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Frankly, Stein Visits Ybor, Gets (Dimly) Lit

By Nikki Sawyer

On Nov. 8, Floridians will have the opportunity to vote yes or no on Amendment 2, the initiated constitutional amendment for medical marijuana. Amendment 2 is one of the most heavily debated issues in this Florida this election year. This is the second time the amendment will appear on Sunshine State ballots.

In 2014, the amendment received nearly 58 percent support, but failed to obtain the minimum 60 percent supermajority required by the Florida’s state constitution. It missed the mark by 139,000 votes. The official ballot name of the amendment is “Use of Marijuana for Debilitating Medical Conditions.” According to the Florida Chamber of Commerce’s website, the amendment will “allow medical use of marijuana for individuals with debilitating medical conditions as determined by a licensed Florida physician.” It will also “allow caregivers to assist patients’ medical use of marijuana.” According to the website, “the Department of Health will register and regulate centers that produce and distribute marijuana for medical purposes and will issue identification cards to patients and caregivers. This applies only to Florida law, and does not immunize violations of federal law or any non-medical use, possession or production of marijuana.”

A “yes” vote supports legalizing medical marijuana for people with specific debilitating diseases or comparable conditions as determined by a licensed state physician. Conditions include, but are not limited to, HIV/AIDS, cancer, epilepsy, PTSD and glaucoma. If passed, Amendment 2 would also let those same licensed physicians certify Florida patients for medical marijuana use after diagnosing them with “other debilitating medical conditions.” According to the website, “the Department of Health will register and regulate centers that produce and distribute marijuana for medical purposes and will issue identification cards to patients and caregivers. This applies only to Florida law, and does not immunize violations of federal law or any non-medical use, possession or production of marijuana.”

A “no” vote would keep the state’s current medical marijuana program as is. Both the 2014 and 2016 versions of the bill were measures constructed to legalize the herb for medicinal purposes.

By Jonah Hinebaugh

Jill Stein has had a difficult bid for the presidency. With only four percent of support from registered voters, the Green Party candidate was unable to speak at the first presidential debate last week.

Now, Stein is making speeches across the distinguished I-4 corridor in Florida, a series of towns with large populations that connect Tampa Bay to the Orlando area, to appeal to swing state voters. On Wednesday, Stein spoke in front of nearly 300 people at the Cuban Club in Ybor City.

“We need to empower and inform the people, so that they can push forward, not the political pundits. This is a realignment election and if [Trump and Clinton] rely on fear for your vote, they don’t deserve your vote,” said Stein. She used her time at the rally to discuss policies and the upcoming election.

Stein primarily focused on the Green New Deal, which she said is designed to add jobs while eliminating the reliance on fossil fuels. “The Green New Deal is an emergency jobs program that not only fixes the crises of our economy, but also solves the crisis of climate change and makes the wars for oil obsolete,” said Stein.

“We won’t need them when we have 100 percent clean, renewable energy.”

Stein also said that she is leading the way for transformative social changes including Black Lives Matter, immigrant rights, the climate justice movement and the Fight for $15, which pushes to increase the minimum wage.

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However, this year’s efforts are not entirely identical to that of two years ago.

The 2016 version clarifies the parental consent requirement for medical marijuana use by minors. In addition, it is more specific on the “debilitating” conditions that qualify patients for treatment.

This year’s amendment also looks out for shady doctors by declaring that they will still face punishment for malpractice and negligent prescribing practices.

Orlando attorney John Morgan is constantly on radio commercials pushing for the amendment to pass. He is the largest donor and supporter of the amendment and has contributed over $2 million to the cause.

Morgan is the chairman of the People United for Medical Marijuana, the group leading the “Yes on 2” campaign.

As of Sept. 21, People United for Medical Marijuana had received a total of $3,998,512.12 in contributions for the 2016 election.

The group also oversees the United for Care campaign, led by campaign manager and attorney Ben Pollara.

According to United for Care’s website, “studies show that many patients suffering with HIV/AIDS, glaucoma, cancer and chemotherapy, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy and other debilitating illnesses find that marijuana provides relief from their symptoms.”

United for Care feels that traditional prescription drugs do more harm than good thanks to “serious” side effects.

The organization argues that smoking or vaporizing medical marijuana is a more effective delivery method than swallowing pills for most patients.

The group suggests that the plant works immediately, dosages may be easier to control and has no way of being thrown up by patients.

They also contend that “cannabinoids, morphine, and methamphetamine may all be legally administered to patients — so why not marijuana, which has a far lower rate of dependency and for which there has never been a recorded overdose.”

“The Use of Marijuana for Debilitating Medical Conditions ballot initiative is about compassion and quality of care for patients,” said Martha Baker, president of Service Employees International Union Local 991.

“There are hundreds of thousands of very sick Floridians who will find relief due to this comprehensive proposal.”

She pointed out that 24 other states have similar laws.

Baker is a supporter of United for Care, saying the organization “is doing the right thing for Florida by bringing this issue to the voters.”

Amendment 2 faces stiff opposition from the group, Vote No On 2.

Opponents include the Florida Chamber of Commerce, Drug Free Florida Committee, the Palm Beach County Substance Awareness Coalition and the Florida Medical Association. The website also states that the amendment “doesn’t have a local option to allow communities to decide where or how many pot shops they want. It places no restrictions on the location of seedy pot shops.”

Vote No on 2 compares the measure to controversial pill mills.

They group said that “pot shops [will] spring up in your neighborhood shopping center [like] Florida’s infamous pill mills.”

The organization says those prescribing the medical marijuana are not legal doctors, but rather, drug dealers. According to the group, these people have no pharmaceutical medication and calls them “budtenders,” a play on words of bartender.

The opponents say they do not prescribe, but instead offer “flimsy” recommendations.

In a pot shop, no medical training is necessary because pot isn’t medicine,” according to the organization’s website.

To let your voice be heard on this controversial matter, be sure to head to your designated polling location on Nov. 8.

For more information, you can go to either position’s websites, or FloridaPolitics.com.

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FAFSA Announces Changes For Student Application

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FAFSA announces new changes for the 2017-18 school year.

Chief among these changes is that FAFSA registration will begin three months earlier than in previous years. Student and parents will be able to fill out the financial aid process the previous year instead of the next year.

The application will also collect information from an earlier tax year instead of the current year, which translates to changes in how parents report information on the form. The application is mandatory for students who want to take advantage of financial aid.

For students this should be a bit of relief. Now, they can apply early in the year and do not have to wait for their parents to complete their taxes.

To make the process easier, FAFSA provides an IRS Data Retrieval Tool which allows applicants to access IRS tax return online and automatically input the information. Students can then make corrections or updates when finished.

The priority deadline for USF is March 1 for full-time and part-time students. Applying by the priority date allows the best opportunity to be considered for the most aid types possible like grants, loans, and work-study.

When applying for FAFSA students will need their social security numbers, a recent federal income tax return, a driver’s license, W-2s and records of money earned, bank statements, records of investments and the FSA ID to sign electronically. Dependent students will need most of that information from their parents.

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If there are extenuating circumstances delay of completing the application, and can call the USF office can help with the step-by-step process of completing the application.

One change this year, Stein’s only political experience is being a co-chair for the Green Party of Massachusetts from 2010-2011 and being an elected member of the Lexington Town Meeting from 2005-2009.

With the election almost five weeks away, it’s clear Stein is trying to garner more support in a state that relies on its healthy environment for income.

“I think it’s a sad commentary on our government that they’re paying more attention to their big money sponsors,” said Stein.

“Like the phosphate company that wants to expand this assault on fragile ecosystems in Florida that are so important to the tourist economy.”

“Not just the economy, it’s also the survival of this state because the major aquifer for Florida has been polluted by hundreds of millions of gallons of this toxic sludge,” Stein said, referring to the sinkhole that opened in Mulberry, Florida.

“Profit should not take the place of our survival. In this election we are not just deciding what kind of world we’re going to have, but whether we’re going to have a world or not.”

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It’s “refreshing to hear the thoughts of a third-party candidate, someone with such a progressive view,” said Goetz.

“I don’t know if they’ve or not,” Feinstein said.”

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Students with drug convictions on file may be deemed ineligible for federal student aid. If a student is degree seeking and has a FAFSA on file at USF 10 business days before classes begin, they will automatically be determined for in the creation of a new residence hall for students.

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“What we’ve done is take a step in the right direction, and we’ve made a lot of progress,” said Hendershot.

Next, a selection committee made up of students, faculty, staff and community members will review the proposals and narrow down the pool to five or six possible builders.

The second phase of the ITN process will focus on retailer and building contractors with more details about what USFSP is looking for in the residence hall.

During her press conference before the rally, Jill Stein lays out the importance of clean-energy and highlights her Green New Deal. “The Green New Deal is an emergency jobs program that not only fixes the crises of our economy, but also solves the crisis of climate change and makes the wars for oil obsolete,” said Stein.

“I just listen to everything Trump says and I’m scared for the future of the country,” Messer said.

“I’m kind of scared he has at least half of the votes, Hillary the same. I just really support what [Stein] is saying and she touches on climate change which is a big issue for me,” Jeremy Griffin, who works for HCHC advertising, said.

“I think it’s not in the media company’s best personal interest [to cover third party candidates],” Griffin said.

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USFSP Works Toward Creation of New Residence Hall

Bulls in 2019 will likely have a new residence hall.

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“We’re in a pretty in-depth [process],” said Hendershot.

The proposed building site for the new residence hall will be either eight or nine stories tall, with a traditional dining hall on the first floor.

“The housing expansion: the proposed residence hall would be on campus. It would be an increase of more than 50 percent of resident capacity. The building is scheduled for completion in 2019.

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Early last month, the governmental affairs director for Student Government hosted a voter registration event on Harborwalk.

Getting students to vote is vital for the future, said Madeline Friese, 20, a sophomore majoring in environmental science and policy. “I don’t think students understand the impact that government has on their lives,” she said. “If you aren’t educated about how the government works, then why would you participate in it?”

That’s a question that resonates in this year’s presidential race, especially in the camp of Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton. Most polls show that Clinton – buoyed by a strong performance in the Sept. 26 debate – has a narrow lead over Republican Donald Trump nationally and in several key battleground states.

However, some polls also show that while Clinton leads Trump among voters 18 to 29, up to a third of the voters in that group plan to vote for either Gary Johnson, the Libertarian candidate, or Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate. Some tell pollsters they plan to skip the election.

According to Real Clear Politics, which tracks and averages polls daily, Clinton was at 43.4 percent as of Sept. 29, with Trump at 41.1, Johnson at 7 and Stein at 2.4. In a two-way race, Clinton led Trump 47.5 to 45 as of Oct. 1.

Florida is accustomed to the national spotlight. In a protracted 2000 election that ended with a 5-4 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, George W. Bush carried Florida by 537 votes and won – a development that has cut into Clinton’s thin margin for error.

According to the Pew Research Center, voters between the ages of 18 and 29 have been registering independent of either major party at a rate faster than any other generation.

As the New York Times reported last week, young voters haven’t shunned the two major parties on that scale since Ross Perot ran as a third-party candidate in 1992.
the presidency despite finishing half a million votes behind Democrat Al Gore in the national popular vote.

In both Florida and New Hampshire, third party candidate Ralph Nader may have pulled enough votes away from Gore to give the presidency to Bush.

In Pinellas County since 2004, people in the 18 to 25 age group have had a higher percentage of their votes reported as coming from essany other age group according to the county supervisor of elections office.

But during that period voter turnout in general elections in the 18 to 25 group has lagged behind every other age group. Voters in the 26 to 30 group had the second worst turnout and voters 41 and older had the best turnout.

Yet voter turnout in presidential elections in the 18 to 25 age group in Pinellas has surpassed the national average by nearly 10 percentage points since 2004.

Deborah Clark, the supervisor of elections in Pinellas, said that her office begins reaching out to potential voters as soon as they enter elementary school.

According to Clark, there are two programs that her office offers across the county, and they both reach students long before they’re eligible to vote.

“We set up polls in every school for the first-graders through the 12th grade,” Clark said.

“We include real elections, student government elections, and kids’ ballots for the younger kids. It’s set up like a real polling place, and they use the same ballots mommy and daddy use.”

The student voting is conducted every year.

“My hope is that by the time they do that 12 times, we’ll see them come back as (high school) seniors and pre-register to vote,” she said.

The most effective tool to combat voter apathy is an outreach program called the “Vote in Honor of a Veteran.” Clark said.

Students are given a profile and picture of a veteran, past or present. They are also given a military-like dog tag with an inscription that reads, “In tribute to my vet’s sacrifices I will keep my promise & vote.”

This effort has had a big impact on some young people, said Clark, who grew emotional as she described it in a meeting with USF journalism students last week.

“I think that making it more personal, making it more human, helps students to connect,” she said.

Pinellas is a leading Florida county in voter turnout, thanks to Clark’s push of voting by mail.

Clark said that she is seeing a rise in younger voters participating, utilizing the newest form of voting.

“A lot of young voters have been asking about online voting,” Clark said. “But I don’t see that happening in my lifetime” because the technology wouldn’t be secure enough.

The supervisor of elections office dispatches people to register voters at locations around the county. Wearing red shirts, the Vote Pinellas employees visit schools, libraries and festival events to ask people to register or update their voter information. These workers have been around campus in recent weeks.

Students like Fries of Student Government have also seized the challenge of voter registration.

In her registration event on Harborwalk last month, she estimated that more than 200 students came by and about 50 registered to vote.

USF St. Petersburg students don’t have a great track record of voting.

In last spring’s Student Government election, around 340 students voted, out of over 4,400. SG helps determine a budget of over $3.4 million dollars.

Fries said that SG is changing the way it connects with students.

“We’ve gotten the consensus that most students get a lot of their information on Facebook, so we’ve been revamping and dedicating more time to that platform,” she said.

Information from the New York Times and NBC News was used in this report.

PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE DRAWS RECORD AUDIENCE

While the rest of the nation was watching Monday Night Football, 84 million people watched Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump duke it out for the first time.

Trump and Clinton, two polarizing spectacles, drew in a record crowd for the presidential debate according to Nielsen, a consumer research group.

Back in 1980, the first debate between Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan brought in 81 million viewers and held the title of most popular presidential debate. Both candidates eventually went on to become president.

Will that be the case for the presidential candidates of 2016?

I pray not. Nevertheless, such a large audience indicates an entertaining event, and it didn’t disappoint.

Perhaps the most entertaining part of the debate was watching Trump and Clinton trample moderator Lester Holt as he did his best to keep the two candidates civil.

Either both of them were temporarily deaf or Holt’s microphone short-circuited, because both Trump and Clinton ignored his attempts to limit their response times to two minutes, or even seconds, on some questions.

It didn’t take long for the debate to devolve into accusations, charges and lies. At one point, Trump claimed his father saved the environment, only to be corrected by Clinton.

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Todd Reubold @tcredoub

I feel like I’m watching an adult debate a fifth-grader. #debate2016

Theresa Reno-Weber @RenoWeber

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Ed O’Keefe @edapotpost

Interesting exchange here, but neither candidate directly answers the question about how to heal the racial divide. #debate

urbandata @urbandata

Potentially damaging: H: “He has paid nothing in taxes.” #debate

Charlie Kirk @charliekirk11

Is there a moderator? #Debate

“Whatever happens, hopefully it will all be positive. … I hope, but I’m not all that optimistic.” - David McMullen, a retired USFHS history teacher

“Bring us together we will need the candidates to actually make sense. They need to know what they are talking about concerning policies instead of sticking jabs at each other.” - Hebey El-Tall, staff member at USFSP Center for Civic Engagement

“We’ll come to the consensus that most students have unfriended their besties on social media because they can’t see eye to eye.”

But what happens after the election when we all have to be “friends” again?

Crown’s Nest contributors fanned out across campus recently to ask “What can the winning candidate do after the election to bring the nation together?”

Here’s what they found out:
Dog Owners Should Take Responsibility for Their Pets

Minnie is a mutt that resembles a pit bull. She was rescued by my family two years ago. She’s a friendly, playful dog, but owners should realize that any dog can be provoked into attacking.

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Four months ago, a dog described as a pit bull fatally mauled a Cana- dian woman. Montreal responded by enacting a breed-specific bylaw that requires the euthanization of pit bulls and pit bull lookalikes without homes or in shelters. When I first heard about this new bylaw, I was both enraged and heartbroken. My family rescued a beautiful mutt two years ago. We named her Minnie, and she is nothing short of family to us. But Minnie has a square head and is often confused for a pit bull. The bylaw requires the euthanization of unowned dogs described as American Staffordshire terrier, American pit bull terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier, any mix of the listed breeds or any dog with the characteristics of these breeds. This means almost any dog with a short coat and stocky stance could be at risk. Dogs such as boxers, bulldogs, mastiffs or any mix of the bull terrier family could fall under this new bylaw.

Current owners of dogs that fall under that description will need to purchase a permit in order to keep their pet. The dogs must also be vaccinated, sterilized and micro-chipped. In public, owners must muzzle their dogs and keep them on a leash no longer than 4 feet. Failure to meet any of these requirements allows the city to seize and euthanize the animal.

While I understand the city’s de- sire to reduce bite injuries to their citizens, breed specific legislation (BSL) is both ineffective and immoral. Laws should focus on responsi- bility pet ownership, not eliminating a breed.

Any dog is potentially danger- ous. My mother always warned me that anything with teeth can bite. Whether it’s a teacup poodle or a Great Dane, dogs can bite. According to a peer-reviewed summary on dog bite risk and prevention by the American Veteri- nary Medical Association, the dog breeds most associated with biting incidents were the German shepherd, mixed breeds, Rottwei- ler, Jack Russell terriers and others like bulldogs, greyhounds, Saint Bernards and Labrador retrievers. It’s a simple matter of physics and the size of the teeth. There is a bigger bite.

This doesn’t mean that we should never keep large dogs as pets or that dogs are inherently danger- ous. But by incorporating dogs into our society, we’ve acknowledged a risk. We have bonded with power- ful animals. BSL is barely even breed-spe- cific. Dogs don’t come with a label. Shelters base breed identification on looks and not genetics. In 2014, the Journal of Animal Welfare Science published a study on pit bull identification. In the study, researchers provided a set of 20 pictures of dogs to shelter work- ers in both the U.S. and U.S. The workers were asked to iden- tify pit bull and pit bull mixed breeds from the pictures alone. The results varied widely in both countries. There wasn’t a universal agreement on which dogs were pit bulls or pit bull mixes. One significant finding from the study was that shelter workers in areas with BSL were more likely to identify dogs as a pit bull.

According to an article on pre- venting dog bites by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, children are the highest rate re- ported dog bites. Among children, dog bite-related injuries are highest between the ages of 5 and 14.

The study also states that over half of dog bite-related injuries occur at home with dogs that are familiar. This doesn’t mean Fido the fam- ily pet is a bad dog. Sometimes kids don’t think about things. They get excited, they’re loud, they like to poke and prod things. That can be stressful for anyone, including a well-behaved dog.

Responsible dog ownership is the clear and obvious answer. Su- pervise your dogs around children. Encourage dog owners to spay and neuter their dogs. Don’t leave dogs chained up outside. Walk your dog with a leash.

That’s part of being a dog owner, loving and respecting your dog at the same time. I don’t think Minnie would harm anyone, but I still do everything I can to protect her and anyone who may come in contact with her.

I’ve grown up with dogs my en- tire life, and Minnie is by far the most affectionate. She’s a lap dog and a cuddle bunny. At night she would climb up the covers so she can crawl underneath and sleep next to me. I cannot imagine my life without her. But I still know she can bite, just like any other dog.

Senate’s Veto of President Step Too Far

On Sept. 28, Congress override the president’s veto of “The bill against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA).” This bill would allow private citizens to sue the govern- ment of a foreign nation suspected to have supported terrorist acts committed on U.S. soil.

The bill intended to allow the families of those killed in the 9/11 attacks to sue the Saudi Arabian government through the U.S. court system, despite adamant denial from the Saudi Arabian govern- ment of any cooperation with ter- rorist organizations. Originally, the bill was approved by the House of Representatives on Sept. 9, just two days before the 15th anniversary of the terri- ble 2001 terrorism attacks. It was then vetoed by President Obama on Sept. 23. President Obama, in an address to Congress, said that the bill “upsets long-standing international principles governing sovereign im- munity, putting in place rules that, if applied globally, could have se- rious implications on U.S. national interests.”

This may also complicate the United States’ relationships with even its closest partners. Despite the president’s objec- tions, Congress override his veto in a near-unanimous decision. That bill passes in the House of Representatives with a 348-to-77 majority and passed in the Senate 97-to-1.

While I’m happy to see a bill pass with nearly unanimous bipartisan support, I can’t help but think that the passing of this bill was an extremely political move.

Simply put: It takes a special kind of conviction to oppose a billintoned as the act to bring sponsors of terrorist acts to justice on the 15th anniversary of the deadliest foreign attack on American soil. The political pressure put on representatives is amplified when considering that 2016 is a re-elec- tion year for up to 88 percent of Congress.

Foreign policy is far too com- plex to allow our raw emotions to guide an entire country’s political trajectory. Risking our tenous political partnerships with allied nations for the trial of a few supposed terror- ists doesn’t mean we should act as pseudo-diplomats in the pursuit of closure.
Corrections:

Ferran Adrià Brings Food Exhibit to the Dalí: Some photos used were courteously provided by elBulliArchive/ FrancescGuillamet.
Campus Alum Brews New Pop-Up Shop

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Jarrett Sabatini, owner and barista at Intermezzo Coffee, stands behind the bar in white Converse, jeans and a “Make Coffee Great Again” T-shirt. Sabatini says that out of the three weeks it’s been open, Saturday was the pop-up’s most active day. He can’t stop smiling.

Intermezzo has a clean aesthetic. Sabatini describes it as “mid-century modern.”

Paired with dark wooden tables, the white walls and chairs create a calming atmosphere that’s ideal for studying or relaxing with friends.

Sabatini graduated from USF St. Petersburg in May with a marketing degree. He works the shop from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily and said that he loves every minute of it.

“It doesn’t even feel like work,” said Sabatini. “I like that what you put in is what you get out and that I can make my own rules, and also explore and test out new ideas.”

Intermezzo is a pop-up shop, which means it will only be at its current location for only three months.

The shop is located at 1111 Central Ave. across the street from Bodega and in front of Green Bench Brewery.

One of Sabatini’s goals has always been to open his own business, but it wasn’t until March 2015 that he decided to open a pop-up shop when he found an ideal spot that the landlord couldn’t offer for longer than three months.

“When Sabatini was looking to open his business, he searched for a permanent space. He decided to open a pop-up shop when he found an ideal spot that the landlord couldn’t offer for longer than three months.

“ ‘I couldn’t turn down the location,’ said Sabatini. ‘Sabatini knows he’s not the only coffee shop on Central, so he does things differently.’

“We have cold brew on tap which I think is pretty cool; we also have a few things you can’t find anywhere else.”

Sabatini creates coffee cocktails, merging bar culture and coffee culture together. This is something that has not come to St. Petersburg or Tampa yet.

This week, Sabatini made anhorchata cold brew which sold out in just one hour.

Intermezzo Coffee’s signature “Make Coffee Great Again” T-shirts have been a hit among the clientele. Sabatini hopes to begin selling this shirt, along with other designs for about $12, which is the same price that they cost to make.

In terms of future plans for a permanent location, Sabatini would like to purchase a better cappuccino maker, add more artwork decoration to the walls and increase seating options for his customers.