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BIRTHDAYS

Steve Riviere, CEO, Liberty National Bank; 44, on June 1.

Steven R. Baker, president, Baker Leisure Group; 55, on June 2.



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Bud Bronson

Irlto "Bud" Bronson, former Florida representative; 66, on June 4.

AVIATION

Marathon Flight Services has opened its new facility at Kissimmee Gateway Airport. The fixed-base operation (FBO) has been located at the airport for 35 years. The new 8,000-square-foot facility includes a three-story-high canopy deplaning area near the base of the airport control tower. A neon sign on top of the building can be seen by pilots 20 miles away. Phillips 66 has designated Marathon as a "performance center," one of only 10 in the state that has put in place the service standards required to achieve the designation.

FURNISHINGS

Former California management executive and consultant Paul A. Whiting has purchased Creative Office Environments, a business support company based in Altamonte Springs, from Jeff Smith of Orlando. Terms of the sale were not disclosed. The deal includes three warehouse facilities in Jostman Industrial Park in Altamonte Springs, as well as moving equipment and vehicles. COE specializes in the installation of office furniture and workstation systems.

LEASES

World Electric Supply Inc. has leased 27,255 square feet of industrial space at 4501 S.W. 34th St. in Orlando.

Greg Morrison of Advantis Commercial Real Estate Services negotiated the transaction along with associate Lisa Bailey on behalf of the landlord.

Altell Information Systems has leased an additional 25,041 square feet at 601 S. Lake Destiny Drive in Maitland, bringing its total square footage to 45,851. Mike Phillips, first vice president of CB Richard Ellis Inc. in Orlando, represented the landlord, RREEF America REIT II Corp. in the transaction.

Duro Communication Corp. has sublet 32,300 square feet at 1101 Greenwood Blvd. in Lake Mary. Phillips of CB Richard Ellis Inc. represented sublandlord Cingular Wireless, and Tom Kelly and Todd Davis of NA1 Realties Part-



Greg Morrison

ALL WIRED UP

Orlando Science Center has added a quirky bunch of animated tour guides. Interactive "Wired Science" kiosks feature Dr. Dare, his creation Frankenbot, lab assistant Eye-Gor and field reporter Ona Quest. The prototype kiosk is part of OSC's new Tesla coil exhibit, in the Physics Park area of the center. The characters describe the scientific concepts and principles behind the Tesla coil, as well as the life and times of its inventor, Nikola Tesla.

OSC's interim president, Steve Goldman, founded the nonprofit company Wired Science to create networked kiosk systems for science

centers around the country. The systems illustrate scientific principles using interactive, multimedia presentations designed for children, teens and adults. Each kiosk will direct visitors to other exhibits and kiosks to follow an individualized path of inquiry.

"We developed the Wired Science interactives because the exhibit label isn't enough," Goldman says. "Labels can't offer the kind of in-depth information visitors need to really understand the science behind the exhibits. Wired Science bridges the gap between entertainment, inspiration and education."

ners Inc. represented the subtenant.

SALES

The Eshraghieh and Mahmud Rabanni Charitable Trust has purchased the Raintree Apartments for \$1.85 million. Raintree is a complex of 38 one-bedroom, one-bath units in five buildings on Coe Avenue in Orlando.

The complex includes a pool and clubhouse. Edward P. Rogner, senior vice president of Realty Capital Advisors Inc., represented the seller, Raintree Apartments of Orlando Inc., in the transaction.

Mars Investment Ltd. has purchased a



Edward Rogner

5.7-acre parcel in Crystal Lake for \$1 million. Crystal Lake is a 150-acre, mixed-use development in Port Orange. Bob Keller of Coast Realty of East Florida Inc. represented the seller, Crystal Lake, and Bill Rignale, also of Coast Realty, represented the buyer. Mars will develop a 27,000-square-foot medical facility on the parcel. The contract for the project has been awarded to The Stellar Group. A Jacksonville-based design/build firm. Mars is developing the project for the Surgery Center of Volusia County Inc. The project is valued at \$4.8 million, and construction is due to be completed by December.

PHILANTHROPY

Members and employees of Fairwinds Credit Union raised more than \$6,000 for the American Cancer Soci-

ety during the Seminole County Relay for Life event.

Heart of Florida United Way has been recognized by Gifts in Kind International for the second year in a row with the Groundbreaker Leadership Award, for developing Gifts in Kind Center Florida. Through the Gifts in Kind program, businesses can donate new and slightly used goods for distribution to local charitable agencies. Since its inception in November 1998, the Central Florida Gifts in Kind program has processed more than \$7 million worth of goods, including computers, software, clothing, office equipment and furniture.

Hands on Orlando has received an award from the U.S. Department of Defense for its work in the wake of Sept. 11. Hands on Orlando produced a half-mile-long "unity banner" that included messages from approximately 1,500 children and adults. A 300-foot section of the banner was sent to the Pentagon; the rest went to New York. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld recognized the organization for offering "comfort and assistance ... to the family members of the heroes who died in the line of duty at the Pentagon."

FINANCE

Fairwinds Credit Union has opened a new service center on Geneva Drive in Oviedo. Jane Hammontray has been named service center manager.

INTERIOR DESIGN

Winter Park-based Beasley & Henley Interior Design has been tapped by Stock Development to design two models at Masters Reserve at Lely Resort and one model at Mustang Island at Lely Resort in Naples. Both developments are being marketed to young professionals and "empty nesters." The models are scheduled to open this summer. The firm also will do design work on the Lacerase apartment complex in Brandon for The Spanos Cos. That project includes interior design on two luxury models and the development's clubhouse, all of which are being designed in a modern, Bauhaus-inspired style.

Longwood-based Swoosh Design Inc. has been selected to redesign the children's common area at the Center for the Christian Family on Kennedy Avenue in Orlando. The project includes a



stages, pictured above, along with creative lighting and improved sound absorption. The design also will include bright colors and murals with religious themes. In addition, the project encompasses improved traffic flow and a redesign of the classroom areas of the center.

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