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## Free ride for incumbents

**ISAAC BABCOCK**  
The Voice

An unusual thing happened across Seminole County on Sept. 2. Across the entire county, only one City Council or Commission seat was contested. The rest of the incumbents in the county won re-election automatically — with no challengers.

Though some cities tend to have more active elections than others, to have the low candidate turnout be so widespread is unusual, Seminole County Supervisor of Elections Michael Ertel said.

“Of the 11 potential elections we had this year, we only had two contested,” he said. “Of the 10 incumbents, only one had his seat contested.”

In Lake Mary, an open Commission seat saw two candidates qualify, Blair Thomas Harle and Allan Plank. In Altamonte Springs, Mayor Patricia Bates saw her first challenger in Bob O’Malley, a vice president for CSX Transportation.

“This is only the second contested race this century for Altamonte Springs,” Ertel said.

But it’ll be business as usual for the rest of the county, including two Oviedo City Council members who won re-election without having to count a vote Sept. 2.

Ertel said that on off-year elections the turnout tends to be low,

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**ISAAC BABCOCK**  
The Voice

Bill McCollum was stuck in traffic along the George Washington Memorial Parkway as American Airlines Flight 77 began turning toward Washington, D.C.

The longtime U.S. congressman and would-be Florida attorney general remembers hearing on the radio that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Center as day broke on Sept. 11, 2001.

“I thought either somebody’s crazy or somebody’s drunk,” McCollum said, recounting that morning in front of scores of attendees of Winter Springs’ Sept. 11 anniversary memorial Sunday. “But when I found out there was a second crash ... I felt I knew who had done it.”

As he drove along the shore of the Potomac River listening to the radio at around 9 a.m., he said he had no idea that two airplanes were heading toward the city he was about to enter. One would soon crash into the Pentagon, just a few miles from where McCollum was driving.

He arrived at his office just as Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon, killing 184 people.

“I knew that moment that we would have to go to war,” he said.



## Ten years later

PHOTO BY **ISAAC BABCOCK** — THE VOICE

**Former Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum** tells his Sept. 11, 2001 tale at a Winter Springs memorial.

By then three planes had crashed. American Airlines Flight 11 crashed first, after lifting off from Boston’s Logan Airport just before 8 a.m. bound for Los Angeles.

U.S. Army Col. Mike Zarbo was the man dressed in fatigues in the crowd during Winter Springs’ memorial service. He was on American Airlines Flight 11 on Sept. 10, 2001. That day it landed safely in Los Angeles.

The next day, it veered off course and slammed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center, killing everyone on board.

“Life as we know it would never be the same again,” Zarbo said.

By Sept. 11, he had already been in the Army for 18 years. Nearly 10 years after the start of the war on terror, he still is.

“We have been at war for almost 10 years,” Zarbo said.

“There are no breaks ... there’s been no pause to take a breath.”

But Sunday morning, mourners in Winter Springs did pause for a moment of silence, as did people across the globe, to remember the deadliest terrorist attack in world history.

And they talked to remember thousands of friends, family and strangers who had died that day, or helped save the lives of others.

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## Widening study kicks off

**JENNY ANDREASSON**  
The Voice

A key arterial road that funnels commuters between Seminole County and Interstate 4 may see a substantial widening and possibly a dedicated bus lane if plans from an Oviedo firm become a reality.

On Wednesday, about 50 area residents gathered around maps and chatted with Florida Department of Transportation officials during the first public meeting for the Maitland Boulevard widening project held at the Maitland Civic Center.

Maitland Boulevard east of Interstate 4 is a vital route for

commuters who live in north Orange and south Seminole Counties. The traffic on this artery is expected to increase to about 70,000 vehicles by 2025, according to DOT.

DOT has money to design the 1.2-mile widening project in 2014, but the construction is not currently funded, said David Graeber, consultant project manager, of Oviedo-based Inwood Consulting Engineers.

DOT officials will host another public meeting in the spring and a public hearing in fall 2012, he said. They will also meet with individuals or small groups, and there’s a website where residents can submit comments and ques-

tions.

### Project history

Maitland’s transportation lobbyist, Louis Rotundo, said he started discussions with DOT six years ago to get this project on their priority list. The widening, he said, is crucial for SunRail, the redevelopment of Maitland’s downtown and for Central Florida commuters.

“DOT had a realization in the process: What good is it to widen I-4 and have a beautiful interchange that dumps people on a bottleneck road and then they can’t get to Seminole County?” Rotundo said.

The project development and

environmental study, which began in April, will evaluate the feasibility of the widening as well as adding bicycle lanes, sidewalks and designated bus lanes.

“There are intermittent sidewalks and no bike lanes,” Graeber said. “We are looking at filling those gaps.”

### Recharging business

Maitland City Councilman Phil Bonus said the project has the potential to stimulate Maitland’s businesses, which pay the lion’s share of the city’s tax base. He favors a bus or trolley in a designated lane that could bring

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### What’s goin’ on?

St. Luke’s Lutheran presents the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra’s “The Great Arrangers” at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1.

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### Opening this week: ‘Moneyball’

Oakland A’s general manager Billy Beane draws controversy when he drafts players using computer analysis.



# THIS WEEK



## THIS WEEK in history

**Oct. 6, 1866** — In Indiana, the Reno Gang carries out the first robbery of a moving train, making off with \$10,000. This new method of sticking up moving trains in remote locations low on law enforcement soon became popular in the American West.

## Celebrating in memory



Air Force Capt. Abbi Johnson, left, holds son Spencer, 4, during a 9/11 memorial at the UCF football game Sept. 10.

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## WIDENING | SunRail link could be key in widening plans

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businesspeople from the SunRail station to their offices on the west side.

"It's important to me to bring together the west side commercial districts to preserve and promote rejuvenation," he said.

Bill Randolph, Maitland resident and member of the Metroplan Orlando Citizens' Advisory Committee, said bus lanes are imperative. "If they don't do that, people won't ride the rail. If they're going to sit in traffic, they'll get in their cars to do that," he said.

### Getting squeezed

Pat Williamson, resident of Lake Faith Condominiums in Maitland, said she is concerned that the widening will mean taking out medians, making it impossible for Lake Faith residents to turn left onto Maitland Boulevard from Lake Faith Drive. She would like to see a traffic signal installed there.

"We've been there since 1972," she said of her community, "and they're slowly squeezing us out."

Bonus said he's glad DOT officials are soliciting feedback from the community and hopes resi-

dents will take the time to fill out comment cards.

"It's time for a collaborative solution," Bonus said. "Maitland Boulevard is without a doubt a giant jigsaw piece."



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## ELECTION | Altamonte has had two elections this century

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but to have two seats go uncontested in Oviedo is unusual.

"I don't know if I've ever seen that happen," Ertel said.

The only two posts in Oviedo that were up for grabs this election cycle will go to the men already holding them: Mayor Dominic Persampiere and Councilman Steve Henken.

Election qualifying ended Sept. 2 with no qualifying challengers signing up to campaign against the two longtime incumbents.

Persampiere is by far the longest-serving member of the Council, having worked his way through four different positions in his more than 10 years at the dais. He started as a councilman in October 2000, then was vice chairman, before eventually ascending to Council chairman before that position was abolished when Mayor Tom Walters' position was given chairman powers in 2006. In 2008, he was appointed deputy mayor, which he

held until 2010 after then-Mayor Mary Lou Andrews resigned, at which point he became mayor.

"You always prepare yourself for a race, but I'm truly humbled by this," Persampiere said.

Henken has sat on Council Seat 1 since 2005 when he won his first term against incumbent Todd Russell. He has since gone on to be re-elected three times and served as deputy mayor. This upcoming term will be his fourth in office.

"I was a little surprised," Henken said of not being opposed. "I really thought someone would run. I was ready to go and was going to be out there doing my thing."

As a broader trend in Seminole County, few races saw a challenger this election cycle. Only two cities — Altamonte Springs and Lake Mary — saw any challengers for seats up for election.

"It seems to be a trend, because most races are unopposed," Henken said. "It kind of tells you people like what's go-

ing on. We're doing good."

In Oviedo, Henken said he thinks the Council has won back the public trust with a more open communication style and less controversy on the dais.

"They want to know that they can trust their leaders and that they can talk to them. We've given them back their voice. They trust us."

Persampiere thanked the public for the vote of confidence in his abilities. After being appointed to the mayor's slot in July 2010, this was his first re-election.

"I have to thank them for having faith in my abilities as mayor," Persampiere said. "We must be on the right track."

Henken said that he expects good things to come in the future.

"Even with all the success that we've had, the best days are coming," Henken said. "We're working on some big things right now. We're working on the hospital, the downtown will eventually get done."

## MCCOLLUM | Tears as chaplain spoke

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ers.

"While the true death toll was not known for some time, 2,977 were murdered that day," memorial organizer Ed Riordan said. "Were you to place each of those 2,977 caskets in a line end to end, that line would be four miles long. Were you to attend one of those funerals every day, it would take over eight years."

Dressed in a black leather vest and staring out at a sea of fellow bikers, tattooed Chaplain Blue Dixon read from "Meet me in the stairwell" while some in the audi-

ence were moved to tears.

Winter Springs Mayor Charles Lacey praised those who had ran toward the flames of the Twin Towers as others fled their imminent collapse.

"I'm in awe of those who involuntarily ran into the fray," he said.

And as they spoke, a flag printed in red, white and blue from the names of the victims of Sept. 11 stood as a reminder of those whose memories they were preserving that day.

"We honor them," Riordan said, "so that future generations will never forget."

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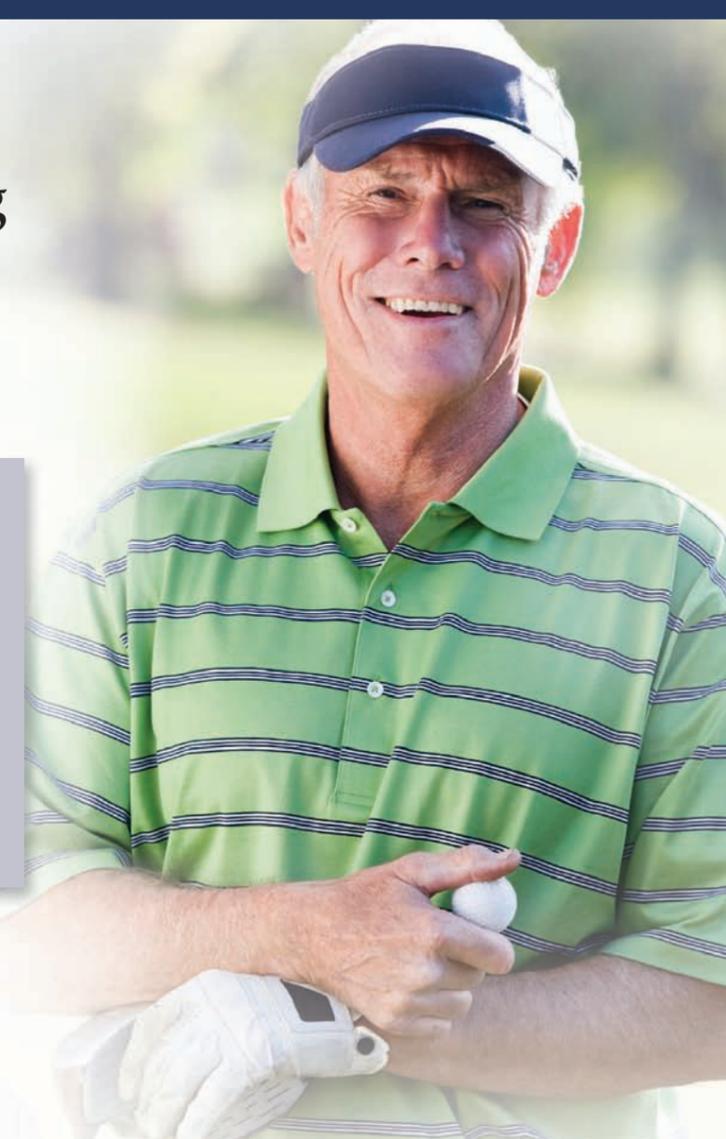
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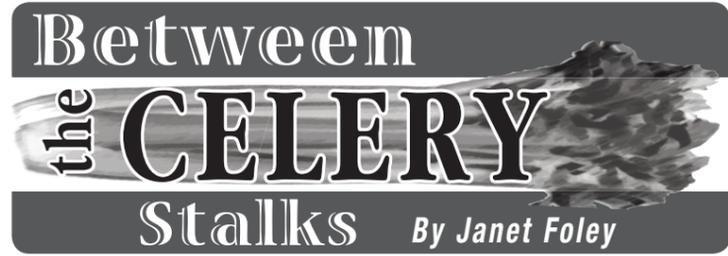
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# Stores shouldn't leapfrog Halloween



Now that fall should be here, hopefully, at least the stores are with the season with their Halloween and fall decorations, which should not last long. As I was peeking in Michaels, T.J. Maxx and others they are sneaking in Merry Christmas decorations. I am not ready for that. What about "Turkey Day Dinner" with our family? Santa will have to wait a bit.

The weekend of Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 is a very busy one; mark the dates:

### Whale of a Sale

The Harvest Jamboree Whale of a Sale, sponsored by the First Unit-

ed Methodist Church of Oviedo, will be 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. There will also be a barbecue lunch, health fair, silent auction and craft vendors. Admission is free. If you would like more information, call 407-365-3255.

### Pumpkin patch

Now mark your calendar for getting that special pumpkin for Halloween at the pumpkin patch. The youth group from the First United Methodist Church of Oviedo will be hosting its annual pumpkin patch beginning Thursday, Oct. 6. The patch will be located in a white tent on Red

Bug Lake Road next to Centra Care across from Lowe's. All proceeds benefit summer youth mission trips. Story time is also available for preschool students by contacting their representative, Kristin Bettencourt, at Orlando-Bet@aol.com

### Art classes

The Artistic Hand is offering children's classes that start the week of Oct. 10. Those classes include painting and drawing, throwing on the wheel and clay classes. For the adult classes that start on the week on Sept. 26, they have clay classes, painting and drawing, glass-blowing and stained and fuse glass. They have a new teacher, Liz Renee, for the stained and fused glass. Renee has her Ph.D. and a plethora of experience. If you have questions on times or scheduling, please call Del Seaman at 407-366-7882.

### Autumn fundraiser

Newcomers Club of Central

Florida will sponsor its Autumn Game Day Fundraiser from 10 a.m.-3p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Escondido Circle, Altamonte Springs. Proceeds from the event will go to the Russell Home for Atypical Children in Orlando. Games available include bridge, bunko, mah jongg and Mexican train. There will also be door-prize drawings. Non-members are welcome. Cost of the event is \$20, which includes lunch. Please register for the event by calling Joan Bove at 407-971-3911.

### Crazy for food trucks

The Oviedo Mall has partnered with Food Truck Crazy for future food truck events. The dates will remain the second Sunday of the month: Oct. 9, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11. The time will be 5 p.m. and it will always be held rain or shine in the parking lot between Chamberlin's and the former RJ Gators.

### 'The Great Arrangers'

The St. Luke's Concert Series —

to be held at 7.p.m. on Oct. 1 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 2021 W. State Road 426, Oviedo — will have the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, under the direction of Christopher Wilkins and will feature the program "The Great Arrangers." These will include compositions of Respighi, Vaughan Williams, Bartok, Stravinsky and featuring baritone soloist James Brown. Admission to the concert is free. For more information, call 407-365-3408.

### A thought

"I don't believe in pessimism. If something doesn't come up the way you want, forge ahead. If you think it is going to rain, it will rain." —Clint Eastwood

## TALK TO JANET

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# Discovering our future in our past



The crinkled texture of faded letters, the smooth curves and jagged edges of a fossil bone, the captured moments in black-and-white photos — tangible links of the past that fascinate and fill us with questions and discovery. A museum is a place like no other, with rooms and walls that are filled with moments both ordinary and epic. Thousands of details from yesterday connect us to the mysterious and the mundane.

### Smithsonian Museum sets the bar

The matriarch of all museums, The Smithsonian houses 19 museums, a research center, a national zoological park and gardens in Washington, D.C. This iconic museum, the largest in the world, is a destination that showcases art, culture, animals, the natural

world, air and space, history and so much more that educate, engage and elevate our senses and imagination. Appreciation of art, understanding of history and application of science are fundamental keys to unlocking secrets of the past and the future.

### Museum Day — Sept 24

This weekend on Saturday, Sept. 24, all kinds of museums across the country are participating in Smithsonian Museum Day where admission is free and imagination is limitless. Sponsored by Smithsonian Magazine, the one day event serves as a springboard for our Central Florida children to discover the secrets of local museums for the very first time. From Winter Park to Winter Haven, Deltona to Deland and Lake Mary to Maitland there is a wonderful mix of museums in

our own extended back yard.

### Geneva's Museum celebrates 45 years

Since 1966, the Museum of Geneva History has had a quiet presence on First Street next to the Geneva Community Center. If you've never visited this little treasure, it's really the perfect first step to introduce your kids to the concept of history. They'll learn what this part of Central Florida used to be like many centuries and decades ago. Spinning wheels, general mercantile, Civil War memorabilia, Native American artifacts and music demonstrate how our ancestors made a living and are just the tip of our own historical iceberg. They'll learn about trades like fishing, turpentine, farming, ranching and citrus. Bring your kids, bring your parents and grandparents — it will prompt questions and bring back memories that no video game can match. You'll find kitchen tools, children's toys, fossils, musical instruments, farm implements and photographs from war camps and classrooms, Bibles, books and even "Richard" the stuffed sandhill crane. Yes, Richard has a charming story of

his own. Peruse photos, paintings, crafts, fully operational musical instruments, weapons, tools and wartime artifacts.

Don't miss the special Civil War Exhibit commemorating the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War.

### Rural Heritage Center celebrates history

Our Rural Heritage Center is, of course, participating in the festivities on Saturday as well, with music, barbecue sandwiches, a woolly mammoth archaeologist exhibit, choir performances, square dance demonstrations and the chance to visit the RHC up close. Learn about the classes that are planned for the fall and that have enriched the lives of our citizens in the last few years, including crafts, art, food preservation and dance. Learn about the upcoming theater production called "The Christmas Miracle, aka the Christmas Tree Has a Boo Boo." If you have a skill or topic related to rural heritage that you would like to teach, contact Jessie at 407-349-5112.

If you're successfully bitten by the museum bug, plan to visit wonderful museums in Orlando,

Winter Park, Maitland and DeLand. Maitland has several museums, like its Telephone Museum, which shows the history of communication, as well as others that showcase the history of Maitland from the Timucua Indians through artistic pioneers. You can experience Victorian life in the Waterhouse Residence Museum or a carpentry shop and the outside Learning Garden.

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# INTERESTS



## THIS WEEK in human history

Sept. 26, 1957 —

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## Buddies for life

**BRITNI JOHNSON**  
The Voice

Jared Taylor and Kameron Cartier do typical college guy stuff when they’re together.

They love playing video games and watching University of Central Florida football and basketball games. Most of their times together end up including some fast food and laughs.

But their friendship isn’t so typical. Cartier was diagnosed as developmentally delayed as a baby and Taylor is a UCF student studying occupational therapy. They bonded after meeting through the UCF Best Buddies program.

The school’s branch of the organization matches college students with people with intellectu-

al disabilities about their age. The program, which has been around since 1991 and has 75 college students and 45 buddies, hopes to encourage lasting friendships, beyond college even, between them.

“It really isn’t that much for the college student to do, but to the buddy, that is a memory they’ll have for the rest of their lives,” said Cary Ombres, the lead program manager for UCF. “It’s a life-changing thing for these buddies.”

The college students are encouraged to expose their buddies to college life activities — Taylor and Cartier love donning their black and gold for UCF football games in the fall and, one of their favorite activities, having lunch on campus back when Cartier was a student at an extended learning program provided by Orange County.

“We want to give them an opportunity to have the same experience,” Ombres said.

### A natural pair

Taylor and Cartier, both 22, have



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**Best Buddies pair** Jared Taylor and Kameron Cartier play Wii Bowling together at Cartier’s Orlando home. Cartier always beats him in bowling, Taylor said.

been friends since they joined the program three years ago. Now, they hang out for a few hours at least twice a month, and spend time talking on the phone a few times a week. They were matched based on a survey Taylor filled out, and their common love for competition, sports and funny movies has created a connection

between them that Taylor admitted he didn’t anticipate.

“I wasn’t expecting a friendship at first, to be honest,” said Taylor, who’s co-president of the UCF program.

But here they are, three years later, laughing as they play Wii Bowling in Taylor’s living room. Cartier consistently crushes him

in the game, Taylor said, and he thinks it might be his exaggerated throw — he gets strikes almost every time.

Their first bonding experience, though, was over girls. In their first month as buddies, Cartier had some girlfriend problems. He would call Taylor for advice, and eventually found a solution to his troubles — just one example of how people with intellectual disabilities are just like us, Taylor said.

“I’ve learned from Kameron that people with intellectual disabilities are exactly the same,” Taylor said. “They feel the same things, say the same things, do the same things, just in a different way.”

Taylor said he loves being around Cartier because he’s always happy, which can be a relief when most of his friends are stressed college students.

“He gives me a high on life,” Taylor said. “He’s the most friendly person I’ve ever met.”

Cartier loves Taylor, too, his mom, Wanda Cartier, said. If she tells him that Taylor is going to hang out with him, that very minute he’ll head up the stairs, get dressed and sit and wait — even if

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# Family Calendar

Return to the Ritz's Saturday matinee will feature "Megamind" at noon Sept. 24 at Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center, 203 S. Magnolia Ave., Sanford. After defeating superhero Metroman and taking over Metro City, evil genius Megamind finds himself bored and lonely. So he creates a new hero that he can defeat, but gets more than he bargained for. Starring Tina Fey, Will Ferrell, Jonah Hill and Brad Pitt. This animated story has a moral for all ages. Rated PG. All tickets are \$2.

**Museum Day** — Saturday, Sept. 24 — is being celebrated for the third time at the both the Rural Heritage Center and the Museum of Geneva History. Museums and heritage centers nationwide are open with free entrance on this day. The day at the Rural Heritage Center will include art, music, entertainment, food (barbecue), an archeological display and more from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Come to the Central Florida Zoo for the annual "Fiesta del Coqui" from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 24-25 and party with the coqui with live music, crafts and activities, demonstrations and much more celebrating the Hispanic culture. Celebrate this tiny frog of Puerto Rico. Call 407-323-4450 ext. 136.

**Seminole Towne Center events** for September/October:  
 Saturday, Sept. 24: Sunburst Beauty Pageant, 5:30 p.m., Center Court  
 Tuesday, Sept. 27: Kidgits Birthday Party (for Sept. Birthdays), 5:30-7 p.m., Food Court  
 Oct. 1-Nov. 5: Breakfast with Santa Tickets on Sale at Simon Guest Services! Event is Nov. 5 at 9 a.m. at Chick-fil-A.  
 Wednesday, Oct. 5: Florida Hospital Fish Memorial Mall Walkers Event, 9 a.m.  
 Sunday, Oct. 9: Seminole Count Breast Cancer Walk  
 For further information, visit [www.simon.com](http://www.simon.com)

The Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center, 203 S. Magnolia Ave., Sanford, and the Seminole County Junior Repertory Company is delighted to present **Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella"** on Thursday, Oct. 6, and Saturday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 9, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Join us as this rags-to-riches tale unfolds. Please call the box office at 407-321-8111 or [www.WDPAC.com](http://www.WDPAC.com). Group rates are available.

The Planetarium at Seminole State College of Florida's **Halloween Extravaganza** is from 5 p.m.-10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, and features a haunted school, a costume contest for children 12 and younger, candy and prizes, telescopes for peering into the wonders of the night sky, and the show "Into the West: Astronomical Origins of Halloween." The event draws more than 1,000 people.

# Learning for the individual

**BRITTNI JOHNSON**  
The Voice

After spending five years researching education at MIT, Christine Ortiz decided the only way to revamp the education system was to start from scratch.

"The public school system is so broken it can't be fixed," Ortiz said.

Ortiz, who said that the "one size fits all" model, focused heavily on standardized testing, isn't the way to go. The public school system allows excelling students to get bored, struggling ones to fall behind and even the average, quiet student to become ignored, she said.

And so she founded private school Lawton Chiles Preparatory School (LCPS) two years ago. Class sizes are extremely small — there are 13 staff members and only 39 students.

"Our focus is on individualization," said Ortiz, an MIT grad with two master's degrees.

The ages and skill levels are fluid in each class, and every student gets a curriculum developed individually and based on their interests and ability. Ortiz said any type of student can succeed at her school, and she caters to students who are highly gifted, learning disabled and everything in between.

"It'll actually cultivate his individual talents and work with his strengths and let him be an individual," said Eric Ferro, who enrolled his son Dominic for his first year at LCPS.

### Consistent trend

The trend of alternative school choices isn't a new one, and

Florida is No. 3 in the nation for amount of charter schools. Seminole County only has three, but there are numerous magnet schools and a virtual school.

Charter schools are different, but are public schools. They receive state funding based on the number of full-time students enrolled just like a district school, but then pay a 5 percent administration fee to the state. The charters are free from many of the restrictions put on traditional public schools, but do have to adhere to the same set of educational standards and benchmarks, including the FCAT. Many focus on special needs or missions, for example an arts and technology focus, at-risk children or children with disabilities.

LCPS is a private school, however, which means the guidelines for her school are very open — the state has virtually no control over her curriculum or grading standards and there's no FCAT. Ortiz looked into being a charter school first, but said the limitations were too restricting for her curriculum.

Bill Vogel, Seminole County Public School superintendent, said he supports charter schools and alternative private schools, as long as they are held accountable to state standards and provide excellent education to students. He disagrees that the system is broken, citing Seminole County's excellent education record.

"I don't want any school in Seminole County that lowers expectations for students," he said.

### More choices

Alternative schools are succeeding because parents want options, especially if their children aren't

succeeding in traditional public schools, where it's so hard to innovate due to state restrictions, said Michele Gill, an associate professor at the UCF college of education and the chair of the school board at the Galileo School for Gift Learning, a Seminole County charter school.

"He excels better as TJ, not as all the other kids," Troy Yeagley said about his son, who was a student at Harbor School for the last three years, now LCPS.

"We're such an individualized country, so to have different choices is a really good thing," Gill said.

State Sen. David Simmons (R-Maitland) agreed.

"Charter schools also provide a critical need and the both of them can work together," he said.

### Untraditional option

LCPS is as untraditional as it gets, and its founder is no exception. Although Ortiz is professionally dressed, her heels are splashed with color, she's got an eyebrow piercing and she's just 28 years old. She jokes that she's got an exercise ball to bounce on instead of an office chair because she gets bored too easily. Scribbles of notes about students and to-do's decorate a white board on her office wall.

But being younger and more approachable only gets her so far with students, who can see insincerity a mile away, she said. What wins her students over is how she knows them as people, not just a pupil in a class. They're Facebook friends, they call her cell phone and text her when they need something. Ortiz can buy each of her teen students something for



PHOTO BY BRITTNI JOHNSON — THE VOICE

**Christine Ortiz is revamping education from the inside out in Oviedo.**

Christmas that they actually like — no easy feat, she said.

"That's something you can't have in a bigger system," she said.

### The future

Gill said that she doesn't think charter and private schools will replace traditional schools anytime in the future, even while the current political climate is so supportive of them. Ortiz said she hopes that her school can grow, make a difference in education and influence others to innovate as well.

"I have no idea where public education is going," Ortiz said. "But I know what we can do in this building."

**Learn more**  
 For more information about Lawton Chiles Preparatory School, visit [www.chilesprep.com](http://www.chilesprep.com).

## BUDDIES | Unlikely lifelong friends

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Taylor's not coming until the next day.

"He's very cool," Cartier said about his buddy.

Wanda said it's important for her son to have Taylor as a role model. Most of all, she said, it's important for him to have Taylor

as a great friend.

"It's so important for our kids to have friends," Wanda said. "All these kids need is just a little of your time."

For Taylor, that isn't enough. His goal is to give Cartier what any pair of friends could hope for.

"We're best friends for life," he said.

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# Calendar

## SEPT. 23

This month's **Sanford Art Walk**, held 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, expands with the return of the Historic Sanford Welcome Center to the list of participating locations. On the fourth Friday of each month, nine venues showcase local talent. Visit [www.sanfordartwalk.com](http://www.sanfordartwalk.com)

## SEPT. 26

**Artistic Hand Gallery & Studio** classes begin soon in Oviedo: Sept 26 (teens & adults); Oct. 10 (children). Register early by calling Del 407-366-7882.

## SEPT. 28

**FairTax:** Discover the "win-win" of tax reform at this free event. Come and meet Larry Walters, district director, and learn about the FairTax at the Seminole County Sheriff's Annex, 1225 E. Broadway, Oviedo, on Wednesday, Sept. 28 from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call 407-949-2959.

## SEPT. 30

**Whale of a Sale** is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, and Saturday, Oct. 1, at First United Methodist Church of Oviedo, 263 King St., Oviedo. There will also be a harvest jamboree featuring a barbecue lunch, health fair and more. For questions, call 407-365-3255.

## OCT. 1

The **Mid-Florida Milers Walking Club** will host a walk in Winter Springs on Saturday, Oct. 1, starting



at Publix, 1160 E. State Road 434, Winter Springs. Participants may start between 8 and 9:30 a.m. Contact [midfloridamilers@hotmail.com](mailto:midfloridamilers@hotmail.com) or 407-695-9181.

St. Luke's Concert Series presents the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra performing the **"The Great Arrangers"** at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 2021 W. State Road 426, Oviedo. It's free. Call 407-365-3408 or visit [www.stlukes-oviedo.org/concert-series](http://www.stlukes-oviedo.org/concert-series)

## OCT. 5

Christian HELP's **Harvest of Hope**, an annual fundraising event, is 7:30-9 a.m. Oct. 5 at Orlando Marriot Lake Mary. Email [jackie@christianhelp.org](mailto:jackie@christianhelp.org) or call 407-834-4022 for more information.

**"New Horizons: Entrepreneurship for the Boomer Generation"** is a six-week program designed to help older adults to better understand how to start their own businesses. It will be held six consecutive Wednesdays, from Oct. 5 through Nov. 9, from 6-8 p.m. at Seminole State College. The cost is \$99. Call 407-321-3495.

## OCT. 8

**Spirits in Sanford**, a Halloween art show, is Saturday, Oct. 8, (one day only) from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at 211 E. First St. Admission is \$5. Visit [www.spiritsinsanford.com](http://www.spiritsinsanford.com) for more information.

**United Way Fund Raising** is Saturday, Oct. 8, from 5-7 p.m. at Semoran Skateway, 2670 Cassel Creek Blvd., Casselberry. Tickets are \$8. Contact

407-836-2915 or [Yvette.luckett@ocfl.net](mailto:Yvette.luckett@ocfl.net)

## OCT. 9

The Orlando Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's **Aptalis CF Cycle For Life**, a new cycling event, is 8 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 9 at Lake Sylvan Park, Sanford. There are 30-, 65- and 100-mile routes. Call 407-339-2978 or visit [orlando.cff.org](http://orlando.cff.org)

The **Homespun Chic Marketplace** is Sunday, Oct. 9, from 2:30 p.m.-6 p.m. at the Longwood Community Building. Visit <http://www.homespunchicmarket.wordpress.com>

## OCT. 11

At a luncheon meeting of the Heathrow Women's Club on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 11 a.m. at the Heathrow Country Club, Patricia Diaz from AAA will discuss **"Reduce the stress in travel"**. Open to all. Register online: [www.heathrowwomensclub.com](http://www.heathrowwomensclub.com) by Oct. 6. It's \$21.

**"Pressure Cooker Dine In"** is 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11 at Seminole County Extension, 250 W. County Home Road, Sanford. Save time, money and cook a healthy meal in a pressure cooker. Cost is \$10. You must pre-pay by calling 407-665-5560.

## ONGOING

Oviedo Mall and Food Truck Crazy present **Oviedo Food Truck Bazaar** events on the second Sunday of the month in the parking lot between

Chamberlin's and the North entrance from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dates in include Oct. 9, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11.

The **Winter Springs Farmers Market** is every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on State Road 434 and Tuskawilla Road in the Winter Springs Town Center. Visit [WinterSpringsFarmersMarket.com](http://WinterSpringsFarmersMarket.com) for more information.

The **Oviedo Farmers Market** is the first Saturday of every month (Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3) from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on the grounds of the Historic Lawton House, 200 W. Broadway St. Visit [OviedoHS.com](http://OviedoHS.com) for more information.

The Planetarium at Seminole State College of Florida will host the following: **"Central Florida Nights"** will be presented from 8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, Oct. 7 and Oct. 21. **"Fire of Creation: The Maya"** will be presented from 8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 23. **"Terra"** will be presented from 8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. on Saturdays, Sept. 24. **"Into the West: Astronomical Origins of Halloween"** will be presented from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 1, Oct. 8 and Oct. 15. **"Stories of the Night Sky"** will be presented from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 14.

Visit [seminolestate.edu/planet](http://seminolestate.edu/planet) or call 407-708-2360 for additional information.

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# Notes

## Students make dean's list

The following students have earned the distinction of Dean's List at The Georgia Institute of Technology for summer semester 2011: Matthew Jacobson of Winter Springs and Matthew Jackson of Longwood

## Champion at Lyman

The exciting "Champion of Choices" program was held at Lyman High School on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Over 1,000 students were afforded the opportunity to hear former WCW and WWE Wrestling Champion Marc Mero's "Choices" production, which empowers people of all ages to make positive choices. Marc took students through the roller-coaster journey of his life while addressing serious topics such as bullying, peer pressure, substance abuse, and suicide. For more information, visit [www.ThinkPoz.org](http://www.ThinkPoz.org)

## Zipcar comes to UCF

The University of Central Florida launched a new partnership with Zipcar, Inc., the world's leading car-

sharing network, to offer a Zipcar car-sharing program on campus. The cost-effective and convenient transportation option is now available 24-hours a day, seven days a week to all students, faculty and staff members ages 18 and older. UCF members pay a \$35 annual fee to participate in the program. Members can reserve cars for as little as an hour or for multiple days. Rates on all Zipcars start as low as \$8 per hour and \$66 per day. Four vehicles will be available, including two hybrid Honda Insights and two MAZDA3's. Visit [www.zipcar.com/ucf](http://www.zipcar.com/ucf) or call 1-800-4ZIPCAR.

## New tenants at Oviedo mall

Urban Retail Properties opened its fifth new store at Oviedo Mall since taking over management responsibilities in November. Go! Calendars, Games, and Toys, has joined the merchant mix at Oviedo Mall opening its doors Sept. 1. Newly signed leases with openings expected in October include News Rack, and Effective Business Solutions offering

computer and electronic repairs and services.

## Saving the map

The Florida Recreation and Park Association (FRPA) recognized Seminole County Leisure Services on Sept. 1 with the 2011 Annual Media Excellence Award. The award-winning video announcement, titled "1890s Map-The Past Restored," tells the story of how a rare map was saved by a federal grant that paid for professional conservation efforts a mere six months before the map totally disintegrated. The map is housed in the Museum of Seminole County History and shows Orange County's legal and topographical boundaries in 1890, when Seminole County was still part of Orange County. The full 22-minute video can be viewed online at [www.seminolecountyfl.gov](http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov); choose SGTV On Demand, then pick 1890s Map-the Past Restored.

Send submissions to [editor@observernewspapers.com](mailto:editor@observernewspapers.com)



# From my GARDEN to yours

Tom Carey

## Top 10 soil improvement tips, part two: 6-10

*Note to editor: Here's the rest of my Top 10 Soil Improvement Tips updated from my column of 16 years ago. Some ideas are timeless, so please don't dock me for a little plagiarism of my own work.*

Central Florida's 10-month gardening season begins now, running clear through until the Fourth of July. Our soils have been washed clean of many nutrients from eons of pounding thunderstorms and scorching sunlight. To create a reliable foundation when building our gardens, try using a few of these practical tips.

6. Beans, clover, vetch, rye, buckwheat and sunn hemp cover crops capture carbon dioxide and nitrogen from the atmosphere. The carbon is then sequestered into the soil for centuries; the nitrogen is available for plant growth this season. Harvest the above ground portions of cover crops to use as mulch. Integrate the root portions by turning and tilling them into the soil. Flowering cover crops attract and feed beneficial insects like bees and butterflies. Schedule cover crop cultivation to vegetable crop growing seasons.

7. Wide-growing beds are the best way to manage garden space. They are sized based on human anatomy, not mechanical equipment. (Industrial farming techniques releases billions of tons of carbon into the atmosphere.) To leave the soil loose and friable, never walk on the growing beds. Intensive combination planting in wide beds is possible, allowing for greater crop production from less area. Plants growing in wide

areas versus linear rows create their own shaded canopy, protecting the soil.

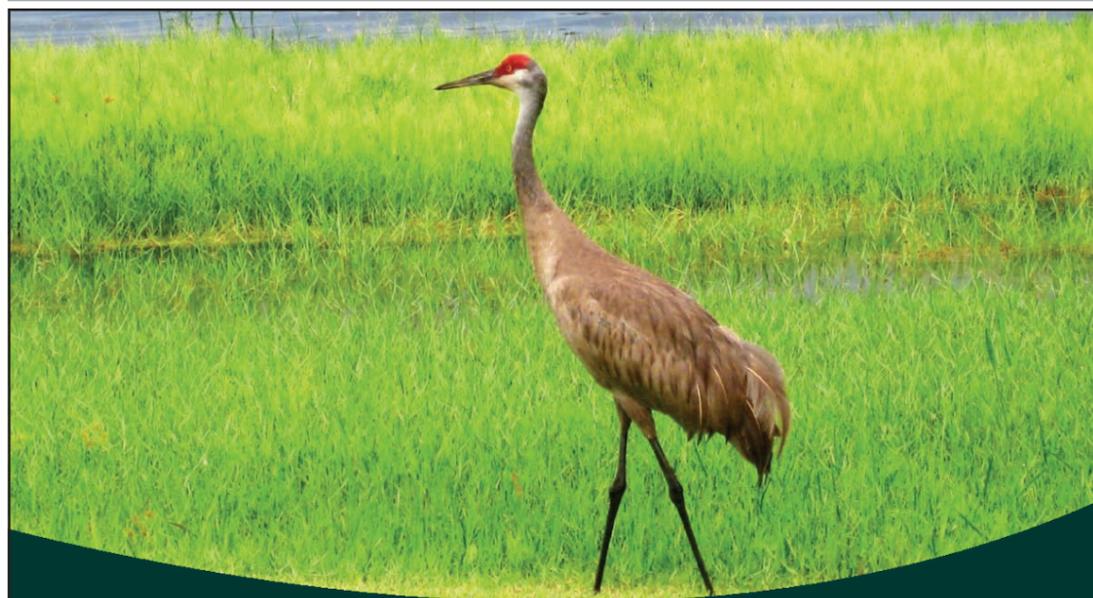
8. Any soil exposed to the sun needs to be mulched. The sun oxidizes soil amendments, sublimating them back to the air. Earthworms, crickets and other beneficial soil fauna live in the zone between the soil and mulch. A combined paper layer under leaf mulch placed at planting time will suppress weed germination.

9. Earthworms indicate and improve healthy soil. Soil structure, drainage, and moisture retention improve when earthworms are present. Hot, dry sand, chemical fertilizers, synthetic pesticides, and heavy cultivation will harm earthworms. An earthworm tub is a great way to compost kitchen scraps. Water, drain, and capture from the tub earthworm tea to create an unsurpassed growing elixir.

10. The minerals and nutrients available to us through plants are derived from living soil microbes: mycorrhizal fungus, bacteria and algae. Healthy, living soil grows healthy plants that resist insect and disease pests, are more nutritious, and taste better. These microbes depend on us to replenish the soil components on which they evolved. Quick fix chemical fertilizers supplant the microbes in the food chain, but for how long?

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# ATHLETICS



## THIS WEEK in sports history

Sept. 28, 1941 —

The Boston Red Sox's Ted Williams plays a doubleheader against the Philadelphia Athletics on the last day of the regular season and gets six hits in eight trips to the plate, boosting his batting average to .406.

## Bad news, except for Bears

Hagerty, Oviedo suffer blowout losses



PHOTO BY ISAAC BABCOCK — THEVOICE

Hagerty quarterback Jason Driskel passed for 62 yards against Timber Creek on Sept. 16. Mistakes on the offense haunted the team Friday, leading to a 27-0 loss.

ISAAC BABCOCK  
The Voice

It was a bad night for football in Oviedo on Sept. 16, with both the Hagerty Huskies and Oviedo Lions falling in blowout losses. But the Winter Springs Bears managed a win in overtime against Lyman.

For the Huskies, a dearth of offense handicapped them for the entire game, as they watched an also-weak Timber Creek offense

flounder but somehow manage to find the end zone for a 27-0 win.

One of the nine passes Hagerty quarterback Jason Driskel completed was intercepted, while the other eight totaled 62 yards through the air. Driskel, who did more running out of the pocket than down the field, was sacked five times in the game.

Mistakes on offense haunted the Huskies all night, with one of two fumbles immediately turning

into a touchdown for the Wolves and a blocked punt turning into another recovery for the Wolves.

Timber Creek's offense only managed 181 yards, but combined with the yards and scores picked up on defense, those were plenty to amass a blowout win.

The only bright spot for the Huskies: two red zone show downs that ended in Timber Creek field goals rather than touchdowns.

The Huskies are 1-1 heading

into their 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, home showdown against Lake Mary (2-1). The Rams recovered from an early season loss to down Winter Springs and Ocoee in two straight weeks. Coming up on Sept. 30, the Huskies travel for a cross-town showdown against Oviedo at 7:30 p.m.

### Lions gashed

The Lake Brantley Patriots (3-0) handed Oviedo (2-1) its first loss

of the season after the Lions had held opponents to only two points in their first two games.

And the Patriots did most of that damage by capitalizing on Oviedo offensive mistakes. The Patriots intercepted four passes on the night, collecting 27 yards on defense in the process. Another recovered fumble added up to five turnovers by the Lions.

Meanwhile, Lions' quarterback Chris Davis did everything he could to keep his team in the game, launching 109 yards worth of passes and picking up 56 yards on his feet in the 27-7 loss.

The Lions travel to Lake Howell (1-2) for their first district match-up of the season at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23.

### Bears nip Greyhounds

In a freakish game that featured a comeback courtesy of two safeties, the Bears (1-2) barely outlasted the Lyman Greyhounds (1-2) in a 28-21 OT nail-biter.

Quarterback Jon Sandfort picked up 167 yards in the air and on the ground to lead his team to the win, which featured two comebacks for the Greyhounds. The Bears take a week off before traveling to Lake Brantley (3-0) on Sept. 30.

## Knights face BYU

ISAAC BABCOCK  
The Voice

The Knights are up against their biggest opponent of the season so far as they head to BYU (1-2) on Friday, Sept. 23. Coming off a tough loss against FIU, the Knights will be looking for a rebound to catapult them into conference play.

They'll have a tough game ahead of them though, facing the most prolific quarterback they've seen this season. Though the Knights have versatility in quarterback Jeff Godfrey, who has proven capable in the air and on the ground, BYU's Jake Heaps has gained 722 yards passing in three games this season. The Knights could capitalize on his inconsistency though, as Heaps has also thrown four interceptions to go with his three touchdown passes.

Godfrey, who has 156 yards on the ground, has only thrown for 468 yards so far — not bad by UCF standards — which places him well behind Heaps' total.

The Knights will be looking to mobilize more offense this week after only entering the end zone once last week.

In that game, a promising trip to face an up-and-coming team turned into a nightmare for the Knights, who crumbled under the weight of penalties and botched plays in a 17-10 loss to FIU on Sept. 17.

The Knights entered the game on a roll, 2-0 on the season after wins to start off 2011. But they faced an FIU team with an identical record that was bent on derailing them.

They did so by pressuring Godfrey into making costly errors that would turn the tide of the game, which never was fully out of reach for the Knights, but never in their hands.

More than 70 yards of penalties and two lost fumbles turned what looked like a win on paper into a narrow loss for the Knights, who led until 6 seconds left in the first half of the game. In those final seconds,

they watched in horror as a fumble was returned 51 yards for a touchdown that tied the game.

On offense, the Knights ruled the field, out-gaining FIU 300 yards to 238. The Knights had more first downs, held onto the ball much longer, and converted more third downs. FIU led in nearly no offensive categories.

But on defense, the Panthers kept the Knights, particularly Godfrey, on their toes. They would sack Godfrey six times on the night, with those sacks adding up to nearly all of the 42 yards the Knights would lose on the ground.

Both of the fumbles that the Panthers recovered turned into touchdowns. Those touchdowns would spell the difference between victory and defeat for the Knights.

Though the Knights enter their game against BYU with a perfect 16-of-16 record in the red zone, they'll need to find their way there to win. That game starts at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23 on ESPN.



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QB Jeff Godfrey was sacked 6 times at FIU.



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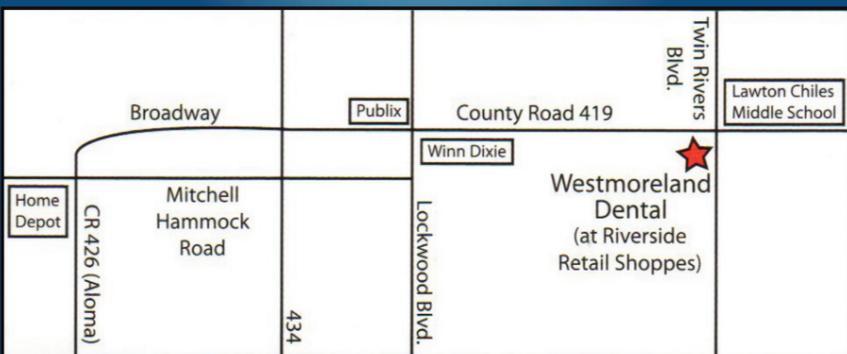
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## Get past politics to get people back to work

I was on a conference call recently with the White House (no not the president) about the American Jobs Act and the impact in Florida. This could get political, but I am just going to present the facts as given from the White House brief without comment or opinion. The opinion I will give is that we have to get past the politics and the fighting and look at what is best for job seekers to get this economy back on track.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (as of July 2011) the unemployment rate in Central Florida is 10.4 percent. This equates to more than 100,000 documented unemployed.

The act provides for tax cuts to businesses, \$50 billion in infrastructure investments, \$35 billion to prevent teacher layoffs, \$25 billion for modernizing schools, \$15 billion to put construction workers back to work, \$5 billion for community college infrastructure improvements, payroll tax cuts, pathways back to work for low income youth, and an extension of unemployment benefits.

According to the White House, these will all be paid for and we will reduce the deficit. Please feel free to share any thoughts with me about what your take on this plan is. Will it help you get back to work?

I am still seeing many people who have been unemployed for more than six months. Construction companies are barely hanging in and worried about paying for insurance. There are some bright lights in the Central Florida area. Call centers are growing, the theme parks are doing well, and the medical city is growing by leaps and bounds.

### 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.

## Letters to the Editor

### Hate crimes shift target

We must recognize that how Americans treat each other sets the tone for how the rest of the world treats Americans.

Our country has always wrestled with an internal conflict. On the one hand, we stand proudly as a nation of immigrants, a so-called melting pot that embraces people of all types and blends them into something uniquely American. On the other hand, throughout our history we have endured staggering divisions along lines of race, ethnicity, culture, nationality and more.

So have the aftershocks of Sept. 11 brought us closer together? Few things say more about human relations than hate crimes, which erupt when inner prejudices explode to the surface.

For the past 20 years, the Florida Attorney General's Office has issued

an annual report detailing hate crimes reported to the state by police.

The most recent assessment, for 2009, shows the fewest hate crimes in the report's history. But when we step back from that snapshot and instead look at the bigger picture, what emerges is a pattern not of declining antagonisms but of changing targets.

Not surprisingly, the period immediately following the Sept. 11 attacks saw a dramatic spike in hate crime incidents in Florida, particularly those based on religion or national origin. Since that terrible day 10 years ago, the percentage of reported hate crimes based on the victim's religion has grown by more than one-fifth and the share based on ethnicity or national origin has jumped by more than two-thirds. Over the same time period, the share of hate crimes

based on a victim's race or color has fallen 24 percent.

Looking at the past two decades, these numbers seem to suggest that Florida has become somewhat more tolerant in the area of race relations but has become less accepting of those whose faith or origin set them apart.

We must recognize that our shared history over the past 10 years has not necessarily brought us closer together nor diminished the hate that exists; sometimes, it has merely changed the target.

Let's take time to reflect on the loss of life, the families left behind and our collective responsibility for sustaining and maintaining peace in our world.

—Donna Elam  
Chair, Florida Commission on Human Relations

## Staff opinion

# Sport and sacrifice

Something grander than sport transcended the football field at the University of Central Florida on the night of Sept. 10, as more than 45,000 people got to experience a moment frequently missing from American life. On the eve of an infamous anniversary borne of the evils of human anger, they saw hope for what good is left in us, 10 years after Sept. 11.

That night, Knights fans gathered to watch a game, but they united to remember how one man defined his life in the moments before his death.

There was something uniquely American about Welles Crowther. The affable young man who grew up in the village of Nyack, just north of New York City, had small-town dreams of becoming a fireman. He volunteered for the local fire company as a teen, his favorite red bandanna matching perfectly with his red jumpsuit and helmet.

But then big city dreams took him to Boston College, where he played lacrosse for four years while he earned an economics degree, then to Wall Street, on the 104th floor of the South Tower of the World Trade Center.

There he saw the bright lights of the big city, the flash of its wealth, the allure of unrestrained capitalism as he worked alongside the nation's financial elite. And then, like the iconic "Citizen Kane" director who bore his namesake, he railed against it.

Not long before Sept. 11, 2001, he told his father he would go crazy behind a desk for the rest of his life. He didn't want to spend his life chasing after money. He wanted to be a New York City firefighter. He wanted to be a hero.

Ten years later, that's how he's remembered, though he never wore a uniform for FDNY.

Not many would know about the dreams of that seemingly typical young man had he not become what is now atypical in our increasingly competitive society. But 12 people who may have died that day knew him for one reason: faced with a choice to leave his coworkers behind, he instead lost his life saving theirs.

After a pair of UCF students watched an ESPN documentary about Crowther's selfless actions racing up and down the stairs of the World Trade

Center to rescue victims in the hour after the South Tower was hit, they wanted to do something to remember him.

At the UCF vs. Boston College game on Sept. 10, tens of thousands of fans waved red bandannas for a graduate from the opposing school, as a reminder not just of him, but also of what we all are capable of — sacrifice.

"That's the classiest thing I've seen in sports," Boston College Athletic Director Gene DeFilippo told the Orlando Sentinel after the game, during which Crowther's younger sisters were presented with an inscribed bandanna.

That symbolic moment could have been just a kind gesture were it not for the magnitude of it all. In that instant in the third quarter, the entire stadium thanked a hero who helped them remember that despite the selfishness, scandal and corruption that seems to define us, there is some good left in this world.

In that moment, sport, that relentless winner-take-all clash of rivals, became like Crowther, bigger than dog-eat-dog competition, bigger than himself.

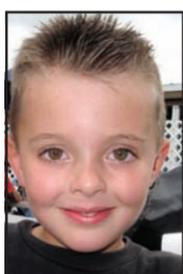
## Young Voices

We asked kids at Jolly Gator Fish Camp why they like fishing.



We fish in the ocean and in the rivers. ... Fishing when the moon is full is the best time. We use shrimp, worms or smaller fish for bait. We used an 18-foot boat and caught red snapper.

—Ashton S.  
9 years old



I like when we go fast in the boat. Sometimes we get up early to go fishing and sometimes we fish at night. When we fish in the ocean we see dolphins and baby sharks.

—Braedon S.  
4 years old



I love everything about fishing, reeling them in and taking pictures. We fish off the piers and bridges on the St. Johns River here and at Lake Monroe. We catch brim, bass and catfish.

—Diamond M.  
19 years old



We fish in the Atlantic Ocean and we see sharks and turtles. I caught mahi-mahi and sometimes we eat the fish we catch. I've been fishing my whole life. It's fun trying to catch fish.

—Jodie R.  
10 years old



We fish in a medium-size boat. I like river fishing and reeling in the fish. Last year I was a good helper when we took some blind people fishing on the St. Johns River.

—Torie R.  
8 years old

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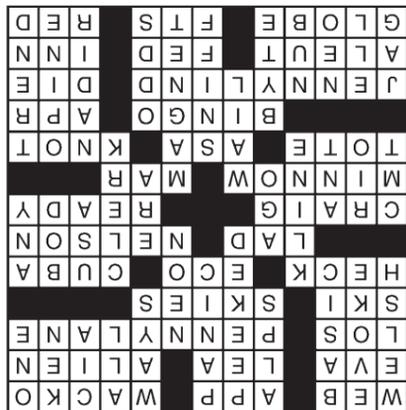
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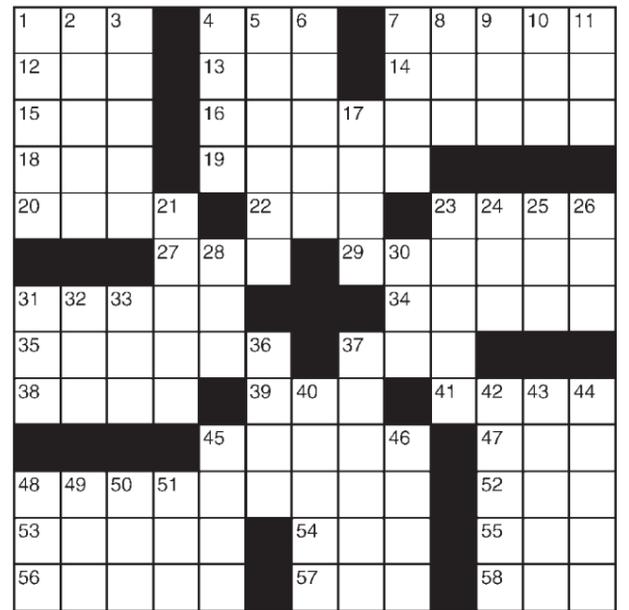
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- 4 iPhone download
- 7 Nut job
- 12 Actress Longoria
- 13 Meadow
- 14 Foreigner
- 15 Part of UCLA
- 16 Beatles ditty
- 18 Schuss
- 19 Heavens above
- 20 "Phooey!"
- 22 Green prefix
- 23 Castro's home
- 27 Young fellow
- 29 Trafalgar admiral
- 31 Daniel who's played 007
- 34 Prepared
- 35 Gilligan's boat
- 37 Scratch
- 38 Carry
- 39 Simile center
- 41 Entanglement
- 45 Its participants must form a line
- 47 Spring mo.
- 48 "The Swedish Nightingale"
- 52 Conk out
- 53 Alaskan



- 8 Every iota
- 9 Spy-novel org.
- 10 Jennings of "Jeopardy!"
- 11 Inseparable
- 17 Night light?
- 21 "A Fish Called Wanda"
- 23 Office worker
- 24 N.A. portion
- 25 Physique
- 26 Whatever number
- 28 Past
- 30 Historic time
- 31 Nashville-based MTV offshoot
- 32 Carnival city
- 33 Pismire
- 36 Cry like a banshee
- 37 Fridge decoration
- 40 Check for smells
- 42 Bottom
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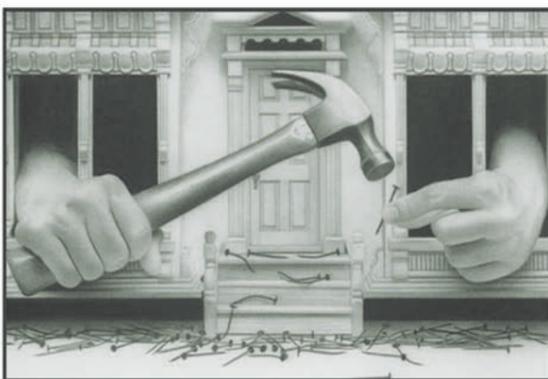
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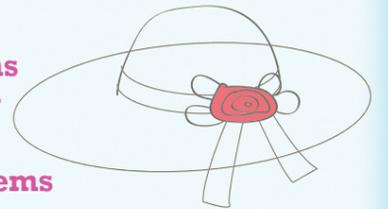
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