

It's Great To Be Grand!

– by Tricia Cable

Teachers, in general, are some of the most thoughtful human beings on the planet. They certainly don't become teachers because of the pay, and many of the professional educators in my circle spend a great deal of their hard-earned wages on classroom supplies and other items in an effort to be the very best teachers for our children. John F. Kennedy once said "Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education. The human mind is our fundamental resource."

The kindergarten team at Grand Avenue Primary Learning Center takes that fundamental concept and puts it into motion each and every day. One could ar-

gue that their challenges are much greater given that Grand Avenue is an inner city and Title One school with high poverty, high crime and a high mobility rate. All (100%) of their students qualify for and receive free breakfast and free lunch and 15%-18% of the student body are homeless.



Kindergarten Team Leader Sarah Schneider with a group of her students during Reading Class. – Photo by Tricia Cable

The Grand Avenue teachers spend hundreds of dollars each year out of their own pockets to provide clothing, shoes, snacks, basic supplies, books, and field trip costs. The staff continues to go above and beyond by helping families at Grand outside of the classroom; driving them to the doctor's visits, helping to pay for medicine, paying for children with impaired vision to get glasses, and on occasion, paying their rent to avoid eviction.

But the team of five woman who take on the responsibility to educate the 88 5 and 6-year-olds who attend kindergarten there are not only incredibly dedicated and competent, but also a very compassionate and caring group. "Students here are such sweet and inquisitive boys and girls," explains team leader Sarah Schneider. "They tend to lack the knowledge of the world beyond their own neighborhood, and that is where we come in," she continues.

Throughout The Park Press community made up of Winter Park, College Park,

Baldwin Park and Maitland, our schools benefit greatly from very generous parental support. When federal funding is lacking, I have seen, time and time again, the parents stepping up to ensure that the printers have toner, the teachers *Continued on page 9*

Friends Remembering Friends



coast of Nova Scotia. A tragedy to say the least, all 229 souls on board perished.

The Hopcrafts were Winter Park residents who found each other later in life through a singles group in their Orlando church. Wealthy enough to do whatever they wanted in life, the Hopcrafts devoted themselves to unpublicized random acts of kindness. Their friendships and their legacy of philanthropic activities continue to promote compassion and love even today, arship Fund. "To date, the annual tournament has raised almost \$50,000," explains tournament founder and organizer Georgette Lynch. "Each year, this fund provides a "Florida Pre-Paid College Tuition Plan" to a deserving student at the Orange Center Elementary School in Orlando," continues fund administrator and close friend of the Hopcrafts, Bruce Woodruff.

As of today, fifteen "full ride" scholarships have been awarded to children whom otherwise would not have had the opportunity to obtain a four year college degree. Through the efforts of their devoted friends and loved ones, the Hopcrafts will long be remembered.

L to R: Co-chair Mary Gallagher, Fund Administrator Bruce Woodruff and Co-chair Georgette Lynch. Photo by Tricia Cable

Larry and Polly Hopcraft were married just eleven short years when on September 2, 1998, the aircraft that they were traveling in caught fire and crashed into the Atlantic Ocean off the fourteen years after their deaths.

Polly loved playing bridge with her friends. Each year in Polly's memory, her friends host a bridge tournament to raise money for Polly's favorite charity. "Education is the best gift you can give," was Larry Hopcraft's favorite quote and to that end, the Friends Remembering Friends annual bridge tournament raises money to benefit The College Kid Club Schol-

For more information on participating in this annual bridge tournament and/or to contribute to the scholarship fund, please contact Georgette Lynch at (407) 565-0386.

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Publisher's Message



We're one month into what I believe will be one of the most historically defining years of our lifetime. Yes, 2012 is a general election year, and the people of our great nation are facing overwhelming challenges. Each election has importance, but given the current gridlock in Congress, November 2012 cannot get here fast enough for me.

So what about the next ten months? Well, based on current political tensions and the early negative campaign advertising that began last month, this year is going to be politically interesting and exhausting. We reside in an all-important swing state that will directly affect the outcome of the upcoming general election. History has shown that each and every vote counts,

RICK CABLE

especially in Florida. Politics will be the headlines each day and information from both creditable and non-creditable sources will come into play. Journalist with aligned party affiliations will add their opinions, angles and spins, while others will simply state the known facts at hand. We will be exposed to information and efforts that will enlighten, confirm, confuse, persuade, mislead, misdirect, deflect and avoid.

It's going to be a challenge to make sense of it all, so I suggest identifying a couple of creditable sources and cross checking any and all answers of concern. Always consider the source and don't rely solely on casual political conversations with family and friends with respect to your issues. Take that extra step to research and review information for credible sources and by November you'll be casting an educated vote for the candidates of your choice.

The person holding the office of president and members that make up this Congress will have earned the honor to LEAD this country during this defining and all-important time in our history. Regardless of the results of this upcoming election, Congress must revert back to leading the United States of America instead of leading as if we are the Divided Political Parties of America. Being divided has never worked and is simply no longer an option.

As always, thank you for reading The Park Press and we look forward to the great things to come. 🔶

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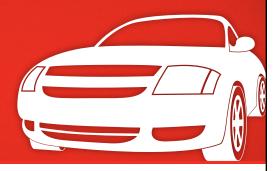
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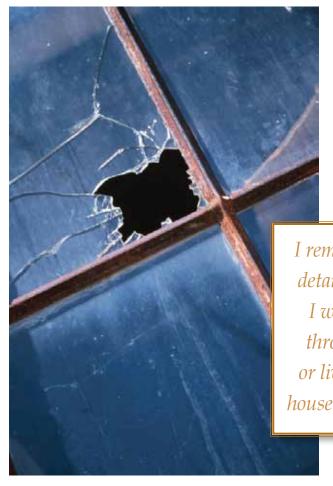
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He Who Lives In A Glass House Shouldn't Throw Stones!

By Tricia Cable

Many of us were raised by parents who either used analogies or ancient proverbs to help us learn many of life's lessons along our way. Whether it was "The early bird gets the worm," to get me out of bed in the morning and help me realize that great things can't happen if you stay in bed; or the ever-popular "Stop crying or I will give you something to cry about," which was an incredibly lame attempt to get me to stop fussing for no reason. I am pretty sure that if I was crying, in my mind, I thought I already had something worth crying over. I have put my own personal spin on this oldie but goodie over the years by simply asking, "Are you bleeding?" Still not effective, but I so enjoy the look on my girls' faces. And, what about "Don't put off until tomorrow what can be done today," those words were wasted on me. I am great at schooling others on time management, but I am also the first one to accept a fun lunch invite that I don't have time for and I am a huge supporter of "put off what can be done today until tomorrow!"

One of the most intriguing of these oneline wonders is "He who lives in a glass house shouldn't throw stones." I don't know the origin of this zinger, but it immediately put me in my place every time it was uttered in my direction. I remember in great detail the first time I was accused of throwing a stone or living in a glass house for that matter. The very first thought in my head was, "A glass house? What a fabulous idea!" And then almost instantaneously, an image of an incredible glass house popped into my



head. The words lost their meaning on me that first time. But over the years I have come to not only understand the lesson, but genuinely respect the message.

With the absence of my parents in our home, I often invoke it on myself when I hear my criticisms of my children for the multitude of household sins that I am most certainly guilty of as well. Case in point, the girls were asked over to play with friends recently and I told them both they were not going anywhere unless they spent twenty minutes cleaning their messy bedrooms. As I walked away, I heard my eldest say to my youngest, "I hope Mommy doesn't have any plans with her friends today...have you seen her room?" OMG, LOL...she was so right, but that is the beauty of being the mom- "Do as I say, not as I do!" Nonetheless, I cleaned my room too.

I remember in great detail the first time I was accused of throwing a stone or living in a glass house for that matter. "Lead by example!"

Parenthood is, hands down, the hardest thing that I have ever signed up for in my life. I take it very seriously, sometimes a bit too seriously. I over-discuss concerns and issues and look for a lesson anywhere and everywhere. We don't get progress reports or have annual reviews,

but occasionally, you get feedback that lets you know that you are being heard and your children are paying attention. It is in those moments that the stress and the doubting evaporate. The highs definitely outweigh the lows and therefore the prideful moments outnumber those in which you feel disappointment. Remember, "Rome wasn't built in a day," and "Good things come to those who wait!" \blacklozenge



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Meet Jack!

For those of you who travel Lakemont Avenue in Winter Park during the morning, afternoon, or evening hours, this month's neighbor should look very familiar to you and he is a true gem. Hands down, he has been the most nominated neighbor we have ever had. A very private man, who wants no publicity, Jack is in his words, "just Jack!"

I have no last name to share with you or any real background or historical information to share, all per his request. Just a firm, sincere hand shake and a friendly wave!

Jack walks down Lakemont Avenue from his house to the dog park and back three to four times a day, every day...."God willing" he says. "When I am sitting on the couch watching television, I can hear my legs talking to me. They say, you better get up and move or you will lose me! So, I do!"

And he is not kidding, he walks because he still can. "When I wake up in the morning, I wiggle my toes and fingers and move my arms and legs and thank Jesus in heaven for my health and the ability to move." He doesn't want to seem ungrateful for his mobility, so he walks and, he waves!



Jack during his daily rounds offering up a wave and a smile

When I asked him what the wave means to him, he explains that the wave is not only for the people he waves to, but for himself has well. "When I wave to people,

I am saying that I wish you health and happiness. And, my wave and fellowship is a thank you to God for blessing me with my good health."

Originally from Brooklyn, New

York, Jack has been a Winter Park resident for decades. He was born in 1925 and since he has yet to celebrate his birthday in 2012, he logs in at a spry 86 years old.

I can tell you that Jack is a World War II veteran, having served in the Army, Navy and the Marines simultaneously. You see, he was a mechanic on an LST (Landing Ship, Tank). These vessels were created during World War II to support amphibious operations by carrying significant quantities of vehicles and cargo, and landing troops directly onto an unimproved shore. Jack was responsible for maintaining and repairing the water vessels aboard that were tasked with carrying out the invasions, sometimes for the Army missions, sometimes the Navy missions and sometimes for the missions that the Marines participated in.

So the next time you are traveling either north or south on Lakemont Avenue at morning, noon or night, look for Jack, because he is looking for you! As much as we look forward to seeing him out there walking every day, he looks forward to seeing us too. Your honks and waves make his day! +



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City Commissioner's Message

Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, City of Orlando District 3



Robert F. Stuart

The months of February and March are such a great time to live in the City of Orlando! Not only is most of the country envious of our spectacular weather, but during this time of year, the City hosts a few of its best signature events as does the Baldwin Park community. And

who could forget that February is the month to celebrate and treasure our loved ones?

The City of Orlando boasts some unique ways to celebrate Valentine's Day. Of course, there are the numerous restaurants that can make any evening special. However, there are also a few other options in case you are looking for something a little different. Leu Gardens (www.leugardens.org) hosts their annual Valentine's Day Date Night on Tuesday, February 14 with the movie "Crazy Stupid Love." Or, if you like cooking, check out Truffles and Trifles' Valentine's Day offerings (www.trufflesandtrifles. com) for a romantic, food-inspired night out. If you are a concert buff, Valentine's Day weekend brings two great performers to the Amway Center-George Strait on February 11 and Andrea Bocelli on February 12. And for our theater lovers, the musical "Billy Elliot" will open on Valentine's Day.

While our police and fire services are certainly the biggest and most talked-about departments here at City Hall, our Public Works Department

is the third largest and performs many of our city's core services. Our city's Wastewater Division has the not so glamorous, but integral job of maintaining our complex sewer system. One of the most amazing parts

of that system is the Orlando Wetlands Park located in Christmas, Florida. Much of the City of Orlando's wastewater travels 17 miles to this 1,220 acre site where 35 million gallons of wastewater is literally scrubbed and polished every day by more than 2 million aquatic plants and 200,000 trees that make up this marsh. On average, the wetland system removes about 64% of the total nitrogen and approximately 74% of the total phosphorus in the reclaimed water. The wetlands outflow remains consistently lower than the background levels of phosphorus that are found in the St Johns River. On Saturday, February 18, the City will host the 12th Annual Orlando Wetlands Festival from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The entire day is free, with live entertainment, activities for the kids, tree give-aways as well as guided birding and native plant ID hikes along with much more. For more information about this fun-filled day and this wonderful park, visit www.cityoforlando.net.

For all of our residents who love blues music and barbecue, join us on Sunday, February 19 for the 6th Annual Blues B-Q taking place this year on Church Street in front of the Amway Center from 3-10 p.m. This event, which has free admission, will feature the bands Trombone



Shorty & Orleans Avenue as well as the Lee Boys. Please visit the City's website, www.citvoforlando.net, for more information about this memorable event.

Please join me at 10 a.m. on February 29 to listen to the mayor's Annual State of

the City address where we can learn more about his plans and ideas for our city. The event will be taking place at the UCF School of Medicine, 6850 Lake Nona Boulevard. For more information, please visit www.cityoforlando.net/soc.

Baldwin Park will once again play host to the Orlando Chili Cookoff on March 3 at Blue Jacket Park. The event, organized by a great organization called Events for Change, Inc., will begin at noon. Just in its third year, this event has quickly grown into an event that you do not want to miss!

Then March 10 is the annual Baldwin Park Food and Wine Festival benefitting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This event brings many of Central Florida's premier restaurants together on one street for one great cause. The event also features a performance by The BB King All-Star Band. For more details and information on how to purchase tickets, please visit www.cff.org/ Chapters/orlando.

I hope you have the opportunity to take advantage of some of the great amenities and events that our community has to offer this month and thanks for your role in keeping Orlando a Great City!

-Robert 🔶

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Winter Park Mayor's Message

Mayor Ken Bradley



With one month under our belts into the New Year, February is a great month to continue the spirit of re-energizing, prioritizing and celebrating. On

January 18, I delivered my "State of the City Address" during the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce's annual City Commission Luncheon. At this event, we celebrated the many exceptional accomplishments the city has achieved the past year and also reflected on the many ways we made and are continuing to make "Every Day Exceptional" in our beautiful city.

One of the main reasons why we can make every day exceptional in Winter Park is because of the hard work and commitment of our city staff. They are the behind-the-scenes heroes and at this luncheon we recognized three of these stewards who have stood out above the rest as they received the Employee of the Year Awards. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce these three employees to you and highlight some of the reasons why they have been selected for this tremendous honor.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR: CA-



LEENA SHIRLEY began with the city in 2005 as a part-time date entry clerk. Her tireless dedication to the city is noticeable in every aspect of her work including her assigned duties and

those for which she volunteers. No job is too mundane or too complicated for Caleena. Her role requires direct contact with the public and the local community while explaining complex development codes and application requirements. Although the work is often stressful, she remains patient and professional. Her understanding of the codes helps to free up other staff in her department so they can focus on items such as strategic planning policies. Caleena serves as a role model in public service with her patient and respectful handling of citizen questions and complaints. In addition to her assigned duties, Caleena is often responsible to assist during the city's public hearings including City Commission meetings. Her excellent computer, technological and GIS mapping skills enable her to provide assistance to many city departments and she improves the morale of her fellow employees while setting a high standard and positive work ethic. Furthermore, Caleena's favorable contribution to the image of the city does not stop at City Hall. Her dedication to Winter Park goes above and beyond expectations. The community at large has recognized her steady dedication and dependable leadership skills as she serves on the board of the DePugh Nursing Home and the Hannibal Square Community Land Trust. In her spare time she is attending Rollins College to pursue a degree in urban planning which will provide her with even more ability to improve the quality of decision-making and efficiency within our city government.

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR: JEFF **SPINELLI** is continually going above and beyond the call of duty as he serves as an engineer/paramedic. Due to his reliability and good decision-making qualities, he is well respected by not only his supervisors, but also his peers. Jeff was involved with a number of department projects in 2011 and each of them were completed during his normal duty hours or on his own time which resulted in zero overtime cost to the department. Some of the projects that Jeff completed include ensuring that the Emergency Medical Service lab was completed; traveling to Appleton, Wisconsin, to ensure the safe and prompt return of a newly refurbished engine back to Winter Park; and teaching pump operations classes to the entire department. Jeff has also taken it upon himself to become a State Certified Instructor and Live Fire Instructor. These examples are just a few of the many great things Jeff has been involved with around the department. He is the type of employee who simply overhears about something that may need to be done, and takes it up himself to make it happen without further direction. Jeff is always looking for things he can be involved with to make the department a better place for his fellow employees. He is one of the first people willing to volunteer and he exemplifies the qualities that exceptional employees portray.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR: RANDALL MORRISSEY exemplifies dedication



and service to Winter Park citizens through his commitment to his duties as a traffic enforcement officer assigned to the Special Operations Division.

During the last year, Officer Morrissey has made it a personal mission to identify, correct and educate citizens of issues concerning occupant protection. He coordinates the department's seatbelt enforcement initiatives and encourages officers and supervisors to participate in these department efforts. He is solely responsible for the car seat safety and installation program offered by the Winter Park Police Department. Throughout the year, Officer Morrissey has made traffic safety his primary mission. One example of this commitment is illustrated by his actions during National Child Passenger Safety Week. In conjunction with this initiative, he

took it upon himself to visit the local elementary schools and personally observe compliance with the child seat laws to determine whether the child seats were installed correctly. During these visits he observed that many parents were not in compliance with the child seat laws and felt this is an issue which should be addressed. He then arranged to conduct a car seat safety presentation in conjunction with the Lakemont Elementary PTA. His efforts in going above and beyond the call of duty depict his true concern for the safety and welfare of our residents and especially our children. He represents the true law enforcement professional and should be commended for his actions.

Approximately 500 hearts devote their careers to make our lives better in the City of Winter Park and these three employees are the top examples of why every day is exceptional in our city. When you are traveling around the city and you happen to see a city employee, please take the time to thank them for their dedicated service and helping make our city an exceptional place to live, work and play. Congratulations to all three Employees of the Year! \blacklozenge

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Maitland Mayor's Message

Mayor Howard A. Schieferdecker



Maitland's New Fire Station #45 Grand Opening

January 19, 2012, at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, the City of Maitland hosted the Grand Opening

HOWARD A. SCHIEFERDECKER

ceremonies for

the New Fire Station #45 located on Packwood Avenue between Maitland Avenue and Independence Lane. A flourish of bagpipes, a formal presentation of the colors and remarks from city officials placed the new state-of-the-art facility into operation as the home of the Maitland Fire Rescue Department services and activities on the east side of Maitland as well as the departmental administration offices.

On Thursday, construction materials that reflect a neo-traditional architectural design which frames Packwood Avenue with a truly handsome and functional building. Landscaping and exterior site furnishings have been brought up to modern code standards, and the "campus" of the fire station is not only attractive, but utilitarian as well. Existing trees on the site, including the "Century Oak," have been preserved and incorporated into the landscape plan.

> Recognizing the importance of responsible utilization of resources and sustainability of building design and construction, the Maitland City Council determined that Fire Station #45 be certified as a LEED building under the auspices of the

> > U.S. Green Building Council. The LEED Green Building Certification Program

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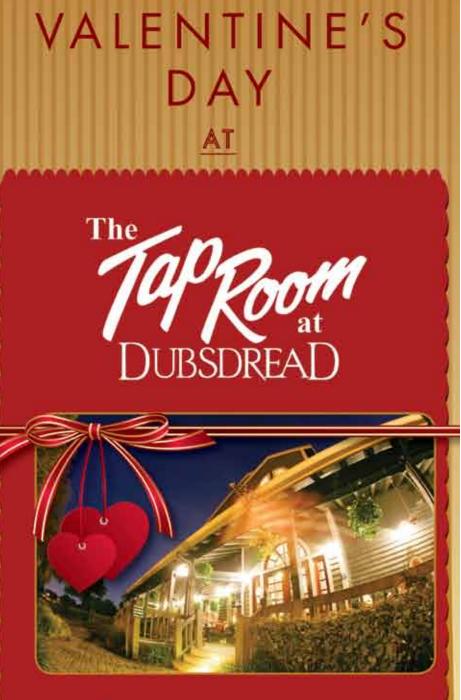
Invitations were extended to all Maitland residents to join me, as well as the Maitland City Council, staff and project contractors, as we celebrated this great day for the City of Maitland, its residents and the Maitland Fire Rescue Department. Tours of the new facility were offered and light refreshments were available.

The new facility will meet many of the Fire Rescue Department's needs that the old Station #45 building could not. One of Fire Chief Ken Neuhard's key concerns of the facility design was to achieve a drive-through capability so department vehicles would not have to be backed into the station, a tricky and time-consuming operation at best. The new building also has comfortable and more sound-proof facilities for the firefighters, as well as a rappelling area that will be incorporated into the roof structure for training purposes. It also has meeting and training rooms that are appropriate to house the size of the staff that now occupies the station. The new fire station represents the city's first step in keeping true to its initiative to set the style and quality parameters for future downtown growth and re-development. The new Maitland Fire Station #45 is three stories high with quality

Fire Station #45 has a minimal "footprint" on the environment.

Demolition of the old fire station began in February 2011. Since that time, underground utility work and vertical construction has been completed. Interior finish work, sidewalks, landscaping and other final touches were underway in preparation for the Grand Opening ceremony.

This project is the culmination of the work of many people. I must recognize the contributions made by multiple City Councils, former Mayor Kinson, as well as staff members and consultants, all of whom have made this project possible. The entire city has been looking forward to the completion of the finest new downtown building that the City of Maitland has built in many years. Bridging architect for the project is Winter Park based ACi, bridging civil engineering is by AVCON, Inc., and the design/build contractor for the project is Wharton Smith, Inc. Learn more about the Maitland Fire Department by visiting www.itsmymaitland.com. +



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County Commissioner's Message

Commissioner Ted B. Edwards, Orange County, District 5

During the last several months, the Orange County

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sioners, along with members

of Metroplan Orlando, have

been considering a financing

plan for the Wekiva Park-

way transportation project

through the environmentally

sensitive Wekiva basin. A



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project with a cost of \$1.66 billion, it has been reported as the "most expensive road in local history."

The Wekiva Parkway, also known as section B extension of the State Road 429 western beltway, is the last section of a jointly planned and owned Orange County Expressway Authority / Florida Turnpike project of 25 miles around portions of western rural Central Florida. Section B would connect I-4 at State Road 46 in Seminole County to Apopka creating the final leg of the western beltway.

At issue is whether the planned toll-road justifies the significant expense. The costs are considerably higher to mitigate impacts on environmentally sensitive lands within the Wekiva River basin, and a study now shows that the Wekiva Parkway would not pay for itself without considerable toll hikes and use of monies from other toll roads, and an alternative financing plan that impacts future planned local roads.

Expected traffic by the Wekiva Parkway does not generate enough toll revenue to pay for the construction for over three decades. In order

for sections to be built by the Orange County Expressway Authority and maintained as a toll road, nearly \$40 to \$50 million dollars annually would have to be taken from collected revenues from the expressway system. The expressway system currently generates approximately \$250 million annually.

Under a revised financing plan, the Florida Department of Transportation would help fund \$500 million of the parkway construction along with funding from the Orange County Expressway Authority and The Florida Turnpike. However, \$225 million in funds would be diverted from the FDOT's work program for other local roads. Orange County alone would have to delay millions of dollars worth of local road projects including the widening of sections of East State Road 50. Some projects would be delayed for years and others would become in danger of being unfunded in the outlying years. Because Metroplan Orlando is the agency that oversees Central Florida's regional transportation priori-



ties, Metroplan Orlando has to vote on accepting a delayed work program.

As custodians of taxpayer dollars, elected officials must prioritize expending tax dollars similar to how citizens prioritize their own household budgets. Although the construc-

tion of the Wekiva Parkway would be completing a regional transportation system, the ridership for the Wekiva Parkway is projected to divert minimal traffic from Interstate 4 (I-4) and have significantly less local ridership than other sections of the expressway. Given the cost and limited benefit from the Wekiva Parkway, careful consideration should be given as to whether funds for other local roads such as State Road 50 should be diverted to the Wekiva Parkway.

I would encourage all residents to please let your elected officials know your views regarding this important issue. As always, my staff and I are available to assist you should you have any questions or concerns. Feel free to contact Dana Boyte or Lynette Rummel at 407.836.7350 or email district5@ocfl.net. ◆

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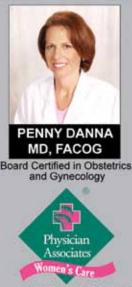
- Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
- Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times.
- Keep your fingers off the trigger. DO NOT rely on your firearm's safety device.
- Keep the firearm unloaded when not in use.
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have paper and the children and classrooms have the supplies that are needed. When the financial concerns of a family prevent a child from participating in a field trip, our teachers act as modernday fund raisers to ensure that, pardon the pun, no child gets left behind! The same cannot be said for schools located in lower income areas within our school



Grand Avenue Students Share Their Favorite Books! - Photo by Tricia Cable

district. When funding is lacking or parents can't afford a field trip, the field trips get cancelled.

"Each year the cost of field trips goes up and it gets a little bit harder," explains Sarah. Although the local area attractions give schools greatly reduced admission prices, the cost in most cases is simply just too much for these families to justify. "It is such a shame. These outings provide these children with an experience that takes them beyond the walls of their community. We are not only providing them with the academic vocabulary they need to be successful, we are also providContinued from page 1

ing them with the opportunity to use social skills in a real world setting." It is an experience that stays with them and means so much!

The kindergarten team at Grand Avenue (Sarah Schneider, Amy Doucet, Kim Bonesteel, Tiffany Taylor and Melissa Maisano) would like to take their students to Sea World. Sea World has kindly offered a \$25 ticket cost per person, which is far less expensive than a one-day child pass. The total cost per person including transportation will be somewhere between \$30-\$35, a little more than \$3000 to sponsor the entire grade's trip. Nothing would make me happier than for those of you reading this now to help make this happen for both these children and these amazing teachers.

If you are in a financial position to contribute to this great cause, donations can be made to Grand Avenue Primary Learning Center. Please attach a letter or note stating that your contribution is to help fund the Kindergarten Sea World Field Trip. Communication may be directed to: Grand Avenue Primary Learning Center, 800 Grand Street, Orlando, FL 32805 to the attention of the principal, Mr. Lino Rodriguez.

The students at Grand Avenue do not get many opportunities to venture beyond their Parramore neighborhood. If we can open their eyes to other areas of our wonderful city, it would most certainly open their minds! **+**

Orange County Public Schools District-Wide Food Festival

(OCPS) Food & Nutrition Services (FNS) recently hosted its Fifth Annual Food Festival, the largest student food sampling event of its kind in the state of Florida. More than 300 elementary and secondary students attended with 30 food vendors offering an array of 140 missioner Adam Putnam of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, with Robin Safley, director of the Division of Food, Nutrition and Wellness came to see and taste for themselves what OCPS students were considering for their school menu. Some of the possible menu items were carne guisada, turkey pot roast, béchamel served as corn chowder, lemon grass chicken, rainbow trout treasure and pretzel chicken sticks with honey mustard sauce. Non-meat menu items were also featured and included spicy black bean empanadas, Mexican brown rice with vegetables, baked sweet plantains, arepa sandwich (gluten free), whole grain

Orange County Public School mini sweet potato pancakes, veggie chicken nuggets, soy nut butter cups and potato pierogies.

"Eighty-five percent of the district's new menu items for the upcoming school year are identified at the food festival. The goal of Food and Nutrition Services is for all students to eat the nutritional menu items for students to taste menu items we serve, while mirand vote for. In addition, Com- roring what is offered in the retail environment. The food festival offers students the opportunity to taste and vote for menu items that they would not regularly find in a school cafeteria," said Lora Gilbert, senior director food and nutrition services OCPS. All food and beverage items presented at the festival were required to be whole grain, low-fat, no-trans fats, contain low sodium levels and/or have less than 10 grams of sugar per serving. The student recommendations will be applied to the 2012/2013 school menu. OCPS FNS serves more than 26 million meals and snacks each year. That is approximately 143,000 breakfast and lunch meals daily. \blacklozenge

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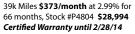
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The Annual Great Duck Derby

- By Ann Wallace



Getting our ducks in a row -All photos courtesy of Sue Foreman

The popularity of rubber duck relaxation.

racing is expanding across the globe and soon the concept will be floated again in Winter Park. One of Central Florida's most enjoyable and creative family events, the annual Great Duck Derby will be held for the fifth year at Mead Botanical Garden, located in the heart of The City Beautiful, on Saturday, February 18, 2012. Exploring one's own inner-child, visitors to the free event, held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., will be treated to live music by Mr. Richard, "Duck-o-ration" - duck decorating for children, a scavenger hunt, a top-notch marionette show featuring the students of Park Maitland School, delicious

food, and the highlyanticipated duck races. Emceeing the Duck Derby is Channel 9's own George Spencer who said, "I'm so excited to be involved in this Winter Park tradition. Our station has a commitment to covering all of Central Florida's communities, and there's no better way to know a community than to be involved in it. Mead Botanical Gardens is one of our area's jewels. I'm thrilled to be a part of the effort to keep it beautiful. May the best duck win!"

The famed Peabody

Hotel ducks will herald the start of the event where a myriad of yellow rubber ducks will glide through Howell Creek delighting young and the young-at-heart in three races. Enchanted walkabout tours and a chance to peruse the newly-revitalized garden, while watching the Central Florida Zoo animal encounters at the amphitheater, will provide a marvelous day of enjoyment and

And they're off! Cheering on our little rubber ducks!



and his sponsors

Due to their growing popularity, rubber duck races have become annual fund-raisers for charities in cities across the nation as well as internationally. "This is an excellent opportunity to have a lot of fun for a great cause and at the same time discover, or rediscover, Winter Park's hidden treasure, Mead Botanical Garden," muses former Duck Derby chairman, Linda Kulmann. Echoes Frank A. Hamner, a sponsor and former emcee, "To me, Duck Derby is one of the most fun-filled events in all of Winter Park! It's not political, there are no big expectations; it is just a free, fun event for the children to play in this great park and race

their rubber ducks. The best part is seeing the looks on the faces of the kids when they answer the trivia questions or cheer on their entries in the races."

The lush habitat, hosting an abundance of wildlife, native and sustainable plants, birds and butterflies was dedicated to the city in 1940 at the behest of Theodore L. Mead, a worldrenowned horticulturist. Nestled among homes, businesses and near Rollins College, Mead Botanical Garden has long been a favorite

of residents as well as visitors due to its historic value and beautiful collections. The summer camp program is one of Central Florida's most popular, and research on the treasured wetland property is conducted extensively throughout the year.

Yellow rubber ducks are available for purchase at the Winter Park Farmer's Market on Saturdays and at the event. There are various levels of sponsorship starting at five dollars and going up to \$500.00. Golden Egg Sponsors for the 2012 Great Duck Derby include A Couple Who Love the "New" Mead Plan, Holler-Classic Automotive Group, Frank A. Hamner, P.A., Rachel and Rene Price, Murrah, Doyle and Wigle, P.A.

According to Marcia Frey, member of the Friends of Mead Botanical Garden, "We are always surprised by the huge response to the Duck Derby. It is truly amazing to see over 1,000 children and adults on this eventful day having such a wonderful time. We hope you will come join us!"

Mead Botanical Garden is located at 1300 Denning Drive. The entrance to the garden is located at the east end of Garden Drive off 17-92. +

Brio Raised A Military Truckload Of Toys



U.S. Marines, Tito Pina, General Manager of BRIO, BRIO Staff © Rick's Photography

Santa paid a special visit to BRIO Tuscan Grille - Winter Park Village in Winter Park this past Holiday Season to hear Christmas wishes and spread holiday cheer. Guests not only enjoyed a delicious breakfast the event went to The Marine Toys buffet and visit with Santa, but also photos with Santa donated by Rick's Photography for each family in attendance, coloring contests, and more. Attendees donated unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots to help community children in need have a wonderful for Tots Program. +

holiday this year and Orlando residents, Mr. and Mrs. Barber donated an entire SUV of toys at the event to spread even more holiday cheer.

"We love hosting this event for our local community each year," said Tito Pina, General Manager of BRIO Tuscan Grille Winter Park Village. "It's a wonderful event that helps so many and our staff looks forward to helping raise toys for children in need each holiday season." Representatives from Toys for Tots, as well as Marines, were in attendance at the event with the Toys for Tots truck to collect all of the donations.

Donated toys and proceeds from for Tots Foundation, a not-for-profit organization authorized by the U.S. Marine Corps and the Department of Defense to provide fundraising and other necessary support for the annual Marine Corps Reserve Toys



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fiscal fitness by John Gill



The Case For Life Insurance

Those of you who have read this column for any length of time know that one of my recurring discussions is life insurance. This is one of those columns. I bring this up periodically because it is one of the cornerstones of fis-

cal fitness. It's also really important. People will often say in jest, "Well, I won't be around anyway." Not humorous. From my perspective it is not only a key component to savvy financial and personal planning, it is an indication that you care enough about your family and loved ones to ensure their ability to maintain their standard of living if death comes at an unexpected time. Philosophically I think that is an interesting comment because death is rarely expected. We all have some time in our minds of when death is likely to occur, but at the end of the day, no one knows. As for all contingencies in life, we must plan, and life insurance is one of the most cost effective contingency planning tools around.

The best rationale for life insurance is the peace of mind knowing that the family will be able to function financially. Life insurance helps to remove one potential burden and insure that plans laid out for the family are able to be executed.

One common objection is the assumed compexity of purchasing life insurance. The different types of insurance available make the purchase seem complex. There is term life, whole life, universal life, variable universal life and the list goes on. Term life insurance is the best policy for most because it provides protec-

tion without the investment component provided by the other policy types.

Finding a reputable agent is another point of resistance. To find an agent, seek recommendations from trusted friends or relatives. I can provide several recomendations and will be happy to do so. Services like Select Quote or IntelliQuote provide quotes from several, financially strong companies with options that fit any situation. Talk with the insurance agent who provides your auto or homeowners insurance. There are many reputable contacts who can give direction to make life insurance a reality in your life.

Determining the proper amount of life insurance to purchase is another perceived roadblock. An agent from a reputable company with any tenure will take good care of you because so much of their business is built on referrals. The amount of insurance purchased should equate with the amount of money necessary to main-



tain the family's standard of living. A loose equation for life insurance should look something like this; the amount of short-term obligations/debt

(car loans, credit cards, etc.), plus long-term obligations like your mortgage, college expenses, etc., plus the income to be replaced for a certain period of time, minus savings, investments, and other liquid assets. Below is a simple example.

Car Loans	\$10,000
Credit Card Debt	\$10,000
College Expenses	\$30,000
Mortgage Balance	\$250,000
Income Replacement (5 years)	
(Five years child goes to college	

and surviving spouse returns to work)

Total Estimated Life Insurance Need. \$500,000

Nobody likes talking about life insurance, but it is a major component of sound financial planning. Life insurance will protect the remaining family members when one of life's guranteed events, the other being taxes, occurs unexpectedly.

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family business perspective by David Ciambella, CFP CSP



As we enter into the second month of 2012, I would like to review and encourage you to consider the ac-

DAVID CIAMBELLA

ronym DESIRE that has been the focus of this article over the past two months. DESIRE as a verb means to strongly wish for or to want. As business owners we all DESIRE to succeed, and breaking down the word into individual skills can help us achieve that desired success, especially as it pertains to succession planning. First, we discussed Dedication and Endurance. Second, we reviewed Strength and Intensity. Finally we will conclude with the R and the E, Reserve and Excellence. As we focus on reserve and excellence, let's explore how these two skills round out "the secret" to DESIRE and success in all of our endeavors in 2012. At the risk of alienating those of you who are not football fans, I thought I would use another football analogy with respect to succession planning. If you have watched college or professional football, one of the things that today's players do is hold up four fingers as they make their way down the field at the end of the third quarter. When I first observed this gesture I wondered

Do You Have What It Takes? Part 3

what in the world that meant. Then it dawned on me! That is their way of saying we are going to the fourth quarter and we are going to outlast you and ultimately defeat you. You see these players believe they have made the sacrifice and "paid the price" in the off season through conditioning and preparation. Their coaches have developed a wellthought-out game plan and prepared the players in an effort to win and achieve the team's goals. Have you done the same? Does your business have the "reserve in the tank" to achieve succession? Have you identified and adequately prepared a qualified successor to lead your business in the future? Have you paid the price of confronting the difficult issues that are holding you back from achieving your personal, business and succession goals? Finally, let's conclude with excellence. For those of you who have read Jim Collins' book "Good To Great," you may recall him stating that good is the enemy of great. Complacency can be detrimental and in some cases fatal if you are one of those individuals who believes "I have it all done" as it pertains to your succession plan. The fact is, the only thing that remains the same is change! Changes in your feelings, family, finances and federal tax laws will impact your plan and

challenge you to think and act differently. Therefore, strive to achieve and maintain excellence by regularly reviewing your plan to ensure it is consistent with your current goals and changing circumstances. As a business owner, you have built your business and become successful through hard work, sacrifice, making difficult decisions and relentlessly pursuing excellence. That same pursuit of excellence must be applied to your succession planning if you plan to harvest the value of your business someday or you plan to perpetuate your business to the next generation of owners and managers.

DESIRE: dedication, endurance, strength, intensity, reserve, excellence. That is "the secret." Do you have what it takes? **♦**

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its board of directors. Dvorak is CEO and owner of Workscapes, Inc., with locations in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Jacksonville

and Orlando, FL. Workscapes provides products and services in the interior construction and furniture industry. Dvorak's community involvement over the years has included local non-profit organizations like The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Florida, American Cancer Society and American Heart Association. She currently serves as chair-elect of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida and is a member of the Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission Board of Directors. "I'm fortunate to have built a successful business in Orlando and want to give back to the community. The Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation is one of Florida's most recognized and valued grant making foundations and I'm honored to be helping them achieve the Foundation's mission of creating civic solutions helping people help themselves," says Dvorak.

Mercantile Capital Corporation,

which recently opened new offices in the Old Florida National Bank building on Court Avenue in Downtown Orlando, reported it had a recordbreaking year in 2011. Chris Hurn, chief executive officer at Mercantile



Capital Corporation, said the eight year old firm closed 57 commercial loans in 15 states in 2011 to finance commercial real

estate projects valued at more than \$174.4 million, a 24 percent increase over 2010. Most important, Hurn said, the loans helped create 1,132 new jobs.

Kelly Price & Company celebrates one of their best years totaling \$130 million in sales for 2011. The over 300 closed transactions constitute the firm's ninth year as an established real estate force, jumping nearly eleven percent from 2010 sales and thirty-five percent from 2009 sales. "Within an

ever-changing real estate market, we have remained busy and steadfast," said Kelly Price, president and broker of Kelly Price & Company.

Elizabeth Villegas, vice president of Kuykendall Gardner, a local insurance brokerage firm, was recently appointed to the Winter Park Com-

munity Grant Advisory Board, where she will assist with capacity-building grants for Winter Park nonprofits. A Winter

Elizabeth Villegas Park resident, Villegas has been involved with the Winter Park Community Foundation for four years and is also a member of the Orlando chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women and a Key Initiative board member for the Ronald McDonald

House Charities of Central Florida.

Diva Wines & Desserts recently moved from a previous location in

Heathrow to their new location at 155 E Morse Blvd. "It's more than great wine and great desserts. "We also offer a flexible menu, so it is also great place to dine", says manager, Blake Levison. Diva Wines & Desserts is owned and operated by David Levison, and is currently open for business. They will celebrate their official grand opening later this month.

Cuhaci & Peterson Architects

LLC, based in Orlando's Baldwin Park, appointed four professionals to its design and project teams. Tina Kennedy, director of human resources at Cuhaci & Peterson, said Christian Paulo

was appointed a CAD technician. Paulo earned his Associate of Science degree in computer drafting and design from ITT Technical Institute and has two years of experience. Jose Diaz, E.I., was named senior mechanical designer. Diaz earned is Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engi-

neering from the University of Puerto Rico in 2003 and has more than seven years of experience. Lee Murrah was appointed project coordinator. Murrah, who attended the University of Alabama, Seminole Community College and Brevard Community College, served in the U.S. Army Airborne Infantry in Iraq where he received



awards for outstanding service and bravery. Jaison Moras was appointed electrical project manager. Moras earned his Bachelor of Science degree in

electrical engineering from the University of Kansas and has more than six years of experience.

Stacy J. Ford (formerly Stacy J. Borisov) has become a partner with the law firm of Pohl & Short, P.A. Ms. Ford practices in the areas of appellate law and commercial litigation.

Kelly Lafferman recently joined WebSolvers, a digital design and development firm, as principal of strat-



egy and development. In this role, Lafferman will build a marketing, branding and communications practice area that enables WebSolv-

ers to provide more strategic services to clients. Lafferman brings nearly two decades of experience to the company. Most recently, Lafferman served as the vice president of Marketing for Tavistock Group, where she provided strategic oversight of marketing efforts and directed internal agency operations. She is a graduate of Florida State University, and currently resides in College Park.

BankFIRST of Winter Park, Florida, recently announced that it has completed the acquisition of Ormond Beach, Florida-based East Coast Community Bank. BankFIRST's President and CEO, Donald J. McGowan commented, "We are excited to expand our franchise into the Volusia County marketplace. The acquisition of East Coast Community Bank provides us with a new presence in this market. The addition of approximately \$74 million in deposits and two branch locations in Ormond Beach and Port Orange further enhance our greater Central Florida footprint. We look forward to extending BankFIRST's tradition of Gold Star Quality Service to the Volusia market and, in the process, earning the respect and trust of East Coast's clients and employees."

The Winter Park Day Nursery, **Inc.**, a not-for-profit childcare center and preschool for lower income working families, recently promoted Ali De Maria to executive director. Ali De-Maria joined the staff of the day nursery in January 2005 and has served in positions of increasing responsibility since then, including family services coordinator and director of education. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Colorado and a master's degree in Mental Health Counseling from Rollins Col-

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partner in the Orlando office and chair of the firm's National Pro Bono Committee, has been selected as the recipient of the 2012 Florida Bar President's

Pro Bono Service Award for the Ninth Judicial Circuit. This prestigious annual recognition honors a member of the Florida State Bar in each of the state's 20 judicial circuits who has made outstanding pro bono contributions to the community. Baxa received this award in large part because of the significant time and professional expertise he has contributed to making legal representation available to those otherwise unable to afford it. His efforts have included service as guardian ad litem for more than 100 children in juvenile dependency court and a collective contribution of nearly 1,000 hours of pro bono work throughout his career.

Mayor Buddy Dyer of Orlando recently announced the appointment of Luis M. Martinez as multicultural affairs director for the City of Orlando. As the Multicultural Affairs Director, Martinez will develop strategies to enhance the engagement of the Hispanic community, businesses and residents with City government; coordinate international business projects to encourage investments, business relocation and expansion from Latin America to Orlando; and to oversee the Hispanic Office for Local Assistance (HOLA).





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live meaningfully_{by Ayesha G. Fuhr, M.A.}



Well Hello, February... the swing of 2012 and January has scurried by with the after-holiday chores of putting up and stowing away. Though you still may be training your hand to write

Ayesha G. Fuhr

2012 instead of 2011, it's immutably here and so are we.

2012 brings much hoopla with it (at least according to the Mayans) but I am far more excited about the fact that it also represents a Leap Year! Why, you might ask? It's a valid question.

For two reasons, really – 1) I suppose there's something about being given an extra day every four years that seems inherently hopeful, dynamic and rewarding to me. It's almost as though it's the customer loyalty card of the universe. Buy three - get an extra day on your fourth. And 2) it represents a rather absurd but lovely notion of accepting and acclimating to things exactly as they are, instead of as we deem they ought to be.

We're constantly at the mercy of time as it's the only commodity of which, it seems, we can never get enough. We're faced with busy schedules and infinite to-dos, but every four years we're quietly given an extra shot in the arm by the time-space continuum with little fanfare, fuss or even mention.

The Leap Year represents a lot of things, not

So, we're now fully into the least of which is resilience. Somehow, due in our expectations of ourselves and others?! to the earth taking slightly longer than 365 days to orbit the sun (365.25 - give or take) we allow ourselves a modicum of flexibility otherwise unseen when dealing with matters of time and circumstance. We adapt, change, rethink conventional wisdom and acclimate accordingly every four years in order to allow ourselves the ability to stay "on course."



Just think if we were to allow ourselves that same sort of flexibility, acceptance and room to let things "be" across the breadth of the rest of our lives. What more could we accomplish and how much more focused on the important things would we be, if only we weren't so rigid

So why not be mindful this Leap Year and commit to remaining fluid and accepting throughout the year. Allow yourselves to "be in the flow," simply by not fighting so hard to be out of it. Take this year (and your extra bonus day) and use it as "your highest and best self" would see you use it, not as the mandates of your life and schedule would normally have

you do. I don't endorse sloughing off responsibility (quite the opposite actually) but I instead invite you to continue accomplishing that which is essential, while concurrently adopting a less myopic view of your life by engaging in the meaning instead of the minutia.

You have an extra day this year to do with it exactly as you want! Choose the day (or choose many) and resolve to do something extraordinary with it. Enjoy the unexpected, do something on your bucket list, lend a hand, be present, "veg out" all day - whatever it is that you customarily would eschew because you "don't have

the time" - do it!

There will always be more things to do or other tasks to accomplish - but this year you have the luxury of 366 days to do them.

Be well, live meaningfully and revel in your leap day! Until the next time, Ayesha +

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2012 Makeoverinside & out



Our 2012 makeover was a huge success! We would like to congratulate our winner **Michelle Towner** and thank all the sponsors who not only volunteered their products and services but also contributed to the success.



The Maile Image, Modeling & Acting School's Susan Constantine, their image consultant and body language expert, worked with Michelle on confident communication to help build her self-confidence.



Debby Tapia, Maile School's VP and certified etiquette consultant, had the chance to work with Michelle one-on-one preparing her for a formal dinner.



Top Drawer Couture Consignments owner Rebecca Wiler said, "Michelle was pleasure to wardrobe!" We chose an Allen B encrusted sequin and rhinestone lace jean, a silk Talbot's ruffled blouse with rhinestone enclosures and Nina platform shoes to complete the outfit.



Stewart Jewelry owner Phyllis Stewart-Tuell knew just what to pair with Michelle's new attire, these beautiful sterling silver drop earrings with freshwater pearls and black spinel stones.





Jamie Johnson, stylist at CatWalk Hair Design in Maitland, created the hair makeover transformation for Michelle. Jamie suggested low lights and high lights as well as a more trendy and easy-to-style hair cut by giving Michelle side bangs and framing around her face with layering.





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Professional make up artist and Maile School Image instructor Lisa Armstrong worked with Michelle showing her fresh and easy makeup application as well as instructing her on evening makeup.



General Manager J. Michael at Park Plaza donated the complimentary dining experience to Michelle. Maile School President Debbie Wisner said, "Park Plaza went above and beyond to create a wonderful fine dining experience which was the grand finale to this great makeover experience!"

pop culture detours by George McGowan

Pazz & Jop Critics Poll Versus Grammy Nominations

Many music critics say that recorded music is a dying industry. With the growth of streaming audio services like Pandora and Spotify, and the ease with which someone can legally download a song or an album, why would someone buy a disk and add it to their collection? I can point to another disconnect in the music industry - the Grammys. While last year they made a splash by naming a critic's darling as Album of the Year ("The Suburbs" by Arcade Fire), and this year they are likely to name another critical and popular success as Best Album ("21" by Adele), they continually fill the Best Album and Best Song categories with dreck. And last year's dreck at that. Three of the five Best Album nominees and four of the Best Song nominees will be over a year old by the time the Grammys are presented. The likely Best Song winner, "Rolling in the Deep" by Adele, was released on November 29, 2010!! Another song nominated,

"Grenade" by Bruno Mars, was released on September 28, 2010.

And that's not to mention the travesty that is the Best New Artist category. Remember these past winners? Milli Vanilli. Christopher Cross. Paula Cole. Debby Boone. Starland Vocal Band. Jody Watley. Men at Work. Not exactly Hall of Famers. This year, we are treated to a nominee whose first and best album was released in 2007 (Bon Iver). Not exactly keeping up with the times, are we Grammy voter? Another couple of missteps, just for fun: 1963 Best Album - "The First Family" by Vaughn Meader (a comedy album parodying the Kennedy presidency), over "Modern Sounds in Country and Western Music" by Ray Charles, "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" by Tony Bennett and "Jazz Samba" by Stan Getz & Charlie Byrd. Or how about "Blood, Sweat & Tears," the band's debut from 1968. It won Best Album in 1970(!) beating out "Abbey Road" by the Beatles, "At

San Quentin" by Johnny Cash and "Crosby Stills Nash."

If you've read my column before, you know I buy quite a bit of music. And I buy (or at least listen to) all genres. Ok, maybe not country, but if someone insists on me trying a country album, I will. But, this music listener only has purchased two songs of the six nominated as either Best Record or Best Song, and only two albums of the five nominated for Best Album are in my collection. In some past years, I bought all the nominated albums- specifically, 1983 and 1990. If you can name all five of these albums, you win a special prize. (Answers at the end of the column.)

In contrast to the Grammys, the Village Voice compiles the Best Albums lists of hundreds of music critics into its annual "Pazz and Jop" poll. I attest that the results of this compilation do a better job of selecting the best album and best song of the year. For 2011, the Pazz and Jop Best Album is "w h o k i l l" by tUnEyArDs and the Best Song is "Rolling in the Deep" by Adele. For 2010, the winners were "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy" by Kanye West and "F**k You!" by Cee-Lo Green. For 2009, they were "Merriweather

Post Pavilion" by Animal Collective and "Empire State of Mind" by Jay-Z featuring Alicia Keys. All fine picks and high on my list of noteworthy music from the past few years. P.S. None of the three albums selected by Pazz and Jop over the past three years were even nominated for Grammy Best Album.

I recommend that anyone who has an interest in music should review the website for the Pazz and Jop poll at http://www.villagevoice.com/pazznjop/. It has a wealth of information, including the top tens of the critics it polls, as well as articles that highlight the year in pop music.

Now, how many of the following albums did you own? 1983 - "Toto IV" - Toto (Grammy winner), "American Fool" - John Mellencamp, "The Nightfly" - Donald Fagen, "The Nylon Curtain" - Billy Joel, "Tug of War" - Paul McCartney. 1990 - "Nick of Time" - Bonnie Raitt (Grammy winner), "The End of the Innocence" - Don Henley, "The Raw and the Cooked" - Fine Young Cannibals, "Full Moon Fever" - Tom Petty, "Travelling Wilburys, Vol. 1" – Travelling Wilburys. Your prize? My undying respect for your great memory! +

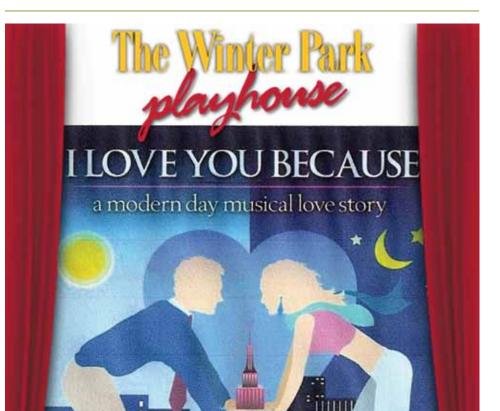
Theatre Downtown Has Its Underpants On by Barbara Solomon

THE UNDERPANTS WRITTEN BY CARL STERNHEIM **ADAPTED BY STEVE MARTIN DIRECTED BY FRANK HILGENBERG STARRING EMILY COPPENS** AND PETE PENUEL

What is the recipe for improving a stagnant marriage? Start with losing your underpants, add in two male strangers, and stir with a nosy neighbor. It's one night of hilarity and mayhem at Theatre Downtown. While watching a parade honoring the German king, a young wife, Louise (Emily Coppens), has her underpants fall down. Remember, this is 1910 Germany, where that is practically a sin. Of course, just about everyone views this charming spectacle (except the audience), and quite a few come a-knocking at her door. Since Louise's husband, Theo (Pete Penuel) has a room for the dishes done," since Louise likes rent, several enamored young men arrive to seduce her under pretext of wanting the room. The upstairs neighbor, Gertrude (Leslie Penuel), is full of advice for Emily on how to handle the seductions. Theo is none the wiser, only worried about the embarrassment of the underpants incident. Even the king gets into the act, the second act, that is. You're in for a great evening of bawdy fun as you follow the unveiling of the loss of the underpants. This farce is made even funnier by a marvelous cast of seven. Emily is charming in her ingénue role, perfect for the part of Louise. Pete is net. 🔶

quite wonderful as Theo, using his underplayed humor to evoke even more laughter. But it was Leslie who stole the show as the nosy neighbor. She is laugh-out-loud funny, delivering her lines with panache worthy of professional theatre. As a matter of fact, I have always found Theatre Downtown as close to professional theatre as any community theatre can get. And that's mainly because of Fran and Frank Hilgenberg, who always produce, and very often direct, an excellent show. Frank's crazy sense of humor rivals Steve Martin's in the direction of "The Underpants." The three suitors are all fabulous in their own right, and the king is well cast in his role. Cory Boughton as Versati has a great accent and perfect timing.

My favorite line in the show is when Theo tells Louise to "dream to dream. I would love to be able to dream the dishes done, wouldn't you? There are some underlying serious aspects to this comedy: our fascination with fame, our reliance on gender roles, and our enslavement by sex. But the off-the-wall humor has us leaving the theatre laughing. If you want to join in the silliness, visit Theatre Downtown as they put on "The Underpants." Playing February 10 through March 3 at Theatre Downtown, corner of Orange Avenue and Princeton. For more information call 407-941-0083 or visit theatredowntown.



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Barb's Best Bets for February:

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GARDEN 17

in the garden by Stephen and Kristin Pategas



Lovin' The Shade

The creation of a viable garden in the shade of a tree is a challenge. The first step in tackling such a task acknowledges the challenges. There is dry shade where the canopy blocks light rains and the tree roots draw out the moisture, outcompeting the roots of other plants. Planting amongst the roots without damaging them and causing

Stephen & Kristin Pategas

future spouting can be a struggle, so we suggest using small containers of plants that creep. Check whether the tree is evergreen or deciduous since light levels increase dramatically if leaves drop. Also make note of the shifting shade pattern as the seasons progress between winter and summer solstice. Sunburned plants ain't pretty.

The second step selects the plants for the shady and perhaps part time full sun conditions. Most flowering plants bloom weakly if at all in the shade so search out plants with foliage color and texture to complement the rare shade bloomers.

The final step celebrates the results of careful plant selection - a shade garden of texture, flowers, and colorful



The dwarf Camellia hiemalis 'Shishigashira takes shade or sun.



Anise/Illicium parviflorum makes a great hedge in shade or sun.



A bench in the rear corner attracts the eye in this shade garden.

foliage. The garden is also lower maintenance with fewer weeds. As leaves drop from above it is self-mulching. Then as the leaves decompose they provide nutrients for the plants. Finally, take a break in the shade on the bench you thoughtfully provided.

A Selection Of Plants For Shade Or Part Shade

- * Protect from the cold
 - C Container plant
 - T Transition shade to sun
 - V Variegated foliage

Understory trees:

Cercis Canadensis/Red Bud Chionanthus virginicus/Fringe

tree (T) Ilex vomitoria/Yaupon holly (T)

Tall plants:

Alpinia zerumbet 'Variegata'/ Variegated shell ginger (V)

- Camellia japonica/Camellia
- Camellia sasanqua/Sasanqua camellia (T)
- Chamaedorea microspadix/Parlor palm
- Cyathea cooperi/Australian tree fern*
- Dichorisandra thyrsiflora/Blue ginger
- Fatsia japonica/Fatsia
- Hamellia patens/Firebush* (T)
- Hydrangea quercifolia/Oakleaf hydrangea
- Illicium parviflorum/Yellow anise (T)
- Justicia carnea/Jacobinea*
- Osmanthus fragrans/Osmanthus/ Tea olive
- Podocarpus macrophyllus/Yew podocarpus (T)
- Rhapis excelsa/Lady palm
- Rhododendron austrinum/Florida flame azalea
- Rhododendron canescens/Piedmont azalea

Rhododendron spp./Azalea species Serenoa repens/Saw palmetto

Low shrubs and groundcovers:

Aspidistra elatior/Cast iron plant Aspidistra lurida 'Ginga'Milky Way cast iron plant (V)

Athyrium niponicum 'Pictum'/ Japanese painted fern* (V)

Bromeliad spp./Bromeliad species (V)

Caladium bicolor/Caladium (C, V) Camellia hiemalis 'Shishigashira'/

Shishigashira camellia (C, T) Cephalotaxus harringtonia

'Prostrata'/Prostrate yew

Cyrtomium falcatum/Holly fern

Dryopteris erythrosora/Autumn fern

Ilex vomitoria 'Schellings'/Dwarf yaupon holly (T)

Kaempferia spp./Peacock plant species (V)

Liriope 'Emerald Goddess'/ Evergreen giant liriope (T)

Nandina domestica 'Harbour Dwarf'/Harbour Dwarf heavenly bamboo (T)

Ophiopogon japonicus/Mondo grass

Ophiopogon japonicus 'Nana'/Dwarf mondo grass

Philodendron 'Xanadu'/Xanadu philodendron* (C)

Pilea cadierei nana/Aluminum plant* (V)

Rhododendron spp./Azalea species Schefflera arboricola 'Trinette'/

Trinette schefflera* (T, V)

Solenostemon scutellarioides/ Coleus* (C, V)

Strobilanthes dyerianus/Purple shield* (C, V)

Trachelospermum asiaticum/Dwarf Asian jasmine (T, some V) Zamia pumila/Coontie (T)

Kristin and Stephen Pategas design landscapes and garden at their home and business Hortus Oasis in Winter Park. Contact them at garden@hortusoasis.com or visit www.hortusoasis.com and www.pategaionplants.com.

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park press pets by Laurent Gabriel

Owning An Animal Is A Tremendous Responsibility



Although we love animals, we first must ask a questions, few like, "When is the right time to not talking about just dogs; but I am also relating

LAURENT GABRIEL

this to cats, birds, snakes, lizards, rabbits, gerbils, etc. Since I am a dog trainer, I will elaborate on my furry four-legged friends. Let us take an in-depth look at the different aspects of owning a pet. I cannot emphasize enough, the most important action to take before you choose a dog, is RESEARCH. Exercise, behavior issues, nutrition, health problems, living space and most importantly time are another aspect of ownership. And, this is just a start.

The first thing to consider is your time. Do you work an eight hour shift, or do you work 12? Days or nights? Single household, married or roommates and how far do you live from your house? These questions are important, because whether you rescue a dog

or buy a puppy, you will have to house train him. Kennels are fine, but you have to consider that the dog might not care where they relieve themselves and that will be a problem. Sometimes the dice will own a pet?" I am roll your way, and the dog will not have any issues when they enter your home.

> Second is nutrition and health. How much will the dog consume in a day and what type of diet will best suit your dog? Vet bills are another expense to consider. Hopefully your dog won't have any health issues and the yearly checkup is all they will need. And finally, training your dog. The type of dog will dictate the type of trainer you'll need. Some dogs do well with mostly positive reinforcement and some don't. Make sure you know your dog or consult a professional to help teach you how to "read" your dog. So before adopting or buying a puppy, carefully consider your lifestyle, so you and the dog can have a wonderful life together. 🔶

Laurent Gabriel is the president of Elite Professional Dog Training, Inc.

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Pet Of The Month

Emma

Emma is a four-year-old rescue lab mix from the ASPCA. She is originally from North Carolina but has found her new home in Winter Park where she doesn't have to deal with ice and snow. She loves to sunbathe and go

for walks on the Cady Way Trial or in Baldwin Park, but especially loves playing at Fleet People's Dog Park and chasing squirrels. "She sure knows how to make our hearts melt and pretty much runs our show," says proud owner Alena Baker.

We want your BEST SHOT! Send us a photo (300 dpi) of your cutest pet shot for consideration to info@theparkpress.com. Please include your name, your pet's name and a short description of the picture.

technology_{by Trevor Honohan}



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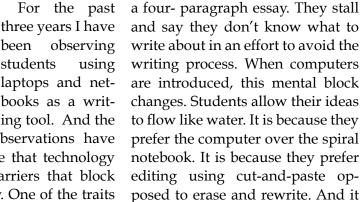
Technology Allows Creativity

laptops and netbooks as a writing tool. And the observations have

students

led me to believe that technology eliminates the barriers that block student creativity. One of the traits

of the writing process that teachers and students both dislike is conventions. This is the revising trait in the writing process. It's the time when teachers point out needed corrections in students' writing assignments and the time when students dread making the corrections. Some get so frustrated they literally erase a hole in the paper. Then they have to start over. Typically they are so frustrated at this point, they drag their feet and never fully complete the assignment. Another block in creativity occurs when students have to generate their ideas on paper and get into a rhythm and flow. It appears that the simple task of placing a pencil on a piece of paper can curb a student's enthusiasm. This seems to be more evident in boys. They just dread the labor of writing





thoughts, the product is much better. Sites like storybird.com allow students to showcase their talents and share what they know with others. Edmodo.com is another terrific place for students to express themselves. The number of people reading these thoughts can be in the thousands, compared to one if it is just turned in to the teacher on a piece of notebook paper.

I am writing this very brief piece using a netbook. If Mr. Cable told me I had to use a pencil and a note-

pad to complete my assignment, I too would resist. Of course the netbook is easier. If I make a mistake, I get a red squiggly line. When I right-click on it I am given several options to make the correction. This is certainly easier than waiting for Rick to circle my mistakes with a red pen. If I want to delete a line and replace it I can simply highlight, cut and retype. If this is suitable and preferred by me it will certainly be the desired tool of a 21st century digital native. +

is because they are digital natives and their preferred tool is a computer.

Students need to feel engaged. Technology integration in the writing process allows them to feel empowered. Therefore they express themselves more clearly. The other terrific thing that technology does for writing is it provides voice. Students can also publish their work on the web for ALL to see. If students know they have a voice and know that many will read their

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Aloma Elementary Principal Dr. Drew A. Hawkins

We continue to work on increasing student attendance, and the effort is paying off. For the 2010-2011 school year, from the months of September through December, we had an average of 387 absences per month. For this school year from September through December, we had an average of 310 absences per month. Although this is a decrease, we would like to see it go down even more. You can help us with this goal by having your child on time every day, and not signing your child out early. Remember that absenteeism and tardiness disrupts a student's education. One absence or tardy is enough to miss the introduction of a key skill that is the foundation for the next stage of learning. Thank you for : eryone involved please be cell phoneyour help with this.

You will note changes that occurred over the winter holidays as is now being represented by a new : the construction proceeds. The chain link fence was removed, and the car spaces in the south parking lot were removed. This loop is only for buses now, so please use the new car loop on the west side of the campus for drop-off and pick-up.

We will be holding our awards programs on the following dates and times for the following grade levels: Thursday, February 2: 5th grade awards program - 9:00 a.m. Thursday, February 2: 3rd grade awards program – 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 3: 1st grade awards program – 9:00 a.m. Friday, February 3: Kindergarten awards program - 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 6: 4th grade awards program – 9:00 a.m. Monday, February 6: 2nd grade awards program - 10:00 a.m.

Our next SAC meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7 at 8:00 a.m. Also, on February 7, at 6:00 p.m., PTA will hold a general meeting, and will then kick off Story Night. Please join us for a great evening. Please note that there is no school for the students on Monday, February 20. PTA will be hosting a Family Night on February 21 at Chic-Fil-A starting at 4:30 p.m, followed by Skate Night at Semoran Skateway from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

As always, we appreciate your help and your support! We are Team : Eagle: Focused on Results!

was donated to the Falcon Fund.

The Audubon Park Dad's Committee is hosting a Casino Night to benefit the Falcon Fund. On February 17 from 6-8 p.m. at the Farmers Market we will hold this event. Food will be catered by BRIO, there will be live musical entertainment and of course a variety of casino tables will be on hand. This will be a night to remember. If you are interested in attending or providing a sponsorship please contact me.

I would like to ask for your attention to a safety matter. The afternoon staff in the car loop would like to ask that you put away your cell phones while in the car line. There are a lot of moving vehicles and pedestrians and we have noticed a large increase in drivers using their cell phones during the pickup time. For the safety of evfree during this short window of time.

Audubon Park Elementary School school board member. Nancy Robbinson has been assigned our school through a redistricting process. I'd like to welcome her to our communi-



to her support and leadership. I also want to thank Joie Cadle for her years of dedication to Audubon Park. She

ty and look forward

will continue to serve on the school board and I know her heart will always be with our community.

During the upcoming months, teachers and students will continue to work hard in order to meet the everincreasing expectations for excellence. Our mission is to create the top-producing students in the nation. With your continued support and excellent communication from school to home this will be a reality. Please feel free to email me anytime as I am here to serve you. Trevor.honohan@ocps.net

Respectfully, Trevor Honohan Scan my QR code for frequent updated school news.

🔊 Brookshire Elementarv Principal Dr. Marc Rummler

Construction is the talk of the Brookshire community. The new school is being designed by HuntonBrady Architects and is going to be fantastic. They are working hard to design a school that will not only serve our educational needs, but will maintain many of our beautiful trees: and keep as much green space as There is a whole lot going on at : possible. We will have an expanded : car rider loop that should relieve the traffic congestion around our school during arrival and dismissal times. Skanska will be the builders and will start on our site in June. For the 2012-13 school year, we will relocate to another school that will be known as Brookshire West. The summer of 2013 we will return to our new school. It is an exciting time for our students, staff, and community. Please be aware that due to the ger serve as a polling place. We have been informed by the Orange Coun-



new goals and resolutions all around. Many of us have vowed to read more, procrastinate less, and eat healthier. We are determined to work smarter, enjoy family time more often, and find time for the gym. As I write this, I • wonder... have we stopped to realize all of the wonderful progress we have • already made toward goals that are • still to be reached? As I watch Dommerich students gear up for the community Fast Start track event (February 4th) and our Chiefs on the Run 5k (February 25th)*, I am reminded of what my track coach taught me in high school – the third quarter of any race is the toughest. With this in mind, and our third marking period : just begun (January 23rd), let's take : a moment to assess where we are in : our community a wonderful 2012; this "race" we call a school year.

Students have just passed the halfway point in this school year. They i tion of all goals, new and old. Thank are well-paced, but may be tired. The rest of their journey stretches out before them, but the finish line is still too far to see. The breaks are just past, and their next leg looks too long to keep pushing without slowing. But, as my wise coach once told me and teachers will agree, this is the most • important time to summon strength • and maintain pace – the third quarter is when true performance shows.

As with a running race, this is a critical time and an important time to strategize. Right now, we are admin-As we ring in the New Year here : istering mid-year assessments and at Dommerich Elementary, I can't : analyzing data to determine the best help but notice that there are many : instructional strategies to help students reach their maximum results for this school year. As educators and parents, it is our job to help students see all that they have already learned (the road behind them) and motivate them to stay excited about learning (the road ahead). Each child's goal for this school year is attainable, right now, at the start of this third reporting period. So, though the New Year brings exciting new resolutions, let's not forget the goals we are still knee-deep in achieving – stay strong!

My coach offered other wisdom that I think applies, as well. He said that when you are most tired and when you feel it is all uphill, you should shake out your arms, relax, and keep moving forward. I wish full of good health, time for those you love, and successful compleyou for your support of our children, who are always going the distance when it comes to learning!

*Information, including the Chiefs on the Run 5k route and registration details, can be found at the Dommerich website, www.des.ocps. net or at www.chiefsontherun.com. A big thank you to all the sponsors and volunteers who make this event possible!

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Audubon Park Elementary School. The past month has been jampacked with activities. We collected over 55 bicycles to donate to Bicycle Blessings. These used bikes will be restored and then given to those who need a bike. Thank you to Audra Cervi for making this happen. We also held our first annual Falcon • Food Truck Festival. It was a giant success. Ten food trucks lined up along Common Way and kids, parents, families, community members : construction, our school can no lonenjoyed the evening. All the trucks sold out of their food and fun was had by all. We will certainly organize ty Elections Office that First Christhis event again soon. Thank you Ja- : tian Church of Winter Park located : mie Weiss for making this happen. A : at 1140 S. Lakemont Ave will be the portion of the sales from each truck : new precinct for our community.





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Edgewater High School Principal Michele Erickson

We are still celebrating the announcement of our official "A" school grade, and I want to again thank you for your continued support of our academic focus and plan for success. The students, teachers, staff, community groups, and parents have worked together as a team : to continuously lead us in this direction.

I know there is still confusion about the summer invitation for students to explore other high school opportunities due to our low FCAT scores. In an effort to clarify, let me explain the basic criteria used to determine the school grade. High school grades are calculated differently and include other factors than just test scores. The FCAT scores, including percentage of students tested as well front office. as student gains, make up fifty percent of the school grade. This data is tunate to offer one of the premier IB 10 Sunshine State Books so far this staff are also getting fit by particireleased late spring or early summer following the return of FCAT scores. The other fifty percent of the grade is calculated using graduation rate, at-risk graduation rate, acceleration participation (number of students in AP classes), acceleration performance (number of students passing AP exams), reading readiness, math readiness, and bonus point data. We dropped 36 points in the FCAT data from the previous year, but we raised our other component points by 65. To receive an "A" grade, the point value must be over 1,050, and our total was 1,148. Our struggling readers made gains, and our high performing students increased in the acceleration performance. Our graduation rate increased by 18%, our student : help support this event as well: discipline data continues to decrease as expected. More information about high school grading can be found on : the OCPS web site, and please contact me should you have additional questions.

Our soccer team hosted the first ever alumni soccer tournament the first weekend in January. About 60 alumni showed up in teams, and we were excited to have Dr. Christiansen, Evans High School principal, returning to our field. The event ended with dinner and a lot of fellowship at the Tap Room at Dubsdread Country Club. Registration for the annual Athletic Department Golf Tournations.

uled for February 1, 8 and 15 against • about eating healthy and exercising. Howard, Maitland and Lockhart, respectively. Our last regular season : home game will take place February 22 at 4:30 p.m. against Meadowbrook Middle. The playoffs begin the following week so come on out and cheer on our teams!

Our school is currently collecting "Box Tops for Education" which can be found on the boxes and packages of many common household items. These box tops are being collected by our Autism classes as they can be redeemed for money to help purchase classroom supplies to benefit our students with special needs. If you are interested in helping, simply cut out the Box Tops for Education label off of the items you purchase and drop them off in the container located at the front desk of our school in the nal speeches in March. Congratula-

programs in the state of Florida, and : a great deal of the program's success comes from the support of students, families, and the surrounding community. The continued success and growth of the Glenridge IB program benefits all of us! Our annual Food for Thought event is just around the corner, with all proceeds going to our IB Program. Food For Thought is taking place Friday, April 13, 2012 at Leu Gardens. Your support and attendance would be greatly appreciated! If you are interested in attending, please stop by our front office or contact Jean Skidgel at jean.skidgel@ ocps.net or by calling 407-623-1415 x 2328.

There are two additional ways to

1. Auction Items: Prior to the event, we are looking for auction items as a donation to help with our fundraising efforts. Please contact Iris Fernandez at irisfer@aol.com for more information.

2. Volunteers: Any assistance before or during the event is appreciated. If anyone is interested please contact Anne Knapp at aknapp@cfl.rr.com

Thanks for your support and have a wonderful February!



It seems our shortest month is the ment can be found on our website. ; busiest! Our teachers have adminis-Please contact Val Miyares, athletic : tered a variety of assessments: FAIR, director, should you have any ques- : OCPS Benchmark tests, Write Score, STAR, Houghton Mifflin and Envision curriculum tests. As the results come back our PLC teams will be meeting and discussing the data and making adjustments to the intervention groups as needed. We had a full house for our annual Family Reading Night. The Lake Silver Reading Leadership Team planned and presented an exciting Family Literacy and Science night that centered on Science nonfiction and informational text. Dinner was served, the teachers shared learning activities and each child took home their very own nonfiction book. The students and staff also participated in the "Million Minute Marathon" by reading silently for an extra 20 minutes during Literacy Week. The staff at Lake Silver is particidents need plenty of rest and a good pating in the "50 Days of Fitness" this winter. Wellness coordinator Basketball season is underway and P.E. teacher, Chad Hendricks,

and we have away games sched- has shared with the staff many tips on Tuesday, February 28. Our teach-• On January 11 the staff participated ing for this opportunity to show off in "Faculty Fitness Day" and a fun : time was had by all! Each team rotated through stations and learned better ways to stretch and exercise. Jody Simmons, a certified personal trainer, owner of JL Fitness and a Lake Silver : Many of our students participated parent helped out that day by shar- : in the Fast Start Track Meet on Febing his expertise and putting the staff : ruary 4 at Showalter Field. The stuthrough quite a workout!

> the NWBA came to Lake Silver and : ready for our Boosterthon which will played a fun and exciting basketball game for our students. The students were so excited to meet the players and were amazed at their talent.

Congratulations to our seven fifth-grade students who were selected to be the Oration Contest finalists. We look forward to hearing their fitions also to the third through fith-Glenridge Middle School is for- ; grade students who have read over year.

> Thank you, PTA, for hosting a Prospective Parent Meeting and a fun Skate Night!

> Good luck, fourth graders, on : FCAT Writes!



close, our report cards for the second nine weeks have gone home, and we are off and running with our second Kathy Tindal, on February 21. It is an semester. Our fourth-grade students i honor and a privilege to be working will be taking the Florida Writes test with these dedicated professionals.

ers and students have been prepartheir writing skills. We know each student will do his/her best to meet the challenges of this test and the rest of us are all wishing them well.

We are all working to get fit. dents had a great time with all of the The Orlando Magic Wheels of : events. This was a great way to get kick off on February 29. The students will be getting pledges for the laps they will run on March 9. Some of our students are starting their day the healthy way every Wednesday morning as they join our Walking School Bus and walk with their friends to school. We are so thankful for our parents who walk with these students and help them develop healthy life habits. Our faculty and pating in Zumba classes. We are all working on being healthier in 2012.

February is Black History Month and we have many planned activities for the students and the staff. Our Black History Committee makes this an educational experience for all of us. It is always an event to remember.

We will be celebrating our Support Our first semester has come to a Person of the Year, Christina Pretorius, on February 2; and our Teachers of the Year, Kayla Garber-Duba and



Thank you, again, parents and community members for all you do for our students. It's great to be an **Edgewater Eagle!**



With the second semester underway, our Glenridge Lions are continuing to work hard and are aiming for success! Student progress will soon be measured as FCAT is just around the corner. In preparation for the FCAT, Glenridge will be offering a series of Saturday FCAT camps prior to testing, focusing on reading, math and science. These camps will take place March 10, March 17, April: 7 and April 14. Don't forget, stubreakfast prior to testing!

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Principal Dr. Brenda Cunningham Happy February! As we move forward in the New Year, we will focus on the qualities of having a strong mind, strong body and strong

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character. Having a "strong mind" supports the importance of a rigorous academic program. Everything we do to have a strong mind is supported by our Next Generation Sun- : the single most precious investment : shine State Standards. We provide ; you have as a parent. It is our misopportunities for students to receive ; sion and focus as educators that we additional assistance through tutor- : develop the intellectual (mind); emoing during the school day, with in- tional (character/mind) and physical tervention time after school twice development (body). a week. Our teachers are moving forward with teaching students the school and supporting our students! strategies and skills of successful students through the Destination College program. Once a month we have college spirit day in which we invite students to wear a shirt from a college to encourage an "I'm attending college" culture. We have a vari- tire. I have decided to retire effective ety of resources such as Study Island, FCAT Explorer, Success Maker and Accelerated Reader that students use to practice academic skills.

the importance of wellness, good nutrition and physical fitness. Through : and together we have accomplished the Winter Park Health Foundation, much. I have been very blessed to our students have access to a mental work with each of you and to work health counselor (CHILL) and school : with your children also. I encourage : nurse to address mental and physical ; you to work with your new principal needs.

Having strong character supports ways worked with me. the importance of being ethical, responsible and caring. Our guid- of being a student here in the 60's and ance counselor organizes Character now the principal for all these years. of the Month to emphasize positive Lee Middle School will always be a country sharing his story of the ben-

B.L.U.E. week-- Befriend, Learn, Un- es to everyone and continue to sup- tion helps others in need. This spoke derstand and Empathize as a part of our anti-bullying campaign. One ongoing service project is the weekly hat day, sponsored by Student Council, to collect funds that will go to the American Cancer Society. The National Junior Honor Society will be sponsoring Pasta for Pennies and other service projects.

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Lee Middle School Principal Tom Pylant

Dear Lee Community:

The time has come for me to re-February 10, 2012. This has been a very difficult decision for me, but after careful thought and prayer, I believe it is time to open the next Having a strong body supports : chapter of my life. I have enjoyed my 12¹/₂ years here at Lee Middle School in the same way that you have al-

I have had the unique perspective

port the work at Lee Middle. Thanks • for all your support through the . years and your kind words.



Catholic Schools Week's motto of "Faith - Academics - Service" was evident at St. James Cathedral : training and placement to more than School. The students, faculty, par-: 100,000 people with sight impair-

particularly to the service portion of our theme. Additionally, each grade selected a local charity to visit and assist wherever help was needed.

Several guest speakers enlightened students on local and community interests. Since 1976, Lighthouse Central Florida has provided education, independent life skills and job



Sunday, January 29 with Mass where tral Florida assists their clients. our students served as lectors, ushers . and prospective families.

At the beginning of the week, students were assigned a special prayer : partner to pray for during the week : and their names were revealed at the : All School Retreat. It was wonderful observing the students rejoicing with each other as they celebrated their faith together. The retreat included a special presentation by Mr. Thomas Awaipo. He was an orphan from Africa who benefitted from Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). He travels the character traits. In January we had very special place for me. Best wish- efits of ORB and how the organiza-

ents, parishioners and the communi- ment and their families. Keith Gee ty united together to celebrate Cath- spoke to students about the wonderolic education. The week began on ful ways in which Lighthouse Cen-

Parents shared their expertise in and altar servers followed by Open technology for Career Day. It was House at the school for both existing : fascinating for students to learn how every profession uses technology. We are committed to use current and emerging technologies to enhance educational opportunities for all students, PreK through 8, in all subject areas.



Saci International Receives Warm Welcome

Students from Saci International School located in Brazil came to vis-*Continued on page 26*





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407-206-8602 www.thefirstacademy.org our Bulldogs! This marks the second year Saci has chosen to visit St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School. Sixteen students, ages 11-17, plus three adults (two administrators and one mother) joined our students and faculty for an exciting and fun learning experience.

Saci students prepared a very informative PowerPoint presentation that covered aspects of Brazilian culture such as economy, tourism, topography, and customs. Our sixth through eighth-grade students had the opportunity to learn about Caized combat-dance. Another topic discussed was the Brazilian Carnival, which has roots going back to the ancient Romans and Greeks who celebrated the rites of spring.

Our students asked many questions as they compared cultures. They were most interested in the music to which teens listen and TV



music they enjoyed - Katie Perry and ; garten students have learned about ; to encourage in children. Ignoring ; Justin Beiber topped the list. Other the importance of reaching out to, the developmental functions of uninteresting discoveries were that Portuguese, Spanish and English are the main languages. A robust inter- : strives to teach the whole child, pro- : imaginations beyond the constraints national tourism industry and trade : moting moral and faith development : of the classroom." agreements with English-speaking countries have increased Brazil's demand for English. Wagner Valle, bilingual program coordinator at Saci, was looking for an opportunity to immerse his students in an Englishspeaking classroom. This experience gave Saci and St. Charles students a chance to exchange information and form friendships. By the end of the day, plans were made to continue contact between students via email or Facebook.

Mrs. Edwards, SCBCS music teacher, was thrilled to receive a special gift from Mr. Valle - a Berimbau. This traditional Brazilian single- : schedule, learning about responsibil- : stringed percussion instrument with : ity and participating in every aspect : tended Kindergarten for a few hours : lence. We will continue to work for a musical bow will be enjoyed by : of commerce. Meanwhile they expe- : and experienced lessons and activi- : high levels of student learning that our students for years to come. At : rience math through earning, saving, : ties to get them excited about next : lead to student success and abunthe end of the day, both St. Charles : and spending; language arts through : year. Our basketball teams are con- : dant opportunities. We thank you, and Saci students played a vigor- writing postcards, writing rhymes tinuing with their season and will the community, for your support. Go ous game of soccer. It was a win-win : for advertising flyers, and reading : be wrapping up within the next few Cats! + day for everyone. "The people here books such as "The Bookshop Dog. are very nice," said Isabela Fron- Character lessons come through givseca, student at Saci. We too felt our ing and receiving customer service guests were very nice and we hope to (the Golden Rule in practice) and welcome them for another visit next school year.

it and received a big welcome from to wear their favorite PJ's to school on pajama day. The week-long celebration provided an opportunity to celebrate the unique culture of Catholic schools.

> St. Margaret Mary Catholic School students excel in their academic studies. Junior High students recently participated in the school Science 📩 student is balanced with academic Fair. Students worked diligently on and social experiences. Our program projects for months. Following the is academically advanced in core At our halfway point in the year, the school fair and judging, awards were : curriculum areas and we also pro-: presented, and selected students mote a well-rounded experience for putting them well within reach of the were invited to participate at the Or- : all students pre-school through sixth : goal for the school year! ange County Regional Science Fair.

poeira, which is a ritualized and styl- vital role in the instructional pro- in social etiquette, Spanish, physical Music Concert will include perforgram of St. Margaret Mary Catholic : education, computer technology, sci-School. A strong emphasis on the ence lab, library and literature, music integration of technology, including SmartBoards, iPads, and Netbooks, across all subjects and grade levels helps promote student engagement and the development of 21st century skills.

St. Margaret Mary Catholic School shows that are popular in Brazil. An • continues its commitment to service.

> This month staff members from the school and parish, as well as parishioners have traveled to : Haiti on a mission trip.

and helping those in need.

and strong academic standards for all students.



Headmaster Bob Ingram

One of the highlights of kindergarten is the community unit, and it's a great example of how every aspect of our integrated curriculum supports a particular theme. One room of our Early Childhood Campus is transformed to contain a post office, bank, pizzeria, veterinarian's office, and ice cream parlor. Students rotate

churches, they invest the profits in • new books for their classrooms.

The Parke House Academy Executive Director Megan Francis

Life in the day of a Parke House grade. The educational experience Technology continues to play a : is supported by instructional classes : in the next month! The annual Spring (choral & instrumental), and art.

> The balance is provided by the teachers and staff that help encourage students to reach their goals. Students are allowed to grow in a to attend our annual Read In event. non-competitive and nurturing setting.

We are a true elementary school believing in the whole-child. Our students enjoy recess twice daily.

According to the National Association for the Education of Young Children, "Children's attempts to They bring with them make their way across monkey bars, items donated by stu- negotiate the hopscotch course, play dents and the proceeds ; jacks, or toss a football require infrom the recent Kinder- tricate behaviors of planning, balinstant connection was made on the ; garten Haiti Bake Sale. The Kinder-; ance, and strength--traits we want ; structured outdoor play denies chil-St. Margaret Mary Catholic School : dren the opportunity to expand their

> The balance between learning and playing is essential to the well-being of a child.

Trinity Lutheran School Principal Melissa Bergholt

After an enjoyable Christmas vacation with their families our students returned to school ready to finish up the semester. Middle School students began preparations for : exams and completed those as our : first semester ended on January 19. Our VPK students had some fun as : through different jobs according to a : each class took a turn "Stepping Up" to Kindergarten. These students at- : a longstanding Tradition of Excel-

paying the bank and tithing to their weeks at various local and countywide tournaments.

> Throughout the year, our students participate in the Accelerated Reading Program. As students read books at their reading level, they complete online tests checking their comprehension of the story. The students earn points from the tests towards our school-wide goal of 7,360 points. students have earned 4,406 points

> Exciting activities are coming up mances by our school choirs, bands, and handbell groups. In addition to this performance, students are also preparing for a Music Festival they will attend in March. Our younger students will have the opportunity This includes many literature-based activities as well as a story performance. This event showcases how much fun our students have reading!



Happy New Year Wildcat Family, Community and Friends!

The Winter Park staff is excited and pleased to announce our school grade rating of an "A" issued by the State of Florida. Our teachers and staff are committed to providing students with personal excellence in a caring place, and an A grade is made possible through the hard work and determination of our staff and stu-We have parents and sevdents. eral boosters providing support and commitment to our students. We are thankful for the City of Winter Park and the Winter Park community for the long and steadfast support of Winter Park High School.

In November, The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools designated Winter Park High School as a fully accredited school. This important designation is recognized by colleges and universities, and it maintains our good standing with those institutions.

Winter Park High School has had



February is a busy month at St. Margaret Mary Catholic School, with many special events occurring. The month began with Catholic Schools' Week activities. This year's theme for Catholic Schools' Week was Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, and Service. basketball game, and Grandparents' Day. Students enjoyed wearing their and the younger students were able i money to make change. After re-

working "as unto the Lord" regardless of mood or assignment.

In Geneva's spirit of "always reforming," this year we are working as a community to create a large piece of art to give to another community. Our kindergarten students will be painting and piecing together aluminum butterflies-symbols of beauty, hope, and transformation-to send to Danita's Children, a community of a church, school, and orphanage that serves earthquake victims in Haiti. Kindergarten closes their unit on Events included the Book Fair, spe- : community by hosting a Kindergar- : cial assemblies, field day, a school : ten Store for the greater Geneva community. They borrow money from the bank (headmaster), price and arfavorite college sweatshirts to school, range their merchandise, and learn

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Audubon Park Garden District Events **Ongoing Events**

Every Monday night Community Market - 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Stardust Coffee parking lot located at 1842 East Winter Park Rd. For information call 407-590-8776.

First Friday of Every Month - March - December 2012 (excludes July) Date Night at Leu Gardens – Gates open at 6:00 p.m. and movie times vary per month. For more information please call 407-246-2620.

February 14 Special Valentine's Date Night at Leu Gardens - Gates open at 6:00 p.m. and features the showing of "Crazy Stupid Love" at 7:30 p.m. Pack a dinner picnic basket and a blanket or chairs for you and your date. Grilled items, popcorn and drinks are available for purchase. For more information please call 407-246-2620.

Baldwin Park Events

February 4 5th Annual Out of the Darkness Community 5k Walk - Checkin starts at 8:00 a.m. at 2420 Lakemont Ave. in Baldwin Park. Proceeds benefit the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention-Central Florida Chapter. For more information or to register please call 407-646-2227, or visit www.outofthedarkness.org.

March 3 Orlando Chili Cook-off - 12:00 to 5:30 p.m. at Blue Jacket Park

College Park and Orlando Area Events Ongoing Events

Every Wednesday Belles and Beaus Dance Club will have continuous weekly dances every Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the Marks Street Recreation Complex located at 99 E. Marks Street. Join in for an evening of fun and dancing to music by the Soft Touch band. Refreshments are available. Singles and couples are welcome. Cost: \$5.00 per person. For more information please call 407-277-7008.

Every Thursday College Park Farmers' Market – 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Infusion Tea/Artistree Co-op parking lot located at 1600 Edgewater Drive. For information call 407-999-5251.

Every Sunday Downtown Orlando Farmers' Market - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Lake Eola. For more information call 407-246-3625.

Monday – Friday each week Seniors' Program in College Park -9:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the College Park Community Center located at 2393 Elizabeth Street. For information call 407-246-4361.

First Friday of Each Month The Art Stroll of Ivanhoe Village - 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Orange Avenue between Princeton and New Hampshire.

Now - March 18 "Beyond Baseball: The Life of Roberto Clemente" - This traveling exhibit was developed by the Smithsonian Institute, the Smithsonian Latino Center, the Clemente family, and the Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico and is a bilingual tribute to his outstanding achievements and profound commitment to helping others. For more information please call the Orange County Regional History Center at 407-836-8500.

Now - March 18 "Style & Grace: Masterworks of American Art from the

February 12 Central Florida Jazz Society Concert - 3:00 to 5:00 at The Abbey located at 100 S. Eola Drive. Concert features Jarritt Sheel's "Harlem Renaissance Tribute to Duke Ellington and Count Basie" as well astributes to other important swing era band leaders. For more information and tickets please call 407-539-2357.

February 21 The Orlando Chapter of Dining for Women Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Infusion Tea. Join women from the community as we gather together for food and fellowship and support Starfish One by One in Guatemala. For more information please call 407-362-8308.

February 24 BIG Rummage Sale - 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Orlando Garden Club located at 710 Rollins Street.

March 1 Orange County Retired Educators Meeting - 10:00 a.m. at College Park United Methodist Church located at 644 W. Princeton Street. Anyone who has worked in education is invited to attend. For more information please call 407-677-0446.

March 3 Kids In The Kitchen - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Central Park. This free event is to promote eating right and staying healthy. For more information please visit 407-422-5918.

March 9 Orlando Walk to Defeat ALS - Walk starts at 7:00 p.m. at Lake Eola. For more information and to register please visit www.WalktoDefeatALS.org.

March 10 Orlando MS Walk 2012 - 8:00 a.m. at Lake Eola. A \$20 minimum donation is suggested per participant. For more information please visit www.MidFloridaM-SWalks.org.

March 10 Hoops for Hunger - Hosted by the Junior League of Greater Orlando, 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at Terrace390. For more information and tickets please call 407-422-5918.



Maitland Events

Ongoing Events

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Every Sunday Maitland Farmers' Market at Lake Lily

Now - February 26, 2012 "Borders of Paradise: The New World in the Eyes of Explorers" – Presented by The Art & History Museums - Maitland. For more information please call 407-539-2181.

Now - April 15 Exhibition "Emerge!" by artist Molly Chism - The exhibition is held in the Maitland Art Center Galleries, 231 W. Packwood Avenue. For more information please call 407-539-2181 or visit www.ArtandHistory.org.

February 11 Touch-A-Truck – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Maitland Community Preschool at Orangewood Presbyterian Church. Admission is \$5. For more information please www.orangewood.org.

February 23 Eighth Annual Bruce Gould Poker Invitational – 7:00 p.m.



at the Home Builders Association located at 544 Mayo Ave. For additional information please call 407-645-5933 x259.

February 25 Chiefs on the Run 5k - 7:30 a.m. at Dommerich Elementary. For more information and to register please visit www.chiefsontherun.com.

Winter Park Events

Ongoing Events

Every Saturday Winter Park Farmers' Market - 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Now – April 2012 Free Friday Nights at the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art - 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. The open house includes curator tours, a schedule of live music and art demonstrations on selected dates. The museum is located at 445 N. Park Avenue. For more information please visit www.morsemuseum.org.

Now - April 15 "Artful Strings: Four Centuries of Harp Making" provides visitors with behind the scene access into the International Harp Museum's collection of rare and visually striking harps from antique to contemporary pieces. For times & information please call The Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens at 407-647-6294.

February 1 "An Evening of Conversation with Pat Metheny" - Hosted by the Winter Park Institute at 7:30 p.m. at Rollins College, Tiedtke Concert Hall. Event is free and open to the public. For more information please call 407-691-1995.

February 2 "An Evening of Music and Dialog with Pat Metheny" - Hosted by the Winter Park Institute at 7:30 p.m. at the Alfond Sports Center. Event is free and open to the public. For more information please call 407-691-1995.

February 2 72nd Winter with the Writers - Featuring three-time Pulitzer prize nominee Carl Hiaasen. 7:30 p.m. at the Rollins College, Bush Auditorium. Reading is free and open to the public and seating is limited. For more information please visit www.rollins.edu/ winterwiththewriters.

February 4 Florida Hospital Lady Track Shack 5K - 7:30 a.m. at Mead Gardens. Proceeds benefit the Florida Hospital Tack Shack Breast Cancer Screening Program. For more information please call 407-896-1160, or visit www.trackshack.com.

February 9 Winter With the Writers featuring Mihaela Moscaliuc and Ilya Kaminsky – 7:30 p.m. at the Bush Auditorium at Rollins College. Discussions and readings are free and open to the public and seating is limited. For more information please visit www.rollins.edu/ STS. winterwiththewriters.

February 9 Enzian's Popcorn Flicks - 7:00 p.m. featuring "Sleepless in Seattle" showing in Central Park.

February 12 Artist Reception Featuring Rich Franco -2:00 to 4:00p.m. at the University Club of Winter Park. This reception is open to the public. For more information please call 407-644-6149.

February 12 Valentine Concert - 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. featuring Michael Andrew and Swingerheard courtesy of the Park Avenue Area Association. Free in Central Park.

February 16 Sexy Succulents Take the Heat by Stephen & Kristin Pategas - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.at Harry P. Leu Gardens. Discover the many varieties we can grow and learn how to design, choose, and care for them. Registration required 407-246-2620.

February 16 Winter With the Writers featuring Paula McLain -7:30 p.m. at the Bush Auditorium at Rollins College. Discussion and reading is free and open to the public and seating is limited. For more information please visit www.rollins.edu/winterwiththewriters.

February 18 House of Hope Run Around the Pines 5k - 7:30 a.m. at Showalter Field located at 2535 Cady Way. For more information and to register please visit www. trackshack.com.

February 18 The Great Duck Derby - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Mead Botanical Gardens.

February 19 "Animated Magazine" - hosted by the Winter Park Institute - Founded in 1927 by former Rollins College President Hamilton Holt, "Animated Magazine" contributors will present their ideas to a live audience. This year, "Animated Magazine" will include former U.S. poet laureate Billy Collins, former congressman and director of the CIA Porter Goss and other guests. 3:00 p.m. at the Mary Jean Mitchell Plaza at Rollins College.



Collection of Michael A. and Marilyn L. Mennello." For more information on this exhibit at the Mennello Museum of American art please call 407-246-4278.

Now - April 29 "The Serious Art Of Make-Believe" - An exclusive show of displays and original pieces from Universal Orlando Resort's art and design department archives at the Orange County Regional History Center. For times and ticket information please call 407-836-8500.

February 2 Orange County Retired Educators Association Meeting - 11:30 a.m. at the College Park United Methodist Church. Anyone who has worked in education is invited to attend this pot luck luncheon. For more information please call 407-677-0446.

February 5 Dragon Parade – Lunar New Year Festival 2012 - 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. along Mills 50- Orlando Mainstreet District located near 634 N. Mills Ave. Parade begins at 11:00 a.m.

February 10 Environment & Economics Conference - The Center for Earth Jurisprudence presents "True Wealth in a Green World" at the Barry University School of Law in Orlando. For more information please call 321-206-5788.

Every Tuesday and Thursday Hands-on Gardening -9:30 a.m. noon at the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens. For more information regarding this free year-round event please call 407-647-6294.

Monday - Friday "Art in Chambers" exhibit - Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This free exhibit is on display at the City Hall Commission Chambers located at 401 Park Avenue South.

Sundays Music at the Casa - This free event is hosted at Casa Feliz on various Sundays from noon – 3:00 p.m. through 2011. For information call 407-628-8200.

Now Open Louis Comfort Tiffany's Laurelton Hall - The Morse Museum continues its celebration of the opening of this major exhibition devoted to Louis Comfort Tiffany and his Long Island country estate, Laurelton Hall, with curator tours, lectures, and other programs. Laurelton Hall, an 84-room, eight-level mansion built between 1902 and 1905, is often cited as Tiffany's greatest work of art. For more information please visit www.morsemuseum.org.

February 23 Chili for Charity - Enjoy chili from top local restaurants and caterers, live entertainment, and a live auction. 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Winter Park Farmers' Market. For tickets please visit www.chiliforcharity.org.

February 23 Winter With the Writers featuring Chimamanda Adichie -7:30p.m. at the Bush Auditorium at Rollins College. Discussion and reading is free and open to the public and seating is limited. For more information please visit www.rollins.edu/winterwiththewriters.

February 29 Economic Update Breakfast - 7:45 a.m. at the Rachel D. Murrah Civic Center. For details and tickets please call 407-644-8281.

March 4 33rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade – 2:00 p.m. along Park Aveune.



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