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Four days in the swamp

COURTNEY GILMARTIN
THE VOICE

Nearly two weeks after 11-year-old Nadia Bloom disappeared into the swampy, alligator-ridden woods surrounding Lake Jesup, the city of Winter Springs is celebrating her safety and the hard work of its law enforcement.

Bloom was released from Arnold Palmer Hospital on Monday, April 20, six days after being rescued and beginning treatment for dehydration and bug bites. The swelling of her feet, which were waterlogged when she was rescued, is all but gone, and her scratches and bug bites are almost healed, said her father, Jeff.

"She's doing very well," he said. "We're very encouraged."

Jeff spent the majority of his time with Nadia while his wife, Tonya, took care of their newborn baby and other daughter, Sophia. He said his family is holding up fine, and that Nadia was excited to get back to school.

"We were extremely pleased everything turned out the way we did, because when it first happened, we were thinking the worst," said Winter Springs Mayor John Bush.

Nadia, who suffers

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PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE VOICE
Megan Sladek jokes it up with some produce as the MC for A Taste of Oviedo's Citrus and Celery Cookoff on Saturday, where local culinary artists battled to be the best at Central Florida's founding crops. The event brought thousands to grab a taste of local fare. *Continued on page 2.*

Election season revs up for August

ABRAHAM ABORAYA
GUEST REPORTER

When Franklin Perez ran for State House of Representatives in 2006 and 2008, he ran as a No Party Affiliated candidate. But this election cycle, because the laws had changed, he announced his candidacy as a Libertarian.

Then Ellen Paul — who lives in Apopka, away from District 33 — switched her party affiliation from Republican to Libertarian, and for the first time in Florida's history, a political party that isn't Republican or Democrat will have a primary.

There are currently 185 registered Libertarians in District 33, which means 185 people — at most — will decide the election.

"We're dealing with the first one in the state, which is good stuff; it's good stuff



Candidates Mike McLean and Karen Diebel mug for the camera while campaigning at A Taste of Oviedo April 17.

to be a trendsetter," said Mike Ertel, the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections. "They can go talk to them (the registered Libertarians) 15, 20 times each.

It's not like they're going to have to spend thousands and thousands of dollars on mailers."

Election season is in full swing, and in Orange and

Seminole counties, local and state issues could have a pretty big impact on how the ballot looks during the Aug. 24 primary. The ques-

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What's goin' on?

Painters Stewart Jones and Cindy Sturla will host an opening reception from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, April 23, at Gallery on First in Sanford.

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Tired of dating, Zoe becomes artificially inseminated, then meets the man of her dreams in the same day.



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THIS WEEK



THIS WEEK in history

April 25, 1862 —

The Confederate states lose a major city in the Civil War when Union Admiral David Farragut demands the surrender of New Orleans. Four days later, Union troops officially take the city.

Flashy art and fast cars



Lacy Ball puts some artistic flair on 6-year-old Ainsley Newton's arm at A Taste of Oviedo on April 17, which featured an exotic car display. A Lamborghini Murcielago lurks on Oviedo Boulevard, above.

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Money is flowing to candidate coffers

With many races in full-fundraising mode, some political hopefuls have raised more than \$100,000

ABRAHAM ABORAYA
GUEST REPORTER

Reporter Abraham Aboraya took a look at candidates running for office in Seminole County this year, along with their most current campaign finance reports. Find more races at SeminoleVoice.com.

County Commission
District 2

John Horan
Raised: \$58,810
Spent: \$14,246

Incumbent
Michael McLean
Raised: \$87,885
Spent: \$3,937

In this race, incumbent Mike McLean is fighting a tough battle against John Horan, a Winter Springs resident since 1987 and a county resident since 1977. While McLean has outraised his newcomer opponent by nearly \$30,000, the race will

be decided in the Aug. 24 election. Since both candidates are Republicans, the primary is open to all parties.

District 4

Win Adams
Raised: \$951
Spent: \$43

H.G. "Butch" Bundy
Raised: \$900
Spent: \$0

Donald Epps
Raised: \$4,170
Spent: \$900

Incumbent
Carlton Henley
Raised: \$58,927
Spent: \$2,426

Incumbent
County Commissioner Carlton Henley has the upper hand in the money race for the District 4 seat, raising nearly \$59,000. What's more, he has nearly \$57,000 left to spend before the Aug. 24 decision —

despite already outspending all three of his opponents. Since all candidates are Republicans, the primary is open to all voters.

County Judge

Group 5

Ralph Eriksson
Raised: \$100,000
Spent: \$0

Greg Hass
Raised: \$5,950
Spent: \$1,044

Amir A. Ladan
Raised: \$6,825
Spent: \$1

Fred Schott
Raised: \$161,460
Spent: \$0

School Board

District 1

Incumbent Diane Bauer
Raised: \$6,225
Spent: \$42

Jesse Kamm
Raised: \$500
Spent: \$12

In this race, incumbent Diane Bauer started off raising only \$600 by the start of 2010, but managed a strong showing during this year's first quarter, raising a total of more than \$6,200. Her opponent Jesse Kamm has said he can't afford to inject cash into his own campaign and will likely focus on a grassroots effort. This school board election will be decided Aug. 24 and is a non-partisan race.

District 2

Paul Ackerman
Raised: \$11,855
Spent: \$4,349

Karen Almond
Raised: \$12,160
Spent: \$676

Gina Shafer
(DROPPED OUT)
Raised: \$100
Spent: \$100

Sandra Robinson decided not to run for re-election after spending 20 years on the board, leaving an incumbent vacuum Karen Almond and Paul Ackerman both hope to fill. Both candidates have loaned themselves \$10,000 and raised a little more than that, creating a tight race.

District 5

Tina Calderone
Raised: \$0
Spent: \$0 (no report yet)

Becky Erwin
Raised: \$24,620
Spent: \$6,835

Mark Griffis
Raised: \$540
Spent: \$540

Incumbent
Jeanne Morris
Raised: \$1,640
Spent: \$8

District 3: ORANGE AND SEMINOLE
(No incumbent, no clear fundraising lead. Numbers were not available for those without listings.)

George MacNaughton
(LIB)

Terry Martin-Back
(NPA)

Jacob Hoechst (REP)

LeAnna Kolb (REP)
Raised: \$1,856
Spent: \$1,641

Anthony Penoso (REP)

Michael Yost (REP)

The first thing to note about the District 3 seat is that it was created after the 1990 census because Florida had a large population of African Americans, but they weren't represented in Congress. Hence District 3, which starts in Jacksonville and ends in Orange County, only touches Seminole County in Sanford.

Corinne Brown has been representing District 3 since 1993, and while Corinne Brown doesn't show up on the campaign databases yet for re-election (she was exploring a run for U.S. Senate), she has announced that she will run for the seat. And her re-election is an almost guaranteed shoe-in.

That's why the Republican field in this race has four candidates, and none of them have been able to raise even \$2,000.

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Learning new things with old friends

Between the CELERY Stalks

By Janet Foley

Did you happen to go to the 16th Annual Taste of Oviedo? Well, I did and I usually volunteer at some of the booths. I think I went to the first one and as a member of the Oviedo Woman's Club, we manned several of the drink booths. What fun.

Last Saturday, Mimi Bruce and I manned the Oviedo Historical Society tent. We enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones. What was the old adage? "Sitting on the corner watching the girls go by"? Anyway, we watched the citizens of Oviedo go by. It was interesting to hear people saying, "Oh I have lived in Oviedo since before they widened Mitchell Hammock," or before they built the new brick City Hall. All of the visitors added a tidbit of their personal history.

Then when I was through working at the booth, I met a friend and we toured the street. Everybody was there, business-wise, club-wise, city organizations and more. But I did see one new business that I was not familiar with, the Oviedo Cab Company. I didn't know we had such a business. You learn something new every day. The weather was great with a nice breeze at times. I stopped by to gaze at the Citrus & Celery cook-off, mighty good eating's there. I was not around for the announcement of the winners but they all got my vote.

Someone said to me, "you know the city and its citizens need to have more of these activities for the public," it reminds me of old times, of events in 'meat world', well that

dates some of us. They were fun. Well, do watch out — some changes are in the works.

Free celery

Just wanted to put a p.s. to the 'Taste.' As I was passing the Citrus & Celery Cook-off tent, a lady who said she knew me as the Celery Stalk lady put two small packets of celery in each of my hands. Thank you.

Baroque orchestra

Have you been to the St. Luke's Concert series this 2009-2010 this year? Well at 7 p.m. this Saturday, April 24 the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra with guest conductor Anthony Hose will present "Baroque: A Pearl of Irregular Shape". The program, focused entirely on repertoire of the Baroque period, features the music of Handel, Boyce Purcell and Bach. Admission is free. The concert will be held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 2021 W. State Road 426, Oviedo.

Birthday party

Arden Courts will be celebrating their 10th Year Anniversary Celebration from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, April 29. It is open and free to the community. Arden Courts is located at 1057 Willa Springs Drive, Winter Springs. They would

appreciate an RSVP; call 407-696-8400. They also hold a monthly Alzheimer's Support Group. It is the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6-7:30 p.m. and is held in the Arden Courts-Alzheimer's Assisted Living. Need more information, call 407-696-8400 also.

Artistic Hand online

Good news! Heard from my friend Del Seaman at Artistic Hand and they are creating a Web site together for all of you creative artists so that you will know what is going on. Del tells me the domain name is www.artistichandandclasses.com and you can always reach them by phone 407-366-7882. Summer classes for the smaller set (begin the week of June 14) are listed below and remember to sign up soon:

Monday – Children's Art Sampler from 5-6 p.m.; age 5; cost \$125 for six weeks

Tuesday – Children's Throwing on the Wheel (limit 6 students) from 5-6 p.m.; cost \$125 for six weeks. Children's Painting & Drawing from 5-6 p.m.; Cost is \$125 for six weeks.

Wednesday – Children's 3-D Sculpture from 5-6 p.m.; Cost is \$125 for six weeks. Thursday – Children's Clay from 5-6 p.m.; cost is \$125 for six weeks.

Adult classes will begin

the week of May 31 and will consist of clay and the art of stained glass and much more. For information or to sign up, call Del Seaman 407-366-7882.

Free jazz concert

Like jazz? I do, so I am thinking about going to the jazz concert, which will take place 4-7 p.m. Saturday, May 1 at Magnolia Square, 200S Magnolia Ave., Sanford. The jazzed in Sanford concert series will feature the 16-piece Orlando Jazz Orchestra. Admission is free.

Looking ahead

Mark a date for Saturday, May 22 when the Oviedo Historical Society will have a special event for the citizens of our town at the Lawton House, which will include music and food. Watch for upcoming announcements and advertisements.

A thought

It's the things in common that make relationships enjoyable, but it's the little differences that make them interesting. —Todd Ruthman

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BLOOM | Child's story will be shared, dad says

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from a mild form of autism called Asperger's syndrome, got lost in the woods after going on a nature walk. James King, a UCF alumnus and former member of Metro Church, which the Bloom family used to attend, found Nadia in the woods four days after she went missing.

God directed him to the girl, he said.

"As soon as the sun came up I went in, and the Lord led me to her," King told "Today" Show host Meredith Viera.

King made the media rounds in New York City the day after rescuing Nadia, appearing on programs like "Inside Edition" and "Good Morning America."

The Bloom family remained quiet and focused on bringing their little girl home throughout the search, only issu-

ing statements through Winter Springs Police Chief Kevin Brunelle. Now that his daughter is safe and healthy, Jeff said the family is willing to speak about their happy tale.

"We know the story is a positive, good one, and we'd like to share it," he said.

The family has spoken with local media and has been approached by some national media, including Oprah, however they don't want to exploit Nadia's story, but rather give due credit to the people who helped bring her to safety.

"We want to thank the community and be mindful of everything they've done for us," said Jeff. "We've had a lot of help, and we're very thankful."

In the mean time, Winter Springs Police are sifting through paperwork and working to determine the scope of the case. While Brunelle said there is no

reason to doubt Bloom's story or King's credibility, he said that further investigation will be done upon her release from the hospital.

Although there is still work to be done, Brunelle and his staff have been receiving praise from Winter Springs residents.

Bush said that he has received numerous e-mails applauding the police department for keeping the public informed and keeping searchers motivated to find Nadia. He also said that despite the search and rescue efforts, which included helicopters, foot and K9 patrols, and dive missions, the searchers left the woods how they found it and were respectful of neighboring homeowners' property.

"Even though it wasn't an officer that found her, I think the fact that the search was coordinated by the chief was an important factor in her rescue," said Bush.

Proud members of the community have already honored Winter Springs police with local celebrations at Tijuana Flats and Central Winds Park. Bush said that the City Commission also plans to honor them at its next meeting, on April 26.

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Rockin' fundraisin'

STETSON'S CORNER

By Karen McEnany-Phillips

We are all pinching pennies, to borrow a phrase, 'until they scream', which is so true. Non-profits are experiencing a crunch as people pull back from donating time and money. Still I share with you some very worthwhile community events that are taking place in the Geneva area in the next few weeks.

Raising money for cancer
Relay for Life: The Country Way will be here before you know it, held Friday, April 30 through the night and into Saturday May 1.

Who among us hasn't known someone touched by cancer? Come on out to this beautiful event to join many others in our Geneva-Chuluota area held at Camp Mah-Kah-Wee. Dozens of teams have been fundraising in the most creative ways over the past several months, and it will finally all come together with luminaries, prayer, music, games, entertainment, food, ceremony and celebration of life from 6 p.m. Friday to noon on Saturday. Even if you haven't been able to participate until now, please stop by and be a part of this beautiful event. Teams will walk the track on a continuous basis through the night, marking the fact that cancer never sleeps. Donations and contributions are welcome but equally important is making that connection with survivors, family and neighbors who have also walked this difficult path. You are not alone.

Schoolhouse rock
The Rural Heritage Center at the historic Geneva School House will be celebrating its annual Grand Opening BBQ Celebration on Saturday, May 15. This is the spring fundraiser for the center hosted by the Bren-Don Squares Square Dancers. If you are unfamiliar with the center, as you read this it sounds like everything is OK and we're just getting together to raise a little money. But honestly the center is in dire need of a steady stream of funds and leaders in order to keep operating. It is an all-volunteer effort and has been for the past year or two after its inception.

There have been a series of events, workshops, movies and more that have taken place in the beautiful center but some workshops have been canceled due to lack of participation. In order to raise funds for the long and short term we really need citizens from all the rural areas to step up and take a more active role in leadership with fundraising, administration, planning, maintenance and more. The roles are in place; we just need citizen participation to make it happen. If not for the tireless vision of President Christopher Stapleton, a small group of dedicated volunteers and directors, and the fantastic commitment of the Bren-Don Squares Square Dancers, we probably would have had to lock the doors months ago.

Support your heritage
So again, here's a plea to put the RHC back on your to-do list for May.

Start with two things — that are easy, fun, practical and patriotic. First, plan on coming out to the barbecue on May 15. Walk through the center, watch the square dance demonstrations, enjoy crafts, storytelling, food, games and a variety of rural heritage activities that your family will enjoy.

Second, buy a 'Flags Over Geneva' T-shirt for \$15. You can order them now at www.genevaschoolhouse.org and pick them up at Focal Point Landscaping. I'm not 100 percent sure but I think there may be samples to see either at Focal Point or at the Geneva Elementary School. The design came from aerial photographs taken by Chris Stapleton as Rocky Harrelson piloted the plane and the flag and kids are our own Geneva Elementary students and teachers. The flag is a huge rescued flag that the Boy Scouts retrieved and you will see it at the Annual 4th of July Festival. Buy a T-shirt and plan to wear it at this year's Annual July 4th Parade and Festival held on Saturday, July 3. In a time when politics and patriotism call us to be more engaged than ever, support your history, community, and country.

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!

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Flying with the Tuskegee Airmen

One of the famed Air Force pilot group's last survivors finally gets awarded for courage in WWII

ABRAHAM ABORAYA
GUEST REPORTER

Raymond Cassagnole only had the controls of the plane in his hands for a few seconds before it began plummeting toward the ground. Just a moment earlier, in the noisy cockpit of a Boeing Stearman PT 17, he'd been learning how to stay level while making a hard-banked turn during combat. It was 1943, and the world was at war.

Aboard the two-seat open cockpit biplane, Cassagnole, a Haitian by birth, was preparing to survive while fighting for the Americans in hostile skies. Suddenly, the instructor cut the gas to the plane, killing the engine and yelling "force landing" through a deafening blast of wind — a brutally succinct welcome to the Tuskegee Airmen.

"Once, while I was flying with the instructor, the plane engines actually quit and the instructor had to land the plane," Cassagnole, the first Haitian Tuskegee Airman, recalls. "When you least expect, whether in basic or advanced (training), that was the same thing. It was to see in case of a real emergency what would you do to save the plane and yourself, if possible. That's the way it is."

When Cassagnole graduated July 28, 1943, he became the first Haitian of only five Haitians to graduate from the Tuskegee Airmen program that broke the color barrier in the U.S. Air Force. His brothers in arms were honored by President George W. Bush in 2007 with the Congressional Gold Medal, but Cassagnole wasn't honored with the same award until April 5.

At 89 years old, Cassagnole may likely be the last surviving member of the Haitian-born Tuskegee group. He logged in more than 100 hours in North American AT-6 Texan planes, single engine aircrafts, hunting down Nazi submarines off the coast of Haiti during his three years in the Air Force.

He was found by Tuskegee Airmen historian Zellie Rainey

Orr, who said she feels like God has made her a magnet for finding Haitian-born Tuskegee pilots. She found Cassagnole living in Oviedo with his daughter a few weeks before the ceremony.

"I just decided to pursue locating Haitian Tuskegee Airmen because of the earthquake," Orr said. "I decided to see collectively what we could do for Haiti, but ask the Haitian Tuskegee Airmen."

How Cassagnole got to Tuskegee is a whole different story. While in Haiti, he was working as an airplane mechanic, and frequently, he would work well past the 4 p.m. quitting time.

His coworkers would leave him in the hangar by the airfields, where Haiti was forming its first air force, to tell young women a story: Did you see a plane flying at 2:30 p.m.? That was me.

One night, an American captain approached him.

We've been watching you working every day, even when nobody's around, the captain said. It seems you like the mechanic work. Would you like to learn to fly?

"It would be like asking a parched man, do you need water?" Cassagnole recalled. "... And that's how I got to Tuskegee."

During the war, Nazi subs would patrol the coast of Haiti and come ashore at night to buy supplies — a practice that stopped when Cassagnole and the airmen began patrolling the coast during the day, spotting the subs from above.

As the global conflict ended and the combat-ready allied war machine faded into the shadows of a looming cold war, Cassagnole left his old life behind.

After his stint in the military, Cassagnole eventually left Haiti after working with the opposition to Haitian President Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier, crossing into the Dominican Republic under the cover of night with his wife and five children. Then he traveled to Washington, D.C., and eventually ran a bakery in Orlando and Miami

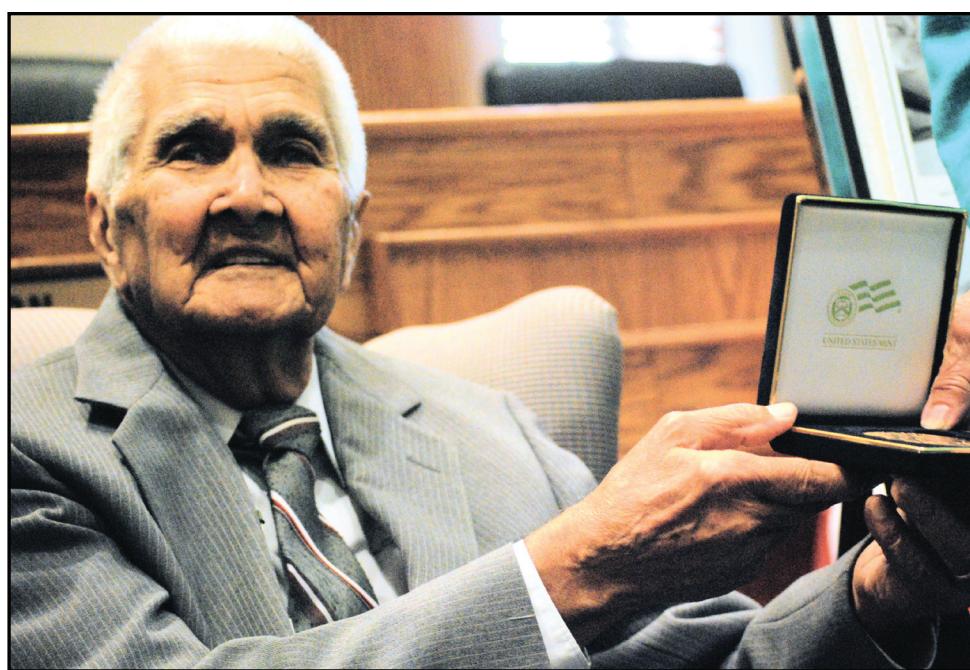


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Raymond Cassagnole, 89, was commissioned to defend Haiti against the Nazis in WWII. Above, he shows off a medal presented to him at Oviedo City Hall.

before settling in Oviedo.

While Cassagnole was in training, he made certain not to leave the campus because Jim Crow was in full swing — as he put it, if you didn't step off the sidewalk when a white man was walking, you could be beaten, lynched and left for dead or dying.

But Cassagnole made one regular exception. Every Sunday, he and a friend with a car would split the cost of driving 15 miles to a Catholic church. Even still, Jim Crow left his mark even in the house of God: Black people sat in the back of the church; white people in the front.

"I can tell you: First of all, I had taken the decision to never go where I wouldn't be welcome," Cassagnole said. "I've never experienced the savagery of going to a store where there are two fountains: colored people, white people. Toilet: black people, white people. I stayed at the campus."

Looking back as an old man upon his time at war, he remembers years of hard training he endured to stay on a level playing field with white

pilots who defended the skies for the allies.

In the 1940s, Cassagnole was in great shape, simply because there was no way around it. Every two weeks the Tuskegee Airmen had a 16-mile cross country run, coupled with grueling training for combat situations.

These days, Cassagnole's knees and shoulders hurt. He has trouble getting out of bed, walks with the aid of a walker or a cane, and he has to take his blood pressure five times a day, laying down, sitting and standing. He has a little trouble hearing.

Cassagnole described a cemetery in a small town in Haiti. Across the gates as you walk in, the banner reads simply "Here, we're all equal." He said, whether you are a president, a queen or "you or I," once underground, you're all the same.

"I am the alpha and omega," Cassagnole said. "I am the first Haitian to be commissioned by the Tuskegee Air Force, and I am the last to receive the medal."

PREVIEW | Crist dropout could have statewide implications for other races

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tion on everyone's mind is whether or not Florida Gov. Charlie Crist will run as a Republican against Marco Rubio or change to an NPA candidate for Florida's Senate seat.

That decision could affect how every race in Orange and Seminole counties is decided. If Crist drops out, the turnout figures for the

Republican primary will get depressed, said Ertel.

But if he stays, and the turnout is higher, Ertel said some of the other candidates could start trying to appeal to the more conservative bloc that tends to come out in numbers for the primary.

So the message points that Rubio would be driving home and sending in mailers and on TV won't

also be used by the down-ballot races," Ertel said. "The tone of the entire ballot will change because the tone of the top race on the ballot will be different."

Locally, none of the candidates for Seminole County Commission or School Board (a non-partisan race) are Democrats, something that bothers Chris Lomas, who runs the local branch of the Democratic Party.

She said it's actually easier to convince many Democrats to run for state house and senate seats than to run for county commission or school board. That's because, in part, Seminole County has at-large elections, meaning that people vote for commissioner who live outside their district.

"We've got a Republican stranglehold here in the county that we're trying

to whittle away at," Lomas said. "It's a lot harder for the people who don't have money, which tends to be the Democrats, to win those seats when they are at-large. At that point, you're having to canvass and spend money getting out the votes for the entire county versus just the district you would be representing."

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Living his BBQ dreams

Corey Warren took over an Oviedo eatery when it faced shutting down; Publix to open across street

KRISTY VICKERY
GUEST REPORTER

The butterflies in Corey Warren's stomach slowly increased as his first day on the job grew near.

"It was like my first day of school for me," Warren said. "You kind of have to figure out things as you go."

But for Warren his first day on the job is different than most, as it was his first day as active owner of Dickey's Barbeque Pit in Oviedo, a business that's been open and running for more than a year.

"The situation kind of just fell in my lap," he said. "And it's been a dream come true."

This opportunity came after the previous owner of Dickey's, located at 5414 Deep Lake Road, off State Road 426, decided to get out of the business.

The thought of the store closing before it was open for a year and before it got a chance to really get going was something Warren could not bear. He said although the idea of becoming

ing his own boss was exciting, it was also very scary.

"It's a hard balance sometimes," he said. "There are a lot of hours involved, but overall the goal is to make sure everybody leaves here happy."

"I found out it wasn't as expensive as I thought it was going to be, so I decided to step in and take over. I kind of walked into a win-win situation, and it's been great."

Publix, new tenants on the way

Although Warren's decision to take over a business may be a decision he doesn't regret, it's risky to start a business during a rocky economy.

The numerous 'for lease' signs that adorn the window fronts of so many former businesses in the plaza where Dickey's is located are only a reminder that some may still not be feeling brave enough to follow in Warren's footsteps.

Ryan Phelps, Century Retail leasing representative for the Dickey's plaza, said although the plaza still has a lot of space available, the prospect of new businesses coming to the plaza is very promising.

"We are going to have a lot very soon," Phelps said. "Especially with Publix going in right across the street — that has helped



PHOTO BY KRISTY VICKERY — THE VOICE

Corey Warren is all smiles at Dickey's Barbeque Pit, despite the risks of a rocky economy.

our leasing activities tremendously."

Phelps said although no contracts for new businesses have been inked, the businesses that have already opened in the plaza are doing great.

"Cutie Patootie is doing great; Play N Trade does great; Verizon's coming in there; everybody does good there," he said. "Things are picking up."

Mari Mangual, Cutie Patootie manager, said business has been good since they opened in August.

"Although there's not much in the plaza now

we still get a lot of traffic through here. ... we also get a lot of customers through referrals," Mangual said.

Mangual has high hopes for Cutie Patootie, just as Warren does for his newly purchased business. Warren said he hopes to one day own more than just one Dickey's.

"I think that if I get a good handle on everything, then maybe in six months or so, I will venture out and grab another one," he said.

A hands-on learning process and a willingness to be there every day will make his business a success dur-

Southern cooking

Dickey's Barbeque Pit is located at 5414 Deep Lake Road in Oviedo. Call 407-657-5018 or visit www.dickeys.com for more information.

New Publix

The new 46,000-square-foot Publix at 2871 Clayton Crossing Way, near State Road 426 and Highway 417, will open Saturday, April 24.

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Family Calendar

Five students from Orange and Seminole Counties will be recognized for their innovative ideas during the 12th Annual Dr. Nelson Ying Student Science Competition during the weekend of April 23. One will win the coveted Ying Prize, a trophy and \$5,000 scholarship, plus monetary awards for the winner's science teacher and school.

The Seminole County Natural Lands Program will be hosting the following upcoming programs:

-An "Organic Recycling" class will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, at Sylvan Lake Park in Sanford. The class costs \$8.

-A guided animal signs hike through the Black Bear Wilderness Area will be held from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, April 24. The hike costs \$3 per person.

Lord of Life Church of God in Winter Springs is hosting a spring festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 24. There will be live music, games, a bounce house and an arts and crafts fair. The whole family is invited, and admission, food and events are free.

Applications for the 2010-2011 season of the Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra are due by Wednesday, April 28. Visit www.fsyo.org to download audition materials.

It's time to sign up for kindergarten! Registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be held this April and May. Parents must bring proof of birth and residency and immunization and doctor records to registration. For dates, times and locations visit www.scps.k12.fl.us.

The University Carillon United Methodist Church in Oviedo will be hosting Family Fun Fest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 8. The free event will feature food, water slides, an obstacle course and dodge ball. Go to www.ucumc.net for more information.

Adolescents and teens ages 11-15 can learn the importance of leadership, infant care, accident prevention and basic CPR and First Aid at a babysitter course. Courses will be from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 8 at Riverside Park in Oviedo. The course costs \$45 for Oviedo residents and \$65 for non-residents. Call 407-971-5575 to register.

Join local artist Cherie Dacko at Gallery on First in Sanford for another summer of fun and creativity. Four week-long classes for children and teens begin on Monday, July 5. Classes cost \$105 per week and meet for three hours a day. All materials are included and class size is limited to 10 participants. Call Dacko at 407-496-9524.



PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK - THE VOICE

Tom Carey used to be a farmer at his Oviedo home but went to work as an engineer. Now he's back with green new plans.

Former Disney engineer reinstates his Oviedo garden as you-pick for the public

COURTNEY GILMARTIN
THE VOICE

Tom Carey is a one-man gardening machine.

Carey spends at least six hours a day sowing his garden, Sundew Gardens, in the backyard of his Oviedo home, a house he built with his own hands nearly 20 years ago, before the area near the University of Central Florida had paved roads.

"People thought we were crazy moving this far out in the middle of nowhere back then," he said.

Although Carey's garden is just as old as his house, he abandoned his crops 13 years ago to work the night shift as an electrician for Walt Disney World. He was laid off earlier this year, and is now turning to his garden to make a living.

"Sure enough the layoffs came a few weeks ago, and I kept saying I'm going to get the gardens up and going again," said Carey, a former Voice columnist. "You've got to press the reset button and go forward, and that's what I'm trying to do with

Column's back!

Tom Carey will be resuming his "From my garden to yours" column in the Voice after a 15-year hiatus. Look for it in the next print edition, May 7, or online at SeminoleVoice.com.

E-mail sundewgardens@gmail.com or visit the Sundew Gardens Facebook page to learn more about Carey and the Harvest Gardening program.

this."

The "this" Carey refers to is the reinstatement of his you-pick program, called Harvest Gardening, after a 15-year hiatus. He'll also be picking up his "From my garden to yours" column in the Voice on April 30 after a similar hiatus from writing.

The you-pick program allows as many as 20 families to "subscribe" to Sundew Gardens' produce. Families pay an upfront seasonal subscription fee and are invited to come to the garden once a week to stock up on more than 50 seasonal varieties of herbs, fruits and vegetables, and eggs laid by his nearly two dozen chickens.

Customers can expect produce such as blueberries, lettuces and carrots during the springtime and sturdier veggies such as okra, asparagus and peppers during the summer.

"I'm trying to match the business of the garden to the natural production of the garden," said Carey. "The crops produce on an ongoing basis and so we need to harvest on an ongoing basis."

Alaina Bernard, UCF's Department of Landscape & Natural Resources assistant director of land management, said that small-scale farming initiatives such as Carey's garden can help remind Central Floridians of the area's agricultural roots.

"Getting connected to the people that grow your food is important for the culture, especially for this region, which has been developing so quickly," said Bernard. "It makes you feel more connected with your community, the land and where your food is coming

from."

Carey, who grew up on an old family farm near Chicago and moved to Marco Island, Fla., later on, has had a life-long interest in nature.

"I just always had plants growing," he said.

He relocated to Central Florida to attend Rollins College. He and his wife, a teacher, settled in Oviedo, where he expanded his garden into a source of income by selling his produce at the Winter Park Farmers Market and to local health stores. However, following the birth of his three children, he thought it wise to find a career with a more steady income, so he traded the greenhouse for the computer mouse.

Michelle Tallman of Casselberry met Carey more than 15 years ago at a healthy cooking class in Winter Park. Already invested in organic food and a macrobiotic diet, Tallman decided she wanted to learn more about where her food came from. She took on an apprenticeship at Sundew Gardens.

"It was a great experience," she said. "I know it takes a lot of work, and I was just helping the pro-

cess."

She recently brought her son, Jared, to the garden to experience you-pick for the first time.

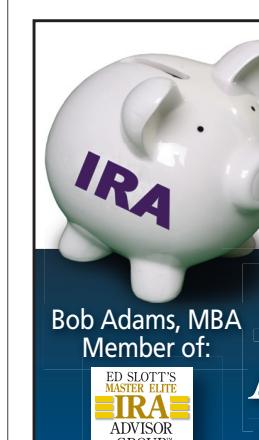
"He's a very bad eater, and I thought it would help him to pick food and see where it comes from. It's like a little science project for a 4-year-old," said Tallman. "It's a wonderful bonding activity. [Carey] and his garden are pretty timeless."

Carey hopes that sentiment will draw customers in. Before he began his you-pick garden in the early '90s, he spent nearly seven years perfecting his business plan. Now he's trying to recreate the magic in seven weeks.

Despite the challenges of bringing his garden up to public-picking speed, he is happy with the lifestyle change and eager to reinvigorate his business.

"I spent the last 13 years commuting to Disney every day, so that's two hours a day of just sitting in the car driving. ... I'm more than willing to invest that time doing mundane things like lugging bricks around my garden," he said.

"It's a nice change; you control your own destiny."

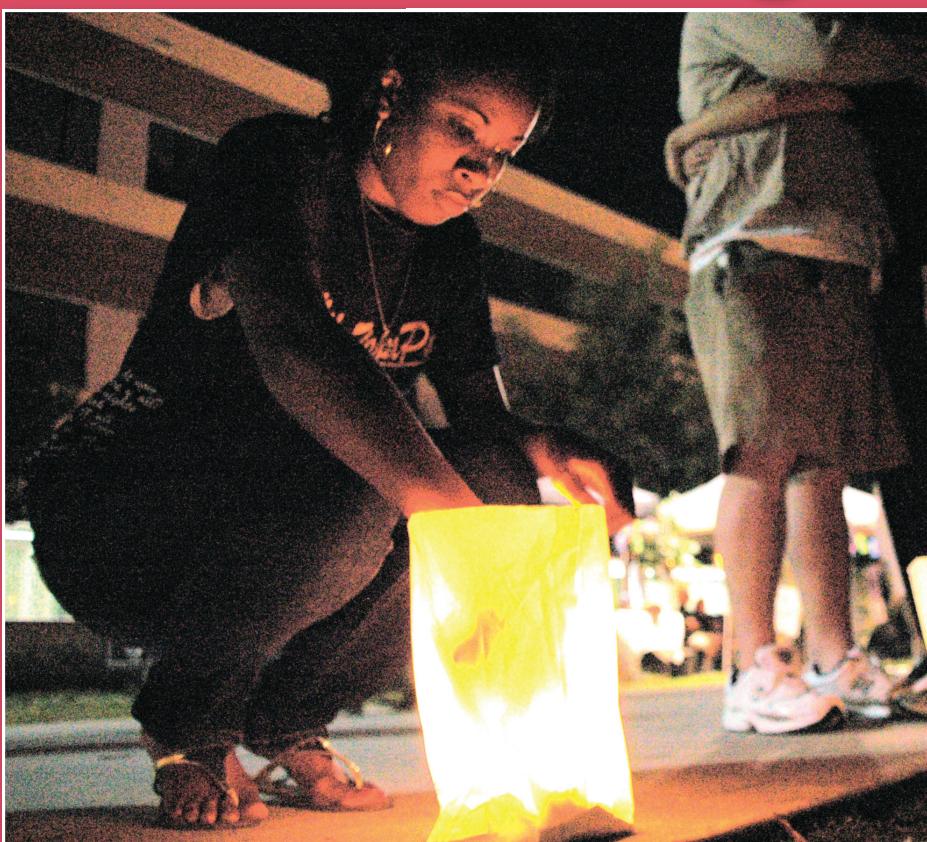


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Ciara Robinson of the Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity lights a luminary in remembrance of those lost to cancer at UCF's Relay for Life event. Stacey Glass shows her donated hair, above.

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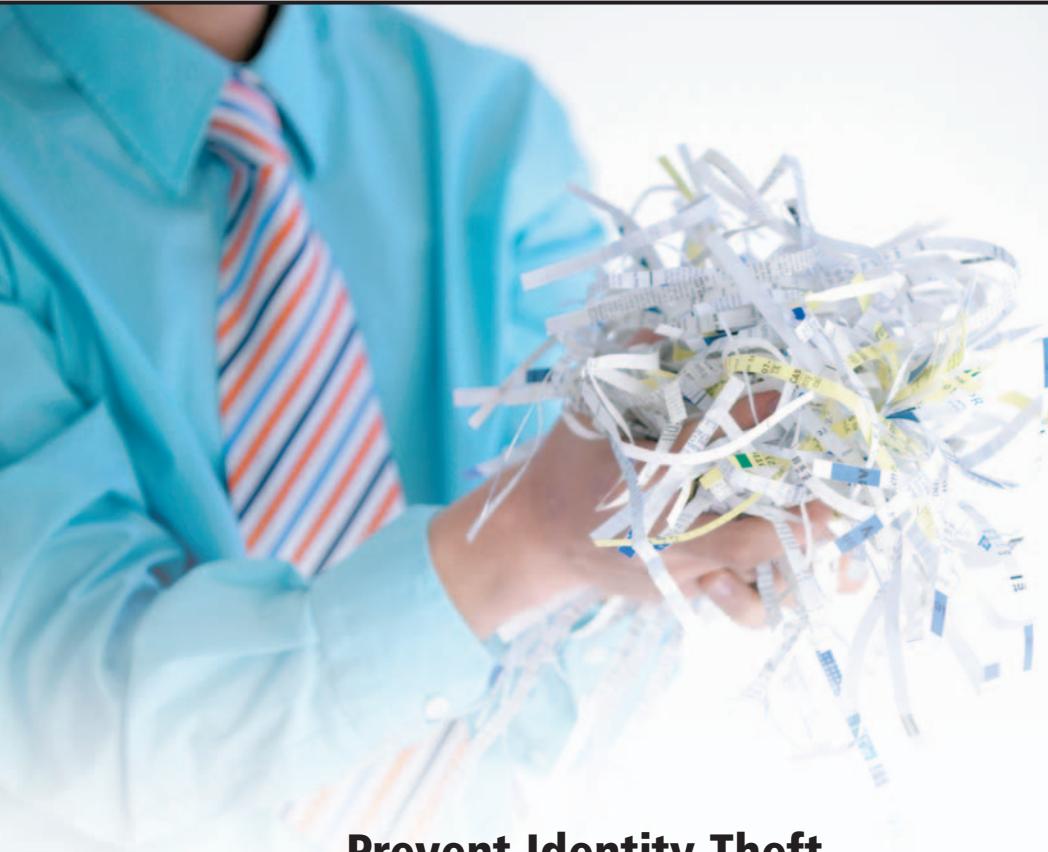
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Coming May 14



'Robin Hood'

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Coming May 21



'Shrek Forever After'

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Also opening: 'Oceans' (G)



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Coming next week



'Nightmare on Elm Street' (NR)

Photo courtesy Warner Bros. Pictures

Notes

Keeth Elementary officials had to think of resourceful ways to improve their facilities after being hit with cuts in school budgets. Principal Pete Gaffney partnered with Lauren Mignes, Keeth parent, and a UCF professor, for help. Mignes organized nearly 50 UCF student volunteers, who painted the cafeteria on a recent Saturday

morning. The school provided the materials and the students provided the free labor. "It looks fantastic," Gaffney said.

Synclaire Kaptur, an 11th grader at Lyman High School, has won the Heinz Ketchup Creativity Contest. Synclaire's winning design, which

features a surfer on a ketchup bottle, will appear on millions of ketchup bottles and ketchup packets.

Lake Mary High School students competed in this year's Trig Star Competition finishing in the top positions. Zahra Dhanji won first place and William Freeman finished

in second place.

Sandi Whitefield's third grade students at Heathrow Elementary participated in a Skype interview with Jamaican Ambassador H.E. Anthony Johnson. Students talked to Johnson about Jamaica's economy and culture, and the information they learned was published on the school's Web site.

them to focus on critical issues teens might face such as drug/alcohol use, body image, depression and conflict resolution. The five-minute videos were judged by members of the community, and the winners will be announced at the Character Video Contest Breakfast on Friday, April 23.

Croom's Academy High School's Paola Castellon, Lake Howell High School's Jamie Takaki, and Winter Springs High School's Matthew Dudley were honored with awards of excellence as part of April's Volunteer Recognition Month. The award recipients are part of Volunteer USA's Teen Trendsetters Reading Mentors program, which pairs high school students with second and third-graders for weekly mentoring sessions to improve the basic reading skills of the younger students and to nurture the volunteer spirit and leadership skills of youth leaders.

The Casselberry Chamber's Scholarship & Recognition Committee awarded five \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors from local high schools at their April luncheon. This year's recipients were: Patrick Bond from Lyman High School; Laura Fisher from Lake Howell High School; Jacob Grimes from Lyman High School; Sonal Malhotra from Lake Howell High School; and Austin Murray from Lyman High School.



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Volunteers at Keeth Elementary pose in their newly renovated cafeteria, which they painted with the help of 50 painters on a recent Saturday.

Calendar

The Oviedo Recreation and Parks Department is hosting the inaugural Charity Golf Outing to benefit Relay for Life and cancer research. The event will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 23, at the Twin Rivers Golf Course in Oviedo. Golfers will have access to 18 holes, carts, food, drinks, door prizes and more. Call 407-971-5576 for more information.

Painters Stewart Jones and Cindy Sturla will host an opening reception from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, April 23, at Gallery on First in Downtown Sanford. The artists will be available to discuss their painting techniques and show some of their new work.

Tuskawilla United Methodist Church will be celebrating its 30-year anniversary with a day of food and fun beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 24. The celebration will feature local food and vendors and activities for children. Central Florida Martial Arts Academy will also be conducting demonstrations. Call Kathy Donlevy at 407-977-4530 for more information.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Oviedo presents the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra as part of its 16th annual concert series. The free performance will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 24,

at the church, 2021 W. S.R. 426. information.

Celebrate the 62nd anniversary of the State of Israel's independence with the JCC of Greater Orlando, local synagogues and other organizations from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, April 25, at Crane's Roost Park in Altamonte Springs. The celebration is free and open to the public, but certain activities will require the purchase of tickets, which will be available at the event for \$1 each. Visit www.orlandojcc.org for more information.

Sanford's Midway Elementary School of the Arts will be holding a grand opening and dedication ceremony at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, at the school, 2368 Brisson Ave. Call 407-320-5904 to R.S.V.P.

The 2010 Geneva/Chuluota Relay for Life will be held from 6 p.m. on Friday, April 30, to noon on Saturday, May 1, at Camp Mah-Kah-Wee in Chuluota. Visit www.relayforlife/genevachuluotafl.org for more information.

The city of Winter Springs will be holding its annual Arbor Day Celebration from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 1, at City Hall, 1126 E. State Road 434. Call 407-327-5982 for more

Tour Sanford's finest residential gardens and welcome spring during the Historic District of Sanford's "Gardens Around the Parks- May Day Celebration," which begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Student Museum SCPS, 301 W. 7th Street. The highlight of the event will be a historical dance around the May Pole performed by Midway Elementary School's young musicians and dancers at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The May Day celebration is free, and the garden tour costs \$10. Call Sarah Miller at 407-320-7271 for more information.

Teachers and students from the Artistic Hand will be hosting a pottery sale from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, and Sunday, May 2 at 353 N. Central Ave., Oviedo.

The Planetarium at Seminole State College of Florida, which is located at 100 Weldon Blvd. in Sanford, will entertain stargazers with three shows in May:

"Cretaceous Countdown: Investigating the Death of Dinosaurs" will examine the theories related to dinosaur extinction. It will be presented from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays from May 1 through

May 22. -"Central Florida Nights," the planetarium's flagship show, is a guided, interactive tour of the night sky. It will be presented from 8:30-9:30 p.m. on Friday, May 7, and Friday, May 21.

"Kingdoms of the Stars" will explore the history of Asian astronomy. It will be presented from 8:30-9:30 p.m. on Friday, May 14.

The planetarium is free for Seminole State students, faculty and staff with a valid Seminole State ID, and tickets cost \$6 for adults and \$4 for seniors and non-Seminole State students. Go to www.seminolestate.edu/planet for more information.

Author and mentor Buck Jacobs will be the featured speaker at the Central Florida Christian Chamber's Business-Building Lunch, which begins at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4, at Orlando Baptist Church. Jacobs has an extensive background in organizational development based on principles found in Scripture. The cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Visit <http://cfchristianchamber.com> for more information.

Shred your confidential documents for free at "Shred Fest!," which will be held from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, at 156 Geneva Drive in Oviedo.

The Florida Yards and Neighborhoods program and the City of Winter Springs are hosting a landscape class at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, at the Winter Springs Senior Center, 400 N. Edgemont Ave. Call 407-667-5575 to register.



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Giving a reason to celebrate, the JCC will party from 3-8 p.m. Sunday.

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This week I received a letter from an employer who was giving some feedback about the employment process. She had received more than 275 resumes for some positions and had tried to contact people for interviews.

She asked everyone to apply

online. Only a few did. She asked about 20 to come to an orientation. Only a few did. She left countless messages. Only a few called back. As a result, only a few got hired.

This employer is a major hotel in the Orlando area. I went online to look at their application process and found it to be one of the easiest I have seen. It is one page and when you upload your resume it fills in most of the blanks.

I am aware this is just one example, but I also have heard from employers that some people don't

call back or show up for interviews. You can't get the job if you don't respond.

We had a gentleman in our office a couple of weeks ago who wanted to use our phones to call an interviewer to say he would be late because he wanted to use our computers to apply for another job he had seen. That made no sense to me.

Another employer told us that they have had candidates actually ask them to wait to start the interview until they got off the phone.

I am sure this is not you, but I

just wanted to share some of the frustrations I am hearing from the other side. If you have stories to tell or employment questions to ask, please e-mail me at sandi@christianhelp.org.

TALK TO SANDI

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Letter to the Editor

Editorial Cartoon

A new "twist" in the law may help your mom

Mom has always been there to nurture and take care of you. Mother's Day is the perfect time to give back and look out for her. If she's having a hard time paying for her prescription drugs, tell her about the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan and the extra help available through Social Security.

If your mother, or any special woman in your life, is covered by Medicare and has limited income and resources, she may be eligible for extra help to pay her monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. The extra help is worth an average of \$3,900 per year.

Perhaps you've looked into the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan for Mom before, and discovered that she did not qualify due to her income or resources. The law changed in 2010 and as Chubby

Checker will tell you, it will be easier than ever to qualify for the extra help.

It's easy to figure out whether Mom is eligible for the extra help. To qualify, she must be receiving Medicare and:

Have income limited to \$16,245 for an individual or \$21,855 for a married couple living together. Even if her annual income is higher, she still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. Some examples in which income may be higher include if she or her husband:

—Support other family members who live with them;

—Have earnings from work; or

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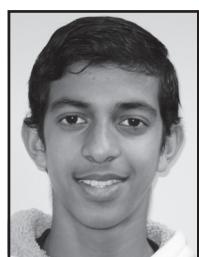
—Paul D. Barnes
Social Security Regional Commissioner in Atlanta

Young Voices
Here's what students at Sanford Middle School think about their advanced classes and future career choices.



I'm taking geometry in advanced math this year and took algebra last year. I think it is a good foundation no matter what career you choose.

—Max S.
14 years old



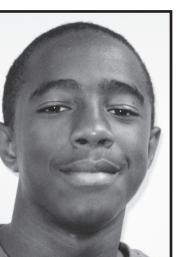
I am taking biology I and want to go into medical research. I'd like to study viruses, drug therapies and antibiotics. It is fairly rigorous, but I want to be a doctor.

—Saurabh S.
13 years old



I am studying marine biology and pre-med. These classes are hands-on — we dissect things and learn in a different way.

—Shelby B.
13 years old



I am in pre-engineering. Our teacher was an engineer; we have class discussions and we build toys, boats, robots and program them. You can think of things to build, design them and have the whole experience.

—Kelvin M.
13 years old

I am in pre-vet classes. We just finished learning about animal cells. We are learning about different animals and how their bodies function; how they react in environments like zoos, about domestic and wild animals.

—Natalia S.
14 years old

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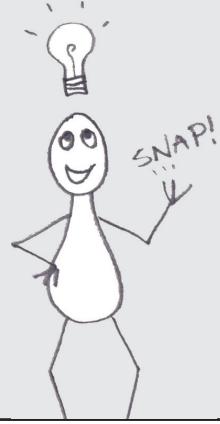
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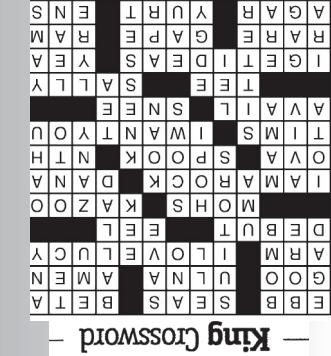
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- 18 Opening night
- 20 Moray, e.g.
- 21 Mineral-hardness scale name
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Donnie Jones' big pitch

UCF mens basketball team's coach gives the Greater Oviedo-Winter Springs Chamber an inside scoop

ISAAC BABCOCK
THE VOICE

UCF basketball fans can expect a faster-paced, higher-energy game from the Knights next season, according to the team's new head coach.

Coach Donnie Jones promised a more exciting playing style to the Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce on Thursday.

"We play short and fast," Jones said of his old Marshall basketball team, which he coached for three years, and of his new team as it transitions. "In practice we put seven seconds on the clock and try to score."

That would serve as a stark departure from the

more technical, calculated team under Coach Kirk Speraw, who was fired in March.

With a quick transition under way, Jones said he's been spending long hours getting the team ready and working on recruiting, despite the team only being able to officially practice two hours a week.

"I've left the office at 3 a.m. some nights," Jones said. "We're putting in 16-to-20 hour days."

That may be because of the short time he has to put together a team during recruiting season. Jones said it's been especially difficult this year given his new team, having recruited heavily for Marshall in the past three years.

"It makes it hard to recruit in only two weeks when you've been recruiting somewhere else for three years," Jones said.

He related stories of how he helped jumpstart a University of Florida basketball program nearly 15 years ago as its assistant coach.

"We started by recruiting sophomores," he said. "We knew we were three years out."

After two years of losing seasons, the UF basketball program turned into one of the most prolific in the NCAA in the past decade.

Now Jones is hoping to bring a bit of that magic to UCF.

"We're very excited about what the next season will bring," he said.



PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE VOICE
After three years coaching one of UCF's biggest rivals, Donnie Jones said he's bringing his fast-paced game to the Knights.

Driskel signs, Winter Springs dominates

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Hagerty football's top gun will be a Florida Gator come next January. Jeff Driskel committed to the team on Monday, after long speculation about his decision.

Driskel had been the team's star quarterback since it first began playing varsity football in 2007. Since then, his pass ability had shined despite the team's rare wins. The Huskies have won five total football games in three seasons.

Scout.com has ranked Driskel as far as No. 12 nationally, increasing his exposure to top-tier schools.

He threw for 1,427 yards last season as a junior. He'll play one more season in a Hagerty jersey before beginning workouts with the Gators.

Baseball

John Sebelle dominated from the mound as Winter Springs dropped Dr. Phillips 3-1 on Tuesday, improving their record to 14-9 overall. Sebelle pitched a complete-game, nine-strikeout effort to pick up the win.

Lake Howell is now 14-10 thanks to a 5-0 blowout over University on Tuesday. Anthony Seblano's complete-game shutout held the Cougars at bay, while Omar Garcia batted 1.000 in three at bats, driving in three runs in the process.

Softball

Winter Springs dominated Lyman 10-0 to advance in district play, improving to 21-4 in the process. Katie Mandigo smashed two doubles to help lead her team to victory.

Rompza gets noticed Scrappy point guard high on national rankings

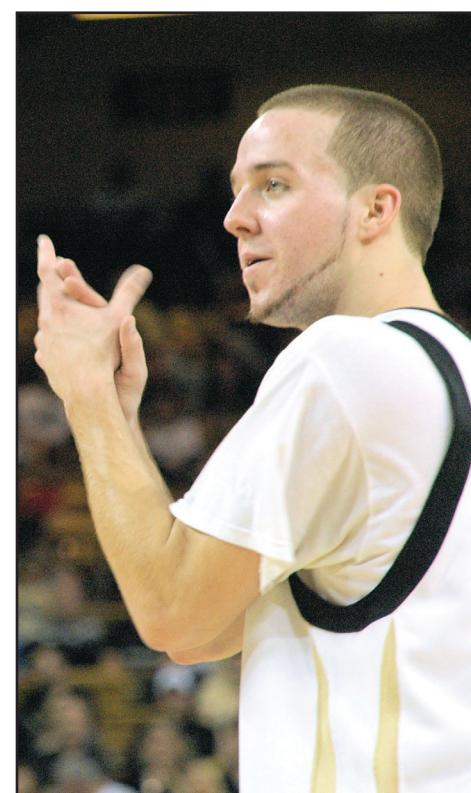
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A.J. Rompza has had a big season in only his second year in a UCF jersey on the basketball court. He's in the top 75 nationally in three categories.

Now the scrappy 5-foot-9-inch point guard is getting his just desserts for his hounding play on the court. The NCAA recently recognized him as 9th in the nation in steals for the past season. He nabbed 81 steals — 2.6 per game — to lead his team and much of the nation.

Also noteworthy in the on-court leader's accomplishments — he's in the top 50 for assists-turnover ratio at 2.22, and in the top 75 for assists per game with 4.6.

And he'll be returning for next season alongside friend and high school teammate Marcus Jordan, as the duo form a tough defensive team for the Knights.



Knights get quick boost after loss

UCF's baseball team lost a three-game series to Rice, but came back to decimate UNF Tuesday

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For the third time this season, the Knights won one and lost two of a three-game series against a Conference USA foe. This past weekend they fell to Rice, but then rebounded in a non-conference game Tuesday to bring their overall record to 25-14 and 6-6 in the C-USA.

A big eighth inning in the third and deciding game of the series ended the Knights chances of taking their second conference series

of the year. That's because the Owls went on a five-run rally to open up a massive lead on the Knights, who were unable to catch up in the batter's box. The Owls would win 13-8.

But the loss didn't come without some offensive heroics by some key Knights hitters. Left fielder Chris Duffy went 3-for-5 with 3 RBIs in the game, including his 14th double of the season. Second baseman Austin Johnston hammered his third homer of the season on the way to a 2-for-4, 2 RBI game.

Beau Taylor went 3-for-5 with 2 RBIs also.

The pitcher's mound wasn't as much fun for the Knights, who were shelled over the course of nine innings. They would need eight pitchers to finish the game, with Bryan Brown maxing out at two innings, giving up two earned runs in the process. Starter Joe Rogers only lasted an inning, giving up 5 hits and a run.

Tuesday the Knights avenged their loss with a 15-7 win over the University of North Florida in

Jacksonville. Duffy again provided the offensive firepower, hammering his 15th homerun over the wall on his way to picking up 3 RBIs on 3 hits. Beau Taylor and Chris Taladay also collected a dinger apiece.

Alex Besaw picked up the win despite allowing four hits and two runs in three innings. He improved to 2-2 on the season.

The Knights hit the road for a three-game series in Charleston, W.V., against Marshall, starting at 2:05 p.m. Friday. They'll return April 30 to host Memphis.

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Record number of pending sales indicates strong buyer demand

Normally priced sales outpacing privately owned short sales, averaging 92 days on the market

Members of the Orlando Regional Realtor Association filed 4,662 new sales contracts in the month of March, bringing the area's pending sales statistic to a whopping 10,179. In addition, Orlando Realtors recorded 2,473 closings in March, 40.99 percent more than in March 2009.

"The record number of pending sales confirms the strong increase in demand as buyers try to take advantage of the tax credit before the April 30 deadline," explains ORRA Chairman of the Board Kathleen Gallagher McIver, RE/MAX Town & Country Realty. "If homebuyers want this tax credit, they must act now."

For March 2010, the number of new contracts

represents a jump of 57.71 percent more new contracts filed than in March 2009 (2,956). The area's pending sales statistic — also an indicator of future sales activity — is likewise at record high with 107.48 percent more homes (10,179) under contract and awaiting closing in March of this year than in March of last year (4,906).

The median price of all existing homes combined sold in March 2010 increased 4.76 percent to \$110,000 from the \$105,000 recorded in February 2010. March 2010's median price is a decrease of 18.52 percent compared to March 2009's median of \$135,000.

March's \$110,000 median price encompasses all types of sales situations and

home types. The median price for "normal" sales is \$166,500 (an increase from last month's \$163,000). The median price for bank-owned sales is \$74,000 (up 5.79 percent from last month's \$69,950), and the median price for short sales is \$115,000 (up 9.52 percent from last month's \$105,000).

Of the sales in March, 812 "normal" sales accounted for 32.83 percent of all sales, while 1,105 bank-owned and 556 short sales made up 67.17 percent.

Homes of all types spent an average of 92 days on the market before coming under contract in March 2010, and the average home sold for 94.36 percent of its listing price. In March 2009

those numbers were 103 and 92.74 percent, respectively. The area's average interest rate increased in March to 4.99 percent.

Inventory

There are currently 16,223 homes available for purchase through the MLS. Inventory increased by 172 homes from February 2010, which means that 172 more homes entered the market than left the market. The March 2010 inventory level is 24.36 percent lower than it was in March 2009 (21,448). The current pace of sales translates into 6.56 months of supply; March 2009 recorded 12.23 months of supply.

There are 12,077 single-

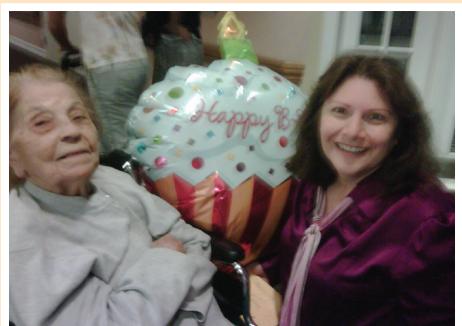
family homes currently listed in the MLS, a number that is 3,330 (21.61 percent) less than in March of last year. Condos currently make up 2,779 offerings in the MLS, while duplexes/town homes/villas make up the remaining 1,367.

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32750	Longwood (east)	41	\$160,776	12	11
32765	Oviedo	114	\$182,740	32	31

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