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Hotel on horizon

Ravaudage vote delayed

City hopes to collect $50,000 in overdue bills

JOHN ANDREASSON, Observer Staff

A posh hotel spanning a city block could soon be rising near Rollins College after the Winter Park City Commission voted unanimously to allow the college and developers to move forward with plans for the 112-room Alfond Inn.

The 100,000-square-foot hotel could potentially serve as both a potential four-star stopover for visitors to Winter Park as well as a new nighttime lounge just east of Park Avenue. It would also help raise funds for scholarships for Rollins students.

Representatives from Rollins and Baker Barrios Architects pled their case at the Sept. 26 Commission meeting, lobbying for approval to move forward with the project.

Rollins President Lewis Duncan said he expected the hotel to add to the long history of the landmark college.

“We’ve been here 125 years,” Duncan said. “We’re not looking to flip it. We’re looking forward to the next 125 years.”

Attorney Rebecca Wilson, representing the school, said that the hotel would be open for all visitors in the area.

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Rick Frazier, who owns and operates Best Western Mt. Vernon Inn in Winter Park, said that the Alfond Inn could threaten his business if it opens as a four-star hotel.

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City Council tabled a vote on a land-use amendment after it was revealed that the landowner, Benjamin Partners developer Dan Bellows, owes the city $50,000 in utility charges.

Council favored the comprehensive development plan amendment that would allow a mix of residential-scale retail within the high-density residential district along the rail line and adjacent to downtown Maitland. But members were concerned about Gem Lake Apartments’ unpaid bill and the use of dumpsters at the hotel.

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“Several times, council members have been concerned about Gem Lake Apartments’ unpaid bill and the precedent they would set if they approved the amendment,” Councilman Phil Bonus said. “That entity is indebted to the city for a significant amount of utility bills,” Councilman Phil Bonus said. Paying the tab, he said, might be an “excellent condition for the approval (of the land-use change),” if that’s even legal.”

City Attorney Cliff Shepard said tabling the item “would definitively send a message.”

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Here’s a snapshot of events happening during Harriet’s Park Avenue Fashion Week:

10.11
*A Night of Turkish Delight*
5:30-8 p.m., Bajalia
Meet and greet with designer Kelly Cumber
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuni

10.13
Fashion Week Party
6:30-9 p.m., Current/ John Craig Clothiers
10:15
Runway Show
7 p.m., West Meadow
For a full schedule, visit ParkAvenueFashionWeek.com
Festival season sweeps in

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A cure for Jasmin

Orlando resident Jasmin Baker is getting a very special present for her 8th birthday this year: a life without sickle cell disease. Jasmin recently received the first bone marrow transplant to cure sickle cell disease in Central Florida just in time for her special day thanks to the Pediatric Cellular Therapy Program at Florida Hospital Orlando.

New home

Last week, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando Area presented the Estrada family with keys to their new home — a local foreclosure renovat- ed and resold by the nonprofit. This is the third home completed through the partnership between Orange County and Habitat Orlando on the Neighbor- hood Stabilization Program. For more information, visit www.habitat- orlando.org

Scholar at Edgewater

Edgewater High School student Sean Walden is one of five Orange County semifinalists in the 48th annual National Achievement Scholarship Pro- gram. There are about 800 achieve- ment scholarship awards worth more than $2.4 million.

Chamber supporter dies

Ray Miller, husband of Sarah Miller, died on Oct. 2 at their home in Lex- ington, Ky. Ray and Sarah are the backbone of the Goldenrod Chamber, Goldenrod Historical Society & Muse- um and the Goldenrod Civic Club. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge on Howell Branch. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be made to the Goldenrod Histori- cal Museum, P.O. box 423, Gold- enrod, Fl. 32733.

A&H hiring

Art & History Museums, Maitland (A&H) is hiring a part-time museum store receptionist. Visit tinyurl.com/a&h-rec for details and to apply.

Classroom volunteers

Junior Achievement of Central Flori- da needs business and community members in Orange and Seminole counties to serve as classroom volun- teers for students. Contact Rachel McCree General Contractors Inc.

Rivers family excels

A crowd of more than 350 of Cen- tral Florida’s sports elite attended the PNC Bank SPORTYS at Full Sail University on Sept. 24. Boston Celtics head coach Doc Rivers was inducted into the 2011 Class of the Central Florida Sports Hall of Fame and his son Austin Rivers won best high school athlete.

4 R fights cancer

Winter Garden and Winter Park 4 Riv- ers Smokehouses donated 100 per- cent of their tips to Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Florida last week. They raised $708. 4 Rivers employee Troy Brantley, whose daughter passed away from ovarian cancer, inspired this giveback initiative.

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Quilt panels needed

The Breakthrough Theatre of Winter Park presents “Quilt: A Musical Celebration,” from Nov. 11-28, with a special performance on Dec. 1, World AIDS Day. The theatre is accepting quilt panels from Central Floridians, made to honor loved ones who have died from AIDS. Visit BreakthroughT- theatre.com

Send bulletin submissions to editor@observernewspapers.com
Knights may take to air against Marshall

ISAAC BABCOCK
Observer Staff

UCF may have its first air war in recent memory when the Knights face Marshall on Saturday. And the return of the Knights’ passing game couldn’t come at a better time. The last time the Knights were as prolific going long range, they used it to truncate the Thundering Herd. Though UCF having a big game in the air may be hard to remember, it’ll be hard to forget that wild November night in 2009.

The Knights trailed the Herd for all but three minutes and 22 seconds of that game. But in the final 10 minutes, the Knights would go on a pair of wild drives that would take them into the end zone twice to seal a massive 21-20 comeback win over their biggest rival. That night, in the only season they would play that night who still wears a UCF uniform this season. He was Brett Hodges lit up the sky for 342 yards against BYU on Sept. 23, Guyton was one of two quarterbacks Jeff Godfrey and Blake Bortles airing it out for 318 yards receiving. That night, UCF’s A.J. Guyton was one of two receivers for 252 yards and passing for 229 against Virginia Tech, 288 against Ohio, 309 against Southern Miss and 249 against West Virginia. In three of those games, they allowed 70 or fewer rushing yards.

Meanwhile, Marshall has showed some air power of its own, with quarterback Rakeem Cato averaging 206 yards passing per game, compared to the Knights’ 232-yard average. The air game could turn out to be a curse if the Knights can’t also mobilize their run game. The Knights haven’t lost a game in which they rushed for more yards than they passed since Sept. 25, 2010, when they lost a 17-13 heartbreaker at Kansas State after rushing for 252 yards and passing for 92.

The game has been moved to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, still in Orlando. It’ll be broadcast on Bright House Sports Network.

Winter Park makes history

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Winter Park finally began its first winning streak of the year Friday night, and the Wildcats did it with the team’s 500th win of all time.

In a defensive game that ended 24-14 with the Wildcats notching a historic milestone, the score was still a tossup until the fourth quarter. Both Winter Park and Freedom had taken the lead repeatedly in the game before the Wildcats stopped some key late drives.

Pass defense would prove a turning point in the game, with defensive end James Washington and defensive back Dvario Montgomery both breaking up big passes that could have led to Freedom scores.

The Wildcats kept scoring to put the game away. Winter Park quarterback Asiantii Woulard once again produced the bulk of his team’s offense, having a hand in all three of his team’s touchdowns. And in the end the Cats emerged with a 3-2 record and a two-game win streak. They’ll have a bye week before they return to the field to host Evans at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 13. The Trojans (4-0) are off to one of their best starts in school history, with four straight wins so far. They’ve amassed a 166-41 point differential in the process, scoring an average of more than 42 points per game while allowing only 10.

Eagles ready for Bears

Edgewater (2-1) has had plenty of time to sharpen their game on the practice field, playing only once in the past three weeks after two bye weeks. They made the most of it against Oak Ridge, winning 14-6 on Sept. 23.

Now coming off their second break, the Eagles will head to Winter Springs (1-3) to play a struggling Bears team that is coming off a 49-0 blowout loss against Lake Brantley.

Quarterback J.B. Woodman will need to find some missing offense to up the Eagles’ chances for a win. The Bears have yet to win a game in which they’ve allowed more than 21 points. That game will kick off at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6.

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This year’s theme for Fire Prevention Week is rather straightforward: “Protect Your Family From Fire,” something we all desire. What’s the best way to protect your family from fire you may ask? Take a look at the game, of course. With more than 360,000 home fires reported in the United States in 2009, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), your best defense is a good offense. That’s why Fire Departments nationwide are teaming up with NFPA and city leaders to help protect your home and family from fire.

The Maitland Fire/Rescue Department has been working with local agencies and organizations to develop a public awareness campaign during Fire Prevention Week. Part of that effort is to remind us all of “Fire Safety Week” and the importance of fire prevention and safety.

Fire prevention is the key to saving lives and reducing the property damage caused by fire. It is the most effective and efficient way to prevent home fires and the loss of life. Fire prevention is a year-round commitment. With that in mind, the Maitland Fire/Rescue Department is offering a variety of educational activities and programs throughout the month of October to promote fire prevention.

For more information on fire safety, visit the city’s official website at maitland.com. To learn more, visit itsmy-maitland.com.

Theresa Paulin, Maitland Fire/Rescue Department

City Council Agenda of Oct. 10, 2011

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- For additional information on these clinics, please call 407-599-3613.

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The City of Winter Park is pleased to announce that in addition to the annual Spring Clean-up, the city also provides a Fall Cleanup during the month of October to promote “Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!” Through these educational activities, children and their parents can learn more about the power of prevention and available technologies to protect their own families from fire.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in Maitland, contact Fire Marshal Dennis Marshall at 407-539-6228 or dmarshall@maitland.com. To learn more, visit firepreventionweek.org.

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RAVAUDAGE is a mixed-use project planned to be built between Winter Park and Maitland. The project has faced various challenges and delays, but some key points include:

- **The City Council** voted unanimously to table the vote on the annexation at the Oct. 10 commission meeting.
- Winter Park's city attorney is working with the developer to re-adopt the land-use amendment and have city staff work with the developer to resolve the utility charges.
- **Director Dick Wells** said, “Does he need it to develop? I think if any Maitland citizen did this to us, we would figure out a way to collect our money.”
- **Community Development Director** bonus said, adding that he hopes to see more of the project’s retail development in Maitland.
- **Bellows** also plans to see more of the project’s retail development in Maitland.
- **Mr. Bellows** wants to do has come into Maitland after it’s all said and done, “I don’t think we’re sure what the project will look like in Maitland, if at all.”
- **Bellows** to keep Maitland a part of the project and the project will look like in Maitland remains the same.

The project is moving forward in Winter Park, as the City Commission ironed out details in order to annex 17 acres of Orange County land into the city for the project. Winter Park’s city attorney is scheduled to give an update on the annexation at the Oct. 10 commission meeting. Maitland was originally slated to have 17 acres of the project in its city limits but Bellows stepped back from that plan in August, saying it would be easier to have the entire project within one municipality. Winter Park and Maitland officials have both urged Bellows to keep Maitland a part of the original deal.

“The Ravaudage project is in flux for me,” bonus said on Sept. 26. “I don’t think we’re sure what the project will look like in Maitland, if at all.”

Bellows agreed that the project is changing, but that Bellows’ objective remains the same.

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Sy Rosefelt and John Koehler will present the Jane Anderson play, “Ruthless! The Musical” at the Breakthrough Theatre of Winter Park Playhouse, 711 Orange Ave., from Oct. 7-29. Visit WinterParkPlayhouse.org

The Orange County Retired Educators Association will meet Thursday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m. at College Park United Methodist Church, 644 W. Princeton St. for a program on “A Gift for Teaching.” Visit ocres-ft.org or call 407-877-0446.

Panera Bread cafes will donate $2 from the sale of every pink ribbon bagel sold on Friday, Oct. 7, to MD Anderson Cancer Center Orlando. A reception honoring the work of watercolor artists will be at Central Park’s West Meadow. Tickets are available at ParkAvenueFashionWeek.com. Visit AutumnArtFestival.com or call 407-646-2182 to see it through.

The Baldwin Bark third annual charity dog wash will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, in the Village Center, benefiting Kids Beating Cancer. Visit BaldwinBark.com

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As the Czech Republic celebrates its independence this month, a key party favor — the replica of a long ago destroyed statue — has Winter Park to thank for its inclusion.

The main attraction for the celebration in the capital city of Prague has its roots just off Aloma Avenue at the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens. The museum, which showcases the work of the Czech-born American artist Albin Polasek, helped to recreate a 1928 sculpture the artist made of President Woodrow Wilson — to honor the diplomatic relationship between the U.S. and the now-Czech Republic.

The original statue on display in Prague was said to have been torn down and destroyed in 1941 by German forces that occupied Czech territory after the United States declared war on Germany.

“The statue can be thought of as Polasek’s proudest accomplishment and biggest disappointment,” said Debbie Komanski, the executive director of the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens.

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, because of the hard work of both the museum and the advocacy group American Friends of the Czech Republic, Polasek’s honor was restored when a replica of his Woodrow Wilson monument was revealed, Komanski said. And she, along with several other Polasek trustees, was there to see it.

Headhunt

When Robert Doubek, the founder of the American Friends of the Czech Republic, began his research of the Woodrow Wilson Monument in 2006, he was lead to Komanski and the Polasek Museum and Foundation, which owns the copyrights to Polasek’s intellectual property. From there the two organizations collaborated in hopes of recreating the monument in the most accurate way possible.

With documentation that the Germans had reduced the statue to rubble, they thought the scaling and modeling would have to be done through 80-year-old, grainy photos of the sculpture’s original unveiling in 1928.

That was until they heard rumors that part of the statue was still intact, hidden away by Czechs during the Nazi occupation.

The statue was recreated using the original, right.
What’s yellow and has 30 legs?

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The Maitland Public Library, 501 S. Maitland Ave., has kicked off its giveback program for football season. Each school has a sandwich — Edgewater High has the “Screaming Eagle” and Winter Park High has the “Wildcat.” DR will donate 10 percent of these sales through Oct. 31.

The Maitland Public Library, 501 S. Maitland Ave., has bedtime stories for all ages at 6 p.m. every Monday. The school story time is 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday. Infant and toddler story time is at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday. Call 407-647-7700.

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The opening of the Learning & Cultural Center at the Maitland Public Library is 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at 501 S. Maitland Ave. Dress is casual business attire. RSVP to Sean at 407-647-7700.

Orlando Repertory Theatre presents the Newbery Medal winning classic “A Wrinkle In Time” from Thursday, Oct. 6, to Nov. 6 with performances on Saturdays at noon and 4 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. For tickets or more information, call 407-896-7365 or visit OrlandoRep.com for more information.

Movie in the Park featuring “Tangled” is 7:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Quinn Strong Park in Maitland. Bring your blankets and chairs and the city will bring you the stars. Visit MyMaitland.com for more information.

Pocpop Flicks in Central Park featuring “The Fly” is Thursday, Oct. 13, from 8 p.m.-10 p.m. Free popcorn will be provided for everyone. Rain date will be Oct. 27. Contact 407-829-0054 or visit Enzian.org for more information.

Whole Foods Winter Park’s parents morning out is Thursday, Oct. 20, from 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m. Enjoy a complimentary cup of Al- legra coffee, breakfast pastry and a free five-minute massage complements of Take 5 Massage.

St. Mary Magdalen Church, 861 Maitland Ave., presents CommunityFest 2011, “Come On And Sing With Us!” Oct. 21-23. CommunityFest features non-stop live entertainment, a 21-booth international food court, midway rides and games for all ages, and a spectacular super raffle. The super raffle grand prize this year is a 2012 Ford Fiesta or $15,000 in cash. The opening parade will be 6 p.m. on Friday night. For more information, visit www.stmary- magdalen.org and click on the CommunityFest link.

Whole Foods Winter Park’s Halloween Kids Club is Sunday, Oct. 30. It features cookie decorating from 1-2 p.m., followed by trick-or-treating from 2-3 p.m. All ghosts and goblins, ages 12 and younger are welcome and are encouraged to wear their costume.

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The art festival season is in full swing with free art festivals every weekend throughout Florida. Last weekend gave us glorious fall weather for the best Maitland Rotary Art Festival on record, and this weekend, the Winter Park Autumn Art Festival returns to Central Park on Saturday, Oct. 8, and Sunday, Oct. 9. Showing Florida artists exclusively, 150 outstanding artists are selected to display their works in ceramics, drawings and graphics, fiber, fine crafts, jewelry, painting, photography and sculpture. More than 200,000 visitors set an attendance record in 2010, many of those art lovers helping support our Florida artists by purchasing original art. In addition, attendees will find live musical entertainment, children’s art workshops and a beer garden. Visit autumnartfestival.com or call 407-644-8281.

A musical farce
Leave it to the dynamic duo at the Winter Park Playhouse to find the funniest, fall-out-of-your-seat musicals to bring to Central Florida, and I’ve been waiting for this one. Opening this week is “Ruthless! The Musical,” a farce that draws from characters from such classic films as “All About Eve,” “Gypsy,” “The Women” and “Valley of the Dolls.” In the “stage-door” plot, 8-year-old Tina knows she was born to play Pippi Longstocking, and she will do anything to win the part. The Daily News called it “hilarious … beyond praise,” and artistic director Roy Alan said “We’ve wanted to do this show for more than eight years and are ecstatic that we can finally bring it to Central Florida.” “Ruthless!” plays at the Winter Park Playhouse through Oct. 29. Call 407-645-0145 or visit winterparkplayhouse.org.

Too good for heaven
What better place than The Abbey to produce a musical called “Altar Boyz”? The story of a heavenly boy band out to save the world one screaming fan at a time, five small town boys — Matthew, Mark, Luke, Juan and Abraham — sing their way around the country, working miracles with their hits “Girl You Make Me Wanna Wait” and “Jesus Called Me On My Cell Phone.” Mixing angelic voices, sinful choreography and a touching story, “Altar Boyz” will be performed at The Abbey from Wednesday, Oct. 12, to Nov. 13. The Abbey is the new mixed-use theater/bar at 100 S. Eola Drive in downtown Orlando, a space designed to accommodate everything from concerts to community theater. Visit AbbeyOrlando.com. Tickets may be purchased through Ticketweb.com or by calling 1-866-468-7630.

‘A Wrinkle in Time’
The Orlando Repertory Theatre continues its theater for children series with “A Wrinkle in Time,” adapted from the award-winning book by Madeleine L’Engle. The play begins, as so many adventure stories do, on a “dark and stormy night.” Celebrating the power of the imagination, this fantasy-adventure sends three children across space and time where they must learn to rely on their individual strengths in order to rescue their father. Performances take place on weekends through Nov. 15 at the Orlando Repertory Theatre in Loch Haven Park. Visit orlandorep.com or call 407-896-7365.

A Night at the Oscars
Memorable music from the greatest Hollywood films of all time, including “Ben-Hur,” “Gone With the Wind” and “The Wizard of Oz” will highlight the Orlando Philharmonic’s concert titled “A Night at the Oscars”. On Saturday, Oct. 15, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., the orchestra will perform as memorable movie scenes are projected on a huge screen above the stage. The program is conducted by Dirk Meyer and narrated by Orange County Comptroller Martha Haynie. “A Night at the Oscars” is created by John Goberman, the Emmy-winning producer of Live from Lincoln Center, and has played to sold-out audiences throughout the world. It’s at the Bob Carr Performing Arts Center. Call 407-770-0071 or visit orlandophil.org.

Josh Garrick is a writer, photographer, educator, and fine art curator. He is a member of the Curatorial Council for the Museum of Florida Art. Garrick can be reached at joshgarrick9@gmail.com or 407-522-3906.
**Letters to the Editor**

**Roney is something**

After reading the Louis Roney column “Play On!” of Sept. 29 (“Amusing musings,”), I must make a comment. Louis Roney is constitutionally and genetically incapable of doing anything.

He has accomplished more doing nothing in the last half of his life than most people will ever achieve in their whole lifetimes, no matter how much they plan to do or are able to do. That is a blessing to all of us. Keep it up, Louis!

—Lorraine Wood

Orlando

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**School bus advertising is important**

As the gardening year begins in Florida, it is time to make the tough choices over what to plant in our limited garden space and time. Take into consideration our growing conditions of a spring-like winter, frost-punctuated winter, and summer-threatened spring. Although we can garden almost year round, the staccato seasons keep our selection matrix feverously processing.

Speaking of the matrix, I have seen numerous graphic representations of decision-making grids. Usually applied to some business productivity model, these crosshatch designs can help organize our fuzzy ideas into a focused plan. Even with our crop selection plotted in black and white, selecting the crops for the food we nourish our bodies with is never a turnkey process.

Centered on a blank sheet of paper, draw a large plus symbol. On the vertical line, label it ‘Easy’ at the top and ‘Difficult’ at the bottom. On the horizontal line, label it ‘Like’ and ‘Yuck’ at opposite ends. Create one of these pages for each gardening season. On the back of these pages, list what crops you want to grow in your garden that season.

Each crop you choose to plant will have two factors: how much you like them and how easy they are to grow.

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Love, others on practical production for the dinner table. Of course, the difficult/yuck quadrant can be left for next year!

Special note: Many gardening endeavors are springing up all over town as our growing year begins. To get involved, just visit the Sunwood Gardens or Simple Living Institute Facebook pages, call an IFAS Extension Ag Agent or Master Gardener, attend any number of gardening festivals, or drop by my booth at the Audubon Park Community Market on Monday evenings.

**Advisors for buses make sense**

Driving the school bus is a familiar sight in the community. School transportation is a fundamental aspect of education, with children needing the appropriate transportation to travel to and from school. However, in light of the volatile nature of oil prices coupled with the economic downturn, school districts are looking for new ways to promote efficiency and better use their existing resources. A unique opportunity to realize a new revenue stream for district transportation is in the form of school bus advertisements.

I'd like to first preface this discussion by noting that public transportation is no stranger to advertisements. In Washington, D.C., the walls that the Metro travels through have ads on them, while here in Central Florida, our Lynx buses have a variety of advertisements on them, ranging from public service information to LCF colors. As Lynx notes, more than 2.4 million people meet their school bus. In fact, a 2009 report sponsored by the Federal Transit Administration noted that the “…overarching conclusion is that transit advertising is well-positioned for substantial growth.”

Estimates from organizations that are already involved in public and school transportation initiatives have provided estimates that, based on Orange County’s $959 routes, a monthly revenue stream could be in the ballpark of $240,000, with school year (10-month) revenue at $24.2 million. Seminole County, with 390 routes, could see an estimated school year revenue amount of $975,000. Since advertisements have been introduced, OCPS has generated $6.3 million alone. It’s far closer than the Mt. Vernon Inn, that empty tract of land along Interlachen Avenue has been waiting for. In the case of the Mt. Vernon Inn, that vital part of the plan could be easier to solidify than the massive gap in the hotel’s parking capacity would let on.

The inevitability of the project was obvious at the end of that meeting, even if some major parts of the planning had yet to be completed. But the Commission should tread carefully in allowing the 100,000-square-foot hotel to spring up without considering the consequences. For local businesses in a down economy, and with tourism also suffering in these years, those consequences could be dire.

There’s no discounting the value of Rollins’ students’ frequently well-heeled parentage patronizing a high class hotel to help raise money for scholarship funds for less amply funded students.

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**From my door to yours**

**Tom Carey**

Tom Carey is the owner of Sundew Gardens, a you-pick gardening business in Oviedo. Visit the Sundew Gardens Facebook page.
Most weekdays I can sit in my backyard and hear only the chirping of birds. Rumble from a distant road serves as a reminder that regardless of one’s momentsary reverie, another world does exist … and that it will inevitably encroach. Some afternoons a neighbor’s children, two delightful little girls, are unleased from their home with uncontrollable glee, giggling and bowling with life and unadulterated joy.

And in those delightful moments before the sibling rivalry inevitably flares, before “had it first” is screamed, before the younger, true to form, howls “Mom-mee,” there is such sweetness in the universe. These children in these moments present the sublimity of life. And then, poof, gone. So, too, the tranquility. Sigh.

I find those little roadside shrines to the dead a curious thing. Often decked out in cheesy, garish plastic flowers — they are giraffes to the dead commemorating the sorrow of life … for the living.

It’s as if illegal Hondurans were hired to construct the memorial. Months later, covered in road grime, the fake red and yellow flowers now faded are distorted, covered in road grime, the fake red and yellow flowers now faded are distorted.
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Fashion events hit Avenue

MEISHA PERRIN
Observer Staff

Ballet, vampires and high fashion will come together in Winter Park during the culminating runway show at Harrriet's Fifth Annual Park Avenue Fashion Week, which kicks off Sunday, Oct. 9.

The Orlando Ballet Company put together a customized dance to promote their new ballet, "Vampire's Ball," in the first opening act to ever hit Park Avenue's runway on Oct. 15.

In just four days, Austin Walker, production consultant for fashion week and national accounts manager for Karl's event services, the same company that builds the tents for New York and Miami's fashion weeks, will transform 30,000 square feet of the West Meadow in downtown Winter Park for a week of cocktails, champagne and of course, clothes.

Retailers along the Avenue will also be hosting trunk shows and special events.

Five years ago, for the first fashion week, a freak storm came through and the outdoor show got rained out. "So we all sat down and said we really need to take this to the tents," Walker said. "And when the event came to the tents, that's what really gave it the credibility, like 'yeah, this is Fashion Week.'"

And this year, the VIP lounge is back — with an urban chic theme, VIP chair Scott D. Vaughn said.

More than a week

The fashion week preview events began on Oct. 1 with the Mercedes-Benz kick-off party, followed by the "Best of Both Parks" party at Hue Restaurant in downtown Orlando, which Vaughn said had a turnout of more than 400 people.

"It's the first time a fashion week party was held outside of Winter Park," Walker said. "It was a tremendous success."

These events are only the beginning of the more than 70 events that will be happening during Park Avenue Fashion Week.

Beginning on Oct. 9, there will be seven days of trunk shows, designer meet-and-greets, jewelry extravaganzas, VIP parties and previews at stores and restaurants along Park Avenue, all leading up to the final runway show on Saturday, Oct. 15, where last year's emerging designer contest winner, Marta Roman, will get a chance to showcase her collection.

Park's Project Runway

This year, a "Project Runway"-type contest was held for the first time, said Paige Blackwelder, co-chair and co-owner of Tuni. For the contest, participants were given a kit from Winter Park Memorial Hospital and had to use hospital material to create interesting fashions.

"They all came up with some really creative fabulous designs," Blackwelder said. "They turned out so interesting that we hope to put them on the runway."

Tuni, a participating boutique located on Park Avenue South, was the location for the emerging designer party on Oct. 5, where customers got a chance to meet designers and judges and see their collections.

Also on the line-up is the one-of-a-kind preview event at the "Best of Both Parks" party at Hue Restaurant, which Vaughn said is the perfect fit as Park Avenue Fashion Week.

"It's the first time a fashion event have not forgotten about giving back to the community, as a portion of the proceeds from the fashion week and 100 percent of the cover charge for the John Craig | Current party, which is a red carpet event that began in 2009.

The American Heart Association's Go Red For Women campaign is the perfect fit as Park Avenue Fashion Week's event charity since the Go Red symbol is a fashionable red dress, plus PAFW will help to empower Winter Park residents to be proactive about their heart health.

From a simple red dress, to the sensual, organic piece, Go Red for Women is a seven-day (Oct. 9-15) celebration of the local fashion retail and design community.

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About Fashion Week

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The grand finale is the fashion show held in downtown Winter Park’s West Meadow, where a prominent tent display, designed by New York’s Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week’s venue designers, lights the night sky. Harrriet’s Park Avenue Fashion Week's goal is to bring the essence of fashion and merge it with function to showcase Winter Park and its elegance.

Finale show

But by far the biggest event is the runway show on Saturday, Oct. 15, where there will be a VIP lounge with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a swing bar, four sky lounges with bottle service, private entrance, private butler and a 52-inch plasma screen, and where a surprise celebrity will walk the fashion show for the first time ever.

"It's just one big party with good music, beautiful people and high fashion," Walker said.

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Rollins professor holds benefit recital to celebrate 80th birthday

Three hundred performances, more than 30 different roles, two books and his own music theater studio program in Europe — Richard Owens has fit a lot into his nearly 65-year professional singing career.

But he’s not done yet. Owens, an adjunct voice professor at Rollins College since 1992 and former Orlando Opera Company director, will hold his own voice recital, celebrating his life, career, voice and love of music on Saturday, Oct. 15, two days before his 80th birthday.

“This recital will capture what I have to say in this part of my life,” Owens said. “The program will start with old age and end with life.”

From visions of aging to his old dreams of going to sea, an ode to his home state of Texas, and years spent in Europe, Owens said should have the opportunity to learn and experience the arts and ways of Europe, those who seek to perform professionally.

Gift of giving

The recital, though free to attend, will function as a birthday party and benefit for Rollins College and Central Florida students who wish to attend Owens’ study-abroad Music Theater Bavaria program in Oberaudorf, Germany.

He says it is his birthday wish to be able to continue to help the community’s next generation of vocal performers succeed on a professional level. He hopes that through this scholarship fund benefit, more students will get that chance.

Having studied and performed extensively in Europe himself, Owens said all those who seek to perform professionally should have the opportunity to learn and experience the arts and ways of Europe, which led him to start the Music Theater Bavaria program in 2000.

“The studio has been a business combining what I did and what I should have learned,” he said.

His wife, Rollann Owens, who also serves as artistic director and choreographer for the program, said her husband’s greatest passion in life has always been that of teaching and sharing his craft with his students.

“He’s always put forth a great generosity of talent and time to help his students get to start in life,” she said. “For him, it is all about using their talents in the best way possible.”

Filling in the gaps

For his recital, Owens is highlighting not only his own talents, but also those of his friends, former students and colleagues.

The baritone singer said each chapter of the program focuses on a different time in his career and will be segued together by interlude performances by close friends and colleagues.

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Singing at 80

Owens said it’s not a miracle that he can still belt it out at 80, but the result of a gift of great genes.

“My paternal grandfather that I barely knew was a singer,” Owens said. “It must have in some way got passed down to me. I’m lucky that my voice is still going.”

“I think that’s what this is all about wanting to continue singing regardless of age,” his wife said. “Every performer always has that voice in them, and they want to prove to everyone else that it’s still in there.”

Photo by Isaac Babcock — THE OBSERVER

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But when he lets just a few practice notes bellow through the Rollins College auditorium, it’s clear that he’s still got it.

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Learn more

Richard Owens: “For the Love of Singing” event is Saturday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the John M. Tiedtke Concert Hall at Rollins College. For more information on the event and the cause, visit www.musictheaterbavaria.org

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One-stop shop for seniors

One Senior Place, which offers senior care advice and senior-focused businesses, will expand to Altamonte Springs next year.

BRITTNI JOHNSON
Observer Staff

One Senior Place, a center offering senior care advice and senior-focused businesses, is expanding to Altamonte Springs.

One Senior Place, which opened its first location in Viera, will provide seniors and their caregivers with a one-stop shopping and information resource center for everything from hearing aids and living options to legal advice and counseling.

The expected opening date is February 2012, and the center has 23 offices for potential senior-focused businesses. There will also be a showroom featuring potential senior living choices and a resource library with information about all of the area’s senior organizations and businesses.

“The Orlando area has a tremendous amount of resources, but it’s all fragmented,” said Karen Precord, director of the Orlando location. “We put the pieces together.”

Finding their way

And connecting families to their specific needs in one place is quite a relief for many. For most seniors and their adult children caregivers, this is an overwhelming time, Precord said. Dealing with the new needs they come with becoming seniors is something they don’t look forward to and aren’t always prepared for. She said many of the visitors at One Senior Place come in crisis and have no idea where to start.

“When they do come in they are lost,” Precord said. “We want to empower them to make difficult decisions.”

Every family who visits the center is given a free consultation by a care manager and then is pointed in the right direction for the resources they need. Instead of driving all over town, which many seniors aren’t comfortable with, or calling every business in the phone book, which may not offer what they need, they can come to one place. In Viera, they give these consultations to more than 100 families a month.

“We know shopping for senior services is not fun,” Precord said. “We want them to feel relieved.”

“It’ll give them an added comfort level,” said Peggy Hoyt, of Hoyt and Bryan, an Oviedo law firm that specializes in elder law and will have an office in One Senior Place.

A welcoming place

For Viera resident Charlotte Chapman, who’s been visiting the Viera center since its opening five years ago, comfort and guidance is exactly what she found. When she moved to Florida to be closer to family, she didn’t know where to make friends, get information for future needs or get advice and referrals for medical care.

“Now she said she has great doctors she met through One Senior Place, attends events put on by the center’s senior club where she’s made lots of friends and finds herself recruiting new visitors. She said One Senior Place has made making decisions easier for her and others she knows.

“They walk the talk,” Chapman said. “They make you feel welcome and at home.”

Education for families

One Senior Place not only gives you their in-house business options, but also lists others that offer the same type of services. So, if it can’t be everyone’s one-stop shop, it is a place to start for clients who want to look around and find the place that fits their needs, budget and family. It’s a place to get educated on the options.

It will also serve as a place for their businesses to host events and educational seminars. Hoyt’s firm is a counseling-based practice, and she will be holding her workshops there.

Nancy Squillacioti, executive director for Alzheimer’s and Dementia Resource Center, will have an office at One Senior Place with an employee there five days a week. The nonprofit organization offers counseling, education and training to families and professionals caring for people with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. They will also be hosting educational seminars for visitors. Squillacioti said this type of business has been a long time coming, and she can’t wait to be a part of a strong network of senior services.

“I think it’s really going to help the quality of life for the seniors in this community and the people who love them,” she said.

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Resolution comes through validation

AS TOLD BY NAOMI FEIL

You don’t have to be a professional to practice validation therapy. In fact, you can start with some techniques that can reduce the stress your loved one is feeling, enhance their dignity, increase their happiness and even help keep them from becoming further disoriented. Using these techniques, you can help them express emotions that may have been suppressed for years, things like grief, anxiety, frustration or abandonment. Even if your loved one is unable or unwilling to speak, simply acknowledging these emotions can go a long way toward healing.

You can try starting with these strategies:

• Speak in a low, clear, compassionate tone of voice.
• Maintain eye contact with them.
• Rephrase their statements, using the same tone and cadence of speech. For example: “You want to be back in your own home. What would you do there?”
• Use non-threatening, factual words. Instead of asking them why something happened or why they did what they did, consider asking who, what, where, when and how.
• Observe and match their body language to create a bond of trust. If they lean in toward you, mirror that action by leaning toward them.
• Pay attention to significant objects, such as a wedding ring, and ask questions associated with those objects. “How did Dad propose to you, Mom? Where did you get married?”
• Step into their personal reality and try to understand how their behavior might connect with a basic human need for love, respect or comfort.
• Tap into the power of music. Singing or playing an instrument can help them recall the emotions connected with familiar songs.
• Engage your loved one in familiar hobbies to evoke positive memories.

As you consider how best to support your loved one, remember that each person is different, and these techniques should be used with their needs and desires in mind.

Although there is no cure, validation therapy can be a valuable tool. By treating loved ones as unique individuals with important pasts and meaningful lives, we can stay in touch with the humanity.

Naomi Feil, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., is a pioneer in validation therapy and will be speaking at the Alzheimer’s & Dementia Resource Center’s (ADRC) 18th Annual Caregiver Conference being held at Winter Park Towers on Nov. 5. For more information or to register, contact Cindy Spurgeon at 407-843-9910, ext. 301 or cindyrADCares.org

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Exercise may reduce risk of dementia

by Matilda Charles

There’s a way to possibly reduce the risk of dementia or cognitive impairment, or lessen its impact if it strikes, and it doesn’t involve taking a pill. The medical journal Mayo Clinic Proceedings recently published a review of the literature to see if there was any evidence of its theory that exercise can help fight dementia. After looking at 1,600 papers, it reported that, yes, aerobic exercise “significantly reduced” the risk of dementia and reduced the risk of mild cognitive impairment. Additionally, exercise helped to slow the diseases after it started. It doesn’t happen overnight, of course. In one study, it took six to 12 months for the tests to show up, but the literature shows many patients had better spatial memory and slowed or less brain matter. In another study, brain scans (MRI) showed better “connectivity” — meaning that the pathways in the brain improved. Even more, exercise is associated with a slowing of dementia caused by small blood vessel disease. What does this mean for you? It means that aerobic exercise, or anything that gets the heart pumping and increases the need for oxygen, results in better blood flow to the brain. Brain pathways stay open and cognitive abilities are preserved or improved.

Aerobic exercise, however, doesn’t necessarily mean we need to work out at the gym. Daily walks at a rate that pumps up the heart rate a bit, swimming, seated workouts and senior fitness classes can all help. More studies need to be done, but the review of all that literature indicates that we’re on the right track if we exercise.

Ask your doctor before you start anything new.

Matilda Charles regrets that she can’t personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into her column whenever possible. Write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to columnrelievers@hindbargs.com.

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