

LOCAL BUSINESSES FEELING THE CRUSH

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Although the economy continues to rise, local businesses are still feeling the pain of the recession. In efforts to save money, many people are shopping at large chain stores for their discounted prices on goods and services.

"It's impossible to compete," says owner of La Petite Bakery Loma Yeltz. "I can't get supplies at the discounts that these chain stores do."

While the boost in revenues for the larger stores like Wal-Mart and Sears support the area with jobs, many feel that the very soul of Central Florida is lost in the process.

"When you think of places like Casadega, you don't think of ceramics or shawls made in China. You think of handspun wool and pots thrown on wheels right in front of you," says Edgar Middleton, a regular tourist to the area. "That so many of these treasures are going out of business because of chain stores just stabs my heart."

Other trends in revenue gains attack local shops from unforeseen directions. Holding companies, or companies existing for the sole purpose of running other companies, threaten growth and development in the guise of helping hands. More than one business has accepted

money in exchange for a small percentage of ownership in business, when in reality this holding company has already acquired additional rights to ownership from other avenues.

With the stroke of a pen, an unsuspecting owner signs away the majority control of their business.

A small group of lawyers, calling themselves The Central Florida Preservation Society, offers free legal services to the 'victimless crimes' perpetuated by these companies. They promise to help save the artistic soul of Central Florida, one legal battle at a time.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ I-4 Eyesore is gone. What is next?
- ◆ Female Gangs are now appearing in the City Beautiful!



NEW DRUG ON THE CLUB SCENE

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The latest craze in hallucinogenic drugs is a little orange pill shaped like a star called "Elite." It dissolves in liquid, leaving behind swirls of its trademark color. Usually mixed in shots, such as Jager Bombs, the chemical is reported to provide an experience similar to "Molly" but with longer lasting effects.

"Molly," the new name for "Ecstasy," provided a euphoric effect for

users. "Elite" provides hallucinations akin to those common to PCP or Angel Dust, along with the euphoria. Police are warning the public to stay away from the new drug as two overdoses have already occurred in the past month. There was even a case of man who claimed he was a vampire while under the effect of the drug. He was subdued by several guests of the dance club and the staff before being taken into

custody of the police. One witness reported that the 'vampire' was unbelievably strong. "He just threw people off of him like they were nothing. Eyes all wild and I swear they glowed for a second. He bit my best friend and it took three guys to pull him off of her. Tore a hunk right out of her throat!"

Police urge the public to be on the watch for "Elite" and to report any dealings immediately.

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I-4 EYESORE IS MOVING ON

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The collapse of the I-4 Eyesore has remained in place since its fall in October. Now it is cleared, but by who?

For sixteen years, jokes about the infamous I-4 Eyesore were rampant on the internet. The I-4 Eyesore was a plague on the drive to and from work. The question was always when it would be finished.

Then, in October of 2016, it crumbled and became just a pile of broken dreams. While the details for the new plans have yet to be revealed, the land on which The Majesty Building sat, has been sold!

Not only has it been sold, but the rubble and debris that littered the site has been cleared away. While the plans may not be public knowledge, the cleared rubble suggests something is being planned.

There is still mystery associated with the site however, as there are no clues as

to who has purchased the lot. The company on record for the purchase, Trigon Amalgamated, appears to be a shell company as there are no records associated with the name.

With no background on the company that purchased the land, it is difficult to determine how the land will be used. Any speculation at this point would only be conjecture. For many in Seminole County, that matters little. What does matter is that the land should now be put to use and the big pile of rubble left of the I-4 Eyesore is gone.

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WILDLIFE MIGRATION AFFECTED BY PREDATOR

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A mysterious predator has struck in Orange and Seminole counties, affecting migrations and wildlife habits of the area. While predators can often influence the movement of their prey, this predator has caused wildlife to abandon their natural habitats altogether.

“Predators don’t usually cause their prey animals to completely flee an area,” said University of Central Florida biologist Efram Mixon. “That would be counterproductive to the predator. If there are no animals to hunt, there is no food. So yes. This is confusing.”

In each area where evidence of this predator exists. Desiccated bodies, missing organs and burnt bodies have all been found

in areas where there are now a marked lack of wildlife. No rodents, no birds, no small animals, nothing.

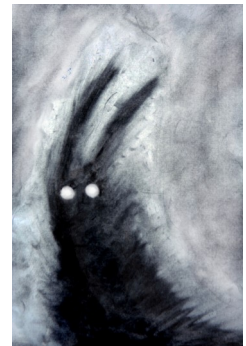
The burnt bodies seem to suggest human involvement, as no animal has the ability to burn its prey. Yet, the evidence left behind also bears the hallmarks of a hunting beast.

There have been at least three such sites discovered in both Orange and Seminole counties. There may be more that have yet to be reported.

The details of all three sites are similar, and the lack of observable wildlife in the area is what makes this so strange. Both scientists and police officers are investigating these sites to

discover just what has happened and what kind of predator can do such things, other than man.

If anyone has any information regarding these strange occurrences, or has a new area to report, please call the Crime-Line. You can also contact the Orange County Sheriff’s office or the Seminole County Sheriff’s office.



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Orlando Police:
407-555-6789

Orange Count Sheriff's Office
407-555-1008

Seminole County Sheriff's Office
407-555-1200



VISITING PROFESSOR KILLED IN TRAGIC ACCIDENT

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Dr. Nicola Federov, known for her work in the field of Developmental and Abnormal Psychology, has been confirmed dead in a tragic car accident. Sources close to the late doctor confirm Orlando as the last stop on a university lecture tour.

Topics included: Psychosomatic Disorders as Related to Cultural Theories on the Afterlife, Sensory Integration Disorder and Paranormal Sightings, and Modern Spectral Myths.

The life and work of Dr. Federov came to a swift end when her car accelerated over the end of a

parking garage, sending the vehicle plummeting five stories down, flipping and landing upside down, concaving the roof. Emergency Services rushed to the scene too late to save Dr. Federov, who was pronounced dead at the scene.

One local witnessing the heart-stopping plunge, described it as being "like a horror movie. I could hear the woman screaming a girl's name as the car slammed off the top floor. I don't recall the name, sadly. All I could think was that the poor woman must have been praying to save her daughter."

The police have released an official statement, labeling the death as an accident.

Dr. Federov's assistant, Beverly Riviera-Rojas, confirms that she was out interviewing a family that had reported a paranormal sighting.

She is now tasked with cataloging and boxing for storage all of Dr. Federov's research.

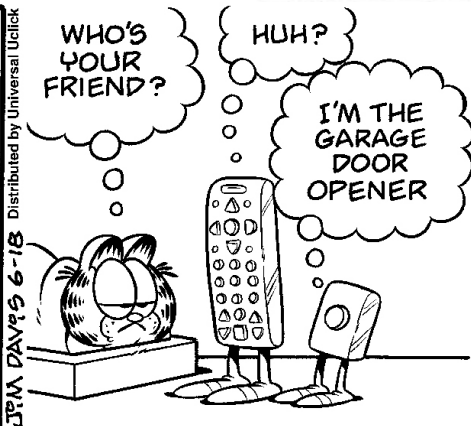
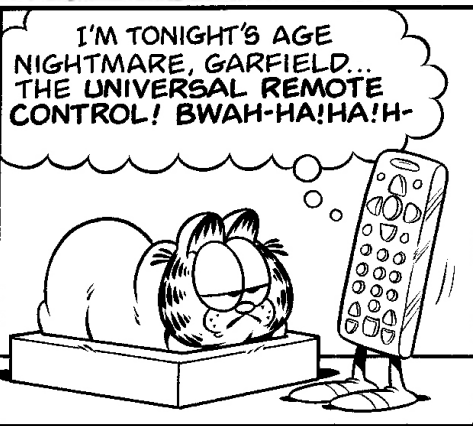
Memorial services will be held at the UCF on Wednesday, March 15.



Dr. Nicola Federov died of a freak car accident. A Memorial Service to be held at UCF by her assistant.



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ALL WOMEN GANGS MAKING PRESENCE KNOWN IN ORLANDO

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Another skirmish between rival gangs, Hera's Children and Diana's Hunt occurred in the downtown area of West Central Boulevard, leaving three dead and five in critical condition at local hospitals. While the details of what brought the confrontation to a head are unknown, what is clear is a distinct uproar from local residents.

"I can't walk out to get my own paper," complained an elderly gentleman, "without fear of someone hitting me with a bat, or finding spray pain on my car. It's not right. Someone should do something."

This altercation was not the only gang-related event to shake up the citizens of Orlando. Territory was between the group calling itself the "Daughters of Darkness" and another calling itself the "Chaos Eye" turned the parking lot of Target near the Florida Mall into a war zone.

In this instance, each group claimed to be the 'true followers,' though police are at a loss as to what they are claiming to follow.

Female gang members, while usually uncommon, are not an unheard of concept. There have been several female gang members

in the many gangs that have been plaguing Orlando and the surrounding areas. But to have multiple gangs made up solely of female gang members? This is unusual.

Police are requesting anyone with any information regarding the increasing gang activity to please come forward and report it to the proper authorities.

It is time to take back our streets, parking lots and neighborhoods!



CHARGES OF RACKETEERING LEAVE BAD IMPRESSION

By DOLPH HULIGAN
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Assistant State Attorney, Meredith Belmont, released a statement earlier promoting the State's decision to move forward with a racketeering indictment against noted entrepreneur Tomisino Rossi. Allegations of tax fraud, jury tampering and political bribery surfaces two months prior when Mr. Rossi obtained clearance to build a nightclub in an area not fully zoned for such activities.

The jury tampering refers to a hearing regarding criminal negligent disposal of unsuitable building materials, leading to a broken sewage line that leaked into the local water supply.

Mr. Rossi and his company, Parabolic Industries, were found guilty of failure to produce permits upon inspection of the disposal site, paid the fine and continued with construction that same day. The jury that convicted them had to be changed twice due to incidents that led to the Jury Tampering allegation.

Mr. Rossi's attorney, Anthony Maragucci, stated that these charges were not only erroneous, but extraordinarily damaging to his client's burgeoning business.

"These false allegations are intended to smear the

name of Italian-Americans everywhere," stated Maragucci. "This isn't the 1950's. This isn't the mafia. This is a blatant attack on my client's ancestry, and we will be filing counter-suit."

Mr. Rossi, himself, declined to comment.



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All the information is on the webpage.

Also, if you have not yet, be sure to enter your character online at <https://beta.worldofdarkness.knetikcloud.com>

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Happy Hunting!

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DEAR PSYCHIC,

I really don't know where else to turn. I've done something bad. Something really bad, and I don't know if I should go to my parents about it. I went to this party I wasn't supposed to go to, and I took something. I don't know what it was, but now I'm having the worst trip of my life. And the thing is, it won't stop. It's been four days now, and the light hurts even more than before. I've always been a night owl, but this is seriously ridic! So damn thirsty too, like even worse than that time I took too much ecstasy. And it's even changed my dreams! I keep have the same freaky dream and I am really freaked out.

I want to go home, but I don't know if I should. My parents are probably so pissed. My question is, should I? Or should I just go to the hospital?

Signed,

Super Worried I'm Team Edward Now

DEAR SUPER WORRIED,

Relax. Take a deep breath. If you can't stand the wattage of a household light bulb, I doubt severely you're going to sparkle in the sunlight. If it's been four days since you took this drug, and let's be honest dear one, it was an illegal drug, and you're still experiencing the side effects, you should seek out professional attention.

Notice I didn't necessarily say the hospital, police or your family.

While I don't exactly see a happy reunion between you and your birth family, I don't see anything particularly deadly in your near future. Perhaps you need to seek out other night dwellers such as yourself. I see the best help for you beginning in 'a club downtown that has no roof.' Go where you can literally dance under the stars, and you'll find the answers you seek.

Sincerely,

Madam Twadelia

