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## Sanford airport flying high

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THE VOICE

With the recession still shadowing over many businesses in the Central Florida area, one business is still managing to soar through the hard times.

The Orlando Sanford International Airport is anticipating more growth in the next few years to come, despite the recent loss of airlines, and cut back on flight traffic, the airport still has great optimism for its continuing growth, and economic impact on Seminole County.

"We had our ups and downs, just like everybody else has in this worldwide recession," Orlando Sanford International Airport President and C.E.O. Larry Dale said. "International traffic's down due to what's happening over in Europe, and that volcano didn't help us any."

Although the airport lost a lot of money to European airlines, they're still going ahead with plans to grow and make capital improvements.

Dale said they are about 75 percent finished with updating their 20-year master plan; a plan that they like to update about every five years.

"The forecasting is going

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PHOTO BY MICHAEL CLINTON — THE VOICE

A father and daughter tend to their personal plot in a new community garden in Sanford, where green thumbs flourish.

## After breaking ground with donated supplies, this new concept is growing fast

MICHAEL CLINTON  
THE VOICE

Edward Browder and his daughter Victoria meticulously pulled weeds from their plot on Tuesday, preparing the soil to sprout okra and peppers.

Years ago, Sanford was known for its agriculture,

earning the moniker "Celery City". A little bit of that past was rekindled recently with the groundbreaking of the city's first community garden.

Browder said he has always had a green thumb, but cannot grow at home because his house has poor irrigation because it was

built on an old celery farm.

"I am excited to meet neighbors and grow some things," he said. "This way I know what is being put on my food, and no pesticides are involved."

Ground was broken in mid-May with the help of residents and local businesses such as Lowes, who

donated supplies, and Leu Gardens, which helped residents chose the best crops to plant during each season on the 56 plots.

The idea originated as part of the employee suggestion program. Kristi Aday, the deputy city manager

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## Taxable values down for third year

### Property appraiser says he's never seen a market as bad as the current one

MICHAEL CLINTON  
THE VOICE

The cities in Seminole County were reminded of the sluggish economy on June 1, when the estimated taxable values for 2010 were released. All of the cities saw a decrease for a third straight year.

Seminole County Property Appraiser David John-

son understands why this has happened, but he is uncomfortable as the county heads into uncharted waters.

"This is a new arena for us," he said. "We have never seen a market like this."

In a faux victory, the cities of Winter Springs and Oviedo had the least amount of decrease as they saw their property tax val-

ues drop by 6.51 percent and 6.27 percent respectively, while commercial-rich epicenters such as Altamonte Springs and Casselberry saw large decreases at 14.83 percent and 12.49 percent respectively.

#### Winter Springs

Kevin Smith, Winter Springs' city manager, said Winter Springs faired bet-

ter because it is nearly 90 percent residential and was therefore not exposed to the large increase seen in other more commercial-dense areas.

With the Save Our Homes Cap, an amendment to the Florida constitution that limits the annual increase in the assessed value of homesteaded

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## What's goin' on?

The production of "Wonderland" is coming this weekend to The Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center in downtown Sanford.

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# THIS WEEK



**THIS WEEK** in history

June 25, 1876 —

Near Montana's Little Bighorn River, the infamous Battle of Little Bighorn takes place. Chief Sitting Bull and Chief Crazy Horse led the Native Americans in battle and forced the U.S. Army troops led by Lt. Colonel George Armstrong Custer to retreat.

## FCAT scores delay ties hands

SARAH WILSON  
THE VOICE

**The cat's out of the bag on who's to blame for the delayed release of 2010 FCAT scores across the state.**

NCS Pearson, the company signed last year to a \$250 million contract through 2013 to grade and administer FCAT testing results, encountered problems matching demographic data with student's scores that have so far led to a two-month delay in writing score distribution and a month delay for reading, math and science scores.

Pearson expects to release the scores on June 28. As a result of the delayed scores, school districts across the state, including in Orange and Seminole counties, have to decide how to proceed with

planning for the coming school year.

Seminole County Public Schools spokeswoman Regina Klaers said those facing the brunt of the impact from the delay are school administrations. Without testing results, she said, administrators cannot use the time usually spent during the early summer months matching students to the correct level classes for next year.

"They can make a guess with some of the kids based on their performance this year," she said, "but we don't have all the quality data we need to make those schedule adjustments."

Orange County Public Schools public relations director Dylan Thomas said the release of school grades is another concern for both

school administrations and parents.

"Everyone measures the schools by what grade they get, and they don't release the school grades typically until a month after they release the scores, so we may not know the school grades — which everyone brags about, or boasts about or frets over — until probably mid- to late-July now," he said.

Klaers also said that Adequate Yearly Progress reports will also be affected. Under No Child Left Behind, parents can send their children to higher-performing district schools if their school fails the Progress report.

"There's a definite domino effect from the scores coming out later," she said. "Some things that have some summer deadlines may have

to be pushed back in order for the districts to be able to compile that information."

"The lack of performance by the state's new testing contractor, NCS Pearson, is absolutely unacceptable," Education Commissioner Eric Smith said in a June 8 release.

Smith further said in his statement that he was "outraged and frustrated" by the situation and plans to impose "significant financial penalties" against Pearson for not meeting contract deadlines.

"Please be assured that the Department's focus remains on the integrity and accuracy of the students' scores that are issued, and although delayed, these results will uphold the same level of quality and reliability that our stakeholders rely upon," he said.

## TAX | Reducing costs has been a mantra for cities struggling to balance budgets

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properties, tax value increases are minimal. Currently there are more than 53,000 homesteaded properties throughout Seminole County, according to Johnson's report.

Smith and Winter Springs Mayor John Bush have been actively evaluating what was already expected to be another budget deficit.

Smith started the process last year, when he changed

the budget style to a zero-based budget paradigm. Essentially, this budget style forces Smith to justify every dollar spent and his staff to figure out what is truly essential.

"We had to get out our pencil, sharpen it up and figure it out," he said.

Smith said his main goal was to reduce costs without sacrificing the level of service the city of Winter Springs currently provides.

With mass layoffs and

increasing taxes out of the question, they are also exploring ways to reduce the costs of pension plans and benefits, but also with personnel.

When there is an open position, Smith evaluates whether he can delegate that position's responsibilities to current employees or if he needs to fill it.

"We cut over \$1.7 million last year," he said. "But we did so without one level of service decreasing."

Bush said that tough decisions have been made but they do not want to spend money that does not need to be spent.

"We don't have any fat in our budget anymore," he said.

Kevin Smith said it is his responsibility — and the responsibility of all the cities in Central Florida — to do what is best for the citizens.

"There is an outcry from citizens for government to

reinvent themselves," he said. "And we are trying to evaluate everything we do."

### Oviedo

In Oviedo, Bob Bentkofsky, assistant city manager and budget director, and his staff are contemplating a number of ways to approach the budget as they face an estimated \$1.4 million deficit.

Like Winter Springs, increasing taxes is out of the question, but they are considering outsourcing some services provided by the city and, like last year, possible layoffs.

"The strategies we are looking at are a wide variety," Bentkofsky said. "But we are discussing a work-force reduction."

Oviedo commercial values are estimated to drop by 15 percent. Bentkofsky said commercial real estate is crucial to the community, but is a double-edged sword: The more commercial property a community has, the more it influences the amount of taxable value.

"Communities that heavily revolve around a commercial base are the ones suffering the most," he said. "The hit on us is not as bad as it is in Altamonte (Springs)."

Oviedo mayor Mary Lou Andrews said that this is a direct impact from the world and national economy and that it needs to be taken into perspective.

Even though Oviedo has a smaller deficit than the other municipalities, the 6.27 percent deficit still is an issue that affects everyone.

"For the people who are affected, it feels more like it is 100 percent," she said.

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# Boys Town opens new center June 25

**Old, unused facility completely renovated to make new activity center for Boys Town residents**

**MICHAEL CLINTON**  
THE VOICE

The Boys Town Oviedo campus will celebrate the opening of its new activity center on Friday, June 25.

The Central Florida organization will also be giving tours of its facility, which has been helping children and their families for more than 23 years.

A complete renovation of an

unused building will give Boys Town residents a new place to relax and play. Board games, family activities and a foosball table will fill the center. The Steinway Society of Central Florida donated electric keyboards to help make the new family environment a fun place for kids.

"It really will be a great place for them to hang out," said Laura Richeson, Boys Town marketing consultant and former board of

trustees chairwoman.

The ceremony starts at 11 a.m. and will celebrate the opening of the activity center, as well as the more than 3,000 children helped through Boys Town Central Florida in 2009, at the Demetree Campus, 975 Oklahoma St. in Oviedo. It is free to the public.

Mary Demetree, chairwoman of the William C. Demetree Jr. Foundation, has committed to match all

donations to as much as \$400,000. After two years, the donations are in excess of \$250,000, and Richeson hopes to meet the maximum by the year's end.

Boys Town has been saving children and rescuing families for more than 23 years in Central Florida.

Visit [BoysTown.org](http://BoysTown.org) for more information.

## AIRPORT | Orlando-Sanford airport going through with massive expansion

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to change some, in fact it's probably going to go down some from the last one (master plan). Things were on the up and up when we did that one, we were one of the fastest growing airports in the world at the time, and the fastest growing airport in North America," Dale said. "So our forecasts based on those projections were doing good until last year."

Orlando Sanford International Airport Vice President of Administration Diane Crews said they began working on the plan, which addresses every aspect of airport operations, last July, and anticipate the plan to take 18 months to be complete.

She also said although the projections for this master plan may be different

than the 2003 plan, they are still optimistic and are not anticipating the slump in the economy will last.

Projects for the new plan include such additions as a new \$4.7 million, 53,351-square-foot hangar, which will be an office and maintenance facility for the aircraft repair firm Avocet Maintenance and Engineering.

A \$300,000 in-line baggage system will also be added, as well as improvements to the rental car station.

Another big change the airport is planning – extending the main runway. The project plans to lengthen the main commercial runway from 9,600 feet to 11,000 feet, and is projected to be complete by 2013. One of the grants the airport has received toward this \$22 million design is

\$1.2 million funded by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Airport officials are very excited about these additions to the airport, which directly impact the Central Florida economy.

"We really are a multi-district operation in so many ways," Crews said.

Many Central Florida businesses not only rely on aviation for production, but according to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) 2010 economic impact study, the airport also supplies 18,025 jobs, and brings in a total of \$2.5 billion in economic activity. The study also shows that, by using air transportation, annually, the efficiency of Florida businesses are increased by an estimated \$94.5 billion.

"We've been pretty good to plan our growth, with-

out having incompatible growth hinder us," Dale said.

This growth has been slightly hindered with the loss of several international airlines, such as XL Airways and Flyglobespan, which have both recently filed bankruptcy.

Dale said XL Airways filed bankruptcy so quickly that he had to seize one of the planes left sitting at the gate.

"They actually pushed off and were told to come back to the gate," Crews said. "It just hits you right out of the blue when that happens."

Allegiant Air will also end scheduled service between the airport and Hagerstown, Md. on July 19, due to low demands for the flight stop.

Although the airway may be canceling some of its flight service, Allegiant Air

passenger Kelly Bloomquist said she was very satisfied with her direct flight from Duluth, Minn. to Orlando Sanford International Airport.

"I'm very pleased with the fast service," she said. "It was a great flight, at a very good price."

Airport officials also continue to stay pleased with the overall delivery of service, and continue to stay positive when it comes to predicting the forecast for the future.

"Right now we are sort of in a valley and we just need to get back up to that peak were we were two years ago," Dale said. "And we will."

For more information on the Orlando Sanford International Airport visit [www.orlandosanfordairport.com](http://www.orlandosanfordairport.com).



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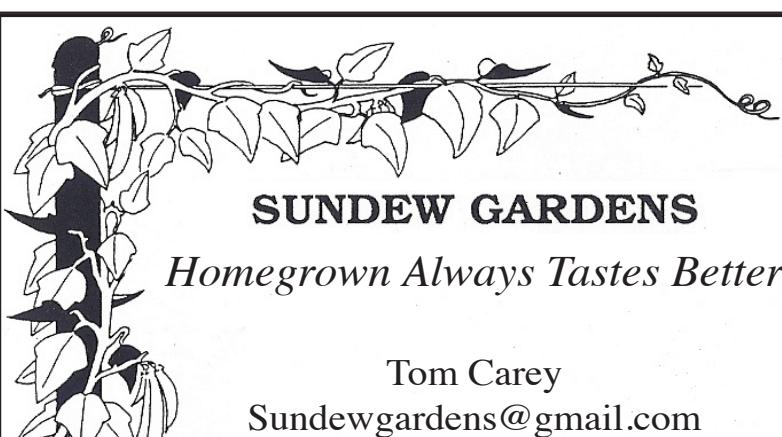
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# 'Tis the season for outdoor fun

## Between the CELERY Stalks

*By Janet Foley*

Lately the weather has been miserable for most of us — either too hot or too much rain. Hey, we need the rain with the hot, dry weather, and now that you are all complaining about the weather, I have to tell you that the first day of summer starts on June 21. Do you feel a wee bit warmer? Get started with early exercise outside, chores and yard work, then stay inside for the hottest part of the day. I enjoy working in the early evening and seem to get more accomplished then. Fits my schedule; try it.

I really had to chuckle the other day. I was coming home on Broadway Street, turning left on Central Avenue passing the Town House Restaurant parking lot, and I was not able to proceed farther north. Why? Mr. Rooster was in the middle of the street helping his lady hens cross.

Traffic was tied up for a short period of time. Hey, that is part of our town's charm.

### Corn on the cob

Right around the corner Chuluota and Taintsville are holding their first Corn Fest and Craft Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 19 at Yonkin's Produce, C.R. 419 in Chuluota. There will be craft booths, food and fun activities for children. The event is free and open to the public. If you need more information, please call Larry at 407-927-5408.

### Garage sailing

Palm Valley will be holding a community garage sale on Friday, June 25 from noon until 3 p.m. and Saturday the 26th from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. The sale will be held in the clubhouse (indoors where it is

cool). Palm Valley is located 3700 Palm Valley Drive, off Alafaya Trail. Goodies brought by local residents will fill 30 tables. If you need more information, please contact Lou Reeves 407-977-1933 or John Pachler 407-365-1513.

### Red, white and blue

I know that the Fourth of July is right around the corner, and I want you to mark your calendars for this celebration. The "best" ever all-American Fourth of July parade will be held on July 3 this year (as the 4th is a Sunday) in Geneva. The parade will start at 10:30 a.m., and to have the best seat in the house, come early and bring a blanket or lawn chair. I went last year and thoroughly enjoyed it.

### Cookie grams

I know many organizations bend over backward to help others in our community and truly it is wonderful. I thought since I was given this piece of information you might like to know about the Military Support Update from the First United Methodist Church. Thanks to all our wonderful bakers we were

able to mail 4,300 cookies to Brave Company and other soldiers serving in the war theater. Their next meeting for this group will be June 27 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Sgt. Caudill from Brave Company will be briefing members on how things are going for Brave Company as they begin the second half of their tour in Kuwait.

### Walking for Dad

Father/Child Walk and Barbecue will be held Saturday, June 19 at the Winter Park YMCA Family Center, 1201 N. Lakemont Ave., Winter Park. Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Father's Day with a Father/Child Walk at 9 a.m. followed by a barbecue celebration. Admission is free. Need more information? Please call 407-644-1509.

Happy Father's Day to all on Sunday, June 20 and may you have many more to enjoy with family and friends.

### Taxes? Yes, please.

Fair Tax, a program presented by the Seminole Country, will present a program about the "win-

"win" of taxes. The event will be held 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22 at the Memorial Building, 38 S. Central Ave., Oviedo. Admissions are free and for more information, please call 407-492-4248.

### Thrifty times

The Thrift House and Boutique at the First Methodist Church of Geneva is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is located on Church Street behind the church and playground. All donations are tax deductible. All proceeds go toward church missions. For more information, call 407-493-4383.

### A thought

What a father says to his children is not heard by the world, but it will be heard by prosperity — Jean Paul Richter

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# Honoring our fathers

## STETSON'S CORNER

By Karen McEnany-Phillips

My dad was a quiet hero. My memories of him were only after he retired from the U.S. Navy and was medically disabled from several heart attacks. I never knew the young chief petty officer who did damage control on ships and submarines in the Pacific. He never talked about his experiences as he made repairs in the eye of Japanese torpedoes.

This slight, quiet man had a roguish smile and twinkling blue eyes. Photos of him in his younger days remind me of Gene Kelly. He loved westerns, wrestling and carpentry. My dad could fix anything and he had a precise eye for quality and design. He loved to eat but he was never overweight, and above all, he was kind. Growing up, our many cats all loved him and slept contentedly in his pajama-clad lap. He brought elephant collectibles from all over the world — many from the Orient — home to my mother. He was a Cracker Jack pinochle player and he could carry a tune. I mostly heard him sing in church, but later in life my parents' travel partners admitted that sometimes he belted out popular songs along the open road.

Although I was adopted, I had a lot in common with my dad. We were both quiet, a little shy and we loved travel, animals and silly jokes. Conflict made us nervous, giving made us happy and sad movies made us cry. Although it's been nearly 25 years since he passed on, I know he watches over me and

is carving some great furniture in heaven. Happy Father's Day to all you dads!

### Got beef?

Locally we'd like to recognize the Seminole County Cattlemen's Association for helping to make Father's Day special in our community. Their generous donations to Boys Town Central Florida in Oviedo and to The Russell Home in Orlando will help feed at-risk kids and those with severe mental and physical disabilities. In times when nonprofit organizations are struggling, it is so great to see organizations step up to contribute in a practical way. The folks at the SCCA echo the strong family values and traditions of rural life such as integrity, strength and loyalty associated with fathers. Imogene Yarborough, an active cattlewoman, reminds us of the importance of eating a balanced diet, getting exercise and of course including beef in our diet. Three ounces of beef provide 51 percent of the daily value for protein, 38 percent of zinc and 14 percent of iron. Beef makes a great gift for Father's Day that Dad definitely will enjoy.

Did you know that the Florida and Seminole County Cattlemen's Association is open to anyone in any area of agriculture and rural life, not just cattle? In a time when more of us are growing our own gardens, going organic and becoming more self-sufficient and sustainable, check out [www.floridacattlemen.org](http://www.floridacattlemen.org) or contact President Brock Dalrymple

at [brock@seminolecountycattlemen.com](mailto:brock@seminolecountycattlemen.com) for more information about membership.

Since the 1950s, organizations like these continue to provide great networking opportunities, with more than 300 allied partners. There are also chances to support local 4H clubs and the Junior Cattlemen as well, which teach our new generations how to be good stewards of the land and of their character.

Grandma Russell's three daughters continue her legacy at The Russell Home in South Orlando by caring for severely disabled kids and adults. "All our kids are perfect in their own way," said Marie Fannin, daughter of Mrs. Vantrease Russell.

Terry Knox, development director at Boys Town Central Florida, said staff works with at-risk youth who have been victims of abuse, neglect or family chaos. "There are so many stressors on families today, we put kids in a positive, motivating environment," Knox said. More than 1,300 children were directly helped in 2009 by this local campus, which is the second largest outside of Boys Town in Nebraska.

For more information on Boys Town, visit [www.boystown.org/central-florida](http://www.boystown.org/central-florida) or call 407-588-2170 and for Russell Home visit [www.RussellHome.org](http://www.RussellHome.org) or call 407-855-8063.

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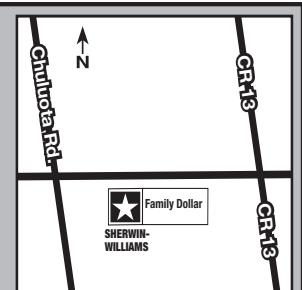
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From my



to yours  
Tom Carey



## Think global; eat local

Globalization of the world's food supply provides us with many exotic and troubling options. With seasons reversed south of the equator and industrial storage facilities hooked into continental distribution plans, we can obtain any food product on a whim. When quantity abounds, quality often suffers. Personal choice beyond the physical produce may trend toward esoteric issues of dependability, trust, economics and environment. Pomegranates instead of poppies

from Afghanistan farmers may sound politically correct, but I bet we can find some wonderful tropical fruit from our own local Florida growers.

Planting a garden and a few citrus trees in the yard is as local a source of a food supply as you can get. But with many neighborhood property owner association rules requiring yards of singular appearance, even growing a tomato plant in a plastic pot is forbidden! There are exceptions: My brother's

yard in a subdivision resembled an orange grove, and he shared bushels of fruit with his cul-de-sac neighbors. (He has since moved.) Reserve a plot in a community garden if a backyard farm is not practical.

Exploring beyond the backyard will take some research. With the Internet at our fingertips, alternate sources for obtaining fresh food are easily located. Local food co-ops exist where growers network with consumers using the efficiency of information technology. Home deliveries of weekly food packages come in many flavors. Some plans even include a freezer unit. Other resources can be found at county extension offices, local newspapers and word of mouth.

With the example of many remaining nearby farms growing nothing but sod and ornamental plants, I'm surprised we have any locally grown food crop choices available. Luckily, the rural zones ringing many cities are seeing a resurgence of family farms and U-Pick market gardens. Whether this is a result of a bad job market

or insightful neighbors honing in on enlightened demand, growing crops instead of sprawl is a refreshing trend! (Disclosure: my U-Pick operation, Sundew Gardens, grows vegetables, citrus, herbs and eggs.)

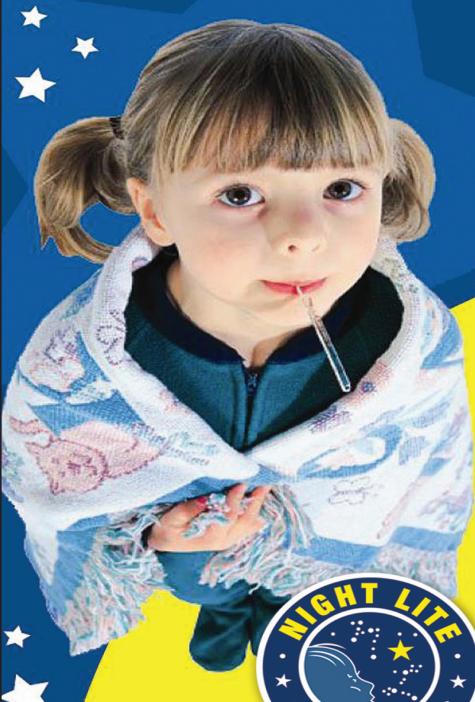
Commercial produce markets, health food retailers, restaurants and roadside stands seek local growers like I've never seen before. But compared to global availability, seasonal local produce selection is limited. During the summer's off season, the only local and fresh citrus will be grapefruit. Other summertime crops include collard greens, okra, black-eyed peas and Seminole pumpkins. By eating local, in-season crops, we support local producers and will help guarantee their return next season. Think global; eat local!

## > WHO IS CAREY

Tom Carey is the owner of Sundew Gardens, a you-pick gardening business in Oviedo. Visit the Sundew Gardens Facebook page.

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## GARDEN | Grow your own food

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ager, took the reins and quickly found interest from the city's urban forester, Elizabeth Harkey,

Nathan Anthony, the president of the Garden Council, is excited at the prospects of growing his own food over this summer.

"I really look forward to this," he said. "Growing things like sweet potatoes, garlic and tomatoes — It is great for the community"

Harkey and Mayor Linda Kuhn joined Anthony, and the rest of the Garden Council, for the ribbon cutting ceremony as residents waited eagerly to receive their keys and get to work, as the city held the grand opening in the corner of a local park on 18th Street and US 17/92.

This location will serve as the pilot project for the city, but Harkey hopes to expand in the future.

"Hopefully in the future," she said. "But it will likely be in places that are already maintained by the city right now, such as patches of land that the city has to mow."

Harkey does stress that the gardens are not limited to city property, and could be beneficial to the community.

"Residents can, and are encouraged, to start gardens on their private property," she said.

Rene and Jeff Leukel have lived in Sanford for the last six years and are using the garden as an opportunity to reconnect with their childhood and to finally meet their new neighbors.

"I have had a green thumb since I was young," Rene said. "As a little girl, my father always had something growing at home. There is too much shade at our home and now we finally get to know our neighbors."

One such neighbor they will have the opportunity to get to know is the mayor of Sanford, Mayor Linda Kuhn.

Kuhn has two plots and says she has always loved to garden. She plans on growing various herbs along with some tomatoes and peppers.

"This really builds a true sense of community," she said.

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## Beep, beep: Slow down!

**Using a tiny box that plugs into a car and transmits wirelessly, drivers can learn to drive efficiently**

KRISTY VICKERY  
GUEST REPORTER

Daniel White's truck is its own back seat driver. When he jabs the gas too harshly or brakes too abruptly, it tells him to take it easy. Now he says he's a better, more efficient driver, all because of a little box that watches how he drives, then beeps when he's driving too aggressively.

"It's a nagging beep that teaches me to be a better driver; I call it my paradigm shift," White said. "To me it's just one of those ah-ha (moments); I get better gas mileage just by driving better?"

White is speaking about the CarChip Pro, a new Zippo lighter-size device that plugs into his truck's on-board diagnostic port to record information about that way he drives, directly from the truck's ECM computer.

The device can be set to a certain speed, and alerts drivers when the speed is reached, as well when they are accelerating too quickly or braking too harshly. The chip helps drivers become aware of their driving habits and trains them to become better drivers, while saving money on fuel, and decreasing carbon emissions.

Although the device is still in its early stages, CarChip Pro company

owner Michael Bragg said the goal of his product is to bring efficiency to smaller business owners to help them deal with the rising fuel costs, while improving safety and reducing risks all at the same time.

"I started doing research and started learning about eco-driving, mostly out of Europe," Bragg said. "And found that the quickest, easiest way to reduce your carbon-footprint is to have drivers drive more gently."

Bragg is now reaching out to drivers and giving his product a name for itself through his Web site fuel-clinic.com, a site that not only offers the purchase of the CarChip Pro, but also gives consumers a way of tracking and improving their gas mileage.

"We have over 3,400 members who have tracked over 8.4 million miles of driving, and have improved fuel mileage an average of 5 percent," he said. "We want to be the one-stop shop, where we have the whole package."

FuelClinic.com also recently won second place in ITS America, the U.S. division of the Intelligent Transportation Society's, global challenge. The Congestion Challenge was judged by a community of 4,000, with more than 116 startup companies from 20 countries participating.



Michael Bragg, left, started FuelClinic.com to monitor driving habits wirelessly from a CarChip, which helps drivers save money.

Bragg said although his site did not place first, he is still proud of second and believes the exposure will greatly help his company.

Plans to commercialize could already be underway for the CarChip, as a partnership with the city of Sanford begins its early stages of development.

City of Sanford Economic Development Director Bob Tunis said an agreement in principle to test the device in a selection of about ten

### THIS WEEK in human history

June 27, 1922 —

Hendrik Willem van Loon's "The Story of Mankind" is awarded the first Newbury Medal for children's literature, acknowledging it as the year's best children's book. Other Newbury winners include: "When you reach me" by Rebecca Stead (2010), and "Island of the Blue Dolphins" by Scott O'Dell (1961).

city vehicles has been made, although details of the deal are still in the works.

"We really think this could have an effect on our fleet fuel consumption," Tunis said. "So we are happy to be used as a test fleet for this device."

He said this test is being done for no cost to either side as a way to prove the system works, and is also very happy to be working with a the Sanford University of Central Florida Business

Incubator, the place where the FuelClinic.com is housed.

"It's perfect timing, because look at the price of gas right now. It's already close to \$3 a gallon in the middle of the worst recession since 1930," Tunis said. "Who knows what it will be like when the economy recovers?"

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# Family Calendar

**The Star Spangled Showcase** will take place as part of the city of Winter Springs Celebration of Freedom on Sunday, July 4. Similar to "American Idol", residents will showcase their vocal abilities. Finalists will perform at the Celebration of Freedom at Central Winds Park. Please call 407-327-6593 or e-mail [ccarson@winterspringsfl.org](mailto:ccarson@winterspringsfl.org) for details.

**The Center for Cultural Interchange (CCI)** is looking for families to host foreign exchange students from their Academic Year Program (AYP), for the 2010-11 school year. AYP offers students the chance to be fully immersed in a cultural experience in America. All of the students placed are 15-18 years old and are proficient in English. Deadline to apply to host is Aug. 31. For more information, e-mail [ayp@cci-exchange.com](mailto:ayp@cci-exchange.com) or visit [www.cci-exchange.com/host.htm](http://www.cci-exchange.com/host.htm), or call 800-634-4771.

**The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's "Student Leadership Board"** is available for high school students who want to gain valuable leadership skills while earning community service hours that go toward Bright Futures Scholarships. Resumes for the 2010-2011 Student Leadership Board are currently being accepted, and interviews start in July. Interested students can contact Kerri Rossi at 407-339-2978 or [Krossi@cff.org](mailto:Krossi@cff.org).

**Looking for the perfect gift for Father's Day?** Instead of opting for a tie, grilling utensils or golf balls, try a gift that will impact the life of someone in your community. This Father's Day, Habitat for Humanity Orlando is asking for donations in the name of dads everywhere. Habitat will send a letter to those honored by a donation acknowledging the contribution in their name. Those interested can go to the Habitat Orlando website, [www.habitat-orlando.org](http://www.habitat-orlando.org) and click "Donate Now."

**The Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center** (South Magnolia Avenue) in Sanford is going to have another year of fantastic Summer Camp fun! This camp will teach students about all aspects of theater production. Camp will include games, movement, singing time, stagecraft, and rehearsals. Price is \$225 for children grades K-5, and will run July 12-16, Monday - Friday (8 a.m.-5 p.m.). For grades 6-11 cost is \$400, and will run July 19-30, Monday - Friday (8 a.m.-5 p.m.). Registration and scholarship forms are available on [www.WDPAC.com](http://www.WDPAC.com) and at The Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center. Deadline for all registration forms is June 30.



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## Make Father's Day fun on any budget with these gift ideas and activities

**MONIQUE VALDES**  
THE VOICE

No need to resort to the typical tie and greeting card. This year make Father's Day exclusive to your dad's favorites while sticking to your budget. From motorcycle lessons to a steak dinner, there's something going on in your area that is sure to show Dad how much you care. Father's Day, Sunday, June 20, is right around the corner so here are some ideas to help get you started.

### Kennedy's All-American Barber Club

How often does dad get to enjoy an old-fashioned haircut and straight razor shave? With locations in Winter Park and Heathrow/Lake Mary, Kennedy's All-American Barber club can give your dad just that. A haircut includes a hot towel, shampoo, conditioning treatment and scalp or shoulder mini-massage. He will be offered a cool bever-

age, a collection of grooming products, a shoeshine and can even pick out his own music.

"Membership is a great gift idea for dad so he can look good all year-round," said employee Jorge Moreno.

Book an appointment by calling 800-31-SHAVE or for more information, visit [www.kennedysbarberclub.com](http://www.kennedysbarberclub.com).

### Hard Knocks

If dad wants something extreme this Father's Day, then Hard Knocks, an indoor combat simulation arena, has the perfect day planned for him. On Monday, June 21 from 2-8 p.m., dads can enjoy free admission with one child admission purchase. A special Father's Day combat mission will be offered.

"Our Father's Day promotion is very popular because it's good, clean fun with an edge," said owner Joe Wheeler. "Instead of watching an action movie

with your son, you can pretend to be in one."

Hard Knocks is located at 5707 Dot Com Court Ste. 1025, Oviedo. For more information, visit [www.hardknockstorlando.com](http://www.hardknockstorlando.com).

### Leu Gardens

If you're looking for an inexpensive time with dad this Father's Day then Harry P. Leu Gardens has something just for you. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave., will be offering dads free admission on Father's Day, June 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Leu Gardens features scenic walkways through Southern style gardens. "This is a great way to give dads a break from their own lawn care as they come see ours," said Tracy Micciche, the Leu Gardens marketing and event coordinator. General admission is \$7 for adults and \$2 for children.

### Harley Davidson

Has dad always wanted to ride a Harley or is he already a motorcycle pro? East Or-

lando Harley Davidson, 11898 Lake Underhill Road, Orlando, is a great gift certificate idea. Dads can buy Harley merchandise, rent a Harley for a day, or even purchase a lesson.

Tanja Nazzal, who works in the merchandise department at Harley Davidson, recommends buying dad a gift card for the amount of a class. "A lot of men love Harley's and have never had the chance to learn to ride," she said.

### Ruth's Chris Steak House

There is no better way to let dad know you appreciate him than with a three-course steak dinner. On Father's Day, June 20, Ruth's Chris Steak House in Winter Park Village will be opening early to start serving up a special \$39.95 three-course special.

"Dad can choose his own entrée with a salad, side-dish, and dessert," General Manager David O'Bannon said.

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### Painted by Hue

Create something dad will keep forever at Painted by Hue, an art entertainment studio in Waterford Lakes that offers pottery painting, clay, glass and T-shirt painting for kids and adults. Moms and kids can come in to get a head start on a creative Father's Day gift with special deals on dad-themed pottery.

"Our most popular ideas for dads are BBQ platters, beer steins, coffee mugs, picture frames and business card holders," said business owner Gisela Rogero.

They are also offering Father's Day painting on Saturday, June 20 from noon to 6 p.m. Dads will receive 10 percent off. Visit [PaintedByHue.com](http://PaintedByHue.com).

### Little Fish Huge Pond

Little Fish Big Pond, "a crazy little urban pub", will be dishing up some unique activities on Father's Day. There will be father-son or father-daughter karaoke, a 'flip-flop' competition where dads will dress as their kid and kids their dad, and the owner, Moire Wisdom, will be brewing what she calls some "specialty dad beers."

"This is a fun thing to do to bridge the gap," Wisdom said. "It's a chance to wear your father's shoes—literally." Little Fish Huge Pond is located in downtown Sanford at 309 E. First Street.

## Song of freedom



Lindsey Strembecki, 14, sings to judges at the Winter Springs Senior Center, hoping to win a chance to sing at the Celebration of Freedom event on July 4. Auditions took on an "American Idol" theme.

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## Notes

### Unknown patient



**Can you identify this man?** A Hispanic male in his late teens or early 20s who nearly drowned in a Fern Park pool on June 12 is on life support and authorities are trying to identify him. Authorities are also looking for a Hispanic male that may have been with him before the incident. Call Crimeline at 1-800-423-TIPS or the Sheriff's Office at 407-665-6650 if you have any information.

**Seminole County Cattlemen's Association** is giving beef for Father's Day by donating \$500 each to The Russell Home for Atypical Children

and to Boys Town Central Florida. To find out more about the SCCA, visit [www.floridacattlemen.org](http://www.floridacattlemen.org)

**Florida Power & Light Company** employees recently transferred power lines, transformers and switches to newer, stronger poles as part of storm preparation efforts to secure the main power line serving a Seminole County fire station, a 911 communications center, and Lawton Chiles Middle School.

**Seminole County's top 31 high school athletes** were honored May 27 at the Bright House Sports Network Breakfast of Champions. The award recipients are online at [SeminoleVoice.com](http://SeminoleVoice.com) > This Week > Notes.

**The 2010 PTA Reflections Program** National Winners have been announced. Claire Pelletier, a third grade student at Lake Orienta Elementary, has received a National Award of Merit for her painting 'Beauty is .... Miss Liberty.'

Tara Davis of Longwood will join



about 50 squad mates in September to leave the comforts of home and embark on the World Race. Eleven months traveling around the globe in community, serving far-flung villages and sharing the love of Jesus Christ as they go. For more information on the World Race, go to [www.theworldrace.org](http://www.theworldrace.org).

**South Seminole Middle School** students Sierra Collins, Amy Columbus and Hannah Krug of the team "Del Sol Ninjas" were congratulated recently by Bright House Networks Director-Public Affairs & Communications Brian Craven after they won third place in the Solar Chef competition of the 2nd Annual Bright House Networks Solar

Energy Cookoff at the Florida Solar Energy Center in Cocoa on May 1. The statewide competition to build workable solar cookers included more than 200 students.

**John Horan, Oviedo resident** and Orlando attorney at Foley & Lardner LLP, was recently named one of 2010 Florida "Super Lawyers" by Law & Politics. Horan is also currently in the running for the District 2, Seminole County Commission seat.

**Tuscarawilla Country Club** announces that it is currently re-grassing all of the greens on its 18-hole, Joe Lee-designed championship golf course and will reopen in July. For more

information, contact Lindsay Kaye at 407 366-1851 or visit [www.tuscarawilla.com](http://www.tuscarawilla.com).

**Richard D'Arata** of Oviedo graduated from St. Andrews Presbyterian College with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

**Peter Mundo of Winter Springs** graduated from Villanova University (Villanova, Pa.) during a commencement ceremony held on Sunday, May 16, in Villanova Stadium.

**The following students** made the Dean's List for spring 2010 at the Georgia Institute of Technology: Miles Brubacher of Longwood, Daniel Mongiove of Winter Springs, Chancellor Shafor of Casselberry.

**Tonjanika Smith**, a graduating senior of Lyman High School in Longwood, has been awarded a scholarship from the nation's largest and most successful scholarship program, the Gates Millennium Scholars Program (GMS).

**Central Florida Regional Hospital** has been named Business of the Year by the Seminole County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

**The Winter Springs 8U All Stars** just won their district championship in Ocala this weekend and have qualified for the State tournament.



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**The Museum of Seminole County** presents "Where the Wild Things Are!" from June 15 to Aug. 14. The Florida wildlife exhibit presents the work of 14 local artists and sculptors. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students and children over age 4. The museum is open Tuesday-Friday from 1-5 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, call 407-665-2489.

**The musical children's play** production of "Wonderland" is coming June 18-19 at 7:30 p.m. and June 20 at 2 p.m. to The Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center in downtown Sanford (South Magnolia Ave). Tickets are available online at [www.WDPAC.com](http://www.WDPAC.com) and by calling the box office at 407-321-8111.

Come celebrate Bosco the Birthday

Bear's birthday Friday, June 18 at the Birthday World Family FUN Center (995 N. State Road 434) from 6:30-10 p.m. with music, games, contests and unlimited rides and bounces. Admission is free for adults, \$5 for kids two and younger and \$10 for three and up. Visit [www.birthdayworldorlando.com](http://www.birthdayworldorlando.com) for more information.

**The planetarium at Seminole State College** of Florida will entertain stargazers with three events in June. "Skies Down Under: Southern Astronomy" on June 18 from 8:30-9:30 p.m.: The sky is set for Sydney, Australia, consisting of six to eight constellations that can be viewed only from southern hemisphere skies.

"Sol" on June 19 and 26 from 8:30-9:30 p.m.: Explore our most impressive stellar neighbor, investigating the origins of the sun and the powers it holds deep inside its core.

"Gift of the Nile: The Egyptians" on June 25 from 8:30-9:30 p.m.: Explore the culture of the ancient Egyptians and their contribution to the study of astronomy.

For more information, visit [www.seminolestate.edu/planet](http://www.seminolestate.edu/planet) or call 407-708-2360.

**Golden Rule Housing & Community Development** Corporation is hosting a free First-Time Home Buyer Workshop Saturday, June 19 in Oviedo. Down payment assistance is available and reservations are required. Call 407-878-3759 for more information.

**Come Saturday, June 19** from 8-10 a.m. for a guided hike at Black Hammock Wilderness Area in Geneva. Admission is \$3 and the topic will be snakes. Please register in advance at 407-349-0959.

**Come for a free evening** of old-time music at the Geneva Jam at the Geneva Community Center on Saturday, June 19 from 6-7 p.m. Food and drinks on sale. The music starts around 6:30 p.m. and includes a 50-50 raffle.

**Bring the kids to Pangeas Adventure Racing's** yearly race for this Father's Day event on June 19 and, with

map and compass, navigate through natural communities surrounding the Wekiva River at Katie's Landing, Wekiva Park Drive in Sanford. For more information, visit [www.pangeaadventureracing.com](http://www.pangeaadventureracing.com).

**Want to preserve those garden vegetables** or fruit you have been growing or buying from the farmer's market? At the Rural Heritage Center (Historic Geneva School House), there will be a Food Preservation Class Wednesday, June 23 at 10 a.m. Cost is \$10 (hands-on, take some home, \$15). Call Bonnie Banda to sign up at 407-366-2784.

**Come Friday, June 25** at 11 a.m. to join the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of the new activity center at the Boys Town Central Florida Demetree Campus (975 Oklahoma St.) in Oviedo. The event is free to the public. For more information, call 407-588-2170.

**Here's a listing of Fourth of July events in Seminole County:**

**Don't miss Geneva's unique small town Independence Day Parade & Festival.** The "4th of July Parade" will be on July 3 this year so as not to interfere with Sunday church. Make a float, decorate your bicycle or your horse, win a prize. The theme is "Geneva - Southern Style".

Weather permitting, the parade will start at 10:30 a.m. with a flyover of old planes, by the Spruce Creek Gaggle flying club. The parade will proceed from 1st and Main going down 1st, Pine, 2nd, and finally Avenue C. The Festival starts immediately after the parade at the Geneva Community Center with free parking in the back field.

**Come see the largest fireworks display** in Central Florida on Saturday July 3 from 4-11 p.m., at Cranes Roost Park at Uptown Altamonte near the intersection of Interstate 4 and State Road 436. Red Hot & Boom is an Independence Day celebration with free, family-friendly entertainment and the largest fireworks display in Central Florida. For more information, visit [www.UptownAltamonte.com](http://www.UptownAltamonte.com) or call 407-571-8863.

**On Sunday July 4,** the city of Winter Springs is celebrating their 50-year anniversary as part of the Celebration of Freedom 10. There will be live music, kids games and activities, food vendors, and fireworks for the family to enjoy! The Celebration of Freedom event will take place at Winter Springs' beautiful Central Winds Park (1000 E. S.R. 434). This event is Free for the public and shuttle parking is available at Trotwood Park and the Venetian Plaza. Gates open at 5 p.m.; for more information, please call 407-327-6593.

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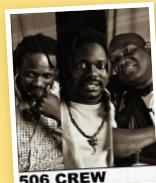
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# ATHLETICS



## Rats fall behind Dawgs

**After jumping out with a big streak to start the season, Sanford has entered its first slump**

**ISAAC BABCOCK**  
THE VOICE

Sanford is on a slide after jumping out to the Florida Collegiate Summer League lead early in the season. Now they're stuck in second place with a string of two losses haunting them going into the weekend.

Last week, the Winter Park Diamond Dawgs blasted by them on the FCSL ladder on the strength of a 10-game winning streak.

In the meantime, the Rats, who opened the season on a five-game winning streak, are 6-4 in their last 10 games.

What the Rats do have is some stars keeping them alive in the chase for the

league title, and that list starts with Tyler Benzel, who has hammered 20 hits in just 10 games, picking up 10 RBIs, 2 home runs and batting .444 in the process.

That incredible hitting streak, which has continued for all 10 games, included two singles in the River Rats' 2-1 shocker loss to DeLand — the worst team in the league, on June 13.

After a pair of games at press time, the Rats will return to their home field for a 7 p.m. showdown against Winter Park on Friday.

The Rats will need more than just a win to catch the streaking Diamond Dawgs. They're 3.5 games out from the lead.



PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE VOICE  
Despite some key players bolstering their offense, and a pitching staff that's kept things close, the River Rats have had trouble generating enough runs to win games as of late. Against the worst team in the league — DeLand — they lost 2-1.

## Miami edges Kraze in OT thriller

**In U.S. Open Cup national tournament, Central Florida held tie with top ranked team until 110th minute**

**ISAAC BABCOCK**  
THE VOICE

While the U.S. national soccer team was battling England to a historic draw on the pitch in Rustenberg, South Africa, Central Florida's top team took on Miami FC in a national tournament, holding a draw until 110 minutes into an overtime game.

That's when Paulo Araujo Jr. shocked the Kraze with four goals in less than 10 minutes to seal a win in overtime.

The Kraze (3-1-2) entered the special mid-season tournament on a down note, having just picked up their first loss of the season against their archrival Bradenton Athletics.

That game went deep into the second half before a score finally gave the Athletics all they'd need to triumph in their rematch with the Kraze. Taylor Morgan's only look at the net was all he'd need to penetrate

with a goal at the 73rd minute.

After that, the Kraze, who had only eight shots in the match, couldn't find a way to equalize. In the two teams' last meeting on June 5, in which the Kraze had more than twice as many shots, neither team managed a score.

For keeper Wes Giachetti, the Kraze's first loss was especially trying as he had only given up three goals all season.

After the U.S. Open national tournament, the Kraze will return to the field with yet another rematch against Bradenton. The Kraze will hope to pick up valuable championship points in the Premier Development League chase, as their recent loss dropped them from first place in the Southeast Division and down to a tie for fourth.

At 7 p.m. Thursday, June 24 they'll be at Winter Park's Showalter Field for their final matchup with their rival for the season.



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Despite brilliant defense early in the season, the Kraze's lagging offense has failed to triumph against teams who have barely touched the net themselves.

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# VOICES



## Take the time to Google yourself

### EMPLOYMENT

#### Ask Sandi



Do you ever wonder what recruiters are thinking about social media? I can tell you it is on their minds quite a bit. I went to a networking meeting where the topic of trends in recruiting and hiring were discussed. You would be amazed at the conversations.

Some companies have been hesitant to join the social media bandwagon, but it is becoming the

norm for recruiters. One statistic said 80 percent of recruiters use LinkedIn. I am not sure if that is accurate, but I can tell you that many are on it.

One new thing I learned is that not using social media can be detrimental to your search when you are put up against someone who is very familiar with its use. The reason for this is since many companies are using social media for branding and advertising, they are looking for people who are already comfortable.

The downside is there is so much information out there employers have access to that they almost feel like they know you before you even meet. If you are

on social media it is important to know what is out there about you. Take time to Google yourself and see what appears. One recruiter found seven pages of information on herself and was able to use it in her interview process to show how proficient she was on the Internet.

If there is bad stuff out there about you, now is the time to clean it up. Untag those college and high school pictures on Facebook or increase your privacy. It is amazing what people can see if they just search a bit. I needed a phone number for someone so I found a friend of theirs on Facebook to find them and was able to see their contact information from their information page. Many

times I have been able to look at pictures of people even if they are not my "friend". I am just saying that it is great to be social because it increases your chances of being found, just make sure you control the information.

Until next time,  
— Sandi

### TALK > TO SANDI

Sandi Vidal is the executive director for Christian HELP and the Central Florida Employment Council, with more than 10 years of recruiting and human resources experience. Please send questions about employment by fax 407-260-2949, sandi@christianhelp.org, or mail Ask Sandi C/O Christian HELP, 450 Seminola Blvd., Casselberry, FL 32707.

## Letter to the Editor

### Staying safe in the water

Pools, lakes, ponds and beaches mean summer fun and cool relief from our hot weather. But water can be dangerous for kids if proper precautions aren't taken.

Nearly 1,000 kids die each year by drowning. The good news is there are ways to keep your kids safe in the water. Below are safety tips from KidsHealth.org, the largest and most-visited site on the Web providing doctor-approved health information about children.

It's a good idea to learn to swim, and all kids older than 4 should take lessons. Don't assume that a child who knows how to swim isn't at risk for drowning. It's important to supervise kids while they're in the water, no matter what their swimming skill level. Also, children should never swim alone.

Invest in proper-fitting, Coast Guard-approved flotation devices (life vests) and use them whenever a child is near water. Check weight and size recommendations on the label, then have your child try it on to make sure it fits securely.

Make sure your kids understand that swimming in a pool is different from swimming in a lake or the ocean — there are different hazards for each. Here are tips specific to lakes, ponds and beaches:

### At the lake or pond

- No swimming without adult supervision.

- Beware of hidden jagged rocks, broken glass or trash.

- Wear foot protection; even in the water (water shoes).

- Watch out for weeds and grass that could entangle a leg or an arm.

- Boating accidents are usually related to alcohol.

When your family is boating, assign a designated driver.

### At the beach

- Teach kids to always swim when and where a lifeguard is on duty. They shouldn't swim close to piers or pilings because sudden water movements may cause collisions.

- The beach has special dangers such as currents and tides. Check with the lifeguard when you arrive to find out about the water conditions.

- Don't allow kids to swim in large waves or undertows, and tell them never to stand with their back to the water because a sudden wave can easily knock a child over.

- Teach kids that if they're caught in a rip current or undertow, swim parallel to the shore or tread water and call for a lifeguard's help.

- The stings of jellyfish

## Editorial Cartoon



or Portuguese man-of-wars can be painful; tell kids to avoid them in the water and alert an adult or lifeguard immediately if they're stung.

-Whether at the lake or the beach, teach your child to get out of the water during bad weather, especially lightning.

Following these tips will help keep your family safe all summer long. For more information on water safety and other summer tips, visit www.KidsHealth.org.

— Freddie Guyer, M.D.  
Division of Hospitalists Service,  
Nemours Children's Clinic,  
Jacksonville

## Young Voices

Here's what kids said about bike riding at the Oviedo Bike Rodeo.



My bike is pink — riding it is a breeze. We ride on the Seminole Trail — I've been riding my bike a long time!



My bike is a brown Mongoose stunt bike — it can't rust. I ride on the trails, but I really like to do stunts.



My bike is dark pink and I like to ride it to the park. Sometimes I ride my bike on vacation — it's fun!



My bike is red and I ride it on the trails near our house. Sometimes my mom rides her bike too. I've seen rabbits and birds.



—Hallie H.  
9 years old

—Robert G.  
12 years old

—Andi H.  
5 years old

—Raphael M.  
8 years old

It's good exercise to ride your bike. Our whole family rides on the Seminole Trail and on vacation at Hilton Head — sometimes we see birds. My bike is purple.

—Kaitlyn H.  
11 years old

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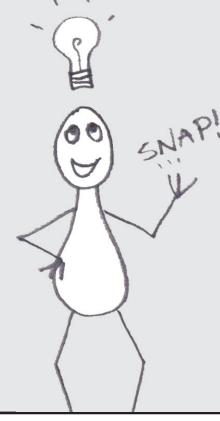
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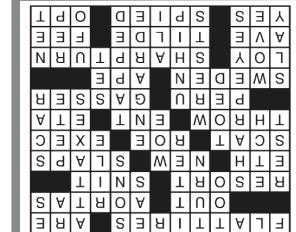
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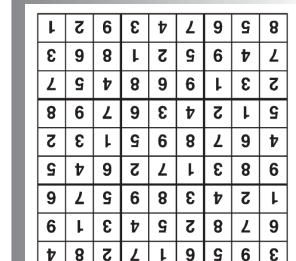
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### King Crossword



### Weekly SUDOKU



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by Linda Thistle



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## Realtors oppose Amendment 4

The Orlando Regional Realtor Association stands firmly in opposition to Amendment 4. This onerous amendment, to be included on the 2010 ballot in November, would bring every proposed change to the comprehensive plan of all Florida city and county to a voter referendum.

Under Amendment 4, the taxpayers will be forced to fund expensive referenda for every technical change to their local com-

prehensive plans. Orange County alone has averaged 40 technical changes to its comprehensive plan for the past four years!

"The bottom line is that ORRA is opposed to Amendment 4 because it will impede and even stop reasonable growth in our area," says ORRA Chairman of the Board Kathleen Gallagher McIver, RE/MAX Town & Country Realty. "Amendment 4 would devastate not only the real

estate industry but any future economic growth and the Florida economy as a whole."

Here's how:

-Under "modest" and "most likely" scenarios, amendment approval would impact Florida's economic growth potential, causing a yearly decline in Floridians' standard of living. It would dampen employment and slow growth within major industries.

-A recent economic study indicates that Florida's tax revenues would sharply slow following Amendment 4's passage as fewer commercial and residential properties are developed because of the increased costs and uncertainty associated with each comprehensive land-use plan referendum.

-That same study, by the Washington Economics Group, shows that Amendment 4 is likely to

cost more than 260,000 jobs and reduce Florida's economic output by more than \$34 billion per year.

-A cutback in commercial taxes would force local and state governments to raise taxes, cut services, or both.

-Public schools, public safety, and local health care services would suffer from the direct impact of Amendment 4 (less funding for daily operations and for capital investments) and the indirect impact of fewer tax revenues (delayed construction pending approval at the next election).

ORRA is not the only organization to oppose Amendment 4; more than 200 others have taken a public stand against the amendment because of its impact on Florida's economy, environment and quality of life. The Florida Chamber of Commerce has called the measure a "jobs killer" and 1000 Friends of Florida — the state's top growth management watchdog group — has expressed that Amendment 4 may "encourage sprawling patterns of development."

"During these difficult economic times, the last thing we need is an amendment that will lead to fewer jobs and a weaker economy," says Gallagher McIver. "ORRA is encouraging Realtors and all who have an interest in Florida's economy to vote "No" on Amendment 4."

*For more information, visit the Orlando Regional Realtor Association website at [www.orlrealtor.com](http://www.orlrealtor.com).*

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Overall	14	\$91,356	\$84,463	\$67,450	99	55
Bank Owned	6	\$65,283	\$66,850	\$47,000	51	30
Short Sales	5	\$88,280	\$77,627	\$50,000	163	91
Normal	3	\$148,627	\$131,080	\$153,250	87	44
<b>Zip Code</b>						
<b>32765</b>						
<b>Overall</b>						
Overall	50	\$218,791	\$208,552	\$189,500	79	47
<b>Single Family</b>						
Overall	36	\$258,561	\$245,690	\$227,950	85	44
Bank Owned	8	\$205,688	\$203,788	\$202,400	81	24
Short Sales	4	\$207,325	\$199,000	\$198,000	122	97
Normal	24	\$284,724	\$267,439	\$239,250	80	43
<b>Multi Family</b>						
Overall	14	\$116,526	\$113,055	\$119,000	63	52
Bank Owned	5	\$93,120	\$93,580	\$115,000	15	26
Short Sales	3	\$110,633	\$100,667	\$125,000	134	153
Normal	6	\$138,978	\$135,478	\$136,478	68	24

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### FORECLOSURE VS. SHORT SALE Homeowner Consequences

Issue	Foreclosure	Successful Short Sale
Future Fannie Mae Loan – Primary Residence <sup>1</sup>	A homeowner who loses a home to foreclosure is ineligible for a Fannie Mae-backed mortgage for a period of <b>5 years</b> .	A homeowner who successfully negotiates and closes a short sale will be eligible for a Fannie Mae-backed mortgage after only <b>2 years</b> .
Future Fannie Mae Loan – Non-Primary <sup>2</sup>	An investor who allows a property to go to foreclosure is ineligible for a Fannie Mae-backed investment mortgage for a period of <b>7 years</b> .	An investor who successfully negotiates and closes a short sale will be eligible for a Fannie Mae-backed investment mortgage after only <b>2 years</b> .
Future Loan with any Mortgage Company	On any future application, a prospective borrower will have to answer <b>YES</b> to question C in Section VIII of the standard 1003 form that asks "Have you had property foreclosed upon or given title or deed in lieu thereof in the last 7 years?" This will affect future rates.	There is no similar declaration or question regarding a short sale.
Credit Score	Score may be lowered anywhere from <b>250 to more than 300</b> points. Typically will affect a credit score for over <b>3 years</b> .	Only late payments on mortgage will show, and after sale, mortgage is normally reported as 'paid as agreed', 'paid as negotiated', or 'settled'. This can lower the score as little as <b>50 points</b> if all other payments are being made. A short sale's effect can be as brief as <b>12 to 18 months</b> .
Credit History	Foreclosure will remain as a public record permanently, and on a person's credit history for <b>10 years or more</b> .	A short sale is <b>not reported on a credit history</b> . There is no specific reporting item for 'short sale'. The loan is typically reported 'paid in full, settled'.
Security Clearance	Foreclosure is the most challenging issue against a security clearance outside a serious misdemeanor or felony conviction. If a client has a foreclosure and is a police officer, in the military, in the CIA, security, or any other position that requires a security clearance, in almost all cases clearance will be revoked and position will be terminated.	On its own, a short sale <b>does not challenge most security clearances</b> . <sup>3</sup>
Current Employment	Employers have the right and are actively checking the credit of all employees who are in sensitive positions. In many cases, a foreclosure is reason for <b>immediate reassignment or termination</b> .	A short sale is not reported on a credit report and is therefore <b>not a challenge to employment</b> . <sup>4</sup>
Future Employment	Many employers are requiring credit checks on all job applicants. A foreclosure is one of the most detrimental credit items an applicant can have and in <b>most cases will challenge employment</b> .	A short sale is not reported on a credit report and is therefore <b>not a challenge to future employment</b> . <sup>5</sup>
Deficiency Judgment	In <b>100% of foreclosures</b> (except in those states where there is no deficiency), the bank has the right to pursue a deficiency judgment.	In some successful short sales, it is possible to convince the lender to <b>give up the right to pursue a deficiency judgment</b> against the homeowner.
Deficiency Judgment (amount)	In a foreclosure, the home will have to go through an REO process if it does not sell at auction. In most cases this will result in a lower sales price and longer time to sale in a declining market. This will result in a higher possible <b>deficiency judgment</b> .	In a properly managed short sale, the home is sold at a price that should be close to market value, and in almost all cases will be better than an REO sale resulting in a <b>lower deficiency</b> .

Chart provided by Distressed Property Institute

<sup>1</sup> Fannie Mae Announcement 08-16: Michael A. Quinn, Senior Vice President, Single-Family Risk Officer

<sup>2</sup> Fannie Mae Announcement 08-16: Michael A. Quinn, Senior Vice President, Single-Family Risk Officer

<sup>3</sup> Short sales are currently not explicitly reported on a credit report.

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## Guide to Summer Food on the Go

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Summer's On! That means road trips, camping and lazy days at the beach. But you know that wherever we go, we always have one thing on our minds: "What are we going to eat?"

Sail past those fast food traps and enjoy the best that summer offers in the way of easy meals and seasonal summer snacks to keep you eating well, no matter how far you are from home.

### The Secret Ingredient: Preparation

When it comes to preparing summer picnics, road food or beach snacks keep two words in mind: simple and good. So first things first. Just like when you're cooking at home, a little common sense planning before you head out the door helps ensure stress-free dining on the road. Think ahead about where and when hunger will strike:

- Hitting the road? Pack healthy snacks. Make sure at least some of them don't need to be in the cooler to avoid frequent opening and closing.

- Going camping or to the beach where you can cook out? Pre-marinate fish, chicken or tempeh to cook on your first night out.

### Packing Up the Good Stuff

#### Appetizers

With food-on-the-go, we classify "appetizers" as finger foods that don't require additional preparation when you're ready to eat.

- Whole-grain breads, pita bread, all-natural snack crackers and chips.

- Dips and spreads packed with corn

chips, sliced cucumbers or baby carrots for dipping.

- Prepared trail mix, or throw together your favorite dried fruits, nuts and seeds to make your own.

#### Salads

Preparing salads ahead of time makes on-the-go meal time a snap. The best advice we can give you for green salads is to pack the ingredients separately, then assemble and dress the salads just before serving. Check out our web site, whole-foodsmarket.com for summer salad inspiration, including Carrot Salad with Almond Butter Dressing, and Grilled Tofu and Melon Salad.

#### Eclectic Edibles

Looking for a little something out of the ordinary? Try packing these treats, sure to keep your fellow travelers on their toes:

- Portobello Spring Rolls with Cilantro-Tahini Dip: combines rice noodles with red cabbage and greens in a tidy rice paper wrapper.

- Stuffed Chard Leaves: tidy little packages of rice, goat cheese, pine nuts and raisins.

- Chilled soup like Tropical Gazpacho or avocado-cucumber purée in a thermos.

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