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NOT IN OUR TOWN! IS THE CRY OF PEACE

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A month has passed since Mayor Hayata Wooten's powerful statement, 'Not in our town! Not on our watch!' filled every headline and news station in Central Florida. The phrase has become a new slogan for the City Beautiful, adopted by nearly every Citizen Patrol and Neighborhood Watch group throughout the area. Most recently, a group wearing the prized "Not on Our Watch" T-shirts took to patrolling the downtown Orlando area, calling cabs for inebriated patrons of bars, and offering escort services to ensure patrons of the club district made it to their cars safely. "I'm surprised, pleasantly surprised, at the

care Orlando has for its visitors," said Adam Rassel, a visitor from Norway. "My wife and I had no fear walking the streets around the clubs and bars. As long as we saw someone in that T-shirt, we knew we had a guardian angel watching over us." "For the first time in years, all my friends and me were able to drink at the clubs," cheered Melody Thurman, a college student at UCF. "We just knew a NIOT person would get us a cab and see us home safe. I'm going to see if we can start a chapter on campus." Not all reaction to the new group has been positive, however. The Orlando Police are urging resi-

dents and visitors alike to continue reporting crimes as they happen and not to endanger their lives. "Orlando has carried-concealed laws," said Detective Martha Rivers. "We are asking everyone to review those laws before taking to the streets, especially when violent altercations occur. To be clear, not everyone wearing the 'Not in Our Town' T-Shirts are there to protect the city. Ask for identification before accepting any escorts, and always--always--call for help if you feel in the least bit uncomfortable." Please register with the Neighborhood Watch Organizations before offering safety services.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Tomasino Rossi murdered!
- ◆ One Blood Bus & Crew Missing!



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PRIVATE GUN OWNERSHIP ON THE RISE

BY WENDY CHISHOLM,
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In response to the 'Not in our Town' movement within Orlando, the sale of private firearms and weaponry is on the rise. Most gun shop owners have reported record sales in the past month, with private concealed carry classes booking up faster than ever. "I'm booked through the end of the year," reports Norman Evers, manager of Gander Mountain in Lake Mary. "The amount of people willing to learn how to properly han-

dle, care, and transport their weaponry is a beautiful sight." Opponents of Mayor Wooten's bold new slogan believe all firearms should be banned have rallied together in support of once again trying to repeal the Stand Your Ground law, making it tougher to own guns. They face an uphill battle given the city's current gun zeal. Stated an outraged Iris Pearlman, "I don't want my children in the

same house with a weapon, and I certainly don't want them idolizing those Not in my Town militants who think they can prowl my street without my permission!" Regardless of opposition, Mayor Wooten refuses to back down on the NIOT program. "The streets are becoming safe again," stated a spokesman for the office. "The people have a right to defend themselves." There may even be a "Not In Our Town" festival soon.

Gun Owner
 Victim
SELECT ONE



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800-555-1234

TIP-LINE:

888-555-4321



MOB-STYLE HIT?

The sudden and violent death of Tomasino Rossi shocked the Italian-American community of Central Florida. Many will remember Mr. Rossi from his philanthropic donations to local charities, and the many businesses he started within Central Florida. What troubles the Italian-American community most is the way in which Mr. Rossi met his end. Leaked photos on the internet and eye-witness accounts tell a gruesome story about the last moments of his short life.

Mr. Rossi, according to eyewitness statements, was drug out of his limou-

sine in broad daylight and drug onto the steps of the Mary, Queen of the Universe church. There he was beaten severely with lead pipes before being shot twice in the back of the head. Both the pipe and the gun were left at the scene.

Naturally, the Italian American community is in an uproar regarding the 'mafia-style hit' death of Mr. Rossi, especially given the charges of tax evasion, jury tampering, and racketeering. Rumors, however, seem to support the notion that Mr. Rossi wasn't a paragon of the community as he would have others

By CHARLES QUAKER, OT REPORTER

believe. It's whispered that Mr. Rossi was involved in the bidding war for the newly opened Construction Industry in the wake of the dissolution of Four Points Construction, the corporation holding most of the construction contracts in Central Florida. Indeed, it appears that organized crime is once again on the rise within the City Beautiful.

Detectives are asking anyone with information to come forward to help solve this case.



A GRUESOME TWOSOME PACK IT IN

By BUFF SPIKEY OT REPORTER

Most people see the fun side of Orlando, the magic, the reverie. As a newly arrived reporter, I was shocked by what I have discovered going on just behind the the scenes of this "City Beautiful". A crime wave of growing proportions!

A pair of brothers arrived to seemingly terrorize the city for the past several months in a virtually unstoppable wave of crime. DRUGS ... EXTORTION ... PROSTITUTION ... THEFT ... WEAPONS TRAFFICKING ... MURDER!!! These two thugs had their hands into many pies and the list was growing. Their sheer gall to grab for all the illicit gold as quickly as they could was only compounded by the obvious fact that they faced

no resistance from the law.

It appears though that the reign of terror has come to an abrupt end. The grim brothers, Marco and Louis, have vanished with no trace of their whereabouts. Sources within the city have heard no rumor of these two for many weeks now. A sigh of relief being felt on many levels.

Is this an answer to a much asked prayer or the calm before the storm? With the brothers'evacuation, their areas of torment are an open territory ripe for the taking. Word on the street has reached another of our reporter's that this is just an evolution in the criminal element of this city.

So how could this be?! Why would city officials ignore these blatant series of criminal activities? Mayor Wooten has finally come forth touting his "Not on our watch!" slogan, but too little too late in some minds. The damage is done! This reporter will be watching our elected officials for actions related to their words.

Can good win out over evil? Will we see better days before long? The answers are not fully known, but Fr. Sanchez is still seeking them out through a tenacious faith.

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ELITE ON THE RISE

BY LAMONT LEONARD
AP REPORTER

Despite police efforts to curtail the trafficking of the drug called "Elite" into the city, hospitals and emergency rooms continue to report increased admittance of patients suffering the effects of the drug. More and more patients are sent to mental hospitals after being heavily sedated. "The hospital can't keep up with all of them. It's almost impossible to house and treat them safely. And I'm referring to the safety of the staff and other patients, too. It's like nothing I've ever seen," says a nurse who preferred to remain anonymous. "The strength levels of the patient was

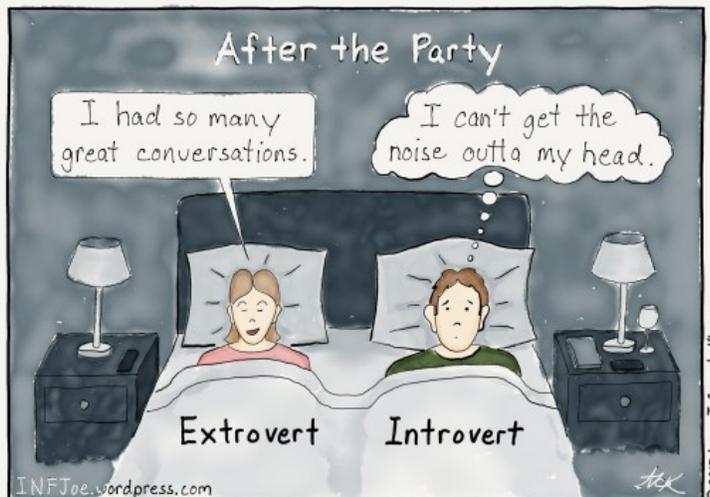
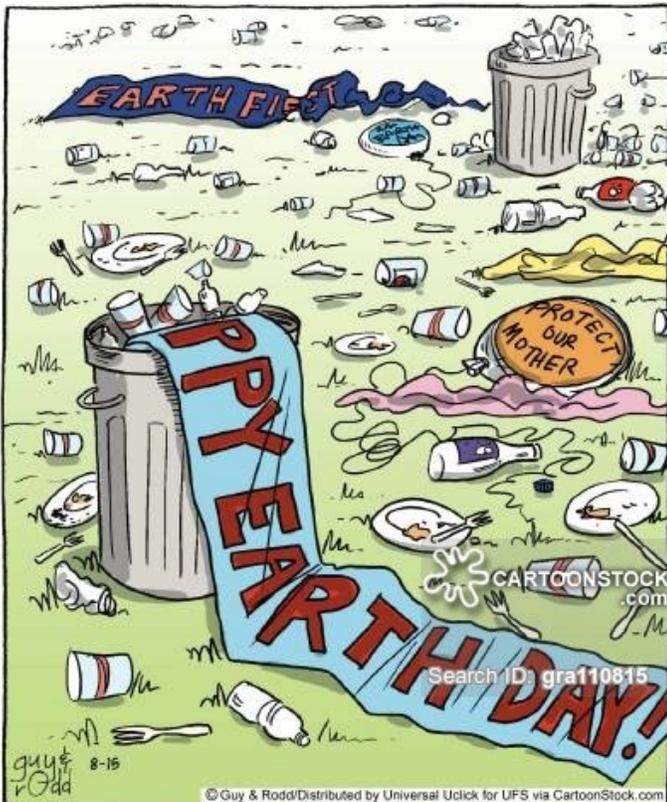
almost supernatural. He broke through the restraints and it took two doses of tranquilizers to settle him down. It didn't even knock him out. Whatever this stuff is, it's bad."

Police Chief Ed Warrens has increased patrols along I-4, focusing on the section leading to Tampa. "We want to aid Tampa's Finest as much as we can, however, we can't allow thier troubles to spill into our streets."

Random searches of vehicles have increased, new search locations popping up along every major avenue leading in and out of

the city. Police officers have started making calls to local high schools, giving community lectures on the dangers of this drug. "The war on drugs has a new face in Orlando," said Warrens. "We have a drive to keep the streets safe, and that includes drugs."

A reward is offered for any information leading to the arrest of Elite distributors.





FULL SPEED AHEAD FOR THE ARTS

BY CHARLES QUAKER,
OT REPORTER



In an monumental effort by both construction crews and investors, the new Orlando Opera House will complete ahead of schedule. Scheduled to open in late July, it's rumored that the Opera House will open its doors in mid-June. Janet Semenick of the Central Florida Foundation for the Arts was brought to tears at the news.

"This is beyond our expectations. I can't believe the generosity of the city, its businesses, and the love of every person calling Orlando home," said Semenick.

After massive delays in

construction on multiple projects throughout Central Florida, many feared that the Opera House would face a similar fate. In particular, the Dr. Phillip's Center opened four months behind schedule to lukewarm reviews by city officials and the public. This delay caused a downturn in donations to the Arts, and crippled the city's ability to contribute to or attract national projects.

"There must be someone watching over this particular project," continues Semenick. "Not only are we opening ahead of schedule, but

the Governor, himself, has confirmed attendance at the grand opening celebration. There's a chance, however slim, this will repair the damage to Orlando's artistic community."

The opening date for the new Opera House has yet to be released to the public.



ALL-WOMEN GANGS CONTINUE TO POSE THREAT

BY BUFF SPIKEY
OT REPORTER



footage turned into the police, showing the gang members leaping at each other's car and firing weapons directly into the top of the vehicles.

"It was the most frightening thing I've ever seen!" exclaimed Jason Marsh. "It was like something out of the movies. Leaping from car to car, and screaming at the top of their lungs. I did everything I could to get away from it, to protect my family. I had my kids in the car, for crying out loud. But I swore I heard one scream 'for the master' before she was shot off the hood of the car."

"This escalation of violent behavior is out of the nor-

mal range for gang-related activity," said Beverly Riveria-Rojas of the Central Florida Behavioral Hospital. "Most gangs have a purpose, a focus or drive that keeps them united. This latest outbreak of psychotic behavior could only have its roots in a source outside of the gang, itself."

Ms. Riveria-Rojas refused to speculate on what sort of outside influence would cause these type of reactions. The police have also refused to comment on the interview, and have instead asked that any information regarding this incident be reported to them immediately.

Violence between the gangs known as Hera's Children and the Daughters of Darkness escalated this past weekend, culminating in a fatal multi-car collision on I-4. Witnesses reported seeing five vehicles racing each other down the section of I-4 near the Orange Blossom Trail exit. Gunfire was exchanged, hitting several bystanders and killing two.

Most disturbing was the





RED BUS THEFT

A One Blood van has gone missing, and medical theft is suspected, reports the Orange County Sherriff's Department.

have no idea what occurred with the bus after it left our property," said the director of event manage-

For the last two week-ends, the Waterford Lakes AMC has had a Red Bus parked out front with the usual trade of donated blood for Fandago movie tickets. It seems that this Bus has been stolen, along with all the contents inside, including all the donated units of blood.

"The young woman had all the paperwork, and the bus did stay all weekend. We



ment for Waterford Lakes.

Customers interviewed replied that nothing was suspicious about the event and that everything seemed to go as planned.

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In other words, it was business as usual, while the bus was parked on the property.

One Blood is currently making inquiries into the matter, along with Orange County Sheriff's Departments. They are looking for both the lost bus and the missing staff, who also have disappeared.

Anyone having information about the whereabouts for either the bus or the staff, please call the Hotline.

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800-555-1234

TIP-LINE:

888-555-4321

Orlando Police:

407-555-6789

INDUSTRY WARS - BIG WIN FOR ORLANDO?

The inclusion of the new Health and Drug division of Altrex Corp to the Corporate scene appears to have been the first of many megacorps seeking to use Orlando as a base of operations. The Mayor's office offered a personal and warm welcome to Parabolic Industries, a limited liability corporation with a focus on real estate development. Hailing from Rome, Italy, the LLC has been responsible for the purchase of many seemingly unsaleable properties around Central Florida. Rumor has it that Parabolic came in second in the bid for the former Majesty Building property, beat out by Viva Libre Property Investments by a narrow margin.

Parabolic assures local officials that their aim is to see Orlando 'grow beyond previously imagined possibilities.' "It's a new day and age," their spokesper-



son said. "Instead of building new, or focus is preserving the old and restoring properties to their former glory."

Mayor Wooten's office released a statement indicating that the inclusion of megacorps like Parabolic and Altrex can only mean

BY BUFF SPIKEY OT REPORTER

good things for the local economy and job market. A stiff set of requirements were handed to each megacorp before the contracts were signed, indicating how the companies would behave in Orlando. Resources, both physical and human, were discussed in detail. The outcome, predicts the Mayor's office, can only be a win for the City. New jobs and new sources of revenue are what the city needs most.

Currently, the LLC has its eye on the area known as Cassadaga. It is unknown at this point what restoration plans are in the works, however, it promises to look like a brighter future indeed.

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FAITH RISING LIKE THE SUN

By RICK WILLIAMS
ORLANDO TRIBUNE



A climate of sadness and anger has fallen upon our area, and yet a ray of light glimmers for those who seek it out. The silver lining in this world of darkness of Orlando's troubles may be found in our local places of

worship, such as St. Luke's Episcopal Church under the direction of Father Alejandro Sanchez.

This cleric has stayed the course for longer than he can recall against sin and

doubt. His parish offers a place of refuge against this worrisome blight that is trying to envelope our area and the world these days. St. Luke's Cathedral in Downtown Orlando is open daily for prayer. Masses are held 10 in the morning every weekday and Saturday and 8AM, 10AM and 2PM on Sundays. "All are welcome who seek the Truth", states Fr. Sanchez in a soothing smile.

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PLAGUED BY POOR DECISIONS?

THE WATCHER

Have you ever stepped back and looked at your life and wondered, "How did I get here?"

Well, we all have, at one time or another. The truth of the matter is, every moment of your life, you are making choices. Those choices lead you down paths that may or may not be the ones you had intended.

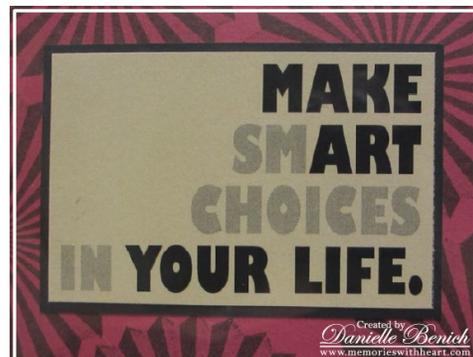
Whenever we have those "What happened?" moments, we can almost always look back and pinpoint a moment where we should have made a different choice.

You think you had no choice? Think again. Even if you choose not to make a choice, you have made a choice. Even if you sit back and do nothing, you made the decision to do so. Perhaps you should have made a more active choice. Or maybe you should have made a different active choice.

Who hasn't regretted a decision made? Maybe your choice was based on a choice someone else made and you felt you had to make the choice you made. That is okay. The important thing to remember is that it is never too late to make a new choice.

One that will help to reorient your life to the path you desire, rather than the one you regret.

Take time to think about it and live your life consciously, rather than drifting from one unconscious choice to another.



ORLANDO BY NIGHT

OOC MOMENT

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>

This is an In-Character Newspaper that has been created for Orlando By-Night Live Action Role Play Group. For more information go to the Orlando By-Night website. In it, you will find articles and ads that relate to the game.

Look Closely and see how many Clues you can find inside!

On behalf of the Orlando By-Night Staff, we would like to thank you for your participation and hope you have fun playing!

Happy Hunting!

Direct all emails (downtimes, influences and inquiries) to orlandobynightstaff@gmail.com

DEAR PSYCHIC,

I'm not normally the type of person that goes to a paper "psychic" for help or advice. Nor have I written to Dear Abby or any of that kind of so-called professional help. Now I am desperate for help for my son. I fear for his life.

About a year ago, my son, [redacted], developed an imaginary friend. It's not uncommon for a child of ten to have such things, or so our therapist told us. However, [redacted] started to come home every night with bruises and cuts on his body. Again, this was something the therapist said could have been self inflicted, or that the imaginary friend was a coping mechanism for real life bullies harming my son. This went on for months until the friend just vanished. Suddenly gone. So were the wounds.

Now she's back, and I put my son to bed as always. He woke up with a bruise in the center of his back! It looked like a fist had made it--a large fist striking my boy! There is no way he could have done this to himself, and he won't talk about it. Please, I beg you, help me. Even the priests of our Lutheran church don't believe me.

Signed,
Desperate

DEAR DESPERATE,

Move. Get out of this town. Don't pack anything. Don't touch anything. Get in your car and drive. I don't see anything good for you if you stay. This imaginary friend isn't imaginary, and for the first time in a long time, I can't see the future in regards to you.

If you love your son, get out.
Get. Out.

Signed,

Madam Twadelia

Have a question for Madam Twadelia? Write to her at mistressofmayhem@zoho.com. There is no guarantee that your question will be printed, and Madam does her best to respond to all questions.

