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 The Golden Age Games descended upon Sanford.



**Stay safe > A8**  
 A new reptile is here to teach crime prevention.



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 The Knights face Houston at the homecoming game.

## Oviedo man crashes plane

ISAAC BABCOCK  
THE VOICE

An Oviedo Air Force Reservist is dead after the plane he was piloting crashed into the Everglades on Sunday night.

Edmundo "Ed" Velazquez was an aircraft mechanic at Homestead Air Reserve Base, where he had worked on planes as sophisticated as the F-16 fighter jet for more than 20 years. He had been deployed to the Middle East seven times during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Family members of the 49-year-old Alafaya Woods resident said he was alone in his Aero Commander 100 when it plunged to the ground just north of I-75 in the swampy terrain at the north end of the Everglades. He had lifted off less than an hour earlier from Tamiami Airport in Kendall, en route to Ocala for refueling before traveling to a final destination in Georgia.

The longtime pilot had flown the same route many times before, and was known to maintain his airplane meticulously, leading to continuing speculation by

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## Election night blowouts

PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE VOICE

Oviedo City Councilman Steve Henken and Mayor Mary Lou Andrews won landslides on election day, with the mayor winning by a 2-to-1 margin. In Longwood, Commissioner Mike Holt lost his re-election bid while Brian Sackett kept his seat.

ISAAC BABCOCK  
THE VOICE

Blowouts across the county made election night a big one for three incumbents, and a shocker for one challenger.

Oviedo Mayor Mary Lou Andrews was the big win-

ner on election night, with 69.58 percent of the vote compared with challenger Darrell Lopez's 30.42 percent.

"I feel like I've done a lot of good for the community, and have a lot more to do," Andrews said. "I just wish there was more of a turn-

out at the polls."

Councilman Steve Henken, pushing for a third term, won easily against two challengers with 64.43 percent. Judith Smith earned 22.33 percent of the vote, and recent UCF

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## Water rates increased

JENNY ANDREASSON  
THE VOICE

The Seminole County Commission gave final approval to an 11 percent increase in water and sewer rates that will take effect next month.

Residents' December bills will increase an average of \$6.

Commissioners held off on a vote that would allow a second 11 percent increase in October 2010.

This comes after the county failed to implement a stormwater assessment fee, after more than 500 residents stood in opposition to what they called a "rain tax" at a September public hearing.

The money collected from the increase will pay for infrastructure improvements required by federal and state mandates and also pay back a \$70 million bond debt.

## Gifts of sacrifice to wounded vets

ISAAC BABCOCK  
THE VOICE

Eleanor McKechnie holds a red, white and blue knitted blanket in her hands as she sits at a ring of folding tables in an otherwise empty room. A few days from now this small comfort will be in a soldier's hands in San Diego, but for now she runs a pale white hand across it one last time, and remembers.

Two of her husbands joined the Army in the second world war, returning years later with grisly stories from both sides of the Atlantic. Her second

husband of eight years, Dr. Francis McKechnie, worked to keep men alive. Her first husband of 54 years, Donald Lewis, counted the dead.

She remembers reading stories on the front page, of sacrifices thousands of miles away brought back to the kitchen table and delivering the grim reality of the cost of freedom. Two months from her 90th birthday now, McKechnie has watched that sacrificial reverence wash away, faded into tattered memory through six decades and four wars.

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Hundreds of blankets and clothes have warmed veterans thanks to Eleanor McKechnie's small group of volunteers who made all of their gifts by hand.

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### What's goin' on?

Help rebuild the home of a disabled servicewoman from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14 in Sanford. Call 407-843-3600 for more information.

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'Pirate Radio' opens in theaters on Friday.



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# THIS WEEK



## THIS WEEK in history

Nov. 18, 1978 —

People's Temple leader Jim Jones led hundreds of his followers in a mass murder-suicide at their agricultural commune in remote northwestern Guyana. U.S. Congressman Leo Ryan, who had traveled to Jonestown to investigate, was murdered the day before as he attempted to leave.

## Greyhound rescue rescued

**SARAH KEZER**  
GUEST REPORTER

Tombs of ancient Egyptian pharaohs, filled with the rulers' most precious treasures, are often found covered in paintings of their revered hounds, a close relative to the modern greyhound.

Understanding of the respect these creatures once received can be found in the full hearts of those struggling to care for and ensure gracious homes for the historically honored breed.

"They are just different from other dogs," said Joan Harris, president of the board of directors of the Greater Orlando Chapter, Greyhound Pets of America. "There is a serenity and a peacefulness and an innocence about them no matter what they have gone through."

Harris is a full-time volunteer at the non-profit adoption organization located in Longwood, dedicated to finding responsible homes for greyhounds who are no

longer qualified to race and to educate the public on how ex-racers make loving pets.

Rising rent costs and the thousands of dollars needed for veterinary care plus a strain on the economy put Harris' center in danger of closing early next year.

"We've been working harder to get maybe about the same amount of donations," said Harris. The kennel can house 53 dogs but has cut back to 43 to save money.

The kennel will be able to continue their "labor of love," Harris said, because of a donation from the Sanford Orlando Kennel Club of \$6,500, which will meet the difference of money needed to pay their rent for the next 13 months.

"This specific donation was above and beyond what we have normally been doing," said Mark Loewe, general manager of the Sanford Orlando Kennel



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**Dog lovers Gary and Tricia Rose embrace their new pet, Zesty,** after adopting the rescued greyhound from a local agency. The group was on the verge of closing its doors in Longwood before the Sanford Orlando Kennel Club donated \$6,500 to save it.

PHOTO BY **ISAAC BABCOCK** — THE VOICE

## Seminole State opens Center for Public Safety

**ISAAC BABCOCK**  
THE VOICE

Peeking his head through a doorway, Tim Benton felt more than 1,000 degrees of heat explode in his face. Then in an instant it was gone.

In a few minutes, he'll light a whole building on fire, as he teaches what not to do when faced with an uncontrollable inferno.

But Benton does have control, as he holds onto a remote that can ignite entire rooms with searing flame in seconds, part of Seminole State College's Center for Public Safety, which was dedicated on Oct. 30.

Taking a tour of the facility is like walking through the aftermath of a "Die Hard" movie. A building is on fire. A car has its roof torn clean off — another next to it is burned to a charred carcass. Investigators search for clues near the homicide scene inside a dark garage, white chalk outlining a body on the gray concrete.

Following through labyrinthine white corridors of the center's main building, a group of visitors stops to watch paramedics trying to



**Students work to save a baby's life in a simulation at Seminole State College's new Center for Public Safety,** which was dedicated in a ceremony on Oct. 30. The facility boasts courses for all types of public safety professions, teaching paramedics, firefighters and crime scene investigators lifesaving skills in state-of-the-art classrooms.

PHOTO BY **ISAAC BABCOCK** — THE VOICE

revive a baby on a stretcher. Around the corner another paramedic yells "Clear!" and sends more than 1,000 volts through the chest of a heart attack victim.

They're all preparing for the real deal, as the fully-functional public safety training center teaches them everything from delivering adrenaline shots to

rappelling down the walls of a burning building.

"Whether it's a law enforcement officer, a firefighter, or a paramedic, it's often a team response,"

Seminole State President E. Ann McGee said. "That's also what makes this center such a success — it's all about partnership."

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# Weather looks great for Great Day

**JENNY ANDREASSON**  
THE VOICE

Looks like sunny skies with a high of 78 degrees for Saturday's Great Day in the Country.

The 36th annual festival and craft fair put on by Oviedo Woman's Club drew nearly 50,000 visitors to Lawton Elementary in 2008. This year it's expected to draw just as many, if not

more.

More than 300 vendors will sell crafts, foods, drinks and other goods on the Lawton grounds, including holiday fare, toys, furniture, and art — and of course, the Woman's Club's famous bean soup mix.

The Voice will be there, so come over and meet our staff and tell us what you think of the paper. We will also be selling subscriptions

with a special gift.

Bring cash or your check-book, as most vendors will not accept credit cards. An ATM will also be on site.

Money raised at Great Day in the Country will be donated to charities in May. Past recipients include the Hope Foundation, local schools and the Oviedo Historical Association.

For more information, visit [GreatDayOviedo.org](http://GreatDayOviedo.org).

## Fall festival

The 36th Great Day in the Country will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14 at Lawton Elementary in Oviedo, located at Lake Jessup Avenue and Broadway Street. Parking will be available at Oviedo High School, with a free shuttle bus to the free event.



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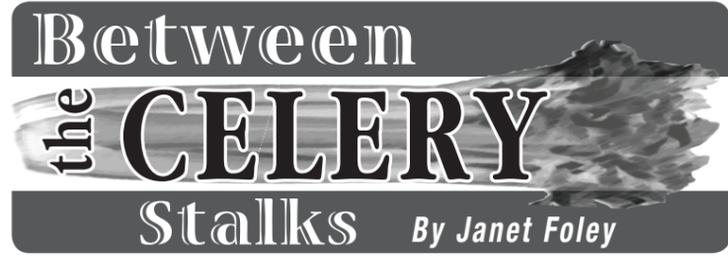
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# Mall needs to be brought back to life



How do you all like this "taste" of fall weather? Let's see if it stays as I hate to think I will be wearing Bermuda shorts for Turkey Day dinner. Plus a little rain would also be nice as my grass is thirsty. Maybe I shouldn't say too much about the weather as today is Friday the 13th and some people are superstitious. Now with the new set of restrictions for water conservation — the public can only water once a week on certain days according to you house number — we need all the help we can get.

My friends and I walk in the Oviedo Marketplace mall usually every weekday morning and, I guess like most of you all, have seen once again the closing of two rather large stores: The Plaster Cottage and the bridal store. Never thought the Bridal store would take off but thought the Plaster Cottage for kids would be a big hit. It is like walking in a ghostly mall with no activity around till after 9 a.m., and then there aren't many people at all even if you are there at 10 a.m. The mall will really be a ghost town when Bed, Bath &

Beyond moves in February. Let's hope they can bring back life to our mall.

Today and tomorrow (Nov. 13 and 14) Palm Valley is having a Community Garage Sale sponsored by the homeowners association from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale is in their clubhouse, 3700 E. Palm Valley Drive. There are 35 tables reserved by residents to sell their treasures, which will mainly consist of small items and a small amount of furniture. Items for sale must fit on or under the sellers table. There will be free coffee, Danishes in the morning for sale as well as hot dogs, chips and soda for lunch. This is a twice a year event (November and June) as well as twice a year community flea market held by the Residents Social Association (February and August).

I do hope I will see everybody at our woman's club 36th Annual Great Day in the Country arts and crafts festival Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is at the Lawton elementary school and groove corner of Broadway Street and Lake Jessup

Avenue in downtown Oviedo. We have something for everybody: food, drink, our country store, children's activity area, our famous bean soup mix, raffle tickets, entertainment, 300-plus crafters, non-profit booths, business booths and Miss Florida will there to greet all.

If you need help, ask a club woman in the red/white striped shirt and she will be more than happy to help you. You can check out our Web site at [www.greatdayoviedo.org](http://www.greatdayoviedo.org)

After you have visited Great Day in the Country, for your evening pleasure come on over to the St. Luke's Concert starting at 7 p.m., 2021 W. State Road 426, Oviedo. The University of Central Florida Symphony Orchestra will present "Beethoven Forever" featuring Beethoven's Symphony No.6 and Zur Namensfeier Overture, as well as virtuoso Ayako Yonetani, performing the composer's Violin Concerto Op.61. Free admission and if you need more information, please call 407-365-3408.

Let's go to the Barbershop Chorus Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15 at Winter Springs High School, 130 Tuskawilla Road, Winter Springs. The event "ab-SALUTE-ly Music 2009", will feature the Sound of Sunshine, a female barbershop harmony chorus

directed by Nancy Lewis.

The next general meeting of the Oviedo Historical Society will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17 at the Memorial Building on Central Avenue, Oviedo. The meeting is open to the public.

Festival of Trees starts Nov. 14 through the 22 at the Orlando Museum of Art. 2416 N. Mills Avenue, Orlando. This is an event you do not want to miss. The 23rd annual Festival of Trees presented by the Council of 101 will showcase designer decorated trees and wreaths, holiday vignettes, a gift boutique, Toyland town and special events. All proceeds benefit the Orlando Museum of Art. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$6 for children. If you need more information such as times to attend, please call 407-896-4231 ext.254.

Black Tie on the Wild Side, a gala, will be held to benefit the Central Florida Zoo 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14. The Central Florida Zoo and Botanical Gardens are located 3755 N.W. Highway 17-92 Sanford. Admission is \$150 and you must be 21 or older. For more information, call 407-323-4450.

Winter Vegetable Gardening is the topic of discussion for the program to be held at the Winter Park Garden Club, 1300 S. Denning Drive, Winter Park. The guest speaker for the 6:30 p.m. Program

will be Tom Mac Cubbin. Admission is free.

Soap Box Derby 8 a.m. will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21 at Derby Park, 2199 N. Oregon Avenue, Sanford. The 13th annual Toys for Tots Soap Box Derby Race is open to boys and girls ages 8 to 17. There will also be adult and celebrity races. The entry fee is a new, unwrapped toy valued at \$55 or more for children ages 8-17 and a new unwrapped toy valued at \$25 or more for adult and celebrities. Toys will benefit Toys for Tots. Admission for spectators is free.

Holiday pottery tour right here in Oviedo will be held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 5 & 6 at Ann Robinson's studio, 811 Eyrie Drive, Oviedo. The sixth annual Oviedo Potters holiday tour and sale will feature self-guided tours of clay artists Barbara Bailey, Mary Loving and Ann Robinson's studios, which are within minutes of downtown Oviedo. Tour maps will be distributed at all studios. Admission is free.

A thought---The trick is growing up without growing old.

— Casey Stengel

## TALK TO JANET

Send word to Janet Foley about events and let her know what's going on around town by e-mailing [celerystalks@bellsouth.com](mailto:celerystalks@bellsouth.com).

## ELECTION | One Longwood commissioner lost his seat in the Nov. 3 election

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graduate and political newcomer Jeff Hartzler picked up 13.25 percent.

Only 2,709 voters cast their ballots in Oviedo's election, despite an unusually high turnout of absentee ballots.

In Longwood a strong campaign effort by chal-

lenger Bob Cortes led to an upset in the District 3 race, as he defeated longtime Commissioner Mike Holt by gaining 60.54 percent of the vote to 39.45 percent.

Holt's colleague Commissioner Brian Sackett won a re-election bid with 60.21 percent versus challenger John Richardson's

39.79 percent.

Both ballot items were defeated in Longwood by broad margins.

Question 1, which would have eliminated an independent committee screening process before the city could hire a new manager, was defeated by a 63.94 percent to 36.06 percent mar-

gin, keeping that screening process in place.

Question 2, which would have deleted City Charter language that had the police and fire chiefs reporting directly to the city admin-

istrator, was also defeated, by a 59.19 percent to 40.81 percent margin, keeping that provision in place.

Only 1,599 voters showed up to the polls in Longwood.

## PLANE | No distress call recieved from plane

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authorities as to what could have caused the crash.

According to the National Transportation Safety Board, no distress calls had been received before the

crash. Authorities are continuing to investigate the crash.

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# Family fun fest is a win-win for Geneva

## STETSON'S CORNER

By Karen McEnany-Phillips

Nothing empowers us more than a shot of creativity driven by a can-do attitude, sparked by a little success. Let me share a great local story that blipped on my radar screen last week.

It really started last spring when the Geneva Elementary PTA hosted a family movie night for the first time. Family movie night means everyone brings their folding chairs and blankets and spreads out on the grassy area near the school, and a nice man brings the movie, screen, projector and popcorn too! It is kind of like a drive-in without the cars. It was a fine event despite the bugs, humidity and late sunset, which spurred the thought that they might revisit the idea in the fall.

Meanwhile another idea had been simmering for a

couple of years. You know that big idea that you know has potential, but who has the time to really organize it, shepherd it to fruition, and anyway what are we going to do about this and that and that?

For Geneva Elementary PTA it was the Vendor Fair idea, where those multi-tasking local parents could show off their entrepreneurial smarts and hopefully increase market share.

Two months ago the planets aligned when PTA fundraising chairs Kiersten Berkoben and Jo-An Stronko agreed to tackle the project. Timing was perfect as the Rural Heritage Center next door to Geneva Elementary was now able to host such an event.

As Principal Dr. Tina Erwin said, "Why not part-

ner with our neighbors at the RHC?" Aha! What about combining the two events? It's a win-win as it gives the kids something to do while the moms are selling their products and services and the free family movie brings the Vendor Fair more traffic..

OK so we have two legs but wait a minute what else can we do...hmmmm? Let's involve the students! So each grade level was invited to come up with a fundraising idea to raise money for their classrooms — like the third-graders who painted faces and sold marshmallow launchers — they raised more than \$300 (OMG). Their money is going toward funding a special field trip this year. Another grade sold pet rocks: creative little fellows who sit with you quietly when you read or think deep thoughts. Another grade level sold snow cones. Plus the vendors donated part of their profits to the PTA to support the school.

I stopped by the event toward the end of the evening and there were

still a couple hundred people present, kids running around giggling as kids do, many enjoying the movie with their parents and siblings. The movie was "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs" and there was a wonderful energy in the air that was truly palpable. Talk about a win-win-win.

New folks walked through and fell in love with the Rural Heritage Center, which still needs dozens of volunteers. Students emerged with a sense of accomplishment and a better chance for future field trips, the PTA raised money to purchase a document reader/projector and our local entrepreneurs gained new clients. Not to mention it was a fall Friday night spent with family and friends. How cool is this!

Thanks to Kiersten Berkoben and Christine Wydra who shared the back story with me and to Dr. Erwin and Assistant Principal Michelle Baker who were on hand and smiling from ear to ear, so proud of their students and their accomplishments.

We love the ongoing partnership between Geneva Elementary and the Rural Heritage Center, which was the Historic Geneva School. That thread of community and education, the bond between teachers, students, and families, continues over generations.

Kiersten summed it up, "Geneva is a unique and supportive community, and we PTA members are blessed to be a part of it." Christine added, "There is such a feeling of family at the school; I am constantly amazed." Unique, supportive, amazing...that's Geneva ushering in a wonderful new tradition.

### TALK TO KAREN

Please share your thoughts about Geneva at **407-221-7002**, **kphillips@observernewspapers.com** with "Stetson's Corner" in the subject line, or **fax 407-349-2800**. Thanks!

This column is dedicated to Deputy Sheriff Gene "Stetson" Gregory, killed in the line of duty on July 8, 1998. Geneva will never be the same because of Deputy Gregory — it will be better.

## VETERANS | Retirement center's staff and residents knit blankets for the troops

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In 1945 soldiers returned from "over there" with heroes' welcomes, but many of their stories had already been told in the press. In Vietnam McKechnie's daughter Elisabeth served in the Navy, as American protesters sometimes attacked soldiers themselves. Now, she says, the nation's interest is turning the other way.

Staring out past green curtains toward the gray skies blowing by, she pauses for a few seconds.

"Why is it now that our boys are in the back of the

newspapers?" she asks. "Back in WWII the whole country was behind them. What are we doing for our boys now?"

A box on the table in front of her brims beyond full with colorful striped cotton and wool, destined westbound for a wounded soldier's hospital bed to add a bit of comfort during a tortuous recovery from the trauma of war. The 200 blankets the group has sent so far act as a bit of a thank you, she said.

"We just want them to know that we do care."

Every now and then a thank you note takes the 3,000-mile trip back to Agnes Prendergast, who's knitted nine blankets so far.

"Agnes told me a story of a soldier so badly burned that he couldn't sit up and had to lay on his stomach," McKechnie said. "One of our blankets covered him."

Then the spritely lithe woman with a well-coiffed puff of white hair cracks a small smile.

"When we put these on their bed, it makes it their bed," she said.

Come tomorrow this room will fill with clicks and whirring of seven sewing machines joining patchwork quilts, and two sergers stitching the final seams as a team of a dozen readies for a fond farewell. It's almost delivery day, with one more batch of knitted, crocheted and hand-sewn blankets ready for the road.

Those days, when Mayflower Retirement Community employees and residents descend upon the activity room, are like family gatherings, she says. As McKechnie folds a blanket

Tuesday morning, a friend stops by to drop off another, exchanging a few kind words before shuffling off down the hallway.

Tomorrow it'll be more than small talk, as the ladies pick up their knitting needles, spin yarn and lend wistful deference to freedom born of sacrifice.

"The people who work here and the people who live here — we're all working together for our boys," McKechnie said. "We don't do it for thank you. We do it for love."

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# GREYHOUNDS | Rescue groups all over are suffering from decreased donations

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Club. Harris said that she approached the track before, asking to rent one of their empty kennels for \$500 a month but was turned down, so this donation was unexpected. Loewe said that when he found out that the adop-

tion center's rent had been raised and they were facing a \$500 a month shortage, it was a number they felt they could help alleviate.

The kennel club provides donations to several local charities and greyhound adoption groups with money produced during their Charity Days. During

these two days, the tax proceeds from racing normally given to the state are allocated to charity groups.

Almost all the greyhounds that Harris' group receives are from kennel clubs. She works with the dog trainers who control where they end up when their racing careers are over.

Loewe said that the trainers are very invested in their dogs and care for them constantly. He said that only when dogs are injured to a point that they could not recover are owners faced with the decision to euthanize.

"We don't think this is a sport that is inhumane or else we would not be involved in it," Loewe said.

Harris said that there are many groups that cannot afford to rent kennels but are working to help adopt out greyhounds by first placing them in foster homes.

Judy Shamp, coordinator

of Gold Coast Greyhound Adoptions, said that the donations are definitely down and the money received from grants has been cut.

Shamp said she likes providing a chance for these dogs to find a home because once they are sent back to the breeding farms they are considered livestock and treated as such.

"I hate to see a breed wasted," Shamp said. "People are uneducated about them. They are so easily trained."

Shamp said that their biggest expenses are traveling costs to move dogs into homes out of state.

Fundraising, donations and countless hours of work put in by dedicated volunteers are keeping these organizations afloat for now as hundreds of dogs are in need of homes.

"To us it's worth it," said Harris.

## Additional Information

If you would like to sponsor a greyhound for \$10 a month or interested in a foster care opportunity for an injured dog, contact:

Joan Harris at [adoptions@greyhoundpetsorlando.org](mailto:adoptions@greyhoundpetsorlando.org) or call 407-335-4754.

If you're interested in volunteering your time contact:

Denise Dudek at [blpanther50@aol.com](mailto:blpanther50@aol.com).

A list of upcoming events supporting the Greyhound Pets of America and Gold Coast Greyhound Adoptions can be found at their websites, <http://www.greyhoundpetsorlando.org/Index.html> and <http://www.goldcoastgreyhoundsorlando.com/events.php>



PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE VOICE

More than 40 dogs await rescue at a Longwood shelter, which has been forced to downsize due to rising costs and donations, which have failed to keep up.

# SAFETY | New Public Safety Center put on demonstrations for visitors

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Investigators, firefighters and paramedics train alongside each other — oftentimes crossing multiple skills as they learn multiple disciplines of life-saving techniques. Firefighter trainees can become certified as paramedics in the same building, and they're learning from real professionals in the field.

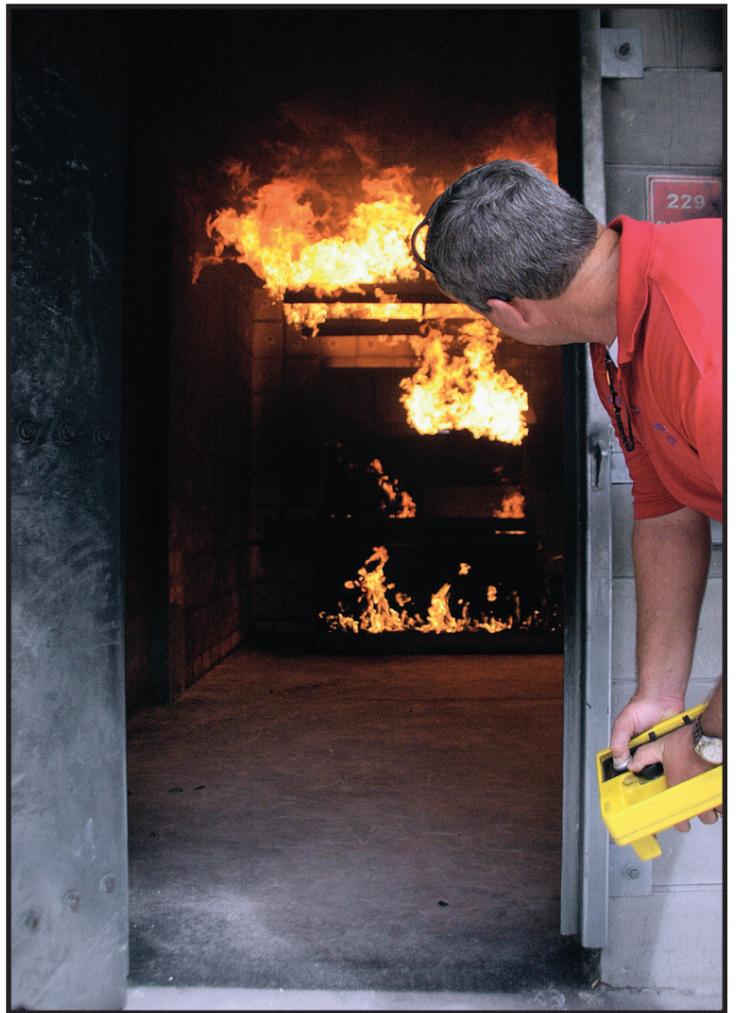
Benton is an 18-year veteran firefighter and a battalion chief for the Sanford Fire Department. He's also a teacher in the fire science program.

"We can show students what it's like to be in a room when the smoke explodes into flame," he said. "This is as close to real as it gets."

And with the touch of a button, he can turn off the fire and continue the les-

son. When students finish with the program, they can immediately work in their career. Most of the time, they land right in Central Florida.

"When any public safety emergency arises in our community, you can be assured that whoever responds is probably a Seminole State graduate," McGee said.



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Students show off crime scene investigation skills during Seminole State's unveiling of its new Center for Public Safety, which teaches and helps certify public safety professionals to ready them for careers.

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# INTERESTS



## THIS WEEK in human history

Nov. 22, 1718 —

Edward Teach, also known as Blackbeard, was killed off North Carolina's Outer Banks during a bloody battle with the British navy. Teach was the most infamous pirate of his day, winning the popular name of Blackbeard for his long, dark beard, which he was said to light on fire during battles to intimidate his enemies.

# Aiming for excellence



**KAREN McENANY-PHILLIPS**  
THE VOICE

Tufts of gray hair poked from under caps and visors as teams, folding chairs, coolers, quivers, tripods, and bow cases entered the silent Sanford Stadium on a Saturday morning.

Their combined ages may be nearly 2,000 but their posture was straight, gaits steady, eyes focused to engage a centuries-old sport honored by kings. The Florida archers competed first at Sanford's 35th Annual Golden Age Games for the past week, with bowling, golf, horseshoes, swimming, table tennis, tennis, and track and field.

Kim Eltonhead, supervisor of Sanford's Recreation Services calls it "The Nation's Oldest Senior Games." Sanford hosted the first event in 1975 with the intent to spotlight the capabilities and spirit of seniors in lifetime sports.

Although some sports were eliminated this year for budget reasons, Eltonhead promised a showcase of athletic seniors whom she described as "young, funny and vibrant."

The 34 competitors drove from Jacksonville, Gainesville, Lady Lake, Melbourne, Mims and Mulberry and ranged in age from 55 to 87 years. Each one had a story to tell about what draws them to the sport.

Archery was powerful enough to unite die-hard University of Florida Gator fan Andie Anderson and fierce Florida State Seminole Ron Lucas. Anderson, a mechanical engineer and member of the Gator Bowmen's Club, has been an archer for more than 50 years.

"It's a lifelong sport," Anderson said. "It improves my focus and mental acuity. I love the technical aspect."

Anderson's friend Lucas coaches junior level players to the Olympic level. He learned archery in Boy Scouts and enjoys the challenge.

"You hate it and love it so much," Lucas said.

Whether they use a traditional bare bow recurve or a compound release bow fitted with scopes, stabilizers and pulleys, each senior's equipment is individually tailored. They have spent countless hours determining the perfect draw length, balance, aerodynamics and distance.

Will they use a mechanical release or their fingers? Will they trust their eyesight or use binoculars or a scope to adjust their aim?

Sleek carbon arrows festooned with custom-designed colorful crests grace hi-tech composite bows that gleam in the sunlight. Each archer knows his arrows intimately. The smooth curves of a simple, wooden bare bow glow nobly as it might have lain centuries ago on the back of a Sioux pony.

Frank Skvarek, 74, belongs to The Villages Archery Club and will compete in Track & Field events next week. He was not always lean and muscular. "In my late 30s I smoked and couldn't even run a quarter-mile. Now I compete in 50-mile marathons," he said.

Skvarek recently won a gold medal at the 2009 Huntsman World Senior Games in Utah and holds the state javelin throw

> turn to **GAMES** on A9

Seniors competed in the first event of the 35th Golden Age Games on Oct. 31. The event continued the following weekend, through Thursday, Nov. 12, with bowling, golf, horseshoes and swimming. PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE VOICE

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## Family Calendar

**Family Bingo will be held at Riverside Park, 1600 Lockwood Blvd., at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13.**

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each game. Cost is \$2/card per person with a five card maximum. Space is limited, and on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information call Riverside Park at 407-971-5575.

**Oviedo Recreation and Parks** will be offering a free movie in the park at dusk on Saturday, Nov. 14. Come spend an evening with your family and friends under the stars enjoying a movie! It's located at Riverside Park, 1600 Lockwood Blvd., and the movie is Disney Pixar's "UP" (PG). Bring your family, blankets and picnic baskets. Snacks and drinks will also be available for purchase. Please call 407-971-5575 for more information.

**American Education Week** will be celebrated during the week of Nov. 15. The theme for this year, "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility," encourages many creative possibilities for special events. Sponsors include the National PTA, National Education Association, National School Boards Association, National Association of School Administrators, American Federation of Teachers, Council of Chief State School Officers, National School Public Relations Association, the American Legion, and the U.S. Department of Labor. Schools in Seminole County are celebrating American Education Week with various activities. Some of the special events are as follows:

On Tuesday, Nov. 17 there will be a teach-in. Volunteer speakers come into classrooms in every Seminole County Public School and share their knowledge and expertise. This year our students and teachers will learn about such careers as nursing, military, firefighting, TV reporting, catering, printing, writing, traffic engineering, photography, advertising, real estate, and law enforcement.

**The city of Oviedo Recreation and Parks Department** is having fun days for children kindergarten through 12 years of age at Riverside Park, 1600 Lockwood Blvd. Call 407-971-5575 for more information. There will be fun, games, craft and movie-time and more on those days when school is out of session. The cost is \$30 for Oviedo city Residents, \$50 for non-resident members, and \$60 for non-residents. A minimum of 10 participants are needed to conduct the program.



## The new face of safety

PHOTO COURTESY OF LIL' IGUANA CHILDREN'S SAFETY FOUNDATION  
Lil' Iguana Children's Safety Foundation was brought to Florida by Chris and Malori Busick in order to teach preventative safety measures to children.

**CARMEN CARROQUINO**  
GUEST REPORTER

Move over Barney and friends, another reptile is singing and dancing its way into the hearts and minds of local children to teach valuable, life-saving lessons.

New to Orlando, Lil' Iguana Children's Safety Foundation is a 15-year-old, non-profit organization based out of New Hampshire that promotes, educates and demonstrates safety lessons for children 2 to 8 years old.

Through interactive song and dance DVDs and audience participation in live shows, Lil' Iguana teaches children through 15 programs the importance of car and bicycle safety, traveling with a buddy and knowing who a stranger is — just to name a few.

Oviedo residents Chris and Malori Busick, executive directors of the Lil' Iguana program in Florida, say it's a proactive program that appeals to both children and parents in that it allows parents to learn how to talk to their children about the dangers their children could face, while giving children the confidence to learn what's right and what's wrong from a trusted companion.

"It's always been closing the barn door after the horse has gotten out," Malori said. "It's always been looking for a child after they've been missing or after something's happened. The program is about teaching

children what to do *before* something happens."

As a preventative measure against the dangerous situations children are subjected to every day such as car safety and child predators, Lil' Iguana provides a friendly face and cuddly exterior for children to talk about their feelings and learn in a non-threatening way that the world isn't always a safe place to live in.

Malori said it's not about scaring children into behaving like she was taught, but about singing songs and dancing to remember lessons that could ultimately save a child's life.

In a region where children go missing and accidental injuries, such as drownings, occur almost daily, Malori said the program is needed more than ever in Florida.

"I think Florida's finally seeing that the problems of kidnapped children and things happening have gotten to a point that people thought we'd never reach," she said. "It was so sad when Summer Thompson went missing because her mother said she didn't even know what a stranger was."

The Busicks, who own Avalon SLC — a company that helps nonprofits with fundraising, event planning and advertising — say as executive directors of Lil' Iguana they aren't only about fundraising, but going out into the community and getting their hands dirty.

Both are currently in the process of reaching out to Orlando-area elementary schools, day cares, churches, parents with big backyards, and any and all who want to see and learn from Lil' Iguana in live action.

Whether it's bringing the iguana and setting up a booth to raise money or just having an informational presentation of the program, the Busicks just want to get the word out, even if space and funding are issues. They say it's not about the amount of children in the audience, but about the amount of information that the children are learning.

"The problem with schools is a lot of them don't have the funding to produce these live shows," Chris said. "For them, we are out there helping them raise funds because when one school sees it going on, then they want it too."

Malori added, "In high schools you have these great auditoriums and space to put on these shows, but in elementary schools you get this 'café-gymnasium' space that isn't conducive to putting on a show."

To reach many of the local schools in the area, Chris is working on a partnership with Regal Cinemas in Oviedo and Waterford Lakes to hold live shows in front of the theaters. He said he hopes to simulcast the shows to the surrounding schools, so they too can get a glimpse of the "Wiggle-esque" show that teaches

all of safety lessons through reggae, pop, country and R&B songs.

With the Lil' Iguana program in its infancy in Florida, the Busicks have only just begun their work — they officially became directors of the Florida program in August.

The founder, Jim Tomaszewski and his wife, Laurie, wanted to make sure they were right for the job.

"We've created a program that can be done everywhere," Tomaszewski said. "Orlando made sense because of the family environment it has, as well as the number of casualties that could have been avoided with Lil' Iguana's teachings."

The Tomaszewskis and Busicks say they want to see Lil' Iguana become a statewide institution in Florida elementary schools and then go nationwide. Bumping Barney and squeezing SpongeBob from their top spots of beloved creatures wouldn't hurt either.

## Lil' Iguanas

For more information, visit [www.liliguanausa.org](http://www.liliguanausa.org)

Contact Chris Busick at [chris.avalonslc@gmail.com](mailto:chris.avalonslc@gmail.com) to learn more about local Lil' Iguana opportunities and events.

# Calendar

**The Tremont, at 7015 Red Bug Lake Road in Oviedo,** will be hosting Move for the Cure from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, in support of the American Cancer Society. Visit [mymoveforacure.com](http://mymoveforacure.com) for more information.

call 407-919-1000.

**The American Lung Association's Fight for Air Climb** will be at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14 at the Bank of America Center. Visit [www.fightforairclimbtorlando.com](http://www.fightforairclimbtorlando.com) or call 407-425-5864.

**Seminole State College of Florida's Tuesday Voices**, an open-mic poetry reading series, continues its season at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, in the Sanford/Lake Mary Campus Multipurpose Room (building C).

This event is free. For more information, call 407-708.2691 or e-mail at [harrisw@seminolestate.edu](mailto:harrisw@seminolestate.edu).

**From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14,** Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A. along with another group of volunteers will gather in Sanford to rebuild the home of a disabled Operation Iraqi Freedom servicewoman. Other volunteers are still needed, and encouraged to bring their own yard work tools. Call 407-843-4600 for more information. The address is 2404 Adams Court in Sanford.

**The city of Casselberry is hosting a Calendar Artists' Night** as a kickoff event from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at the Casselberry Art House, 127 Quail Pond Circle. Come enjoy a free closing artist reception featuring these works and get your own calendar signed by the artists.

**Light Up UCF**, 50 nights of music, lights and ice, kicks off on Friday, Nov. 20 and runs through Jan. 8 at UCF outside of the UCF Arena. For more information, visit [lightupucf.com](http://lightupucf.com).

**The dedication of the Purple Heart memorial** will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, at Lake Baldwin, 2380 Lake Baldwin Lane.

**The Orange Audubon Society's November Field Trip** to Lake Lotus Park in Altamonte Springs will be held Saturday, November 21. We will hike about two miles, half of which will be on sometimes slippery boardwalks. Meet at 8:40 a.m. at the tram stop in the Lake Lotus Park off-site parking lot on Magnolia Homes Road just south of Maitland Boulevard. It is free and children are welcome. Questions? Call 407-851-5416 or visit [www.orangeaudubonfl.org](http://www.orangeaudubonfl.org).

**At 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, Seminole State College of Florida**, in conjunction with the Seminole Messiah Choral Society, will host the free 10th annual Messiah Sing-Along. in the Sanford/Lake Mary Campus Fine Arts concert Hall (building G). For more information visit [www.seminolestate.edu/arts](http://www.seminolestate.edu/arts) or call 407-708-2040.

**Tuskawilla United Methodist Church**, at 3925 Red Bug Lake Road, will host a free Thanksgiving Day Feast from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 26. It will include turkey, trimmings and desert.

**This Sunday, Nov. 15 is the "Ride Like an Eagle"** bike run. Presented by SUNNY Radio 105.9, the run is a benefit for Operation ShoeBox, a charitable organization that sends items to troops.

**The Gallery on First, at 211 E. First Street**, will host "Holiday Delights at Gallery on First" from Friday, Nov. 27 to Dec. 27. Eleven artists have created one of a kind, handmade, affordable gift items and works of art for the holiday season. There is a holiday open house on Sunday Dec. 6 from 2-5 p.m.

The run will begin at the Seminole Harley-Davidson in Sanford and end at the Steve Miller Band and George Thorogood show at the University of Central Florida. The run is already sold out, but donations are still being accepted. For more information, visit [www.sunny1059.com](http://www.sunny1059.com) or



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# GAMES | Seniors from all over got a chance to show off their sports skills

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record.

David and Denise Haga of Jacksonville find togetherness in archery, fishing and camping. David is retired from the construction industry, has been an archer for 55 years and uses a compound release bow. "I like competing with myself," he said.

The men wish more women would join the sport

like petite-framed Barbara Steffens, 75, from Mulberry who took up archery four years ago. Steffens' white shirt bears her NAA championship patch from the National Games in Colorado Springs where she won first place for the female Compound Master bow in her age group.

"I enjoy the challenge, the exercise and the camaraderie," said the retired

nurse, a motorcyclist.

Tim Austin is event director for the National and Florida State Senior Games and serves on several state and local archery boards and advisory committees. At 71 he understands what seniors love about sports in general and archery in particular. "The magnet is hitting the middle. It's also good fellowship and a real feeling of accomplish-

ment."

John Harmon, 82, of The Villages has been an archer for 39 years. Retired from AT&T in Baltimore as a quality inspector he also enjoys horseshoes, bowling and is drawn to the competitive fun.

National medal winners include 87-year-old John Horwath from The Villages who placed first in the Compound Finger category

at the 2009 Summer Senior Games in San Francisco and Len Brunotte from Rockledge who placed second in the recurve category

When the competition ended, the seniors filed out of the stadium perhaps a little slower, congratulating each other on launching more than 3,000 tournament arrows. Well done archers, your king would be proud.

# Cinema

A showcase of this week's releases, and a look ahead to upcoming movies.

Coming Nov. 27



Photo courtesy Walt Disney Studios

'Old Dogs'

Coming Dec. 4



Photo courtesy Warner Bros. Pictures

'Armored'

Coming Dec. 11



Photo courtesy Twentieth Century Fox

'Invictus'

## 'Pirate Radio' — Opens Friday



Photo courtesy Universal Pictures

An ensemble of independent DJs on a boat in the middle of the Northern Atlantic stood up against the British government by playing the rock and roll records that would define a generation and inspire a new love for music.

R - 1 hour 35 minutes

Coming Dec. 18



Photo courtesy Walt Disney Studios

'Avatar'

Also opening: '2012'



Photo courtesy Sony Pictures

According to ancient Mayan calendars, the world will come to an end on December 21, 2012, but Jackson Curtis struggles to keep humankind from facing extinction.

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Coming Nov. 20



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'Planet 51'

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Saturday

**TODAY:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**THIS WEEK IN HISTORY**

On Nov. 19, 1987, showers and thunderstorms over Florida produced 5.8 inches of rain in six hours at Cocoa Beach. — *The National Weather Summary*

**LOOK TO THE STARS** **Bright star**  
Low in Saturday's eastern dawn, look for Spica about four degrees upper left of the thin crescent moon.

**TODAY'S MOON PHASE** Waning crescent  
Moonrise 3:37 a.m.  
Moonset 3:17 p.m.

SATURDAY **SUNNY**

MORNING LOW **56°**  
DAYTIME HIGH **80°**

Sunrise 6:47 a.m. | Sunset 5:31 p.m. | Clear skies | Wind NW 5 mph

SUNDAY **SUNNY**

MORNING LOW **61°**  
DAYTIME HIGH **81°**

Sunrise 6:48 a.m. | Sunset 5:31 p.m. | Clear skies | Wind NNW 5 mph

MONDAY **SUNNY**

MORNING LOW **61°**  
DAYTIME HIGH **81°**

Sunrise 6:49 a.m. | Sunset 5:31 p.m. | Clear skies | Wind NE 5 mph

THE VIEW FROM YOUR NECK OF THE WOODS



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MARINE FORECAST

Cocoa Beach tide schedule

Time	Low	High
Saturday	11:31 a.m.	5:21 a.m.
Nov. 14	11:48 p.m.	5:32 p.m.
Sunday	12:17 a.m.	6:13 a.m.
Nov. 15	5:29 p.m.	6:17 p.m.

FLORIDA FORECAST

City	Friday	Sat.
Jacksonville	52/72	55/76
Miami	62/76	64/80
Tampa	55/73	58/80
Pensacola	49/73	51/75

NATIONAL

City	Friday	Sat.
Seattle	44/48	41/50
Los Angeles	51/67	51/68
Houston	56/80	63/82

City	Friday	Sat.
Atlanta	45/68	56/71
Chicago	42/60	47/57
New York	44/55	49/56

INTERNATIONAL

City	Friday	Sat.
London	51/59	50/57
Paris	52/60	48/56
Tokyo	46/57	53/66

## Notes

Students and alumni of the Interior Design Program at Seminole State College won first place in the Saks Fifth Avenue annual Key to Fine Dining event on Thursday, Oct. 15.

Al Sarabasa Jr. has been named to the board of directors of the Central Florida Zoo.

The University of Central Florida Business Incubation Program

recently marked its 10th anniversary. The decade-long business incubation effort has helped more than 130 client companies create 1,653 new jobs and generates more than \$190 million annually in local economic impact.

The Sanford Orlando Kennel Club donated \$35,380 to local charities and greyhound adoption groups. They had a set amount of planned donations, but made one additional donation

to the Greater Orlando Chapter of Greyhound Pets of America to help them stay open.

D & A Building Services Inc. has secured a significant contract renewal with Highwoods Properties (NYSE:HIW) for window cleaning and pressure washing services at thirteen office properties in Central Florida ranging from one-story suburban commerce centers to high-rise

Orlando office buildings.

Casselberry-based Signature Systems of Florida was nationally featured in Security Systems News magazine's November 2009 issue in an article titled "A Signature Move at the Right Time."

MMA superstar Din Thomas has recently accepted an instructor position at American Top Team,

Longwood.

Seminole County is proud to announce that it has been awarded National Accreditation by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies.

Seminole State College of Florida has named Bill Lee director of its new Center for Public Safety.

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# VOICES



## THIS WEEK in political history

Nov. 20, 1945 —

In Nuremberg, Germany, 24 high-ranking Nazis went on trial for atrocities committed during World War II. An international tribunal conducted the Nuremberg Trials, and charges ranged from crimes against peace, to crimes of war, to crimes against humanity.

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So, you made it to the interview once again and you are thinking this might be the one to offer you the job. What can you do to be more prepared and increase your

chances? First things first, before you even go to the interview, research the company online. If you have shopped there or eaten there or stayed there it can also give a reference point. Knowing about a company can give you insights on the best way to answer questions when asked.

Next, go in confident but not cocky. It is important to feel like you are the right person for the job

and you will be a great fit for the company. It is bad, however; to go in thinking that any part of a job is beneath you or you are overqualified. Even if you are overqualified, if this is a job you want, you need to give it your best.

Remember the standard dos: arrive on time, act politely to everyone you come in contact with, ask questions, and send a thank you note after the interview.

Competition is fierce for avail-

able jobs so it is crucial to do everything right from the resume to the acceptance of the offer.

Until next time,  
— Sandi

## TALK TO SANDI

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# Letter to the Editor

## Remember our veterans

During the month of November we commemorate two important national anniversaries: Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. It is not a coincidence that these two days occur in the same month, considering that as Americans, our greatest blessing is our freedom, and it is fitting for us to remember those who have fought to protect our freedom. The American way of life would not exist were it not for our veterans.

Today, U.S. soldiers are around the world using their talents and strength to defend democracy and freedom and cannot be with their families and friends during Thanksgiving this year. This Veteran's and Thanksgiving Day, it is only right that we pay tribute to those whose sacrifice and selfless service have afforded us the priceless privileges of freedom, democracy and unmatched opportunities that we enjoy in the United States.

Veteran's Day holds a special place in my family. My father served his country in the military and FBI

for many years. He and my mother instilled in my family a deep sense of gratitude to the sacrifices veterans had made on our behalf to protect the freedoms we daily enjoyed. Each year, as we gather to give thanks around the traditional Thanksgiving table, we remember those brave men and women who have defended our freedoms and paid the ultimate sacrifice, and we also remember those who are away from their families during the holiday. Let us never take for granted all that our veterans sacrifice in order that we may live in a free land.

I salute the men and women serving in today's military — today's heroes and tomorrow's veterans. They have inherited the defense of our nation and stand guard in the shadow of their predecessors. This Thanksgiving, I encourage you, as you gather together with friends and family, to remember our veterans and the incredible gift that they are to our country.

—Florida Senate President  
Jeff Atwater

# Editorial Cartoons



## Young Voices

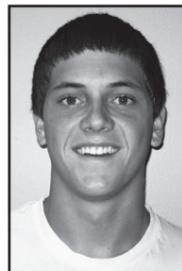
Seniors from Seminole High School talk about their advanced placement (AP) classes.



I like AP psychology because I am tying it into medicine to understand how everyday things apply to psychology. I'd like to go into podiatry.  
—Samyak S.  
17 years old



Literature is my favorite AP class. I love to read mysteries and true stories. I want to be a doctor-an obstetrician. I'm also studying to be an EMT.  
—Ebony P.  
18 years old



I really like our environmental AP class because we have a cool teacher. I'd like to teach kids about animals and the environment. I'll probably go to FSU and major in psychology.  
Ryan E.  
17 years old



My two favorite AP classes are literature and psychology. I'm going to major in psychology and go to medical school. I think you can relate better to patients when you understand them.  
—Lisbely V.  
17 years old



Literature is my favorite AP class — I love structure and grammar. I'd like to teach theater arts to middle or high school students. I like character development and literary devices.  
—Lauren B.  
16 years old

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Pay Rate: \$850.00 per week  
Job Order Number: 9438666

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Pay Rate: Salary based upon experience  
Job Order Number: 9438742

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Pay Rate: \$19.20-\$21.34 per hour  
Job Order Number: 9438785

**Track Hoe Operator**  
Job Description: Responsible for excavating,

## workforce job listings continued

moving, and grading earth. Erects structures and pours concrete or other hard surface pavement. Repairs and maintains equipment in addition to performing other duties. Work days and hours may vary.  
Pay Rate: \$11.00 per hour  
Job Order Number: 9438695

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Pay Rate: \$10.00 per hour  
Job Order Number: 9439118

## answers

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### Weekly SUDOKU

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### King Crossword

Solution time: 21 mins.

## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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**King Crossword**

<b>ACROSS</b>	34 — -la-la	3 Guitars' kin
1 Poker variety	35 All over again	4 Remove (from)
5 Crooner	37 Wood finishing substances	5 Planes, trains and automobiles
8 Ellipse	39 Homer's interjection	6 "— Got a Secret"
12 Sci-fi's Skywalker	41 Cain's victim	7 Honeycomb compartment
13 Leading lady?	42 Arouse	8 La Scala
14 Lima's country	49 "Holder" of a brief explanation	9 Family feud
15 Help in a crime	51 Guy	10 Seed covering
16 Greek	52 Reed instrument	11 Historic sitcom star
18 Tangy green condiment	53 Have a bug	17 Sellers
20 Noble	54 Additionally	42 Nose-in-the-air sort
21 Anatomical cavities	55 Swiss city	43 Tooth-paste dispenser
23 West of Hollywood	56 In medias	19 Road
24 Sasha and Malia's mom	57 Witnessed	44 Bosc or Bartlett
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28 Men only	1 Cabbage salad	24 Biz deg.
31 Tavern	2 Big brass instrument	25 Author Fleming
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# ATHLETICS



**THIS WEEK** in sports history

Nov. 19, 1969 —

Brazilian soccer great Pele scored his 1,000th professional goal in a game, against Vasco da Gama in Rio de Janeiro's Maracana stadium. Born Edson Arantes do Nascimento in Tres Coracos, Brazil, in 1940, Pele scored 1,282 goals in 1,363 games during his career.

## Knights trampled by Longhorns last week

**ISAAC BABCOCK**  
THE VOICE

Flying high on the updraft of a two-game winning streak, the Knights came crashing down Saturday in Austin, Texas, as the Longhorns decimated them 35-3.

If that 35-point score seems familiar, it's because the Longhorns scored the same points in 2007 when the Knights put up 32 to nearly upset them in the Bright House's football debut. But this time around the Longhorns' pass defense grounded the Knights' air game.

For the first time this season UCF (5-4, 3-2) was held to less than 100 yards in the air, with only 76 total in the game. Many of those came on their first and only score of the game, when the Knights took the lead early in the second quarter with a Nick Cattoi field goal.

That 3-point gap didn't hold the Knights over for long, as Texas (9-0) then went on a 35-point scoring spree to take the lead and run away with it for the rest of the game.

The tale of the game unraveled in the total offense category, with Texas gaining



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Quarterback Brett Hodges may return against Houston after recuperating from injuries sustained against Marshall two weeks ago.

## Lions clinch district championship



PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE VOICE

Lions quarterback Blake Bortles was less of a factor in their district-clinching win, but still passed for 101 yards as his team vanquished local rival Winter Springs Friday night.

**ISAAC BABCOCK**  
THE VOICE

The Oviedo Lions are district champions after a 33-13 rout of rival Winter Springs on Friday, Nov. 13. The win clinched a sweep of Class 5A District 3 for the Lions.

Stew Butler's 128 yards on the ground, plus his four rushing touchdowns helped propel the Lions (8-1, 4-0) to the big win. But quarter-

back Blake Bortles, who had shined throughout this season, was held to 101 yards in the air by the Bears' pass defense.

The Lions finish off the regular season by hosting Lyman at 7:30 p.m. Friday for their homecoming game. Miss Florida and Oviedo graduate Rachel Todd will appear at halftime.

The Greyhounds (6-3, 1-2) are coming off a 12-8 loss to Seminole.

The Bears (3-6, 3-1) clinched a playoff berth by finishing second in their district despite only winning three of their nine games. They'll finish the regular season with a 7:30 p.m. Friday kickoff in Lake Mary.

The Rams (5-4, 0-3) are coming off their sixth straight loss to Lake Brantley (6-3, 2-1) who beat them 35-21 last week.

The Patriots unloaded

on the Rams, totaling 552 yards in the game, led by 187 yards in the air by quarterback Bryce Bergeron. Two stellar Patriots rushing performances kept the Rams on their toes, with Tion Green running for 139 yards, and Tyler Krider gaining 130. Xavier Youngblood's two massive receptions picked up 121 yards and two touchdowns for the Patriots.

The Patriots travel to

Hagerty for an end of the regular season showdown at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The Huskies (2-7, 1-3) have their first winning streak of the season after beating Pine Ridge 21-14 in Deltona last week.

Lake Howell (3-6, 2-2) grabbed their third win of the season with a 17-13 victory over Evans. They'll finish out their season at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Seminole.

# Knights open under shoe controversy



PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE VOICE

The Knights are building energy leading up to their season opener, but newcomer Marcus Jordan's shoes have led to a lost sponsorship deal after he wore Nikes during an exhibition game.

ISAAC BABCOCK  
THE VOICE

The UCF men's basketball team hasn't played an official game yet, but they're already making headlines thanks to their most prominent player, freshman Marcus Jordan.

The son of NBA legend Michael Jordan brought the spotlight to UCF's growing basketball program, but also brought a problem — his shoes. He announced in October that he'd be wearing his dad's Nikes, despite UCF having a 7-year exclusive relationship with Adidas.

On Nov. 4 the Knights unofficially lost the sponsorship deal with Adidas, which had clothed the school's sports teams and was up for contract renewal. That became apparent after Jordan wore his father's Nike Air Jordan Retro XII during the team's exhibition game against St.

Leo. Halfway through the contest an Adidas spokesperson announced that UCF had broken the terms of their exclusivity agreement and they would not continue their business relationship.

The Knights won that game against St. Leo 84-65, but lost an estimated \$3 million sponsorship deal in the process.

The Knights open the official season at 7 p.m. Friday hosting UMass, giving Jordan his official debut in a Knights jersey.

Alongside him will play the second youngest team in the country, with 13 underclassmen on the roster. Only three upperclassmen return to the lineup this year — senior Drew Speraw and juniors A.J. Tyler and Taylor Young.

UMass could give UCF a good opening to their season. The Minutemen were 12-18 last season. Last season the Knights finished 17-14 and fell to Memphis in the Conference USA championship game.

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## KNIGHTS | UCF faces Houston at Nov. 14 homecoming game

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a massive 537 total while holding the Knights to only 151.

That weak Knights offensive performance, largely in the air, came courtesy of QB Rob Calabrese, who played his first full game this season. He completed 10 of 19 passes for 76 yards, mostly while being chased by Longhorn tackles that broke through the Knights' line to sack Calabrese six times.

The Knights would only enter the red zone one time in the game, converting on the field goal. But where they didn't convert were third downs, going 2-for-12 in the game.

Most of the big yards would come in the air for

the Longhorns, who used a lightning-quick offense to race downfield and score in only a few plays. The Knights actually held possession of the ball for the majority of the game, but watched helplessly as the Longhorns turned short possessions into rapid scores.

For the first time this season the Knights out-rushed an opponent and lost the game, as they gained 75 yards on the ground versus 67 by the Longhorns.

The Knights return home this weekend to face one of their toughest Conference USA opponents of the season, Houston (8-1, 4-1). That game kicks off at noon, Saturday. The last time the Knights played Houston in 2006 they lost 51-31.

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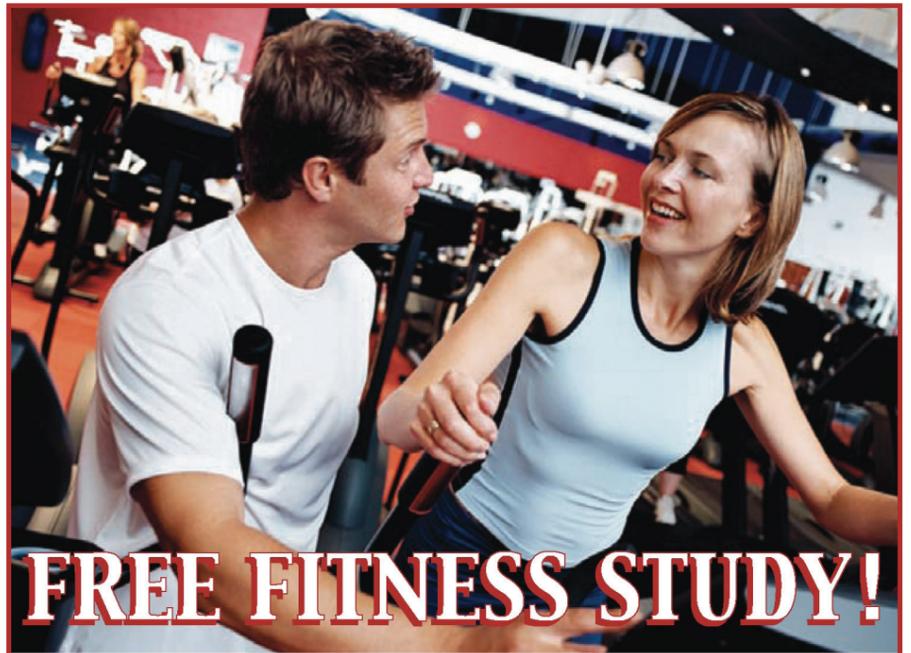
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