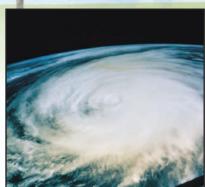
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### **Solar Bears Come Out Of Hibernation**

Orlando Solar Bears partners Jason Siegel, Joe Haleski and Bob Ohrablo joined Mayor Buddy Dyer of Orlando to welcome the National Hockey League's Minnesota Wild and the AHL Houston Aeros as affiliates for the



Future hockey player Jonah Carswell shows off the new Solar Bears jersey.

Solar Bears as they begin their Out of Hibernation season in October 2012. The announcement was made at RDV Ice Den, the official training and practice site of the Orlando Solar Bears.

Minnesota Sports and Entertainment hockey executive Jim Mill was on hand for the announcement. "Central Florida has welcomed the Orlando Solar Bears back with open arms and we couldn't think of a better atmosphere for our players to develop their skills in," Mill said. "We are excited to welcome Joe, Jason and Bob and the Solar Bears fans into the Wild family."

Orlando Solar Bears Chief Operating Officer and Managing Partner Bob Ohrablo pointed to several reasons that the Solar Bears selected the Wild

"We want to win!" exclaimed Ohrablo. "We strongly believe that affiliating with the Wild organization will provide us with a solid core of players from which we can build a competitive and exciting team for our fans."

Mill took over the hockey operations at the Houston Aeros in 2009 and in 2010-11 the Aeros went to the AHL Calder Cup finals. The Aeros went 35-25-16 (2011-12) and were the only team that had advanced to the final four in 2010-11 to qualify for the playoffs this season.

"This is a major step in building a winning organization here in Orlando," explained Ohrablo. "We will now focus on securing our general manager/coach and begin to sign players in consultation with our hockey partners in Minnesota/Houston."

Minnesota had four players with ECHL experience skate in a NHL game this season. Houston recalled a total of 19 players from the ECHL in 2011-12 and they combined to play in 400 games for the Aeros.

"Houston and Minnesota used to be competitors of the IHL Orlando Solar Bears. Now we have all joined together in an effort to bring a championship to our fans in all three markets," added Mill.

The Orlando Solar Bears begin play in the ECHL at the Amway Center in October, 2012. Ticket plan information is available at: www.orlandosolarbearshockey.com. ■

### Let Freedom Run!

The 22nd annual Hunter Vision July 4th Watermelon 5k promises to be a cool celebration on a hot day on Wednesday, July 4 at Mead Garden in Winter Park!

Starting at 7:30 a.m., an estimated 3000 runners and walkers will gather beneath the shade of spectacular Mead Garden and trek the 3.1 mile run/walk through scenic and shaded Winter Park neighborhoods in celebration of Independence Day. A free kids' run (for children 10 and under) begins at 8:30 a.m.

High temperatures are the norm for this holiday race but runners and walkers of all ages can expect to be cooled off with sno cones and iced coffee provided by Hunter Vision, and ice-cold watermelon at the finish! There will also be the much-anticipated Watermelon Eating Contest which is open to four men and four women who will race to see who can eat the most

Adam Vernier as Uncle Sam runs the Watermelon 5k each year in costume! Photo courtesy of

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watermelon in three minutes.

Proceeds benefit the Track Shack Foundation, a 501 (3) organization that promotes youth health and fitness with

an emphasis on youth athletics. A food drive is also being conducted with Feed Orlando to help local needy families.

Registration is required to participate in the 5k (3.1 miles). The cost is \$24 through June 23; \$28 June 24 – July 3 and \$35 on race day at race site. Entry fee for runners, walkers under the age of 17 and over the age of

Entry fee for veterans, active duty and reservists from any branch of the U.S. military and family is \$15. For more information and to register please visit www.trackshack.com or call 407-896-1160. ■

# Bears selected the Wild. at: www.orlandosolarbearshockey Masters Degrees And Then Separation

It was a special Mother's Day weekend for Ann Marie Varga, 51, as she received her master's in human resources from Rollins College. Her son, Phil, 23, received his Rollins MBA from the Crummer Graduate School of Business. "It's two degrees and separation," joked Ann Marie. "Phil heads off to Jacksonville to start his career with Fidelity Investments." With nearly 30 years of experience in public relations and armed with her new master's degree, Ann Marie will begin teaching crisis communications for Rollins in the fall in the College of Professional Studies.



Ann Marie and Phil Varga

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# Publisher's Message



RICK CABLE

It's an exciting time as we find ourselves at the halfway mark of 2012. Recent graduations have many of us running around with Sir Edward Elgar's 1901 composition of "Pomp and Circumstance" in our heads. Congratulations to all the recent graduates! It is a very exciting time to celebrate your accomplishment with family and friends and it will not be long until you're pursuing a new list of goals in life.

Consistent daily temps in the 90s tell us that summer is upon us, and local broadcast news organizations stress and remind us daily that we are in hurricane season. Summer is not officially here until June 20; however hurricane season begins on June 1 and Tropical Storm Beryl made for a good

opportunity to heighten awareness and for residents to check their emergency supplies.

As we know, Florida is a great place to live, work and play, but our weather can change quickly. Fortunately we've had mild hurricane seasons since 2004, but it's important to be aware and prepared. For information on hurricane preparedness please see Mayor Bradley's message in this issue.

Unfortunately neighborhood crimes have been on the rise in recent months and the cities of Orlando, Winter Park and Maitland are taking actions to address this serious situation. Commissioner Stuart's article makes mention, and the Winter Park Police article "Stay Safe" from last month's issue outlines steps to help prevent crime. To view this and all past articles please visit www.theparkpress.com/archives.

As usual, the calendar of events is full of great things to do to help you celebrate the beginning of summer, Father's Day, as well as Independence Day. Be sure to stay up-to-date with all area events and news by visiting us at www.theparkpress.com as we add new timely features and information throughout the month.

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





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# You Can't Handle The Truth!

By Tricia Cable

I can see it now, that intense cross-examination scene between the inexperienced United States Naval lawyer played by Tom Cruise and the highly-decorated United States Marine officer, Colonel Nathan Jessup, portrayed brilliantly by Jack Nicholson. "You don't want the truth. Because deep down, in places you don't talk about at parties, you want me on that wall. You need me on that wall."

And sadly, it's true. And, I am not just referring to military operations. In general, we not only can't handle the truth, but until we are really ready to accept it- and in doing so, make changes we may very well not be looking forward to making- we avoid it. Shoot, avoid it, run from it, and consciously or subconsciously surround ourselves with those in our circle who will gladly guide us down the river of denial in the name of friendship.

I had the benefit of being raised by a very critical father. I know some of you may think that I am joking when I use the word "benefit", but I am serious. He called it like he saw it. No sugar coating or softening the blow, just the facts as he saw them...plain and simple. He could have given Colonel Jessup a run for his money! If I got a poor grade on a test, I didn't study enough. If I had a bad game, "It was not your day, kid." I grew up with encouraging statements like "Yes, I'm mad and disappointed," and "What on earth were you thinking, you're smarter than that!" And again, when I use the word encouraging, I am serious. Those often-times critical comments and brutally honest observations, balanced with

love and compassion, have served me well.

The good news with that type of figurehead at the helm, you put forth your very best effort up front, you take pride in everything that you do and you always know where you stand, no questions



asked. And as frustrating and infuriating as that was while growing up, there was a tremendous sense of trust and overwhelming (often times unwelcomed) honesty in that relationship. No doubts or wondering if he was just saying that to make you feel better, there was no chance of that. When a compliment came your way from that man, you basked in it because you knew it was the truth. There is power in knowledge

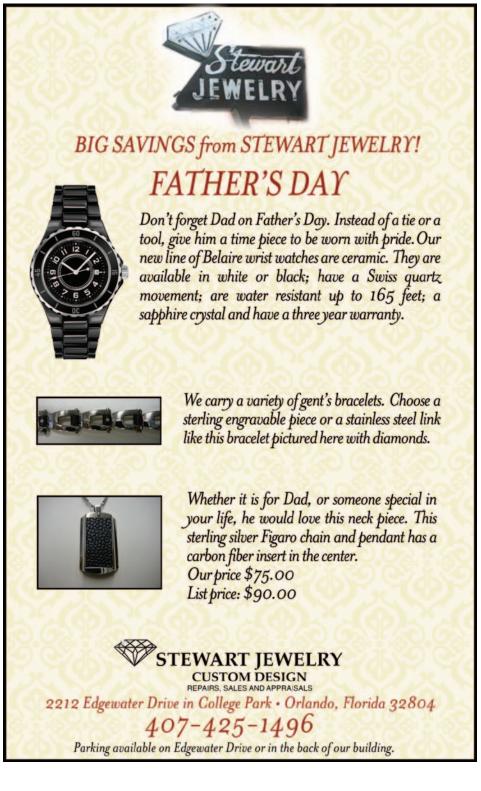


and knowing the truth is empowering...if you choose to believe it.

Let's face it; we all really know the truth. We know when, as much as it hurts, a relationship needs to end. We know when, as hard as it is, we need to ask for help. We know when a pair of jeans makes our butt look big and we know when it's not the jeans... And yet, we think that if someone loves us enough, they give us the excuses we need to keep denying our own truths. We gladly accept their lip service and move on... no conflict, path of least resistance, all sunshine and butterflies. Yet in reality, when someone truly loves us and cares about us enough to call us on our own crap, then praise God and Hallelujah we have growth! If not for self discovery and re-invention, what do we have?

So in honor of my dad this Father's Day, I say thank you for your confidence in me. For knowing that I was strong enough to handle the honesty that you offered up. Thank you for loving me enough to challenge my reality at every turn and respecting me enough to keep me constantly striving to be a better person.





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# City Commissioner's Message

Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, City of Orlando District 3



our active 2004 hurricane season, so most of us don't even blink as June 1st comes and goes... and while we might not need the sensationalized headlines that grace many of our major media outlets this time of year, we do need to take a moment to re-acclimate

ourselves to the preparation process. For a quick refresher, visit our City's Office of Emergency Management website, www.cityoforlando.net/ emergency.

Not only is June the start of hurricane season, but it is also the month where we celebrate Dads. Studies consistently show that fathers have an enormous impact on their children, so if you know a great dad, take a moment to tell him thanks this month. So to all of the dads who put their families ahead of themselves, thank you for what you are doing. It may seem ordinary to you, but it is extraordinary when you consider the impact you are having on our future.

On June 1st, our city held its Oath of Office Ceremony. Mayor Dyer along with Commissioner Tony Ortiz, Commissioner Patty Sheehan and Commissioner Samuel Ings were all re-elected in their respective districts. We also welcome a new commissioner to the council. Commissioner Jim Gray, a vice president with Parkway Realty Services and resident of the Lake Nona neighborhood, was sworn in as the new commissioner for District 1, which encompasses East Orlando.

We are now eight years past He fills the seat of Commissioner Phil Diamond, who faithfully served the residents of District 1 for ten years.

> The Orlando Police Department recently underwent some restructuring as well. We welcome Captain Robert Anzueto to the district as he is now the captain of North Patrol, the sector that encompasses all of the neighborhoods in the City's District 3. At the end of May, we held a district-wide Neighborhood Watch meeting to give our residents a chance to meet Captain Anzueto and discuss innovative ways we can work together to prevent crime in our neighborhoods. Thanks to the residents who took time out of their busy schedules to attend. No matter how many times a patrol officer may drive by your home, (s)he doesn't know your neighbors, your neighbors' cars or your neighbors' comings and goings like you do. At the meeting, OPD asked that you please call every time you see something that just doesn't feel or seem right. For more information on Neighborhood Watch and our upcoming National Night Out celebration on August 7th, please visit www.cityoforlando.net/police or call 407-246-3628. National Night Out is a fun way to learn about ways that we can partner to keep our communities safe, while throwing a festive block party for your neighborhood at the same time!

> Captain Anzueto also announced that just this year, Chief Rooney has hired more than 100 new officers, who, when finished with training, will join our more than 700 sworn officers working hard to keep our residents safe. Officer Kirkpatrick, our District 3 Police Liaison Officer, dis-



cussed some items that are relatively inexpensive that you can install to make it a little tougher to gain entry into your home. The OnGard Security Door Brace can help secure a door to make it more difficult it to be kicked in. Utilizing a sliding glass door double bolt lock can further secure vulnerable sliding glass doors from being an easy entry point for a burglar. The StrikeMaster II Pro gives your door casing extra security. Officer Kirkpatrick also warned against hiding a spare key in any of the usual spots outside your door as this makes it that much easier for a criminal. He suggested using a key lockbox with a code if a spare key is needed. These products and many others can be found at one of our locally-owned businesses Officer Kirkpatrick is also available to do security surveys on homes and businesses located in District 3. Feel free to e-mail him at kevlon.kirkpatrick@cityoforlando.net for more information.

As I try to say every time I stand in front of a group of constituents, thank you for giving me the honor of serving as the City's Commissioner for District 3. I look forward to seeing you around the community this summer enjoying our Great City! -Robert

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Do you have a parent with diabetes?

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# Winter Park Mayor's Message

Mayor Ken Bradley



KEN BRADIE

**Hurricane Preparedness** 

Friday, June 1, marks the official start of hurricane season. Even though it was eight years ago, the memories of hurricanes Charley, Frances and Jeanne are still fresh in the minds of many. According to Colorado State University forecast-

ers, the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season will be "below average" with 10 tropical storms, four of which will strengthen into hurricanes, with two of those becoming major hurricanes with winds of at least 111 miles per hour.

As hopeful as we are that Mother Nature will be kind to us, we must be prepared for this upcoming season. Our personal safety is top priority, and now is a great time to start thinking of all the areas to keep yourself, your family and property safe.

**Step 1:** Assemble an emergency preparedness kit & "to-go bag"

**Step 2:** Prepare your family, home & business **Step 3:** Stay informed

The city offers a variety of online resources to provide you with information as major storms pass through our city and also to educate you on how to prepare. With a growing number of people owning smart phones or other smart devices combined with the increased use of social media, the city encourages you to:

- Keep those devices fully charged
- Visit www.cityofwinterpark.org > Departments > Fire-Rescue > Emergency Management

- Become a fan on the city's official Facebook page www.cityofwinterpark.org/facebook
- Follow us on Twitter www.twitter.com/WinterParkFla
- Sign up for OUTREACH

OUTREACH is the city's emergency notification system that uses technology to send out notifications such as extreme weather conditions, boil water alerts, power restoration status, and hurricane/tornado warnings directly to you. Upon hearing the tornado siren, you should tune to local media for specific weather information. In addition to outdoor warning sirens throughout Winter Park, OUTREACH will notify residents and business owners of impending emergencies via their home phones, cell phones, and/or email. To sign up, please log on to the city's official website at www.cityofwinterpark. org and click on the OUTREACH button. The city can then keep you immediately informed of any major emergency situation that may impact you, your business and your neighbors.

### Important resources

Non-emergency Information Line (only live upon activation of the Emergency Operations Center) 407-599-3494

Message Center Information Email (only live upon activation of the Emergency Operations Center) MessageCenter@cityofwinterpark.org

Electric Utility Power Outages 1-877-811-8700 Water & Wastewater Utility Outages 407-599-3219



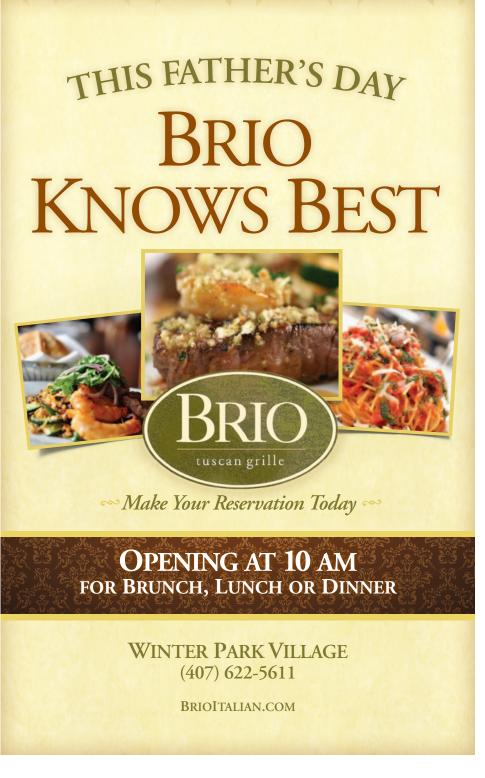
As uncertain as the hurricane season can be, one of the things that remains certain is our city's support and participation in mutual aid. Whether it is a natural disaster or an emergency situation, we can always count on our surrounding cities in the time of need, just as they can also count on us for support. Our fire-rescue department deployed firefighters and resources to numerous wildfire events in and around Volusia and Brevard counties in 2008. Our police department deployed officers to Biloxi, Miss., Miramar, Fla., and Pensacola, Fla., for hurricane relief. These are just a few of the many examples of how our mutual aid relationship remains solid and critical during these types of crisis situations. We all hope for a quiet hurricane season this year, but please keep this information handy just in case.

Sincerely,

Kemeth W. Bradley

Kenneth W. Bradley
Mayor, City of Winter Park ■





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# Maitland Mayor's Message

Mayor Howard A. Schieferdecker



HOWARD A SCHIEFERDECKE

### **Wekiva Parkway**

For many years one of our main transportation goals has been to complete a limited-access beltway around the greater Orlando area. The final link of that beltway is the Wekiva Parkway. This along with SunRail and the I-4 MasterPlan are the three

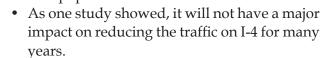
projects of true regional significance. I fully agree with the importance of these projects, however, the timing of these projects must also be weighted against other pressing local areas transportation needs.

Both SunRail and the I-4 MasterPlan are needed **NOW** as they serve the majority of the greater Orlando's population and directly address our current pressing transportation needs. The Wekiva Parkway, however, would presently serve only a small fraction of our population and will not significantly reduce our present overburdened transportation system. To commit monetary funding now to the Wekiva Parkway by taking away monetary funding from other greater Orlando area local transportation projects does not properly address our present and immediate future transportation needs for

the following reasons:

• The Wekiva Parkway will take away muchneeded monetary funds and **DELAYS IN-**

DEFINITELY important local transportation projects throughout the Orlando area that have been planned for years to help relieve our overburdened roads which serve the majority of the Orlando area population.



• The Wekiva Parkway is not scheduled to be completed until (2021) which is after the 20-mile I-4 planned improvements are scheduled to be completed (2020) offering no traffic relief during the I-4 construction upgrade.

I am not suggesting not completing the beltway. We should definitely continue to move forward with the construction of the Wekiva Parkway but revise our priorities to take care of our present overburdened roads as previously scheduled. Due to monetary funding constraints, this may take a few more years to complete the beltway but it will address our area's immediate transportation needs more appropriately and fairly.

We should revise the project priorities as follows: first, we should acquire all of the right-of-way needed for the entire road to ensure that we have the land to finish the beltway. Then revise the construction schedule allowing the monetary funds that were taken away for lo-

cal transportation projects to be reinstated and used as originally scheduled for our local area's transportation needs.

Not remaining on schedule to take care of our local area's over-burdened transportation needs could result in limited and stymied growth in many areas, hurting their future quality of life. How we handle our transportation issues now will help ensure healthy growth, prosperity and a good quality of life for the greater Orlando area in the future.





# County Commissioner's Message

Commissioner Ted B. Edwards, Orange County, District 5



TED B. EDWARDS

At the beginning of May, the annual Uniform Crime Report was released by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. It provides statistical data on rates of occurrence of various types of serious crimes among the counties in Florida. While murder, rape and assaults all declined in Orange County and statewide by 0.08 percent, crimes against property continue to challenge our citizens and businesses.

The FDLA reports Orange County's rate for property crimes actually increased 5% in 2011. This is contrary

to an overall decrease in crime generally in Florida during 2011. Burglary incidents rose from 13,783 in 2010 to 14,504 in 2011. Already, for the first quarter of 2012 the rate compared to 2011 has remained similar. While many property crimes are considered to be crimes of opportunity where thieves simply grab items left unguarded and in plain sight, or gain access through unlocked doors to cars and houses, others are more sinister and organized burglaries take place. Certainly every citizen should do all they can to make sure their belongings are secured, unfortunately theft is a statistical probability sometime in all our lives. It leaves us feeling vio-

lated and unsafe. Having had my own home burglarized, I relate well to all who have fallen prey to these thieves.

Elected and appointed officials of Orange County have the responsibility to oversee the resources that keep all of us safe from those who would violate the law. In response to dis-



cussions I have had with other elected and appointed representatives and in concert with reports we have received from residents concerning their own encounters, I have asked for a coordinated effort of law enforcement, the judiciary, state attorney's office, and corrections to examine further this vital issue.

With the support from the board of county commissioners and various law enforcement agencies, crimes against property will now be assigned a top priority by the Orange County Criminal Justice/ Public Safety Coordinating Council. Members of the council include State Attorney Lawson Lamar, Ninth Circuit (Orange & Osceola counties); Chief Judge Belvin Parry Jr , Ninth Circuit Court; and Micheal Tidwell, corrections chief of the Orange County Corrections Department. The council meets once each quarter to discuss various topics related to law enforcement. They also are

charged with determining where inner governmental coordination and cooperation can occur and best serve the residents of Orange County. It is my hope that focusing available tools and resources by this prestigious group will assist in bringing down or eradicating recent waves of property crimes.

As Orange County continues to grow, citizens should be protected against escalating crime. This is just one of the challenges we face every day. Certainly, it affects the quality of our lives and our vital tourist industry, but even more it affects our future as a community. We live here now, and we want our children to live here in the future secure in the knowledge that we have done everything we can to make Orange County a safe place to live. My position as a county commissioner allows me to assist in the development of policy which will help law enforcement coordinate and develop resources to that purpose. It's past time to tackle this problem with renewed commitment to our community.

As always, my staff and I are available to assist you should you have any questions or concerns. Please contact Dana Boyte or Lynette Rummel at (407) 836-7350 or email district5@ocfl.net.

Yours Truly,

(ed & Edwards Commissioner Ted Edwards



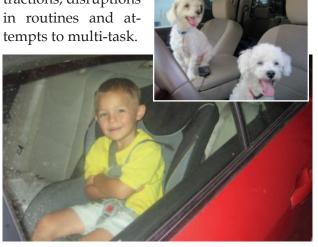


# protection and service by The Winter Park Police Department

# Keep Your Children And Pets Safe

As we approach the summer months and the **NEVER**: weather increasingly gets hotter and hotter, we would like to remind you to make sure you do not leave your child or pet unattended in a vehicle. Children and pets have been forgotten in

vehicles due to distractions, disruptions in routines and attempts to multi-task.



When the temperature outside reaches 101 degrees Fahrenheit, the vehicle becomes 140 degrees in a matter of moments and in 2011, nearly 50 children died this way. Don't risk it and let's keep Winter Park free from that horrifying statistic!

Here are some tips to keep our most vulnerable loved ones safe this summer:

- Leave a child or pet alone in a vehicle, for any amount of time, even if it is running or the windows are cracked or you have left water
- · Allow a child to play in any vehicle with or without the keys.

### **ALWAYS:**

- Check vehicles including the trunk if a child is missing.
- Call 911 immediately if you observe a child unattended in a vehicle.
- Call 911 immediately if your child is locked in a vehicle, even if it is running. Emergency Response personnel are trained to determine if the child/animal is in distress. The child or pet may appear to be sleeping but may actually be in distress.
- Double check to ensure everyone is out of the vehicle before locking it and walking away.
- Lock the doors and trunk of your vehicle when not in use.
- Have a plan that you will be contacted within a set amount of time if your child has not arrived at daycare or a babysitter.

The Winter Park Police Department wishes everyone a safe and fun summer.

# New Brain Health **Initiative Set To** Launch

The Alzheimer's Association is getting ready to launch an innovative initiative designed to educate Central Floridians of all ages that it is never too early or late to protect their brains.

Due to begin July 1, 2012, the project is made possible by two-year \$185,000 grant from the Winter Park Health Foundation (WPHF).

The project has three primary goals: to make people aware of the elements of brain health; to spread the word about the importance of being brain healthy; and, to get people committed to and actively involved in brain healthy practices.

"A critical component of our mission is to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health", said Kay Redington, CEO of the Alzheimer's Association's Central and North Florida Chapter, "We are so excited to take the lead with this new program and believe it could be a pilot for brain health initiatives across the country."

Brain health is an issue of increasing importance as the number of those with Alzheimer's disease grows. In 2011, the Department of Elder Affairs County and State Profiles indicated Orange County had 13,042 cases of probable Alzheimer's disease. Meanwhile, there are 450,000 persons across Florida with Alzheimer's disease, according to the 2012 Alzheimer's Association "Disease Facts and Figures."

While the greatest risk factor of the disease is age, current research shows the disease starts long before symptoms begin to appear making it crucial to impress upon people early in life that it is never too early to begin protecting their brain and it should be protected throughout life.

This is because research is disproving the long held belief that the brain is hard-wired and unable to change or grow new neurons. It is showing the brain has plasticity and its function is affected and shaped by environmental input.

The two-year program will include distribution of educational materials and offering seminars to diverse audiences of all ages. In addition, a brain health website will be created where the public can go to learn more about brain health and find book reviews, brain healthy activities and the latest brain research.

The organizations, Think Creative, Flight of Ideas and Compass Research will be working closely with the Alzheimer's Association on this endeavor.

For more information please call the Alzheimer's Association at 407-951-7992. ■

# City Receives Outstanding Water Treatment **Plant Award**

Florida Section American Water Works Association (FSAWWA) has awarded the City of Winter Park the "2011 Class C Water Treatment Plant Award"



for the Magnolia Water Treatment Plant located 2. Adherence to operational record rules once a year by the American Water Works Association after extensive review of submittals by at a City Commission meeting last month.

ment Plant Awards consisted of a water process engineer, utilities plant production manager and three plant managers from previously se- 7. Public relations efforts including school tours lected winning treatment plants. The panel con-

sidered the following criteria when reviewing applications:

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- at 1960 Magnolia Avenue. This award is given 3. Plant's maintenance program as well as pride in its grounds and process equipment
  - 4. Professionalism of staff
- water professionals. The award was presented 5. Employee safety program and hours lost due to accidents
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# In Memory Of Richard Reeves Huffsmith (1929 – 2012)

battle with congestive heart failure. He lived his final days in the Hospice Wing of the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Asheville, North Carolina, surrounded by his family. Dick was born Richard Reeves Goodhart in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on November 8, 1929. He spent his childhood years in Denver, New York and suburban Washington, DC. In 1947, he graduated from high school at St. John's Military Academy. During these formative years, he met his future

wife of 49 years, Judith King ("Judy"), while living with the Pat and Guinn Huffsmith family at 5315 East 22nd Avenue in Denver.

Following graduation from Colorado State University in 1952, Dick enlisted in the US Air Force where he achieved the rank of second lieutenant. In 1953, he married Judy and soon thereafter the Huffsmiths formally adopted Dick. During his time in the Air Force, Dick

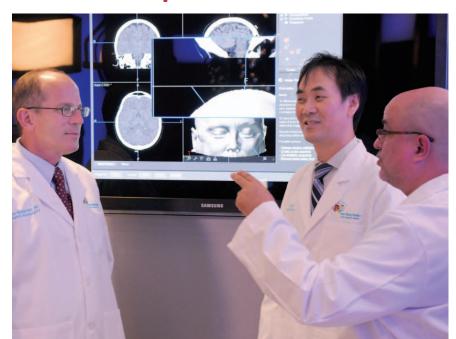
Richard Reeves Huffsmith ("Dick"), 82 years, worked on highly-classified weapons projects, died on Monday, April 16, 2012 after a long including the atomic bomb. He partially lost

> the hearing in his left ear when a missile misfired and exploded nearby. Following discharge from the Air Force, Dick and Judy moved to Denver where they began raising their family. These were, perhaps, the best times in Dick's life. He was surrounded by his wonderful extended family including his two adoptive sisters, Patti and Barbara and their families, his loving adoptive parents, and the most superb group of friends imaginable.

In 1970, Dick and his family moved to Minneapolis and then to Boxford, Massachusetts the next year, where he was a computer salesman. Dick was considered by many, particularly his children, as the archetypical genius inventor. While living in Boxford, he left the computer engineering business to exercise his creative aspirations by opening a retail clothing store and inventing several new clothing and sporting products. Dick and Judy divorced in 2003 after nearly 50 years of marriage, and Judy died in 2009 in a tragic car accident. Dick lived with his son in Minneapolis and Orlando from 2002 until late 2011.

As one of Baldwin Park's first residents, he was known for riding his scooter around town, with a great smile, and a love for photography. "Richard was a dear friend to me and many people in the Baldwin Park Community. He was one of the earliest residents and volunteered his time to serve the community in many ways. For me personally, he was great source of wisdom and guidance. I will miss him very much," said John Crossman. He moved to Asheville, North Carolina to live with one of his daughters, Gretchen and her partner, Cheryl. He subsequently passed away five months later. Dick is survived by his son and two daughters, Tom, Gretchen and Melissa; by his three grandchildren, Sarah, Paul and Tom, and his sisters, Patti, Barbara and half-sister, Ann Goodhart. A memorial service will be held in Asheville in early June. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Richard's name, to the Charles George VA Medical Center, Attn. Voluntary Services, 1000 Tunnel Road, Asheville, NC 28805. ■

# Florida Hospital For Children Named A Level 4 Epilepsy Center



The Comprehensive Pediatric Epilepsy Program at Florida Hospital for Children was recently designated a Level 4 Epilepsy Center, the highest designation in the country.



Dr. Ki Hyeong Lee is the medical director of The Comprehensive Pediatric Epilepsy Program at Florida Hospital for Children

In less than one year since its inception, the Comprehensive Pediatric Epilepsy Center at Florida Hospital for Children has been awarded the designation of a Level 4 Epilepsy Center, which is the highest designation for epilepsy centers in the nation. The designation was awarded by the National Association of Epilepsy Centers (NAEC), which evaluates the appropriateness and quality of specialized epilepsy care.

"Being named a Level 4 Epilepsy Center shows the Central Florida community that Florida Hospital for Children is committed to providing the best care available to children suffering from epilepsy," said Dr. Ki Hyeong Lee, medical director of the Comprehensive Pediatric Epilepsy Center at Florida Hospital for Children. "It takes a multi-disciplinary team of physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists and others to create a comprehensive center that offers the best medical treatment for epilepsy."

The Comprehensive Pediatric Epilepsy Center at Florida Hospital for Children is led by Dr. Lee and surgical director Dr. James Baumgartner. The center offers patients and families access to a multi-disciplinary approach and provides patients with access to a variety of treatments ranging from innovative non-surgical options, such as the ketogenic diet, to advanced surgical treatments, including operating rooms with the only intraoperative 3T MRI functionality in Central Florida.

Michele Peters saw her daughter suffer from epilepsy for more than 10 years without answers. "Mackenzie had suffered a stroke in the womb which had led to years of suffering from unexpected seizures," said Michele. "Our family had tried a variety of medications but nothing seemed to work."

At Florida Hospital for Children, Mackenzie underwent surgery to remove the part of her brain that had been causing her seizures using the latest technology available to help the physicians be as precise as possible and minimize the need for additional surgeries. Today, she is seizure free and able to enjoy activities that a normal fifth grader is supposed to enjoy without the constant worry of seizures.

According to NAEC, a fourthlevel center should provide the more complex forms of intensive neurodiagnostics monitoring, as well as more extensive medical, neuropsychological and psychosocial treatment. Fourth-level centers also offer a complete evaluation for epilepsy surgery, including intracranial electrodes, and provide a broad range of surgical procedures for epilepsy.

For more information on The Comprehensive Pediatric Epilepsy Center at Florida Hospital for Children, please call 407-303-KIDS. ■



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## **Diamond Dawgs Return** For Ninth Season

The Florida Collegiate Summer League is proud to announce that the Winter Park Diamond Dawgs will be returning to play for the 2012 summer season. An inaugural member of the Florida League when it was founded in 2004, this summer will mark the ninth straight year that the Dawgs have been a member of the woodbat baseball league. The Diamond Dawgs won the league championship in 2004 and 2010.

The Diamond Dawgs finished as league runner-up last season after being upset by Sanford in the Championship game at Tropicana Field. Though Cy Young winner Ben Brown will be gone, the Dawgs have a strong core of returning players. On offense, they will be led by last season's League MVP, Ted Blackman (Coastal Carolina). Blackman set multiple FCSL re-

ferring to Rollins. On the mound, Jay Murray (Barry) will bring some serious heat to the Dawgs' rotation. He had 48 strikeouts in 42 innings pitched in 2011 at State College of Florida. Aaron Adams (West Virginia Wesleyan) is the ace of his team's staff, leading the Bobcats in wins (9), innings pitched (89.1), strikeouts (65) and ERA (2.22).

Returning to manage the Diamond Dawgs is head coach Kevin Davidson. In his first season as head man in Winter Park, Davidson led the Diamond Dawgs to a second-place finish, and featured both the League MVP (Ted Blackman) and League Cy Young winner (Ben Brown). A former NCAA Division II 3rd Team All-American at Rollins College, Davidson spent six years in the minor leagues in the Houston Astros organization before retiring to focus on coach-



cords last year, including batting average (.425) and on-base percentage (.582). His 28 stolen bases were second in the League. Tyler Rocklein, who is currently hitting .315 with three home runs, 29 RBI and 16 stolen bases at State College of Florida, will also be returning. He hit .316 for the Dawgs last year. Winter Park will also be bringing back a handful of arms that helped the team lead the Florida League in fewest runs, earned runs, hits and walks allowed, including closer Christopher Waltermire (Bethune-Cookman; 4 saves, 1.80 ERA) and Jake Fisher (Oklahoma), who had 28 strikeouts in five starts last year.

Newcomers to the squad include infielder Michael Basil (Indiana), who is currently hitting .296 and is third on his team with three homeruns. Big first baseman Steve Christiansen (Rollins) will bring power to the middle of the lineup for the Dawgs. His .352 average and three homeruns were second on the team in 2011 at Seminole State, where he played before transing. This will be his fourth year as a coach in the Florida League. He was an assistant coach under Davey Johnson in Deland (2009) and Sanford (2010) before taking over for Winter Park in 2011. In the offseason, he serves as a coach for the Orangewood Christian Rams.

Tim Young will be returning to the Diamond Dawgs to serve as the general manager. A native of Texas, Tim has spent parts of his life all over the world, including a two-year stint in Japan, before settling down in the Central Florida area. Tim has immersed himself in the Winter Park community, often appearing at community events and is a member of the chamber of commerce.

The Diamond Dawgs open their season Thursday June 7 against the Sanford River Rats at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium. The first Diamond Dawgs home game will be played Saturday June 9 vs. the Leesburg Lightning at Alfond Stadium at Harper-Shepherd Field, home of the Rollins College Tars. ■







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# fiscal fitness by John Gill



### Allowance For Growth

One of the challenges of being a parent is the constant self-evaluation of how well things are going regarding the rearing of and caring for your children. Are they being properly nourished-physically, spiritually, and financially?

Are we teaching them to be responsible, compassionate, caring, and contributing members of society? Do they have good table manners? Perhaps that last one is only an issue for the parents of boys.

Certainly one of the most vexing parental challenges is how to teach and convey financial re-

sponsibility to children. When do I start an allowance? How much do I give? What should the child pay for with their funds? Is the allowance tied to chores or just money provided for being a member of the family? What about savings and investment?

In this column I will provide some potential approaches that may be helpful, but at the end of the day, parents must decide which actions and activities best fit their family situation and philosophies. I will also provide several web resources that may

be helpful in designing a child-friendly financial

Most parents want to raise financially savvy, disciplined and informed children. This is a worthy goal. As with most plans, parents should start with the end in mind. Starting with easy-to -understand goals is the place to begin.

When it comes to an allowance, many organizations and articles suggest \$1 per year, per week. So, if you have a 10-year-old, that would result in an allowance of \$10 per week. Is that a lot? A little? Or just right? I suppose it depends on your perspective.

Does the child get it for chores or "just because"? The prevailing wisdom is that chores and allowance should be separate. I think if there is a base level of chores to help out the household, then the allowance can be tied to that with the possibility of

> extra money being earned for extra chores or household contributions.

> As far as what to do with the money, parental guidance is key, especially in the early years. To get children in the habit of saving and giving in addition to spending, a three-envelope system can be employed. A portion of the money is set aside for spending as they want, within parental guidelines. The remaining portions are set aside for saving and giving.

The savings portion can be deposited into a regular savings account. Taking the savings to the bank allows the child to experience banking transactions and gain an understanding of how money actually gets into the bank and how

transactions work. Being comfortable around banks at a young age makes them less intimidating as an adult. What percentage should be placed into savings? Twenty percent is probably a good

Having a giving component helps to establish the importance of supporting a cause or organization that helps others in the community. Ten to twenty percent for giving is probably sufficient. The child should be allowed to select the cause, as this provides ownership and giving satisfaction. The savings and giving percentages will change as a child gets older, but being in the habit of saving and giving will serve them well throughout life.

The teen years are the perfect time to add an investment component through a low load mutual fund with a systematic investment plan or something like Sharebuilder which have low monthly investment amounts.

I have touched this topic at a very high level and with limited space I cannot drill deeper. However I have several web addresses to articles and websites that provide greater depth and insight.

Family Education Website -

http://tinyurl.com/cy98enj Credit Union National Association -

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If you have questions, comments, or an area of financial interest you would like to see discussed in The Park Press please call John at 407-353-0594 or send email to FiscalFitness@ymail.com. Follow John on Twitter, @john\_gill1.



### family business perspective by David Ciambella, CFP CSP



# **Hiring The Right People**

Regardless of business you are in, you and your business are only as good as the people who work for you. This

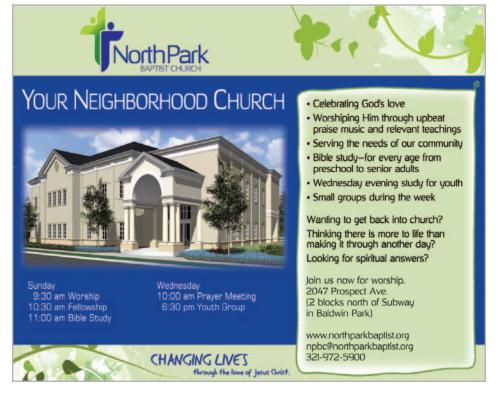
sentiment has been shared with me consistently over the past seventeen years regardless of where I have traveled in the United States or the type of family business I have been engaged with at any given time. Recently I attended a local Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) event in Orlando titled "2012 Smart Awards" which recognizes companies in Central Florida that have distinguished themselves culturally, creatively and through the economic impact they have made in the community. Without exception, each of the CEOs who were recognized expressed gratitude and appreciation to their employees who in large part are responsible for the daily success of the company. Having the right people on your team and in the right position can be the difference between success and failure.

So, what does it mean to hire the right people? To some it means hiring the most knowledgeable person for the available position. For others it means hiring the warmest body available to fill a vacant position under the pretense that somebody is better than nobody. And for others it means seeking out the most successful or productive person available, such as a top performing salesperson who can drive top line revenue regardless of how he or she obtains results. These are reasonable and logical answers. However, my experience working with successful companies has been that they are rich with employees who possess the BASKE package. BASKE is an acronym for behavior, attitude, skills, knowledge and experience. Individuals who possess and embody the BASKE package are typically top performers in their position and are culturally compatible with the company's values. Granted, these individuals are harder to find and are typically already employed which means that these folks need to be actively recruited.

One of the tools successful companies use to assist in recruiting and hiring the right people is technology: specifically, industrial science. There are a number of companies that provide this type of technology and some are more versatile than others. Professional Dynametric Programs (known as PDP or ProScan) is the technology I am most familiar with and it allows business owners the opportunity to assess an individual's capability and cultural compatibility to the organization. In addition, this technology enables an employer to match an individual against a job model that can be created for a specific position. While there is no such thing as a 100% guarantee, utilizing industrial science as a tool in the hiring process can increase the odds you are hiring the right person for the job and for your organization, versus the one you think you are getting by conducting interviews alone.

Hiring the right people is only one of the ingredients required to achieve business success especially since each business owner and each employee has a different definition of what success means. Companies that have invested the time, energy and money to define their vision, mission and values and intentionally recruit, hire and train individuals who are culturally compatible tend to have a competitive advantage. As

Harvey Massey, founder and chairman of Massey Services stated during his acceptance speech at the ACG Smart Awards ceremony, "When you get the heart and head of your people connected, you get a sense of ownership that every business in the world tries to accomplish." It is my contention that Harvey was conveying the message that when you have the right people working for you who are bright, committed and whose values are in alignment with the organization, there is no limit to what can be accomplished. I couldn't agree with Harvey more! Remember, regardless of what business you are in, you are only as good as your people. ■





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# **Business In The Parks**

John Craig Clothiers announces the appointment of Blair De-Longy to vice president of retail



operations. While attending Rollins College, Blair worked for three years at the John Craig JW Marriott location. After graduating in

June 2007 with a degree in international business, she moved to Naples to manage John Craig at the Ritz-Carlton Beach. Presently Blair continues to manage the Ritz-Carlton location and is a buyer for the family-owned business's six men's specialty stores. She will now be in charge of operations for John Craig stores in Winter Park, Orlando, and Naples as well as Current in Winter Park and Peter Millar, also in Winter Park.

**Dr. Robert Smither,** professor of psychology, has been named dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at Rollins College. Dr. Smither



Dr. Robert Smither

has been acting as interim dean since 2011. During his yearlong tenure, he was responsible for managerial duties including oversight

of curriculum, faculty recruitment, evaluation, development, and strategic planning. In addition to interim dean, Smither has previously

held the positions of director of the Master of Liberal Studies, dean of the Hamilton Holt School, and director of the Hamilton Holt School organizational behavior and psychology programs.

Bobby Kuykendall, executive vice president and shareholder of Kuykendall Gardner, a Winter



Park-based independent insurance brokerage firm, was recently installed as the 36th president of Florida Citrus Sports (FCSports). He has

been a member of FCSports for 33 years and will serve as president for one year, followed by a onevear term as chairman.

Mercantile Capital Corporation, which specializes in U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) 504 loans to small business owners who want to acquire, develop, or refinance their own facilities, reports it closed nine commercial loans in April worth more than \$38.8 million in total project costs. This brings their total this year to nearly \$121 million - more than they closed in all of 2008 and 2009. Chris Hurn, chief executive officer of Mercantile Capital, said the largest single loan was for the refinance of an assisted living facility in Kansas City, Mo., with a total

project cost of \$10.8 million. "We were able to help Robert Redman, owner of The Greens Healthcare, LLC, substantially lower his interest rate and monthly payment," Hurn said. "Without the SBA 504 Refinance Program and the First Mortgage Lien Pooling (FMLP) Program, this loan would not have been possible."

The law firm of **Frank A. Ham**ner P.A. is pleased to announce that **Brad Hester** joined Frank Hamner



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The AV Rating is the highest rating an attorney can receive and only a small percentage of lawyers achieve this honor reflecting the confidential opinions of members of the Bar and the Judiciary. Hester's law practice is primarily focused on commercial real estate transactions and finance, including representation of buyers and sellers of real property, property owners, managers and landlords, as well as institutional and private lenders. Hester is a Winter Park resident and received his law degree from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (JD, 2000,) his undergraduate degree from University of Florida in Design (B.A.,1987) and his graduate degree (MBA,1990) from University of Florida, as well.

Full Sail University congratulates a total of 51 graduates who worked in various roles on the recent blockbuster film, "The Avengers," based on the Marvel Comics superhero team of the same name. The film was released in theaters on May 4, 2012 and features an ensemble cast including Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo, Chris Hemsworth, Jeremy Renner and Samuel L. Jackson. Full Sai I University alumni previously worked on the comic-based films

"Iron Man 2," "Thor," and "Captain America," with many of these grads and more returning for "The Avengers." In total, 51 Full Sail graduates (a record number for a single project), worked in different roles throughout the film's development, ranging from lead fx technical director to visual effects artists. "As educators, it is a privilege for us to watch the transformation from students in our classrooms to working professionals in the industry," said Pete Bandstra, Full Sail University's program director of 3D arts. "The faculty at Full Sail is particularly humbled to share that over 50 of our talented and dedicated alumni were involved with the making of "The Avengers," and we congratulate them all on this incredible career accomplishment."

**Kuykendall Gardner** recently hired Brendan Loflin as vice



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president. He will be responsible for insurance and bond sales, new business development, client relations and client maintenance.

Baker Barrios Architects is pleased to announce the promotion of eleven employees. "The promotions highlight the leadership and design excellence of our current team," said Carlos Barrios, principal of Baker Barrios. "Their creativity, passion and expertise will be a vital part of our continued growth. They exemplify the firm's dedication to quality, collaboration, and superior service." Shanon Larimer, vice president of global marketing and public relations, was promoted to associate principal of the firm. The following employees were promoted to senior associate: Loly Osegueda, Jed Prest, Jessica Randolph, Dawn Seng. The following employees were promoted to associate: John-David Carling, Lisa Gibson, Justin Jablonski, David Salley, David Del Tosto, Rafael Vazquez.

# **Pat Williams Named Honorary** Chairman

The Northern & Central Florida chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society named Pat Williams, senior vice president of the Orlando Magic, honorary chair of its 2012 Light The Night Walk.

Williams, who led the effort to bring the Orlando Magic to the community and was recently given a lifetime achievement award from the Basketball Hall of Fame, was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a particularly aggressive form of blood cancer that is a focus of Leukemia & Lymphoma Society research.

"My story is one that could happen to anyone," Williams says. "It's critical we come together as a community to raise awareness and funds to help find a cure for these types of diseases - not for me, but for the people who have yet to be diagnosed."

Williams has spent a career providing inspiration to people. He has written more than 70 books - including "Lead ership Excellence," his most recent - and travels the world speaking to large organizations and Fortune 500 companies.

"Having someone such as Williams provide a personal experience to these cancers is critical in achieving our mission," says Russ Hale, current board member of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. "We are extremely honored to be working with him on this event."

In Central Florida, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society has held 11 Light the Night Walks, raising 1,670,575.00 since 2001.

At the walk, participants at the walks carry illuminated balloons white for survivors, red for supporters, and gold to remember those who have died – to honor and commemorate lives touched by blood cancer.

The funds raised through corporate and individual contributions help to find cures and better therapies for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin disease and myeloma, and to provide information, education and support for patients and their families.

This year's walk will take place on Thursday, October 18, 2012 at Lake Eola Park.

To find out more about forming a team or participating in a Light The Night walk, contact the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at 407-898-0733 ext 15, or www.lightthenight.org. ■

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# Garaen by Stephen and Kristin Pategas



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# Silly Sod

You may call it lawn, turf, or grass; but when it's grown in teeny tiny nonsensical bits – we call it silly sod. These smidgeons of greenery are found in residential gardens and commercial landscapes. When we see them we wonder how they happen.

grass specks are serious energy wasters. They

add numerous linear feet of mowing and edging with additional fuel and water use along with air, chemical, and noise pollution. There are extra labor costs too. Watering small areas usually means overspray onto areas that don't need as much water as the grass. Fertilizer is also wasted when it is broadcast onto hard surfaces that drain into the streets and then onward to pollute our lakes. Additional pesticide is required. Aesthetically they look like a zany afterthought and trap the eye. Indeed they usually occur not through design but by default. As the landscape changes and areas of turf are adjusted often stray pieces are left over.

We design many landscapes that include lawns when they are requested by the client and we follow these basic design principles to make sure the grass is being used efficiently in the design.

Those absurdly puny 1. Ensure the grass serves a purpose: child's play area or dog area (hopefully not both in the same space), erosion control, or as an important visual component of the overall design.

- 2. Choose locations for good growth that provide enough sunlight and have little competition from tree roots.
- 3. Create large uninterrupted swaths of grass with gentle curves that are easy to mow without trees to dodge or potentially nick. Note that canopies of trees in turf will increase in diameter and ultimately shade out the grass.
- 4. Use the grass as a strong design element to lead the eye towards the house or to a focal point.

To eliminate silly sod, look at adjacent plantings and expand them to fill in the grassy area. If the low slung look of the grass is important to the design, go for a low groundcover that emulates the lawn.

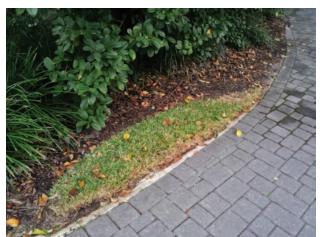
There are a handful of vertically challenged groundcovers that are used as good turf substitutes:

- Perennial peanut Arachis glabrata (rhizomal type) (sun)
- Wire vine Muehlenbeckia axillaris (sun)
- Mondo grass Ophiopogon japonicus (shade/part sun)
- Dwarf mondo grass Ophiopogon japonicus 'Nana' (shade/part sun)
- Dwarf Asian jasmine Trachelospermum asiaticum (sun/part shade)
- Shore juniper Juniperus conferta 'Compacta' (sun)
- Japanese garden juniper Juniperus procumbens (sun)

While these shrimpy bits are too small to be believed, do take them seriously. Eliminate them to reduce maintenance, energy use, pollution, and the visual sharp stick in the eye. ■



A tree in the turf begs for damage from mowers.



How did this scrap of grass happen?



An expanse of lawn draws the eye to the house.

Kristin and Stephen Pategas design landscapes and gardens 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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# pop culture detours by George McGowan

# A Pop Culture Omnibus Once Again

you several popular cultural items in the recesses of my mind. The success of "The Avengers," which is a "must see," even just to see the "hid-

den" scenes that come during and after the credits, has brought to mind the many comic book movie adaptations that have occurred in the last two decades. At lunch this week, someone asked me: what would you say were the top three movie adaptations of comic books? I have fond memories of the first comic book movie I can recall seeing in the theatre, "Superman," which was released in 1978(!), but I don't think it holds up any longer

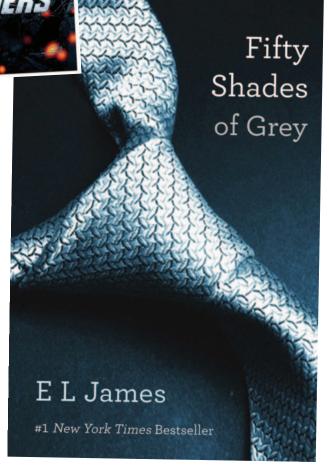
and would be laughed at by today's generation. So if I had to list my top three, they would be, in no particular order: 1) "The Dark Knight," 2) the first "Spiderman" with Tobey Maguire as the title character, and 3) "Batman" with Michael Keaton. From the looks of the trailers, I expect that one of these titles will be supplanted with "The Dark Knight Rises" sometime after its July release.

You may not believe it, but I have now finished the first book in the New York Times best selling trilogy. Yes, I have read "Fifty Shades of Grey"! This book series by E.L. James has an interesting etymology. It was first written as fan fiction using the characters from the "Twilight" series, and was titled "Master of the Universe." Fan fiction is usually online and consists of fans of TV, movie and book series continuing or reimagining stories with their favorite fictional characters as the stars. In this case, accordingly to Wikipedia, a "Twilight" fan with the pen name "Snowqueen's Icedragon" wrote some more erotic encounters between Bella Swan and Edward Cullen. E.L. James came forward as the writer and removed the material from the fan fiction sites and re-purposed it into the book se-

So, about the book. Let's just say that it did not make me pine for the next installment. The characters are fully formed, but not interesting enough for one to wonder what will happen to them next. I will admit that I am a fan of the "Twilight" movies, but I have not read the

For the second month in a row, I will list for books. I have been pleasantly surprised that the stories held my interest and I can even understand their influence and fandom. I can almost understand the entire Team Edward and Team

> Jacob thing. However, in the case of "Fifty Shades," I can't imagine rooting for either of the main characters. The story is chiefly an erotic twist on a love affair between a sweet and innocent young woman and a slightly older and damaged young man. The thrills come from some kinky (some would say perverted) predilections of the young man, Christian Grey.



The young woman, Anastasia Steele, is experiencing love for the first time but is ensnared by the young man and his peculiar "habits." I will admit that the book is a decent read chiefly to see just how far the author goes with the racier material, but it is certainly not well written and even clunky at times. The dialogue and descriptions can be infuriating. And the fact that the young woman is constantly wondering about her new love and what he is thinking (rather than simply asking him or caring more about her own point of view) gets old, quick. The book is certain to be seen on many beaches this summer, or more

likely downloaded onto an e-reader to help the reader be discreet, since it is something one can put down and re-engage with very easily. The bottom-line is that "Fifty Shades" is an interesting phenomenon, but nothing as impactful as the "Twilight" series that inspired it. I won't be reaching for the second book in the series any time soon.

Finally, some new music to recommend. The women behind these two bands are much more real than Anastasia Steele and certainly more in command of themselves and their art. The two bands are Beach House and Best Coast. Beach House is led by Victoria Legrand and their latest album, "Bloom," just may end the year on top of the "Best Of" lists. The music is atmospheric but not maudlin, intense but never over-bearing and the lyrics engage a repeated listener. Much more important, the album is a whole work, not a selection of songs compiled onto one CD. It will engage the listener who is looking for more than something to stick in the CD player and hit random. I can't wait to see this material performed live this summer.

Best Coast is led by force-of-nature Bethany Cosentino. Bethany can sing her lungs out. I only wish she were able to write words deeper than: "We've got the ocean, got the waves, got the sun, we've got the babes." Every song is praise to the wonders of California and its awesome lifestyle. That works for a few songs, but it's starting to grow old by the time an entire album is filled with them. There is no doubt that this band and especially the lead singer has talent and energy to spare but it is time for some more sophistication in the lyric department. Still, I love the sound of the songs; they start with bubble gum pop and take the style into more grungier and

Speaking of music, NPR is currently has a series of posts on their NPR music site in which they are trying to identify the top ten albums everyone can love. They are listing 20 albums each week and asking readers to vote on those they think fit this interesting criteria. Log into the site and cast your votes, by the end of the summer they should have narrowed down their ideas to the top ten. So far, my predictions are: "Graceland" by Paul Simon, "The White Album" by the Beatles and "Dark Side of the Moon" by Pink Floyd. What albums would you recommend?

Until next time. Your homework: See "The Avengers." Listen to Beach House. Vote on NPR Music.



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# It's A Divine Show At Theatre Downtown by Barbara Solomon

THE DIVINE SISTER WRITTEN BY CHARLES BUSCH **DIRECTED BY TIM DEBAUN STARRING CORY BOUGHTON AND CIRA LARKIN** 

This is the zaniest, most convoluted Charles Busch play I have ever seen, but also one of the funniest. Wild situations abound and do not let our stomachs rest from the laughter. "The Divine Sister" takes place in a parochial school/convent in the mid-sixties. The story revolves around Mother Superior, played by Cory Boughton, and the new postulate Agnes, played by Rachel Cameau. Agnes apparently sees visions—she is a wacko—and Jeremy (Robb Ross) is in town to film her story. Jeremy is staying at the home of Mrs. Levinson (Carol Adubato), a wealthy Jewish philanthropist. Unfortunately, the school is crumbling, and Mother Superior needs to find financing for its reconstruction. To this end, the mother convent in Germany has sent a representative for the purpose of approving the plan for re-



Cory Boughton as The Mother Superior and Logan Curran as Timothy Photo by Kirk Woods

construction, in the person of Sister Walburga (Cira Larkin), who plays the dual role of Mrs. Macduffie, the cleaning lady at the school. She knows many secrets, and is not at all what she seems, but I'll let you find that out for yourselves.

Under the great direction of

Tim DeBaun, all seven actors play their roles to perfection. Rachel has great comedic timing, and actually has us believing she may be having visions. Robb's facial expressions only enhance his grasp of the art of comedy. Cory gives us a wonderful interpretation of Mother Superior,

culminating in a fabulously funny ending. But it is Cira Larkin playing dual roles who steals the show. I was laughing so hard I thought I might be disturbing other audience members when she does her lines as Mrs. Macduffie.

Basically, this play does not poke fun at religion. Oh, no, it is making fun of the "nun movies" of the 60s, with a little DaVinci Code thrown in for good measure. If there is some deeper meaning, it pertains to love lost and found again; it is never too late to find love, although nothing can make up for lost years. So come find love and laughter at Theatre Downtown's production of "The Divine Sister." Running through June 23 at Theatre Downtown, corner of Princeton and Orange Avenues. For more information call 407-843-5098 or visit theatredown.net.

> Barb's Best Bet for June: "Suds" at The Winter Park Playhouse.



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# Meet the Judges



Tuni Blackwelder has been in the fash- Lesse Le Noir moved to Orlando to attend a junior department store, men's stores and shoe stores while raising five daughters and doing volunteer work. Tuni and her daughter Paige opened Tuni on Park Avenue • zines and was nominated for Florida Retailer of the Year. : his bridesmaid collection.



ion industry as long as she can remember. As her par- i the University of Central Florida. While pursing a degree ents were clothing manufacturers, she found herself in • in acting he learned basic clothing construction and used the midst of rows of sewing machines, bolts of fabrics, • that with his own research to begin building menswear. containers of buttons and spools of thread. The Garment : It has now been ten years and he has worked from men's District in NYC was her playground. She moved to Central: tailoring to women's ready-to-wear and accessories. His Florida and quickly became part of a retail family, expe- : talents in design garnered him a spot on Project Runriencing fashion from the other side. She has co-owned : way's seventh season where he was part of the top ten. Through that time he was featured in US Weekly and Star magazines as a designer to watch. He also showed at Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week for Fall/Winter 2010 to 25 years ago. Tuni is credited with being the first to bring great reviews. One month later his wedding, which took the newest fashions and the latest trends to Park Avenue : place locally at Cypress Grove Estate House, was feaand has won several "Best Of" awards from many maga- : tured in US Weekly's Celebrity Love section highlighting



L-R Melanie: Clover Canyon "Zebra Paradise" top, Haute Hippie layered miniskirt, Elizabeth and James "Sibil" shoes from Tuni. Jesse: tie by Jesse LeNoir; Diesel jacket, J. Brand jeans from Current; Eton shirt from John Craig; pocket square and belt from Peter Millar. Sabrina: Tibi "Easy" dress, Motif 56 "Venus" belt. Rhonda: Dress "Summer Breeze" by Rhonda Spears. Tuni: BCBGMaxazria "Ombre" skirt from Tuni. Kristina: Trina Turk dress, Raina "Alicia" belt. Tammara: Sachin + Babi "Maui" top from Tuni.



Kristina Mackinder moved to Central Florida when her marketing career with Ford Motor Company led her to their Orlando regional office. Kristina worked with Ford for over 12 years before leaving the company to assist at Eyes & Optics, the retail optical boutique where her husband, Dr. Phillip Mackinder, is an owner. Since then she has enjoyed traveling to New York, Paris and Milan to tour eyeglass factories and buy eyewear for the store. Kristina has been fashion writer and stylist for The Park Press and has been a contributing writer for Orlando Style magazine and Winter Park Magazine. She has had the opportunity to meet and interview fashion industry experts including eyewear designer Frederic Beausoleil, menswear designer John Varvatos and Trinny and Susannah of "What Not to Wear" fame.

To apply, and to find additional details and requirements for the contest, please visit www.ParkAvenueFashionWeek.com.



# Meet the Judges

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Tammara Kohler owner of Fused Fashion, is one of Orlando's most sought after wardrobe stylists and fashion event producers. Providing fresh perspective and modern style to national and international • campaigns, Tammara's sense of trend coupled with her • published in The Park Press, Orlando Style magazine, Or- • she served as editor in chief for the Central Florida-based edgy approach keeps her on the forefront of fashion. : Tammara's talents thrive in the arena of fashion production, wardrobe styling and personal shopping. In addition to highly recognizable ad campaigns, her work has been featured in local and national magazines and at luxury retailer events hosted by Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Dior and Jimmy Choo. Tammara remains active in the community serving on committees for Give Kids the World and the Dr. Phillips Center.



Rhonda Spears is the 2011 Emerging Designer for Harriet's Park Avenue Fashion Week. She studied fashion at Bauder Fashion College in Atlanta. Since becoming the Emerging Designer, Rhonda has been • her to a career in publishing that began in 2007 when ange Appeal magazine, and Winter Park Magazine. She : parenting publication Playground Magazine. In 2009 she also had the opportunity to show a collection in The Big : left the magazine to join The Parenting Group. She has Casting modeling competition. Rhonda, who currently: runs her own salon and custom design studio, has been given the opportunity to carry her collections in local boutiques.



Sabrina James is the fashion and style director for Parenting Magazine, Babytalk Magazine, and Parenting.com. Her passion for writing and fashion led styled or served as the fashion editor for many celebrity photo shoots including cover shoots with Kourtney Kardashian, Tori Spelling, Bethenny Frankel, Jessica Alba and Michelle Obama. She has appeared as a fashion expert on Access Hollywood Live with Billy Bush and Kit Hoover and The Today Show with Kathie Lee Gifford and Hoda Kotb.



Melanie Pace is a wardrobe stylist, fashion consultant, fashion correspondent and personal shopper born and raised in Orlando. Melanie's work includes wardrobe stylist for E! with Giuliana Rancic, Ferragamo Fashion Show production, emcee and stylist for A Pair to Remember Luncheon, guest appearances on Fox 35, The Daily Buzz, GalTime TV, NBC 6's South Florida Today, Channel 13 on Demand, M Magazine, The Mall at Millenia Fashion Week stylist and personal shopper, Floridian View fashion editor, Winter Park Magazine's fashion editor, Bloomingdale's fashion show stylist in New York, Miami, Palm Beach and Orlando, Neiman Marcus fashion shows, PGA Ryder Cup 2006 stylist, Orlando Style magazine, Orlando magazine's O-Town Originals, fashion production and wardrobe coordinating for fashion shows, and quest speaker at corporate events on how to dress successfully in the workplace.







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# live meaningfully by Ayesha G. Fuhr, M.A

### **Summer Is Here!**

Well, it is officially June and school lets out, the sun is high in the sky, and air conditioners all around are whirring

furiously to keep up. Summer has always been a sort of magical time of year to me. Though I'm certainly not crazy about the heat and would happily take fall or spring weather (and fashion) over the sweaty months, I still can't help but enjoy the summer. Perhaps it's a conditioned response from my younger





years, but it always feels like summer brings with it the promise of fun and an almost palpable sense of whimsy.

We have just observed Memorial Day, the return of white and are now beginning to plan summer vacations, but June also marks the midpoint of the year. So before summer and all the myriad distractions come about - take a moment to reflect and recalibrate. Where are you halfway through the year? What progress have you made on that which you set out to do this year? What's been accomplished? What still remains? Where can you hope to be in another six months or so? Most importantly, how is 2012 shaping up relative to all that you had hoped for it?

Admittedly my birthday just passed, which inherently brings about reflection and appreciation, so I have a bit of a head start – but I can't help but feel as though this is as opportune a moment to take stock and make changes as any. Hopefully, the summer will allow for a bit more family time and flexibility to prioritize those who are most important to you. But what else? Where are you finding Meaning in your life these days and are

Well, it is of- you happy with it?

For me, meaning is found in the relationships I've built and continue to care for, the clients I can accompany on their journey, the space I've created, the goals to which I strive and the appreciation for which I take the time. Meaning is found in the authenticity I require from myself and others and the manner in which I choose to ground myself. Meaning is found in the smallest things and extends to the truly profound, but it is ubiquitous if you choose to see and find it. Yes, all around us, life continues to move and flex but it is being present, self honest, aware and engaged in the pursuit of your 'highest and best self' that allows for a greater sense of meaning, purpose, connectedness and flow. To me, finding meaning in your life... is the meaning of life.

No matter what or how you choose to label yourself – mother, father, wife, husband, coworker, daughter, friend, executive... are you being the best at it? Each one



of your roles is important – but are you making room for the soul too? You may be the most incredible\_\_\_\_\_ (insert title here)... but how are you being the most incredible \_\_\_\_\_ (insert name here)?

There are countless opportunities today, tomorrow, right at this moment -to extend yourself and stretch just a bit in the pursuit of growth. Write that note, make the call, do the kinder thing... set an example for your children/spouse/friends as to what it means to be the best version of you.

Try not to take yourself too seriously – recall the flexibility of youth and the boundless potential inherent it in. It only takes a moment a day to create a new habit, break an old one – cause change and encounter the ripple effect therein... Which leaves many more moments to set up the lemonade stand or run through the sprinklers.

Be well – Live Meaningfully. 'Til the next time, Ayesha ■



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# technology<sub>by Trevor Honohan</sub>

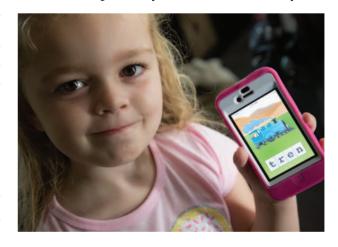


# **Primary Digital Natives**

It is becoming more and more obvious that pre-kindergarten students are ready for a web 2.0 classroom experience. I have been a believer in the 21st century "engage me or enrage me" movement for several years now. But as our

world rapidly changes it has become clear that even our incoming kindergarten students are ready for and in some cases demanding a digital learning environment. Recently I was outside at field day and a parent was attempting to have a conversation with me. Her four-year-old daughter was with her. The parent had a blanket on the ground and some books and toys were on the blanket. The girl was clearly not engaged by these options and she proceeded to run circles around me and her mom. Our conversation was going nowhere as mom tried to keep an eye on her daughter. She had a purse over her shoulder which she let drop to the blanket. As the purse hit the ground, moms' iPhone fell out and this caught her daughter's eye. She immediately dropped to the ground and grabbed that phone.

The curious girl scrolled through the phone and located her favorite app. She was now fully engaged and mom went back to her conversation with me. I kept one eye on mom and one eye on



the girl. I knew she would be coming to kindergarten next year. She was clearly a digital native and had been immersed in the web 2.0 world. She was ready for more. What she wasn't ready for was traditional learning environment. This student will require a blended model of online learning mixed with the developmental kindergarten experience. She is ready for all that the 21st century has to offer. The following five principles will be the fabric of what today's incoming elementary student should receive:

- Interactivity: Using technology actively involves students in the learning process.
- Engagement: Students using technology become active participants in the learning process instead of passive listeners.
- Motivation: Using technology can reduce discipline problems. When the student is highly motivated to participate, there is little time for trouble.
- Empowerment: Using technology allows students to take ownership of the project.
- Differentiation: Using technology allows students to use different learning styles. Students who are visual learners can read information; auditory learners can listen to information in the form of podcasts.

It's evident that Web 2.0 has real educational value. And pre-kindergarten students are ready to tackle these challenges. Now, we need to learn how to implement it in our classrooms. And we need to be ready for what our young children are bringing to the table. ■

### schools

### **FCAT Scores Released**

Orange County high school students did better on FCAT Reading tests this spring than in prior years. Orange County tenth-grade scores rose 13 percentage points compared to the state's average gain of 11 points. Forty-nine percent of Orange County tenth graders scored at Level 3 or better, compared to the state average of 50 percent. Scoring at Level 3 or better is required for graduation in Florida.

In ninth grade, OCPS scores rose two percentage points to the state's four points. Forty-eight percent of OCPS ninth graders were grade-level proficient in reading compared to an average 52 percent across the state.

New "cut scores" for passing FCAT Reading tests took effect this year. Ninth and tenth- grade scores were expected to be the same or better based on pre-test simula-

tions using last year's test results. The impact of tougher standards is expected to be seen in elementary and middle school FCAT scores later this spring.

Several high schools exhibited higher-than-average improvements in their test results compared to last year:

Fewer Remedial Reading Classes: At Jones High, as many as 10 percent fewer ninth graders and 14 percent fewer tenth graders will be required to take remedial reading courses next year, freeing them to take electives and broaden their academic studies.

Tenth Grade Over-Achievers: East River and Edgewater high schools led the district in the percentage of tenth graders who moved out of Level 1 and Level 2 groups to Level 3 or higher. East River is now at 50 percent reading proficiency, a gain of 22 points. Edgewater is at 52 percent proficiency, after a gain of 20 points.

Ninth Grade Over-Achievers: The improvements were strongest at Jones High and Freedom High among ninth-grade students. Jones jumped 10 percentage points in reading at grade level and Freedom gained eight points.

Highest FCAT Reading Scores: Timber Creek, Winter Park, Olympia, and Boone high schools all recorded scores of 60 percent or higher at Level 3 and above in both ninth and tenth-grade testing.

Major changes to FCAT writing test standards, instituted by the state board of education, overshadowed actual scores. With new testing emphasis on writing conventions and supporting detail, scores dropped precipitously across the state. Earlier this week, the Department of Education made a one-year adjustment in defining proficiency on FCAT Writing.

Seventy-nine percent of OCPS fourth graders passed the test compared to 81 percent on average, statewide. In eighth grade, 76 percent passed compared to 78 at state average; and 84 percent were deemed proficient in tenth grade in OCPS and at state average.

Superintendent Ronald Blocker was satisfied with district reading results, primarily because of the positive upward progress. "I am especially glad to see more high school students scoring at Level 3 and above. That means fewer are at Level 1 or Level 2, which affords those students a chance to explore new areas of study that will prepare them for better jobs and careers."

# **OCPS Administrative Costs** Per Student Are Most Thrifty In The State

Each year the Florida State Legislature requires school districts to provide data showing how each school district compares when it comes to spending tax dollars on administrative costs.

For the most recent fiscal year reported, 2010-2011, Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) spent the least amount of administrative dollars per student at \$441.88. The ranking is better than any other district in the state. This allows more money to be used for classroom instruction. For the last five years, OCPS has consistently ranked among the most administratively-frugal in the state.



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### Aloma Elementary Principal Dr. Drew A. Hawkins

We are still waiting for FCAT scores to be released for writing, reading, math, and science and will update you when they arrive. Our teachers and staff have worked very hard this year with your children, and we are confident in the progress they have made.

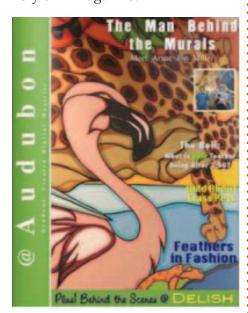
We appreciate your support with our PTA events this year. Our PTA worked very hard providing the following: the Welcome Back Dance, Goodies for Grandparents, the restaurant nights, the skate nights, school dance, the Mother's Day cakes, the Muffins for Moms, the Donuts for Dads, and the great Teacher • and Staff Appreciation activities. It took a lot of work to put on all these events, and we are looking for more parents to join and volunteer some of their time.

Thank you again for everything you have done to help our students achieve and succeed. We wish everyone a safe and restful summer, and look forward to an exciting school year for 2012-2013! We are Team Eagle: Focused on Results!



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In March 1960, Brookshire Elementary School opened with about 350 students. They walked to the new building from their temporary school located at Winter Park Presbyterian Church. This month, our 540 students will bid a fond farewell: to the Brookshire buildings. We will take buses west to another campus: for a year. Summer of 2013 we will: return to a new school. You can keep: track of the construction progress via: our school website at www.brookshire.ocps.net.

We are planning a farewell party: and families do so much! for the school on Tuesday, June 5. The students will participate in activities throughout the day. Look for information on our web site for parents and community members about participating in events on this day.

all of our parents for the tremendous school and families through many of beach! Final grades will be calculated support during the 2011-12 school • year. We are a community school • We will take that community spirit Counselor, supporting our Healthy cards as well. Dates for report card with us next year as we plan on makremarkable one for our students.



Our school mission begins with the assumption that all students can learn- this is the basic premise of our the story night, the Santa Shop, the Dommerich Pledge - We believe we can learn, we can learn, we will learn. : What isn't said out loud is that we do: it together. This month, I would like to recognize the many people who contribute to providing the opportunities for learning that enable our • students to reach for the stars.

I will start with expressing my appreciation for the dynamite team of educators with whom I have the pleasure of working each day. Just 😷 this year, I have watched teachers: Care program next year, to recogdevote incredible amounts of time inize students who do kind deeds. to planning meaningful lessons and : How wonderful is that? It may just : office will have new summer hours, learning experiences for children. happen, thanks to this one creative being open from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Teachers collaborate to discuss the thinker. Our leaders of tomorrow: progress of students; they share re-: have already begun their journey to: fice and school will be closed every child. Our Dommerich staff builds: do to help them along the way! trusting communities and they model respect for all. They don't just teach; they teach and model how to learn. I have been so impressed and super thankful for the professional: Submitted by Tammy Weaver, growth-oriented team that makes up the faculty at Dommerich!

We know that the success of children depends on the effective part- • nership between students, parents, school, and community. Schools cannot do it alone. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and families for their support of our school. We have wonder- : fully involved parents who help our 🚦 I have seen parents, grandparents,: and talent. They participate in committees, they commit time to orga-: volunteer for any and every teacher: request and they keep the learning methean Board wands and learner reterials for every classroom. They also • tentive, and inventive. help support our CHILL Counselor and professional development. We are thankful to our generous Dom-: merich Foundation for the shady: oak trees that line our playground, for Promethean Board training for : our staff, and for their support of our : Summer Learning Academy. By dedicating their annual dispersement, the Endowment helps support our Summer Learning Academy as well. The list of contributions that should be recognized is endless- our parents

Beyond the home and school, I'd also like to recognize our community for their support. Dommerich is surrounded by organizations that care about education, and we benefit from their assistance every day.

On behalf of the entire staff of The Winter Park Health Foundation ing and fun summer! Don't forget Brookshire Elementary, thank you to is one example. They support our to keep reading by the pool or at the their Coordinated Youth Initiatives- soon and report cards will be availsuch as providing support for our able in mid-June. FCAT scores will located in a wonderful community. school nurse, providing our CHILL be available for pick up with report School Team, and much more. They : pick up will be advertised on our ing the 2012-13 school year another • are always at the ready to assist with • school marquee and website soon. various health-related resources. We thank them for helping us address; our sixth and seventh graders are the needs of every child as a "whole" child- as learning is about much: more than just academics! The Maitland Parks and Recreation Department and Maitland Police Depart-: ment are also wonderful partners: with Dommerich. We thank them for : "Evening of Excellence" will take their beautiful fields, community activities, and for keeping our school a Park High School. All eighth-grade safe place for all!

Last but never least; every individual student deserves an award. for their dedication to learning every day. Learning is a job that never • ends, and our students are committed. They bring individual ideas that amaze me. For example, one fourth grader suggested I start a Kids Who sponsibility for the learning of every: greatness... Thank you for all YOU: Friday until mid-August. Addition-



### president of the Orange County Council of PTA

Congratulations to Edgewater High School PTSA for being home of • the 2011 - 2012 Orange County Council of PTA's Outstanding Principal of the Year and Outstanding Community Collaboration of the Year. Edgewater High School PTSA received these honors with over 100 banquet: guests in attendance. Our guests in-: school accomplish our goals- learn-: cluded various local unit PTAs /: ing is a family affair at Dommerich!: PTSAs; the OCCPTA Board; Area Su-: nizing events and fundraisers, they: Florida PTA President Charles Derexson.

new play court, digital cameras, Pro- tive style, and professionalism. Her forward to what next year will bring! students, staff, and faculty describe sponse devices, as instructional ma- her as supportive, encouraging, at-

In being named the Outstanding Community Collaboration of the: Year, the Edgewater High School: PTSA was recognized for their passion and focus on the community. During their Eagle Flight 5K Fun Run, they were able to raise over \$7,500 for clubs, sports, classes, and feeder schools. With over 275 participants, 20 sponsors, and 15 campus organizations, the power of commu-: inity support truly shined through.



Greetings from Glenridge Middle School! The end of the school year is upon us and we know our students and teachers are ready for a relax-

The end of the school year means moving up and our eighth-grade students are ready to move on to high school! Before leaving, there are several events taking place to honor and recognize our students. Our eighth-grade awards ceremony and place Friday, June 1at 7p.m. at Winter awards will be presented as well as awards for our sixth and seventh graders demonstrating exemplary grades and behavior this year. The eighth-grade party will be taking place in the last days of school as well. The last day of school is Thursday, June 7.

Even without our students present, summer is a busy time at Glenridge Middle! Beginning June 21, our Monday through Thursday. The ofally, the school will be shut down for the week of July 2 through July 6.

Summer school will be held for students in need of Course Recovery or 8th Grade Reading Camp from June 13 through July 18. Information regarding these programs will be mailed to students who need to attend. YMCA summer camp will also be held at Glenridge June 18 through July 26, with camp taking place Monday through Thursday. For more information regarding the YMCA camp, please visit our front office or the YMCA office (located on the front of our gym) during afternoon hours from 4-5:30 p.m. or call 407-623-1415

Glenridge would like to thank our perintendent John Edwards; School: music and performing arts departaunts, and uncles contributing time: Board member Daryl Flynn; Deputy: ment for a variety of wonderful end Superintendant Dr. Barbara Jenkins; of the year concerts! Our chorus, Superintendant Ron Blocker; and band, orchestra and drama groups all represented Glenridge well and sounded great. We hope you got an Michele Erickson was recognized opportunity to see and enjoy our arts alive at home. Our PTA provided our for her ambitious demeanor, innovated epartment presentations and look We would also like to congratulate our track teams for a successful season. Great job Lions!!

We are proud of our Lions and all they have done during the 2011-12 school year. We hope our students and families have a wonderful sum-



Happy Summer! Our students and staff are getting ready for a much-deserved rest after completing a very successful school year. We are proud of our third, fourth and fifthgrade students for putting forth their best effort and attitude! Thank you to the teachers and the entire faculty and staff for your endless support.

P.E. classes are finishing their track and field events and will be particiball Game.

cutest plays in the auditorium. The ! lives of children. Lake Silver Fine Arts program is Music Honor program in early May. The guitar, drum and recorder ensemble gave their final performance of the year and the fourth and fifthgrade Drama Club put on a fabulous and funny program called "The Green Lights of Doom." Thank you, Ms. Crisman, Lake Silver music teacher, for coordinating the perfor-

During Staff Appreciation Week we were treated like kings and queens! Thank you, PTA, for an unbelievable week of special events and surprises! We celebrated our wonderful volunteers during the month of May. Their continued support is invaluable. Thank you so much!

Congratulations to our Oration: Contest winners: Jaime Collins, 1st place, Macy Wood, 2nd place and Hayden Brouillette, 3rd place.

The Lake Silver Dreamer and Doer for 2011 is Frederick Asare-Konadu. Fred is a well-rounded student who makes great grades, loves sports, is a Peer Mediator, a member of the Guitar and Drama Clubs, in the Gifted program, a Tiger TV member and a Safety Patrol. Way to go, Fred!

a wonderful Have summer! Please check the Lake Silver website for supply lists, reading activities and uniform in-

formation. www.lakesilver.ocps.net



Our school was recently recognized by a local television station and it started me thinking about the many reasons that our school would win a "great school" award. What makes Lakemont Elementary special? Is it our long history of out-: Each team must create a machine: Achievement League. In addition, 28: under construction. On another day, standing academic achievement? : with a minimum of ten steps using : of Veronica's sixth- grade classmates : our group worked to build a concrete Is it our loving and high-achieving all six types of simple machines. Ma-: earned scores higher than the na-: block wall for a church. Our stustudents? Is it our concerned and in- : terials must be brought from home : tional average. The Scholastic Chal- : volved parents? Is it the supportive : and no more than \$20 may be spent Winter Park community?

I guess it is all of the above and more. I think what makes Lakemont Elementary a great school are the numerous, daily, small acts which have a combined force to create an outstanding environment. It's Lisa, a teacher, who takes hours and hours of her own time to coordinate a school-wide event which benefits our school. It's Suzanne, a parent in the medical field, who takes her own personal time to care for an injured student. It's Etzer, Carmen, and Rodney, custodians, who work harder and faster because one of their team: members is out for a month.

The list goes on. It's Tanya and Renee, parents, who champion for the needs of special education students. : teacher. Something tells us that Mrs. It's Lamar, Randy, and Joie, caring: Ochinero did not need to create her community leaders, who take their own Rube Goldberg to figure this time to assist with special school out!

pating in backyard games while the events. It's Noeleen, Susan, Kristin, fifth graders will be preparing for the : and Sarah, teachers, who do whatannual Fifth Grade vs. Faculty Kick- ever it takes, including transporting parents, home visits and "Skyping" We had a fun Multicultural Week: from home to calm an anxious child. as we learned about different coun-: I can think of many more examples, tries on our Tiger TV morning show : too numerous to be listed, but special : and all first-grade classes put on the : enough to make a difference in the

In his book, "The Tipping Point," flourishing. Five of our talented stu- : Malcolm Gladwell discusses how litdents performed at the All-County: tle things can make a big difference. I think the main reason Lakemont Elementary School has been selected an "A" School, a "Five-Star" School, and a "Cool" School, is because of the many little things that happen each and every day, cheerfully given and thankfully received.

> I hope all of the Lakemont Leopards have a restful and fun summer. Our school theme next year will be: "Get on Board!" and we'll see every-: one back at school in August as we: set sail for a new year.



about this amazing inventor, they for Summer Studies.



could also share what it is like to create a fantastical machine using the six simple machines you probably learned about when you were in sci-

When asked about the hands-on invention projects, Mrs. Ochinero said, "I turn my eighth-grade physical science students loose to create ! ley is the statewide champion in their own machines. They are placed: the 2012 Scholastic Challenge spon: steep hill all day as we worked to in groups and given strict guidelines. : sored by the American Scholastic : complete the bond beam on a home on any materials following Edison's plan -- 'An inventor needs a good idea and a pile of junk.' They may not use electricity or live animals. Each team member must have reasonably equal participation, and students must complete daily progress reports to include changes in plans, materials needed, and team member responsibilities."

Eighth-grade student groups were graded on documentation, presentation, and collaboration. Students came up with all types of creative machines -- closing a locker, turning on an iPod, pouring cereal, making Kool-Aid, and throwing trash in a receptacle.

Hands-on learning is the best

## St. James Cathedral School Principal Mrs. Gerri Gendall

### **SJCS Students Have Attitude**

"Excellence is not a skill, it is an: attitude," according to motivational: writer Ralph Marston. The students at St. James Cathedral School (SJCS): definitely have the right attitude, as: demonstrated by numerous awards: for excellence they received in the: 2011-2012 school year. Awards for academic excellence have been garnered by our students in all grade : ranges and highlight their many achievements in all disciplines.

This year, 40 percent of all seventhgrade students at SJCS qualified for the Duke University Talent Search. To qualify, students must score at the 95th percentile or higher on at least : one subtest of the Iowa Test of Basic; have worked hard this school year Skills (ITBS), a standardized test. The : and we hope they enjoy a wonderful recognition allows these students to : summer. take the ACT or SAT college entrance: exam as seventh graders, affording them greater insight into their Christ School Head of School Jason Powell, Ed.D. academic abilities. In addition, four Do you know who Rube Gold-: of these outstanding SJCS students: berg is? Ask any student in Mrs. qualified for state recognition, and Ochinero's eighth-grade science attendance at the Duke Academy for class and they not only could tell you Summer Studies and/or the Center

> The SJCS "Sea Janitors" - a team of third and fourthplace at the regional Odyscreative from kindergarten through college. Team members ap-

ply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their interpretation of literary classics; they then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and international

SJCS sixth grader Veronica Til-

Model in our back to school show

lenge consists of 100 online questions divided into six categories: general knowledge, language and literature, social studies (history and geography), science, and mathematics. Students have 60 minutes to complete the challenge.

SJCS students dominated this year's Orange County Bar Association annual Law Day poster contest. Seventh grader Alessandra Fable won "Best in Show" while other SJCS students swept the 3-4 grade and 5-6 grade categories taking first, second, and third places. The theme of this year's contest was "No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom."

These award-winning students and their classmates are shining examples of St. James Cathedral School's designation as a nationallyrecognized Blue Ribbon school. They

# The Christ School

As a culmination of the TCS experience, our eighth-grade students headed to Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic for a mission trip at Mission Emanuel. I was blessed to travel with them. At The Christ School, we value and are intentional grade students - won second about having our students seek to glorify God through their scholarsey of the Mind tournament ship, service and leadership. I am in February, advancing them so impressed with how our eighthto the state finals on April: grade students demonstrated this 14. The "Sea Janitors" then vision through their work over the placed fourth overall among: week. They worked very hard all day the 20 teams in their divi-: outdoors without complaining and it sion. Odyssey of the Mind is : was a joy to see them share the love an international educational; of Christ with each other and our program which provides friends in the D.R. It was so encouragproblem-solving: ing to work with them as we passed opportunities for students buckets of concrete up and down a



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their work, grew together and made great connections with families who live in the neighborhood we served. We experienced worship time at a mission church and visited eighthgrade students at a mission school. These students are ready to graduate and lead in the high schools of their choice, and we send them off with joy knowing that the foundation has been formed.

We wish all of our TCS families and friends a summer of time together and renewal!



Congratulations to our recent graduates! We will miss you as you head off to 14 different colleges and universities, including several honors programs. You have set a fine example of service and scholarship in the school and the community, and we are so proud of the people you have become and all that you have accomplished thus far. Thanks to your diligence, you have been awarded many thousands of dollars in scholarships, and several of you have merited awards that will pay all your expenses and several more with half scholarships. Among them we are especially pleased that Geneva students received two of the eight Alfond Schol-: ars awards given by Rollins College: confident they will continue to grow: total of 2,016 hours of work on Trin-; ic distinctions during their careers at this year, Rollins' most generous and : in their academics as they participate: ity Prep's thirteenth Habitat for Hu-: Winter Park High: 46 Metro Champrestigious scholarship.

ful crop of rising seniors, and based: rolled. on what we already see, we expect equally impressive college admission and scholarship awards next year. Six of them were recognized in the National Merit Scholarship Program, which is a record for Geneva! This means that among the 1.5 million high school juniors who took the PSAT last fall, they were in the top

The Geneva School seeks to instill in the educational community it cultivates an enduring love of learning, a commitment to serve others, and a dedication to the pursuit of religious truth, moral goodness, and aesthetic beauty, forged from historical models of Christianity." This is Geneva's official statement of values, and we thank God that our students' lives are bearing witness to these values.



in our sports teams were recognized for their accomplishments throughout the year. The school music department wrapped up with a Spring • Concert involving all students from kindergarten thru eighth grade. During the event, the principal and sixth-grade teacher made appearances dressed up like Garfield and the Man in the Yellow Hat as a reward to students for exceeding the schoolwide Accelerated Reader goals. Students also participated in an annual Activity Day that led them to various fun locations throughout the Orlando area.

The last week of school wrapped up with closing chapel services led by our senior pastor, VPK moving-up celebrations as well as kindergarten and eighth-grade graduations and awards ceremonies. All of our students are now kicking off their summer and looking forward to a change in schedule! We look forward to seeing many of them at Camp Trinity, where they'll enjoy the many activities and field trips scheduled for their summer fun at camp.

We'd also like to express a special congratulations to our eighth-grade students! They have worked hard over the last nine years and are now ready to take the next step in their education at the high school level. They are all truly blessed and we are : community as well, volunteering a : 2012 has earned the following athletin the various honors, magnet and: The Geneva School has a wonder-: IB programs in which they have en-

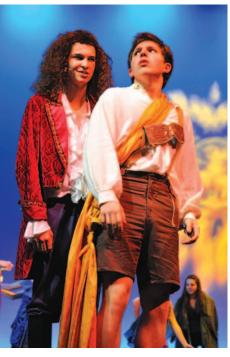


As Trinity Prep's forty-fourth school year comes to a close, we look back on what has been an incredible year for student accomplishments in academics, arts, athletics, and community service.

Twenty-six seniors were recognized in the National Merit Scholarship competition, two seniors were Presidential Scholars Program Candidates, and one was a National Achievement Program Finalist. Thirty-one juniors were also recognized: honoring Valedictorians, Salutatori-: for their high scores on the PSAT. : an and National Merit Scholars was : and robotics competitions as well as ber; Dr. Maria Vazquez, East Learntion project.

Trinity Lutheran School celebrates: received a gold ranking from the and parents of the honored students. sion for learning, and their leaderthe successful completion of another Florida Scholastic Press Association, Valedictorians are Laurel Cohen, ship in the greater community. Go school year! At our spring Sports our forensics team toured the coun-

dents, parents and teachers enjoyed. Banquet, students who participated try achieving national ranking, and a theatre production of "Candide" will travel to Scotland this summer to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe



Of Trinity Prep's fifty-two Middle and Upper School athletic teams, six were state runners-up, five were region champions, nine were district champions, and nine of our Middle School teams were league champions. Nineteen seniors made commitments to play college athletics.

manity House in Winter Park.

still had fun! They recently enjoyed: State Championships; 8 State Runner a break from studies for fun and Up; Top 10 Finish in State - 49 Teams. games on Headmaster's Day, a tradition started by Trinity Prep's founder: been numerous in our performing Canon Rees Hay.



### Wildcat Pride -- Class Of 2012

The Winter Park High School Class of 2012 has plenty to roar about! As the end of the school year: quickly approaches, senior Wildcats: are reflecting on all that they have accomplished.

The annual Celebratory Breakfast: in world languages, mathematics, : Joie Cadle, OCPS School Board mem-:

leb Leedy, Kelly Martin, Tracy Nelson, Taylor Orner, Rebecca Ratusnik, Kyle Anthony Shepherd, Sunny Sowards, Katheryn Stephens and Erika Wert. Salutatorian is Cristian Maldonado. National Merit Scholars are Bakal Badwal, Laurel Cohen, Brendan Dufresne, Michael Hu, Ramsey Reyes, Casey Liston, Eric Lundeen, Turner McCabe, Jackson Michalak, Emmanuel Momot, Sunny Sowards, Xintong Tian, Andrew Varan, Erika Wert and Xiao Zhang. National Hispanic Scholars are Jordan Nielson, Erika Wert and Ramsey Reyes, and the National Merit Corporate Scholar is Kent Hippler. Students were congratulated and they shared their college choices and planned programs

April 25 began with the Senior Awards Ceremony in the Anne Derflinger Auditorium. Numerous community leaders presented scholarships and awards. College admissions were announced, notably Yale, Columbia, MIT, U Penn, Duke, Northwestern, Johns Hopkins, Cornell, Wellesley, Swarthmore, Smith, UNC and Vanderbilt, with offered scholarships totaling \$18,000,000. The day of celebration continued with the traditional class picnic lunch and Senior Olympic Games.

In addition to their stellar aca-Our students gave back to the demic achievements, the Class of pionships; 39 District Champion-And on top of it all, our students: ships; 14 Region Championships; 8

> Stellar accomplishments also have arts program and our NJROTC program. From many rankings of "superior" throughout our performing arts programs to numerous trophies and accolades for our NJROTC, students of the Class of 2012 have experienced extraordinary accomplishments.

Perhaps the greatest source of pride for the Winter Park Seniors is their exemplary record of community service, over 22,000 hours. From tutoring students at the Boys and Girls Club and local elementary schools to raising funds to heighten global awareness of human traffick-TPS students were on the state cham-: held at the Interlachen Country Club: ing, these students have demonstratpion quiz bowl team, won accolades : on April 24. Guests included Ms. : ed their strong commitment to giving back to their community.

Without a doubt, the WPHS Class assisting with a county lake restora-: ing Community area superinten-: of 2012 will be remembered for their dent; Dr. Bill Gordon, East Learning determination to reach superior aca-Trinity Prep's student newspaper: Community executive area director; demic and athletic goals, their pas-

# **Fulbright Award Winners**

Five Rollins College students and one alumna have been awarded Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships. They join over 1,600 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad for the 2012-13 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

Traveling to six countries on three continents, Shayla Alamino '12, Aislinn Betancourt '12, Kory Eylmann '12, Jane Lombardi '11, Nic Ramos-Flores '12, and Ian Wallace '12 will spend time in host countries teach-

ing English as a foreign language and fostering mutual understanding between people of the United States and other countries.

Since receiving its first Fulbright Award in 1951, Rollins has produced a total of 42 Fulbright Scholars (17 of whom have been named since 2005).

Established in 1946, the Fulbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and is the largest U.S. international exchange program offering opportunities for



Betancourt

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Jane Lombardi



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Nick Ramos-



Shayla Alamino

students, scholars, and professionals to pursue international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and teaching in elementary and secondary schools worldwide. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. The Program operates in over 155 countries worldwide.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

# 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 Monday of Every Month To celebrate their 50th anniversary, admission to Leu Gardens is free the first Monday of each month during 2012. Harry P. Leu Gardens is located at 1920 N. Forest Ave. For more information please call 407-246-2620.



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.

June 5 The Tarflower Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society Meeting – 7:00 p.m. at Harry P. Leu Gardens located at 1920 North Forest Avenue. The meeting is free and open to the public.

June 17 Free Admission for Dads – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Harry P. Leu Gardens located at 1920 Forest Avenue. Garden admission is \$7 plus tax adult and \$2 plus tax child K-12. For more information, call 407-246-2620 or check out the website at www. leugardens.org.

### **Baldwin Park Events**

June 7 – 10 MVP Sports Card and Memorabilia Show at Orlando Fashion Square - For more information please call 407-896-1132.



**June 17 Florida Blood Centers Blood Drive at Orlando Fashion Square** - For more information please call 407-896-1132.

**July 1 Independence Day Bash** – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on New Broad Street with 15-minute firework show over Lake Baldwin at 9:00 p.m. This annual family-fun event is hosted by the Baldwin Park Joint Committee.

### 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. 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 – 9:00 a.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 – September 3 "It's Time to PLAY" Interactive Exhibit at the Orlando Science Center – The six featured games – backgammon, billiards, bowling, dice, dominoes and foosball – are games of strategy, luck, physical coordination and cooperation. Each of the games in PLAY is also a metaphor for social themes and science concepts that are essential to life. For more information please call 407-514-2000 or visit www. osc.org.

June 9 6th Annual African-American Arts Festival (Triple "A") - The Town of Oakland joins thousands of arts organizations and communities across the nation in celebrating Juneteenth throughout June. The event is presented by Presented by HAPCO Music Foundation in collaboration with Orange and Seminole counties. The festival is organized to increase exposure and community participation in arts and music. For more information please visit www.hapcopromo.org.

June 11 "Take Me Out to the Brass Games" Concert – 7:00 p.m. at the Margeson Theater located at 812 E. Rollins Street inside the Lowndes Shakespeare Center. This concert kicks off The Orlando Philharmonic's "Sounds of Summer" chamber music series. Patrons are encouraged to wear their favorite sports attire and attend the pre-concert tailgate party in the Shakespeare Center's outdoor courtyard, beginning at 6:00 p.m. For more information and tickets please call 407-770-0071 or visit www.orlandophil. ora.

June 12 Church Street District Car Show – noon to 5:00 p.m. on Church Street between Orange and Hughey Avenues.

June 13 Etiquette Class – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at The Maile School. Class is presented by certified etiquette consultant Debby Tapia and includes a four-course lunch. For more information please call 407-628-5989 ext. 13.

June 15 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – Wear purple to show your support and for more information please visit www.sraflorida.org, or call 1-800-96-ELDER (5337).

June 20 "Island Splendor" theme dance sponsored by Belles and Beaus Dance Club – 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the Marks Street Recreation Complex located at 99 E. Marks St., Orlando. Music by the Soft Touch and refreshments will be provided. Cost is \$5.00 per person and singles and couples are welcome. For more information please call 407-277-7008.

**July 3 2012 Red Hot and Boom!** – 4:00 to 11:00 p.m. at Cranes Roost Lake in Altamonte Springs. For more information please visit www.uptownaltamonte.com.

**July 4** Fireworks at the Fountain – 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Lake Eola Park.

### **Maitland Events**

**Ongoing Events** 

Every Sunday Maitland Farmers' Market at Lake Lily

June 8 – September 19 Back in Time – "A Day in the Life of the Research Studio" - The Art & History Museums – Maitland presents its newest exhibition that takes viewers back in time to explore the Research Studio during the life of founder Andre Smith (1880-1959). The exhibition is held in the Maitland Art Center Galleries located at 231 W. Packwood Avenue. For more information please call 407-539-2181 or visit www.artandhistory. org.

June 22 Opening Reception of Two Exhibits - "A Day in the Life of the Research Studio" and "Maitland Legacies: Creativity and Innovation". The reception is free to A & H Members; the cost for Not-Yet-Members is \$5. For more information please call 407-539-2181 or visit www. artandhistory.org.

July 19 29th Annual Beat-the-Heat 5K Road Race – 7:00 p.m. at the Roth JCC located at 851 N. Maitland Ave. Proceeds benefit the Marvin Friedman Children's Scholarship Fund. Event will also include a free kids' race for children six and under as well as a pool party for all participants. For more information and to register please call 407-645-5933 ext. 259.

July 22 & 24 KidFest Summer Movie Series at the Enzian – 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 22 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24 with the showing of "The Gold Rush" (1925) in newly-restored 35mm print. This event is sponsored by Walt Disney World with the weekday showing being free, and the weekend showing at \$5.00 per person. For more information and tickets please visit www.enzian.org.

July 22 & 25 KidFest Summer Movie Series at the Enzian - 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, July 22 and 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25 with the showing of "Jason and the Argonauts" (1963) rated G. This event is sponsored by Walt Disney World with the weekday showing being free, and the weekend showing at \$5.00 per person. For more information and tickets please visit www.enzian.org.

### **Winter Park Events**

**Ongoing Events** 

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

**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 2012. For information call 407-628-8200 ext. 3.

Now – September 23 "Parisian Affair: The Art of Andre Renoux" – This exhibit is at the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens located at 633 Osceola Avenue. For more information, call 407-647-6294 or visit the website at www.polasek.org.

June 8 "CoffeeTalk" – 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. featuring Mayor Ken Bradley at the Winter Park Welcome Center.

June 9 Winter Park Diamond Dawgs Vs. Leesburg Lightning (Season Opener) – 7:00 p.m. at Alfond Stadium at Harper-Shepherd Field

June 9 Miss Jacqueline Jones in Concert – 7:30 p.m. at the Winter Park Playhouse located at 711 Orange Avenue. This evening kicks off the kicks off the 10th Anniversary Series at the playhouse. Ms. Jones has performed across the country and is known for her spirited blend of jazz, rhythm and blues and contemporary music. Seating is limited. For tickets please call 407-645-0145.

June 9 PROM: The Red Carpet - Sunday Night Life (SNL) Ministries invites the community to enjoy an evening of food, dancing, and live entertainment. Proceeds will benefit World Vision International and its Caregiver Kits Program. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Winter Park Community Center. Admission is free with a suggested donation to help change as many lives as possible. For more information please visit www. sundaynightlife.org/prom.

**June 14 Second Thursdays In Hannibal Square** – 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. along New England Avenue between Park and New York Avenues.

**June 14 Enzian's Popcorn Flicks** – 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. featuring "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" in Central Park.

June 18 City Blood Drive — 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in City

June 19 Free Family Tour at the Morse – This 45-minute tour is designed especially for elementary school age children and all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Space is limited and reservations are required with \$5.00 refundable deposit per child. For more information and to register please call 407-645-5311 ext. 136.

June 26 Free Family Tour at the Morse – This 45-minute tour is designed especially for elementary school age children and all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Space is limited and reservations are required with \$5.00 refundable deposit per child. For more information and to register please call 407-645-5311 ext. 136.

June 29 Free Friday Family Film at the Morse – This 90-minute program is designed especially for elementary school age children and all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Space is limited and reservations are required with \$5.00 refundable deposit per child. For more information and to register please call 407-645-5311 ext. 136.

July 3 – August 21 Ballroom Dance Lessons (Beginner) – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Winter Park Farmers' Market.

July 3 – August 21 Ballroom Dance Lessons (Intermediate) – 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at the Winter Park Farmers' Market.



July 4 Hunter Vision July 4th Watermelon 5k Run/Walk – 7:30 a.m. at Mead Gardens located at 1300 S. Denning Drive. Proceeds benefit the Track Shack Foundation, a local 501c(3) organization that promotes health and fitness with an emphasis on youth programs. For more information and advance registration please visit www. trackshack.com.

**July 12 Enzian's Popcorn Flicks** – 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. featuring "The Great Muppet Caper" in Central Park.

July 19 "CoffeeTalk" – 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. featuring City Manager Randy Knight at the Winter Park Welcome Center

# You focus on the moment. The arrival of your newborn is a moment to be cherished. We understand your birth wishes are as unique as your baby's footprint, so our obstetricians, neonatologists and experienced nurses take a tailored approach to your delivery. Should the need arise, our NICU is here for babies who require a helping hand. From labor and pain management decisions to must-have meals — our Birth Experience Team care for you and dad's needs too. So you can focus on your baby, We'll focus on everything else.

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