

# Man threatens to kill Nelson

Suspect held without bond

By Teresa Sargeant  
Reporters

An Apopka man was arrested early Wednesday morning for allegedly threatening in social media messages to murder Mayor Bryan Nelson.

Hector Raul Cartagena, 64, was charged with four counts: two counts of written/electronic threats to kill or bodily harm another, one count of aggravated stalking with a credible threat, and one count of intimidation-threaten of an elected official.

There is no relation between the suspect and Apopka firefighter Hector Cartagena, who had been falsely identified



Courtesy of Orange County Jail  
Hector Raul Cartagena

by a local social media user as the suspect.

According to police reports, the threat was reported to authorities Monday night while the mayor was participating in a mayoral debate.

That night, Apopka Police Chief Lovetta Quinn-Hen-

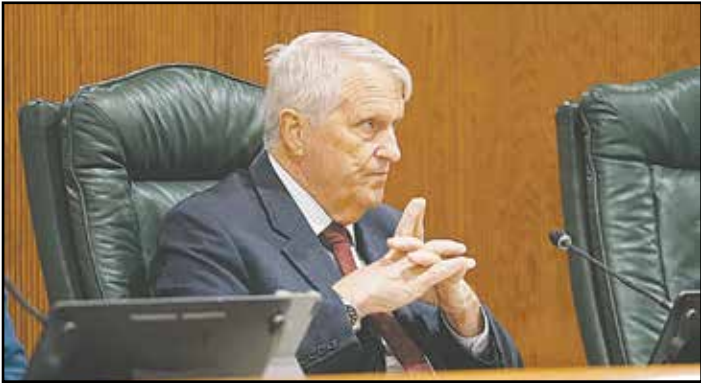


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Mayor Bryan Nelson

ry tried to contact Nelson by phone before officers were dispatched to the mayor's home around 9 p.m.

"An officer knocks on my door at nine o'clock," Nelson said in an interview. "He said, 'Mayor, we got a problem here, and so there's been a death

threat against you, and need to see if you'll sign [a complaint affidavit]."

The suspect, Cartagena, allegedly made a series of threatening statements in private messages to an acquaintance,

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# City opens 2 new water tanks



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

From L to R: Glen Brooks, Commissioner Nick Nesta, Scott Krouse, Darren Whitehead, Mayor Bryan Nelson, Tom Muchow, Commissioner Nadia Anderson and Vladimir Simonovski gather to cut the ribbon on the new tank at Grossenbacher Water Plant.

Impact fees, federal grant fund projects

By Teresa Sargeant  
Reporter

The city of Apopka brought two major water infrastructure projects totaling \$10.3 million online in a span of six days, expanding the city's storage capacity by 6.25 million gallons (MG)—a 32% increase designed to meet the demands of rapid

growth.

The first project, a \$3.2 million, 1-million-gallon water tank, opened Feb. 6 at the Myrtle Rogers Womble Northwest Water Plant next to Fire Station No. 5, off Jason Dwelley Parkway. The new tank is the second at the Northwest Plant, joining an existing 1-million-gallon tank built in 1999.

Funding for the project included a \$1.5 million federal grant secured by for-

mer U.S. Rep. Val Demings during her time in Congress, along with city impact fees from new development.

"We are so excited for everybody, because this is a monumental occasion that we can dedicate a new water tank for Apopka with our growth and be able to supply the needs for our residents here in Apopka," Mayor Bryan Nelson said at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Demings said the project

reflects years of cooperation between federal, city and local officials and will serve the community well into the future.

"This is an example of what can happen when we come together and work together and always put people first," Demings said.

During the event, Nelson presented Demings with a framed group photo from four

WATER PLANT, A7

# City approves Freshfields Farm development plan

Specialty food market to occupy lot near Walmart and Sam's Club

By Teresa Sargeant  
Reporter

The Apopka City Council on on Feb. 4 unanimously approved a major development plan and construction site plan for a new Freshfields Farm, proposed as a 17,550 sq. ft. specialty food

market on a 5.6-acre vacant parcel at 1819 Armando Borjas Jr. Way.

The triangular, commercial-zoned site is bordered by South Apopka Boulevard and Hiawassee Road near Sam's Club and Walmart. The layout centers the building amid parking and stormwater facilities, using landscaping and fencing to buffer nearby residents, according to city planner Jean Sanchez.



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

The parcel at 1819 Armando Borjas Jr. Way where Freshfields Farm wants to build its third location.

FRESHFIELDS, A4

# Moore asks court to toss residency suit

Filing says Nelson lawsuit 'weaponizes judicial process'

By Teresa Sargeant  
Reporter

Orange County Commissioner Christine Moore has filed a motion to dismiss a lawsuit challenging her residency, saying it is not ripe for judicial consideration while she is only a candidate for mayor.

The filing came in response to a lawsuit Mayor Bryan Nelson filed last month alleging that Moore has not lived within Apopka city limits for at least one year.

Moore's motion to dismiss, filed Feb. 2 in Orange County Circuit Court, argues that Nelson's complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief is "nothing more than an attempt to circumvent the will of the voters by weaponizing the judicial process."

"Rather than trust in the people of Apopka to decide, Nelson has elected to pursue an eleventh-hour litigation strategy designed to eliminate his strongest opponent from the ballot altogether," the motion says. "The claims are unripe, unsupported by any private right of action, and fundamentally inconsistent with Florida's carefully crafted election framework."

Nelson filed his complaint on Jan. 6 and asked the court for an expedited ruling to remove Moore from the ballot, or, if ballots are already printed, to prevent any votes cast for her from being counted.

According to the com-



Photo by Dana O'Connor  
County Commissioner Christine Moore

plaint, Moore listed her address as 75 W. Magnolia St. in Apopka on her qualification paperwork. Nelson argues that records and photographs show Moore's vehicle was regularly parked between April and July 2025 at her homesteaded Palm Crest Drive residence in unincorporated Orange County.

Moore's attorneys contend that Nelson's argument is based on a misreading of the City Charter. While the charter requires mayoral candidates to reside within city limits for at least one year prior to taking office, Moore's motion states that "a plain reading" of the provision shows it does not apply to her candidacy.

"The City Charter does not impose the one-year residency requirement as a prerequisite to candidacy, and any determination regarding satisfaction of that requirement cannot be made until the time of election, if at all," the motion says.

Moore's legal team is asking the court to dismiss the complaint with prejudice, which would bar it from being refiled.

Nelson has said the charter would have re-

LAWSUIT, A6

# Man shoots sister, self in murder-suicide

Two bodies found at Griffin's General Store

By J.C. Derrick  
Publisher

An adult male shot and killed his sister before taking his own life at a south Apopka general store, according to the Apopka Police Department (APD).

"Following a thorough investigation conducted by detectives, the incident has been determined to be a domestic murder-suicide involving two adult siblings," APD said in a Monday Facebook post. "Evidence collected at the scene, witness statements, and forensic findings confirm that this was an isolated domestic violence incident between family members."

APD responded to a service call at Griffin's General store, located at 262 W. Michael Gladden Blvd., just before 9 p.m. on Feb. 6. Officers found the two deceased individuals and stepped up patrols in the area, although there was no known threat to the public.

"While this incident occurred within a family context, the department recognizes that any act of family violence has a significant emotional impact on loved ones and the broader community," the APD Facebook post said. "Our thoughts are with the family during this difficult time."

Memorials, including balloons and candles, had been set up outside of

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## Monument honors Four Chaplains

Last Saturday about 50 people gathered at American Legion Post 243 in Oviedo to dedicate a monument to the Four Chaplains, World War II heroes previously honored with memorials in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and Arlington, N.J.

When these four men gave their lives together, aboard the *USAT Dorchester* in 1943, it captured the attention of the nation. But now 83 years later, many have never heard their story.

Thanks to my friend Paul Tambrino, who participated in the Oviedo ceremony, I was able to take my three sons to the event and learn this fascinating history, which is worth retelling.

Here is his brief summary of the characters involved:

- George Lansing Fox earned a Silver Star, Purple Heart and the French Cross in World War I. Fox later studied theology and was ordained by the Methodist Church. After the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor, Fox, then 41, volunteered to serve his country again, this time in the Corps of Chaplains.

- On Nov. 11, 1921, 10-year-old Alexander David Goode was moved to tears as he stood at Arlington National Cemetery to watch America's unknown soldier laid to rest. In high school, Goode joined the National Guard, then later became a rabbi like his father. When WWII broke out, he joined the Corps of Chaplains.

- Clark Poling was ordained in 1938, the latest in a long family line of ministers. When WWII came, Poling was married with a 2-year-old son, and his wife was expecting. "Don't pray for my safe return," he told his father. "Pray that I do my duty."

- John Washington was the first of seven children born to Irish immigrant parents in Newark, NJ. John became a Roman Catholic priest and in 1937 was assigned to St. Stephen's in Arlington, N.J. He had served there five years when WWII erupted.

These Army chaplains, a Catholic, a Jew and two Protestants, found themselves together aboard the *Dorchester*,

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a converted luxury cruise liner originally designed to carry 314 cabin passengers in style.

On Jan. 22, 1943, 902 soldiers trudged aboard, bound for Greenland with three Coast Guard cutters escorting them.

Two patrolled its flanks, while the third, the *Tampa*, was 3,000 yards out front.

On Feb. 2, the *Tampa* dropped back and swept the periphery, looking for German U-boats, before returning to the front. They were only 150 miles from their destination.

Just after midnight on Feb. 3, a German U-boat delivered a torpedo into the *Dorchester* engine room. The ship took on water rapidly and began listing to starboard. Without power, the radio was silenced. No one thought to send up a distress flare. The escort vessels pushed on into the darkness, unaware that the *Dorchester* was sinking.

The four chaplains calmly worked on the sloping starboard side, guiding men to their boat stations, opening a storage locker and distributing life jackets. They coaxed men, frozen with fear, over the side.

One survivor, engineer Grady Clark, saw the four chaplains coolly handing out life jackets until there were no more left. Then he watched in awe as they gave away their own. As Clark swam away, he looked back and saw the chaplains standing, their arms linked, braced against the slanting deck. They were praying. There were no more outcries, no panic, just words of prayer in Hebrew, in Latin and in English, addressed to the same God.

Of the 902 men aboard the troop carrier, 672 were lost. Those who lived never forgot the chaplains' heroism. By a vote of Congress on Jan. 18, 1961, a Special Medal of Heroism (the only one ever given) was posthumously awarded to the four chaplains. Since then, Feb. 3 has officially been designated Four Chaplains Observance Day.

## Join the 'Let's Read OCPS' challenge

It's that time... time for Let's Read OCPS!

If you recall, Let's Read OCPS is the reading challenge that started here in Apopka with Read Around the City. I began that program several years ago, in partnership with Re-Imagine Communities, to get kids excited about reading.

Our program was such a huge success that OCPS adopted it district-wide last year and it is back for a second year.

Every school in OCPS, from elementary to high school, is currently participating in Let's Read OCPS. It's not just students reading either—it's staff, families and community members. I'm logging my minutes every day.

The entire district has embraced the challenge to read more and to log reading minutes. Every school has found creative ways to encourage students, staff and families to read and log minutes. It's a lot of fun to see the creativity across the

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county. And most importantly, it is very exciting for students to see the adults in their lives reading!

Let's Read OCPS kicked off on Jan. 26 and will run through April 30. Everyone in Orange County is invited and encouraged to participate. Anyone can download the Beanstack app and join the challenge, then read and log your minutes each day.

The goal this year is 50 million minutes, and I think we will do it. Last year, we easily surpassed the 20-million-minute goal.

The competition is already getting exciting between the different school board member districts and between the schools. This is going to be fun, and I'm so proud of our school district for embracing this initiative as we find creative ways to encourage reading and community.

In a fast-paced world full of technology, it's nice to show children the value of slowing down, picking up a book and embracing the pleasure of reading. Encouraging reading for pleasure also builds stronger readers because reading skills get stronger the more they are practiced.

I encourage all The Apopka Chief readers to join in the challenge. You can even log your minutes reading this column! Go to your app store and download the Beanstack app, then join the Let's Read OCPS challenge. It's very easy to set up an account.

I hope you will join in the fun!

## Been there, done that, but not the way they do it

The Winter Olympics can be a tough sell in places like Florida, where the freezing point of blood is 48 degrees and "downhill" is a theoretical thing.

Skiing and ice hockey can hold our attention because we understand going fast and we've all had the slobber knocked out of us once or twice. We can relate.

Curling, not so much. A version of shuffleboard, except on ice and not as fast-moving, it involves squatting down on skates, giving a gentle push, chasing a slow-moving teapot with a broom and doing some frantic ice sweeping.

Dads around here don't do that in the back yards with their kids. There is no Little League.

It's easy to make fun of, but, then again, have you ever tried to squat down on skates? Do it and then laugh about it.

Speaking of silly, have you ever watched somebody "reading" a putt? This is a professional athlete who also squats in the performance of his sport. He crouches, walks back and forth, and stares intently at a hole in the ground before he tries to roll a ball into it. People in Sandefjord and Haugesund would no doubt find this amusing.

I try to have an open mind, but even I have to admit that the luge is too much. Sliding

Columnist



Jake Vest

down an icy ditch, feet first at 95 miles an hour on a sled too small for the job is the athletic equivalent of eating an oyster. Who was the first person who thought this was a good idea?

The public relations problem here is simple. It is hard to appreciate how good somebody is at something we have never tried to do ourselves.

Even skiing, as those Olympic people do it, is beyond our imaginations. I like to think of myself as a pretty good skier for my age. My last trip finished with a double diamond called Runaway Train, I like bumps and trees, and I once won a bronze medal in a race while wearing a parrot suit.

And I'm not even on the same planet.

Any of us human skiers can tell you that ice is bad, dangerous and impossible. Extreme steepness can be as bad as ice.

Once a few decades back, I hit a tiny bit of ice on the Birds of Prey course in Beaver

Creek, Colo., went end over end and fell for about a mile, leaving a ski behind. When somebody fetched it for me, it was a 40-minute challenge to get it back on. To get a ski back on, you have to stand up and stomp your heel into the binding while your feet are sliding out from under you.

To simulate this, try to tie your shoe while standing on your living room wall.

It took all morning to work our way down that hill, stopping often to catch a breath and whimper.

Later that week, the World Cup skiers were racing down that same hill. I met a grounds crew member at a bar who told me he had been up on the hill watering down the race course to make it icy.

"They want it as fast as they can get it," he said casually, as if he had not just admitted to being an accessory to attempted murder.

The experience gave me more of an appreciation for one sport and a better understanding of another.

I can imagine a scene long ago: "We're going to go ski down another icy cliff. Want to join us?"

"Sorry, I can't. I need to practice chasing this teapot with a broom."

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# Candidates speak about budget, annexation at forum

Chief livestreamed debate on YouTube channel

By Teresa Sargeant  
Reporter

Fiscal management, the future of South Apopka and public comment were some of the topics that the three mayoral candidates discussed in a roughly 100-minute mayoral forum Monday at Victory Church.

Apopka Involved Voters hosted the forum, which was moderated by Dr. Hank Dunn, at Victory Church, where about 30 people attended. The organization will present a forum for the City Council candidates at 7 p.m. Thursday at Victory Church, 509 South Park Ave.

Orange County Commissioner Christine Moore, incumbent Mayor Bryan Nelson and City Commissioner Nick Nesta are running for mayor in the March 10 election. Other races are for Council seats 1, 2 and 4, and voters will also decide whether to adopt eight proposed City Charter amendments. A possible runoff is

scheduled for April 14. For about the first 30 minutes, all the candidates were asked a general question; from there until near the end, each candidate was asked a question directed individually at him or her.

The mayoral forum was livestreamed on the Apopka Chief YouTube channel. The channel will also livestream the City Council forum.

### Budget management

One segment of the night focused on Apopka's budget priorities and process, including the city's recent history of frequent budget amendments.

Dunn asked Nelson an individual question about the city's frequent budget amendments, since people view this as bad planning and how Nelson would limit changes to true emergencies only.

Nelson defended his "tight ship" approach, arguing that starting with a lean budget and adjusting for specific needs—such as emergency repairs—is a transparent way to manage public funds. He also said the city's recovery from debt and growth in reserves is proof his



Screenshot from YouTube TheApopka Chief

Incumbent Mayor Bryan Nelson, City Commissioner Nick Nesta and Orange County Commissioner Christine Moore debate at the Feb. 9 mayoral forum at Victory Church.

fiscal approach is working.

"I'm going to give you an \$800,000 budget, and if we need to come back for the next 200, that's what we'll do," Nelson said.

At a different point during the forum, Nesta said that frequent amendments are a sign the city is "budgeting incorrectly," not practicing the "fact-based budgeting" he favors.

He proposed a "bifurcated" budget model that separates essential services like public safety and infrastructure from amenities like parks and events, while introducing a resident-led advisory committee to help guide those quality-of-life spending priorities.

"I can see where residents come up a few months later, even the first meeting after our first budget started, and we have to do a budget amendment," he said. "It means we did it wrong."

Moore said budgeting should be a year-round, infrastructure-first process tied to a measurable strategic plan, with maintenance prioritized and resident "sounding boards" reviewing spending instead of ad-hoc, short-term decisions.

"Maintenance should always, always come first," Moore said. "You have to protect, you have to preserve, you have to maintain what you have first before you build anything else."

### Annexing South Apopka

On the South Apopka annexation and whether the issue should be put on one or two ballots—one for city residents, the other for unincorporated residents—Nelson said he doesn't want the city to mass annex the area. He contrasted himself with his opponents, whom he said had "dodged" the issue when asked about it at the Feb. 3 Apopka Mayoral Debate, which The Apopka Chief and WESH 2 News hosted at the Apopka High School.

"My answer is, no, I don't want to annex South Apopka, period," he said.

Nesta argued that the decision should not be made by the City Council but by residents in a referendum. He said the city is "gatekeeping" by not putting annexation on the ballot and proposed a negotiated, multi-year, phased approach if voters approve it, emphasizing partnership with homeowners and avoiding heavy-handed code enforcement.

"It needs to go to the residents, and from there, we can discuss what that looks like for each resident," Nesta said.

Moore said she supports the South Apopka annexation and pushed back on the idea she'd dodged the question, noting her years of work in the area on sidewalks, safety and cleanup.

She said any annexation should involve two referendums—one in South Apopka to join and one in the existing city to accept—and argued for a broader, citywide strategy so new areas help generate revenue to cover services and infrastructure.

"I would love to work on annexing, maybe a street on the east side, the north side, the southwest, and just keep really working on annexing all over the county, so that we have a balanced approach to those annexations," she said.

Other topics covered at the forum included economic development, staffing vacancies and use of reserves, ethical leadership and campaigning, communicating with residents, and the decision-making process a candidate would use if elected mayor.

To watch the full forum, visit The Apopka Chief YouTube channel.

# Apopka police investigating mayoral candidate altercation

By Teresa Sargeant  
Reporter

The Apopka Police Department (APD) is investigating an incident between mayoral candidates Christine Moore and Nick Nesta, their campaign workers, and family members at a campaign event.

The episode occurred Feb. 5 at the Farmworker Association of Florida's Apopka headquarters, where the organization hosted candidates for mayor and council seats 1, 2 and 4.

Both Nesta and Moore declined Apopka Chief requests for a detailed account of what transpired, but a since-deleted video Moore posted online explained some of the context.

"I wanted to talk to him



Screenshot from video

Christine Moore



Photo by Dana O'Connor

Nick Nesta

and express my deep, deep disappointment about his conduct with a peer," Moore said in the video obtained by the Chief. "Instead of a constructive exchange, which is what I wanted, Mr. Nesta and his entourage responded very aggressively and then contacted the police."

Moore pointed to Nes-

ta's involvement in what she called "ghostwriting" complaints against City Commissioner Nadia Anderson.

The day before, at the Feb. 4 City Council meeting, Anderson had accused Nesta of helping draft complaints to challenge both her residency as a city commissioner and her real estate license. She read

from a series of 2024 emails, including one in which Nesta allegedly wrote, "Please do not share this doc with anyone or tell anyone that I assisted you in this effort."

In the since-deleted video, Moore said going after Anderson in her professional capacity crossed a line.

"Disturbing facts came to light that Commissioner Nesta was involved in ghostwriting all the complaints to remove Nadia Anderson from office and a complaint against her professional real estate license, which would basically run her into bankruptcy," Moore said. "Mr. Nesta's involvement is really, really troubling to me."

Moore said Apopka's political climate is too focused on personal attacks and social

media disputes.

"Apopka, we are so much better than this," she said in the video. "This era of social media insults is juvenile. It is mean-spirited, and it's got to end."

In response to the Chief's request for comment, Moore reiterated that she approached Nesta with the intention of having a civil conversation.

"I got three words out before he reacted aggressively," she said. "He called the police instead of engaging in the civil conversation. That's not what leaders do."

Nesta's campaign said it was a family member who called the police, not the candidate himself, and declined to comment directly on the incident while providing a statement to the Chief.

"It is important to note

that much of the recent social media discussion appears to shift attention away from the substantive issues facing our community," the statement said. "Of particular relevance is the ongoing residency-related litigation involving Commissioner Moore, which is currently before the courts."

The campaign said Nesta wants the race centered on issues such as high utility costs, infrastructure planning, managing growth and restoring trust in government.

"Unnecessary controversy diverts focus from these priorities, and the voters deserve a campaign centered on solutions rather than drama," the statement said.

APD declined to comment on the incident, citing its ongoing investigation.



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# Valentine’s Day events on tap in Apopka area

By Sarah Merly  
Reporter

With Valentine’s Day falling on a Saturday this year, there is a range of events scheduled around the area Friday through Sunday. Below is a roundup of those holiday happenings to help you celebrate the day of love all weekend long!

**Friday, Feb. 13**  
**Valentine’s Event**  
Time: 6 p.m.—9 p.m.  
Location: Bill Breeze Park at Ocoee Lakeshore Center (125 N Lakeshore Dr., Ocoee)  
Bring your family to Ocoee Lakeshore Center for live music, games and food trucks. Free.  
**Galentine’s Day Event**  
Time: 7:30 p.m.—11 p.m.  
Location: Solshine Events (851 E State Road

434, Longwood)  
Celebrate Galentine’s with your best girl friends with cocktails, sweet treats, music and games. \$39.19.  
**Saturday, Feb. 14**  
**Hearts & Hooves Open Farm Event**  
Time: 10 a.m.—2 p.m.  
Location: Lil’ Bit of Life (2920 Robie Ave., Mount Dora)  
Bring your whole family to snuggle with animals on the farm and create Valentine’s Day cards. Adults also receive a free glass of champagne. \$12.  
**Broadway Love Songs Concert**  
Time: 4 p.m.  
Location: All Saints Episcopal Church (338 E Lyman Ave., Winter Park)  
Visit All Saints Episcopal Church for an afternoon of Broadway romance. All



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Celebrate your love this Valentine’s Day.

proceeds support the choir’s residency at Hereford Cathedral in England. \$30.  
**Valentine’s Day Concert**  
Time: 7 p.m.—10 p.m.  
Location: Harry P. Leu Gardens (1920 N Forest

Ave., Orlando)  
Join musical artists Ricky & the Buzzcatz, Alma Skye Trio and Nova Classica for an outdoor concert in the garden. Food vendors will also be available. Starting at \$32.53.

**Live Music & R&B Featuring Soul 3 Band**  
Time: 8 p.m.  
Location: Just Like Momma’s Soul Food & Wings (44 E5<sup>th</sup> St., Apopka)  
Visit Just Like Momma’s for “an unforgettable night of love and soul.” Starting at \$12.51.  
**My Funny Valentine**  
Time: 9 p.m.  
Location: Blu Café (9401 W Colonial Dr., Ocoee)  
Laugh out loud with your loved one at Blu Café’s Valentine’s Day comedy show. Starting at \$13.32.

**Sunday, Feb. 15**  
**Couple Shuffle**  
Time: 9 a.m. (packet pickup at 7:30 a.m.)  
Location: Minneola Trail (1300 Fosgate Rd., Minneola)  
Enjoy the sunshine as you run with your sweetheart. The Couple Shuffle in-

cludes 1-mile, 5k, 10k, 15k, and Kid’s Dash races. Registration starts at \$17.  
**Love Is in the Air R&B Karaoke Brunch**  
Time: 2 p.m.  
Location: Magnolia Breeze Restaurant (108 N Bay St., Eustis)  
Bring your sweetheart to Magnolia Breeze for an afternoon of singing and dining. Starting at \$30.52.  
**Shaken & Stirred Mixology Class: Valentine’s Edition**  
Time: 3 p.m.—5 p.m.  
Location: ICEBAR Orlando (8967 International Drive, Orlando)  
Join ICEBAR Orlando and Elite Bartending School for an afternoon of making craft cocktails, learning bartending tips, and enjoying 20% off Fire Lounge food! Single tickets are \$85, while a couples ticket is \$150.

## FRESHFIELDS FROM A1

To minimize neighborhood impact, delivery trucks will use arterial access points rather than local streets. The plan includes a Duke Energy lighting strategy designed to limit light spillover into adjacent subdivisions, Sanchez added.  
The Apopka Planning Commission recommended approval in January.  
During Wednesday’s meeting, Commissioner Nick Nesta asked about concerns raised by residents regarding truck traffic, light pollution and sidewalks.  
“I think it’s a pretty unique product that we haven’t seen

recently, so I like that,” he said. “A couple concerns came up from the residents when they had their meeting. I just want to reiterate those and just make sure we’re on the same page there.”  
In response, Sanchez said the plan enforces truck loading and circulation to keep heavy vehicles off Armando Borjas Jr. Way, and that lighting will comply with code limits on candlepower—which is the distance light casts away from streetlights—at property lines. Sidewalks will be installed as required for the new development.  
“There’s only a certain

amount of candles permitted to spill over,” Sanchez said. “For public safety, we do require street lighting, as you know, so that’s also for public safety, but it’s only permitted a certain candle.”  
The landscaping plan emphasizes what staff described as a “rural farm aesthetic” consistent with the Freshfields Farm brand, including layers of shade trees, understory trees, shrubs and groundcover with enhanced buffering along residential edges.  
Commissioner Diane Velazquez asked whether the landscaping would use Florida-friendly plants.

To answer her question, Anthony Ojukwu of Bowman Consulting, representing the applicant in terms of landscaping, said the plan adheres to city code and that contractors will be responsible for sourcing the plant materials. He said recommendations from the city could be provided to the owner.  
“Our job was to design the landscaping to meet code,” Ojukwu said. “Owner and the contractor will be responsible for who they decide to go ahead with providing the landscaping on the site. But if there’s any recommendations that you would like us to pro-

vide to the owner, we can add that in as something that we can go with.”  
During public comment, Dr. Phyllis Olmstead, supervisor with the Orange Soil and Water Conservation District, praised the plan for preserving and adding trees and encouraged the use of Florida-friendly, low-maintenance groundcovers to reduce water use and mowing, as well as pond plantings that can improve cooling and stormwater absorption.  
“I think it’s a wonderful design, but we can always do better in this city with landscaping,” she said.  
After closing the public

hearing, Mayor Bryan Nelson said he was excited about the project and noted the Freshfields store in South Orlando is known for selling large volumes of produce at competitive prices. The fresh produce and meat market opened its first location in Orlando in 1973 and its second location in Jacksonville in 2013.  
“You’ll be happy they came to town and with all the fresh vegetables, because they’ll buy a whole semi-trailer load of strawberries and sell them for half the price of a grocery store, because they’ve got them, you know, they’re ripe and ready to go,” Nelson said.

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## THEME: THE 1990s

**ACROSS**

1. \*First cloned mammal

6. Fuel economy acronym

9. Land measure

13. Pascal of “The Mandalorian” fame

14. Second O in EVOO

15. a.k.a. sergeant fish or robalo

16. Plant fungus

17. \*\*“Titanic” star

18. \*\*The \_\_\_\_ Whisperer” (1998)

19. \*PepsiCo offering

21. \*One of the Walsh twins, 90210

23. Long reef dweller

24. Reach a high

25. Color of passion

28. Agitate

30. Like Matryoshka inside Matryoshka

35. Gave the boot

37. Arab League member

39. One of Florida Keys

40. Summer month

41. Polished diamond surface

43. Safecracker

44. Lazybones

**DOWN**

1. Design detail

2. München mister

3. Jittery

46. Before “saw” and “conquered”

47. Glitch

48. Watercraft

50. Remains repository

52. Like some martinis

53. Comfort

55. One in a pod

57. \* \_\_\_\_ bubble

60. \*The 1990s, a.k.a. post-\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ decade

64. Biblical patriarch

65. Sensitive subject?

67. “Bad news travels fast,” e.g.

68. \_\_\_\_ shopping cart

69. Father’s progeny

70. Trojan War epic

71. Difficult situation

72. Like jalapeño

73. So out it’s in

4. Irregularly notched

5. \*Harry of Privet Drive

6. Gangster’s gal

7. \*\*American \_\_\_\_” (1999)

8. Geography class prop

9. Any minute, arch.

10. Cut at birth

11. Parks on a bus

12. \_\_\_\_ out a living

15. Israeli monetary unit

20. Remote in manner

22. Did a marathon, e.g.

24. Mollify

25. \*Assassinated Gandhi

26. Radiate

27. Small wooded hollows

29. \*Apple offering

31. Simon does what?

32. Influencer’s creation

33. Daytime moth

34. \*Snoop \_\_\_\_ Dogg

36. Coloring substances

38. Nautilus’ captain

42. Allegro or lento

45. Repeat an echo

49. Pathet \_\_\_\_

51. \*Fresh Prince’s town

54. \* \_\_\_\_ Mouth of “All Star” fame

56. Discombobulate

57. \*Jeff Bridges in “The Big Lebowski,” with The

58. Made in Vegas

59. Makes lace

60. One-tenth of a dime

61. \*\* \_\_\_\_ Wait... Don’t Tell Me!” on NPR

62. Petri dish gel

63. Do over

64. Fruit spread

66. \* \_\_\_\_ Goo Dolls of “Name” fame

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# Q&A: Mayoral candidates address public comment

By Sarah Merly  
Reporter

The Apopka Chief and WESH 2 News organized a mayoral debate on Feb. 3, when all three candidates addressed their visions for the city. The 90-minute format did not allow for question on every key issue, so each week leading up to the March 10 election, the Chief will run a Q&A addressing an issue that was not included at the Feb. 3 event.

To watch the full mayoral debate, visit [wesh.com](http://wesh.com) and search for “Apopka debate.” This week’s question is as follows:

- Question 8 on the ballot addresses public comment. This charter amendment establishes that there shall be a public comment period before “decision” items on a meeting agenda are considered by the City Council. Do you support or oppose this measure, and how would you govern meetings to make sure the public has an opportunity to speak on matters of community importance?

**Christine Moore, Orange County commissioner**

I, of course, support pub-



Photo by Dana O'Connor

Mayoral candidates Moore, Nelson and Nesta

lic comments at meetings. I believe in representative democracy, and public comments are essential in maintaining our freedoms. I think the bigger question is how to better engage our residents.

I was the first mayoral candidate to suggest introducing additional citizen sounding boards. These committees could include public infrastructure, parks & recreation, senior services, and historical preservation. We should also annually offer classes to acquaint residents in the roles and responsibilities of city government.

Unfortunately, this town has a civility problem on full display at meetings and on social media. The incivility is hindering the ability to recruit the

finest commercial and entertainment businesses. The incivility also limits prospective applicants for city employment.

Residents should feel empowered to send emails, make appointments with staff and elected officials, and speak at council meetings. Comments with regard to policy and vetting of issues are extremely beneficial.

Comments should be germane to the meeting or general in nature, and prospective speakers required to refrain from personal or political attacks. I have had the experience of being “cussed” after trying to civilly “say hello” at a meeting. I worry citizens will refrain from participating if this untoward behavior is not checked.

Public comment is necessary for democracy and civil for effectiveness. I support it.

**Bryan Nelson, mayor**

As the mayor of Apopka, I have always protected the right of anyone to speak before the City Council. I moved it to the end of the meeting because the public comments were not about issues that we the council could address, but rather political comments about members that sit on the dais.

We have lost quality businesses and staff members who did their due diligence and watched several council meetings before deciding to take their capital and talents elsewhere. Look no further than the last council meeting—watch the look on 30+ nursing students from UCF’s faces as they watched the political grandstanding begin.

With that being said, we moved the comments back to the beginning of the meeting. I ask anyone to watch public comment and ask yourself: If you were looking to relocate to Apopka, would these derogatory comments help you with your decision to move to Apopka?

We encourage public comment but wish the issues were policy-driven and not for political gain.

For the most part, it is the same four or five individuals who obviously don’t like and waste city staff and other visitors’ time with political nonsense. Nick Nesta could eliminate it but refuses to tell them to stop. Look back on YouTube for the last eight years and find any of my supporters who calls out a commissioner about politics and not policy.

**Nick Nesta, city commissioner**

The eight city of Apopka charter amendments that are on the ballot on March 10 came to fruition through many community meetings, public input, and resident conversations. Although all have been placed on the ballot due to resident requests, No. 8 is there solely because the current mayor unilaterally and spitefully moved public comment to the end of the City Council meetings and stopped the livestreaming of the meetings.

This one-sided and malicious move made residents wait to be heard for hours, often not until after 11:00 p.m. During

these long months of working to silence the residents, the current mayor continued to prioritize developers and their wants over our residents expressing their needs for almost eight months. While the mayor worked to silence the residents, I ensured their voices were heard by livestreaming public comments via Facebook during every meeting until they were properly restored through my advocacy to the front of the City Council meeting and livestreamed.

Countless times throughout those months I motioned to move public comment back to its rightful spot in the beginning of the meeting and to have it livestreamed with the current mayor, Commissioner Alexander Smith and Commissioner Nadia Anderson voting to deny the residents the opportunity to speak until the very end of the meeting and not have it livestreamed.

Just like many of the other questions on this ballot, this question is the result of a mayor putting residents’ needs last, creating fear that our city will go back to the dark days of the current mayor’s lack of leadership.

## ARREST FROM A1

who provided them to investigators.

“I already promised the child rapist Byron [sic] Nelson that he will feel the warmth of my steel blade as I aerate his Esophagus [sic],” Cartegena wrote, according to the arrest affidavit.

Nelson said police were careful when confronting Cartagena at his home due to the possibility of a volatile con-

frontation.

Cartagena was taken into custody shortly before 1 a.m. Wednesday, ending what Nelson described as roughly 24 to 30 hours of active monitoring and search efforts. According to the affidavit, Cartegena was wearing a black knife around his neck when he was arrested.

Nelson also disclosed to The Apopka Chief that this was not the first time he had faced

a death threat while in office. About two years ago, a former city employee was arrested after allegedly threatening to kill him.

Cartagena is currently in the Orange County Jail without bond. He is scheduled to appear in Orange County Circuit Court at an undetermined time, according to county records.

Nelson said he does not know Cartagena and point-

ed to what he called “online hate groups” as the source of the motivation behind the suspect’s anger.

“There’s enough in [there] about me and my family that I can tell you it came from one of the social media hate groups within Apopka,” Nelson said.

Nelson said some sites will mix fact-based posts with rumors and false information, giving the pages a veneer of le-

gitimacy and driving up views.

“We are part of the problem,” he said. “If you go on there and you click on their site, and they get a click, that’s what they’re looking for. They want as many people [as possible]. And the more outlandish the claim, it seems like, the more views and clicks they get.”

According to police reports, Cartegena’s threats started last week, when he threat-

ened to kill a man he has known since childhood, along with the man’s wife.

Last Saturday, Cartegena also made threats directed at Apopka Assembly of God church, where he and his childhood acquaintance used to attend. Due to these threats, the church hired an off-duty APD officer for security during its service.

— With reporting by J. C. Derrick



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WATER PLANT  
FROM A1

years ago showing Apopka officials alongside the oversized check she secured in Washington, D.C., for the project.

The Northwest tank was followed by the completion of a larger project at the Grossenbacher Water Plant on East Grossenbacher Drive. On Wednesday, city officials, employees and consultants marked the opening of a new 1.5-million-gallon storage tank, which cost about \$7.1 million.

The Grossenbacher tank replaces an older structure built in 1985 that had deteriorated and needed to be taken out of service, Nelson said. The new tank adds critical storage and system redundancy, reducing the risk of service disruptions if equipment fails or demand spikes.

The Grossenbacher project also included construction of a new high-capacity well, increasing production from



Photo by Teresa Sargeant  
Former Congresswoman Val Demings speaks alongside Mayor Bryan Nelson at the Northwest Water Plant ribbon-cutting.

about 1,000 gallons per minute to 3,500 gallons per minute. The well draws from the lower Floridan Aquifer rather than the middle aquifer, which Nelson said offers better protection for local springs.

However, he cautioned

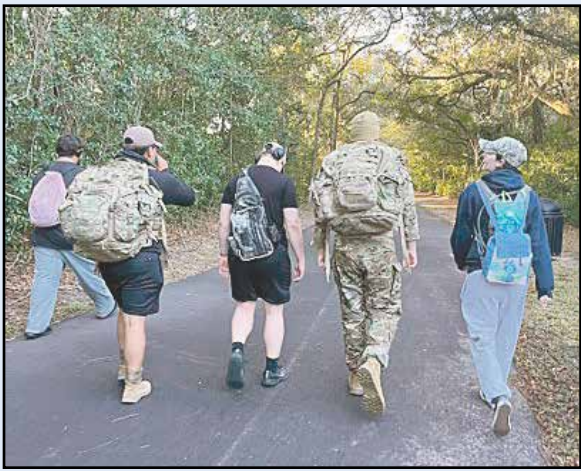
that the lower aquifer has different water-quality characteristics that could require additional treatment in the future. City staffers are evaluating options such as ozone treatment to ensure water continues to meet customer standards.

Nelson said much of the recent work was paid for with impact fees generated by new development, helping limit the financial burden on existing customers.

Until 2025, Apopka’s five water treatment plants—Grossenbacher, Sheeler Oaks, Northwest, Mount Plymouth Lakes and Plymouth Regional—provided a combined storage capacity of 4.75 MG, according to public works director/city engineer Vladimir Simonovski.

“These [recent] improvements strengthen the city’s ability to maintain reliable water service, meet growing demand, and ensure resilience during peak usage and emergency situations; therefore, providing long-term benefits for all residents and businesses in Apopka,” Simonovski wrote in an email to The Apopka Chief.

BATAAN DEATH MARCH



Courtesy of Scott Stewart  
Twenty-seven Wekiva High School JROTC students and five graduates marched at 8 a.m. on Saturday to commemorate those who lost their lives in the Bataan Death March. According to the National Museum of the United States Air Force website, the march began on April 10, 1942, when the Japanese forced approximately 12,000 U.S. and 66,000 Filipino prisoners of war to march up the coast of Bataan in the Philippines, killing the prisoners for sport along the way. The JROTC at Wekiva High School has marched in memory of the fallen almost every year since 2009.

SHOOTING  
FROM A1



Photo by J.C. Derrick  
Mourners set up memorials in front of Griffin’s General Store at 262 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.

Griffin’s by Monday morning. Tributes also poured in on social media.

“Prayers to the family during this time of grief,” Vernetta Darlene Lloyd wrote on Facebook. “May God strengthen and heal your hearts.”

APD did not publicly identify the names of the deceased individuals, but many people online identified them as Ezra and Schenita Swift.

“They were kind people, and they were loved people who did what they could to add their part to the community,” Ezaria Swift, Ezra Swift’s daughter, said in an interview with News 6.

“It’s a lot. We’re trying, but two deaths at once is kind of shocking.”

The department used the Monday Facebook post to encourage anyone experiencing domestic violence or family conflict to seek support using the following resources:

- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
- 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

“We appreciate the community’s patience and cooperation as detectives worked to ensure a careful and complete investigation was conducted,” the APD Facebook post said.

Police locate man who left AdventHealth Apopka

Staff reports

The search for a missing person had a happy ending last weekend.

The Apopka Police Department (APD) sent out notice of a missing patient from AdventHealth Apopka on Friday, Feb. 6. Police asked for the public’s help locating Daniel Lee Gimondo, a 66-year-old white male, who left the hospital and was considered “missing and endangered.”

Less than 24 hours later, police announced that Gimondo had been found.

“We thank everyone



Daniel Lee Gimondo  
for sharing this post and keeping an eye out making this a positive outcome,” APD wrote in a Facebook post.

APD did not say what led to the man’s disappearance or how he was found. AdventHealth declined to comment citing HIPAA privacy requirements.

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Patricia Sheppard Boyette, a beloved mother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on January 24th, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. Born Patricia Gail Sheppard on March 22, 1952, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, she was the firstborn of Harold and Jean Sheppard and grew up alongside her siblings Phyllis (Wolfe), Tommy, and David Sheppard.

Pat spent her early years in Alabama and later in Valdosta, Georgia and Gainesville, Florida, where she graduated from Gainesville High School. In the late 1970s, she met Kevin Boyette, and they married in 1983. Together, they raised two daughters, Laura and Sarah, in Apopka, Florida, building a home rooted in love, faith, and family.

Pat was deeply involved in her church community at First United Methodist Church of Apopka, where she generously gave her time organizing events, including the annual Fall Festival. She was known for creating meaningful moments for her family – from birthday celebrations and school activities to everyday traditions that made her daughters' childhoods feel special.

After Kevin's passing in 2013, Pat retired and embraced the simple joys she loved most: good food, travel, and spending time with family and friends. In 2023, she moved to Georgia to be closer to her daughters, where they shared many treasured moments together.

In her final years, she was lovingly cared for through her battle with Lewy Body Dementia by her daughters, Laura and Sarah, her sister Phyl, and Laura's husband, Justin Pfeiffer. They feel grateful for the time and memories they shared with her. Pat will be remembered for her

*In Loving Memory*  
**Patricia**  
**Sheppard Boyette**  
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kindness, nurturing spirit, and the deep love she gave so freely.

A celebration of life will be held on March 21st, 2026 in Gainesville, Florida, followed by a memorial service to honor her life on March 22nd, 2026. To receive information about the celebration of life and memorial service, please visit [boyette.rsvpify.com](https://www.boyette.rsvpify.com). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Brain Support Network ([www.brainsupportnetwork.org](http://www.brainsupportnetwork.org)) or the Lewy Body Dementia Association (<https://www.lbda.org/donate/>) in her memory.

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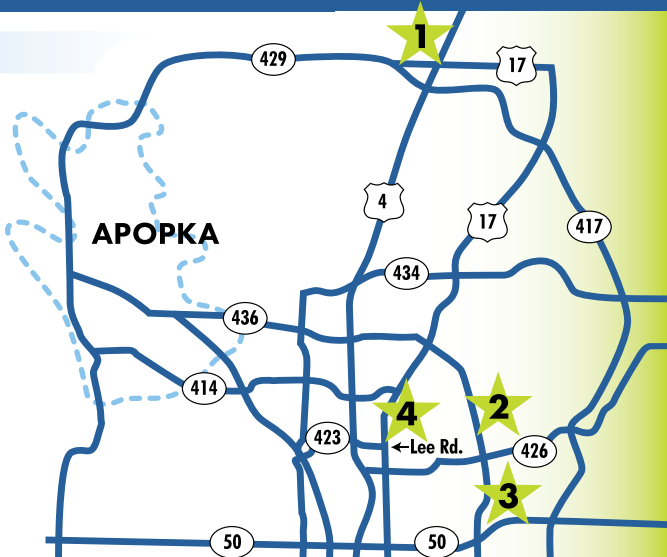
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## ‘We’re getting rings’: Wekiva girls grab district title

Lady Mustangs crowned champs, move to regionals

By Vinnie Cammarano  
Reporter

The Wekiva Mustangs girls basketball team saved its best performance for the biggest moment of the season, defeating Edgewater 74–68 in the Class 6A District 5 title game Friday night

at Mustang Arena in a back-and-forth battle that featured championship-level toughness.

Head coach Jerry Middleton credited his team’s growth through adversity for the victory.

“All the life that we went through, up and down throughout the season, if you learn something, it’s a blessing,” Middleton said. “We had Jakayla twist her ankle, we had girls in foul trouble,

but through the journey of us playing with only six girls for a lot of the season, everybody built confidence. Today, everybody chipped in. It was a total team effort. A lot of people didn’t think we had a chance.”

The game opened with physical play in the paint. Alexis Hill scored first on an offensive rebound and finish inside before Edgewater answered with a reverse layup. Makayla Bell gave

Wekiva an early spark with an and-one layup, but the Eagles countered with consecutive baskets to seize a brief lead.

Jakayla Johnson continued the fight inside for the Mustangs, and Bell knocked down a deep 3 to give Wekiva a 10–9 advantage midway through the first quarter.

Both teams traded baskets for the rest of the period.

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Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Lady Mustangs huddle and raise their trophy at center court.

## Wekiva boys lose in semifinals



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Kenny Dieujuste gets strong and finishes a layup after an offensive rebound against Edgewater on Feb. 5.

Free throws prove critical in 62–57 nailbiter

By Vinnie Cammarano  
Reporter

The Class 6A District 5 semifinal between Wekiva and Edgewater delivered everything a playoff crowd could ask for—intensity, momentum swings, highlight plays, and a finish that came down to the final minutes.

In a back-and-forth battle between two familiar rivals, Edgewater topped Wekiva 62–57, ending the Mustangs’ district run but sending them forward with something to

build on in the regional playoffs.

“This was a fun game. Two competitors. We’re close area schools. They know each other.” Wekiva head coach Gersino Lubin said. “I was just happy to see us come out and compete.”

Both teams opened the game with empty possessions before Kenny Dieujuste scored inside for the first basket. Edgewater quickly answered with a mid-range jumper, setting the tone for a tightly contested first quarter.

Eric Nichols knocked down an early 3, but the Eagles continued to respond. DJ Thomas attacked the paint for a jumper, while Dylan Foster

countered with a finish in the lane and a free throw to tie the game at 7–7 midway through the period.

Edgewater gained momentum with a pull-up jumper from Travis Scott and a 3-pointer off a turnover, forcing Wekiva into an early timeout trailing 16–10. Out of the break, Jace Moore converted two free throws and Nichols found Dieujuste for a floater, but Edgewater’s pressure defense disrupted the Mustangs. The Eagles closed the first quarter with a 21–15 advantage.

Edgewater extended its lead early in the second quarter with two free throws and back-to-back corner treys.

Wekiva answered when Dieujuste kicked out to Louvens Saint Pierre for a 3-pointer, sparking a stretch of fast-paced basketball that ignited the gym.

Nichols grabbed a rebound and went coast to coast, breaking a defender’s ankles before finishing through contact for an and-one. Jasen Francillon followed with a powerful dunk to pull Wekiva within four. Edgewater responded with a dunk of its own, but Wekiva countered immediately with a long inbounds pass that led to a wide-open Dieujuste slam.

With just over two min-

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## Apopka softball cuts ribbon to open field

Ava Millspaugh strikes out mayor

By Vinnie Cammarano  
Reporter

The Apopka softball team opened its 2026 season with a ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony Friday night on a new field behind the high school. The event featured Mayor Bryan Nelson taking the first at-bat against star senior pitcher Ava Millspaugh, before the blue and gray exhibition game between the JV and varsity teams.

The ceremony opened with head coach Mike MacWithy expressing his gratitude to the consistent support from the fans and the city. He also welcomed back some important Blue Darter alumni from the past three decades.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Mayor Nelson gets blindfolded for the first pitch.

Gabriella Cirilo (2018), Julia Wright (2016), Emily Pelletier (2015), Ashley Acker (2014), Kaley Owen (2009), Rachel Hodges (2004) and Mariah Cobb McCollough (1998) all shared

their appreciation for what being a Blue Darter meant to them and helped them achieve in their lives after high school. They also gave the girls on the team words of wisdom.

Nelson also shared his love of the softball team, then cut the ribbon with MacWithy. Shortly after, his preparation began for his first at-bat in 15 years as he scouted starting pitcher Millspaugh during her warmup.

He stepped to the plate eager to rip one out of the park, but Millspaugh zipped four pitches past his swinging bat. The blue and gray exhibition game followed as the girls and fans had fun in the friendly battle. This match was in preparation for their preseason game on Monday, and it paid off as the Blue Darters beat Ponchatoula 8–4 on their new field.

Apopka is in line for another big season after winning 22 games last year, including a game in the region-

SOFTBALL, B2

## Apopka boys fall to East Ridge but make regional playoffs

Blue Darters to face Lake Brantley

By Vinnie Cammarano  
Reporter

Apopka was awarded great fortune Monday afternoon.

During the FHSAA Selection Show, Apopka earned a spot in the regional tournament as the No. 5 seed and will now travel to face a familiar rival in Lake Brantley on Saturday night—a team the Blue Darters have already defeated this season.

The Blue Darters went 15–10 during regular season, including 3–0 in district play, but their status hung in doubt after a district semifinal loss to East Ridge on Thursday, Feb. 5. They made the playoffs due to their power ranking in the FHSAA system, taking down formidable opponents like Eustis (18–6), and Lake Brantley (15–12), which are both now district champions.

The Blue Darter defense only allows 43 points per game, while they average 50 on offense so far this season.

Apopka narrowly lost its Class 7A District 3 semifinal matchup to East Ridge (14–10), 45–44, after delivering a battle worthy of the postseason stage and falling in the final minute.

The opening half set the tone for a defensive chess match, with neither team able to pull away for an extended run. Apopka found its edge from beyond the arc, knocking down six 3-pointers in the first two quarters to keep the Knights at bay. Jaden Andino provided a spark off the bench in the second quarter, drilling two triples that helped the Blue Darters take a 24–19 lead into halftime.

While Apopka relied

on perimeter shooting in the first half, East Ridge flipped the momentum coming out of the locker room. The Knights began finding rhythm from long range and attacking the basket with more purpose in the third quarter. Their improved ball movement and shot selection allowed them to erase the Darters’ lead and even the score at 35 heading into the fourth.

East Ridge carried that momentum into the final frame, controlling tempo and holding Apopka scoreless for much of the quarter. Two 3-pointers from the Knights’ point guard pushed East Ridge in front and gave them a six-point cushion with just over a minute remaining.

With their season hanging in the balance, the Blue Darters turned to their seniors.

With 1:10 to play, Noah Ferrer shook his defender along the baseline and buried a difficult falling fade-away jumper to cut the deficit. Moments later, Apopka’s relentless full-court pressure paid off.

The Darters forced a turnover, and Ferrer scooped up the loose ball before finding Rafi Betancourt waiting in the corner. Betancourt calmly drilled a 3-pointer that electrified the crowd and pulled Apopka within one, 45–44, with 40 seconds remaining.

The building erupted as East Ridge struggled to inbound the ball under heavy pressure. Chaos followed. The Knights barely got the ball in, and it was knocked loose almost immediately. Apopka recovered but missed a point-blank opportunity inside. The ball bounced wildly from player to player before East Ridge

APOPKA BASKETBALL, B3



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Coach Scott Williams speaks to his team during the final timeout against East Ridge in the district semifinals.



# The bass are bitin’ on the Harris chain

Hello Folks,  
Well, we finally got some decent weather this past weekend, and lots of folks were on the water fishin’. The specks are bitin’ really good in most of the lakes in our area.  
Lake Woodruff and the St. Johns River have been on fire for the past week. There were a couple of days when the specks slowed down with the cold weather, but once it warmed back up a little, they started bitin’ again. Most folks are catchin’em on jigs tipped with a minner or just fished ’em naked under a cork or bobber.  
The specks are startin’ to bite in the Harris Chain



just a little. Some folks are still catchin’em in 8 to 10 feet of water, but some anglers are searchin’ the pads.  
We have a new moon on the 17th of this month. If the weather stays decent, I’m sure those specks will be movin’ to shallow water to spawn. Over the years, folks drifted for ’em in Lake Eustis and Big Lake Har-

ris, but those specks sure do like to get in those pads on the chain! If you decide to go catch some specks, check deep and then move on to the shoreline and see if any specks are movin’ in there to spawn.  
If you were on the Harris Chain last week and over the weekend, you might’ve run into some bass anglers who were fishin’ an MLF Pro Circuit. There were 145 anglers who fished this tournament. And, congrats to Drew Gill; he won that tournament! Over the course of three days, Drew weighed in a total of 66 pounds-4 ounces of bass. He caught a big bass on Day 1 that hit the

scales at 8 pounds-3 ounces for an additional \$500. In total, he won \$100,500 for his win.  
I would also like to give a shout-out to Bobby Bakewell from Orlando. He finished in 27th place and won \$10,000 for his efforts. He also caught the biggest bass of the tournament on Day 2, which bagged him another \$500. But folks, this is where it gets interesting. When I talked to Bobby after the tournament, he said he was worn out after three days of fishin’. He said the water temperature on the Harris Chain on the first day of practice was 45 degrees! Our Florida bass

just don’t like cold weather very much. So, on day 1 of the tournament, he didn’t weigh-in one single bass! Zero, nada, nothin’! Bobby didn’t have any boat or motor issues, he simply didn’t catch any bass to bring to the weigh-in. On day 2 of the tournament, he caught four bass that weighed 18 pounds. On the last day, he weighed-in two bass for another 6 pounds, and he still finished 27th. In total, he caught six bass for those three days of fishin’... But he still got a check! Folks, that’s pretty dog-gone good for this young man. I asked Bobby what he caught most of his fish on, and he told me

he caught his biggest bass, the 8-pound-14-ounce, on a Chatterbait. He caught a 7-pounder on a Yo-zuri Jerkbait. He also caught a couple of bass on Bruiser Bait stick worms. He didn’t say which color he used, but I’m sure it had some green pumpkin or blue flake in it. Those are usually pretty good colors on the Harris Chain.  
Well, that’s it for this week. I hope you get a chance to do some fishin’ this week, and I want to see you on the water real soon!  
Tip of the week: Warm-er Days.  
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## 3 Wekiva Mustangs sign to play college football

By Vinnie Cammarano

Wekiva High School marked a milestone last week as three members of the Mustang football program signed their national letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level.  
Isaiah McNish, Lukenson Morancy and Josiah Watson-Greer were recognized for their achievements on the field and their commitment to compete at the next level.  
Although new head coach Ashton Watts has had minimal time with them, he is confident in their futures.  
“I have no doubt these young men will accomplish incredible things at their respective schools,” he said. “They aren’t just becoming college football players—they’re tak-



Wekiva Mustangs Lukenson Morancy, Isaiah McNish, and Josiah Watson-Greer sign their letters of intent to play college football.

ing meaningful steps toward becoming successful men, leaders, husbands and fathers.”  
Defensive tackle Isaiah McNish will remain in Central Florida after signing with the UCF Knights. The 6-foot-4, 280-pound defensive standout chose UCF over several power

lineman Lukenson Morancy signed with Florida International University and will continue his career with the Panthers in Miami. A key presence in the trenches during his time at Wekiva, Morancy earned attention for his size, footwork and football intelligence. His development with the Mustangs has positioned him to compete in Conference USA, where he is expected to bring a physical style of play to FIU’s program.  
Offensive and defensive lineman Josiah Watson-Greer committed to Graceland University in Iowa. A versatile player and consistent contributor for the Mustangs, his signing reflects years of dedication and effort. Watson-Greer is set to join the Yellowjackets, where his leadership and toughness can strengthen the team’s defensive unit.

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al tournament. They are returning 10 seniors and have elite talent all over the field.  
Their pitching trio of Millspaugh, Sydney Bartkin, and Mia Aeschilman returns after allowing an average of just 3.15 runs last season and pitching four no-hitters.  
The dominance on the mound was joined by red-hot hitting all season. UNC commit Taylor Smith returns from her 13 home-run and 44 RBI season, where she hit .487 at the plate and helped the Darters average 11 runs per game. Shylah Pinto was a flash on the diamond, stealing 38 bases.  
After only playing half the season, first baseman and outfielder Victoria Shaw returns as a commit to the Florida Southern Moccasins. She returned with a bang in their preseason game against Ponchatoula, when she stepped to the plate with the bases loaded and smashed a grand slam.  
Apopka’s season opener will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday night at Seminole High School against the Seminoles. The Blue Darters’ home opener is at 7 p.m. Thursday against Foundation Academy and opens a five-game homestand.

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Paris Blackwood and Johnson provided scoring late for Wekiva, and the first quarter ended tied 16–16, setting the tone for a championship thriller.

Wekiva found rhythm early in the second quarter when Jasmine Pooler fed Johnson for an and-one. Moments later, Johnson went down with a lower-body injury scare, but the Mustangs continued to battle. Bell found Jaydalis James cutting on the baseline, then stole the ball and finished a hop-step layup in transition.

After a technical foul on Edgewater, Hill calmly sank two free throws to keep Wekiva in front. Johnson returned and immediately made an impact, drilling a 3-pointer off a Hill pass.

Ja’Niya Poole answered an Edgewater trey with one of



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

The Wekiva Mustangs girls basketball team was all smiles after winning the 2025-26 district championship.

her own, and Hill added another 3 following multiple offensive rebounds.

At halftime, Wekiva held a narrow 34–32 lead behind balanced scoring and relentless effort on the glass.

The Mustangs came out of the locker room with full-court pressure that shook the

Eagles. Bell opened the half with a steal and coast-to-coast layup. Tiana Washington cleaned up an offensive rebound, and Hill added another putback as Wekiva pushed its lead to six.

Edgewater battled back with perimeter shooting, tying the game with consecu-

tive makes. Blackwood answered with a layup off a Pooler bounce pass, and Hill followed with free throws after strong defense and rebounding. A late inbounds steal led to a Blackwood-to-Hill connection for another layup, but the Eagles continued fighting as Wekiva carried a 54–51 lead into the final quarter.

Edgewater struck first in the fourth quarter with a fast-break layup, but Johnson answered with an and-one after multiple offensive rebounds. Pooler stole the ball and went coast-to-coast for two, keeping Wekiva ahead as the Eagles hit timely 3s to stay close.

With just over four minutes left, the Mustangs led by two. Out of a timeout, Johnson dominated the glass and scored through contact for another three-point play. Bell

then drew a foul and knocked down both free throws.

Wekiva controlled the tempo in the final minutes, forcing Edgewater to foul. Bell delivered the decisive blow with an and-one layup with 1:38 remaining, pushing the lead to double digits. Though the Eagles made one last push, Hill sealed the game at the free-throw line in the final seconds.

The Mustangs emerged as district champions with a 74–68 victory, and danced on their home court with the trophy.

Johnson led Wekiva with 20 points and seven rebounds. Hill posted a double-double with 18 points, 11 rebounds, and three steals. Bell added 15 points, four assists, and three steals in a complete all-around performance.

After the game, Bell re-

flected on what the championship meant to the team.

“It just feels great,” Bell said. “Everybody puts in their hard work at practice, the hours that other teams don’t get in. It feels great to finally get an accomplishment under everybody’s belt. It’s great energy going into regionals. We can go all the way. We’re getting rings this year.”

Middleton believes the Mustangs are still climbing.

“I truly believe this team is something special because I still don’t think we’ve hit our peak yet.”

With the district championship secured, Wekiva now turns its focus to the regional playoffs carrying momentum and confidence. The Mustangs will host Lakeland (17–9) in the first-round game on Friday night.

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utes remaining in the half, Nichols drove the lane for a layup, and Dieujuste cleaned up an offensive rebound to keep the Mustangs within reach. A feed from Nichols to Kaiden Jean Louis tied the game before Edgewater reclaimed a narrow 32–31 half-time lead at the free-throw line.

Wekiva opened the second half aggressively. Saint Pierre hit a free throw and assisted Nichols on an open

jumper to take the lead, and after an Edgewater basket, Dieujuste went back to work inside with a strong rebound and finish.

Defense dominated the middle of the third quarter as both teams battled through physical possessions. Saint Pierre drilled another long ball to give Wekiva a brief five-point cushion, but Edgewater answered with tough finishes in the paint and trips to the foul line.

Jace Moore added points at the stripe late in the quarter, and Wekiva carried a slim 46–44 lead into the fourth.

Edgewater opened the final period with a 3-pointer and two free throws to regain the advantage. Francillon responded by taking the ball into the post and spinning into a fadeaway jumper that energized the Mustangs bench. Nichols followed with two free throws to put Wekiva back in front.

Turnovers and missed free

throws began to loom large in the closing minutes. Edgewater attacked the paint on consecutive possessions to build a three-point lead, then converted a fast-break dunk after a Wekiva turnover to go up five with just over three minutes remaining.

Nichols split a pair of free throws, and Francillon cleaned up the miss to cut the deficit to three. Edgewater answered again with a layup, then controlled the tempo in the final two minutes and capitalized at the foul line to

stretch the lead to six.

Kaiden Jean Louis connected on a late 3, but the Eagles sealed the game at the stripe to secure the 62–57 victory.

“The little things hurt us — free throws, missed layups,” Lubin said. “The game is never perfect, but we just have to clean up those small details.”

Nichols led Wekiva with 13 points, six rebounds, and three assists. Dieujuste added 12 points and eight rebounds, while Saint Pierre finished with

10 points, three assists, and two steals.

Despite the loss, Wekiva advances to the regional playoffs, and Lubin believes the effort sets a foundation moving forward.

“If they show up and compete like they did tonight, I can go to sleep just fine,” Lubin said. The Mustangs enter regionals as the No. 4 seed and will travel to face the No. 5 seed Viera Hawks (20-7) at 7 p.m. Saturday.

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Blue Darters point guard Trent Jean letting the play develop.

managed to call a timeout while trapped in the corner with 18 seconds left.

Apopka’s defense continued to suffocate the Knights after the timeout. On the ensuing inbound, the Darters forced a traveling violation with 11 seconds remaining, giving themselves a final chance to steal the game.

Down one, Apopka held for the last shot. A scramble after a missed attempt led to a jump

ball, and the possession arrow favored the Blue Darters with just 1.8 seconds on the clock. On the inbound, Betancourt found Ferrer in the corner with defenders draped on him, shooting a fadeaway 3 at the buzzer. The shot was on target but bounced out, sealing the one-point loss.

Head coach Scott Williams praised his team’s execution and effort afterward, even in disappointment.

“We did everything right except make open shots,” Williams said. “I told them after the game I felt like we played well and after a close examination of the stats, I continue to firmly believe that. East Ridge played a magnificent game, shot the lights out and unfortunately, we fell one shot short.”

Despite the defeat, Apopka’s scoring was balanced throughout the night. Ferrer led the way with

nine points, while Zee Davis added seven. Betancourt, Andino, and Trent Jean each finished with six points in a collective effort.

Williams expressed confidence that his group is built for the postseason.

“Given the same opportunity next weekend, if we are fortunate with the same level of open shots, we’re gonna win a first round playoff game on the road,” he said.

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**VERSE OF THE WEEK**

**"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."**  
—Psalm 34:18

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To submit an event, you can email them to [news@theapopkachief.com](mailto:news@theapopkachief.com).

Friday, Feb. 13

**The Science of Cheesemaking**  
2 p.m. at 6021 Conway Road, Orlando  
A hands-on class exploring the basics of cheesemaking. Registration required; \$20.

**Valentine Paint & Sip**  
5:30 p.m. at 807 Virginia Drive, Orlando  
A beginner-friendly paint-and-sip workshop.

**Galentine's & Valentine's Flights & Bites**  
6 p.m. at 325 S. Orange Ave., Orlando  
A themed tasting event.

**Galentine's Craft Night**  
6 p.m. at 310 E. New Hampshire St., Orlando  
An art café event with DIY projects and refreshments.

**UNO Valentine's Deep Dish Class**  
6 p.m. at 3167 Daniels Road, Winter Garden  
A hands-on deep-dish pizza class.

**DIY Sugar Scrub Workshop**  
6 p.m. at 300 E. New England Ave., Winter Park  
A workshop creating custom sugar scrubs.

**Free Movie in the Park**  
6:30 p.m. at Dr. P. Phillips Community Park, Orlando  
A free outdoor screening of A Minecraft Movie.

**TABV Two-Weekend Experience**  
7 p.m. at 2000 S. Summerlin Ave., Orlando  
A two-part concert series featuring K.I.M. and the Ari & Cecil Alexander Quartet.

**National Oratorio Competition**  
7:30 p.m. at Knowles Chapel, Winter Park  
Finalists perform with the Bach Festival Orchestra. Free.

**The Blues Is Alright Tour**  
8 p.m. at 12777 Gemini Blvd. N., Orlando  
A live blues concert.

**Date Night Comedy at Calypso's**  
8 p.m. at 6300 Parc Corniche Drive, Orlando  
A Valentine's-themed stand-up comedy show.

**Golden Flower with the Mudita Orchestra**  
8 p.m. at 460 E. New England Ave., Winter Park  
A live jazz collaboration blending orchestral and progressive sounds.

Saturday, Feb. 14

**AdventHealth Run 4 Love 4 Mile**  
7:30 a.m. at 246 Perth Lane, Winter Park  
A four-mile race.

**Blue Swan Boulders Valentine's Event**  
9 a.m. at Orlando  
BOGO day passes for indoor rock climbing.

**Young Naturalist Explorers: Wild About Wetlands**  
9:30 a.m. at 1300 S. Denning



Courtesy of City Food Hall

Daylite Love Fest will bring a full day of music, food, and community beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at City Food Hall in Orlando.

**Drive, Winter Park**  
A hands-on program exploring wetlands and wildlife.

**Family Studio at Rollins Museum of Art**  
10 a.m. in Winter Park  
An interactive gallery experience and art activity for ages 5-10.

**Daylite Love Fest**  
10 a.m. at 1412 Alden Road, Orlando  
A community event featuring live music and food.

**Pop-Up Plant Clinic**  
10:15 a.m. at 805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden  
Master Gardeners answer plant care questions. Free.

**Cookies & Milk with a Cop**  
11 a.m. at 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka  
A family-friendly storytime with Apopka police officers.

**Indie-Folkfest**  
Noon at 900 E. Princeton St., Orlando  
A free outdoor festival featuring live music, food, and family activities.

**Honey Tasting and Madeleine Cakes**  
1:30 p.m. at 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando  
Tasting event paired with cakes.

**Zafra: A Tribute to Afro-Puerto Rican Heritage**  
2 p.m. at 445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando  
A theatrical production honoring Puerto Rican cultural history.

**Downtown Cruise In**  
5 p.m. on Church Avenue, Longwood  
A free classic car show with music and food trucks.

**Make Matching Silver Rings**  
5:30 p.m. at 718 Highland Ave., Orlando  
A hands-on workshop creating matching silver rings.

**Valentine's Singles Mixer**  
6 p.m. at 390 N. Orange Ave., Orlando  
A Valentine's Day singles networking event.

**Monster Energy Outbreak: Joey Valence & Brae**  
6 p.m. at 46 N. Orange Ave.,

Orlando  
A live concert performance.

**One Love Concert**  
7 p.m. at 2150 Eustace Ave., Deltona  
A reggae concert featuring Rising Lion Reggae.

**Comedy Show**  
7 p.m. at 821 S. Kirkman Road, Orlando  
A Valentine's-themed stand-up comedy show.

**Mat Kerekes 10-Year Anniversary Tour**  
7 p.m. at 100 S. Eola Drive, Orlando  
A live concert celebrating the anniversary of "Luna."

Sunday, Feb. 15

**Marketplace of Magic**  
10 a.m. at 5250 International Drive, Orlando  
A Valentine's weekend market featuring local vendors and handmade goods.

**Celebrating Black Storytellers**  
Noon at 65 E. Central Blvd., Orlando  
A sensory-friendly museum program highlighting Black animators and storytellers.

**University Concert**  
7 p.m. at 4000 Central Florida Blvd., Orlando  
An evening of new and classic music by UCF bands.

**Poetry Open Mic**  
7:30 p.m. at 2000 S. Summerlin Ave., Orlando  
A monthly open mic featuring local poets and performers.

Baked chicken and deviled crab lead this week's recipes

Baked Chicken Breasts is an oven dish you will love. It comes from Margaret Reynolds in First Presbyterian Church of Apopka's *Treasures and Pleasures*. This recipe calls for some sugar that is added to enhance the flavor, but which you can probably cut down or omit if you don't use sugar.

From *TasteofHome.com*, we have Sharon Mensing's Party Mashed Potatoes. These are creamy and garlicky mashed potatoes that are perfect for a tailgate barbecue or potluck party. You *can* use instant potatoes, if you are so inclined, or peel and cook your own! Then mix them all up and bake with breadcrumbs and grated cheese sprinkled on top. If they are as good as they are touted to be by reviewers, you will be happy you tried it. The recipe doesn't call for salt and pepper, so be sure to take care of that little detail. Just taste as you go. For extra flavor, you may wish to add bacon, as reviewers mention, "Only one thing could make these savory mashed potatoes even more flavorful... a heaping pile of crumbled bacon! Smoky and salty, crumbled bacon adds both texture and flavor." It all adds up to "heavenly."

Jane Bradley says in her book *Southern Style*, "This recipe (for Dixie Deviled Crab) was given to me by my Great-Aunt Florence (Mrs. Blyth Noe) of Washington, North Carolina. In the early days of local T.V., Aunt Florence did a thirty-minute cooking segment on the Hospitality House show. She did this 'live' four days a week!" Jane says, "This is the easiest recipe for the most delicious deviled crab I've ever eaten! It can be baked in a casserole or in scallop shells as a main dish, or in clam shells as a first course. Aunt Florence prefers to use shells, but the health department frowns on this practice unless you are picking the crab yourself. Aunt Florence says that *clam shells* stay hotter longer because of their thickness. You can substitute ceramic or glass shells, available at specialty cookware stores."

Here is a recipe for Breakfast Tacos from Malaga Street Depot in St. Augustine that looks... not only delicious, quick,

and simple... but *nutritious*. It comes from *Country Cookin'* by Joyce L. Young. It is a recipe for one person, so double or triple it according to your need. I have a young bachelor friend (Mike) who often starts the day with a similar recipe. (I think Mike buys his picante sauce.) The most work for you will be grating a little cheese and cutting up some green pepper and onion. Then use a whisk or a fork to beat a couple of eggs. There is also a recipe for the picante sauce they use that looks good! For ease and speedy preparation, you can use a jarred picante sauce from the grocery store.

This dressed-up Spinach Salad is a favorite for many of our readers. There is just something *special* about a sweet and tangy dressing that fairly *makes* the salad! This one (with only four ingredients!) is from *Savannah Style*, and it looks fit for a special occasion.

**MARGARET REYNOLDS' BAKED CHICKEN BREASTS**  
Recipe from 1990 Presbyterian Women First Presbyterian Church of Apopka *Treasures and Pleasures*  
**4 whole chicken breasts**  
**1/2 cup melted butter or margarine**  
**1 cup flour**  
**1 teaspoon garlic salt**  
**1 teaspoon seasoned salt**  
**2 tablespoons sugar**  
**1 teaspoon savory**  
**1 teaspoon basil**  
**1 (10-1/2 ounce) can chicken broth**  
**Slivered almonds**

Bone chicken breasts and cut in half. Allow one or two halves per person. Dip breasts in slightly cooled melted butter. Roll in flour mixed with seasonings. Dip in melted butter again. Tuck ends of breasts under and place skin side up in baking dish. Pour chicken broth about two-thirds way up in baking dish. Bake for about three hours at 250 degrees to 275 degrees. Sprinkle with almonds during last hour of baking. Serves four to five.

**SHARON MENSING'S PARTY MASHED POTATOES**  
Recipe from TasteofHome.com  
**4 cups mashed potatoes (8 to 10 large)**

**or 4 cups prepared instant potatoes**  
**1 cup sour cream**  
**1 package (8 ounces) softened cream cheese**  
**1 teaspoon minced chives**  
**1/4 teaspoon garlic powder**  
**1/4 cup dry breadcrumbs**  
**1 tablespoon butter, melted**  
**1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese**

1) Mix and season the potatoes. In a large bowl, combine the potatoes, sour cream, cream cheese, chives and garlic powder. 2) Turn the potatoes into a greased two-quart casserole. 3) Combine the breadcrumbs with butter and sprinkle over the potatoes. 4) Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 50 to 60 minutes. 5) Top with the cheddar cheese and serve immediately.

**DIXIE DEVILED CRAB**  
Recipe from Southern Style by Jane Bradley  
**1 pound crabmeat**  
**2 tablespoons mayonnaise**  
**1 teaspoon yellow mustard**  
**1 jar (4 ounces) pimento, chopped, with the juice**  
**1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce**  
**2 large eggs, beaten**  
**Salt and pepper to taste**  
**Butter for the dish**

1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. 2) Pick any bits of shell or cartilage out of crab. Place crab in a large bowl. Add remaining ingredients. Using a fork, mix very well. Pour into buttered casserole or shells and bake for 30 minutes or until nicely browned and a knife, when inserted in middle of casserole, comes out clean. Individual shells will cook in 20 to 25 minutes. Serve immediately. 3) Spray shells with vegetable spray for easy clean-up. You can also give filled shells a quick spray to aid in browning and to keep crab moist. NOTE: Substitute 1 pound *canned* crabmeat if fresh is unavailable. Serves: 4 (casserole, scallop or ceramic shells) or fills 12 clam shells.

**BREAKFAST TACOS**  
Recipe from Malaga Street Depot in St. Augustine *Country Cookin'* by Joyce L. Young  
**2 eggs (beaten)**  
**1/4 cup green peppers (diced)**

**1/4 cup onions (diced)**  
**1 corn tortilla**  
**3 tablespoons refried beans**  
**1/3 cup cheddar cheese (shredded)**  
**Picante sauce (see recipe below)**

1) Combine eggs, green pepper, and onions on griddle or in saute pan, then cook. 2) Heat corn tortilla briefly on griddle. 3) Place tortilla on plate. Top with the eggs and 3 tablespoons of refried beans. Fold in sides to seal. 4) Top with shredded cheese and a liberal amount of picante sauce. 5) Place under broiler for a few seconds. Serves 1.

**Picante Sauce:**  
**1 green pepper (diced)**  
**1 small onion (diced)**  
**3-4 Jalapeno peppers (minced)**  
**1 clove garlic (crushed)**  
**28 ounce can pear-shaped tomatoes (crushed with hand)**  
**1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar**  
**2 teaspoons oregano**  
**1 bay leaf**  
**Dash ground cumin**  
**1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon fresh cilantro (may substitute fresh parsley)**  
**Juice of one lemon**

Mix all ingredients for picante sauce together. NOTE: The picante sauce can be kept in the refrigerator for future use. You will find many uses for it (it's great for dipping tortilla chips).

**SPINACH SALAD**  
Recipe from *Savannah Style, a Cookbook by The Junior League of Savannah, Inc.*  
**1 pound fresh spinach, washed and drained**  
**2 apples, peeled and diced**  
**8 slices bacon, fried and crumbled**  
**1/2 cup almonds, slivered and sauteed in bacon grease**  
**2 green onions, sliced**  
**Dressing:**  
**1 cup oil**  
**3 tablespoons sugar**  
**2-2/3 teaspoons dry mustard**  
**5 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon cider vinegar**  
Blend dressing thoroughly and toss lightly over salad.



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**NOTICE OF SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE**  
Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.585, **A.X.K Collision Center LLC**, will sell at public sale for cash the following described vehicle(s) 2016 Volkswagen Jetta Sport Vin#3VWVD17AJ1GM394840 located at lienor's place to satisfy a claim of lien. Lien Amt: \$8,182.15. Sale Date: March 9th, 2026 08:00 AM. At Location Address 805 South Park Ave Apopka Fl 32703 and phone # 407-501-1530. Said Vehicle (s) may be redeemed by satisfying the lien prior to sale date. You have the right to a hearing at any time prior to sale date by filing a demand for hearing in the circuit court. Owner has the right to recover possession of the vehicle by posting a bond in accordance with F.S. 559.917. Any proceeds in excess of the amount of the lien will be deposited with the Clerk of Circuit Court in the county where the vehicle is held. February 13, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: BARTLETT TOWING, INC** gives notice that on **03/05/2026** at 08:30 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 2252 APOPKA BLVD, STE B, APOPKA, FL 32703 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. **2013 NISS 3N1CN7AP3DL880089**  
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February 13, 2026

**NOTICE OF SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE**  
Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.585, **Auto Service Orlando LLC**, will sell at public sale for cash the following described vehicle(s) **2008 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER** Vin#JA4MS41X78Z0T11643 located at lienor's place to satisfy a claim of lien. Lien Amt: \$3,351.00. Sale Date: March 12, 2026 08:00 AM. At Location Address 800 West Landstreet Rd Orlando Fl 32824 and phone # 407-956-0278 - # 407-728-2730. Said Vehicle (s) may be redeemed by satisfying the lien prior to sale date. You have the right to a hearing at any time prior to sale date by filing a demand for hearing in the circuit court. Owner has the right to recover possession of the vehicle by posting a bond in accordance with F.S. 559.917. Any proceeds in excess of the amount of the lien will be deposited with the Clerk of Circuit Court in the county where the vehicle is held. February 13, 2026

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**Public Notice**  
is hereby given that **Johnsons Wrecker Service**, will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION, free of all prior liens, the following vehicle(s)/ vessel(s) that remain, unclaimed in storage, with charges unpaid, pursuant to Florida JTStatutes, Sec 713.78, to the highest bidder. The sale will be held at 580 Wilmer Avenue, Orlando, FL 32808 The following vehicle(s) will be sold on 02/26/2026 at 0700. **Year Make VIN**  
**2012 Kawasaki**  
JKAZXCJ19CA012202  
**2001 Ford**  
1FTYR10U71PB12272  
**2015 Ford**  
1FMCU9GX8FUA65863  
**2018 TCCT**  
1XNC20T4XJ081813  
**2015 Ford**  
2FMPK4K86FBC19504  
**2016 Dodge**  
3CAPDDAG2GT192914  
**1995 Chevrolet**  
1GBKP32V6S3315044  
**2014 Honda**  
1HGCRC2F3EA244862  
**2016 Nissan**  
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**2003 Chevrolet**  
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**2019 Yamaha**  
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**2009 Hyundai**  
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**2009 Toyota**  
JTDBL40E79J010549  
**2011 Honda**  
5FNYF3H9XBB002414  
Terms of the sale are CASH. No checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. ALL SALES are FINAL. No refunds will be made. Vehicle(s)/ vessel(s) are sold "AS IS", "WHERE IS", with no guarantees, either expressed or implied. February 13, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**File No. 2025-CP-002615-O**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF GUY LAWRENCE RENO, SR.**  
**Deceased.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the Estate of Guy Lawrence Reno, Sr., deceased, whose date of death was April 27, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
The date of first publication of this notice is February 13, 2026.  
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Hallie L. Zobel  
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PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes.  
All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
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The date of first publication of this notice is February 6, 2026.  
Personal Representative:  
Kathryn Pepke  
4621 Barbados Loop  
Clermont, Florida 34711  
**Attorney for Personal Representative:**  
/s/ Merideth C. Nagel  
Merideth C. Nagel, Esq.  
Florida Bar Number 0113141  
Merideth Nagel &  
The Legacy Legal Team  
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Service@MNagellaw.com  
February 6, 13, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**  
**File No. 2025-CP-4077**  
**Division Probate**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH VINCENT D'ORSO A.K.A. JOSEPH V. D'ORSO**  
**Deceased.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of Joseph Vincent D'Orso a.k.a. Joseph V. D'Orso, deceased, whose date of death was October 11, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.  
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
The date of first publication of this notice is February 6, 2026.  
Personal Representative:  
Christopher D'Orso  
9660 Castle Way Dr  
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**Attorney for Personal Representative:**  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF LISA ANNE SANISLOW**  
**File No. 2025-CP-2702-O**  
**Probate Division**  
**Deceased.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the Estate of LISA ANNE SANISLOW, deceased on March 25, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's Estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's Estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
**ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.**  
The date of first publication of this notice is February 6, 2026.  
Ashley Schanck,  
Personal Representative  
351 Edison Pl.  
Hope Mills, NC 28348  
**Andre T. Young, ESQ.,**  
Attorney for Personal Representative,  
The Young Law Firm of Florida LLC,  
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Suite 200,  
Orlando, FL 32803  
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February 6, 13, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**  
**File No. 2025-CP-002692-O**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF HARVEY BRODSKY**  
**Deceased.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of Harvey Brodsky, deceased, whose date of death was January 3, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
The date of first publication of this notice is February 13, 2026.  
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February 13, 20, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**  
**File No. 2026-CP-000226-O**  
**Division**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES GLENN GUTHRIE**  
**Deceased.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of Charles Glenn Guthrie, deceased, whose date of death was December 8, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk's Office / Probate, Orange County Courthouse - #355, P.O. Box 4994, Orlando, FL 32802-4994. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.  
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
The date of first publication of this notice is February 6, 2026.  
Personal Representative: Maryann M. Guthrie  
517 Sand Wedge Loop  
Apopka, Florida 32712  
**Attorney for Personal Representative:**  
William J. McLeod Attorney  
Florida Bar Number:322024  
MCLEOD MCLEOD & MCLEOD PA  
48 E. Main Street  
APOPKA, FL 32703  
Telephone: (407) 886-3300  
Fax: (407) 886-0087  
E-Mail: wjm@mcleodlawfirm.com  
Secondary E-Mail: sallen@mcleodlawfirm.com  
February 6, 13, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**  
**File No. 2026-CP-000076-O**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF GREGORY V. SCHANCK,**  
**Deceased.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the Estate of **GREGORY V. SCHANCK**, whose date of death was July 21, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division (File No. 2026-CP-000076-O), the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801. The Name and address of Petitioner and the Petitioner's attorney are set forth below.  
**ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:**  
All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the administration, the qualifications of the petitioners, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
**ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.**  
The date of first publication of this notice is February 6, 2026.  
Ashley Schanck,  
Personal Representative  
351 Edison Pl.  
Hope Mills, NC 28348  
**Andre T. Young, ESQ.,**  
Attorney for Personal Representative,  
The Young Law Firm of Florida LLC,  
815 N. Magnolia Ave,  
Suite 200,  
Orlando, FL 32803  
Telephone: 407-422-4000,  
Fax: 888-767-9627  
Email: atyoung@younglawfl.com  
Secondary: service@younglawfl.com  
February 6, 13, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**  
**File No. 2025-CP-002692-O**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF HARVEY BRODSKY**  
**Deceased.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of Harvey Brodsky, deceased, whose date of death was January 3, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE

TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
The date of first publication of this notice is February 6, 2026.  
Personal Representative: Pauline Brodsky  
4790 66th Lane,  
Vero Beach, Florida 32967  
**Attorney for Personal Representative:**  
/s/ John A. Morey  
John A. Morey, Esquire Attorney  
Florida Bar Number: 41691  
250 N. Orange Ave.  
Suite 1220  
Orlando, FL 32801  
Telephone: (407) 426-7222  
Fax: (407) 426-7789  
E-Mail: johnamorey@gmail.com  
Secondary E-Mail: service@moreylawfirm.com  
February 6, 13, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**  
**File No. 2025-CP-000051-O**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF JASSON GILBERT SIERRA**  
**Deceased.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of Jasson Gilbert Sierra, deceased, whose date of death was September 17, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
The date of first publication of this notice is February 6, 2026  
Personal Representative: Jasila Velez Sierra  
10700 Fairhaven Way  
Orlando, Florida 32825  
**Attorney for Personal Representative:**  
/s/ John A. Morey  
John A. Morey, Esquire Attorney  
Florida Bar Number: 41691  
250 N. Orange Ave.  
Suite 1220  
Orlando, FL 32801  
Telephone: (407) 426-7222  
Fax: (407) 426-7789  
E-Mail: johnamorey@gmail.com  
Secondary E-Mail: service@moreylawfirm.com  
February 6, 13, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**  
**File No. 2025-CP-001729-O**  
**Division Probate**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF RAFAEL BAEZ SOTO**  
**Deceased.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of RAFAEL BAEZ SOTO, deceased, whose date of death was January 1, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for ORANGE County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.  
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
The date of first publication of this notice is February 6, 2026.  
Personal Representative: /s/ Cesar Baez  
CESAR BAEZ  
4468 Ligustrum Way  
Orlando, Florida 32839  
**Attorney for Personal Representative:**  
/s/Aimee Hitchner  
Aimee Collins Hitchner  
Florida Bar No. 879169  
Alexandra Fox  
Florida Bar No. 1040188  
Attorneys for Petitioner  
Email: ahtitchner@maynardnexusen.com, afox@maynardnexusen.com, hyates@maynardnexusen.com  
Maynard Nexsen PC  
200 East New England Avenue, Suite 300  
Winter Park, FL 32789  
Telephone: 407-647-2777  
February 6, 13, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 2025-CA-011906-O**  
**DIV NO.: 35**  
**MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**LORI PARKER-GLADSTEIN aka LORI (NMN) PARKER-GLADSTEIN, et. al., Defendants.**  
**NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT I**

TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: **TO: LORI PARKER-LADSTEIN aka LORI (NMN) PARKER-GLADSTEIN** 26984 PEBBLE BEACH DRIVE VALENCIA, CA 91381  
The above named Defendant is not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a mortgage and for other relief relative to the following described property: **COUNT I**  
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: N87228 & N87229 & N87230 & N92740) in the MVC Trust (Trust) evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain Amended and Restated MVC Trust Agreement dated August 22, 2019, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a. MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, Page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida (Trust Memorandum). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2023 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement). **AND**  
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: S57150 & S57151 & S57152 & S57201) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation notfor-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, Page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement). **AND** you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
DATED on this 5th day of February, 2026.  
Tiffany Moore Russell  
Clerk of the Court  
BY: /s/ Rasheda Thomas  
As Deputy Clerk  
Tiffany Moore Russell,  
Clerk of Courts  
Civil Division  
425 N Orange Ave  
Room 350  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
DATED on this 5th day of FEBRUARY, 2026.  
Tiffany Moore Russell  
Clerk of the Court  
BY: /s/ Rosa Avilés  
Deputy Clerk  
Civil Division  
425 N. Orange Avenue  
Room 350  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
Ph. (407) 244-5198  
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HK#126435.9540/MP115  
February 13, 20, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO. 2026-CA-001028-O**  
**DIV NO.: 37**  
**MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**CYNTHIA D. NEWTON, et. al., Defendants.**  
**NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT I**  
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: **PO TO: ALLIE J. CAMPBELL, DECEASED** PO BOX 091215 MILWAUKEE, WI 53209-9215  
The above named Defendant is believed to be dead and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose for other relief relative to the following described property: **COUNT I**  
**Unit Week 46'X in Unit 1319, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.**  
AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter,

otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
DATED on this 6th day of February, 2026.  
Tiffany Moore Russell  
Clerk of the Court  
BY: /s/ Rasheda Thomas  
As Deputy Clerk  
Tiffany Moore Russell,  
Clerk of Courts  
Civil Division  
425 N Orange Ave  
Room 350  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
Ph. (407) 244-5198  
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 2130, Orlando, Florida 32801, telephone (407) 836-2303 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this document. If hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.  
THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HK#110523.2016/GV242  
February 13, 20, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO. 2025-CA-012379-O**  
**DIV NO.: 37**  
**MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of HAO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**TONY WANYIU CHENG, et. al., Defendants.**  
**NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT V**  
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANTS WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: **TO: BRYAN C. CAPRICE** 2309 HICKORY ROAD ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401  
**AND LEAH B. CAPRICE** 1286 PATAPSCO ROAD ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401  
The above named Defendants are not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property: **COUNT V**  
**Unit Week 16'X in Unit 1411, in HAO CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 6017 at Page 0143 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.**  
AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
DATED on this 3RD day of FEBRUARY, 2



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ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-011906-O  
DIV NO.: 35  
**MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.**  
**Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**LORI PARKER-GLADSTEIN aka LORI**  
**(NMN) PARKER-GLADSTEIN, et. al.,**  
**Defendants.**  
**NOTICE OF ACTION BY**  
**PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT VIII**  
**TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT**  
**WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:**  
**TO: ELISA T. RAMIREZ**  
8345 VANPORT AVE  
WHITTIER, CA 90606  
**AND**  
**ELENA Z. VARGAS**  
8345 VANPORT AVE  
WHITTIER, CA 90606  
The above named Defendants are not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a mortgage and for other relief relative to the following described property:  
**COUNT VIII**  
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: D95623 & D95624 & D95625 & D95626) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2020 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).  
AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
DATED on this 6th day of February, 2026. Tiffany Moore Russell  
Clerk of the Court  
BY: /s/ Nancy Garcia  
As Deputy Clerk  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
CONFORMED COPY TO:  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP  
200 S. Orange Avenue,  
Suite 2600  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
Ph. (407) 244-5198  
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
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February 13, 20, 2026

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE 9TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001867-O  
ASANTAE FERREL,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
LATCHMAN SINGH,  
Defendants,  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I, JOHN W. MINA, as Sheriff of Orange County, Florida, under and in virtue of a Judgment and Writ of Execution, therein issued out of the above entitled Court in the above styled cause, dated the 17 th day of September, 2025, and have levied upon the following described real property, situated, lying and being in Orange County, Florida, to-wit: Any and all of the right, title and interest of LATCHMAN SINGH, in and to the following described real property, to-wit:  
**Lot 16, Stonebriar, Phase 1, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 63, Pages 8 through 11, Public Records of Orange County, Florida; with a physical address of 3825 Pyrite Dr., Orlando FL 32826-5300. SUBJECT TO ALL TAXES, JUDGMENTS, LIENS OF RECORD OR OTHER ENCUMBRANCES. PURCHASER TO PAY FOR DEED.**  
as the property of the above named defendant, of LATCHMAN SINGH, and that on the 24th day of February 2026, beginning at ten thirty o'clock in the forenoon or soon there-after on said day at **Civil Process Unit, 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 240, Orlando, Florida 32801**, in Orange County, Florida, I will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder at hand for cash on demand the above described property of said defendant, to satisfy said Judgment and Writ of Execution. Prospective bidders may register the day of the sale between the hours 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Civil Process Unit, 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 240, Orlando, Florida 32801.  
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Eric Nieves or Anestajia Williams, Civil Process Sales Coordinator not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at Orange County Sheriff's Office, at the address given on notice. Telephone: (407)836-4570; if hearing impaired 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.  
JOHN W. MINA, as Sheriff  
Orange County, Florida  
BY: Sgt. Norberto Gonzalez  
As Deputy Sheriff  
January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 2025-CA-004346-O  
DIV NO.: 40  
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, vs.

Plaintiff,  
JOHN S. TOMASELLO, et al.,  
Defendants.  
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VIII  
TO: LEONARD L. ZURKO  
6165 ACATELLO PL  
POLAND, OH 44514  
LYNDA J. ZURKO,  
DECEASED  
6165 ACATELLO PL  
POLAND, OH 44514  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 29, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-004346-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:  
**COUNT VIII**  
8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 012920 & 012921 & 012922 & 012923 & 012924 & 012925 & 012926 & 012927) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC I Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2017 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).  
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 12th of March, 2026 online at [www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com](http://www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com). Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on January 30, 2026.  
DATED January 30, 2026  
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
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February 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 2025-CA-012379-O  
DIV NO.: 37  
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of HAO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs.  
TONY WANYIU CHENG, et. al.,  
Defendants.  
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT IV  
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT  
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:  
TO: DONNA M. CONQUEST  
7251 NE 92ND CT  
BRONSON, FL 32621-0722  
The above named Defendant is not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property:  
**COUNT IV**  
**Unit Week 06 in Unit 1019, in HAO CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 6017 at Page 0143 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.**  
AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
DATED on this 29th day of January, 2026. Tiffany Moore Russell  
Clerk of the Court  
BY: /s/ Nancy Garcia  
As Deputy Clerk  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
CONFORMED COPY TO:  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP  
200 S. Orange Avenue,  
Suite 2600  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
Ph. (407) 244-5198  
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
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MRHC #ORANGE  
February 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 2025-CA-004346-O  
DIV NO.: 40  
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, vs.

ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs.  
JOHN S. TOMASELLO, et al.,  
Defendants.  
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT II  
TO: LENA SAUNDERS  
75 LAROCQUE STREET  
ALFRED, ON KOB 1A0  
CANADA  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 29, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-004346-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:  
**COUNT II**  
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: EG1112 & EG1113 & EG1114 & EG1115 & EG8040 & EG8041) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2023 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).  
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 12th day of March, 2026 online at [www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com](http://www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com). Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on January 30, 2026.  
DATED January 30, 2026  
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
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MRHC #ORANGE  
February 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 2025-CA-004346-O  
DIV NO.: 40  
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs.  
JOHN S. TOMASELLO, et al.,  
Defendants.  
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT X  
TO: DUSTIN EARL SOLT  
174 COTTAGE LN  
LODI, CA 95242-9716  
JENNIFER NICOLE SOLT  
174 COTTAGE LN  
LODI, CA 95242-9716  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 29, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-004346-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:  
**COUNT X**  
8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: P60501 & P60502 & P60503 & P60504 & P60505 & P60506 & P60507 & P60508) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of April 01, 2017 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).  
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 12th day of March, 2026 online at [www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com](http://www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com). Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on January 30, 2026.  
DATED January 30, 2026  
/s/Edward M. Fitzgerald  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
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February 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-007841-O  
SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC., Plaintiff, vs.  
CARMEN AQUINO A/K/A CARMEN M. AQUINO; ROBERTO AQUINO BARRETO; FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL

OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et.al., Defendant(s).  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 27, 2026, entered in Civil Case No.: 2025-CA-007841-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC., Plaintiff, and CARMEN AQUINO A/K/A CARMEN M. AQUINO; ROBERTO AQUINO BARRETO; FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 N/K/A STURGEON TIMOTHY, are Defendants. TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, The Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at [www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com](http://www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com), at 11:00 AM, on the 10th day of March, 2026, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT 1, BLOCK B, SKY ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK V, PAGE 37, PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. If you fail to file a timely claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After the funds are reported as unclaimed, only the owner of record as of the date of the Lis Pendens may claim the surplus.  
If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation, you are entitled to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the address or phone number below at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving an official notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
Ninth Circuit Court Administration  
ADA Coordinator  
Orange County Courthouse  
425 N. Orange Avenue,  
Suite 510,  
Orlando, Florida, 32801  
(407) 836-2303  
Dated: January 28, 2026  
/s/ Brian L. Rosaler  
By: Brian L. Rosaler  
Florida Bar No.: 0174882.  
Attorney for Plaintiff:  
Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire  
Popkin & Rosaler, P.A.  
1701 West Hillsboro  
Boulevard  
Suite 400  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442  
Telephone: (954) 360-9030  
Facsimile: (954) 420-5187  
25-52179  
**Published in:**  
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February 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-011906-O  
DIV NO.: 35  
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff, vs.  
LORI PARKER-GLADSTEIN aka LORI (NMN) PARKER-GLADSTEIN, et. al., Defendants.  
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT III  
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT  
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:  
TO: CLARK JASON THOMPSON  
2211 LUZ WAY  
OCEANSIDE, CA 92056  
The above named Defendant is not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a mortgage and for other relief relative to the following described property:  
**COUNT III**  
14 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: L92133 & L92134 & L92135 & L92136 & L92137 & L94044 & L94045 & L94046 & L94849 & L94850 & L94851 & L94852 & M04842 & M04843) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 3500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of July 01, 2016 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).  
AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
DATED on this 5th day of February, 2026. Tiffany Moore Russell  
Clerk of the Court  
BY: /s/ Rasheda Thomas  
As Deputy Clerk  
Tiffany Moore Russell,  
Clerk of Courts  
Civil Division  
425 N Orange Ave  
Room 350  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
CONFORMED COPY TO:  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP  
200 S. Orange Avenue,  
Suite 2600  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
Ph. (407) 244-5198  
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
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February 13, 20, 2026

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 2024-CC-010799-O  
ALFONSO CONTRERAS,  
Plaintiff,  
LUIS GERARDO MONCADA GOMEZ and MARIA DANIELA VARGAS,  
Defendants.  
NOTICE OF ACTION  
TO: LUIS GERARDO MONCADA GOMEZ  
11823 Chateaubriand Ave.,  
Orlando, FL 32836  
**TO: MARIA DANIELA VARGAS**  
11823 Chateaubriand Ave.,  
Orlando, FL 32836  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an action for Damages for Breach of Contract and Property Damage has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on John A. Morey, Esq., of the Morey Law Firm, P.A., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 250 N. Orange Ave., Suite 1220, Orlando, FL 32801, on or before March 9, 2026, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.  
January 21, 2026  
Tiffany Moore Russell,  
Clerk of Courts  
/s/ Sandra Jackson  
Deputy Clerk  
**Civil Division**  
425 N Orange Ave  
Room 350  
Orlando, FL 32801  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
**Exhibit "A"**  
January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 2025-CA-004346-O  
DIV NO.: 40  
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs.  
JOHN S. TOMASELLO, et al., Defendants.  
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT V  
TO: GUY D'ERRICO, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF GUY D'ERRICO, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 2085 EARN SWALLOW RD SUMMERVILLE SOUTH CAROLINA 29483-9161  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 29, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-004346-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:  
**COUNT V**  
16 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: I89910 & I89911 & I89912 & I89913 & I89914 & I89915 & I89916 & I89917 & I89918 & I89919 & I89920 & I89921 & I89922 & I89923 & I89924 & I89925) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 4000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of July 1, 2015 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).  
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 12th of March, 2026 online at [www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com](http://www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com). Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on January 30, 2026.  
DATED January 30, 2026.  
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
OUR FILE #129710.0120  
MRHC #ORANGE  
February 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 2024-CA-005729-O  
DIV NO.: 48  
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs.  
JANEE E. STEMPLE  
Defendants.  
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VIII  
TO: JANEE E. STEMPLE  
222 STANTON DRIVE  
BUFFALO GROVE, ILLINOIS 60089  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 3, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-005729-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:  
**COUNT VIII**  
10 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 686530 & 686531 & 686532 & 686533 & 686534 & 686535 & 686536 & 686537 & 686538 & 686539) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and

further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2013 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).  
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 18th day of March, 2026 online at [www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com](http://www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com). Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on February 4, 2026.  
DATED February 4, 2026.  
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
OUR FILE #129710.0086  
MRHC #ORANGE  
February 13, 20, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-011906-O  
DIV NO.: 35  
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff, vs.  
LORI PARKER-GLADSTEIN aka LORI (NMN) PARKER-GLADSTEIN, et. al., Defendants.  
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT IX  
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT  
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:  
TO: FRANK PADGETT JR.  
43801 WATER BAY TER  
LEESBURG, VA 20176  
**AND**  
SHERINE D. PADGETT  
43801 WATER BAY TER  
LEESBURG, VA 20176  
The above named Defendants are not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a mortgage and for other relief relative to the following described property:  
**COUNT IX**  
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: B12110 & B12111 & B12112 & B12113) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of September 01, 2020 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).  
AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
DATED on this 9 day of February, 2026. Tiffany Moore Russell,  
Clerk of Courts  
/s/ Takhiana Didier  
Deputy Clerk  
425 N Orange Ave  
Room 350  
Orlando, FL 32801  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
CONFORMED COPY TO:  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP  
200 S. Orange Avenue,  
Suite 2600  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
Ph. (407) 244-5198  
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
HK#126435.9566/MP115  
February 13, 20, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 2025-CA-002570-O  
DIV NO.: 36  
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of HAO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs.  
MICHAEL J. GREEN, et al., Defendants.  
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VI  
TO: RIENTS A. HOFSTEDE  
PERSPECTIEF 12  
ZEEWOLDE 3892GD



NETHERLANDS  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 28, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-002570-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:  
**COUNT VI**  
**Unit Week 36 in Unit 3114, in HAO CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 6017 at Page 0143 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.**  
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. 12th day of March, 2026 online at [www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com](http://www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com). Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on January 28, 2026.  
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
OUR FILE #110528.0808  
MRHC #ORANGE  
February 6, 13, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 2025-CA-004346-O**  
**DIV NO.: 40**  
**MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**JOHN S. TOMASELLO, et al., Defendants.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VII TO: CHARLES T. TEASLEY, TRUSTEE OF THE KARLA A. TEASLEY TRUST U/T/A 1/10/2019**  
924 CURRAN AVE  
SAINT LOUIS,  
MO 63122-2813  
**KARLA A. TEASLEY, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF KARLA A. TEASLEY, DECEASED,**  
AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT  
53 WOLFE CREEK CT  
GLEN CARBON,  
ILLINOIS 62034  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 29, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-004346-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:  
**COUNT VII**  
Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 13 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: L19804 & L19805 & L19806 & L19807 & L19808 & L19809 & L19810 & L19811 & L19812 & L19813 & L19814 & L19815 & L19816) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 3250 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings Bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust

Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, Page 4176, (Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of February 1, 2016 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).  
**AND**  
15 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: T63607 & T63608 & T63609 & T63610 & T63611 & T64552 & T64601 & T64602 & T64603 & T64604 & T64605 & T64606 & T64607 & T64608 & T64609) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 3750 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings Bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, Page 4176, (Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of February 01, 2019 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).  
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 12th of March, 2026 online at [www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com](http://www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com). Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on January 30, 2026.  
DATED January 30, 2026.  
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
OUR FILE #129710.0122  
MRHC #ORANGE  
February 6, 13, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO. 2025-CA-002570-O**  
**DIV NO.: 36**  
**MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of HAO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**MICHAEL J. GREEN, et al., Defendants.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VII TO: THOMAS P FAULKNER, DECEASED,**  
THE ESTATE OF THOMAS P. FAULKNER, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT C/O TRACY A. FAULKNER, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF ESTATE OF THOMAS P. FAULKNER,  
2514 GLEN ARBOR DR. LIMA, OHIO 45805-3606  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 28, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-002570-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:  
**COUNT VII**  
**Unit Week 48 in Unit 2941, in HAO CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 6017 at Page 0143 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.**

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 12th of March, 2026 online at [www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com](http://www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com). Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on January 28, 2026.  
DATED January 28, 2026.  
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
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MRHC #ORANGE  
February 6, 13, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 2025-CA-002956-O**  
**NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**FELIX DIAZ MARTINEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FELIX DIAZ MARTINEZ; SOMERSET PARK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; GOODLEAP, LLC; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et.al., Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 27, 2026, entered in Civil Case No.: 2025-CA-002956-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff, and FELIX DIAZ MARTINEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FELIX DIAZ MARTINEZ; SOMERSET PARK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; GOODLEAP, LLC; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1, are Defendants. TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, The Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at [www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com](http://www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com), at 11:00 AM, on the 26th day of February, 2026, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT 36, SOMERSET PARK PHASE 3, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 91, PAGES 87 THROUGH 95, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. If you fail to file a timely claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After the funds are reported as unclaimed, only the owner of record as of the date of the Lis Pendens may claim the surplus.  
If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation, you are entitled to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the address or phone number below at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving an official notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
Ninth Circuit Court Administration  
ADA Coordinator  
Orange County Courthouse  
425 N. Orange Avenue,  
Suite 510,  
Orlando, Florida, 32801  
(407) 836-2303  
Dated: January 27, 2026  
/s/ Brian L. Rosaler  
By: Brian L. Rosaler  
Florida Bar No.: 0174882.  
Attorney for Plaintiff:  
Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire  
Popkin & Rosaler, P.A.  
1701 West Hillsboro  
Boulevard

Suite 400  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442  
Telephone: (954) 360-9030  
Facsimile: (954) 420-5187  
25-52048  
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February 6, 13, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 2025- CA-004914-O**  
**THE SANCTUARY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**EUGENE JACKSON BAZEMORE, SR. CO-TRUSTEE OF THE BAZEMORE FAMILY TRUST DATED OCTOBER 13, 2022, et al., Defendant(s).**  
**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45, FLORIDA STATUTES**

Notice is given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated JANUARY 29, 2026, in Case No.: 2025-CA-004914-O of the Circuit Court in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein THE SANCTUARY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., is the Plaintiff and EUGENE JACKSON BAZEMORE, SR. CO-TRUSTEE OF THE BAZEMORE FAMILY TRUST DATED OCTOBER 13, 2022, et al., is/are the Defendant(s), Tiffany Moore Russell, the Clerk of Court for Orange County, Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on March 31, 2026 at 11:00 a.m., online at [www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com](http://www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com), in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, the following described property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure:  
**Unit 608, Phase VI, of the Sanctuary at Ventura, a Condominium according to the Declaration of Condominium of the Sanctuary, recorded December 27, 1993, in Official Records Book 4672, Page 1353, and as subsequently amended in Official Records Book 4715, Page 2263, Official Records Book 4832, Page 133, and Official Records Book 4850, Page 4677, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida.**

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.  
DATED: February 2, 2026  
By: /s/Jennifer Sinclair  
Jennifer Sinclair, Esquire  
Florida Bar No.: 29559  
IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT COURT ADMINISTRATION AT 425 N. ORANGE AVENUE, ROOM 2130, ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801, TELEPHONE: (407) 836-2303 WITHIN TWO (2) WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS DOCUMENT. IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 1-800-955-8771.  
ARIAS BOSINGER, PLLC  
280 W. Canton Avenue,  
Suite 330  
Winter Park, Florida 32789  
(407) 636-2549  
February 6, 13, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 2024-CA-008117-O**  
**NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**TASHEE TILLMON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TASHEE TILLMON; JUNIPER-ARBOR BEND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA; HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF SEMINOLE COUNTY AND GREATER APOPKA, FLORIDA, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et.al., Defendant(s).**

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 28, 2025 and an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 22, 2026, entered in Civil Case No.: 2024- CA-008117-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff, and TASHEE TILLMON; JUNIPER-ARBOR BEND

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA; HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF SEMINOLE COUNTY AND GREATER APOPKA, FLORIDA, INC., are Defendants.  
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, The Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at [www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com](http://www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com), at 11:00 AM, on the 31st day of March, 2026, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT 44, NEW HORIZONS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 94, PAGES 63 THROUGH 66, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. If you fail to file a timely claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After the funds are reported as unclaimed, only the owner of record as of the date of the Lis Pendens may claim the surplus.  
If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation, you are entitled to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the address or phone number below at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving an official notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
Ninth Circuit Court Administration  
ADA Coordinator  
Orange County Courthouse  
425 N. Orange Avenue,  
Suite 510,  
Orlando, Florida, 32801  
(407) 836-2303  
Dated: January 28, 2026  
/s/ Brian L. Rosaler  
By: Brian L. Rosaler  
Florida Bar No.: 0174882.  
Attorney for Plaintiff:  
Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire  
Popkin & Rosaler, P.A.  
1701 West Hillsboro  
Boulevard  
Suite 400  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442  
Telephone: (954) 360-9030  
Facsimile: (954) 420-5187  
24-51503  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**Case No.: 2025-DR-001028-O**  
**Division: 46**  
**YANA OKUNO, Petitioner, and ALEXANDER VOLF, Respondent.**  
**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE TO: ALEXANDER VOLF**  
6456 S GOLDENROD RD,  
UNIT A,  
ORLANDO, FL 32822

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Yana Okuno, whose address is 6456 S GOLDENROD RD, UNIT A, ORLANDO, FL 32822, on or before March 26, 2026, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 425 N Orange Ave, Orlando, FL 32801, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.  
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.  
You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.  
WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.  
Dated 2/2/2026  
Tiffany M. Russell  
Clerk of Court  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BY: Keydrah Gumbs {Deputy Clerk}

CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

**NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious Name of **GP Construction Group**, with a mailing address of 2468 Mallow Oak Ct, Apopka, FL 32712 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Jay Lazarre  
February 13, 2026

**NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of: **ADVENTURE ME MARIE** located at 6250 Edgewater Drive #3000, in the County of Orange, In the City of Orlando, Florida 32810, intends to register the above said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.  
Dated at Orlando, Florida, this 4th day of February, 2026. Owner's Name: Ready2Reid, LLC  
By: Natalie Reid, Managing Member  
February 13, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION**  
**CASE NUMBER: 2018-CP-002463-O**  
**DIVISION: Guardianship IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF CAROLYN A SMITH**  
**NOTICE OF DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED GUARDIANSHIP FUNDS DEPOSITED IN COURT REGISTRY**  
Notice is given that, pursuant to section 744.534, Florida Statutes, unclaimed guardianship funds from the following case remain on deposit in the registry of court: Guardianship of: **CAROLYN A SMITH**, Person Subject to Guardianship Case Number 2018-CP-002463-O, \$8,295.25 (less the cost of publication); **CAROLYN A SMITH**, as Guardian, deposited these funds per DINA CARLSON entered on 04/24/2025, on behalf of **CAROLYN A SMITH**.  
The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall deposit these funds with the State Treasurer no less than six months after the first publication of this notice, after deducting fees and any costs of publication. Within 10 years from the date of such deposit with the State Treasurer, any person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity entitled to such funds may obtain same by order of court and compliance with other applicable provisions of section 744.534, Florida Statutes. All funds deposited with the State Treasurer not claimed within 10 years from the date of deposit shall escheat to the state for the benefit of the State School Fund.  
Dated: on this the 10th day of February 2026  
Tiffany Moore Russell  
Orange County Clerk of the Circuit Court  
425 N. Orange Ave.,  
Ste. 335  
Orlando, FL 32801  
By: /s/ Mayra I Cruz  
Deputy Clerk  
February 13, March 13, 2026

**Notice Under Fictitious Name Law**  
Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **CITRUS CONCIERGE SERVICES** located at 13954 LANYARD WAY, in the County of ORANGE in the City of WINTER GARDEN Florida 34787, intends to register the above said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.  
Dated at WINTER GARDEN, Florida, this 9th day of FEBRUARY, 2026.  
OUR DAD'S DIME LLC  
February 13, 2026

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JT 0213-0306 TFN 21

## 32. HELP WANTED

**UPS PACKAGING** & receiving PT M-F. Sales clerk, telephone orders. Must live in Apopka. Spanish helpful. 407-889-0002 Ask for Jay.  
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## 130. REAL ESTATE

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B 0213-0306 IRV 131

## 133. HOMES FOR SALE

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## 136. MOBILE HOMES. RV'S FOR SALE

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cc0206-0227 KEL 136

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## 140. HOMES / DUPLEXES FOR RENT

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