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Movers and shakers: The new generation. Picton Warlow IV (from left), Matt Ravenscroft, Karen Wankelman, Craig Ustler and Todd Andrew have designs on downtown. What they envision is a combination of condos and restaurants, markets and art galleries, offices and theaters. "We have an advantage in doing urban projects because our generation understands these projects," says Ustler.

The young guns of Orlando

Five ambitious professionals have big ideas about the future of downtown, and they're doing something about it.

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Look out, Orlando. The thirtysomethings are coming — and they're planning to change downtown. Their backgrounds are diverse: from boarding schools to public schools, from old Orlando to New Jersey. But they met the way lots of young professionals do — at happy hour.

"We started socializing at Kate O'Brien's," says Karen Wankelman, 33, a real estate lawyer. "We did the young professional happy hours and the downtown development events that are real popular."

Sometimes younger folks can have ... the good timing and good vision to hit it right on the mark in terms of what the market wants.

— FRANK BILLINGSLEY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ORLANDO'S DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT BOARD

"And over a period of time, we kept running into the same people. After a while, we thought, 'Well, this person is a banker, developer, lawyer. Why don't we try to do business together?'"

Now the team of Wankelman, banker Matt Ravenscroft and developers Craig Ustler and Picton Warlow IV are

some of the young guns shaping the growth of downtown Orlando.

Theirs isn't a vision of supersized high-rises and parking garages. Instead, they imagine a mix of restaurants and condos, of offices and art galleries, of small theaters and

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Attitude for gratitude: Message gets across

Like most mothers, I have used threats and intimidation to get my children to write thank-you notes for the gifts they receive.

"You cannot play with that toy until you have written a thank-you to Uncle Kenny."

"You will not spend a single dime of that money until you write a thank-you to Grandma."

"If you can't be bothered to write thank-you notes, then I will tell your relatives not to bother to send stuff to you."

So I shouldn't have been surprised when I



Drying out stigma for problem drinkers

Researchers say drugs that handle alcoholism as a medical condition will encourage people to seek help.

By HILARY WALDMAN
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Medication that alters the brain's response to alcohol could change the treatment of problem drinking so that it more closely resembles the treatment of other chronic conditions.

