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Man threatens to kill Nelson

Suspect held
without bond

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

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



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Mayor Bryan Nelson

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-

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,

ARREST, A5

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 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.

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

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Moore asks court to toss residency suit

Filing says
Nelson lawsuit
'weaponizes
judicial process'

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter



Photo by Dana O'Connor

County Commissioner
Christine Moore

plaint, Moore listed her ad-

dress 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 unincor-

porated 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.

"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-

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."

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

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Opinion

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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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Photo by J.C. Derrick

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.

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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

Columnist



Jake Vest

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

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, 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."

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 TheApopkaChief

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



Screenshot from video

Christine Moore



Photo by Dana O'Connor

Nick Nesta

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

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 & Hoooves 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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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 E 5th St., Apopka)

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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 Foggate 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

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- 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
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- 44. Lazybones

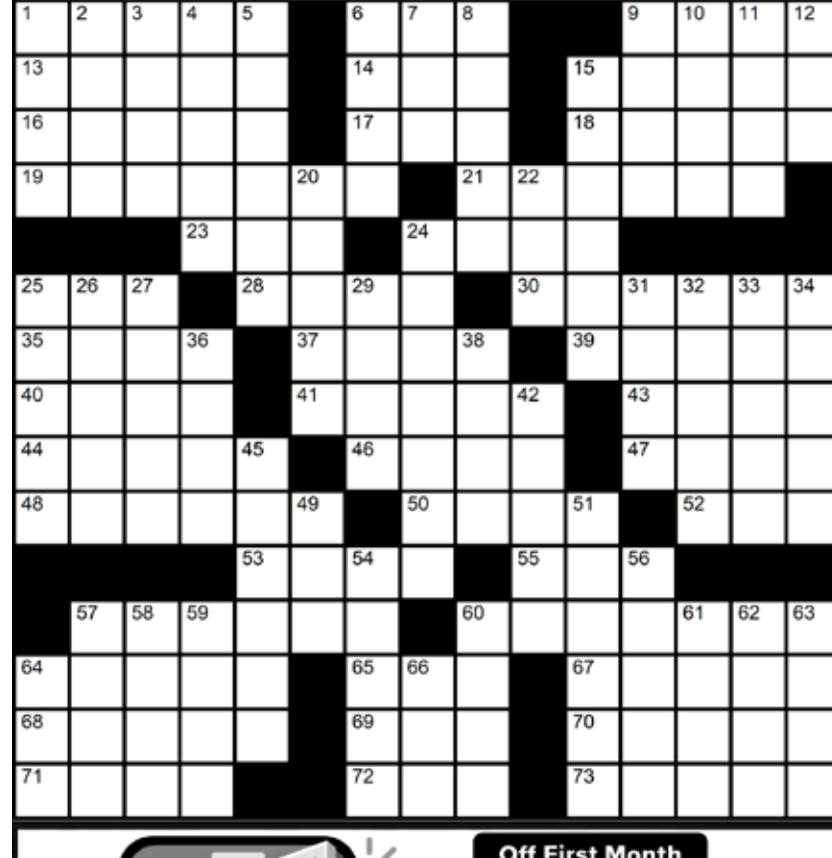
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- 53. Comfort
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- 60. *The 1990s, a.k.a. post-____ decade
- 64. Biblical patriarch
- 65. Sensitive subject?
- 67. "Bad news travels fast," e.g.
- 68. ____ shopping cart
- 69. Father's progeny
- 70. Trojan War epic
- 71. Difficult situation
- 72. Like jalapeño
- 73. So out it's in
- 1. Design detail
- 2. München mister
- 3. Jittery

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

CROSSWORD



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 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 Cartegena at his home due to the possibility of a volatile con-

frontation.

Cartegena 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.

Cartegena 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 Cartegena 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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Area resident Lee Corso wins Humanitarian Award

Former ESPN broadcaster to receive award Saturday at Valentine's gala

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

The Bergenske Family Charitable Fund will present this year's Humanitarian Award to Central Florida resident Lee Corso on Saturday at its Valentines Humanitarian Award Gala. Corso served as a sports analyst for nearly 40 years.

"We've had Lee on our radar for a couple of years as a person who exemplifies lifting people up and making them better," said fund founder Gary Bergenske in a statement to The Apopka Chief. "He has truly lived a life as a humanitarian. Now that he is retired at the age of 90 his schedule worked so we could honor him."

Corso began his ESPN College GameDay career in 1987 and retired in August 2025. A Feb. 3 press release credited "his passion, authenticity, and unmistakable enthusiasm" as crucial to the formation of college football culture.

"Beyond the cameras and catchphrases, Corso's enduring legacy is one of encouraging



Courtesy of Gary Bergenske

From left to right: Jason Bergenske, Lee Corso and Gary Bergenske prepare for Saturday's gala.

ment, humility, and genuine connection—values that closely align with the mission of the Bergenske Family Charitable Fund," the press release said.

The fund will honor Corso at Bahia Shriners at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, gathering community leaders, donors and educators. Proceeds will support the fund's scholarship program.

"The Fund awards scholarships to students who demonstrate academic achievement, strong moral character, and a commitment to serving others, while also recog-

nizing individuals whose lives reflect compassion, integrity, and a dedication to uplifting their communities," the release said. "The program will include the presentation of the Humanitarian Award, scholarship recognitions, and special moments highlighting how individual acts of service can create lasting ripples in the lives of others—reinforcing the belief that one act of kindness can inspire many more."

To register for the gala, visit the "Events" page at bergenske-charities.com.

LAWSUIT

FROM A1

quired Moore to establish residency in Apopka by April 28, 2025. Moore listed the Magnolia Street address as her residence—a property homesteaded to City Council Seat 1 candidate Sam Ruth, according to Orange County records.

The Apopka Chief spoke to Ruth on Monday, and he declined to comment for this story.

Nelson's lawsuit also

alleges Moore continues to claim a homestead exemption on her Palm Crest Drive home, and that Florida law allows only one homestead exemption and one permanent residence.

"What she is doing is illegal, which is why I have filed a lawsuit to ask for the courts to review the evidence," Nelson said in a January statement. "I believe they will see her actions have

been improper as well and will remove her name from the ballot."

Moore, however, called the complaint "false and misleading" in a January statement to the Chief, adding that Nelson faced similar scrutiny in 2018 when he sought annexation of his unincorporated neighborhood so he could qualify to run for mayor.

The Apopka mayor-

al election is scheduled for March 10. In addition to the mayor's race, voters will decide council seats 1, 2 and 4, along with eight proposed City Charter amendments.

As of Monday, the elections office had not yet announced early voting dates. The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is Feb. 26.

In a statement released Monday, Moore's campaign described Nelson's lawsuit

as a "political Hail Mary from a weak opponent who would rather deny residents their right to vote than defend his own record or offer ideas for Apopka's future."

"My legal team is confident this lawsuit has no merit. I have lived in Apopka since 1988, near Wekiwa Springs Road, where I led the \$125 million septic-to-sewer conversion project," the statement said. "Because I

wanted to help lead the renewal of downtown Apopka from the front lines, I placed an offer on a historic home in May after searching for a suitable property throughout 2025. I hoped to close by the end of June. During the brief transition period from March until I moved into my home in early July, I rented a room while packing and preparing for the move to Central Avenue."

POLICE BEAT

APD arrests 11 Feb. 1-7

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Pedro Celestino Suhul Lopez, 39, 19 E. Skylark St., Apopka, moving traffic violation-driving without license, causes death/serious injury with vehicle.

Andrew James Robert Seeber, 41, Apopka, battery on person 65+ years of age; other agency warrant.

Latoya Sharday Gullens, 39, 2589 Glacier Express Ln., Tavares, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

Johnny Leroy Woods, 31, 1908 Clarcona Rd., Apopka, burglary-unoccupied conveyance unarmed; larceny-grand theft property value \$750-\$5,000.

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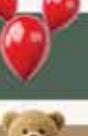
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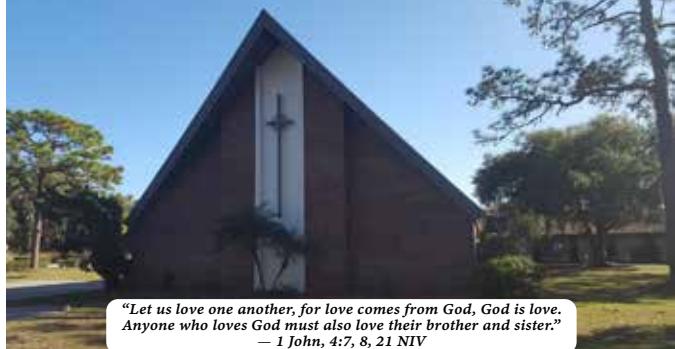


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ourselves."—Victor Hugo 9. "To love and be loved is to feel the sun soul crawl out from its from both sides."—David Hiding place."—Zora Neale Hurston

10. "Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own."—Robert A. Heinlein

3. "Nobody has ever measured—even poets—how much a heart can hold."—Zelda Fitzgerald 4. "Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired."—Robert Frost

11. "Love is friendship that has caught fire."—Ann Landers

5. "The giving of love is an education in itself."—Eleanor Roosevelt 6. "Life is the flower for which love is the honey."—Victor Hugo

12. "Love is like the wind, you can't see it, but you can feel it."—Nicholas Sparks

13. "Love is the whole thing. We are only pieces."—Rumi

7. "We are most alive when we are in love."—John Updike 8. "The only thing we never get enough of is love; and the only thing we never give enough of is love."—Henry Miller

14. "You always gain by giving love."—Reese Witherspoon

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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.

SHOOTING

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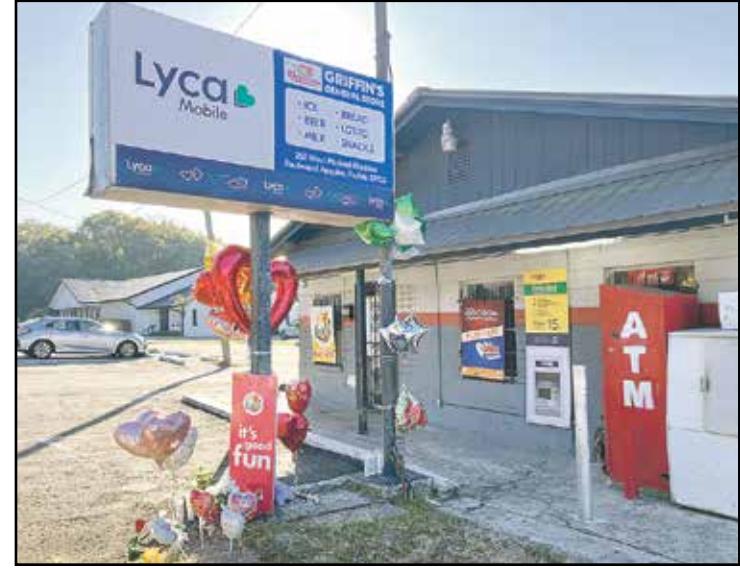


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Mourners set up memorials in front of Griffin's General Store at 262 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.

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.

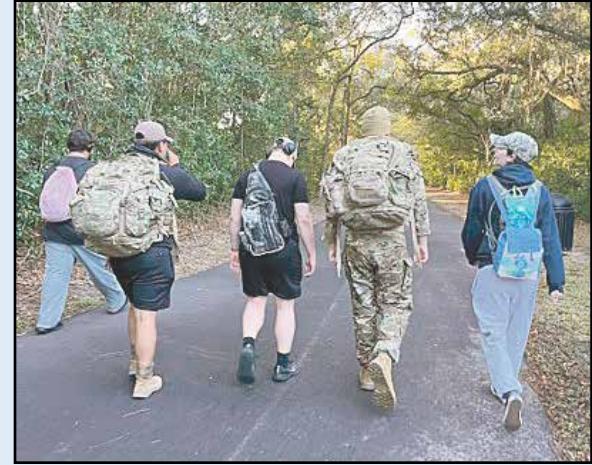
"It's a lot. We're trying, but two deaths at once is kind of shocking."

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.

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.

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 Pfeifer. They feel grateful for the time and memories they shared with her. Pat will be remembered for her



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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.rsvipify.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Brain Support Network (www.brainsupportnetwork.org) or the Lewy Body Dementia Association (<https://www.lbda.org/donate/>) in her memory.

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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.

DISTRICT TITLE, B3



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 minutes

WEKIVA BOYS, B3

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 MacWithey 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 MacWithey. 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 minnow or just fished 'em naked under a cork or bobber.

The specks are startin' to bite in the Harris Chain



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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-weather 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-



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

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

four programs, including Georgia Tech, Michigan State and Missouri. Known for his ability to disrupt opposing offenses, McNish joins coach Scott Frost's program as one of the state's highly rated defensive line recruits.

Offensive and defensive

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.

SOFTBALL

FROM B1

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'Nya 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.

WEKIVA BOYS

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utes remaining in the half, Nichols drove the lane for a layup, and Diejuste 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, Diejuste 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. Diejuste 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.

APOPKA BASKETBALL

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Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

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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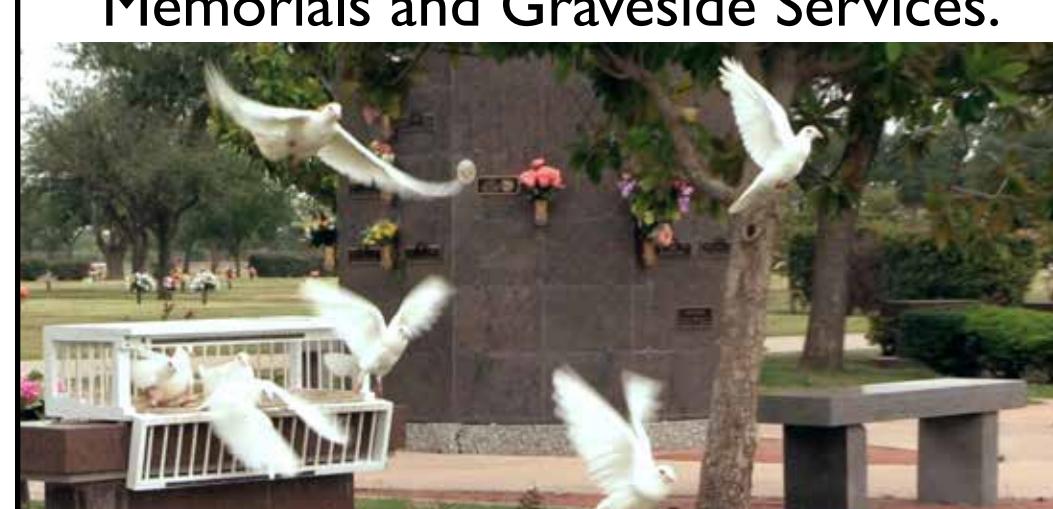
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VERSE OF THE WEEK

"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.

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.

TAVB 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. in 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

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
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 MENING'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.

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#3VWV17A1JGM39440 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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
File No. 2025-CP-002615-0
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 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.

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.

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

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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 are 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.

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The date of first publication of this notice is February 6, 2026.

Personal Representative:

William J. McLeod

Attorney

Florida Bar Number:322024

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February 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 2025-CP-000076-O

IN RE: ESTATE OF

GREGORY V. SCHANCK,

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Gregory V. Schank, whose date of death was July 21, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division (File No. 2025-CP-000076-O), the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801.

The name and address of the 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.

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Cynthia Latimer

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
WHITTLER, CA 90606
AND
ELENA Z. VARGAS
8345 VANPORT AVE
WHITTLER, CA 90606

The above named Defendants are not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lietors, 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 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. 1082-0300-0, (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, 2017 (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

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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 by 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 Anastasia 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, 20, 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.**

**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, lietors, 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

CONDONIUM, 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

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.

HK#110528.0814/H0211

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.**

**NOTICE OF ACTION
BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT IV**

TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:

TO: JANE 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 IV

10 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 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. 1082-0300-0, (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/ Rasheeda Thomas

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

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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-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.**

**NOTICE OF ACTION
BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT IV**

TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:

TO: MICHAEL J. GREEN, et al.,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF

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. 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
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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-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 UTA/1/2019

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 62024

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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, sole 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, sole 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. 12th day of March, 2026 online at 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

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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-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, at 11:00 AM, on the 26th day of February, 2026, the following described real 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 4673, 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

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DATED: January 28, 2026.

/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald

EDWARD M. FITZGERALD

FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391

HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

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DATED: February 2, 2026

By: /s/ Brian L. Rosaler

Brian L. Rosaler

Florida Bar No.: 0174882

Attorney for Plaintiff:

Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire

Popkin & Rosaler, P.A.

1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard

Orlando, Florida 32801

(407) 836-2303

February 6, 13, 2026

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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Jennifer Sinclair, Esquire

Florida Bar No.: 29559

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WINTER PARK, FLORIDA 32789

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February 6, 13, 2026

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.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al., are Defendants.

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.; UNKNOWN TEN

CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED DEADLINE: MONDAY 5 P.M.
classifieds@theapopkachief.com

Call 407-886-2777
Fax 407-889-4121

21. HEALTH AND NUTRITION

HEALTH CARE FOR entire family: Pediatrics, Family, Internal, OB/GYN, Dental and Pharmacy. www.chcf.org. Community Health Centers throughout Central Florida. 225 E 7th Street, Apopka. 407-905-8827. 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. B0206-0227 APO 32

61. LARGE APPLIANCES

APOPKA APPLIANCE offers in home service on washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers installed. \$50 off service calls with installation. All help vaccinated for virus. Be safe! Free haul away (no matter where you bought your new one). Used appliances available. Service call \$39.99 with repairs. 407-886-2255 or 407-497-7458. CC 0213-0306 APO 61

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81. AUTOS FOR SALE

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70. MERCHANTISE MISC.

TRAILER PARTS FOR sale. Largest stocking dealer in NW Orange County (Apopka). 407-293-5788. www.surplussteel.com. B 0206-0227 SUR 70

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130. REAL ESTATE

131. VACANT LAND

5 ACRE PLOT: 541 E. Osceola Rd., \$250k "no Realtors" 407-682-7898 leave message, financing available. B 0213-0306 IRV 131

133. HOMES FOR SALE

BUYING, SELLING, rentals or property management. We're your friend in the business. Rogers & Rogers Realty. 407-880-8888. CC 0123-0213 ROG 133

136. MOBILE HOMES. RV'S FOR SALE

2BD/2BA VALENCIA Estates 55+. 557 Hawkins Cir., Apopka. Close to bus line. \$18,000 OBO. 407-808-4499. cc0206-0227 KEL 136

140. HOMES / DUPLEXES FOR RENT

DUPLEX FOR RENT: 2bd/2 full baths, utilities included. \$2,000 a month, \$2,000 security, call Larry 407-947-6041. cc0130-0220 CLA 140

142. ROOMS FOR RENT

SWEENEY'S ROOMS Cleanest. Quietest. WIFI, Internet. Multiple locations. Call Dwayne 321-271-6773. sweeneyrooms4rent.com. CC 0213-0306 JAC 142

142. ROOMS FOR RENT

SMALL SINGLE RM. on large property (Welch & Rocksprings Rd) in quiet home. Christian man 55+. \$135 wkly. Shared bath. 1/2 mile from shopping. 407-889-9955. B0206-0306 BUR 142

ROOMS FOR RENT: ZELLWOOD area, weekly rentals available. 407-321-229-5968. B0206-0227 DEL 139

ROOM FOR RENT \$900, \$200 deposit, \$25 application fee. 26' Trailer for sale; Appliances; fresh eggs; nutrition drinks; clothes; shoes; purses for sale. 407-715-9010. cc0130-0220 WIL 142

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February 09, 2026

Help Wanted Lead Accountant.

Leads team of accountants performing full gamut of accounting, payroll and bookkeeping functions for over the road trucking company. Send resume to Crown Auto Carriers, Attn: T. Melnychuk, 2402 Clark St., Unit 3, Apopka, FL 32703.



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STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADS FOR WEEK OF: 02/09/2026 - 02/15/2026

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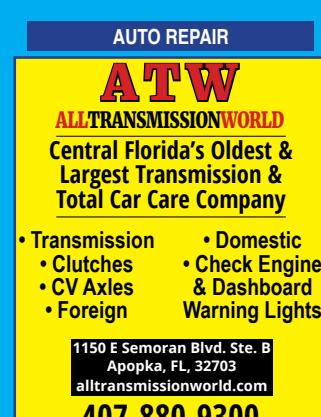
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