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Who's running in Seminole?

MICHAEL CLINTON
THE VOICE

The political landscape for Seminole County could change in August, as early voting begins Aug. 9 and the primary is Aug. 24.

With County Commission and School Board seats up for grabs, your vote could be pivotal for the future of Seminole County.

Here is what the candidates say they will do for the district:

Seminole County Commissioner District 2 *McLean*

Mike McLean, the incumbent who has raised more than \$111,000 for his campaign, says he should be re-elected because he brings a unique perspective to the commission, as he is the only business owner, and because he is part of the community.

"If you're going to serve the community, you have to be a part of it," McLean said.

As commissioner, he has voted to cut the county budget to save more than \$100 million, reduce the county staff by 23 percent, lower taxes and wants to continue to do the same if re-elected.

For more information, visit www.mcleanforseminole.com

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Town Center rising

PHOTO BY KRISTY VICKERY — THE VOICE

After a period of contraction that saw empty stores dot the plaza, the 'For Lease' signs are disappearing at the Town Center.

Management change has brought new life and new business to Winter Springs

KRISTY VICKERY
GUEST REPORTER

The smell of new restaurants and businesses is sizzling through the air in the Winter Springs Town Center.

After a recent change in property management and a long ride on the back of a slow economy, the Winter Springs Town Center is

starting to show signs of growth.

Mosaic Eats & Drinks, an international cuisine eatery, has opened and Hidden Harbor, a seafood restaurant, is scheduled to open next week.

"We're really excited to have some new tenants," said Scott Gregory, Transwestern Portfolio Manager

of the Town Center. "We've received a lot of interest recently in the Town Center since we took it over."

Transwestern recently took over leasing management for the center after the prior owners, Capital Green I LLC, defaulted on their loan. Summer Falls LLC bought the property in March in a foreclosure sale,

Gregory said.

Crossman and Co. had managed the property under Capital Green. Since Transwestern took over, they have renewed the leases of three previous tenants, and are welcoming two new restaurants into the center.

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A health clinic for the uninsured

After helping rebuild Haiti, Harvest Time International focuses on a local venture

MICHAEL CLINTON
THE VOICE

After donating more than two million pounds of relief medical supplies to earthquake victims in Haiti, Harvest Time International is focusing on providing medical care to uninsured and low-income Central Floridians.

The Sanford nonprofit plans to open a medical clinic later this year and needs to raise about

\$250,000 before October to purchase medical supplies and examination equipment including blood analyzers, sonogram machines and digital x-ray machines.

Harvest Time, a hunger and disaster relief organization, has been helping low income and financially distressed families in Central Florida and worldwide since 1994, and around 500 local families receive assistance every day.

The new Medical Care

Center would provide medical care for uninsured and low-income families in Seminole and surrounding counties.

Lena Smolinsky, Outreach and Communications Director at Harvest Time, said that Seminole County has about 80,000 residents who do not have health insurance, and this is one of the major reasons Harvest Time decided to open a clinic.

"We have families com-

ing everyday for food assistance," she said. "In our surveys, a majority of them have no insurance."

The clinic will offer basic health care, such a flu care, but it will be limited to the types of doctors who volunteer their time.

Harvest Time does expect that about 6,000-10,000 residents a year will receive assistance, but that number could increase

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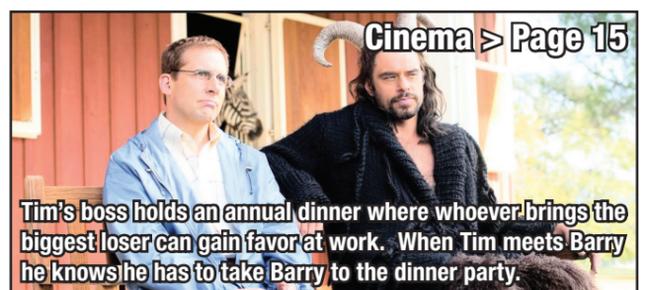
What's goin' on?

On 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.

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Tim's boss holds an annual dinner where whoever brings the biggest loser can gain favor at work. When Tim meets Barry he knows he has to take Barry to the dinner party.



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THIS WEEK



THIS WEEK in history

Aug. 9, 378 —

The Battle of Adrianople takes place as Emperor Valens of Rome leads his army against the Visigoths. The Visigoths defeated the Romans there. (Adrianople is present-day Turkey.)

RACES | Some districts are heavily contested, while others are getting a free pass

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Horan

John Horan has raised more than \$80,000 in his efforts to oust the incumbent. Horan said he opposes McLean because of the incumbent's claimed to lower taxes and then voted to increase the millage rate.

Horan said he will focus on a number of issues including economic development, maintaining the budget and transportation to name a few. He said he should be elected because he is highly qualified and highly competent.

"I bring more of a sense of public service," he said. He will be speaking at the Candidate Forum in Geneva on Aug. 16.

For more information, visit www.johnhoranforseminole.com

Seminole County Commissioner District 4

Henley

Carlton Henley, the incumbent who has raised more than \$78,000 in campaign contributions, says that he should be re-elected because he has done what he set out to do.

"I have provided the leadership necessary over the years, and done what I set out to do," he said.

Henley will continue to focus on reducing government spending, job creation and improving the quality of life for residents. Henley will be attending a number of the political meet-and-greets in the near future, including the Seminole County Regional Chamber of Commerce Hob Nob on Aug. 5.

For more information, visit www.carltonhenley.com

Epps

Donald Epps, who has raised about \$8,000 during his campaign, says he brings a different perspective to the race for District 4 because he is an outsider.

He wants to bring his values that he learned from his 20 years of owning a family lawn care business to serve the citizens. Epps says that he is a listener and that his experiences in large business at Lockheed Martin since 1981 can help the district save money.

"If we can save millions (at work), we can save in the government," he said.

For more information, visit www.votedonepps.com

Adams

Win Adams, who has raised more than \$6,000 for his campaign, says he is tired of the government wasting the taxpayers' money.

Adams, a former Seminole County commissioner from 1994 to 1998, says his background and experience in industrial engineering makes him the most qualified candidate. He wants to grow jobs, stop tax/fee increases and prioritize government services.

Adams said he was an efficiency and productivity expert for Fortune 500 companies where he found the most cost effective approach to solve problems. He said the approach to transportation in our area is not good.

"The way the system is designed is not cost effective," he said.

For more information, visit www.votewinadams.com

Seminole County School Board District 1

Bauer

Diane Bauer is unopposed, as her opponent did not qualify, and automatically wins back her seat on the School Board.

"This is one of the greatest jobs out there," she said.

Great enough that she has been volunteering her services to the school system since 1974. Because her opponent did not qualify, Bauer said she has had more time to focus on some of the issues she is working on.

Two things she will be focusing on are the budget and the proposed class size amendment. Bauer says that the budget needs to be reflective of the current economic times and that she is a proponent of a zero-based budget, where every dollar spent must be justified.

Seminole County School Board District 2

Ackerman

Paul Ackerman, who has raised more than \$15,000, says he has the experience — he served as a teacher for 25 years — to make the right decisions.

"I have been involved with everything from kindergarten to AP computers in High School," he said.

Ackerman wants to focus on the budget problems that are plaguing the county and could cost 400 people their jobs. He said the biggest budget woe has been the \$22 million worth

of stimulus money that runs out next year.

"We have to find the money to replace the stimulus," he said.

For more information, visit www.ackerman4board.com

Almond

Karen Almond, who has raised more than \$21,000, wants to get back to the basics. Her primary goal is to connect the community, as she says it has become disconnected over the years.

"I want to connect this community," she said. "Technology is wonderful, but it has disconnected this community."

Almond has amassed more than 6,000 volunteer hours over the last 21 years and she says she understands the process to get things done. Almond won the 2003 Dividend of the Year award for her continued volunteer efforts, and she was a member of countless Seminole County Public Schools committees, including the Improvement Review Committee and the School Advisory Council.

For more information, visit www.karenalmond.net

Seminole County School Board District 5

Calderone

Tina Calderone, who has raised more than \$32,000 during her campaign, says she is running for the School Board for the children and the community.

"I feel I am the candidate with the most experience," she said.

Calderone has been volunteering with Seminole County schools since 1994, and she has served 15 years as the chairman of the Schools Advisory Council for five different Seminole County public schools.

"Education is my passion," she said. With that passion she wants to utilize funds, keep the district grade at an "A" and use technology more efficiently.

For more information, visit www.votefortina.com

Erwin

Becky Erwin has been a business owner for 15 years and she feels she is the most uniquely qualified candidate because of her business experience, volunteer experience and experience as a substitute teacher.

"I live and breathe the school environment every day," Erwin said.

If elected she wants to implement a zero-based budget program, improve the communication between the School Board



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depending on how many doctors volunteer.

Donations needed

In order for their \$250,000 goal to be met, Harvest Time needs your help.

With a minimum donation of \$500, your name will be printed on the huge community plaque to be displayed at the entrance of the Medical Care Center. For more information on Harvest Time, or to donate, visit their website at www.harvest-time.org

One of such doctors who intends to volunteer is Dr. Don Colbert, who has seen Harvest Time grow for more than 20 years and says they need someone to help with the medical side of things.

Colbert has been working with Harvest Time for the last year to get the clinic up and running.

"It's almost a perfect, ideal scenario," he said.

Colbert, who has been board certified in family practice since 1987, said that this clinic is a big need for the community because of the high amount of uninsured.

"I see a great need in those who have slipped through the cracks and have no insurance."

One such family is Brian and Martha Millis of Sanford.

Brian, who built solar panel circuit boards, was laid off when the

government canceled his company's contract and outsourced it to China.

Brian has since been uninsured for more than two years and needs health care for his diabetic wife. He has had multiple heart attacks.

"Who wants to hire a 57-year-old when you can hire a 20-year-old?" he asked.

Brian and Martha attempted to visit a free clinic, but even then they cannot afford it.

The Millises are extremely excited to hear about the potential clinic, and they plan to utilize it frequently.

Clinic donations have only recently begun and they have raised more than \$1,000 just through word of mouth. With future fundraising events being planned, Smolinsky expects to meet the \$250,000 goal.



ARCHIVE PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK —THE VOICE
Over-the-counter medications piled up at Harvest Time International in Sanford after a hurricane ravaged Haiti. Now the group will bring care home.

A new way to sell kids clothes

Just Between Friends gives parents a chance to make money off used items and buy others for cheap

CARMEN CARROQUINO
GUEST REPORTER

Strollers, bottles, books and clothes — every mother needs them. Whether she's a first-time mom or already has children, she knows taking care of a new baby isn't easy, and the troubling economy hasn't made it any easier.

A little over a year ago, Lauri Davenport, a local mother of three, thought the same thing and asked herself: What if moms in any financial situation could connect with other moms and swap new or gently used items for a fraction of the cost?

So, while watching "Good Morning America" one day before heading off to her day job at a computer software company, she found a way to make that thought a reality.

Looking for a job in building camaraderie among moms in Central Florida, Davenport bought a franchise of Just Between Friends, an organization that allows moms and families the opportunity to sell their children's items, set their own prices and be bargain shoppers of other consignors' items.

"Moms want a one-stop shop," Davenport said. "They want the best for their children. It's for young moms looking for ways to save money and be better stewards for their family's finances."

Just Between Friends started in 1997 in Tulsa, Okla., by two women and has since spread to all parts of the U.S.

Davenport's franchise is the only one in Central Florida, making a total of seven in the state.

The large-scale swap meets happen twice a year, one in the spring and one in the fall, and the next sale is just in time for back-to-school on Aug. 10-14.

Growing every time a sale comes around, she said there are about 26,000 items in the Just Between

Friends' database, but that she expects a little more than 20,000 items at the actual sale.

The way it works is that families tag/price their items online, print barcodes indicating the price they set for each item and then bring their items to the drop-off location. Parents don't have to be present while their items sell.

Davenport said all items then go through a hand safety inspection by volunteers to ensure they are quality goods before they ever make it to the shopping room floor.

She said as consignors, individuals earn 65 to 70 percent of the sale, a much higher percentage than other consignment sales, Davenport said, while the other percentage goes toward venue cost, marketing, equipment, incentives, personnel costs, insurance, royalties, etc.,

Items that don't sell, however, go to the Mustard Seed of Central Florida, a non-profit furniture and clothing bank established in Central Florida in 1984, so that "everything stays right here," Davenport said.

Michelle Lyles, Mustard Seed of Central Florida executive director, said Just Between Friends is a great service and opportunity for families to get a wide range of items for children and teens. Lyles said Davenport is "doing an amazing job in serving the community."

Just Between Friends takes most everything for infants, children and teens, with the exception of baby cribs because of so many recent recalls, Davenport said.

She said word of mouth between moms is the biggest marketing tool.

Ginger Bailey, a first-time mother of a 5-month-old baby, is no stranger to consignment sales, but said she heard about Just Between Friends from none other than her own friends.

Having been to other consignment sales, Bailey

said she's looking forward to seeing what Just Between Friends has to offer. And for those who have children that have outgrown things, Bailey said it's the perfect place to benefit others and make back some of the money they spent.

"Most of the big items I have, I've gotten through consignment sales," Bailey said. "Paying half the price for gently used items that children outgrow — what's not to love?"

School shopping
Just Between Friends of Central Florida's Back-To-School sale is Aug. 10-14 at the First Baptist Church of Altamonte Springs, located at 900 N. St. in Longwood. Visit www.jbfsale.com for information on how to donate.

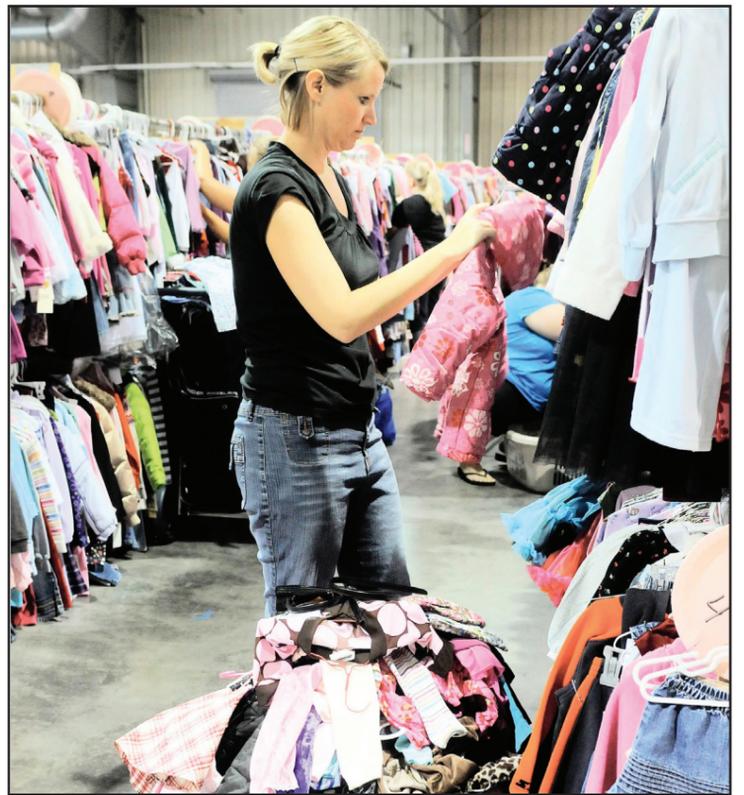


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Racks of clothing stretch down long corridors during a sale organized by Just Between Friends, a service that makes it easier to buy and sell used goods.

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A cross-country reunion adventure

Between the CELERY Stalks *By Janet Foley*

Summer time is, so I now understand, for school reunions and vacations or a combination of both. Well, not sure which category I fall into, but I did both. My college, Mary Washington, now called the University of Mary Washington, is in Fredericksburg, Va. The school decided to hold our class reunion in June. My former roommate, suitemate and I decided not to attend but to do our own thing, since we hadn't seen each other like since the 1960s. That's how long it has been.

My roommate lives just outside colonial Williamsburg in Governor's Landing. We all decided to meet, and I would fly in to Richmond, Va., first and go from there. Dee, my roommate, and her hubby, Al, met me and off we went — road trip — to their home where we spent two days in Williamsburg. Just like old times, we clicked as if we haven't seen each other in two weeks. We looked through all the picture albums from way back when and played the game "who is that and is this what's her name?"

Next day, we took a road trip to Richmond to visit my house, her house, our schools and high school with bars and security gates to get in the front door. It was in total shock especially when we learned that they mounted cameras going 24/7. We had a security guard ask why we were taking pictures of the high school. That will go outside the memory book. Dee and

I left shortly after visiting other old haunts, plus the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Maymont Park, the old drug store where I used to work and our favorite movie spot.

Then we did a road trip back to her home and toured William and Mary College, which has grown by leaps and bounds and is still lovely in the old brick style of the Governor's Mansion. Note: Most all homes and state buildings in Virginia are built with brick and the style seems to stay the same wherever you go.

Dinner that evening was a road trip to the Yorktown-Gloucester area. We passed one of the Tall Ships on the York River, which you could board for a tour for \$60. That was a no, so we ventured on to dinner in Gloucester to dine on the River York.

The road trip back home was a drive through Jamestown, which is quite commercialized but still a site to see. Sorry to say John Smith, Pocahontas and John Alden were not at home.

Dee and I arrived in Fredericksburg on Wednesday and met our suitemate Rita at the motel. Another click from the past, we settled into our motel and took off for our destination — Mary Washington University. We arrived at College Avenue and parked the car ready to hike down the pavers' path of the official buildings — administration, library, science, etc. But what took

us out of remembrance of the area was things have moved and more buildings popped up, but then in brick they all look alike. We had a ball finding old dorms, the student union site, the bookstore, the swimming pool, the ballroom, classrooms of subjects we liked and more. The strangest thing of all we had to get over was that the school was coed. We went to an all-girls school, and the only males on campus were the Marines from Quantico on weekends, and I should say a few from the University of Virginia, our sister school. Times change and we have also. I can't tell you what memories and good times those few days brought back to us. Like all good friends and pals, we have vowed to visit each other again with another vacation-road trip. My good friends are retired from their professions and now enjoy visiting sights around the U.S. The school has enlarged greatly and even now it has extended across U.S. No. 1. We are certainly glad we aren't walking (hiking) to class. Our short vacation — road trip — was a No. 1 on my list. Can't wait 'till the pictures I took get developed!

What is new for activities coming up which you all might want to attend? Saturday, Aug. 14 certainly sounds interesting and something you all might wish to attend — every second Saturday of the month, come out to see a classic movie at the Historic Geneva School House. Enjoy the old-theater ambience with old-fashioned ushers and concessions. Pizza is served at 6 p.m. and the movie starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5, \$3 for those under 16. Need more information? Visit [\[schoolhouse.org\]\(http://schoolhouse.org\).](http://www.genev-</p>
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Freedom Ride will celebrate 10 years with Arabian Nights at its 10th Annual Fundraiser on Sunday, Aug. 15. Guests will experience the Arabian Nights show and dinner, with a pre-show by Freedom Ride, for the discounted price of \$25. All proceeds will benefit Freedom Ride, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides therapeutic horseback riding to children and adults with disabilities in the Central Florida area. Doors open at 4 p.m. and the show begins at 5 p.m. Children younger than 3 get in free. Need more information? Call 407-293-0411 or visit www.freedomride.com

The other day I took what I call the back road from Mead Manor going on Geneva Road to the Publix store on Lockwood Boulevard and County Road 419. When I turned off Geneva road onto Lockwood, I noticed construction signs saying 'public bike sidewalk trail'. Looked very neat and quite wide, of course this trail is far from being finished by the city, but that was the first I heard of this trail being constructed. I cannot wait to learn more about the finished product. It will be a great place to get that needed exercise- biking or walking.

Feel like walking on Saturday, Aug. 7? Well Starbucks, 355 E. Altamonte Drive in Altamonte Springs, is sponsoring The Mid-Florida Miles Walking Club. This club is a member of the American Volkssport Association and is conducting a walk through the shopping plaza and through the areas north

of Cranes Roost Park. Two distances are available: 10K (6miles) or 5K (3miles) and the walk will start between 9-10 a.m. It is \$3 for club members who want credit and for others it is free. Need more information? Please call 407-695-9181.

A great plant sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 14-15 will be held at the Sanford Garden Club, 200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford. The Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society's annual fall plant sale will feature bromeliads in many general, orchids, aroids, plumeria, gingers, heliconias, other tropical plants, gift baskets and hand-crafted slatted baskets in several sizes. Admission is free. For more information, please call 407-366-4860.

The Riverside Park Complex provides a Special Needs Activity Program from 2-4 p.m. the first, second and third Wednesday of the month. The Riverside Park Complex is located at 1600 Lockwood Blvd. in Oviedo at the cost of \$2 per month for Oviedo residents, \$20 per month for non-residents. For more information, please call 407-971-5591.

A thought

A great book should leave you with many experiences and slightly exhausted at the end. You live several lives while reading it. —William Styron

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Corrections

The July 16 article "Stiff competition in District 24" incorrectly reported U.S. Rep. Suzanne Kosmas' years of political experience. She has served in a public office for nine years.

It also incorrectly reported candidate Karen Diebel's city in which she held office. She is a former Winter Park commissioner.

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Domestic violence awareness



STETSON'S CORNER

By Karen McEnany-Phillips

October is the month when we typically devote a column to Domestic Violence Awareness, but in light of the recent murder of Sanford resident Jackie Miller, it seemed appropriate to raise the topic now. There are also a couple of events in August and in the months to come supporting SafeHouse of Seminole, so what better time for the community to become more engaged in this critical issue.

In 2009, more than 2,200 cases of domestic violence were reported in Seminole county including eight murders, one case of manslaughter and 1,351 arrests. When you realize that a much larger percentage of domestic violence occurrences or allegations go unreported, the number is staggering. For those of you who may be new to Seminole County or new to reading this column, it may surprise you that a fairly affluent area such as Seminole County has this level of domestic violence.

The truth is that domestic violence is a devastating issue that cuts across economic, ethnic and educational lines.

On the surface, domestic violence appears to be someone else's problem, the private business of other couples who have made their choices and must find their own ways to deal with them. However, most adults are not trained to recognize or deal with the issue. It cannot be loved, debated or logically explained away. It will not dissolve by a woman doing

as she is told, being on her best behavior, or changing her appearance to some unrealistic perception of perfection. Many abusers and victims were childhood victims of domestic violence themselves. Children who witness it and live with it often grow up to imitate the same behaviors. Only with professional help can couples and families work their way through these complex issues of control, power, fear and lack of self-esteem.

Fortunately, over the last 15 years, many community partners, business sponsors and law enforcers have joined together to support SafeHouse of Seminole, which provides resources, programs, prevention and volunteer opportunities to women, men and families who are in crisis. From a 24-hour crisis hotline, referrals, advocacy and counseling to case management, safety planning, clothing and food, SafeHouse provides a comprehensive list of services and answers for those who need it most. According to their website, in addition to providing a safe haven, the focus is to enhance and develop creative and effective intervention and prevention initiatives to reduce violence in the community.

Friends help friends
Join the Friends Helping Friends 5K (3 mile) Walk/Race at Walk on Water Boutique at Lake Mary, Colonial Town Park, Saturday, Aug. 7. Visit www.walkonwaterfl.com. The

adult race/walk starts at 7:30 a.m. and the children's race at 8:30 a.m. Registration is \$25 now, \$30 on race day and kids 17 and younger are \$10. All proceeds go to SafeHouse of Seminole.

Night Out
Don't forget to bring the family out to Focal Point Landscaping Nursery at the corner of State Road 46 and County Road 426 Tuesday evening, Aug. 3 for a free event promoting National Night Out. Meet your neighbors and learn about crime prevention. There will be vendors, a bounce house, hayrides, water slides, face painting and more. Call 407-349-2200.

Youth in the spotlight
From Aug. 2-6 there will be a new Youth Improv Spotlight Showcase Workshop at the Rural Heritage Center. For just \$100, kids ages 9 and older can sign up for classes from 9 a.m. to noon. On Aug. 6, there will be a performance at 7 p.m. Call Jessie Harrelson at 407-349-5112 or e-mail jessie_harrelson@bellsouth.net. Don't forget to sign up for the Reviving the Constitution classes held from 7-9 p.m. Aug. 17, 24 and 31 at the Rural Heritage Center. It's \$15 for all three classes. Call Paula Marcinak at 407-349-5346.

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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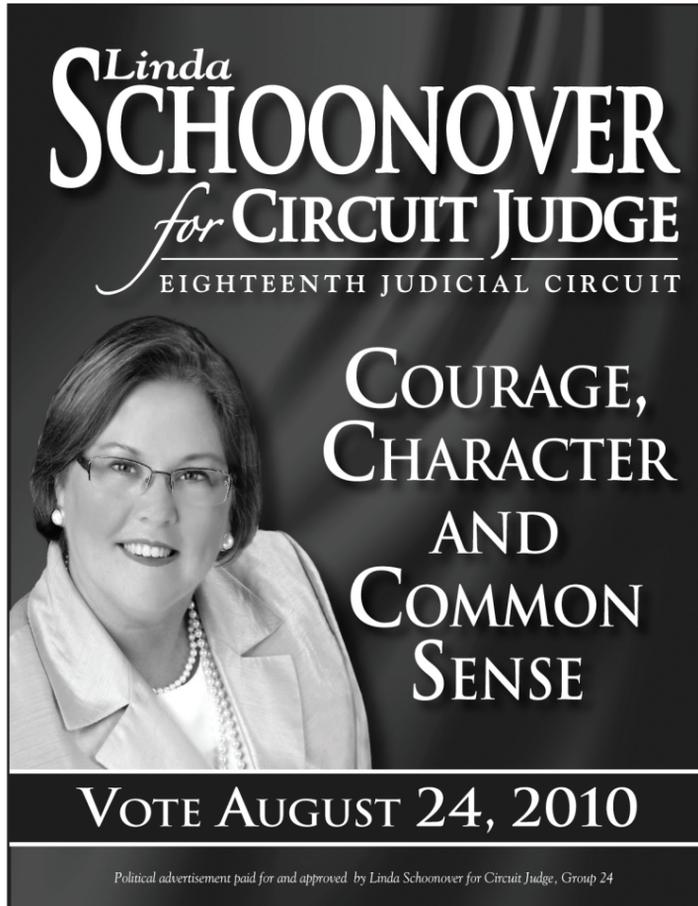
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Long's bid for District 24

MICHAEL CLINTON
THE VOICE

In the article "Stiff competition in District 24" published on July 16, the Voice omitted candidate Deon Long. Here's why he said he deserves to win the U.S. House of Representatives District 24 seat held by Democrat Suzanne Kosmas:



Republican Deon Long, an attorney who practices in Winter Park, has no elected office experience but he said he's no stranger to the political process.

He was appointed by former Governor Jeb Bush to serve on the board of the St. Johns River Water Management District from 1999 to 2007. Long also is a former chairman for Children's First, and is on the board of directors at the Frye Institute.

He says that the incumbent has "not done much of anything." He is against her vote for healthcare reform, Cap and Trade, and he called her NASA leadership "woeful."

"All of my opponents are just trying to manage the system better," Long said. "What the system really needs is to be reorganized."

Long says that Medicare is a state issue. He also thinks that NASA needs a mission, and that the U.S. should get into deep-space exploration. He supports a balance budget amendment, tort reform, as well as the adaptation of the Fair Tax.

For more information on Deon Long and upcoming events, visit www.deonlong.com

CENTER | Town Center merchants optimistic

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months ago and have since been really focused on the appearance of the Town Center, keeping everything fixed up and developing good relationships with all the tenants," he said.

John Secor, a commercial leasing broker for Exit Real Estate who represents several tenants, said the center was struggling last year.

"The tenants are feeling a better vibe now than that they have a more responsive ownership in place; it's a big turnaround," Secor said. "And the tenants that are there want to stay there because management has been very helpful in making them offers that make sense in the economy."

Gregory said there has been downward pressure on leasing rates over the past year in the greater Orlando retail market, but he is finally starting to see these rates stabilize.

Mosaic Eats & Drinks is one of the new restaurants the center is welcoming. They filled the former Beef 'O'Brady's space almost two months ago.

Mosaic manager Chris Muszalski said the location and price was ideal for the recently opened restaurant.

"We are welcoming all of our new clients, and they seem to be welcoming us quite well," Muszalski said.

"This community is a perfect fit for our whole concept."

Murphy's Premium Pet Food Market owner Kim Kalander also said business has been better in the last year, and she is excited to see more businesses moving into the center.

"Sales have been up 12 percent since last year, and it would be nice to see them continue to go up; there's always room for growth" she said. "It would be nice to get more traffic from people wandering down the center to go to other restaurants."

Hollywood Bistro manager Jeff Hatsady is also looking forward to the traffic that future businesses in the center will bring.

"Traffic in the Town Center is very quiet right now," he said. "But I believe that the more businesses that open up in the Town Center will invite more traffic to the Town Center."

Hatsady also said although he has high hopes for the new businesses, he would also like to see a variety for different businesses coming in.

"I don't think they should bring just restaurants to the center, because the whole idea of having a mixed-use town center, as far as retail and apparel stores that's something we need; we need a really nice balance

to that kind of draw of traffic."

Although there are still many spaces left to fill, growth is now more prevalent in the center, as businesses slowly venture back into a jaded economy.

Seafood restaurant Hidden Harbor is the next business projected to open in the center any day now.

"Business is still slow throughout Orlando and the rest of the nation," Gregory said. "I think you will notice retail sales aren't where they were a couple of years ago, but there are some positive signs, and I think those will continue this next year as consumer confidence continues to increase."

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Dr. Ayodeji Otegbeye, better known as "Dr.O," is the medical director at

Children's Medical Services and a consultant for the Neonatal Pediatric Follow-Up and Pulmonary Clinics at Children's Medical Services. Dr. O specializes in critical care with special skills and interest in pulmonary medicine. He completed his residency and fellowship at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. He is board certified in pediatrics, internal medicine and pediatric critical care.

Dr. Oludapo Soremi completed his residency and chief residency in Metropolitan Hospital Center in New York City and completed his pediatric critical care fellowship at Shands Hospital in Gainesville, Florida. He is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric critical care.

Formally the director of Pediatric Advanced Life Support Program, Dr. Vivek Desai was the director of the Pediatric Transport Program at Florida Hospital and is now a consultant for the Neonatal Pediatric Follow-up Clinic and Children's Medical Services. Recently named in The Best Doctor's in America, he completed his residency at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and his pediatric critical care fellowship at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. Dr. Desai is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric critical care.

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From my
GARDEN
 to yours
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Seeds of the future

I recently spent an uneasy night after watching the movie "Food, Inc." — a documentary about where our food comes from and how it's produced — only assuaged the next morning by immersing myself in a deep accumulation of seed catalogs. While most children envision gardening as simply the process of poking seeds into dirt, my contemplation of a seed is radically different. Seeds, as the purveyor of genetic information in a storable and transportable repro-

ductive capsule, are the harbinger of human evolution and society. We need to respect a seed's existential being to a much greater extent in our modern world.

With the beginning of our year-round gardening season looming (I consider summer our off-season), now is the time to marshal our resources. Using the Internet to find a favorite seed variety is an especially productive way to conduct a timely search. Specialty, heirloom and exotic novelty seed

promulgators are anxious to fill your seed order. All delivered to your door in half the time of just a few years ago.

Local sources are limited, but may have proprietary advantages. Saved seeds from last year's crop take the gardening experience to a personally productive peak. Selecting the best crop example from which to save seeds may eventually produce a regionally outstanding strain. By trading your own seed stock with other local gardeners, you join a rarified and exclusive microcosm of humans!

I find local retail availability rather disappointing as most seed racks are stocked with many seasonal or geographic misfits. A word of caution: when buying seeds off a rack at a garden center, make sure that rack was stored in the air conditioned section of the store and not irrigated along with the nursery plants. Also note, Florida seed vendors must clear their racks and begin with next year's inventory in August (sort of like car dealers).

Labeling and securing seeds is almost as important as obtaining them. Store seeds in a cool,

dry, airtight container. In Florida, this translates into envelopes in a Tupperware in the refrigerator. I've enlisted so many different kinds of jars, film canisters and zip-lock sandwich bags that my family never knows what they'll find hidden behind last night's leftovers.

When planting time finally arrives, label information is forwarded to a stake at the head of the growing bed. Along with the genetic code stored in each seed, my data is a picayune but necessary step in the process of growing my food. Let's not take this simple, but complex stepping-stone of human existence for granted. As Thomas Jefferson said, "Gardening is a way of showing that you believe in tomorrow."

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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Getting to know Papa Tony

BRITNI JOHNSON
THE VOICE

Papa Tony seems like a tough guy.

He has a gruff exterior, and even after 40 years in Florida, he still has his New York accent. But then, as friend after friend stop into his restaurant, the tough guy facade melts away.

“Pop” and “Papa” they call him, even the men, as they enter the place with smiles and hugs. They — the customers turned friends at Papa Tony Italian Restaurant. It isn’t “Cheers,” but it certainly is a place where “everybody knows your name.”

“It doesn’t feel like a restaurant; it feels like coming home,” said New Jersey transplant Gary DeFilippo, who eats at Tony’s almost every day.

“Papa” Tony Savastano, who runs the 23-year-old Winter Springs restaurant with his daughter Juls McDaniel, said that most of his business comes from repeat customers such as DeFilippo. He likes that he knows every face he’s cooking for, and that his daughter knows every name. She even knows what they’re going to order, before they order it.

“They like that feeling of being known,” McDaniel said.

And she likes knowing them. She looks forward to customers’ weekly visits, and loves that she’s seen kids younger than her when she started the restaurant, now grown up with children and still coming to



Papa Tony Savastano sits at a table at his popular Italian restaurant in Winter Springs, which just finished a renovation after 23 years in business.

PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE VOICE

Papa Tony’s. “These people that come into this restaurant, they actually become family,” said Joan Coopersmith, a waitress at Tony’s.

Customers agree. “You walk in and they know you,” said Ed Martinez, who eats at Tony’s once or twice a week. “It’s a great atmosphere.”

That family feeling is part of the charm, and helps with the drawback of their location. Being a restaurant attached to a gas station doesn’t always give the best first impression, but it might help make for a more compelling impression in the end, Savastano said.

“Anybody who comes is scared the first time,” said

Savastano. “But once they do come in, we own them.”

He owns them with his food. All the recipes at Papa Tony’s have been passed down by his mother, and everything is made fresh daily, by Papa himself. From the baked ziti and authentic Caesar dressing, down to the breadcrumbs that he covers his parmigiana dishes in, all are made to order by Savastano. And that’s what keeps his customers coming back to the restaurant by the gas station.

“Consistency and quality are the most important things,” he said.

And then there are the famous breadsticks.

“The breadsticks are insane,” DeFilippo said. “We’re lucky they’re legal —

my sister is highly addicted to them.”

In its hay day, customers waited two hours for Tony’s authentic Italian food. Savastano would hand out free breadsticks and wine to keep them happy. Back then, there was just a kitchen, order counter and a little group of tables. And while they’ve expanded since then, the economy has downsized and so has business. They’re still going strong from loyal customers, though.

“If it wasn’t for these people, we wouldn’t have anything,” McDaniel said.

But McDaniel and Savastano love to share their food with new faces, too. And when newbies sit at the kitchen window, Savastano

loves to give them a taste of what he’s making.

So all you have to do is take a chance, and don’t, as that old saying goes, “judge a book by its cover,” she said. Tony might even let you call him “Papa.”

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Come to the Park on Park in Sanford for Cinema in the Park on Friday, Aug. 20. Next month's movie is "The Goonies". Show starts at 8:30 p.m., or sunset for optimum viewing. Admission is free.

The Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department and Bradstreet Tennis will have two more weeks of free tennis camps. All campers older than 4 are welcome. Camp weeks are Aug. 2-6 and Aug. 9-13 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 407-262-2170, 407-327-6589 or visit www.bradstreetennis.com

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Join Coach Hesselbart and the coaching staff and team as they are introduced to the city in a fun filled evening at The Hollywood Bistro in the Winter Springs Town Center for the Bears City Pep Rally on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 5-9 p.m.

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 or call 800-634-4771.

Living like a dog for charity

Local woman lives in a Sanford kennel to try to win a Pepsi grant to save dogs

ISAAC BABCOCK
THE VOICE

A few seconds after Emily Muscatello said hello with beaming blue eyes and an outstretched hand, she's quickly leading the way behind a twisting labyrinth of closed doors toward the back of a Sanford boarding kennel.

A maze of greenish gray cubicles fills the floor of the final room, about half the size of a gymnasium, as the echo of barking ricochets off 20-foot-tall neon green cinder block walls. Muscatello leads with her feet, darting left, then right through the maze of cubicles holding at least a dozen dogs. The walls are high enough to keep dogs from escaping, but Muscatello says most are well behaved.

"Donna is a fabulous boarder," she says as she stops at the last door at the back of the room.

She opens a sliding lock, and an affable woman in ruby red lipstick and frazzled brown hair stands up for the first time in hours, her eyes just peeking over the wall.

"Hi, I'm Donna," she said. "Welcome to my kennel."

Donna Neale has been living a claustrophobic's nightmare for six days now, as she steadily shakes hands and smiles, happy for the company. She's trapped herself inside a 4-by-6 foot kennel pen for 240 hours straight.

Neale doesn't look like a woman who voluntarily lives in a kennel. Bedecked in gold jewelry and an eclectic latently hippie-chic outfit, she's a young Winter Park grandmother who years ago acted as a mother to her sons' friends — the cool parent on a block of much stricter ones.

What she doesn't look like is a dog lover. But for



PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THE VOICE
Donna Neale is living in a dog pen at Sanford's Dog Day Afternoon kennel with the hope that she'll draw enough votes to her cause to win a grant from Pepsi. She started matching abandoned dogs with owners 10 years ago, and two years ago began a project that turned into a website, which uses technology to match the right pets with owners.

10 straight days she's living like one.

"There are no luxuries here," she said, picking through a pile of eight pillows that she lays down every night to sleep just above the purple linoleum floor. Taller than the average woman, her head rests on a black pillow with white paw prints while her feet nearly touch the opposite wall.

"It's like an apartment in Manhattan," Muscatello said of the cube's diminutive size.

The only other hints of a dog in this room are the Dalmatian hat jokingly given to Neale by a friend, and the leftover fur covering her entire bed.

But make no mistake:

Neale loves animals. One of her sons is caring for her five dogs and three cats while she's incarcerated herself for charity at the Dog Day Afternoon Kennel. And she's not crazy, though she said she'd have to be to do what she's doing. She's doing it all for a cause.

At the other end of more than a week cooped up with only the barking of dogs and the glow of her laptop computer to keep her company, she's hoping to win \$250,000. The chances are just slim enough to keep her optimistic. When Pepsi Cola announced its Refresh Project, seeking to give grants to innovative businesses and non-profits that will "have a positive impact", 1,000 people signed up immediately, filling the application list within a minute.

"I had to use my son's faster computer just to get on the list the next month," Neale said. The next hurdle is to generate votes for her project, called Paw In Hand Match, which uses a website to match suitable adoptable pets with prospective owners.

Her goal is to stop animals from being euthanized at animal shelters due to overcrowding or standards that are too high, resulting in good pets being put down.

"There's not enough space for them," Neale said. "Even the so-called non-kill shelters will send dogs right across the street to be euthanized. There are heart-breaking stories across this country."

With help from her husband, Walter, she's pushed her service to try to take it nationwide, putting \$20,000 of her own money into the project. He passed

away in December.

This is his legacy, she said.

"The last thing he said was 'I want to see you make our dream come true,'" she said. "He said he didn't want to stand next to St. Francis and see so many dogs crossing over."

Sitting on a folding chair in front of her laptop computer perched atop a makeshift plastic dresser, she peers through thick black-rimmed bifocals, checking her project's vote ranking. She has to get below the top 100 in the country to survive this round of voting.

"I'm at 154 right now," she said. "I'd be heartbroken if I spent all this time in here and didn't make it to 99."

She closes her eyes as she forms sentences. Every morning she's woken up by barking dogs at 5 a.m.

"And I go to sleep when they do," she said.

But she knows she's doing this for them. For 10 years, she's been helping animals find new owners.

"All the matches I've made, they've never come back," she said.

Paw In Hand is her dream of taking things bigger. One day she hopes to help dogs and cats nationwide to find new families before it's too late.

"I just want to give pets another option," she said. "I just want to give them another chance."

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Fight for the right to feed the needy



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Local homeless activist groups banded together to protest laws against feeding the homeless in downtown Orlando July 26. Local businessman John Kurtz, above, hands a sandwich to a homeless man in front of City Hall. Migdalia Pagan, right, from New Vision Ministries, chastises government officials to news reporters at the protest rally.

Notes

Winter Springs resident Kristy Kahane has been named a winner in the national "Sweet & Simple Recipe Contest," created to find the best original summertime recipes with a slimmed down makeover. She won for her Rockin' Broccoli recipe. For more info, visit steviaitheraw.com

Calling for artists to participate in the Orlando Museum of Art's 1st Thursday event on Sept. 2: "ECLECTIC KNIGHTS II". This UCF Art Alumni Chapter annual event will represent the best UCF alumni and faculty has to offer from a variety of mediums. The deadline to submit is Sunday, Aug. 8. For more information, visit

www.ucfalumni.com/art.

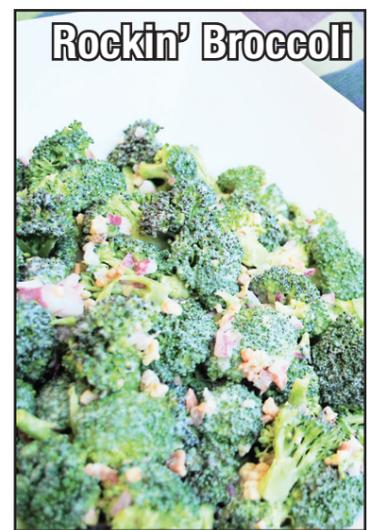
The UCF Art Alumni Chapter invites you to "IgKNIGHT" creativity with it's Knightro's Creative Kits program, to benefit elementary schools in Central Florida. Visit any of the drop-off locations and donate new, unwrapped art supplies. For a list of locations, visit www.ucfalumni.com/art.

Become a global family! Host families are needed for Turkish and Danish high school exchange students arriving soon for the school year. For more information, call 321-277-7198. Learn about AFS, the hosting organization, at www.afs.org.

The Winter Springs Police put out this warning: Recently, there has been a lot of information about devices called "bottle bombs" or "works bombs" in the media and circulated on the Internet. These devices are made from combining certain household cleaners and other materials in a plastic bottle, causing a chemical reaction and explosion. The explosion can cause serious injury and chemical burns to people who either make or handle these devices. A couple of weeks ago, several of these devices were found in a yard in Casselberry, although no one was injured. Florida law contains serious

felony crime penalties associated for anyone caught making or placing any destructive device. If you encounter any suspicious bottle device, please call 911 and do not attempt to dispose of any potentially dangerous device.

Kaitlin Elizabeth Burlingame of Longwood was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2010 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Burlingame is a graduate of Lake Brantley High School in Altamonte Springs and is enrolled in the university's School of Engineering & Applied Science.



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Calendar

CenturyLink invites local communities to help in their efforts to collect 500,000 pounds of food in its second annual "Together We Can" food drive scheduled for July 26-30. In Seminole County, drop off non-perishable food items at the CenturyLink retail store in Altamonte Springs, 175 E. Altamonte Drive in Cranes Roost. For more information, visit www.centurylink.com.

Enjoy the sounds of jazz with The Kings featuring saxophonist Charlie DeChant at Friday Night Live in Cranes Roost Park at Uptown Altamonte Friday, July 30 from 8-10 p.m. Admission is free.

Orlando Bellydance Proudly Presents "Hiplash!" — a colorful, theatrical production of world dance sure to get your hips shaking! It's at the Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center in Sanford on Saturday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m. as they invite you on a magic carpet ride through the Middle East and beyond! Cost is \$18 for general seating or \$22 for VIP. Visit www.wdpac.com for more information.

Lennar will host a Grand Opening Swim-In from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 31, to showcase new townhomes priced from under \$130,000 at The Retreat at Twin Lakes, across I-4 from the Seminole Towne Center in Sanford. Admission to the Grand Opening is free and the public is invited to enjoy the swimming pool and cabana area, where refreshments and prizes will

be provided, and tours of model townhomes. Visit www.Lennar.com for more information.

Enjoy the sights, sounds and flavors of Bernie's Coffee & Tea, 160 Tuskawilla Road in Winter Springs, Acoustic Night on Sunday, Aug. 1 from 6-9 p.m. All musicians, fans and enthusiasts welcome. Visit Bernie's Facebook page www.facebook.com/winterspringsbarnies for more information.

On Tuesday, 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.

The East Orlando Chamber of Commerce and the Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce have partnered to host the Bright House Networks East Side Regional Hob Nob featuring Orange and Seminole County, local, state and federal political candidates. The event will be held from 5-9 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 3, at UCF Bright House Networks Stadium in the J. Rolfe Davis Lounge near gates 15 and 16. For ticket pricing visit www.EastSideHobNob.com. RSVP to the EOCC at 407-277-5951 or ashley@eooc.org.

Local Politicians have been invited to meet and greet the Casselberry Chamber's members at their regular monthly luncheon, Wednesday, Aug.

4 from 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. at the Metro Life Church, 910 S. Winter Park Drive, Casselberry. Voting will take place as attendees cast their vote for the straw poll. For further information, contact Hank Lander at 407-699-7442 or HankLander@CommunicationSolutions.CC.

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.

Susan VanEngen, a resident of Orange City, will be available to sign copies of her children's book, "The 100th Day Surprise!" Stop by the Barnes and Noble in Altamonte Springs, 451 Altamonte Dr., on Friday, Aug. 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to get your copy signed!

Participate in the Friends Helping Friends 5k Run/Walk on Saturday, Aug. 7 at 7:30 a.m. at Walk on Water, 1140 Town Park Lane. Cost is \$20 through July 23; \$25 July 24-Aug. 6 and \$30 on race day.

Come to the Just Between Friends of Central Florida consignment sale Aug. 11-13 at the 1st Baptist Church of Altamonte Springs, 900 N. St. in Longwood. At the event, families will find great deals on items including children's and maternity clothing, every type of baby equipment,

furniture, children's outdoor and sporting items, DVDS, toys and home school supplies. Visit www.jbfsale.com for more information.

Join thousands of partygoers in downtown Sanford Thursday, Aug. 12 from 5-8 p.m., and listen to live music as you try food and beverage samples from more than 40 stations. Alive After Five was voted Orlando Sentinel's Best Kept Secret for 2009, so come out and discover what all the fun is about. Cost is \$7.

The play production of Steel Magnolias is coming from August 13-22 with Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:00p.m. to The Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center in downtown Sanford, 201 S. Magnolia Ave. Steel Magnolias will be directed by Randy Tapper. Tickets now available on The Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center website by visiting www.WDPAC.com and by calling Box Office at 407-321-8111.

The Fertilize Appropriately Class is Saturday, Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Seminole County Extension Auditorium in Sanford, 250 W. County Home Road. For registration or more information, please contact Gabrielle Milch, FYN Coordinator at 407-665-5575 or e-mail fyn@seminolecountyfl.gov.

Come to the Geneva Candidates Forum on Monday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Geneva Community Center, 161 First St. (across from Marathon Gas

Station). Candidates from Seminole County Commission Districts 2 and 4, Florida U.S. House District 24, Florida State House District 33, Florida State Senate District 24 will be in attendance. This will be your chance to do your election planning the easy way. For more information, contact Richard Creedon at 407-349-1266.

The planetarium at Seminole State College of Florida will entertain stargazers with the following events. For more information, visit www.seminolestate.edu/planet or call 407-708-2360:

- "Skies Down Under: Southern Astronomy" will be presented from 8:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, July 30
 - "A Star to Steer By: Concepts of Celestial Navigation" will be presented from 8:30-9:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 31:
 - "Central Florida Nights" will be presented from 8:30-9:30 p.m. on Aug. 6 and Aug. 27.
 - A free "Star Watch and Perseid Meteor Shower" event on Aug. 12 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
- The planetarium will also host two free shows Aug. 12: "Earth's Neighborhood: Cruising the Solar System" at 9 p.m. and the new "Meteor," at 10 p.m. prior to the meteor viewing.
- "The Cradle of Civilization" will be presented from 8:30-9:30 p.m. on Aug. 20.
 - "Luna" will be presented from 8:30-9:30 p.m. on Aug. 7, Aug. 14, Aug. 21 and Aug. 28.

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people have not yet harnessed the power of LinkedIn. I hear them say they don't have time for social media. I disagree! If you are a job seeker, LinkedIn is one of the best tools out there for you.

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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.

This week I spent an hour with a professional candidate going over all of the features of <http://linkedin.com> for job seekers.

I am considering holding another class soon for this useful job search tool.

I am surprised at how many

Letter to the Editor

Andrews should be able to stay

In reference to Oviedo City Attorney's statements regarding the Constitution of the State of Florida as it pertains to Mayor Mary Lou Andrews' attempt to rescind her resignation ("Resignation stands" published July 16), I am perplexed as to how he applies preserving the public trust to this decision. Anyone who knows Mayor Andrews knows that she is of pure heart and utmost integrity and is a public servant in the truest sense of the word. I consider his interpretation of the Constitution in this situation a violation of public trust. The citizens of Oviedo, in a democratic process, elected Mrs. Andrews (for the second time); and in my opinion, the decision to disallow her to rescind her resignation is in effect negating our democratic standard of government of the people, by the people, and for the people. I'd like to ask, "For whom is this deci-

sion being made?" — certainly not the citizens who elected Mayor Andrews. She was not "working mischief" and therefore, no public trust is at issue as far as her motives are concerned. I ask us all to consider that working mischief is in thwarting our democratic election process.

—Jo Ann Alexander
Oviedo

McCollum should help self-government

Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill McCollum said that if elected, he will seek to impose a two-year freeze on property taxes for local governments across Florida. He said Floridians need a "time out."

A "time out" so that state government can once again meddle in local affairs instead of tending to pressing statewide issues? Those of us who believe that people in local communities are smart enough to govern themselves have had enough of big brother mandates and restrictions,

whether from the state government, the federal bureaucracy, or some multinational corporation. To frame this proposal as a "time out" is especially insensitive at a time when Florida's coastal communities are fighting around the clock to protect their hometowns from the oil disaster.

McCollum's proposal elevates politics above leadership. Where does he think Florida's coastal cities and counties are getting the financial resources to deal with this crisis? It certainly hasn't come from BP. Rather than waiting at the mercy of BP or federal and state government as the oil advanced toward their shores, leaders in Florida's coastal cities and counties have pulled together, seized the initiative and are putting everything they have into protecting our coast. When cash on hand has failed, they have turned to their reserves.

Elected city and county leaders are working with

public employees around the clock alongside business owners, neighbors and volunteers. They do this even though they were told that BP might not reimburse their efforts. They were warned their actions might violate some rule worked out between big government and big business. But while the state and federal government appointed task forces and held conference calls, these local leaders got together with their citizens and took matters into their own hands. They declared their willingness to go to jail if it would protect their beaches, their homes and their livelihoods. It has been a remarkable demonstration of exactly why local self-government is the keystone of American Democracy and why Florida's local governments — those "closest to the people" — are so important.

With a \$6 billion state deficit, a broken property insurance market and a catastrophic oil spill that

threatens the very identity of coastal communities, our candidates for statewide office ought to be focusing on these pressing matters rather than meddling in local affairs.

The BP oil spill is challenging in so many ways, with numerous short and long-term repercussions for our citizens and the communities that we live in. But know that the Florida League of Cities is dedicated to preserving Floridians' right to govern themselves and pursue their own destinies — free from needless interference by state or federal governments or multinational corporations.

As such, we hope McCollum will reconsider his big government, interfering, "father-knows-best" proposal and let local communities continue to exercise their constitutional right to govern themselves.

—Mike Sittig
Executive director of the Florida League of Cities

Young Voices

Here's what local kids had to say about their favorite summer foods.



I like strawberries and pancakes for breakfast — I also like CocoPuffs! I really like boiled peanuts in the summertime too.

—Sydney O.
7 years old



I like ice cream — chocolate is my favorite! I love watermelon especially the ones my grandpa grows!

—Gracie Y.
5 years old



I like all kinds of fruits: watermelon, cantaloupe and pineapple. Fruit is refreshing and I eat it all the time. I also like vegetables like carrots because I am a vegetarian!

—Natalie C.
9 years old



In the summer, I like cheeseburgers, baby-back ribs and meatloaf any time. I do like watermelon and all kinds of apples.

—Zackery G.
13 years old



I like salad with ranch dressing, especially with butter lettuce, cheese and tomatoes. I also like green apples and Oreos pudding!

—Alaila C.
8 years old

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Voice Open Houses

Saturday, July 31, 9-12pm

3170 Great Oaks Blvd Kissimmee - 4 BR, 3.5 BA - 3,155 SF - \$675,000
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Sunday, August 1, 2-5pm

1124 Carvell Drive Winter Park - 4BR, 2 BA - 1,584 SF - \$225,000
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Sunday, August 1, 2-5pm

1580 Oakhurst Avenue - 4BR, 2.5BA - 2,180 SF - \$549,000
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Sunday, August 1, 1-4pm

1124 Howell Branch Road, Winter Park. 3BD/3BA, 2,946SF. Over \$100K in renovations - new kitchen with maple cabinets & granite. \$439,000

Sunday, August 1, 1-4pm

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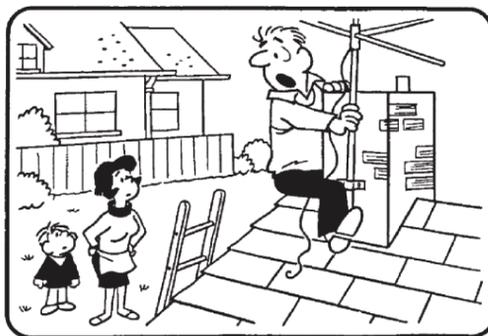
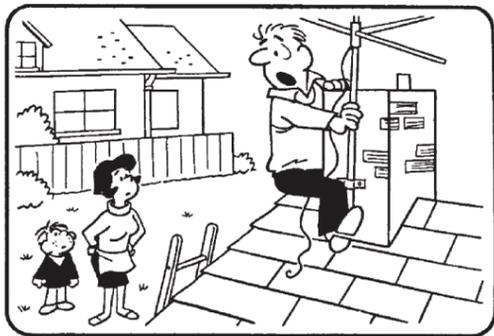
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Ladder is taller. 2. Mom's collar is black. 3. Extra brick on chimney. 4. Window is different. 5. Shrub has been added. 6. Boy has no freckles.

Answers

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King Crossword

Weekly SUDOKU

King Crossword

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- 23 Nitwit
- 27 "Awesome!"
- 29 Sterne's Tristram
- 31 Massenet opera
- 34 Battery terminal
- 35 Snifter contents
- 37 Plant bristle
- 38 Pinnacle
- 39 Recede
- 41 Without help
- 45 Skating competition
- 47 "Wham!"
- 48 New Jersey peninsula
- 52 Mid-afternoon hour
- 53 "... bombs bursting —"
- 54 Clavell's "—Pan"
- 55 Coffee vessel
- 56 Check word
- 57 Toss in
- 58 "Family Guy" daughter
- 9 401(K) alternative
- 10 Chaps
- 11 Grand- —, N.S.
- 17 Mid-June honorees
- 21 NYC
- 23 Wedding announcement
- 24 Lennon's lady
- 25 Peculiar
- 26 "See ya"
- 28 Moreover
- 30 Hem's partner
- 31 Biz deg.
- 32 Big name in Dadaism
- 33 Dundee denial
- 36 "Why not?"
- 37 Overseas
- 40 Flora and fauna
- 42 Poppy derivative
- 43 France's longest river
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- 48 Try the tea collection
- 49 Literary
- 50 Unfavorable vote
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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ATHLETICS



THIS WEEK in sports history

Aug. 8, 1988 —

The Chicago Cubs host their first night game at Wrigley Field. Cubs fan Harry Grossman, 91, was chosen to turn on the lights. The Cubs played the Philadelphia Phillies but the game was not completed due to rain.

Sanford falls behind

In a tight race to the playoffs, the River Rats have let Winter Park slowly walk away with the lead

ISAAC BABCOCK
THE VOICE

The Winter Park Diamond Dawgs are slowly pulling away from the Sanford River Rats, as the Florida Collegiate Summer League season edges toward the playoffs.

After struggling last week, the Dawgs (27-10) got their groove back, going 8-2 in the last 10 games to pull out a 1.5 game lead over Sanford (26-12) as of midweek.

Meanwhile other teams in the league have fallen far behind, with the next closest contender Leesburg (17-23) now 11.5 games out of first.

The Orlando Mavericks (14-24), who had been in last place for much of the season, have surged to 7-3

in the last 10 games to draw within 13.5 games of the lead.

DeLand (11-26), which early in the season looked to be challenging for the league lead, has been decimated of late, falling to 16 games behind.

The Dawgs somehow managed to fall to Orlando on Monday night, despite leading the first four and a half innings of the game. In the fifth, the Mavericks unleashed a three-run rally to take the lead, which they'd hold onto for the 3-2 win.

In their most recent game against Sanford Sunday, the Dawgs' Bobby Bolling hurled a two-hitter through six innings when he was pulled.

By then, the game was already sealed for the Dawgs, thanks to Brad Hutton's towering grand slam in the third inning, part of a five-run rally.

In the eighth, Bolling's replacement, Kevin Welborn, was seven batters in without giving up a hit when the floodgates opened. The Rats would go on a wild five-run rally while managing only one hit, taking advantage of small ball tactics to bring the score to 8-5.

Once that rally was over, the Dawgs sealed the deal, finishing off the Rats to go another game ahead.

Up next for the league's top rivals, the Dawgs travel to the Rats, taking the first pitch at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 29.

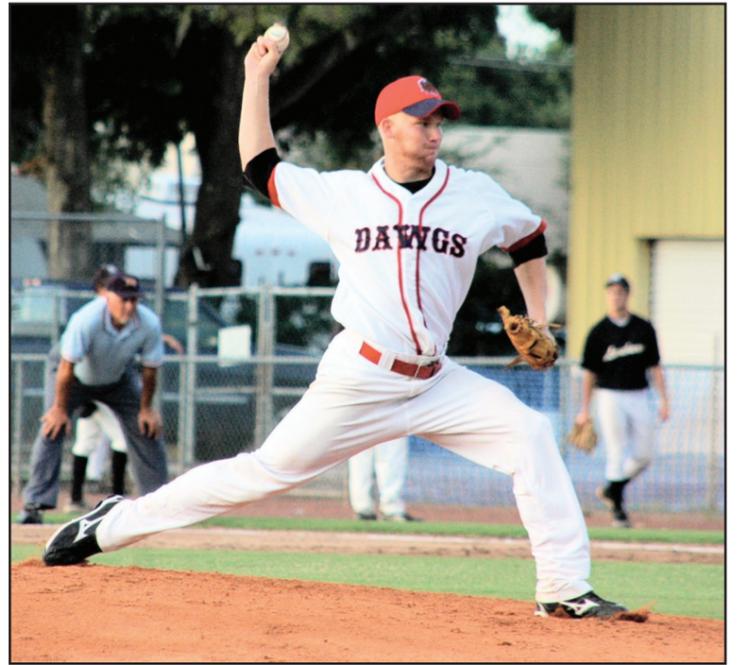


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Winter Park held Sanford to two hits through six innings, while capitalizing on a grand slam and a pair of rallies. Their one-two punch has kept them league leaders.

Kraze crushed by Brilla, hold off Jesters

In the final weekend of the season, Central Florida falls to division champ, but leaps up in standings



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Star scorer Sergei Raad had a big goal against Mississippi, but it came too late. In a tough match with New Orleans, Raad was red-carded in the second half.

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Just two days after being destroyed by Mississippi, the Central Florida Kraze salvaged some pride by jumping up a slot in the Premier Development League standings in their final game of the season.

Jhojan Obando couldn't seem to stop much coming at the net against the undefeated Mississippi Brilla (11-0-3) on July 22. Meanwhile the Brilla teed off on shots, launching a total of 14, half of which penetrated. Brilla forward Moses Aduny only took three shots, but two of them would score.

The Kraze (6-5-3) struggled to keep up the fierce offensive pace, hammering

a goal off the foot of John Sosa in the 19th minute to bring the Kraze within a goal of a tie, and then one from Sergei Raad at the 37th minute. After that, it was all Brilla, who scored three unanswered goals in the second half to win 7-2.

The scoring wasn't nearly as high in the Kraze's game against New Orleans (6-6-2) on July 24, but the game was even wilder, with two of the Kraze's top scorers, Raad and Sosa, earning red cards in the second half.

That may have taken the wind out of the Kraze's sails in the second half, particularly with the Jesters' tying goal coming after Raad's ejection.

But the Kraze still man-

aged to hold on for the win, with Obando allowing only one goal while stopping five.

On offense, the Kraze again struggled, taking only nine shots in the game, while the Jesters got off 12.

For the Kraze, another season narrowly above .500 leaves some unanswered questions. Can they score? With injections of offensive fire including the late season addition of speedy Jowayne Laidley, Coach Joe Avallone is optimistic about the future.

"We've got a great team for the future," Avallone said. "I'm really looking forward to seeing this team develop."

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Cinema

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

Coming August 13



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'Scott Pilgrim vs. the World'

Coming August 20



Photo courtesy Universal Pictures

'Nanny McPhee Returns'

Coming August 27



Photo courtesy Warner Bros. Pictures

'Takers'

'Dinner for Schmucks' — Opens Friday



Photo courtesy Paramount Pictures

Tim gets invited to an annual "dinner for idiots" hosted by his boss. When Tim bumps into Barry, a man who spends his spare time dressing up mice to recreate works of art, he can't resist bringing him to the dinner.

PG-13 - 1 hour 50 minutes

Also opening: 'Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore' (PG)



Photo courtesy Warner Bros. Pictures

Kitty Galore, a cat who was once a member of the cat spy organization MEOWS, has a plan to take down not only her canine enemies, but her former cat allies as well. The cats and dogs must join forces to stop the evil kitty.

Coming next week



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'The Other Guys' (PG-13)



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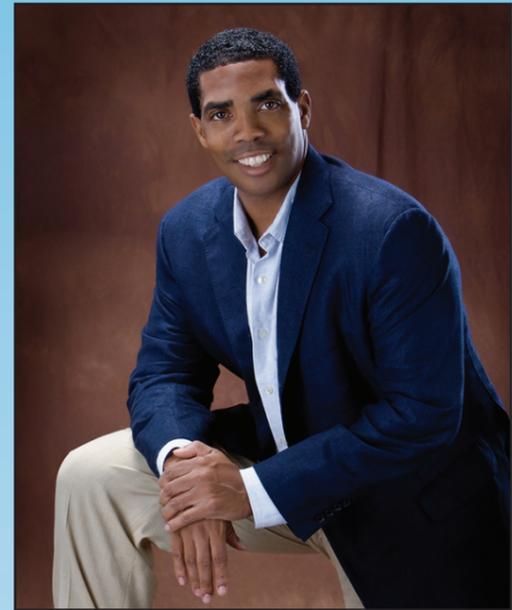
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My name is Deon Long and I am running to represent Florida's 24th Congressional District in the 112th Congress of the United States.

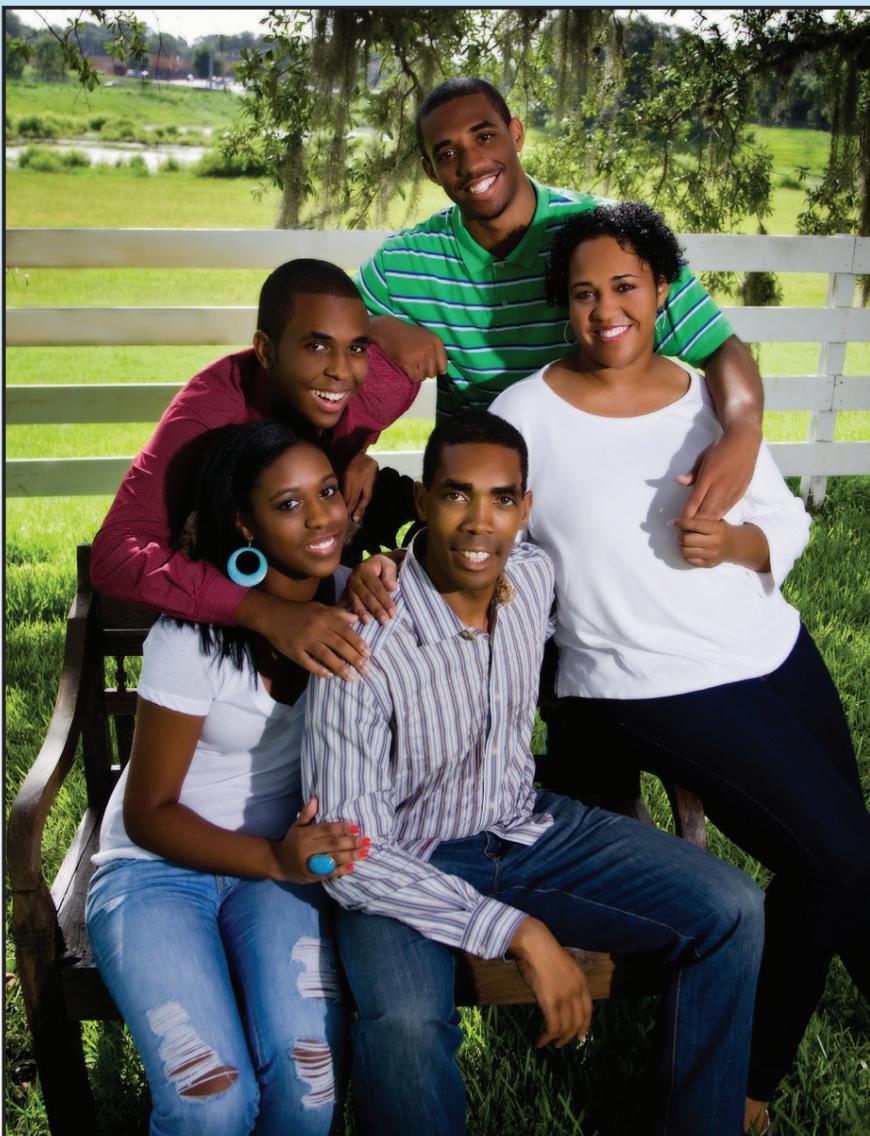
The four (4) challenges that face the American economy and are responsible for the current state of the American economy are:

- An insidious, disincentivizing, progressive tax code;
- Inflationary monetary policy;
- Deficit spending; and
- Protectionist trade policies.



If I am sent to Washington to represent District 24, I intend to remedy these problems by championing:

- Passage of the FairTax;
- A return to the Gold Standard;
- Ratification of a balanced budget amendment; and
- Implementation of a free trade regime.



With passage of FairTax legislation I would advocate for a constitutional amendment negating the 16th Amendment. This amendment could be ratified temporarily with a balanced budget amendment. I also support tort reform and portions of Sarbanes-Oxley. The aforementioned agenda will provide a structural rebirth of the American economy and unleash the entrepreneurial talents of the American citizenry. This agenda will be a catalyst for the devolution of power from a centralized federal government to the fifty (50) states as intended by the Founding Fathers. I believe that we should follow the letter and the spirit of the Tenth and Seventeenth Amendments.

Thank you and God Bless America.
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