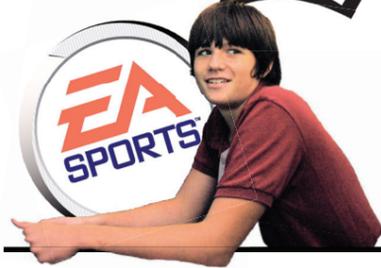




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## Resignation stands

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There are no take backs with a resignation, Oviedo City Attorney Lonnie Groot said, and so Mayor Mary Lou Andrews will have to resign despite her change of heart.



The situation created an ambiguity that the mayor said she hopes will be cleared up in the future.

“When a person resigns and then they rescind, the charter is silent,” Andrews said.

“I guess nobody’s ever really explored what to do if this situation were to occur.”

The mayor resigned on June 28 and then officially retracted her resignation on July 5. Andrews had sent out a mass e-mail to staff that day, stating that she would resign for “family reasons.”

She had wanted to care for her ailing husband, she said, but in the ensuing several days what appeared to be a dire prognosis for Dan Andrews’ health changed for the better, and the mayor

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## Breaking chains



PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE VOICE

Local pet activist Bryan Wilson, right, and members of the group Dogs Deserve Better chained themselves to a doghouse on Independence Day weekend in Sanford to raise awareness of animal abuse and neglect. The movement has already spawned some changes in legislation to penalize owners for chaining pets.

## Stiff competition in District 24

A glut of candidates has made this a hotly contested race for Kosmas’ seat

MICHAEL CLINTON  
THE VOICE

The race for District 24 is ongoing, with early voting beginning the first week of August for the Aug. 24 primary.

Incumbent Congresswoman Suzanne Kosmas will go up against former Winter Springs Mayor Paul Partyka in the Democratic primary.

The Republican challengers, who are looking to win back the historically Republican district, include

former Winter Springs Commissioner Karen Diebel, former Ruth’s Chris Steak House CEO Craig Miller, state Rep. Sandy Adams and naval officer Tom Garcia.

Here’s what these candidates say they will bring to the district:

*In the Democratic primary:*  
**Kosmas**

Suzanne Kosmas, the incumbent, has more than 14 years experience in political office. She won the seat from Republican Tom Feeny of Oviedo in 2008.

She is continuing her work throughout the race, with a priority on economy and jobs. Kosmas has been continually focusing efforts in small business, NASA, veteran’s affairs, and public education. She is against near shore, and especially deep well, drilling and doesn’t think we are prepared for it. She is committed to supporting veterans and helping them, particularly with the new Orlando VA Medical Center, which will open sometime in 2012. Kosmas feels that she has met the

commitment she has made to community and is continuing to focus on issues that affect the community. “We are beginning to see the fruits of our labor,” she said. For more information on Kosmas and upcoming events, visit [www.kosmas.house.gov](http://www.kosmas.house.gov)

**Partyka**

Paul Partyka is a former two-term mayor and city commissioner of Winter Springs and he says he

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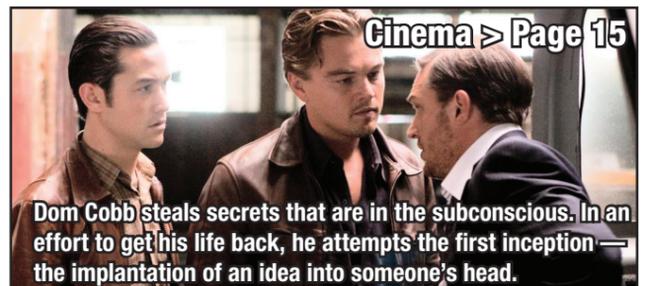
### What’s goin’ on?

Saturday, July 17 is Tire Amnesty Day. Central Station and Landfill will accept up to 10 tires at no charge.

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Dom Cobb steals secrets that are in the subconscious. In an effort to get his life back, he attempts the first inception — the implantation of an idea into someone’s head.



# THIS WEEK



## THIS WEEK in history

July 29, 1958 — Congress passes legislation establishing NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration). Neil Armstrong becomes the first person to walk on the moon on July 20, 1969.

## Acting troupe gets reinforcements

### New York's Little People's Theatre Company partners with Winter Springs Performing Arts

**CARMEN CARROQUINO**  
GUEST REPORTER

After nearly losing their home at the start of this year, the Winter Springs Performing Arts program is going strong and said last week it partnering with the New York-founded Little People's Theatre Company.

In September, the Theatre Company, a long-standing scripted improvisational company geared toward children ages 3-9, will make its debut at the venue, aptly named The Stage.

The Stage is the home of the Winter Springs Performing Arts program, founded in 2006 by CEO and Program Manager Shanda Batchelor.

Batchelor will co-produce stage productions with Theater Company Producing Director Sandra Lacey every weekend that will include childhood fairytales with a twist such as "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Hansel and Gretel". The shows encourage audience participation.

"[We're trying to] bring back to the stage that childhood wonder and magic to let them experience all the fun and joy of being a child," Lacey said. "[It's all about] engaging them and instilling in them a love for the arts that they will pass on to the next generation."

Lacey said this partnership came about because of a mutual goal — both organizations want a "self-sustainable theater company in Winter Springs" and to provide youngsters with a theater experience that can make them appreciate the arts and maybe pursue them one day.

Batchelor said, "It's a natural connection to what we do already in teaching children the ropes of putting on a full-length stage production, except now the actors on stage will be challenged and be given valuable lessons in their craft. ... it's wonderful that such a prestigious company from New York is coming to little Winter Springs."

The actors, age 12 and older, performing in the shows will have to be prepared and flexible with their scripted lines because they'll have to anticipate and incorporate what the young audience will say and do, giving the actors valuable training and range to their abilities through the use of improvisational techniques.

Batchelor said she really liked how the Theater Company targets a specific audience that the Performing Arts program didn't always have shows for, and they provide opportunities for older acting students to try something different.

Lacey said she had never heard of Batchelor or her program until



ARCHIVE PHOTO BY CARMEN CARROQUINO —THE VOICE

The Winter Springs Performing Arts Center had to stage an emergency fundraiser to survive at the start of the year, above, but has gained a willing partner in the Little People's Theater Company.

she read an article in the Seminole Voice about the financial woes the program was enduring. That's when she decided to check The Stage out as a possible home for a play she was writing.

After seeing The Stage, Lacey told Ken Eulo, New York playwright and director of the Theater Company, about it, and they both thought it would make a wonderful home for the company, which operated 34 years off-Broadway as a part of the Courtyard Playhouse Foundation, before its New York branch closed down a few years ago.

Eulo said the shows from the company are still occasionally put on across the country.

Lacey said she was granted rights to the company and wanted to help Batchelor out, making way for a "mutually beneficial" partnership.

Batchelor said she's delighted for the partnership. She hopes having continual shows on a regular basis will help generate awareness

and revenue for the Performing Arts program.

The motto for the Theater Company is "to put the third dimension back into your children's lives through live theater."

"If we don't do this," Eulo said, "I can't imagine live theater existing anymore. It's so worthwhile for a lot of reasons, but miracles happen when kids start communicating with one another."

### Learn more

To learn more about the Winter Spring Performing Arts program or how to get involved, visit [www.winterspringsarts.org](http://www.winterspringsarts.org). There you will find information about the Little People's Theatre Company and when shows will be performed. The First show begins Sept. 11.

## New school coming?

### Charter school could open by Winter Springs High

**KRISTY VICKERY**  
GUEST REPORTER

The Winter Springs Commission on Monday got a second look at a proposal to relocate an elementary charter school from Longwood to the city's Town Center.

The school, Choices in Learning, has outgrown its current location and is looking to expand to a 9-acre site on the north side of State Road 434 at the western edge of the Town Center. The city has not yet approved the project's development agreement.

"In my view, this project is going to represent a very unique addition to our Town Center and to our city," Commissioner Gary Bonner said. "...there's a lot more work to be done, which means there's a lot more money to spend before they get to a final approval stage."

If a development agreement is reached for the 25,000-square-foot building footprint, which will exceed the standard size for

the Center, it will be on its way to becoming the first civic site in Winter Springs.

The charter school is considered public because it receives its funding from Seminole County Public Schools. As a public facility, it would be tax exempt, meaning the city would lose out on about \$40,000 a year in property taxes.

"And anytime one ventures down the path of a first of its kind, there's always the unknown that goes along with that," Bonner said.

Matt Brene, president of Brene Construction Services, hired by the Choices in Learning, expressed concern with the commissioners calling the project a "unique" one. He said it is in the code that it is a permitted-use project.

"The only thing that is different or unique is that the code... says that buildings permitted greater than 20,000 square feet are not permitted in the Town Center by

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should be elected because he has passion, enthusiasm and knowledge of the issues. Like Kosmas, Partyka wants health care reform and has been fighting for it since the early 1990s. But he says we need to make it better and more efficient to help manage the deficit. “[Democrats and Republicans] need to work together on this,” he said. “You need someone who can be persuasive and can work well with both sides.” Partyka said he is that person. Should he be elected his focus will be “jobs, jobs, jobs and economy.” He says that he understands the economy from the business and entrepreneurial sides. But he also wants to focus on the space coast as well, something he says Kosmas isn’t doing. He wants to bring in business incubators to help “get things going again.” For more information on Partyka and upcoming events, visit [www.paulpartykaforcongress.com](http://www.paulpartykaforcongress.com)

In the Republican primary:

### Adams

Sandy Adams, a career Orange County Sheriff’s deputy, has spent eight years in the Florida House for District 33. The Oviedo Republican says she has a record of proving what she says and has a record of voting conservative. She said Kosmas has total out-of-control spending, especially with health care reform and the proposed Cap and Trade energy tax. Instead, Adams wants to shrink government and reduce spending. She says we need strong conservative leadership and that we need to “get the government out of the everyday lives of people and businesses.” Adams is opposed to the health care

reform and doesn’t want to ban offshore drilling. Adams has endorsements from various veterans groups, Florida Right to Life and Florida Police Benevolent Association among others. For more information on Sandy Adams and upcoming events, visit [www.sandyadams.com](http://www.sandyadams.com)

### Diebel

Karen Diebel, a former vice mayor and city commissioner of Winter Park, says she can take the discipline she used to reduce taxes and spending in Winter Park to Washington to do the same. “I am a problem solver,” she said as to what sets her aside from other candidates. Diebel is opposed to



Diebel

with supporters and doing door-to-door visits within her surrounding communities. She has support and endorsements from former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and Congressman Brian Bilbray among others. For more information on Karen Diebel and upcoming events, visit [www.karendiebel.com](http://www.karendiebel.com)

### Garcia

Meet Tom Garcia, a career naval officer. Despite his lack of experience in political office, Garcia feels that he has the



Garcia



Partyka



Miller

the health care reform and the Cap and Trade energy tax. If elected, she wants to repeal “Obamacare” and replace it with an economic model that decreases costs and increases medical outcome, something she says Kosmas is doing the opposite of. Diebel, who categorizes herself as a “technology person,” also wants to serve on the Energy and Commerce Committee to create jobs in the district. She is a supporter of offshore drilling, as long as it is done safely. Diebel is having meetings

but rather privatizing it. Garcia has the support of veterans in the district and the Independence Caucus. For more information on Tom Garcia and upcoming events, visit [www.tomgarciaforcongress.com](http://www.tomgarciaforcongress.com)



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Adams

information on Tom Garcia and upcoming events, visit [www.tomgarciaforcongress.com](http://www.tomgarciaforcongress.com)

### Miller

Craig Miller, the former president and CEO of Ruth’s Chris Steak House, is not a politician, but he has a big problem with the political landscape in Central Florida. “I’m a restaur-

rant guy,” he said. Miller wants to reverse everything Kosmas has done in the last 18 months, particularly her flip-flop on “Obamacare”. With a primary focus on jobs and the housing market, he also plans to extend tax cuts to the business community in an attempt to create jobs as well as stabilize the housing market. Miller says we cannot walk away from offshore drilling, but we need to tap in to natural gases and onshore oil. He is taking a mass media approach to his campaign, and he says it is working, as he has been in the race nearly four months, and according to the latest poll, he is the front-runner. With support from former congressmen, Veterans Vision, and the local business community among others, Miller, who lives in Winter Springs, feels he represents the values, hopes and traditions of the people in District 24. For more information on Craig Miller and upcoming events, visit [www.craigmillerforcongress.com](http://www.craigmillerforcongress.com)

right tools to get the job done correctly.

“I’m not a rich guy trying to buy my election,” he said. Garcia said he is completely against everything incumbent Kosmas has been doing, including her stimulus voting and flip-flop on “Obamacare”. Garcia says he is taking a constitutional platform and that “we need to follow the simple road map set before us by our founding fathers.” Garcia wants to shrink the size of the government to eliminate the billions of dollars that he says they are wasting by doing nothing. His is in support of offshore drilling, but managing it better, and not cutting Medicare,

# MAYOR | Persampiere to take office Aug. 2

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reconsidered the move. By July 7, City Attorney William Colbert’s law firm issued an 11-page ruling that Andrews couldn’t reverse her own resignation.

“It’s gonna be a hard transition away from mayor,” Andrews said. “I just really enjoyed being the mayor and tackling the problems.”

Andrews will vacate her

seat on July 31, and on Aug. 2 Deputy Mayor Dominic Persampiere will be sworn in as mayor, immediately vacating his Council chair, which will then need to be filled by appointment.

That seat will likely be taken by a former councilman, Persampiere said, though that decision process will only begin after Aug. 2.

“It has to go through a whole bunch of different steps,” Persampiere said.

“It takes about 30 days to fill the position. Nobody has approached me about being appointed.”

As for Andrews, she said she’s looking forward to new challenges beyond the mayor’s seat.

“Hopefully I’ll just be working, living life, just taking one step after the other,” Andrews said. “You just take it in perspective and go on and do what you’re going to do.”

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### Correction

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# Avoid the sun while still having fun

## Between the CELERY Stalks *By Janet Foley*

Now that summer is here and in full swing, I don't see a lot of my friends out and about. We get together in the mornings, hide in the afternoon and are out for dinner in the evenings — that is if you are not at the beach. I am just as guilty as I usually work in the yard early afternoons, but not now. I leave the yard person to have the pleasure. Stay cool!

### Taste of the Islands

I hope you all will visit St. Alban's Anglican Cathedral in Oviedo on Saturday, July 17 from noon to 6 p.m. as they are hosting a family fun day titled A Taste of the Islands on 3348 W. State Road 426. This will be their second annual event, which will include a variety of Caribbean foods, beverages and desserts, music and entertainment, plus bounce houses and other activities. Admission is free.

### Kids Fun Day

Also on Saturday, July 17, the Lake Mary Historical Museum, 158 N. Country Club Road is holding a Kids Fun Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Train-themed activities are planned, such as learning how to signal a train with railroad flags and making your own train engine. The cost of the event is \$1 per child. Reservations are suggested. To make reservations, e-mail [info@lakemaryhistory.org](mailto:info@lakemaryhistory.org) or call 407-585-1481.

### Back to school already?

Thinking ahead — The Hope Foundation is sponsoring a Back to School event that will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Oviedo on Aug. 7 from 2-5 p.m. The purpose of this event is to provide a backpack, school supplies, hamburgers, hot dogs and an afternoon of fun and games for some of the less

fortunate children in our area.

We have been asked to participate by collecting backpacks and school supplies. The United Methodist men will be grilling the hamburgers and hot dogs. Several other local churches will be participating in this event and donating items as well. If you all would like to donate a backpack or school supplies, please bring them to the church office by Aug. 5. If you need more information, please contact Bob Saunders at 407-276-5284.

### Run for Africa

Join us in the Run for Africa 5K at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, July 24 at the Winter Springs Town Center, 1160 E. State Road, Winter Springs. Join the children of the Nations — Florida in a run to help give an education to orphaned children in Africa. There will be a free kids' Run at 8:30 a.m. All registered participants will receive a free T-shirt. Awards will be given on chip times and scores. Registration is \$20 or \$30 depending on date of registration. For more information, call 407-322-1211.

### Cops need help

Oviedo Police Department seeks volunteers to assist with daytime staffing at the C.O.P.S. and Volunteers Center. For other opportunities with teens, call Lt. Lynch or Cpl. Deliz at 407-971-5705.

### Back in the day

I was reading from a book I received a few years ago called "Early Days of Seminole County" put out by the Seminole County Historical Commission. I thought I would include a few statements taken from the book about our area that you might find interesting:

"The community of Oviedo numbered 500 when Seminole County was carved out of Orange County in 1913 but, by its 1925 incorporation, it had grown to 800. Today Oviedo is home to thousands and crossroads for the old and the new."

"Winter Springs is the newest city in Seminole County. It was originally incorporated as the Village of North Orlando in 1959; it then changed its name to Winter Springs in 1973.

It takes a large area on the southwest side of Lake Jesup on land that was sparsely settled until the start of the 1960s."

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### A thought

"Progress always involves risks. You can't steal second base and keep your foot on first." —Frederick B. Wilcox

### TALK TO JANET

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# Geneva cranks up the heat

## STETSON'S CORNER

By Karen McEnany-Phillips

Small towns are sometimes lazy in the summer, but Geneva seems busier than ever this July. Thanks to everyone who attended the fantastic 4th of July Parade and Festival and to Divine Providence for the rain-free celebration. Thanks also to the many sponsors, leaders, committees and foot soldiers — volunteers all who poured time, energy, sweat and commitment to make it another big success. What great memories!

Kudos to Lori Damico, Kristi Moore and the staff of Maplewood Farms and Seneca Oaks Farm for their leadership on the equestrian portion of the parade and contest. You followed beautifully in the awesome 'hoof prints' of Chuck and Marie Tatman. Congratulations to Gracie Yarborough, who with her cute boots won best Southern Style, Michelle Tournour for most original and Linda Harnch dressed like Betsy Ross — congratulations ladies to you and your trusty steeds.

Great job to our float winners — First Place: Geneva Village Homemakers Mens Auxiliary "Sailing Ship", Second Place: Church of the Nazarene, and Best Commercial Float: Focal Point Nursery. Kids bicycle brigade winners included, First Place: "No Place Like Home" by Caley Gustafson, Second Place: Erika and Sara Husselman, and Third Place: Cassandra Carmichael.

It was a day of politicians, pony rides and prayers for our country, including a patriotic pig

named Scarlet, who was a true diva in her photo close-up. She was a big hit. How awesome was the Greater Geneva Grande Award Marching Band and the delicious food, including the new pulled pork and locally crafted pizza.

**Remembering Stetson**  
July also brings a time of reflection as we remember Seminole County Eugene A. Gregory, "Stetson," for whom this column was founded. The law enforcement community comes together every July 8 on the anniversary of Deputy Gregory's passing to remember the five fallen Deputy Sheriffs from Seminole County. It seemed a larger-than-usual gathering that met at the Law Enforcement Memorial under the warm morning sun.

I loved the words of Reverend Bob Gregory, brother of Geneva's fallen protector, who said, "We find heroes who claimed their ground with dignity and respect, who viewed their profession as more of a calling than a job. Their days started quiet and routine, then turned chaotic. We honor their example and we must do justice to their memories." It was a beautiful ceremony that enveloped these deputies' families and honored the quiet and courageous commitment that every member of the law enforcement community makes every day, especially officers in the field.

The precision honor guards and flag ceremony, the 21-gun salute, the

bagpiper that played the haunting "Amazing Grace" and the trumpeter that played "Taps" all provided moving symbols of honor and reverence to men and women who are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for their community.

**Mark your calendar**

Two upcoming events are worthy of marking your calendar and you will hear more about them in coming weeks. The Geneva and Chuluota communities are looking for committee members for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event for next year. The first meeting will be held July 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rural Heritage Center. RSVP to Annette Adams at 407-914-2113 or araven923@yahoo.com if you can attend.

Last but not least, a new event for Geneva will be held Tuesday night Aug. 3 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. National Night Out will be held at Focal Point Landscaping with the Seminole County Sheriff's Department and is sponsored by Target and several other local businesses right here in the area. It's a free family event with food, games, bounce houses, hayrides, face painting for the kids and lots of great information for grown-ups about family and community safety. Learn about anti-crime and drug awareness programs and strengthen our community's stand against crime.

**TALK TO KAREN**

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

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

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# From my GARDEN

to yours  
Tom Carey



## Everyone can grow peppers

Every gardener has favorite varieties and plants, and one of mine happens to be peppers (Solanaceae Capsicum). Ease of production, nutritional value and gastronomic diversity easily make peppers an important crop in most countries. Grown in tropical America for thousands of years, pepper cultivation rapidly spread worldwide after being discovered by European explorers.

What we taunt our taste buds with when daring a hot pepper is

the chemical capsaicin, measured in Scoville heat units. Bell peppers rate a zero on the Scoville scale since they don't even have the genetic instructions to produce capsaicin. Working our way up the hot pepper hierarchy, a pimento pepper earns a 100 Scoville rating, Poblano Mexican chili a 2,000, Jalapeno a 5,000, Cayenne a 40,000, Bird's eye Thai pepper a 100,000, Datil peppers from St. Augustine get a 250,000. The world's hottest pepper, the bhut

jolokia (ghost pepper) of India and South Asia earns 1 million Scoville, police pepper spray 5 million, and pure crystal capsaicin ranks 15 million Scoville units.

I obtain pepper seeds from every source imaginable: ripe fruit from my own plants, grocery store produce (look for ripe, colorful fruit), trades with other gardeners and numerous seed catalogs (check out Redwood City Seed Co.). Plant the seed in warm potting soil four times the diameter of the seed. Pepper seeds take one to two weeks to germinate, so be patient. Once sprouted, gently move the sprouts to a larger container. Like so many crops, I find working with transplants much more successful than direct seeding to the outdoor soil.

Pepper plants may live for more than two years if kept from freezing or flooding. With this longer lifespan, tying up garden space can limit cultivation options. I grow six pepper plants in a 3-gallon pot, which can be moved when needed. Although the roots may grow out the drain holes into surrounding

soil, the plants will recover if lifted. Another trick I've found is to nest the pepper pot into a larger pot containing 1 inch of soil. This extra pot insulates the roots from direct solar radiation and extremes of cold weather.

How many pepper varieties do you grow? Bell pepper pollen becomes impotent above 90 degrees Fahrenheit, causing fruit set to fail. Sweet banana peppers continue to set fruit in the Florida summer, providing a viable crop in our off-season. Many hot pepper varieties also grow well through our summers. As peppers ripen, they display a spectrum of color and their vitamin count goes through the roof. So wait for your peppers to color up before harvest, regulating harvest to when the crop is truly most nutritious.

### 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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## CHARTER | 586 students this fall

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special exception only... but it is a permitted use that is in the code," Breene said. "Our goal is to get a high level of comfort with the city in order to close on this real estate transaction in the very near future."

Commissioner Joanne M. Krebs said that she understands Breene's concerns, however since they currently don't have all the information about the project, it makes them take much smaller steps in the process.

"Ultimately we have a boss and that's the city of Winter Springs, and we want to make sure we are doing everything we can," Krebs said.

Choices for Learning is an A-rated school that will have 586 students and others on a waiting list at the beginning of the fall semester. And if approvals are given, the new school is projected to grow to more than 600 students.

The location and size of the school also raised concerns about traffic. A traffic study conducted by the city

should be complete by the next Commission meeting, Monday, July 26.

### Charter schools

Charter schools are primary or secondary schools that receive public money but are not subject to some of the rules, regulations, and statutes that apply to other public schools.

Charter schools are opened and attended by choice. Admission is frequently allocated by lottery-based admissions.

For more information on the proposed relocation of Choices in Learning or for a schedule of commission meetings, visit [www.winterspringsfl.org](http://www.winterspringsfl.org).

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# INTERESTS



**THIS WEEK** in human history

July 25, 1897 —

Jack London leaves the University of California Berkeley to join the 1897 gold rush in the Klondike. It is there that London wrote his popular novel, "Call of the Wild."

## Sparking interest in tech jobs

**SARAH WILSON**  
THE VOICE

Two middle-schoolers sat hunched together, eyes fixated on the computer screen mid-morning on Friday.

One worked to design his own personalized Tiger Woods persona in "Tiger Woods PGA Tour 2011", while the other reached to his left and clicked diligently through a spreadsheet on a neighboring screen. Ranking the game in terms of effectiveness, overall experience and innovation with tallies in the spreadsheet, the boys continued through the game.

This is more than just an average summer day spent video gaming. Not only are the boys surrounded by 18 of their peers, all paired off working on the same activity around the room, they are sitting in the very building that game was created — Electronic Arts (EA) Tiburon Studios in Maitland.

These kids are doing more than just gaming; they are learning what it's like to work as electronic artists.

Funded by Workforce Central Florida, in partnership with EA, Lockheed Martin and NASA, and directed by doctorate students in College of Education at University of Central Florida, these 20 students from the Villages Charter School are the fifth and final group of students to attend this year's STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) camp.

"The purpose of the STEM camps is to take kids from diverse populations

and expose them to STEM careers," UCF camp coordinator Mercedes Sopillo said, "because sadly enough in our country we don't have enough people studying STEM careers to fulfill the needs that we're going to have in the future."

Jacqueline Rodriguez, also one of the camp coordinators, said that 50 percent of all those studying for a doctorate in STEM-related fields in the U.S. are foreign students. This means 50 percent of the STEM human capital and knowledge is being exported to other nations.

"So many STEM careers are being exported that it's plausible that the arena is wearing out, STEM in general is graying out," she said.

The goal of the camps is to, in the future, shift that number and give participating students a look into the "cool" and "fun" side of these "hard" subjects. It also allows students a glimpse into what their futures can hold if they continue to study STEM fields, and gives the corporate sponsors of the camp a chance to inspire the potential next generation leaders of their companies.

"We need talent; it's our lifeblood here," EA Tiburon Chief Operating Officer Daryl Holt said. "For us to be creative and remain innovative, we're going to have to invest in that talent and grow that talent."

For EA, as well as the other corporate camp sponsors, NASA and Lockheed Martin, showing STEM campers how they operate is the perfect way to do just that.



PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE VOICE  
Jacob Dunagan, left, and Cody Hurtnagel, 13, test out a golf video game at Electronic Arts Tiburon Studios in Maitland.

The day before the students toured EA, they spent the day at the UCF Teaching Academy. The campers spent the day learning the value of STEM education, while participating in hands-on activities that challenged both their drive and imagination.

Campers did everything from perform step-by-step virtual brain surgery, build bridges out of Popsicle sticks that would hold up to 100 pounds in weight, and — what UCF camp director Jacqueline Rodriguez said was the biggest hit among the students — oversee a virtual classroom full of avatar students in the Teaching Academy's TeachMe lab.

Rodriguez explained that once the students put on headsets, they could com-

municate with the avatars in real-time.

"The avatars are in middle school and our campers are in middle school, so they interact with them, and because it's real time the avatars talk about what they're wearing, the things that are happening in the field," she said. "They even had conversations about basketball and LeBron James moving to Miami. It's all immediate."

Each of the five two-day sessions began with the day on-campus at UCF, and while this session experienced all EA has to offer, three of the previous groups instead went to Lockheed Martin where they participated in military vehicle simulations, and another group simulated lift-off into

space at the NASA Kennedy Space Center.

Each group may have been exposed to different facets of STEM during their camp sessions, Rodriguez said, but what matters most was that they were exposed at all. She hopes that with programs such as these STEM camps across the country, the number of students pursuing STEM careers will increase.

"I'm not sure how many lives we changed, or that we're going to change your career direction, but it's possible," she said. "Who knows what happens in six years, but at least those kids were now exposed and they know a little bit more, and appreciate a little bit more and they have a greater value for STEM careers."

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# Family Calendar

**Sanford's Cinema in the Park** continues Friday, July 16 with "The Waterhorse: Legend of the Deep." A family friendly tale about a young boy who finds a mysterious egg and what hatches from it will take him on an adventure of a lifetime. Enjoy the movie at the Park on Park, 800 Park Ave. at 8:30 p.m.

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

**Visit the Museum of Geneva History** Sunday, July 25 (and the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month) from 2-4 p.m., located next door to the Community Center, on 1st St. There will be many exhibits including a railroad display, old-fashioned kitchen & bedroom, pioneer craft area and much more.

**Parents, sign your children up for Eco Camps**, the unique nature-based day camp program that uses a learn-as-you play principle. Campers will have a hands-on experience with plants and animals at the Ed Yarborough Nature Center on County Road 426 in Geneva. Camps run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (extended care available), each week through Aug. 6 and cost is \$110 per week. Each week has a different theme. To register, call 407-349-0959 or [www.seminolecountycamps.com](http://www.seminolecountycamps.com).

**Experience a full moon**, aerial adventure with seven zip lines as the Central Florida Zoo in Sanford presents Moon ZOOM from Saturday, July 24 through Monday, July 26. Cost is \$45. Advance reservations are required. Call 407-330-0767 for more information.

**The Center for Cultural Interchange (CCI)** is looking for families to host foreign exchange students aged 15-18 from their Academic Year Program (AYP), for the 2010-11 school year. Deadline to apply is Aug. 31. For more information, e-mail [ayp@cci-exchange.com](mailto:ayp@cci-exchange.com) or call 800-634-4771.

**The Summer End Fest** to benefit Oviedo Education is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 14 from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Free admission, fun games, great food and live entertainment are just a few of activities planned, including a meet and greet with a former Miss Florida. All proceeds will benefit Oviedo Middle schools. Pre-register for thousands of dollars of prizes at [OviedoEvents.com](http://OviedoEvents.com).

# No more than a drive away



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The Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Orlando Resort kicked off its grand opening celebration on June 17 with help from Harry Potter film stars. You enjoy the attraction year-round for \$40 more than a one-day park ticket.

## BRITNI JOHNSON GUEST REPORTER

Many Americans will be traveling this summer, and most by car. AAA reports that the number of Americans who will be traveling over the July 4 weekend is up 17 percent from last year, and 90 percent of those will be driving to their destinations.

With most vacations turning into driving trips, we decided to give Winter Parkers some quick, drivable "staycation" ideas. Check out some day trips with deals built in specifically for Florida residents.

### Universal Orlando

Universal Studios is offering a year pass for just around \$40 more than a one-day ticket. The pass gets visitors into both Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure. That means a year's worth of the new Wizarding World of Harry Potter. There are also two- and three-day deals for Floridians, and many are only offered online. Check out their website at [www.universalorlando.com](http://www.universalorlando.com).

### SeaWorld

SeaWorld is offering its own

deals for Florida residents. They've got something no tried and true theme park expert — and most Central Floridians are — could pass up. A year's pass to either SeaWorld or Busch Gardens is \$69.95 for a Florida resident when purchased online. That's \$10 less than a day's pass to the parks. SeaWorld is also offering a \$5 child's ticket with the purchase of a single-day adult ticket. All of the proceeds from children's tickets benefit wildlife conservation efforts. Find the online discounts at [www.SeaWorldOrlando.com](http://www.SeaWorldOrlando.com).

### Disney

Disney couldn't be the only park without discounts. They give Florida residents about \$100 off annual passes. There are also discounts on day passes. All special prices are only online at [www.disneyworld.disney.go.com](http://www.disneyworld.disney.go.com)

### Fantasy of Flight

West of Disney, in Polk City, is Fantasy of Flight. The museum immerses its visitors in aviation history, with planes dating from the early 1900s. "It offers more than just a day out —

it's a trip to the past," said Jennifer Montague, director of sales and marketing. The attraction is not just a museum, it has hot air balloon rides and biplane rides. The museum has ways to save. Visitors who donate one of the specified school supply items listed on their website get \$5 off an adult admission for each donation. Also, all Florida service industry employees get a buy-one-get-one-free adult ticket discount. Fantasy of Flight is located at 1400 Broadway Blvd. S.E. in Polk City, right off of Interstate 4. Visit [www.fantasyofflight.com](http://www.fantasyofflight.com) for more information.

### The Pioneer Settlement

For an educational experience for the family, set out on a day trip to The Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts, located at 1776 Lightfoot Lane in Barberville. The historical village has 18 restored buildings, such as a print shop, blacksmith shop and post office. The settlement hopes to illustrate life in rural Florida in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. During the summer, tours are self-guided, but there is a jamboree every

first Saturday of the month. Musicians play bluegrass and country music, much you'd never hear on the radio, said Gary Tallacksen, associate director. Visitors are invited to join in the singing and playing. It's open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and costs just \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Visit [www.pioneersettlement.org](http://www.pioneersettlement.org) or call 386-749-2959 for more information.

### Mt. Dora

For an even bigger lesson on history, visit Mount Dora, a town dedicated to its historical side. Climb over its famous hilly terrain and under canopies of old oak trees, all while getting a guided tour of the town with Mount Dora Trolley Company. The trolleys run about once a day — call 352-385-1023 for a schedule — and the tours are one hour long. The trolley takes guests through the quaint shopping village, past historical homes and beautiful Lake Dora. "Our tour tells about the past, present and future of Mount Dora," said Cindy Shard, an owner of the Trolley Company. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$11 for children.

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Above, everything from tractor-drawn buggies, packs of horses to convertibles made its way down Main Street for the village of Geneva's annual 4th of July Parade and Festival on July 3. At right, fireworks lit up the sky at Winter Springs' Celebration of Freedom on July 4.

## Notes

**The facilities at the University of Central Florida** Business Incubator-Sanford, 110 W. First St. in Sanford, have grown from 3,800 square feet of office space to 5,700 square feet and is currently housing five client companies. They expect to add another client company in the next two weeks and now have more space available for a few more companies.

**Vertical construction** is now under way on the Avocet commercial aircraft hangar — the largest hangar building at Orlando Sanford International Airport. The 53,351 square foot facility at 2551 Hellcat Lane will be completed by January 2011.

**UCF President John C. Hitt** has named Dr. Deborah German, founding dean of the UCF College of Medicine, to the new position of vice president for medical affairs for the university.

**M&I Wealth Management**, Florida Region, has announced the appointment of Christine Decker as financial advisor. She has more than 14 years of industry experience. She resides in Oviedo with her husband and children.

**The Board of Directors of Altamonte Springs-based Tri-City Electrical Contractors, Inc.** announced the 2010 recipients of its Tri-City Scholarship Program. Hannah Poole,

a senior at Seminole High School and granddaughter of Carolyn Morgan, plans to attend Tulane University and major in education. Tess Powers, a senior at The First Academy in Orlando and daughter of Mike Powers, has been accepted at several universities and will likely attend UCF, majoring in anthropology with a minor in writing.

**Winter Springs resident Carmen Isabel Simmonds** made the Spring 2010 Dean's List for the College of Arts and Sciences at Seton Hall University.

**Loyola University Maryland** has announced the members of its spring 2010 Dean's List. The following local

students have at least 3.5 GPA with a minimum of 15 credits: Patrick Breen and Regina Guzza, both members of the class of 2011 from Longwood.

**The following students** from Florida Institute of Technology were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester:

Glen Bupp, of Longwood, a Bio Sci, Ecology major.  
William Lee, of Longwood, a Interdisciplinary Science major.  
Reanna Witt, of Oviedo, a Business Administration major.  
Brittany Memoli, of Winter Springs, a Business Administration major.

**Rich Tracey**, vice president of Capital

Development Group in Altamonte Springs, has been appointed as Board Chairman of Habitat for Humanity in Seminole County.

He was instrumental in restructuring operations for the Habitat Seminole ReStore, relocating the Habitat offices and also helped bring Penny Seater to the helm as new executive director.

**Compendium Software Systems, LLC** was recently awarded a contract to install its Fuel Clinic.com® Fleet System fuel conservation and risk reduction technology, which closely record real-world driver behavior and provides data analysts and reporting, on select City of Sanford vehicles on a trial basis.

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# Calendar

**Carol Spears**, of Chambrel Island Lake, is putting on another great event. Get ready for the All American Flapjack Fest on Friday, July 16 from 8:30-9:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to see the beautiful Chambrel, to network and munch some good old pancakes. Please RSVP by calling 407-767-6600.

**Saturday, July 17** is Tire Amnesty Day. Central Station and Landfill will accept up to 10 tires at no charge. Call 407-665-2260 for more information.

**Come Saturday, July 17**, and every third Saturday, for a free evening of old-time music that you have been hankering for at the Geneva Jam at the Geneva Community Center. There is toe-tapping acoustic music — bluegrass, old country, and some old-fashioned gospel for you to enjoy. Food and drinks will be on sale from 6-7 p.m. (or until the food runs out) and music starts around 6:30 p.m. A 50-50 raffle is held each month where the winner gets half the pot; the other half of the pot and the food proceeds help pay for the upkeep of the Geneva Community Center. Come for a good time!

**The city of Altamonte Springs** and WLOQ Smooth Jazz 103.1 bring the area's best jazz concert series back for its fifth year, Jazz Jams Uptown. Join us in the Eddie Rose Amphitheater at Cranes Roost Park for a free live performance by Cindy Bradley Saturday, July 17 from 7-10 p.m.

**Ready to learn** how to launch and develop a business? Enroll in the Excellence in Entrepreneurship Certificate Course to prepare yourself or your company for the realities of the business world. The course will run July 20 to Aug. 12 from 6-9 p.m. at the Disney Entrepreneur Center, 315 E. Robinson St. The course fee is \$400 for the first participant from a company and \$200 for each additional participant from the same company. For more information or to register, visit [www.incubator.ucf.edu](http://www.incubator.ucf.edu).

**The League of Women Voters** of Seminole County has extended an invitation to all of the candidates running for House Seats in Districts 25, 33, 34 and 37 to come and speak at its Hot Topics Luncheon Thursday July 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Sergio's Italian Restaurant, 2895 S. Orlando Ave. in Sanford. Cost is \$15 and includes buffet, beverage, tax and gratuity. Please RSVP to [lwwseminole@gmail.com](mailto:lwwseminole@gmail.com) or call 407-339-9266.

**Top real estate agent** and local Certified Distressed Property Expert Petur Sigurdsson with The Viking Team Realty will host his second free seminar for local homeowners to educate and inform on foreclosure avoidance options at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 19 at the Longwood City Community Building. For more information, visit [www.TheVikingTeam.com](http://www.TheVikingTeam.com).

**Let your voice be heard!** The city of Winter Springs' mayor and City Commission will be hosting a town hall meeting to discuss the 2011 fiscal year budget. Come Monday, July 19 to the Winter Spring City Hall, 1126 E. SR 434 at 7 p.m. to voice your opinions. For more information, call 407-327-5999 or visit [www.winterspringsfl.org](http://www.winterspringsfl.org).

**Christian HELP** presents the third annual Christmas in July event at Metro Life Church, 910 Winter Park Dr. in Casselberry on Friday, July 23 from 6:30-9 p.m. with entertainment, a silent auction and a dessert social to benefit the Christian HELP Christmas Program. For more information, visit [christianhelp.org](http://christianhelp.org).

**Patients living with multiple sclerosis** are invited to a free group discussion to share experiences, learn from others and speak with a multiple sclerosis LifeLine field nurse and ambassador as well as a local expert. The event takes place at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 24 at Maison & Jardin, 430 S. Wymore Rd. in Altamonte Springs, with registration at 9:30 a.m. To register, please call 1-866-756-0494.

**The Heathrow Women's Golf Association's** charity golf tournament benefiting Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida will be held Monday, July 26 at the Heathrow Country Club in Lake Mary. Hundreds of golfers and volunteers will unite in their love for gold and for their desire to combat

hunger in Central Florida. Call Meigan Putnam at 678-575-7257 for more information.

**Festival of Orchestras 2010-11** concert season has found a new home at Northland, the state-of-the-art venue with 3,100 seats. Join them at their next free Summer Series event Wednesday, July 28 at 6 p.m. at 530 Dog Track Rd. in Longwood, and enjoy a world-class piano performance by world-renowned pianist Sergei Kossenko.

**Come to a tax presentation** on Common Tax Issues Facing Start-Up and Developing Companies with presenters Sean Yearout, Baesler & Associates, and Jeremy Sloane, VasalloSloan, on Wednesday, July 28 from 3-4:40 p.m. at the University Tower, 12201 Research Parkway. The cost is \$20, but is free to UCF Incubator clients and Florida Photonics Cluster members. Please RSVP to Renee Ayala at 407-882-0202 or [rayala@mail.ucf.edu](mailto:rayala@mail.ucf.edu).

**Tuesday night Aug. 3** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. National Night Out will be held at Focal Point Landscaping with the Seminole County Sheriff's Department. It's a free family event with food, games and lots of great information for grown-ups about community safety.

**Seminole County's** premier political Hob Nob will take place on Thursday, Aug. 5 from 4:30-7 p.m., at the Altamonte Springs Hilton, 350 S.

Northlake Blvd. The Seminole County Regional Chamber of Commerce has sponsored the event since 1982. Tickets are available through the chamber by calling 407-708-4602.

**The planetarium at Seminole State College** of Florida will entertain stargazers with the following events:

- "Skies Down Under: Southern Astronomy" on July 16, 30: The sky is set for Sydney, Australia, which is almost identical in latitude with the planetarium. The show consists of six to eight constellations that can be viewed only from Southern Hemisphere skies.
  - "A Star to Steer By: Concepts of Celestial Navigation" on July 17, 24, 31: Explore the historical development of celestial navigation and its impact on world exploration, from the earliest seafaring Phoenicians to modern-day weapons systems and satellites that rely on celestial objects for guidance.
  - "Stories of the Night Sky" on July 23: Part of the planetarium's cultural astronomy series, this show will detail the myths, legends and facts related to two or three constellations in the current night's sky. Visitors will learn how to locate and identify each constellation and hear the stories that were told thousands of years ago to explain the night sky.
- Events are Fridays and Saturdays and are from 8:30-9:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.seminolestate.edu/planet](http://www.seminolestate.edu/planet) or call 407-708-2360.

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# ATHLETICS



**THIS WEEK** in sports history

July 17, 1941 —

New York Yankees center fielder, Joe Dimaggio's 56-game hitting streak ends as he fails to get a hit in a game against the Cleveland Indians.

## Dawgs catching Rats

The Florida Collegiate Summer League's two top teams are heading for a Friday night showdown

**ISAAC BABCOCK**  
THE VOICE

Only half a game separates the Winter Park Diamond Dawgs and Sanford River Rats after a wild weekend on the baseball diamond.

The Dawgs made the race a bit closer Sunday by trouncing the league-leading Rats 10-4, just a day after being beaten by the league doormat Orlando Mavericks 6-1.

The Dawgs beat their top-ranked rivals by launching into five straight innings of rallies to start the game, with two 3-run innings to give the Dawgs their go-ahead

runs by midway through the second.

Newcomer Spencer Theisen started things off for the Dawgs, singling to lead off the game then stealing second, and advancing to third and home on errors and passed balls. In four games and 14 at bats, Theisen has hammered a home run, two doubles, driven in five runs and batted .571 in the process.

Sanford pitcher and New York Mets draftee Trey Pilkington took a beating from the Dawgs, dropping his record to 2-2 with 11 strikeouts in five appearances.

Meanwhile, Dawgs starter Chad Allen went 6 innings, picking up his third win.

The league lead battle is as tight as it's been all season, and with the Rats and Dawgs meeting again this Friday, it could be anybody's game. With a win, Winter Park could start next week on top of the league again.

This week's All-Star game will have the two teams out of action at press time, but they'll return to Sanford Memorial Stadium at 7 p.m. Friday to find out who's going to take the lead in the Florida Collegiate Summer League.

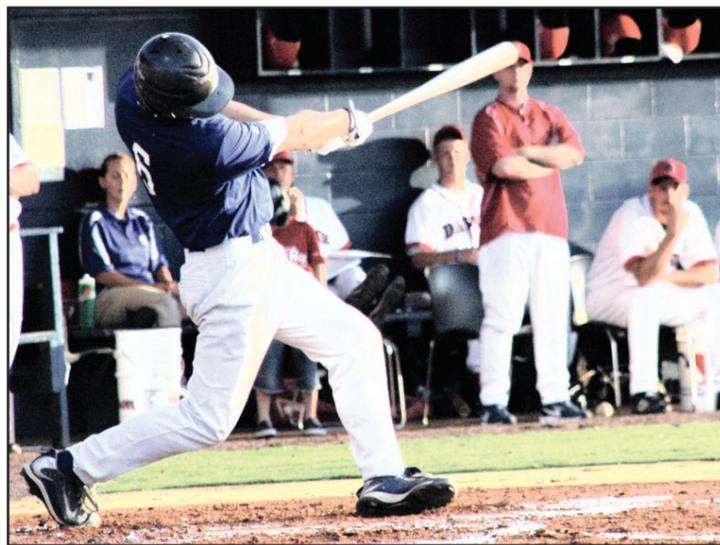


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Sanford has held a tenuous lead in the league thanks to strong offense, but a surging Winter Park team has gradually caught up to the league leaders.

## Kraze topple Ft. Lauderdale

With a goal in the 42nd minute, Central Florida renewed hopes for a climb up the division ladder



PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE VOICE

A tight game came down to a brutal fight in the second half, as the Kraze cut back on shots and ratcheted up on fouls in an increasingly defensive match.

**ISAAC BABCOCK**  
THE VOICE

The Kraze have escaped with yet another win by the narrowest of margins, as they defeated Ft. Lauderdale Friday 1-0 to launch themselves upward in the Premier Development League standings.

Jowayne Laidley took a Fredrik Brustad pass on a rain-drenched Showalter Field and powered the ball past the left upright to give the Kraze their only goal of the game in the 42nd minute. It was part of a dramatic first-half charge by Central Florida that saw them take 10 shots and 6 corners.

But once again the Kraze's defense took the

spotlight, absolutely dominating the Schulz Academy and keeping possession for most of the game. The Kraze's shutout of Ft. Lauderdale kept them tied for the best defense in the 67-team league, with only 7 goals allowed all season.

Much of that defensive magic has come from goalie Wesley Giachetti, who returned to the field Friday to stop three shots by Ft. Lauderdale. Giachetti has allowed only 3 goals all season, but during his absence in the previous three games the Kraze let 4 into the net.

In a bizarre twist compared to their stellar defense, the Kraze also have one of the worst offenses in the league. In all of the PDL, the

Kraze have the least amount of goals scored while still maintaining a winning record. In 10 games they've only scored 15 goals, miraculously emerging with only 3 losses in that time.

With a four-game road trip looming to finish out the season, the Kraze have the odds on their side. In their three road games so far this season, they've scored 6 goals while allowing only 2.

They travel to Nashville Friday, kicking off against the second worst team in the division. With a win, the Kraze could vault into third place in the division just before a three-game finale against the three teams directly above them on the division ladder.

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# VOICES



## THIS WEEK in political history

July 20, 1944 —

A briefcase bomb planted by Colonel Claus von Stauffenberg fails to kill Adolf Hitler. The briefcase was moved before it exploded and Hitler survived. He later commits suicide with Eva Braun (whom he ended up marrying) on April 30, 1945.

# Stick to the basics and stay positive

## EMPLOYMENT

### Ask Sandi



Unemployment benefits are running out for many individuals since the extension has not been passed. I spoke with a lady recently whose husband has been out of work for nearly two years, and they are losing their home. He previously made a six-figure income in sales, and while they do not expect to come near that number, they

would like to have enough to “survive” when they have to move. She closed her business in January and started a new job.

It can be quite depressing receiving rejection after rejection or no word at all when you are job searching. Unemployment benefits are not much, but they are income. Jobs exist, but they are very difficult to find and there is quite a bit of competition for them.

If you are one of the people paralyzed in a job search and don't know where to turn, it is important to remember you are not

alone. I know that doesn't sound encouraging, but it can help with the feeling of isolation.

The basics still apply. Have a great resume, keep a log of all of your activities, including user name and password for online applications, and follow up when you can. Make phone calls, research, attend open houses and job fairs and join networking groups. It is also important to have a professional e-mail and answering machine message. Dress professionally for events. I have seen people in shorts and T-shirts at some of the networking events I have attended. That is a

no-no. At the very minimum, slacks and a nice shirt or polo-style shirt should be worn. I know it is Florida and it is hot, but would you hire the guy in his shorts and flip flops at a networking event or job fair?

## 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

### Jetta Point not going away

These notes have to be considered a follow-up informative piece to the previous letter sent to your office.

It would be necessary for your investigative reporter to dig into this news and learn the truth that will tend to injure the well being of our community.

Your media source has indicated in the past that the Seminole County Commission has placed the Jetta Point Park project on the table until they and the city can hold meetings allowing the citizens to express their real concerns with this issue.

Another outlet stated that the residents had approved the project but now are against it. *Not true* — As I stated in my previous letter, the citizens did in fact approve a project calling for a recreational park to include a dog park for the citizens of Winter Springs and Oviedo.

The citizens of Winter

Springs never approved the current project as is being presented.

*This is all a ruse to lull the residents into a deep sleep until the November elections are over; at which time the project will be a done deal, Washington style; ram it down the people's throat and let them cry the blues later.*

The mere fact that the project applicants are not screaming and threatening lawsuits should give everyone an indication of what is cooking in the pit.

It behooves your paper to make an effort at learning if the following is fact or rumor:

1. The city of Winter Springs is under a gag order not to speak about the Jetta Point Park project.

2. Seminole County, the city of Winter Springs, the city of Oviedo and UCF [University of Central Florida] are/or have entered a joint effort to develop the land along Highway 417 to the Orlando-Sanford Air-

port.

3. The city administration has been reported to have said that there are \$5 million in excess of requirement in the General Fund that are to be used as the city's initial investment into this project.

4. UCF is already \$200,000 of taxpayer dollars into the city's coffers for years without one red cent coming back as return.

5. Once this property is turned into a professional sports complex, the people of Winter Springs will be out the money spent without the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of a community park as initially projected.

The same appears to be true of the government-subsidized housing project west of the Reserves on State Road 434 between Tuscora and Tusawilla Road, where houses are valued at more than \$500,000. While the Tusawilla HOA plays footsie with the city, their members enjoy the

## Editorial Cartoon



benefits of being named to Boards and the THOA Board, time and time again, approves membership dues, money to donate to the city for several items, the surveyors are measuring the land and the project silently moves forward in spite of the fact that three of the elected members of the City Commission reside in Tusawilla.

The people in our city have to awake from the lethargic sleep that appears to be languishing throughout and need to set aside friendships and emotional and sentimental values and vote for the best interest of our city and our vested rights.

Thank you.

—Edward Martinez Jr.  
Winter Springs

## Young Voices

Here's what local kids describe their favorite things about summer.



I'm going on a motorcycle trip to Sturgis, South Dakota and Mt. Rushmore. I have a dirt bike and I like to ride on our Harley.

—Dylan T.  
9 years old



My favorite thing about summer is going swimming in the pool and at Rock Springs.

—Alex B.  
7 years old



I look forward to going to SeaWorld, to the beach and going on field trips like bowling.

—Austin E.  
5 years old



We went on a road trip to Mackinac Island up in Michigan. I look forward to going to New Smyrna Beach and swimming.

—Emma M.  
13 years old



We just went to Memphis, Tennessee on a road trip to see my aunt and cousins. We saw a cool candy store. I like to go swimming and just had my ninth birthday.

—Carson C.  
9 years old

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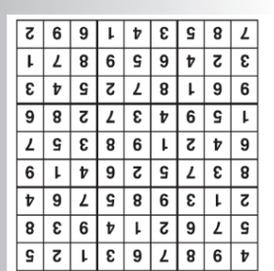
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## Answers



King Crossword

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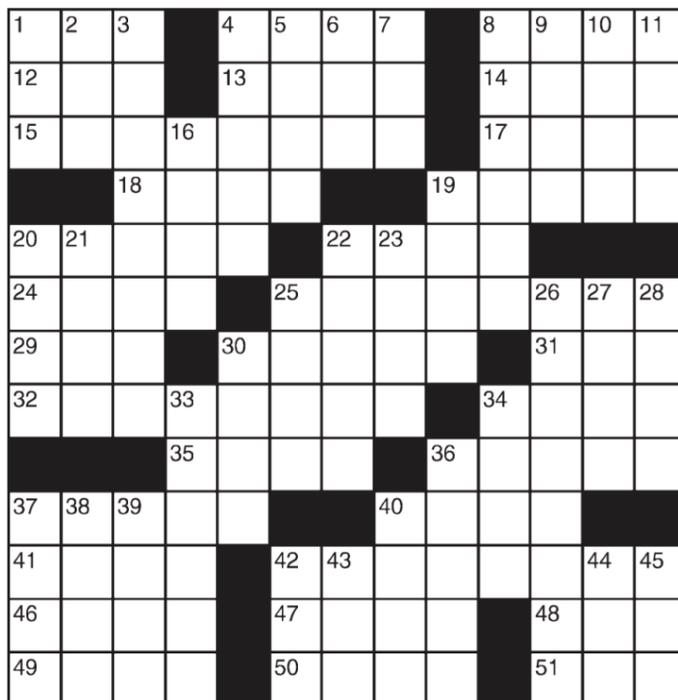
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- 4 Tarot cards' determination
- 8 Pack away
- 12 Vast expanse
- 13 Finished
- 14 One of the Three Bears
- 15 Optimistic
- 17 Wishes otherwise
- 18 Midas' desire
- 19 Snag
- 20 Basilica areas
- 22 Erstwhile ugly duckling
- 24 Men
- 25 Bits of trickery
- 29 Grecian vessel
- 30 Michael of tennis
- 31 Exist
- 32 GOP symbol

- 34 Recognized
- 35 Safecracker
- 36 Theater boxes
- 37 Bank structure
- 40 Hardy cabbage
- 41 Roughly
- 42 Pocket Books logo
- 46 Adolescent
- 47 Sandwich cookie
- 48 Possess
- 49 They're prominent on
- 50 Summer desserts
- 51 Born
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- 1 Fool
- 2 Meadow
- 3 "Auld —"
- 4 Basketball no-nos
- 5 Eager
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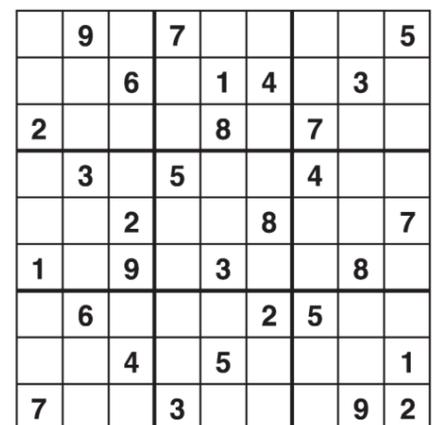
- 7 Earlier than
- 8 Leap
- 9 Tense
- 10 Cartel acronym
- 11 Lave
- 16 "And so it —"
- 19 Reagan Cabinet member
- 20 Chills and fever
- 21 Knitting stitch
- 22 Word on the street?
- 23 Departed
- 25 Carpet type
- 26 Parasite
- 27 Genealogy chart
- 28 Fixes a seam
- 30 Guitarist Atkins
- 33 Traffic cones
- 34 Caffeine-rich nut
- 36 Former



- 37 Cast a ballot
- 38 Vicinity
- 39 AOL client, e.g.
- 40 Dandling site
- 42 Japanese pond carp
- 43 Joan of —
- 44 Have bills
- 45 Inseparable

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by Linda Thistle



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## How to find the right Realtor for you

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"A Realtor recognizes the importance of the transaction to the buyer and seller, and uses his or her skills to reach an agreement satisfactory to all parties involved," McIver said. "And unlike a real estate agent who has simply met the state's licensing requirements to do business in Florida, a Realtor takes the profession to the next level

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If you're not sure how to find a Realtor, a good online starting point is the website of the Orlando Regional Realtor Association (www.orlRealtor.com). The website offers a search function for Realtors by name, company name, city, zip code and even foreign language. Consumer-oriented websites provided by the Florida Realtors organization (www.fl.living.net) and the My-Florida Regional Multiple Listing Service (www.myfloridahomemls.com) both offer search functions for finding Realtors and properties.

Here's some other ideas for finding the right Realtor for you:

- Talk with friends, neighbors and co-workers who recently bought or sold a home in the area. What kind of service did they receive? Would they select the same Realtor or company again?

- Look for posted "for sale" or "sold" signs in your neighborhood. A Realtor or company that is active in your neighborhood, community or condo building warrants further consideration.

- Attend an open house and observe the Realtor in action, judging his or her expertise. Were you shown the home in a professional

manner? How familiar was the agent with the property?

- If you're selling a home, ask if the Realtor and brokerage company are members of a national network or have international alliances that could potentially market your home to prospective buyers across the country or around the world.

When you've identified several potential Realtors, visit their websites and learn more about their backgrounds and experience. You could also send them an e-mail asking for information on how they've helped buyers or sellers.

Once you've narrowed your choice to two or three Realtors, ask each of them

the questions such as:

- \*Can you give me the three names of references whose homes you've recently sold?
- \*How will you work to actively seek buyers for my home?

- \*Have you earned any specialty professional real estate designations?

Selecting a Realtor is usually based on an individual's knowledge, skills and personality, McIver said. "When you choose a Realtor, you can be assured you're selecting a solid, caring professional who will treat you honestly and work diligently on your behalf."

—Orlando Regional Realtor Association

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

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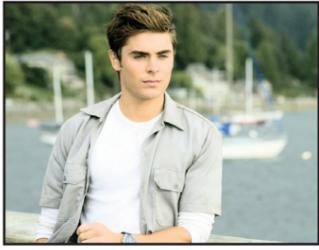


Photo courtesy Universal Pictures

'Charlie St. Cloud'

## 'Inception' — Opens Friday



Photo courtesy Warner Bros. Pictures

Dom Cobb is a skilled thief, the master of extracting secrets from people's dreams. Cobb has a chance to get his life back if he'll complete one last job. He must insert an idea into someone's thoughts instead of taking one.

PG-13 - 2 hours 22 minutes

Coming August 6

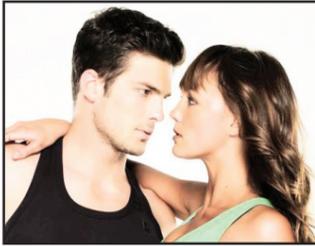


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'Step Up 3-D'

Coming August 13



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'Eat Pray Love'

Also opening: 'The Sorcerer's Apprentice' (PG)



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Balthazar Blake, a powerful sorcerer, cannot stop his nemesis, Maxim Horvath alone. He enlists the help of Dave Stutler, and he teaches him the art of magic. His new apprentice must help him stop Horvath and save the city.

Coming next week



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'Salt' (PG-13)

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7. How would you keep track of my IRA beneficiary form? When should I update my beneficiary form? What are the key events that would trigger a need for a review?
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9. Do you know what will happen to my IRA after I die? How will you make sure that my beneficiary will get the stretch IRA?
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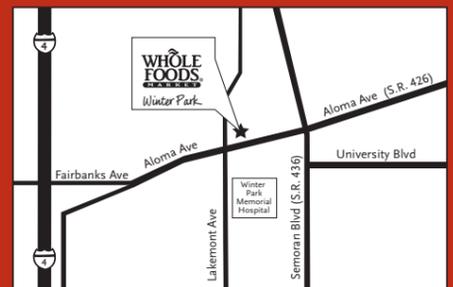
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