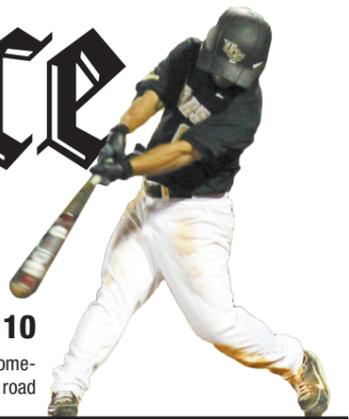




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## Greer gets 18 months

ISAAC BABCOCK  
The Voice

Former Oviedo City Councilman and Republican Party of Florida chairman Jim Greer will spend 18 months in prison for larceny and money laundering. He was sentenced Wednesday afternoon to prison time plus a year of probation for funneling money from the party into Victory Strategies, a company he owned.

"You egregiously violated a position of trust," Judge Marc Lubet said in Orange County Courthouse room 6B, reported the Tampa Bay Times.

As part of a plea deal that helped determine a far lower sentence than the 35 years he was facing, Greer was forced to pay the party \$65,000 and drop a lawsuit in which he alleged the party owed him a six figure payday after he was forced out of the party in early 2010. His indictment that year included six felony counts.

The sentencing wrote the final abbreviated chapter in a story in which Greer said he would "sing like a songbird" and tell tales on the front pages of newspapers and on TV about deals and scandals in the Republican Party of Florida. On the verge of a trial on Feb. 11 of this

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## Protecting kids by teaching

SCPS approves funding for program providing more cops in schools, turning them into part-time teachers

SARAH WILSON  
The Voice

Just before 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays, there's a changing of the guard in Mrs. Miles' fifth-grade classroom at Carillon Elementary in Oviedo. Mrs. Miles moves out for a planning period, and Deputy Adam Brewster moves in.

Forgoing this week's P.E. class, fifth graders file in armed with owl-embellished workbooks ready for a different kind of lesson from the uniformed man in charge.

"Today's lesson is about resisting gangs," Brewster says to the room of 10-year-olds. But before the new lesson can begin, he asks them to recap what they've already learned in his previous weeks workshops.

What does "Otis" - the name of the owl on each of the students "Focus on Safety" program packet - stand for?

Hands shoot up as a chorus of voices rings out: "Obey Teachers In Schools," they say.

What are the gateway drugs?



PHOTO BY SARAH WILSON — THE VOICE

Seminole County Sheriff's Deputy Adam Brewster teaches kids how to recognize drug dealers at a class that Seminole County Schools had developed at Carillon Elementary. Now it will expand to 22 elementary schools.

Each hand has a different answer, from marijuana to inhalants to alcohol. Inside drugs? Crystal meth and cocaine, the kids say.

Knowing these answers, Brewster said, provides students with the first step toward prevention of poor decisions in the future, and building positive relationships with law enforcement in the present.

"The kids know what's right and wrong, they really do, so you're just giving them that push that they're doing the right thing ... and hopefully that leads them down the right path when they get older," Brewster said.

Seminole County Public Schools (SCPS) approved funding in February to help make that path a little smoother, voting to expand the 10-week Focus

on Safety program being prototyped at Carillon to all 22 of the district's elementary schools.

The Seminole County program will bring 10 deputies on full-time spilt between the schools - one deputy assigned to two or three schools - to increase education and safety on Seminole campuses, said Seminole County Sheriff Office (SCSO)

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## UCF offers business start-up help to veterans

BRITNI JOHNSON  
The Voice

The University of Central Florida Business Incubation Program is offering veterans and active military members the chance to learn how to start their own businesses from a successfully proven program.

The University of Central Florida Business Incubation Program (UCFBIP) is the host to the Central Florida pilot program of the Kauffman FastTrac New Venture Veteran Entrepreneur course. The program has been

taught on military bases around the country with 300 participants so far.

The 30 hour class, which is open to both veterans and active military members, costs \$100 and will teach business and networking skills, give attendees access to their own military business owner advisory board for advice and support, and will connect them to other military business resources in the area.

"The Incubation Program is designed to create an environment for businesses to be suc-

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PHOTO BY BRITNI JOHNSON — THE VOICE

Gabe Ruiz was an Army colonel before he started Advanced IT Concepts, which he said was helped by UCF's small business development program.

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### What's goin' on?

It's an Easter egg hunt with a helicopter instead of an Easter Bunny at the Oviedo Sports Complex this weekend for the city's annual Marshmallow Drop.

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# THIS WEEK



## THIS WEEK in history

March 30, 1981 —

President Ronald Reagan is shot in the chest outside a Washington, D.C., hotel by a deranged drifter named John Hinckley Jr. In an impressive feat for a 70-year-old man with a collapsed lung, Reagan walked into George Washington University Hospital under his own power.

## SCHOOLS | More cops patrol schools

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spokesperson Kim Canaday. The \$700,000 cost will be split between SCPS and SCSSO.

"We'll have 'Focus,' but obviously everyone is concerned with safety after Sandy Hook, so then we've got extra security here on campus as well, so it's two fold," Canaday said.

The move to put more cops on campus following the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting in December has spread across the country to Central Florida.

Principal AnaLynn Jones at Carillon said having the Focus program and Deputy Brewster involved on campus gives her school the best of both worlds: increased police presence, and an added educational element.

"I think it's an appropriate use of our resources; we're using the Sheriff's department and we have the presence on campus, but they're also educating our chil-

dren and I think that's a really important piece to it," she said. "They're not just standing at the front door guarding our school, but they're actually involved in our school and get to know the families and the kids. And I think that's a much better relationship than just having someone sit in your parking lot."

Brewster said the mix of the Seminole officers being embedded in the schools serving a dual purpose is what he feels will make Focus successful as it expands to the more schools next fall.

"We're trying to make a vested interest in the school itself. The school is a community within a community, and showing your presence there, the kids really respond to you," he said. "... If we're going to be here we need to be productive, proactive and productive. We need to make sure that we're doing some type of prevention with them 'cause any little bit helps."

## VETERANS | Business start-up workshop coming in April

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successful and to create jobs," said Gordon Hogan, director of the UCFBIP. "We just want to give veterans the opportunity to make a good decision."

Rafael Caamano, assistant director for the UCFBIP, said that the economy and job market is still in a rough state. After retiring, many military members can't find a job or are underemployed. Their next option is to create their own job by starting a business, which is a popular choice. Veterans own nine percent of business in the United States, and are 45 percent more likely to become an entrepreneur compared to people with no active-duty military experience, according to 2011 research from the U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy.

### Course objectives

The class will first help the veteran decide if their idea is feasible,

The UCF Business Incubation Program will host the \$100, 30-hour business start-up workshop for veterans and active military this April. For more information, contact Peggy Allen at [peggy.allen@ucf.edu](mailto:peggy.allen@ucf.edu) or 407-882-0888.

and if they have the motivation, time and character it takes to start their own business.

And that's what drew Orlando veteran Christian Betancourt to the program. Because of his healthcare background – he was a combat medic in the Navy and served for 12 years before retiring – he always thought about starting his own daytime care-giving center for adults. But, he's never been sure if he could actually do it. He hopes to be able to make a more informed decision after the class.

"You're confident to make the right decisions," he said. "They didn't provide any false expectations ... that's what I really want."

The class will then teach the veterans how to make their business idea happen, from the basic business plan, to finding their audience and the money to actually start it up.

### Veteran success

Gabe Ruiz, president of Advanced IT Concepts in Orlando and a retired Army colonel, said his success is proof of the value of the business assistance programs offered by UCF. While his company was too large to participate in the UCFBIP, he did benefit from using the resources at the Small Business Development Center at UCF.

He's grown his revenue 100 percent to \$5 million last year, and tripled in size since utilizing the advice he got from his advisor there. Ruiz plans to be on the advisory board for the UCFBIP's new veteran program, giving back after all the help he's received.

"The program brings decades

of experiences, expertise and lessons learned that would take entire lifetimes to be learned, that are available to them on day one," Ruiz said.

### Veterans make good entrepreneurs

It's not always easy to translate military experience into civilian work atmospheres, Ruiz said, but the qualities military members have are extremely useful as a business owner.

"Entrepreneurship is almost automatic," he said. "It's an attitude toward serving, it's an attitude toward perfection."

Veterans thrive under pressure, are open to taking risks and can adapt quickly. Civilians rarely experience the level of stress on the job military members have.

"Military members have to face that on a daily basis, they've gone to war," Betancourt said. "There's really no room for error and there are lives on the line."

"They understand missions, they understand objectives," Caamano said. "They have tendency to stay on target."

But they don't always realize that those skills are what make a great entrepreneur, so that's why the UCFBIP veteran course is important to help them identify their strengths and take the next step. Hogan and Caamano hope that they can help a few veterans make the decision to start their own business after taking the class, and then move on to their additional BIP courses. They're working on garnering more sponsors to help veterans with registration fees once they see how successful this current program is.

Betancourt said he can't wait to see where this opportunity will take him.

"I don't aspire to be 55 and waiting for my paycheck," he said. "I want to set the pace for my family's future."

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# GREER | Rapid ascent to head of Republican Party of Florida ended with lawsuits

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year he suddenly pleaded guilty, averting a trial that was expected to be devastating to the party.

Greer had risen to power by helping the election campaign of Gov. Charlie Crist and the Republican Party, getting the role of chairman in 2006. Up to that point he had been an Oviedo city councilman and deputy mayor while running a company, Regulatory Compliance Services, that helped businesses keep out of trouble with the government by maintaining compliance.

When he left Oviedo to officially take his job in Tallahassee in January of 2007, Greer took Oviedo Police Chief Charles Drago with him. The two had become friends while Greer had been on the council. Drago was given a position as deputy secretary of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Relations.

Greer led the party for more than 3 years before trouble began brewing in late 2009 amid rumors that the party was unhappy with



**Jim Greer was a two-term Oviedo councilman** before making quick friends with gubernatorial candidate Charlie Crist, who won his 2006 bid for election with Greer's help. He served as head of the state's Republican Party until 2010.

fundraising and spending under Greer's helm.

In the meantime his wife, Lisa, and four (soon to be five) children continued to live in their home in a gated community in Oviedo.

After his ouster in 2010, legal battles were waged both ways

when the party alleged that Greer had funneled money illegally into his own pockets, and Greer charged back that the party owed him more than \$100,000 in back pay. Soon Drago returned to Oviedo and Crist lost his election bid for the U.S. Senate. Complet-

ing an unusual circle of political connections, Drago's wife, Cindy, successfully ran for a seat on the Oviedo city council in 2010. In 2012, she successfully defended that seat, just as Greer's prosecution was gathering evidence against him.

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 April 15 - Movie Day  
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 April 29 - Casino Day

The Real Estate Specialists are IN 10am - 1pm (also Mon, April 8, 15, 22, 29) Presented by Exit Real Estate Results

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2**  
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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3**  
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 Presented by Senior Partner Care Services  
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# Family Calendar

## MARCH 29

The SSC planetarium's flagship show, **Central Florida Nights**, is a guided, interactive tour of the current night sky. A telescope viewing of the night's best celestial objects occurs after the show, weather permitting. Central Florida Nights will be presented from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on March 29. For more information and a full schedule of events, please visit [seminolestate.edu/planet](http://seminolestate.edu/planet), or call 407-708-2360.

## MARCH 30

The city of Oviedo Recreation and Parks Department is hosting its annual **Marshmallow Drop** at 10 a.m. sharp on March 30 at the Oviedo Sports Complex, 1251 E. Broadway St. This very special event provides children with an alternative to the traditional competitive Easter egg hunts. It will rain marshmallows as a helicopter hovers over the baseball fields, distributing more than 25,000 marshmallows. Tickets are \$1 if purchased before March 30 at either Riverside Park or the Oviedo Gym & Aquatic Facility. Day of the event tickets are \$2 per child. For more information, call 407-971-5575.

March 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is American Legion Day/Seminole County **Centennial Saturday** at the Goldenrod Historical Museum! Members of American Legion Memorial Post #112 and Auxiliary will be available to talk to museum visitors. The American Legion began in 1919. It is the nation's largest wartime veteran's service organization. Pick up a Centennial Passport during your visit or bring your own to have it stamped. Kid's History Quests are here as well. The Goldenrod Historical Museum is located at 4677 N. Palmetto Ave. in Goldenrod. For more information, email [goldenrodhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:goldenrodhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

It's that time of year! The third annual **Jr. Ranch Rodeo and Steak Dinner** is on Saturday, March 30, at the Yarbrough Ranch, 1355 Snow Hill Road, Geneva. This year, celebrate Seminole County's Centennial. Bring your family and enjoy the fun that starts at 2 p.m. rain or shine. Watch the Jr. Rodeo kids compete in six events. Entrance fee is a can of food for Boys Town and the Russell House of Orlando. There is an optional steak dinner afterward for \$15 for non-SCCA members. You can purchase tickets at [seminolecountycattlemen.com/steak-dinner-tickets](http://seminolecountycattlemen.com/steak-dinner-tickets)

## APRIL 5

Please join the Seminole County Extension Service for the 2013 Seminole County **Centennial Farm Tour** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 5. The farm tour is a self-guided tour of some of Seminole County's diverse agricultural enterprises. At noon, you can have lunch at the Yarbrough Ranch consisting of local grass-fed beef burgers and locally grown vegetables. Lunch will be \$10 at the door. Pre-registration is mandatory (by April 3) for lunch! Call 407-665-5560 for pre-registration and questions. For more information contact Matthew Lollar at [mlollar@seminole-countyfl.gov](mailto:mlollar@seminole-countyfl.gov) or 407-665-5554.

Looking for something to do with your family on Friday nights? Journey to Lake Concord Park located behind Casselberry City Hall at 95 Triplet Lake Drive for Friday Family Fun Nights - **Movie in the Park**. Grab your blanket, chairs and some family and friends and sit under the stars to enjoy the movie! Screening on April 5 is "Puss in Boots."

# The tasty, gooey, fun side of science

**TYLER BREAMAN**  
The Voice

Inside the new Mad Science Laboratory, 10-year-old Ayah Mardini stands with her hands outstretched as a lab leader uses a pressurized green tube of carbon dioxide and a dollop of soap to dole out a gaseous bubble that turns to vapor in her palms.

Across the room, "mad scientists" in white lab coats help pint-sized experimenters mix up gooey slime concoctions and swirl tornado-type waves in taped-together water bottles.

On Saturday, March 23, kids who ventured to the grand opening of the Mad Science Laboratory in the Oviedo Mall had the opportunity to experiment with all different types of "mad science."

Founded in 1993, Mad Science performs experiments and teaches kids through after-school programs, birthday parties and more. Kylie Koscoe, owner and chief mad scientist at Mad Science, has a mission to get kids interested and curious about science and how it plays a role in the world.

"Everything that we do is very hands-on, so the kids get to actually experience science through all their senses — they get to touch stuff, sometimes smell stuff, taste stuff," Koscoe said. "They actually get to do experiments on their own to get them excited about science and learning."

Koscoe said Mad Science helps encourage the importance of STEM — Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics — careers in today's society, and foster STEM curiosity in kids early, especially when it comes to girls.

"STEM is a big buzz word right now, and so it's super important because obviously there's tons of medical careers out there and careers in engineering and mathematics," Koscoe said. "And especially with girls, a lot of women and young girls are not going into the STEM careers, and so we are hoping we can get them excited enough about science at a young age that they kinda keep it going, so that by the time they get to college they think about STEM careers."

To do that, Koscoe said, the



PHOTO BY TYLER BREAMAN — THE VOICE  
**Ayah Mardini, 10, holds a gas bubble** at the new Mad Science Laboratory at the Oviedo Mall. The new lab helps give kids hands-on science experience.

programs at Mad Science work to supplement students' thirst for science outside of school.

"We can take concepts they [students] learned in class and really let the kids have an interactive experience with it so that they can really understand the concepts that they're learning in school," she said.

Rana Mardini, who brought her science-loving daughter Ayah to Mad Science's grand opening, said she believes in the importance of science in education.

"It's very important, very important," Mardini said. She said science helps kids look deeper into what's in front of them, and encourages them to look into what's beyond what's presented

on the surface.

Though Ayah is unsure of what kind of scientist to be, she said science is really fun, and that she liked the experiments at Mad Science.

"I like all of them," Ayah said. "They all are fun, and they're cool."

Having fun is the first goal in what Koscoe hopes Mad Science can offer to kids in the community.

"We want them at the end of a party or a show or a class to say 'Gosh, that was fun' and 'Maybe I learned something, that's pretty awesome,'" she said. "If we can get them learning without realizing they're learning, that's always awesome."

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# OVIEDO GROUNDBREAKING



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Oviedo city officials and construction company representatives break ground on the upcoming Oviedo on the Park project March 21. It's expected to create a walkable new downtown district.

# QUBITS | Inventor has dreams of space

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same time."

Qubits inventor Mark Burginger had thought about the Qubits design while in college as an architecture major, but until the economic downturn six years ago, had not ventured into the toy business. But with knowledge of his father-in-law's entrepreneurial success and his wife's background in business, Mark and wife Lisa went ahead with the Qubits project.

"We've always been in business and we like working together, so we thought that would be a good match," Lisa said.

In December 2007, the Burgingers went public with their toy in Oregon. They sold it in local stores and visited elementary schools, high schools and colleges to demonstrate it.

Made out of a similar grade of polypropylene as plastic mixing bowls, Qubits allow individuals to connect and snap together four types of patented modular geometry pieces — two types of Qubits pieces, a bridge piece and a connector piece — that can be made into anything.

"It can take the abuse of bending," Mark said, demonstrating

how a plate made of polypropylene is flexible and will turn white when bent, rather than breaking.

Mark, whose goal is one day to send Qubits into space, suggested use of Qubits in a high school science class.

"This would work in a high school class, as far as a virus," said Burginger, who explained how a three-dimensional, triangulated sphere made of Qubits maintains the same shape as a virus.

And it's not just children who play with Qubits. Adults can also play with this toy, Lisa said, which allows for interaction between parents and their children.

"It's kind of a nice thing that adults can do this with [their] children, because they won't get bored with it either," Lisa said.

With a second version of Qubits — which will include six different colors and have the small connector piece built in — expected to be ready in approximately one month, Lyndsay Burginger, 21, acknowledged that Qubits is unlike any other toy.

"They're very unique," she said, after building a figure with prototype Qubits pieces. "I've never seen anything like this before."

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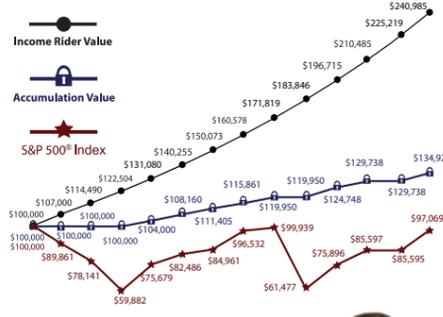
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# Calendar

## MARCH 29

Community Education & Resource Affiliation (CERA) is holding its annual **Senior Expo** at the city of Casselberry Recreation Center on Friday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to noon. Everyone is invited to attend this free event. Come visit the vendors and learn about programs and services available to the senior community. The Casselberry Recreation Center is located at 200 N. Triplet Lake Drive in Casselberry. Door prizes, snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Betty Teagle at [bteagle@casselberry.org](mailto:bteagle@casselberry.org) or 407-262-7700, ext. 1575.

On Friday, March 29, and every last Friday of the month, The **Geneva Evergreens holds a luncheon** at 11:30 a.m. at the Geneva Baptist Church. The Geneva Evergreens is a ministry for all seniors, 55 years and older. The church supplies the main dish and everyone brings a covered dish. For more information about Evergreens programs and activities, call the Geneva Baptist Church at 407-349-5411.

As part of the National Random Acts of Life Improvement campaign, IKEA will be helping people prepare for April showers by giving away **free IKEA UPPTÄCKA umbrellas** across the country on Fri-

day, March 29. The colorful, lightweight umbrella is an ideal companion to help people stay dry during the rainy season. This is the second Random Act of Life Improvement as part of the IKEA Life Improvement Project ([thelifeimprovement-project.com](http://thelifeimprovement-project.com)). For more information on the local IKEA umbrella giveaway - including location/timing, follow the local IKEA store Twitterhandle @IKEAOrlando

Creative Sanford presents **"The Lord's Supper"** on Good Friday, March 29, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 30, at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. at The Princess Theatre, located at 115 W. First St. in Sanford. Reserved

seating will cost \$5 prior to the show. An open seating love donation will cost \$5 at the door. Seating is limited, so call 407-314-6750 for ticket information.

## MARCH 30

On Saturday, March 30, from 8 p.m. to midnight is the **Michelle Valentine Singles Party** at Sweetwater Golf & Country Club. Meet up to 100 of the finest upscale singles in Central Florida aged late 30s to late 50s, in a sophisticated country club atmosphere for mingling, eating, drinking and dancing. Michelle Valentine is a matchmaker that over the past 15 years has created more than 10,000 dates,

matches, relationships and marriages. Visit [michellevalentine.tv](http://michellevalentine.tv)

On Saturday, March 30, the second planning meeting for Geneva's **4th of July Parade and Festival** will be at 8:30 a.m. in the Geneva Community Center. If you have never helped with the parade and festival before, come join us. If you have helped, come on back! Meet more of your Geneva neighbors and have a good time working on a worthwhile cause.

## APRIL 1

The Casselberry Art House will feature its Annual **Recycled Art Show** April 1 - 30. The exhibit will be open Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Local artists will display unique sculptures and wall art creations using recycled or repurposed materials. At least 50 percent of each piece of artwork is recycled (discarded/ found) materials man-made or organic, including but not limited to: wood, metal or stone, glass, paper, fabric, pottery and plastic. It's all at 127 Quail Pond Circle in Casselberry.

On Monday, April 1 at 10 a.m. in the Sanford City Commission Chambers, 300 N. Park Ave., **Cecil Smith will be sworn in by Mayor Jeff Triplett as Sanford's new Police Chief.** Invited guests include State Attorney Phil Archer, Seminole County Sheriff Donald Eslinger and other local dignitaries. A press conference will be held immediately following the swearing in ceremony where Chief Smith will be available for questions. The public is invited.

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# CAITLIN'S TREE



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Hagerty High School Principal Sam Momary hugs Denise Downing March 21 at a memorial for her daughter, Caitlin, who died of a rare brain tumor.

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# Notes

**CrossFit comes to Longwood**  
**NAI Realvest** recently negotiated two new lease agreements totaling 13,150 square feet of industrial space in Sanford and Longwood. NAI Realvest associate Michael Heidrich, Jr., was the lead broker in the lease of 9,300 square feet at 390 Hickman Drive in Sanford along with Michael Heidrich Sr., principal at NAI Realvest. They shared duties representing new tenants Powerplay Motor Sports, LLC in Longwood, and Flawless Physiques Inc. d/b/a CrossFit RSX in the lease of 3,850 square feet at 600 Bennett Drive.

**B of A helps HOPE**  
 HOPE Helps Inc.'s mission to prevent homelessness in Central Florida recently gained the support of the Bank of America Charitable Foundation. The foundation awarded **HOPE Helps a \$10,000 grant** to help fund our efforts to address immediate "critical needs," such as hunger and shelter, as well as provide long-term solutions that promote financial wellness. HOPE Helps is among 10 Orlando-area nonprofits that received "critical needs" grants from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation.

**Magic funding for SSC**  
 Seminole State College of Florida has re-

ceived a **\$50,000 grant from the Orlando Magic Youth Fund (OMYF)** to benefit first-generation college students. Seminole State's MAGIC fund supports first-generation-in-college students, including those in the college's Wayne M. Densch Scholars Program. The Densch program, which started in August with a cohort of 50 students, provides scholarships for needy students who are the first in their families to attend college.

**Pool company moves in**  
**Blue Haven Pools** of Orlando recently signed a long-term lease with Don King to relocate to larger offices at 348 W. State Road 434. The relocation has been completed and the new office is open for business, just in time for spring and the coming swimming season.

**Energy service solution**  
 Aquarii Services Inc. of Winter Springs, developer of the **Aquarii Solar Thermal Desiccant Dehumidification System** to control humidity in buildings using solar hot water, recently announced it has contracted with Florida City Gas, a wholly owned subsidiary of AGL Resources, to provide a renewable energy solution for Patrick Air Force Base in nearby Brevard County.

**New Longwood lease**  
**Emerson International** recently closed on a new lease agreement for 10,445 square feet of office space at Sanlando I, 2170 W. State Road 434 in Longwood. Kenneth Koch, director of leasing at Emerson International, negotiated the new long-term lease agreement. Lisa Bailey of Morrison Commercial Realty participated in the transaction representing the new tenant, ATEC Systems.

**New school deal signed**  
 The office of **Charles Perry Partners Inc. (CPI)** in Oviedo was awarded a \$10 million construction management contract to build Orange County Public Schools' new **Spring Lake Elementary School Replacement** at 115 Spring Lake Circle in Ocoee. The 76,000-square-foot Prototype Elementary School designed by BRPH will feature a two-story administration/classroom building, cafeteria/kitchen, media center, resource rooms and skills labs to accommodate 625 student stations. The groundbreaking is planned for June 2013.

**Adopt a manatee**  
 Spring is full of wonders. For those looking to delight family and friends with Easter and spring gifts this year, Save the Manatee Club suggests surprising them

with manatee adoptions. A gift adoption from **Save the Manatee Club** costs \$25, is tax-deductible, and includes a color photo, biography, and adoption certificate of a real endangered manatee living in Florida. Photos and a list of the manatees available for adoption can be found on the Club's website at [savethemanatee.org/adoptees.htm](http://savethemanatee.org/adoptees.htm)

**Incentivized health at SSC**  
 Faculty and staff helped **Seminole State College of Florida** win **\$12,500 in incentive awards** from the Florida College System Risk Management Consortium. The award will be used for health and wellness initiatives for college employees. The consortium offered incentive awards to colleges that achieved a high number of points based on employee participation in such activities as completing personal health risk assessments. Seminole State accrued 151,650 points, the second-highest number achieved among the 21 colleges that participate in the risk management consortium's health insurance.

**Goalkeeper scores college contract**  
 Coker College men's soccer coach Paul Leese announced **Kyndle Cobb**, a goalkeeper from Oviedo High School, has

signed to play at the school. Cobb was the 2011-12 varsity soccer player of the year and a Seminole Athletic Conference honorable mention selection. Kyndle is the son of Bryan and Beth Cobb.

**Leading the Board**  
 Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A. announced the shareholders have elected **Oviedo resident Marc D. Chapman** as president of the firm for a three-year term through January 2016. In his new post, Chapman leads the firm's Board of Directors and more than 100 attorneys, professionals and administrative staff in all four Florida offices. He joined Dean Mead's Orlando office in 1990 and has been instrumental in growing the firm's litigation practice.

**St. Luke's literary festival**  
**St. Luke's Lutheran School** in Oviedo recently hosted two **award-winning authors** for the fifth annual literary festival this month, with interactive presentations to students. Two authors presented: Leslie Helakoski, Michigan-based author and illustrator of eight books including the Florida Honor Book award nominated "Woolbur," and Wendelin Van Draanen, author of more than 30 books, including "Flipped," now a major motion picture directed by Rob Reiner. The authors showed students the process of how an idea becomes a story complete with illustrations, and then gets crafted into a finished product.

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# ATHLETICS



## THIS WEEK in sports history

March 28, 1972 —

Wilt Chamberlain makes the last shot of his NBA career — a slam-dunk. It had been 11 years nearly to the day that he scored 100 points in one game against the New York Knicks — still the NBA record. In his final game the Knicks got revenge, defeating Chamberlain's Los Angeles Lakers in the 1973 finals.

# Knights come back in two thrillers

ISAAC BABCOCK  
The Voice

The Knights had no trouble handling UAB (9-14, 0-3) until some tense moments in the final game of their three-game series when they fought their way through a 10-10 stalemate to emerge the winners in a 12-10, 10-inning victory March 24.

That win capped off a three-game sweep for the Knights (17-9, 3-0) to start Conference USA play with a bang.

The win was the Knights' second straight comeback victory on the heels of bigger wins before C-USA play began this past weekend.

The extra-innings win was engineered by freshman Bo Decker's two-run single, followed by a solo shot JoMarcos Woods sent soaring into the afternoon sky and over the right field fence.

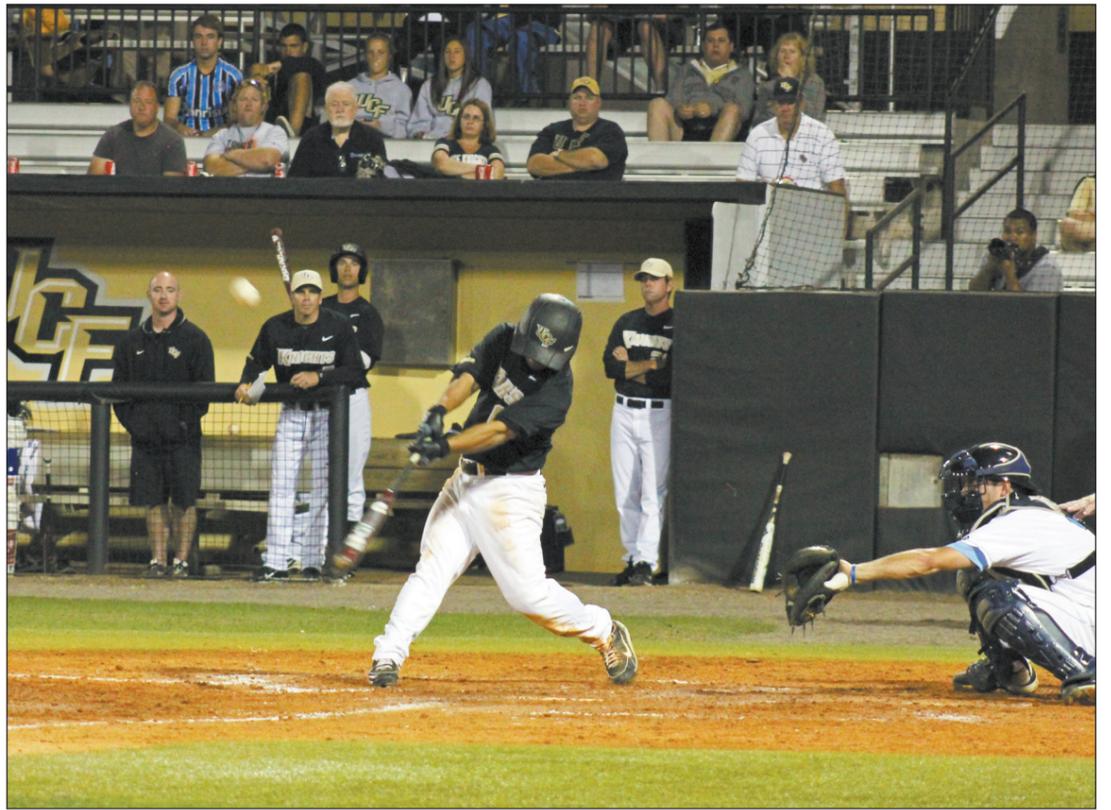
But it was a team effort for the Knights at the plate, as they batted .317 as a squad, with Bo Decker again leading the way with a 2-for-5 performance and four RBI

in the game.

The Blazers were swinging for the fences much of the game, sending 14 balls deep into the outfield and giving the Knights' mound trouble. Four UAB players had doubles in the game.

Just a few games after pitching the game of his UCF career, Eric Skoglund made it nearly two innings in middle relief, largely holding off the Blazers' at the plate. Despite giving up three earned runs in just nine batters faced, Spencer Davis, the fifth Knights pitcher in the game, got the win. Pitching for his first career save, Tyler Martin only needed one inning to close it out.

The Knights come home this weekend for three games, starting with a 6:30 p.m. showdown Thursday against Southern Miss (9-14, 1-2), followed by a 6:30 p.m. game Friday and a 12:30 p.m. game Saturday. That will be the last time Knights fans will be able to see their team for more than two weeks, as the Knights embark on an eight-game road trip starting April 2 at Florida.



The Knights' bats exploded for 12 runs in an extra-innings slugfest against UAB that ended with a two-run single.

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## THIS WEEK in political history

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President Richard Nixon signs legislation officially banning cigarette ads on television and radio. In 1969, Congress had passed the Cigarette Smoking Act, requiring warning labels that stated: "Cigarette Smoking May be Hazardous to Your Health."

## Between the CELERY Stalks

By Janet Foley

### A home for hens

Did you all happen to read the article in the Orlando Sentinel last Saturday by Beth Kassab on where our chickens will fit in our new downtown? We are not finding many of our feathered friends around town now, but people are saying they are beginning to show up – so now we are to worry about them fitting in around Oviedo on the Park. That will take time. Meanwhile, let's worry about their bravery navigating around town when the buildings are being moved. I can just hear the dinner table

conversations now.

This is the last call to place historic items – "photography, writing and local artifacts" – in one of the Seminole County Public Library branches' time capsules. The deadline is Saturday, March 30, at 5 p.m. The capsules will be sealed at special ceremonies on April 14 at 2 p.m., and will be opened in 2063. For more information, call the East Branch Library at 407-665-1560.

Saturday, March 30, is a very busy day for all little ones. The First United Methodist Church of

Oviedo is having a Community Easter Egg Hunt at 11 a.m. Bring the kids and grandkids along with a couple dozen filled plastic eggs for a great fun morning.

Also, the city of Oviedo will have its Marshmallow Drop at 10 a.m. at the Oviedo Sports Complex, 1251 E. Broadway St. Tickets are \$1 before the event, and \$2 the day of the event. Children will collect marshmallows to redeem for candy. For more information, please call 407-971-5575.

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life will begin on Saturday, April 6, at 2 p.m. and run until 8 a.m. on Sunday, April 7, at Hagerty High School. If you'd like to get involved, please visit [relayforlife.org/oviedofl](http://relayforlife.org/oviedofl)

This year once again, the Historic Walking Tour on Saturday, April 6, will begin at the First United Methodist Church with a pancake breakfast from 8 to 10:45 a.m., with tours from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is free but donations will be cheerfully accepted.

Recommended donation for the breakfast is \$5, and \$2 for tours. This year's theme is "Tall Tales," with guided tours leaving every 15 minutes. The hike is 1.4 miles long. It is always a very nice event presented by TOPP (The Oviedo Preservation Project).

The Oviedo Garden Club presents its annual plant sale from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, at the Oviedo Cemetery on the corner of Broadway Street and Aulin Avenue with ample parking. All are welcome. The plant sale has been a tradition of the club for decades. Many of the club's members grow many of the plants from seeds in their own greenhouses and backyards. The sale is unique in many ways, as the club's 30 members are available to share their knowledge and experience of growing these plants. All plants are reasonably priced, and proceeds from the sale are given to local groups such as Florida Trail Association, Ed Yarbrough

## TALK TO JANET

Send word to Janet Foley about events and let her know what's going on around town by e-mailing [jwfoley@att.net](mailto:jwfoley@att.net)

Nature Center and other environmental related organizations, as well as the local library. For more information, please call Barbara at 407-366-5380.

The Forgotten Ones Inc. continues to cultivate hope in the hearts of others with free lunch, groceries and haircuts available on the last Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Vine Outreach Thrift Store, located at 98 W. Broadway St. in Oviedo. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 407-971-8135 or visit [theforgottenonesinc.org](http://theforgottenonesinc.org)

Happy Easter to one and all.

A thought: "Books are more than books. They are the life, the very heart and core of ages past, the reason men lived and worked and died, the essence and quintessence of their lives." – Amy Lowell

# Another seasonal transition, another challenge

Florida's four seasons blend quite succinctly past each other until the obvious is upon us beyond any debate. With the celestial equinox just over, this week's rain and cold snap should be the last we will see of these trekking fronts bringing noticeable change. Any chance of frost and precipitation are now traded for baldly clear skies, progressively dry soil, and eventually summer temperatures.

To grow both cool season crops and prepare the warm season for production before pound-

ing thunderstorms become the norm, strategy and infrastructure are necessary. Radishes, carrots, kale, lettuce, beets, and other winter crops eventually give out when temperatures consistently hit in the 90s. But to just till them under because the calendar says April would be giving up on weeks of productive (yet declining) harvest. In the meantime, tomatoes, peppers, beans and eggplant demand the space of lovingly prepared garden soil.

At this time of year, as salad crops of lettuce, endive, parsley, and dill are planted, I concede they could be the last batch to hopefully make it to harvest. Will they require some form of shade to reach an edible size, extra pest control as the bugs become



empowered, or an expanded weeding budget to overcome competitors in the field? The greenhouse spaces formally occupied by trays of cool season seedlings are replaced with increasingly larger pots for the tomatoes already flowering and setting little green fruits. Peppers snuck out in the last days of win-

ter and planted between rows of Asian mizuna greens will need to be protected during a few more nights of low 50-degree temperatures. Weather only a gardener could love!

My risk of planting bush beans in late January, which suffered through repeated bouts with frost blankets, evaded chilly conditions long enough to become established. As luck would have it, the batch started two weeks later were only just emerging from the soil when the next cold front barreled through, freezing them in their tracks. We harvested green, purple and broad Romano snap beans this week, but the next crop will be another month in coming.

I recently received an inquiry as to why lettuce always 'bolts'

to seed at this time of year, thus becoming sappy and bitter. As spring conditions become hot and dry, lettuce varieties show their heat intolerance by flowering before they die out. By starting transplants in the benevolent sanctuary of the greenhouse, well-fed seedlings should grow to a harvest size. Eat them before they expend their energies to reproduce, unless you plan to save seeds as a new gardening endeavor.

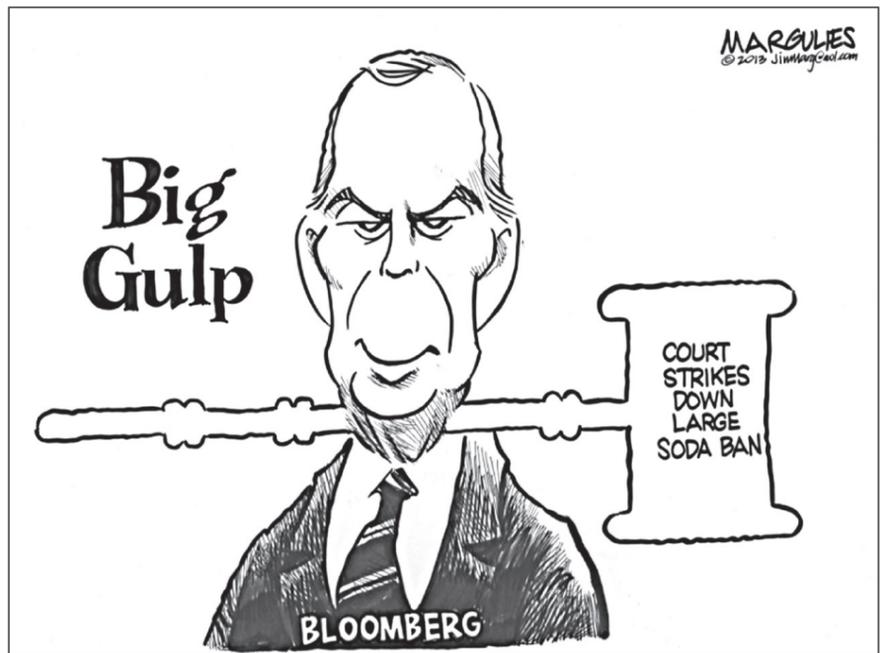
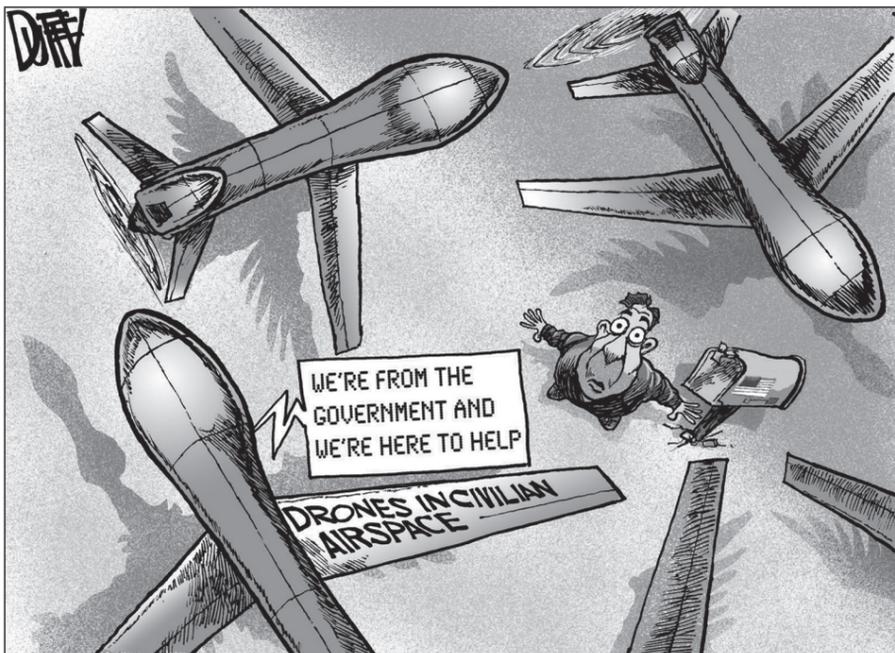


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## WHO IS CAREY

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**ACROSS**

1 Hot tub  
4 Physicist's deg.  
7 Cut in two  
12 Chop  
13 Scrooge's cry  
14 Crosswise, nautically  
15 Historic time  
16 Four-line verses  
18 Atmosphere  
19 Seafood entree  
20 Dog bane?  
22 Very long time  
23 Former frosh  
27 Needlefish  
29 There  
31 Perfect  
34 Perspectives  
35 With 48-Across, "Family Feud" material  
37 Bankroll  
38 Oliver Twist's request  
39 Clean Air Act org.  
41 Send forth  
45 Pilfered  
47 Inseparable  
48 See 35-Across  
52 "Monty Python"

**DOWN**

1 Wheat bundle  
2 Danger  
3 Cognizant  
4 Cookouts, for short  
5 UFO, maybe  
6 Guitarist  
once wed to Xavier Cugat  
7 Difficult  
8 "The opener  
— Daba an air  
Honeymoon"  
9 Island  
garland  
10 Forefront  
11 Typog-raphy units  
17 Broadway prize  
21 Tequila source  
23 Insinuating  
24 "— on a Grecian Urn"  
25 Church seat  
26 Storefront sign abbr.  
28 Hearty brew  
30 Eggs  
31 Doctrine  
32 Pair with  
33 Mess up  
36 Abominable Snowman  
37 Reddish brown  
40 Tires (out)  
42 Wettish  
43 Bury  
44 Irascible  
45 Dance lesson  
46 Catch sight of  
48 Brady and Brees, for e.  
49 ast (Abbr.)  
50 istener  
51 Tackle moguls

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