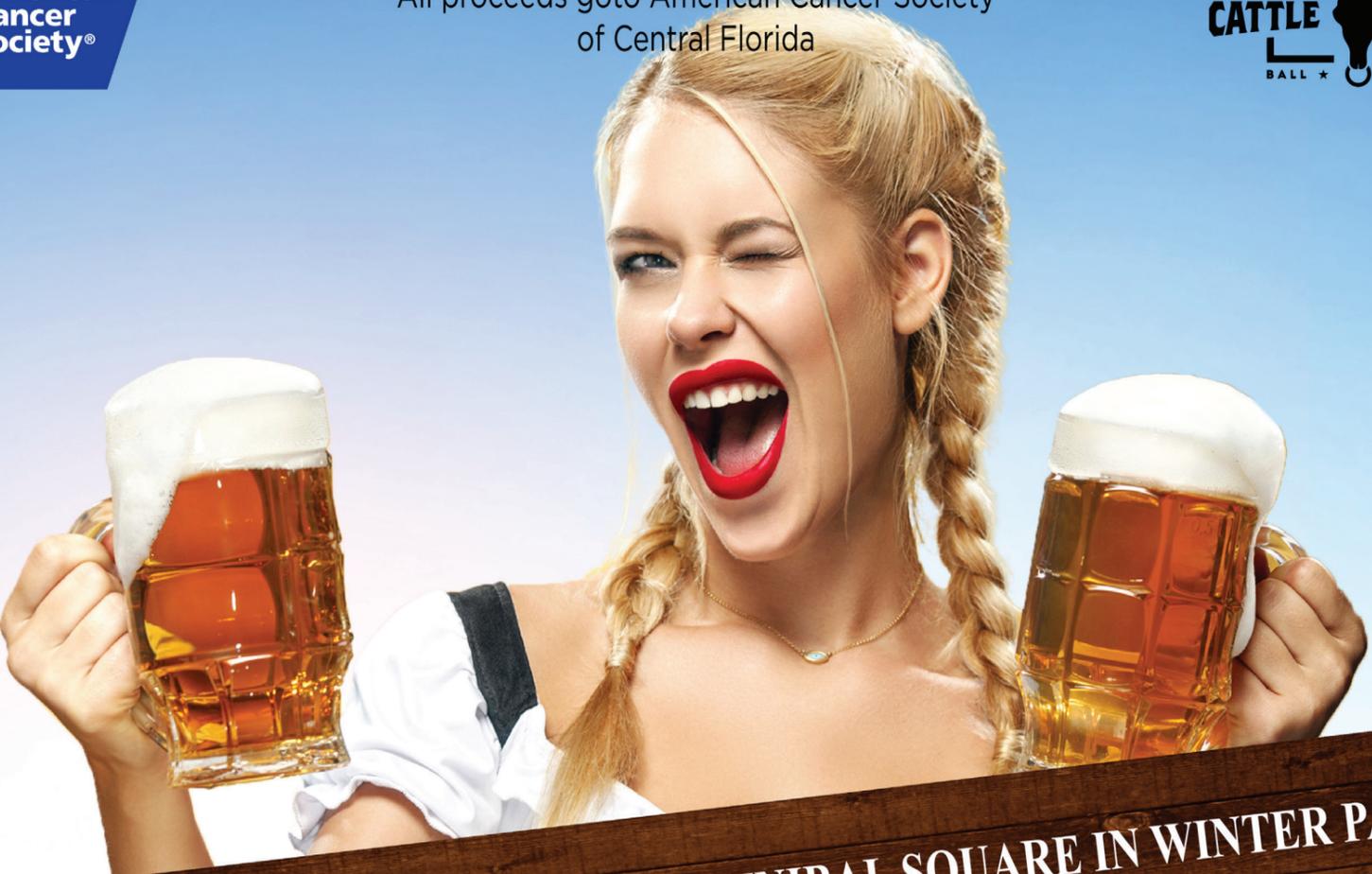
Johnston added the project meets code and that the city's plans to interconnect Lake Mendisen and Lake Rose with an underground pipe should take care of any stormwater issues.

The board gave the project preliminary approval with a vote of 4-0, subject to a stormwater study to make sure the project is compliant with the St. Johns River Water Management District.



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Winter Park police: Man tried to strangle own mother

TROY HERRING
ASSOCIATE EDITOR



Robert Chester Courtney

Winter Park police say a local man tried to kill his mother following an argument.

According to police reports, Robert Chester Courtney, 31, attempted to suffocate his mother Monday, Aug. 3, inside their home before officers had a chance to intervene and subdue him.

The incident started when police received a frantic phone call from a neighbor, who heard a woman screaming next door. According to the caller, there had been an incident just a couple of days beforehand, when the caller saw a man attacking a woman outside of the house.

Responding officers heard screaming from inside the home. Once inside, officers found Courtney standing in the living room.

From there, the situation escalated. Originally, Courtney was compliant with officers' demands before becoming aggressive — which led to officers physically restraining him.

According to reports, the victim told the officers she and her son had gotten into an argument and that she had asked to leave. That's when things turned violent.

When the victim tried to leave the house, reports said Courtney grabbed her and dragged her to the bedroom. There, in what the victim called a drug-induced paranoia, Courtney threatened to kill her and himself.

Police reports state Courtney

tried to smother the woman by placing his hands over her nose and mouth. The victim attempted to escape — and even made it outside — but Courtney grabbed her and dragged her into the house.

Once inside, Courtney told his mother to count backward from 30 before he planned to kill her.

That was the moment officers arrived on the scene. Officers arrested Courtney and booked him into the Orange County Jail. He faces several charges, including attempted murder, false imprisonment and obstructing justice (tampering in the first degree).

According to records, this isn't the first time that Courtney has had problems with the law. In November 2015, Courtney was arrested for burglary of a dwelling, structure or conveyance. Seven months later, in June 2016, Courtney was sentenced to prison, where he served one year and one day.

With the current six charges brought against Courtney, his bond now sits at \$26,550. There is no date set for Courtney's court appearance.

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King joins Gillum

TIM FREED
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Politician and Winter Park businessman Chris King is back on the campaign trail and still could be on his way to Tallahassee.

Democratic nominee for Florida governor Andrew Gillum announced Thursday, Sept. 6, that King would stand by his side as his lieutenant governor and running mate for the general election in November.

The announcement came via Facebook about a week after the Aug. 28 primary.

"We leaned into wanting to choose an individual who has the ability to be governor of the great state of Florida, but we also talked about the fact that this is a difficult journey — that it's hard and it's difficult work at times," Gillum said in the announcement. "What we want to do — not only in this race but when we win the race for governor — is to have a partner in helping to lead this state."

King said in the announcement he and his family couldn't more excited to be a part of the Democratic ticket with Gillum and his family.

"This is not a political marriage," King said. "This is not a marriage of convenience. I developed a friendship with Andrew Gillum over 18 months as we were competing, and I was trying to beat him in running for governor. In trying to beat him, he beat me pretty badly, but I came to care for him, and I came to admire him — his gifts, his talents, and most importantly his vision for

the state of Florida. We are going to fight beside and behind the Gillum family in the battles ahead in rebuilding the government."

The duo launched their campaign together just a stone's throw away from Winter Park Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Orlando Downtown Recreation Complex. King told a crowd of Democratic voters the chance to join Gillum was an easy sell.

"Andrew Gillum is dynamic," King said. "Andrew Gillum is the talent that our party has been waiting for. What I learned about Andrew Gillum is that he has no quit in him. They had counted him out from the beginning. They were plotting the demise of his campaign. He was told hundreds — probably thousands — of times, 'You can't win. You can't lead this party. You can't be the next governor of Florida.' Andrew Gillum said, 'I don't believe that.' Andrew believes in himself, and he will never stop believing in you."

The November general election marks a critical turning point in the state's future, King said. The two candidates look to make numerous changes to affordable housing, the environment and public education.

"What we both share — Andrew and I, from the bottom of my heart and his heart — is that this is a moment in the history of our state and the history of our nation where we must stand up and speak out and change the future of Florida," King said. "This ticket is representative of our hopes and our dreams and our aspirations. That is the promise of Andrew Gillum."



Andrew Gillum capturing the Democratic nomination for Florida governor was one of the biggest surprises of the primary election.

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

At her next DEXA scan to measure density, the client's doctor noticed a big change and she was able to stop taking her medication.

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

At 64, Les Rinehart, one of Elite's trainers, knows the challenges his clients face.

After 33 years in the fitness industry, the former strength coach for the Charlotte Hornets retired in 2007, only to come out

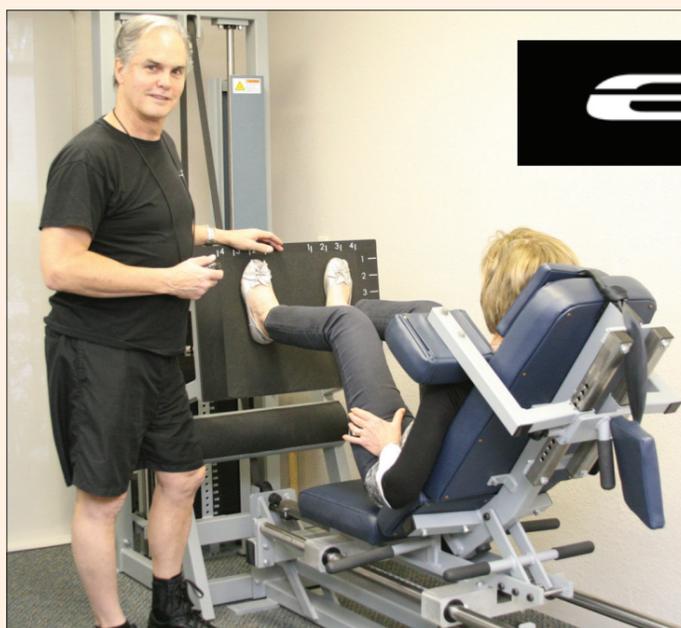
of retirement a few years ago to join Elite because, he said, he saw the value in what they offered their clients.

"The equipment here is top of the line and the techniques produce results like no other," Rinehart said.

At Elite, education is as important as the equipment. Before clients spend anytime working out, they share their medical history, goals and concerns with trainers who develop a plan that covers time inside and outside of the gym.

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Before beginning with Elite, Bors suffered from daily back pain, but after just a few months in the gym, she experienced a noticeable change in pain levels and now rarely suffers at all.

"It's been remarkable for me," she said. "I can feel how strong I am, especially when I am traveling carrying luggage. I have a strength I never had before."

"The strength training is very good for preventing bone loss," said Bors, "which is something we all need as we age."

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Kali Mere Rigby, 6, chose her colors wisely for her vibrant piece of art.

Dizzying delight



Avery, 6, and Reese Landers, 6, were proud of their colorful artwork.

Left: Leslie, Ben, 2, and Kevin Moran spent their morning creating some artwork at the park.



Karen Gist; Sandra Fuentes; and Evan Gist, 6, spent some quality time together through the Family Fun Program event.

Winter Park families made colorful creations with spinning wheels and drops of paint on paper at the Spinning Time with Art event Saturday, Sept. 9 at Phelps Park. The attendees also had a chance to take their vibrant artwork and glue it onto cards for friends and family. The event was part of the city of Winter Park's Family Fun Program.

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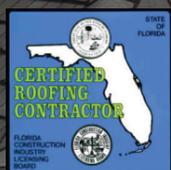


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SPORTS

Winter Park High School's Emily Jordan is looking forward to a big season with the varsity volleyball team. **Page 10.**



XL Soccer kicks kids' cancer

The local organization will be holding its sixth annual Kicking Kids' Cancer fundraiser this weekend.

TROY HERRING
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

There are fewer things that Grace Bowman loves more than soccer.

It's the sport she has lived and breathed her entire life, and it's the reason why she runs the ship at XL Soccer.

But there is one thing that has grown into a full-blown passion for the British native: Raising money for pediatric cancer research.

"The big dream is that the research trial that we fund finds a cure," Bowman said. "In the meantime, it's finding better treatment for these kids. The amount of funding that goes to pediatric cancer is minimal — I think it's 4% of government health care."

Helping children who are battling cancer is exactly what XL Soccer will be doing at its facility Saturday, Sept. 15, as it hosts the sixth annual Kicking Kids' Cancer fundraiser. The event, which will kick off at 6 p.m., will be an evening of fun for visitors, who will enjoy cocktails, catered food, live music, an online auction and local soccer celebrities such as former Orlando Pride player Sarah Hagen. Hagen, who also played for the U.S. National Team, is also a cancer survivor.

There also will be a raffle that includes a prize of club tickets to Orlando City's game against the Houston Dynamo with an opportunity for a child to walk out with

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Troy Herring

Audrey McAnally has become a leader on the Saints cross-country team and hopes to have another record-breaking year.

A runnderful life

Now in her third varsity year of cross-country at Trinity Prep, Audrey McAnally is looking to make this season as memorable as her record-breaking sophomore campaign.

TROY HERRING
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

As an athlete, having a set routine before a competition is a matter of great importance. In the case of Trinity Prep cross-country athlete Audrey McAnally, it's a simple list of three things: lots of stretching, a nice bath and drinking as much

water as she possibly can.

That mindset of discipline is something that goes from the early prep stages to the finish line, McAnally said.

"I just really calm myself down and do my best on race day," McAnally said. "I try to be positive, because that's a huge problem during running — wanting to stop, saying, 'Oh I can't hold this

pace,' but I just try to stay positive in my head and tell myself that I can do this."

It's a process that has worked out perfectly for the 16-year-old junior, who has helped lead the Saints to a strong start to the new season with back-to-back first-place finishes at the Winter Springs Invitational and Astronaut Invitational.

McAnally alone finished in fourth place at the Winter Springs Invitational with a time of 19:39.7, before following that race up with

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Emily Jordan

Few athletes lead their teams better than Emily Jordan. The senior outside hitter leads the Winter Park Wildcats girls volleyball in multiple categories and has become a force on the court. With it being her last year at Winter Park, Jordan is hoping to continue her volleyball playing at the next level.

How long have you been playing volleyball?

I've been playing volleyball since I was about 6 or 7. My sister started, so I just kind of followed her, because I thought it was fun.

What is your favorite part about playing volleyball?

I love the team and the girls. It's really fun, because you always have someone there who has your back, so it is mainly just having a teammate and just having a place to go to. It's also just fun because the sport is just fun — so we all just get along really well.

A season can feel really long, so what keeps you motivated?

My team, because everyone has each other's backs and we all count on everybody else. In order for us to keep going through the season, we all have to count on each other. We also have to stay healthy, along with just being motivated on the court itself.

What is the best advice you've received from coach Stephanie Gibson?

Get better every day and try your hardest, because you'll feel better at the



— TROY HERRING

THE BASICS

SCHOOL: Winter Park High
SPORT: Volleyball
YEAR: Senior
HEIGHT: 6-foot-1
POSITION: Outside hitter/right-side hitter

end of the day if you know you gave your full effort.

Are you a cat or a dog person, and why?

I'm a cat person, just because I was raised with a cat. Then I got a dog, but I still have a cat, so I'm just a cat person.

If you could go to only one concert for the rest of your life, who would you go see?

Honestly Miley Cyrus. I just love her energy — I just think she is fun.

What is your favorite meal?

A cheeseburger with some fries, and a milkshake. That's just really good.

If you could go anywhere in the world right now, where would you go?

Fiji — that's easy. I just love tropical areas ... and I've seen the pictures, and I really want to go to Fiji.

What are your plans after you graduate?

I'm looking at some colleges — I'm looking at UNF right now — and I'm getting help from my coaches seeing how I can get to where I want to be in volleyball at those colleges.

What majors are you considering?

Either criminology or sports management. Kind of different, but I'm just going to see which one I like most. I want to stay with sports — that's why I want to do sports management — but I'm also really fascinated with criminology and forensics.



Courtesy photo

Audrey McAnally, second from left, and the Saints took home first place at the Winter Springs Invitational.

McAnally leads Saints

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another fourth-place finish (19:50.4) at the Astronaut Invitational.

Along with the continued success, McAnally took on a new role — team captain on a team of mostly underclassmen.

Although she has really stepped into the role this year as one of the few upperclassmen, it's actually one she unknowingly started last season, head coach Sara Dowdy said.

"Last year, she had a killer season, and there was another girl on the team — still with her now — Alaina (Pisello), and the two of them raced together every race and pushed each other, so that was very fun to watch," Dowdy said. "She's still running strong and is leading the team in every way possible."

Saying her running season last year was killer actually may be an understatement. McAnally broke multiple school records in different events. In the 4x800 relay at the Brian Jaeger Elite Classic — alongside teammates Lucy Albright, Pisello and Taitem Turbfill — McAnally helped break a school record with a finish time of 9:49.07.

Then, about two weeks later at the Pepsi Florida Relays March 31, McAnally broke her own school record in the 1,600 meters with a time of 5:03.23 — she finished in ninth place.

She finished the year with three first-place finishes and an eighth-place finish at the FHSAA 2A state championship — which is one she enjoys.

"That's been known to be a fast course — it does have one big hill in it, but overall, it's pretty fast," McAnally said. "That's probably my favorite, because it's really reliable — you know how you can PR (personal record) on that race and that you can run pretty fast, and there is always good competition."

Although things have been going great the past few seasons — with accolades piling up — it wasn't always easy.

After incredibly successful early seasons in middle school at Trinity Prep — where she won every race she ran in sixth grade — McAnally suffered a stress fracture in her foot during a long run that derailed her eighth-grade year.

Her doctor originally thought it was tendinitis, so he told her to keep running — which ultimately made it worse and forced McAnally out of running for eight months.

"It was really difficult, (because) I didn't train much when I was injured — I didn't have a pool or a gym membership and so I didn't really know what to do," McAnally said. "I lost a lot of my muscle, so coming back was really, really difficult. But after running for a couple of months, I got my

strength back." The tribulations, unfortunately, didn't stop there.

Although she had regained some strength, there was something still off when she returned to run her ninth-grade year.

At the end of her freshman year, McAnally learned she was anemic and dealing with low ferritin levels. With that realization made, she was able to start medication to address the diagnosis.

Dowdy remembers it being a difficult time for McAnally but said there was one positive thing that came from the ordeal.

"I really think it helped humble Audrey, and it taught her how to be a teammate, because when she was younger and winning, she was all by herself," Dowdy said. "But then that freshman year, she really learned how to be a leader — even as just a ninth-grader supporting the other teammates — watching them run the times she use to run and wasn't doing."

Since those early days, McAnally has put her best foot forward and now is breaking records with her own running while also helping to inspire the teammates she loves.

"The team here is amazing — we are all so friendly with each other and competitive, but it's still all about being one team," McAnally said. "They're such sweet girls, and I'm just really lucky to be here."

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GAME FILM

Wildcats falter in 25-22 loss

It was a not-so-pleasant night in Apopka on Friday, Sept. 7, as Winter Park (2-1) fell in their first loss of the season to the Wekiva Mustangs (3-0), 25-22.

Despite leading 19-7 at the half, the Mustangs rallied in a frantic comeback that saw the home-side outscore the Wildcats 18-3 in the second half. The comeback included a last-minute touchdown to put the Mustangs up for good.

The Wildcats hope to bounce back from the loss when they host Colonial (0-2) Friday, Sept. 14, at Showalter Field.

— TROY HERRING



Quarterback Gino English avoided a tackle as he looked to make a play down field.



Ja'marii Pringle lifted up teammate Marcus Clarke.



Ethan Pouncey fought off a defender as he went up for this catch.



Lawrence Lockhart took a moment to himself after the Wildcats gave up a late touchdown.

Gala gives kids hope

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the team prior to the start of the game.

Last year the event raised an impressive \$50,000 that went to the organization's sister charities in For Kids' Sake Foundation and Cannonball Kids' Cancer, and Bowman is hoping to best that and hit the \$60,000 mark. She also hopes it can go toward making a huge difference — just like last year, when XL helped fund its first research grant.

"We gave them a check for \$50,000, and that helped fund a research grant with doctors at the Children's of Alabama Hospital," Bowman said. "So I went up with Cannonball to Alabama that day to meet with the doctors ... what they're doing is using immunotherapy to treat cancer."

The money raised helped Dr. Gregory Friedman and his team to continue their research — which was on the verge of being lost to a lack of funding.

In an email to Bowman, Friedman said the work they had been able to do thus far — thanks to the money raised — was proving successful.

"We've treated seven patients so far — six of the patients received G207 alone and the most recent patient (patient seven) received G207 + a single dose of radiation within 24 hours," Friedman said in the email. "Radiographic and clinical evidence of responses occurred in five of six patients showing improvement in overall function without any additional therapies."

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came from last year's fundraising came as a relief for Bowman, who never experienced the loss of someone dealing with cancer prior to a few years ago.

In their collaboration with the For Kids' Sake Foundation, XL chooses a team captain to sponsor each year. Although most of the five children chosen have lived through their battles, one — Ryan King — did not.

Although the loss of King was difficult, Bowman has pushed on with Kicking Kids' Cancer, and it's in large part because of those families she and XL Soccer have helped through the years.

"Just from working with the families — that's what has really made think twice and think a little bit more and inspired me to do what I do," she said. "I want to make sure that we don't have anymore parents come in and say, 'My child has just been diagnosed' — we need to stop that."

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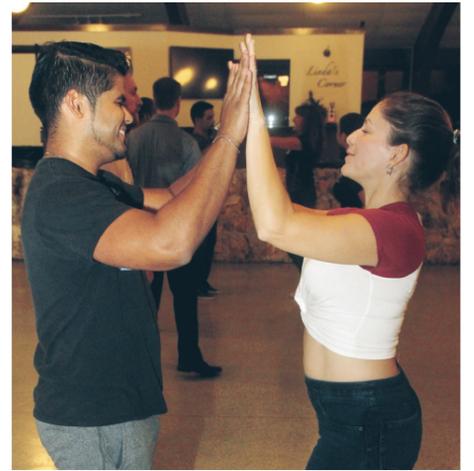
Eymar Marcano led his group in a footwork lesson.



Left: Eymar Marcano twirled Angie Mejia around.

Maitland residents became salsa dancers at the Salsa Heat's dancing class Tuesday, Sept. 11. Dancers broke up into groups and learned a thing or two about the Latin style.

— HARRY SAYER



Leo Ramirez and Lynette Acosta showed the class how it was done.

Left: Sabrina Santiago took a break from teaching to pose.



Gloria Saquett and Eduardo Diaz had a blast dancing together.

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Black Tie begins year two



DANIELLE HENDRIX
BLACK TIE EDITOR

I'll admit: When spring melted into summer, and the Black Tie world went dormant for a couple of months, I didn't quite know what to do with my weekends.

I had grown accustomed to taking a couple of weekdays and turning them into my own version of a weekend. I know that come September, Fridays and Saturdays are for rifling through dresses in my closet, charging up my camera and picking a lipstick color — which, of course, is the hardest part.

That said, summer is behind us, and it's time to dig into your own closets, finalize your social calendar and gear up for a host of fall philanthropies and grand galas.

We launched our Black Tie section one year ago, and it's been a lot of things — exciting, busy and a bit chaotic — but also quite rewarding. There have been late nights and hectic nights, going to three events in the span of a few hours and promptly editing and uploading photos. We've had our share of camera malfunctions, blue-ink pens exploding on our hands, blisters from new, high-heeled sandals — Black Tie reporter Harry Sayer is exempt from that one — getting stuck in traffic jams and even getting event dates mixed up.

With any new territory comes some uncertainty, and this time last year, we were bracing for the unknown. How would our communities react to this type of coverage? How would people in the Central Florida social scene view us and our efforts to deliver comprehensive, interesting and fun coverage of the events they hold dear to their hearts?

But, to our delight, the social scene has embraced us just as they do the organizations and philanthropies they care so much about. Members of our communities enjoy seeing friends, family and even themselves in the photos we post.

To anyone who recognizes us at events and walks up to say hello and catch up: thank you. To those who put in

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Hope & Help Foundation Executive Director Lisa Barr and her friends were ready for a great time.



The party featured plenty of bright and colorful costumes.



Nick Romeo, Scott Evans and Jeff Fleet were dressed to impress.



Brion Clark, Raquel Luciano, Maribel Cuartas and Tirrell Wilkerson were ready to party.

Tropical paradise

The Hope & Help Foundation put on a vibrant show during its Mystic Island Gala Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Rosen Centre Hotel.

Guests donned their most tropical attire and bid on gifts at the silent auction before settling down for an intricate performance.

The HIV/AIDS-prevention nonprofit recently started its Healthy Choices campaign, a five-year initiative to raise \$5 million to promote health.

— HARRY SAYER

A couple of vacationing stilt-walkers wandered into the gala.



Hendrix

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blood, sweat, tears and countless hours of work to make these galas, balls and other amazing fundraisers a reality: thank you. To those who call or email to invite us to cover an event: thank you. And to anyone who has ever given us some encouraging words, interacted with us on social media, read our stories and clicked through our galleries: thank you. We're a year in, but we're just getting started.

Heading into a new season, you can continue to expect seeing some of our current initiatives. Harry will continue his entertaining Harry's Styles fashion column, and I will keep bringing your monthly Causing An Effect philanthropic spotlight.

You also can expect more profiles on the people behind the scenes of these events, features on organizations making a difference and stories from people whose lives have been changed by one of their missions. Additionally, we'll keep you updated on upcoming events and offer a glimpse into some of them.

If you don't follow us on Facebook at "Black Tie - Orange Observer" and on Instagram at "orangeisthenewblacktie" already, be sure to do so. You'll be the first to see new photos, a weekly event agenda and even video clips from your favorite events.

Get ready for a great season: We'll see you on the dance floor or in the ballroom.

BLACK TIE



Mimi Hartker and Scott Ashdown enjoyed a nice evening out.

Left: Members of the Harris family shared their testimony of hardships and finding peace through the Bridges of Light Foundation.

Bridges of Light Foundation's 15th annual Players Ball



Four Seasons Resort Orlando Manager Charles Fisher and his wife, Catherine, and Dana and John Berry enjoyed the reception hour.



Tammara and Ashley Kohler were trendy in their decades-themed apparel.

Hundreds of guests filled the ballroom at the Four Seasons Resort Orlando in support of building bridges to a brighter future. Held Saturday, Sept. 8, the 15th annual Players Ball served as the organization's biggest fundraiser of the year.

Bridges of Light raises money for underprivileged children and provides them with bridges to education, basic needs and more.

— DANIELLE HENDRIX



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The sound of heaven

Bach Festival Society harpist Dawn Marie Edwards will showcase the harp at Insights & Sounds: Harp and Strings.

TIM FREED
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

It's an instrument associated with heaven. Plucked notes create a dreamy landscape and give listeners a feeling of floating peacefully.

It's the harp — an instrument that Dawn Marie Edwards has spent years practicing and mastering.

The Bach Festival Society of Winter Park harpist will showcase the serene instrument at Insights & Sounds: Harp and Strings Thursday, Sept. 20 at Tiedtke Concert Hall on the Rollins College campus.

The unique program is half entertainment and half education. Attendees can expect a performance of six different harp-centric pieces backed by a string section, a flute and a clarinet. The program also will include segments describing the history of the harp, what makes the harp unique, how it's played and its role in the orchestra. The audience also will have a chance to ask questions.

Musical compositions during the program will include "Aria in the Classic Style" by Marcel Grandjany; "Celtic Concerto: Hiraeth" by Catrin Finch; "Serenade for Strings in e minor" by Edward Elgar; "Lyric Suite" by John Rutter; "Angels in Flight" by Marjan Mozetich; and "A Gaelic Blessing" by John Rutter.

"I am so excited — it isn't often that a harpist gets her own program," Edwards said. "Many people don't

understand the difficulties of the harp. First of all, most instruments are playing with gravity — pushing down on piano keys, pushing down on the finger board or bow of a string instrument. I am constantly playing against gravity. And then there are the seven pedals."

Edwards' time with the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park began about 15 years ago, when she filled in as a substitute for a performance. The Bach Festival Society kept asking her back, and she has been with the organization ever since.

"I've always loved the harp, and I think it's one of the most elegant and beautiful orchestral instruments we have," Bach Festival Society of Winter Park conductor and Artistic Director John Sinclair said. "It is not easy to play. It's a difficult instrument, but it's made even more difficult than people know because of all the things that are going on. Most people don't get to see the harpist's feet work — they change keys (with the pedals). ... Dawn Edwards is a seriously good harpist — she's wonderful."

An Apopka resident, Edwards originally grew up in Rochester, New York. She started attending the Eastman School of Music when she was 9 years old, and her first professional orchestra job was playing with the St. Louis Symphony at age 22. She went on to perform full-time in Spain with the Orquesta Sinfónica de Castilla y León at age 23.

Edwards also has toured as a professional harpist along the East



Courtesy photo

Dawn Marie Edwards has been playing the harp for about 40 years.

IF YOU GO

INSIGHTS & SOUNDS: HARP AND STRINGS

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20

WHERE: Tiedtke Concert Hall on the Rollins College campus, 1000 Holt Ave., Winter Park

TICKETS: bachfestivalflorida.org/event/insights-harp

Coast, playing in Carnegie Hall and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The harp has been her instrument for about 40 years, Edwards said.

Not only is the instrument complex, but also it frequently appears on its own — holding the attention and focus of an entire audience by itself, Edwards said.

"Harp in the orchestra is usually in the background sitting, waiting to play, counting hundreds of measures of music and then all of sudden (there's a) big exposed harp part," Edwards said. "If you are a whole string section, then yes, the conductor will (cue) a big sec-

tion when to come in, but usually for harp, you are on your own. You really have to know the score well."

Instead of sitting off to the side or in the back of an orchestra, Edwards and her harp will be front and center for the entire upcoming program.

Edwards said she looks forward to giving the audience more insight into the instrument she has loved for so many years.

"We picked the music keeping in mind that it is the middle of the work week, and after work," Edwards said. "(It's) sort of an emotional pick-me-up for the soul. It is going to be a fun concert."

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THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPT 15

BAROQUE & BEYOND

2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Timucua-White House, 2000 S. Summerlin Ave., Orlando. Enjoy an afternoon of Baroque period and contemporary music selections: Schubert's Quartet No. 7; Themes from "Faust" by Charles Gounod; Eine Kleine Nachtmusik by Mozart; and "Ragtime Dance" by Scott Joplin. Guest performer Routa Kroumovich Gomez, along with Director Alvaro Gomez, will perform Antonio Vivaldi's Concerto in A Minor. Artist interaction with Marla E. Donation is \$5. For more, visit PAMaitland.org.

MELISSA CRISPO AND MELODY KISER

8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Aloma Bowl, 2530 Aloma Ave, Winter Park. Melissa Crispo is bringing her best hits to Aloma Bowl with special guest Melody Kiser. Performing her own music and classic covers for more than 14 years, Crispo is sure to entertain any crowd. For more information, call Aloma Bowl at (407) 671-8675.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18

TUESDAY NIGHT SESSIONS: CHRIS CORTEZ AND ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: JOY HAYES

8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts, 1905 Kentucky Ave., Winter Park. Enjoy an evening of music and visual art

blended together with guitarist Chris Cortez and pastel artist Joy Hayes at this free event. Cortez's solo show features selections from his many CDs and all-time favorites from the Great American Songbook to The Beatles, Simon and Garfunkel, Chuck Berry, Steely Dan and more. An international recording artist with a wide range of interests, Cortez ranks among the top jazz guitarists in the world. He has been featured in Downbeat, Jazziz, Jazz Times, Le Jazz Hot Paris and more. From the visual arts world, Hayes is a talented and versatile artist. She has explored many different mediums and styles but is best known for producing large-scale pastel illustrations of well known people. Visit bluebamboocenter.com.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

NEIGHBORHOOD MUSIC JAM

6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Winter Park Community Center, 721 W. New England Ave., Winter Park. Join local musicians on the stage in back of the Winter Park Community Center for a fun evening of making music. Musicians of all ages, instruments and abilities are invited to come make new friends as we play a variety of songs, from pop to rock to blues to country. If the weather is nice, they will be set up on the stage out back near the splash pad. If it rains, they will move indoors. (407) 599-3275.



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A NIGHT WITH WRIGHT: FEATURING RENOWNED STORYTELLER TIM TOTTEN

5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Winter Park City Hall, 401 S. Park Ave., Winter Park. Totten, who specializes in the life and work of Frank Lloyd Wright, will include a look at his relationship with architect Nils Schweitzer. A reception will take place at 5:30 p.m. on the front porch, with a presentation following at 6:30 p.m. in the commission chambers. Admission is free, and all are welcome; reservations are encouraged. You can reserve your seat by emailing RSVP@CasaFeliz.us or calling Heather Michael at (407) 628-8200.

'I LOVE A PIANO'

Thursday, Sept. 20 through Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Winter Park Playhouse, 711 Orange Ave. Suite C., Winter Park. This glorious musical looks at America through the perceptive and hopeful eyes of the legendary Irving Berlin. It follows the journey of a piano from

its first days in Tin Pan Alley to the 1950s. The story comes to life with more than 60 of Berlin's most beloved songs, including "Blue Skies," "There's No Business Like Show Business," "Cheek To Cheek" and "God Bless America." Music and lyrics by Berlin and conceived by Ray Roderick and Michael Berkeley. For more information on show times and to buy tickets, visit winterparkplayhouse.org.

INSIGHTS & SOUNDS: HARP AND STRINGS

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Tiedtke Concert Hall at Rollins College, 1000 Holt Ave., Winter Park. Experience the ethereal harp surrounded by a halo of strings that promises to create an evening of heavenly music with conductor John V. Sinclair and members of the Bach Festival Orchestra. This concert is part of Insights & Sounds, a new series that will take sharp focus on a theme, combining great music is discussion. These concerts are perfect for classical music

connoisseurs who wish to expand their knowledge and classical music novices who would like to explore classical music's significance. The concert features: Dawn Marie Edwards, harpBACH Brandenburg Concerto No. 6; Marcel Grandjany, Aria in a Classic Style; John Rutter, Celtic Concerto; and Marjan Mozetich, Angels in Flight. For more information, call (407) 646-2559.

ONGOING

'DANGEROUS WOMEN'

Through Wednesday, Dec. 12 at the Cornell Fine Arts Museum at Rollins College, 1000 Holt Ave., Winter Park. The books of the Bible are full of fascinating female characters — good and bad wives, courageous heroines, and deceptive — and sometimes even deadly — femmes fatales. "Dangerous Women" and its accompanying catalogue present more than 20 works from the rich holdings of the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art that explore different artists' responses to the women of the Bible. For more information, visit rollins.edu/cornell-fine-arts-museum.

'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. For more information, call (407) 647-6294.

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Out from obscurity

The 'Vibrant Vision' exhibit coming to Winter Park will showcase African-American artwork dating back to the 1930s.

IF YOU GO

'VIBRANT VISION: AFRICAN DIASPORA AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN ARTISTS'

WHEN: Sept. 14 to Jan. 12, 2019

WHERE: Alice and William Jenkins Gallery, Crealdé School of Art, 600 St. Andrews Blvd., Winter Park; Hannibal Square Heritage Center, 642 W. New England Blvd., Winter Park

INFORMATION: Crealdé, (407) 671-1886; Heritage Center, (407) 539-2680

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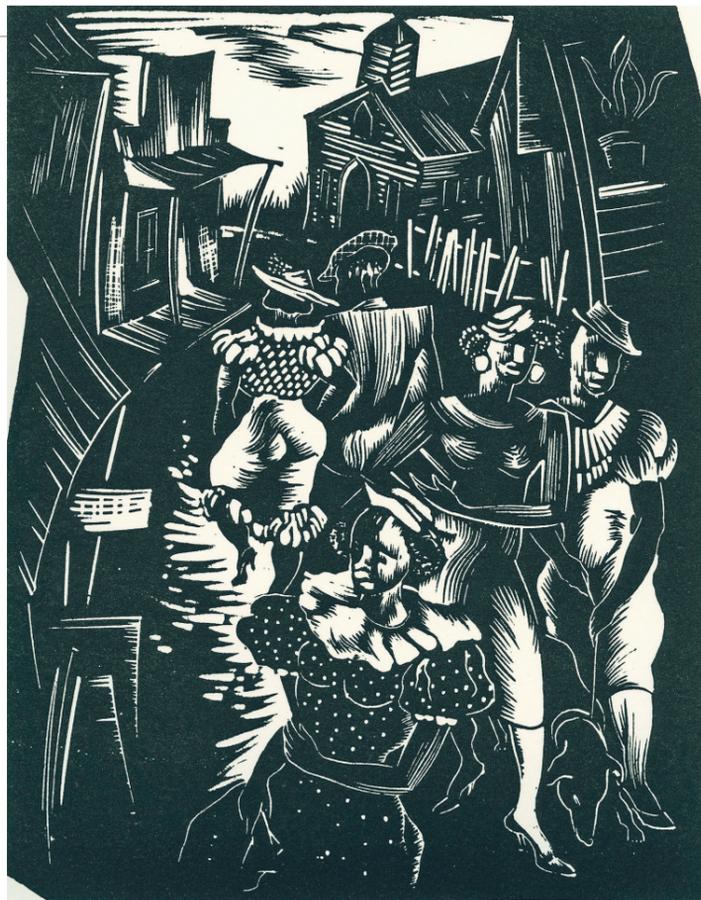
A new exhibit coming to Winter Park will showcase artwork that has been overlooked for decades.

"Vibrant Vision: African Diaspora and African-American Artists" will open to the public Friday, Sept. 14, at the Hannibal Square Heritage Center and the Alice and William Jenkins Gallery at Crealdé School of Art. It features 26 paintings, prints and sculptures by African-American and Caribbean artists spanning from the 1930s to the present.

"It represents 40 years of collecting, and it's just a beautiful representation and beautiful array of influential artists," Crealdé marketing manager Mila Dykes said.

"You have a body of work — a collection of work — with this intention to represent where there has been a lack of representation. In our current climate and culture, it's super important that we see this. ... It's an enriching cultural experience, and it's very important for us to see this and experience this art."

The artwork comes from a larger



collection accumulated over 40 years by artist Jonathan Green and his partner and studio director, Richard Weedman. The collection all stemmed from a discussion between the two art enthusiasts back in the 1970s while Weedman was studying at the Art Institute of Chicago.

"(Although) Jonathan respected and appreciated much of the art, it did not relate to his own culture, heritage or outlook on life," Weedman said in a prepared statement. "He shared that neither the school nor the museum featured or showed a sincere interest in the art of African-American artists along with the other masters taught at the school or shown in

the museum. It became evident that African-American families and their children visiting mainstream galleries, museums and cultural centers did not have an opportunity to view images of themselves or of their own history and life."

The collection of African-American art has grown to more than 1,000 pieces in the last four decades. The 26 pieces coming to Winter Park were chosen by Crealdé curator of exhibitions Barbara Tiffany and include creations by artists Romare Bearden, Elizabeth Catlett, Clementine Hunter, Jacob Lawrence, Hale Woodruff and more.

"I wanted some pieces that



Courtesy

Visitors can expect to see 26 different pieces of art between the two exhibits at Crealdé School of Art and the Hannibal Square Heritage Center.

spoke to the audience and others that were just fun to look at because of the colors and the composition," Tiffany said. "I go with my instinct and what appeals to me and what would make a cohesive show with still a sense of variety."

Hannibal Square Heritage Center Manager Barbara Chandler said the timing of the exhibit couldn't be better.

"Being that most of the work is African-American-inspired, this is a great time with the social and political climate the way it is to have these influences of great African-American artists," Chandler said. "To have that work here in this space is very special."

The two exhibits will be on display at Hannibal Square Heritage Center and Crealdé School of Art through Jan. 12, 2019.



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- Ellen DeGeneres

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"I didn't know the city at all, but I was so happy to be in New York, I cried. I was so excited."
- Greta Gerwig

This week's Sudoku answers

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This week's Crossword answers

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Nery Diaz, of Maitland, captured this great photo of one of Winter Park's picturesque canals.

The *Winter Park/Maitland Observer* is hosting this weekly contest, and winners will have their photograph featured in the newspaper. To enter, email your photo, along with your name, city and a caption, to tfreed@orangeobserver.com; put "I Love Winter Park" in the subject line.

FORECAST

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

High: 93
Low: 77
Chance of rain: 10%

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

High: 93
Low: 78
Chance of rain: 30%

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

High: 91
Low: 77
Chance of rain: 20%

MONDAY, SEPT. 17

High: 92
Low: 76
Chance of rain: 60%

SUNRISE / SUNSET

	Sunrise	Sunset
Friday, Sept. 14	7:10a	7:33p
Saturday, Sept. 15	7:10a	7:31p
Sunday, Sept. 16	7:11a	7:30p
Monday, Sept. 17	7:11a	7:29p
Tuesday, Sept. 18	7:12a	7:28p
Wednesday, Sept. 19	7:12a	7:27p
Thursday, Sept. 20	7:13a	7:25p

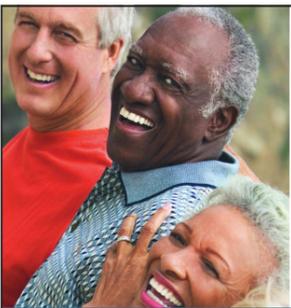
MOON PHASES



RAINFALL

Wednesday, Sept. 5	0.00
Thursday, Sept. 6	0.00
Friday, Sept. 7	0.00
Saturday, Sept. 8	0.00
Sunday, Sept. 9	0.50
Monday, Sept. 10	0.75
Tuesday, Sept. 11	0.00

YEAR TO DATE:	SEPT. TO DATE:
2018 44.25 in.	2018 1.25 in.
2017 38.04 in.	2017 10 in.



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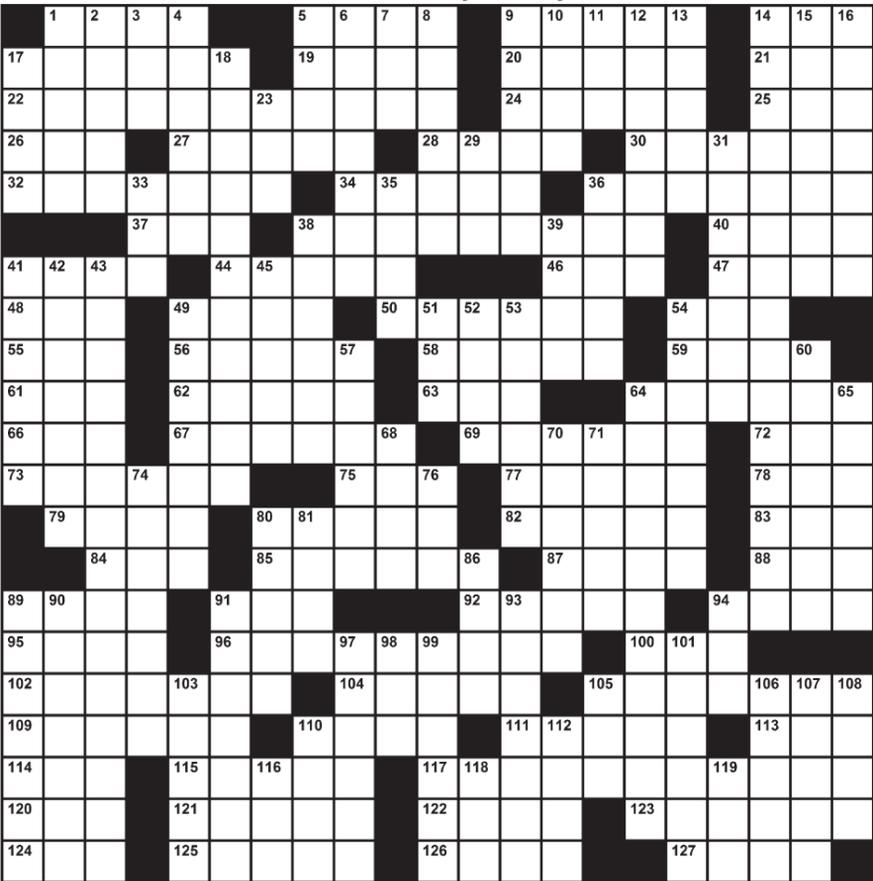
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CROSSWORD IN DANGER by Timothy B. Parker



- ACROSS**
- 1 Baby's father?
 - 5 .035 ounce
 - 9 Some cops, undercover
 - 14 Abet17 Studio effect
 - 19 It's near Sparks
 - 20 Here or there, roughly
 - 21 Bake in the sun
 - 22 Like speakers of the Gospel
 - 24 A capital of Bolivia
 - 25 Ely of "Tarzan" fame
 - 26 A Mexican couple
 - 27 Not fitting
 - 28 Check for strength, e.g.
 - 30 Capital of Saskatchewan
 - 32 Active
 - 34 Letter furthest from alpha
 - 36 Verizon is one
 - 37 Home of 300 million+
 - 38 Creature with long arms
 - 40 Poi source
 - 41 Sidle
 - 44 Bridges in films
 - 46 Stuff on display
 - 47 Singles
 - 48 Negative connector
 - 49 Wall's two-by-four
 - 50 Join, as the air force
 - 54 "___ got to go!"
 - 55 Bashful forest creature
 - 56 Places for sleds
 - 58 They have your money
 - 59 Use solder
 - 61 Elizabethan, historically
 - 62 Shoelace part
 - 63 Historical EI
 - 64 Shopping indulgences
 - 66 Total, cut
 - 67 Totally mismanage
 - 69 Big name in small planes
 - 72 Pipe for plumbing
 - 73 Oysters-on-the-half-shell place
 - 75 Card spot
 - 77 Cultural mores
 - 78 "That's doubtful!"
 - 79 Better ___ ever
 - 80 It's slow with three toes
 - 82 Sketches
 - 83 Boxing legend
 - 84 "___ been real"
 - 85 It involves a rant
 - 87 Like empty threats
 - 88 Ns, in Greek
 - 89 Piedmont wine city
 - 91 Positive statement
 - 92 Conical abode
 - 94 Daffodil part
 - 95 Wine dregs
 - 96 Huge, colorful mammal
 - 100 Economic grp. since 1948
 - 102 Happening soon
 - 104 Light, semitransparent fabric
 - 105 In large amounts
 - 109 "Arrive on time!"
 - 110 Half scores?
 - 111 Iron Maiden genre
 - 113 "... boy ___ girl?"
 - 114 Title for Khan
 - 115 Use, as paper plates
 - 117 Road flattener
 - 120 Jail cell feature
 - 121 Missouri River's tributary
 - 122 Units of geologic time
 - 123 Became sword enemies?
 - 124 Beg a favor
 - 125 Nearly priceless strings
 - 126 Overdo TLC (with "on")
 - 127 Associations
- DOWN**
- 1 Cattle variety
 - 2 Salt-y halt
 - 3 Room for an easy chair
 - 4 Bickers
 - 5 Film set worker
 - 6 House for a minister
 - 7 Prefix for 5-Across
 - 8 Like magma
 - 9 Long Island county
 - 10 Be tangent to
 - 11 "Arabian Nights" flyer
 - 12 Shock wave provider?
 - 13 Construction material
 - 14 Ivory producer
 - 15 Smelted stuff
 - 16 Energetic people
 - 17 Completely change
 - 18 Powerful cat
 - 23 "7 Faces of Dr. ___"
 - 29 Halloween projectile
 - 31 Recover from
 - 33 Color quality
 - 35 Like neat beds
 - 36 Some sweet pastries
 - 38 A whole bunch
 - 39 Chore
 - 41 Make lovable
 - 42 Welcoming thing
 - 43 "Jaws" devourer
 - 45 Quiet periods
 - 49 Some tribal VIPs
 - 51 "Blindspot" network
 - 52 Not clerical
 - 53 "Oh, really?"
 - 54 Stalemate
 - 57 Lethargy
 - 60 Bring down in worth
 - 64 Creature in the mountains
 - 65 Split of a sort
 - 68 Gyro bread
 - 70 Thing on a 9-ball
 - 71 Good thing on a hot day
 - 74 Plain-weave cotton
 - 76 Advanced deg.
 - 80 Genre
 - 81 Stead
 - 86 List-ending abbr.
 - 89 Legendary password user
 - 90 Some dried medicinal roots
 - 91 Up-to-date
 - 93 Constituent part
 - 94 U-turn from NNW
 - 97 Leveled
 - 98 Earned the title
 - 99 Sounded reptilian
 - 101 Exhaustive, as an effort
 - 103 Dunkable cookies
 - 105 Cash convenience, briefly
 - 106 ___ prosequi (court-record entry)
 - 107 Some ashes
 - 108 Rusher's gain
 - 110 Roman attire
 - 112 Make less difficult
 - 116 Roofing sealant
 - 118 "This ___ shall pass"
 - 119 Neckpiece of Hawaii

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.

"WPWYD RLNW L MGNW RG VWB DGYT, L YWNWNAWY XGB EGBWYCSI RXW FELYLR GC RXLF MLRD LF... VDM, L IGPW DGS."

– WIIWV ZWJWVWYWF
Puzzle One Clue: J equals G

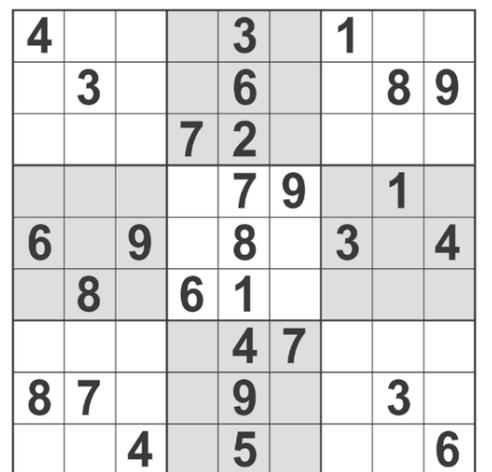
"Z UZUX'V DXMO VKF IZVW TV THH, YGV Z OTN NM KTJJW VM YF ZX XFO WMED, Z IEZFU. Z OTN NM FCIZVFU."

– REFVT RFEOZR
Puzzle One Clue: G equals U

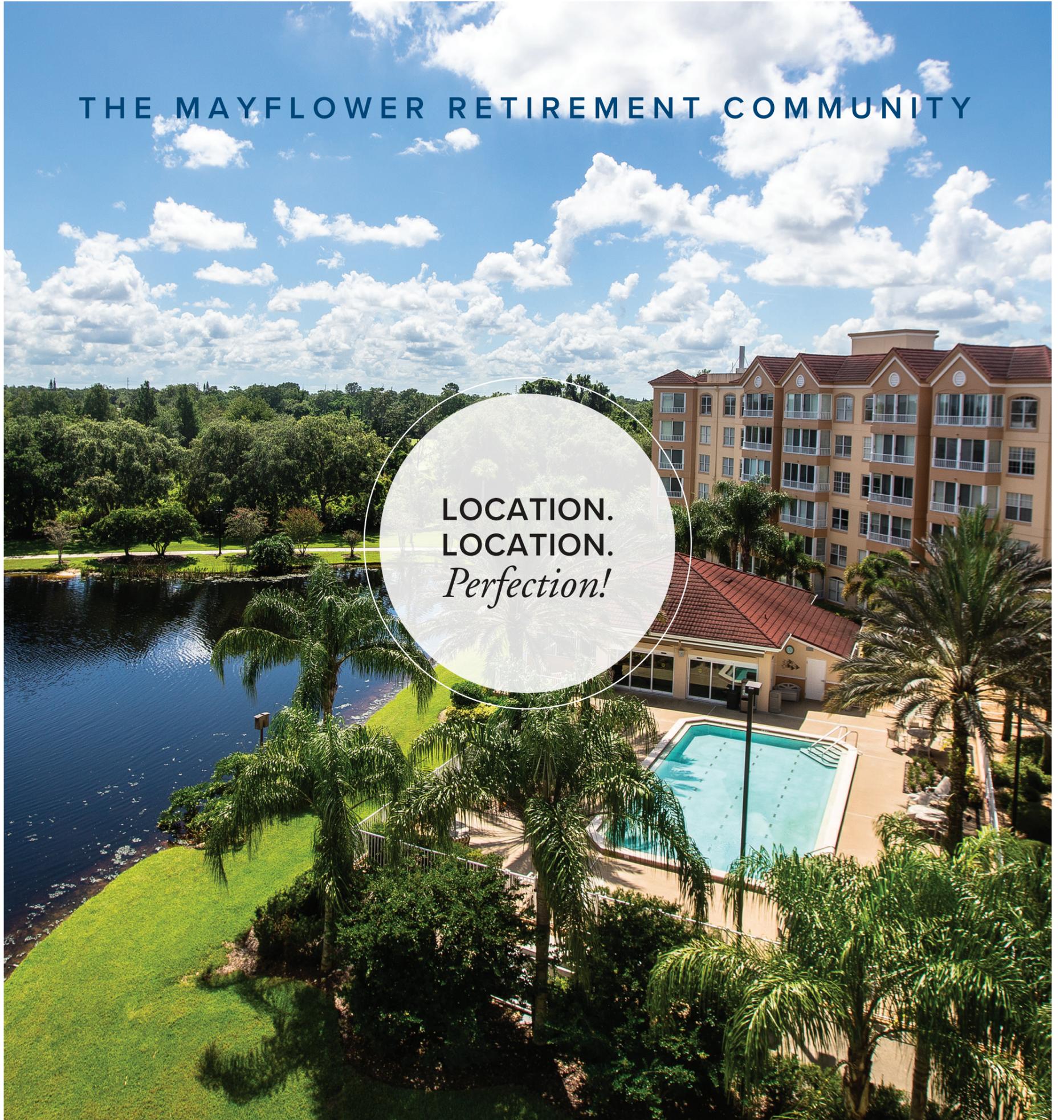
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SUDOKU

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



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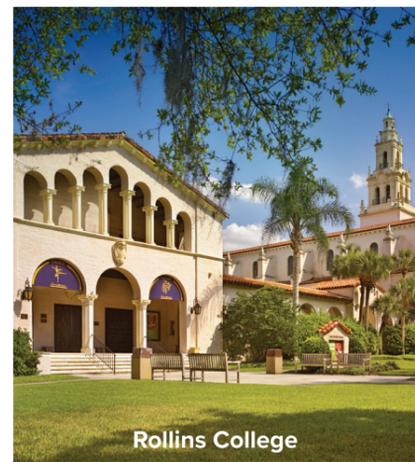
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