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Leaving the camp behind

Program gives real homes to longtime homeless, puts jobless back on track

TIM FREED
The Voice

Seminole County residents with nowhere to go but campsites and their cars may now find a place to call home thanks to an ongoing countywide program.

In January, the county launched the Seminole County Homeless Prevention Program, which puts homeless families into rental properties for up to seven months, or up to 21 months depending on their monthly income. Families work to become self-sufficient during this time, while the county pays for their utilities, a part of their rent and works to find them permanent housing.

To handle most of the groundwork, the county works in partnership with non-profit hunger and disaster relief organization Harvest Time International, which takes care of the program's case management side and finds housing for the homeless families in need.

Program Director Valmarie Turner and Pastor John Murphy of Harvest Time International gave an update on their progress as of the end of July during Tuesday's Seminole County Board of Commissioners meeting.

"There's a momentum in-



Camps in the woods had become permanent homes for many Seminole County residents, but a program launched in January seems to be working, helping the hopeless become more self-sufficient and giving them a place to stay while they reboot their careers.

crease in what we're doing, so we're very confident that we're going to meet all the goals and do it right," Murphy said.

As of July, 41 families have been put in housing and 31 more have been approved as self-sufficient to receive permanent housing.

But the report also shows that of the 613 applications between January and July, 215 remain on a waiting list, and 298 of them have

been denied because of lack of income, a criminal background or not qualifying as homeless.

"My initial reaction is that I wish we could be doing more, but I have it under pretty good assurance that we start out slow, that a lot of learning happened and I'm sure we'll finish strong," Commissioner Bob Dallari said. "Anything like this is truly a marathon, it's not a sprint."

Project Coordinator Carrie

Longworth said the biggest challenge the program faces moving forward is in securing rental properties for the homeless families.

"The county and Harvest Time International are dedicated to the success of this program," Longworth said. "Both parties realize the potential positive impact on the individuals served and the community as a whole."

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Bryan Cobb offered city manager job

After losing three managers in five years, Oviedo finally promotes loyal employee

TIM FREED
The Voice

Oviedo interim city manager Bryan Cobb received an unexpected gift on the night of his most recent birthday, which fell on Thursday's budget hearing meeting: an offer to take up the mantle as the permanent city manager — a position that's been transient for nearly a decade.

The new job would be a dream come true for Cobb, who began working for the city in 1995 as a senior planner and always aspired to work as the city manager.

From his start in the mid-'90s

to 2011, Cobb worked his way up the ranks with four different promotions, holding the title of development review manager, planning director, development services director and then assistant city manager.

It wasn't until this April when former city manager Kathryn Breazeale resigned that Cobb stepped up as interim city manager, a position he's held up until Thursday.

"It's what I've always wanted to do, this is what I've been working for," Cobb said.

The offer for the permanent

position, brought up Councilman Stephen Schenck during the final minutes of the meeting, came as a shock to Cobb.

"I'd like for us to consider when we're going to take off the interim tag on Mr. Cobb," Schenck said.

"I'm all in favor of the great job that Mr. Cobb has been doing." Oviedo's city manager position has proven to be anything but permanent over the past several years. Former city manager Gerald Seeber resigned in January of 2008 after a four-year tenure, leaving the city without a permanent manager for six



PHOTO BY TIM FREED — THE VOICE
Bryan Cobb has worked for Oviedo for 18 years, finally rising to city manager after outside hires came back to haunt the city.

months. A stalled hiring and an interim city manager eventually led to Richard Gestrich getting the job in July of that year.

He then resigned three years later, despite the claims that he'd retire in Oviedo.

"It's not that they didn't love

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THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK IN WORLD HISTORY — SEPT. 16, 1893 — The largest land run in history begins with more than 100,000 people pouring into the Cherokee Strip of Oklahoma to claim valuable land that had once belonged to Native Americans. With a shot from a pistol, the mad dash began.

MANAGER | Council may finally have cured rapid turnover

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Oviedo,” said Mayor Dominic Persampiere in regards to the previous city managers. “It’s just that it was more of a career choice for them.”

But each time a city manager left, the Council would insist on hiring from outside the city, leav-

ing Cobb with a new boss who would later quit and start the cycle over again.

Persampiere said that Cobb brings a passion and knowledge to the position that the city hasn’t seen in years.

“Mr. Cobb has served the city faithfully for well over 15 years,”

Persampiere said. “There isn’t anybody more qualified than Bryan to take the helm and lead the city for the next 10 years or so.”

“The greatest asset with Mr. Cobb is that he’s part of the community ... we’ve kind of come full-circle.”

Cobb recalls coming to Oviedo with his wife in 1995 and immediately falling in love with the family-friendly city. A city he’s continued to serve ever since.

“I appreciate that the Council has faith in me,” Cobb said.

“I love serving this city, and that’s what I do.”

Cobb and city attorney Lonnie Groot are putting together a city manager contract, which will be presented before the Council at a future meeting within the next 30 days, Persampiere said.

HOMELESS | 2,250 homeless students

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Homelessness remains an issue in Seminole County. As of June 2013, there were 2,250 homeless students in Seminole

County Public Schools, according to Families in Transition. The Homeless Services Network reports that Seminole County serves 23 percent of the homeless population in Central Florida, but only uses 4 percent of the region’s inventory of beds.

“There’s a lot of needs out there, and the face of homelessness has changed since the economy’s changed,” Dallari said. “We

used to see just people on sides of the road begging for food; it’s not that way anymore. Now there’s kids that are sleeping in cars with their parents because they’re trying to get a good education and trying to figure out what they have to do.”

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Harvest Time Internal now continues to reach out to other organizations like Rescue Outreach Mission and SafeHouse of Seminole to help support the ongoing cause.

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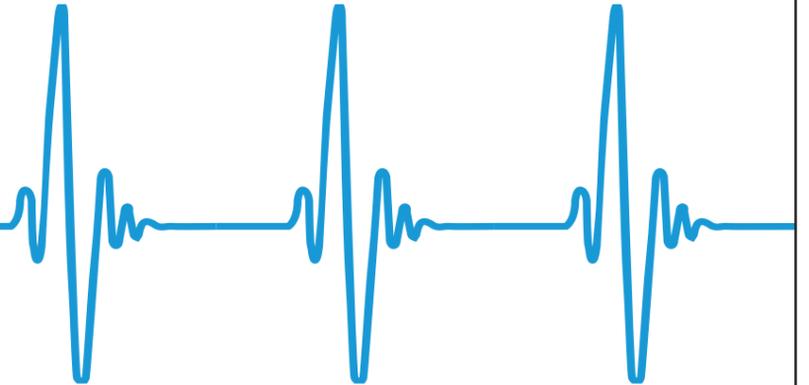
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INTERESTS

THIS WEEK IN WORLD HISTORY — SEPT. 17, 1983 — Vanessa Williams becomes the first African American to win the Miss America crown. She later succeeded as a singer and actress.

No Smoking at Seminole State

Seminole State College of Florida bans tobacco on campuses

TIM FREED
The Voice

Students and faculty at Seminole State College of Florida who smoke will have to find somewhere else to light up this academic year following a ban on tobacco, placing the school amidst a growing national trend of tobacco-free colleges.

The District Board of Trustees voted unanimously in favor of the ban in April following a recommendation from Seminole State's tobacco-free committee.

The tobacco ban that started last month applies to the entire campus, including campus buildings, the open areas of the campus, parking lots and inside vehicles.



"So far, the response to our tobacco-free initiative has been overwhelmingly positive, not just from our faculty and staff, but from our students," said Jay Davis,

director of communications and media relations for SSC. "Most are aware that this is part of a national trend. Across the country, more and more colleges and universities are going tobacco-free." At least 1,182 colleges and universities in the United States have banned smoking from their campuses — nearly doubling the 648 colleges recorded in January of last year, according to Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights. Seminole State now joins the 798 colleges that are 100 percent tobacco-free. The University of Central Florida and Valencia College also enacted similar smoke-free policies last year. The effort to ban tobacco at SSC began last fall, when a

committee of faculty, staff and students came together to look at the smoking issue on the college's four campuses.

Forums were set up on each campus to get a consensus about a potential ban, and the overwhelming majority strongly supported the policy, Davis said.

The college pursued the ban for several reasons, including the continued expense of maintaining smoking kiosks, the ongoing national trend, and a new wellness initiative that includes a wellness center on the Sanford/Lake Mary Campus.

"Developing a wellness center with health education resources and programs while still allowing tobacco use seemed incompatible," Davis said.

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One Senior Place ...

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2pm-3:30pm
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
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3pm-4:30pm (also Sept 25th)
Presented by Harmony Hearing
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
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BAN | Penalties for smoking will escalate for repeat offenders



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Eliminating smoking areas is expected to save the college money in maintenance.

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ible," Davis said.

If students or faculty are caught with tobacco on one of the school's campuses, human resources or a student code of conduct officer will discipline them based on the number of reoccurrences.

To help enforce the ban, the college is working in partnership with the Seminole County Health Department and Tobacco Free Florida, which can offer services

to help students and faculty quit tobacco use.

Seminole State freshman Jordan Matute said that it's nice to have a cleaner campus because of the ban.

"Not being a smoker, I agree with it," Matute said. "I don't have a problem with smokers, but the fact that the campuses are cleaner is a big plus."

"We pay all this money to go to college, so for them to show initiative and try to help us is a good thing."

But Matute empathized with those who wish to smoke on campus, having several family members who smoke at home, and said there should be designated smoking areas for those who still need to smoke.

Seminole State senior Leah O'Rourke said that the tobacco ban is for the best though, and that everyone on campus will benefit.

"I definitely think it's something positive," O'Rourke said. "It's better for people's health in the long term."

"It's not negatively effecting people's lives by telling them not to smoke."

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SEPT. 14

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If you like walking or running and great live music, then this is an event you don't want to miss! Casselberry is proud to host the **Track Shack Autumn Rock 'n' Run 5K** presented by Florida Hospital on Saturday, Sept. 14. The 5K will feature high energy, live music along a 3.1-mile flat route that starts and finishes at Casselberry's Lake Concord Park, 95 Triplet Lake Dr., beneath the shade of 100-year-old oak trees. For more information or to register, visit trackshack.com or contact Maria Ehrlich at mehrlich@casselberry.org, 407-262-7700, ext. 1507.

SEPT. 21

Clay Creations parent and child workshop class will teach you clay sculpting at the Casselberry Art House. It's from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sept. 21 at 127 Quail Pond Circle. Visit casselberry.org/register to register.

Calendar

SEPT. 14

There will be an **Aquascaping class** from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Seminole County Cooperative Extension Auditorium, 250 W. County Road, Sanford. Learn about our lakes and how to design your waterfront. Bring in aquatic plants for identification. Complimentary plants may be available. Pre-registration recommended. The event is free. Call 407-665-5575.

SEPT. 15

Sign up for the **Oviedo Bowling Center's Sawbuck League**. It's inexpensive, fun and has a short season. It starts at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15. Click tinyurl.com/OVBowl to sign up.

SEPT. 18

Five **Secrets to Permanent Weight Loss** and Correcting Type 2 Diabetes is the ninth installment in a free health education series at the Central Branch Library, 215 N. Oxford Road in Casselberry. It's at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 18.

SEPT. 21

The **Alzheimer's & Dementia Resource Center** is celebrating its 29th year supporting those caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. The True Love Ball is its "signature" fundraising event and helps the agency to continue providing critical services to caregivers in our community. It's from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Westin Lake Mary, 2974 International Parkway. Call 407-843-1910, ext. 303, for more information.

Notes

Millions in grants

Next Generation Learning Challenges awarded **\$6.6 million in funding to 38 grant recipients** working to personalize learning through whole-school models for students spanning grades 6-12. The grant recipients, which represent school districts including Florida Virtual School, charter schools, charter management organizations, reform organizations and state agencies, are developing what NGLC calls "breakthrough" model schools that integrate personalized, blended, competency-based approaches in creative, promising ways.

ATHLETICS

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS HISTORY — SEPT. 15, 2000 — The Summer Olympics opens in Sydney, Australia. The United States would win by four medals over Russia. The United States also won more gold medals than any other country, including earning the gold in basketball.

Undefeated Knights face tough game at Penn State

ISAAC BABCOCK
TheVoice

Fresh off their biggest road blowout in school history, the Knights will be looking for an upset in Pennsylvania this Saturday.

After trouncing Florida International University 38-0 in Miami to take their season record to 2-0 and scoring differential to 76-7, the Knights are looking to keep the momentum going. And with a win against Penn State, the 2013 season would become only the fourth time in program history that the Knights started 3-0.

But that hypothetical would be against history. Though the Knights showcased a dominating performance against the Panthers on Sept. 6, in which they out-gained FIU 390 yards to 173, they haven't had much luck in college football's second largest stadium.

The Knights seemed headed to an upset win in their first ever meeting with the Nittany Lions in 2002, leading by an improbable 24-10 at the half. But that's when the Lions turned on the offense, scored 17 unanswered points and left the Knights behind. Two years later the Knights fell 37-13 to the Lions, in head coach George O'Leary's only meeting against them.

Penn State hasn't lost to the Knights. And, like the Knights, they haven't lost this season either, going 2-0 to start. That includes a 45-7 blowout last week against Eastern Michigan that included a

Penn State hallmark of nonstop, unanswered touchdowns. The Lions' brick-wall defense didn't allow Eastern Michigan into the end zone all game.

The Knights carry that same record into Beaver Stadium in University Park, Pa. Having only given up a touchdown so far this season, they're rolling through one of their best season starts of all time. Last week the FIU Panthers rarely made it past the 50-yard line unless they were spotted a punt within a few yards of it.

And meanwhile the UCF offense proved relentless, punting only four times in the FIU game and giving up no turnovers. Blake Bortles, who threw a career-high 314 yards passing against Akron on Aug. 29, has the longest-running streak in the Football Bowl Subdivision for passes without an interception at 217, throwing 17 touchdown passes in the meantime.

A trio of supporting play-

ers from last year's offense have emerged as breakout stars, with Storm Johnson already 188 yards-deep into his season at running back, and Rannell Hall catching 127 yards in receptions in just the FIU game alone. Breshad Perriman, who caught less than two passes per game last season, snagged 113 yards of receptions against Akron alone.

But with an offensive juggernaut like Penn State looming this weekend, it'll be UCF's defense that gets the big test. So far they've passed against Akron and FIU. They allowed just 31 yards on the ground against the Panthers, from a defensive squad packed with 17 Knights rookies. The biggest play the Knights have allowed all season was a 23-yard Akron rush.

They'll find out whether they can break Penn State's dominance with a 6 p.m. showdown Saturday, Sept. 14. The game will air live on the Big Ten Network, UCF Gameday, and 740-AM radio.

Lions trounce Bears

ISAAC BABCOCK
TheVoice

Oviedo (2-0) walked over Winter Springs on the gridiron en route to a 36-12 win, pushing their season record to 2-0 coming up on a showdown at Lake Howell this Friday. But a win over the Silver Hawks (1-1) is less certain after they bamboozled Hagerty (0-2) on Sept. 6 in a 10-0 win of their own.

The Lions' 36 points don't tell the full tale of a game where the offense went on a rampage, racing to 351 yards on the ground and 118 in the air thanks to a dual threat performance by Chris Davis Jr. The Oviedo quarterback carried the ball 105 yards on nine rushes, racing to three touchdowns and a two-point conversion. His yardage was just enough to squeak ahead of running back Jurell Green's 104 yards. Running back Nick Carbone also shined, with 83 yards on nine carries, one of them finding the end zone.

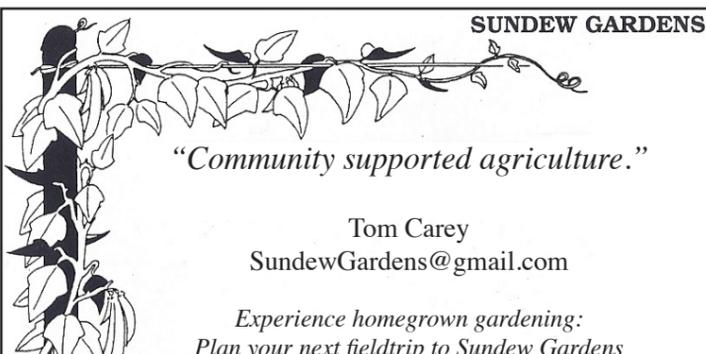
Meanwhile the Oviedo defense went to work, grabbing 12 tackles for loss. Five of Jarvis Green's six tackles were for a loss.

They'll face a surprising Lake Howell team that won its pre-season opener and shut out Hagerty last week. Garrett Kruczek put on a clinic at quarterback, passing for 223 yards and a touchdown, though he was picked off twice in the game.

But the one-sided offense only nabbed 10 points because of troubles on the ground. The Silver Hawks only rushed to 5 net yards in the game, hurt by a sack on Kruczek that cost the team 9 yards.

The Lions traveled to Silver Hawk country for a 7:30 p.m. Thursday game at press time. The Lions will return home at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, to face Hagerty, which traveled to Winter Springs for an early game at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at press time.

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HOMES

Positive equity rising for local homeowners

Central Florida homeowners have been on an equity roller coaster ride over the past few years. First came the production boom starting in 2004. "Meteoritic" was a common term used to describe the rapid increase of home values, and it was common for builders to have extensive waiting lists to purchase



Christina Rordam
Keepin' it Real Estate

in new communities. Then came the crash. Many builders shuttered their doors and homeowners fell victim to foreclosure as they watched their equity evaporate before their very eyes. Buyers had an overwhelming amount of homes to choose from and foreclosures exploded on to the scene. Often times the foreclosed homes, while in disrepair, were far cheaper to buy than traditional sales or buying new. Put simply, they were some of the best values out there. Distressed homes dominated the market. That is no longer the case. Over the past two years the real estate

market here in Orange and Seminole counties has rebounded significantly. This is due to several factors, two of the biggest influences being the influx of cash investors and the decrease of available homes for sale. In late-2012 and 2013 Central Florida saw investors with cash explode onto the scene, buying in bulk to flip or rent. Combine that with the lack of available homes, and bidding wars erupted while sellers experienced a 25 percent increase over 2012 in median sales price. Moreover, the days of distressed homes representing the largest segment of the market of homes for sale are gone. In July there were 2,836 home sales in Orlando, of which only 491 were foreclosures and 490 short sales. The other 1,855 home sales were traditional. In fact the number of tradi-

tional sales (sales of homes by the homeowner and not a bank), were up 56 percent while sales of foreclosures and short sale homes were down 15 percent and 30 percent respectively.

month while regular home sales increased 11 percent.

National data provider CoreLogic stated in late August that the amount of homes in foreclosure was 949,000 nationwide, a 32 percent decrease from June and down 20 percent from 2012's total. Not only that but 8.3 million homeowners are projected to be above water — finally owing less than the home is worth

"Often times the foreclosed homes, while in disrepair, were far cheaper to buy than traditional sales or buying new. Put simply, they were some of the best values out there. Distressed homes dominated the market. That is no longer the case."

Not only are there fewer foreclosures for homeowners to contend with, they are no longer priced below other homes on the market.

The Orlando Regional Realtor Association also stated in its market statistics report for July that the median price for foreclosures was up 17 percent that

— in terms of equity in the next 15 months according to RealtyTrac.

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EMPLOYMENT

Ask
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Interviews increasingly on camera

Video interviewing seems to be a hot new trend. At HR Florida, we were next to a booth that specialized in the software for companies to interview you over the computer. This is a new way for companies to pre-screen candidates for their open positions.

The employer will put in a list of questions and the candidate records up to three minutes of video to answer the questions. The employer is then able to evaluate the candidate's answers and see how they carry themselves and speak.

Currently there are a few major compa-

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nies picking up this trend. Hilton is one of them.

These interviews need to be treated like an in person interview. Dressing for success (even if it is from the waist up) is an imperative. You need to look the part. Rehearse your answer at least once (there is a time limit) before hitting record.

Prepare for the most often asked questions about weaknesses, strengths, why you want to work for the company, and telling about yourself.

Stay positive throughout the video interview, and watch for weird tics or quirks such as playing with your hair or crossing your arms.

While they may add some stress to the process, at least it saves on gas!

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. For questions, please call 407-834-4022 (fax 407-260-2949), sandi@christianhelp.org, or mail Ask Sandi C/O Christian HELP, 450 Seminola Blvd., Casselberry, FL 32707.

Prep for storms now

September is nearly at its mid-point and our kids have been in school more than a month — how time does fly. In the midst of our swirling priorities, it is good to remember that we are still in the peak of hurricane season and the high water levels of our rivers and lakes make us vulnerable in the coming weeks.

Prepare Seminole website – first step

How can we proactively plan and prepare for storm-related emergencies? Lucky for us, Seminole County’s “Prepare Seminole” resources are available to assist. By making the time to review your family’s circumstances when life is calm, you have a much better chance of successfully handling emergency conditions. Floridians know that storm danger comes in many forms: tropical waves, depressions and stalled systems all can spawn tornadoes and create long- and short- term flooding conditions. Power can be out for days or weeks, fuel can be in short supply and daily schedules can be turned upside down.

The county’s website prepareseminole.com/prepare focuses first on planning and preparation. It shares detailed planning tips for family, business, special needs residents and pets, and references key

STETSON'S CORNER

By Karen McEnany-Phillips

elements like timing, location, transportation, communication, safety and supplies.

Check it off

Checklists are vital for emergency planning. We may not have the time or ability to make complex decisions when caught off guard by emergency conditions. Having a checklist helps individuals, family members and business people quickly understand what action they need to take. Do all your family members know how to call 911, who to call for emergency contacts (in and out of state) and do they know two escape routes?

Be prepared

Understanding priorities in an emergency situation is critical. Water, food, fuel and shelter lead the list – especially water. A human can only live three days without water. The average adult uses one to three gallons per day for normal needs. Keep a minimum of three days supply of water

and food on hand. If you are vulnerable for flood or fire, in a remote location or have special needs, then supplies of a week or two are preferred.

Rare red containers

Remember when fuel was in short supply during the 2004 hurricanes? We needed it for our vehicles and our generators. We had to adjust our schedules to be at the gas stations before they ran out and to factor in the time for waiting in line. How long has it been since you’ve used your generator? Do you have red gas containers available? They sell out quickly under emergency conditions.

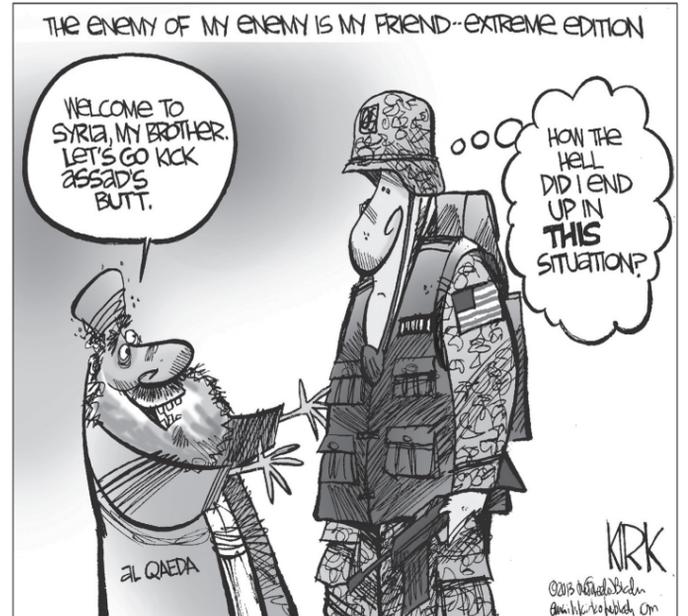
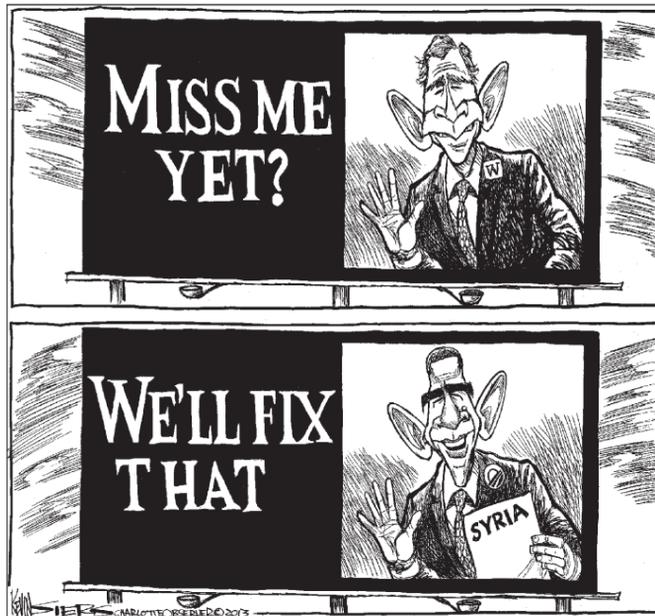
Prescription for safety

Review your family’s supply of prescription medicines, including those for the elderly, children and pets. Communication is critical during emergencies, but it can be difficult when power is out or networks are jammed. What is your plan for recharging phones, weather

radios and computers? Include a communication plan for your family and business including emergency contacts, day care and school emergency processes, emergency numbers for your power company, law enforcement, fire department, veterinarian and public and pet-friendly shelters. Do you know what ‘shelter in place’ means? It means more than just staying where you are. Take some time to review the Prepare Seminole website, which covers additional topics like evacuation, reverse 911 and e-alert registration, emergency kits and how to protect your home. Get your kids involved with fun interactive activities. Hopefully time will fly and Nov. 30 will be here before we know it.

Save the date 9/28

Celebrate national Smithsonian Day, Saturday, Sept. 28, in Geneva. A Town & Country Art & Music Fest will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. held at the Rural Heritage Center, Focal Point Landscaping and the Museum of Geneva History. Enjoy local artists, live music, theater, storytelling, kids activities plus demonstrations, lectures, flora/fauna displays and food. Contact Jessie Harrelson at 407-416-5239 or jessie_harrelson@bellsouth.net for information on vendors, performances or art displays.



Young Voices

Here's what kids said about their pets at the first Community Pet Day held at the Geneva Community Center.



Our dog is Natasha, she's a wolf-German Shepherd-lab mix. I love her and play with her a lot. I throw her rubber ball and she chases after it.
—Nickolas B. 5 years old



We named our dog Brindle because of his colors. He is part lab and part boxer. It's fun to play with him. I throw the tennis ball and he loves that and also his stuffed squirrel.
—Kaylei M. 8 years old



We have two dogs, Precious, our Chihuahua who is a diva, and Cletus, our Catahoula who likes to wrestle with me. I take Precious for her walks. One dog is big and one is little but they get along fine.
—Zojie P. 7 years old



We have two cats, Max, our big orange cat and Sha-keek who is greyish. They play together and sometimes fight but then they love again. I love our cats; sometimes they rub up against us and snuggle with us too.
—Jack H. 9 years old



My brother has a black and white cat named LouLou and we also have a guinea pig named Newton. At my grandma's house there is a kitten named Ed and dogs named Cooper, Lexi and Cookie. I love them all!
—Mikayla J. 6 years old

We would love to hear from your **Young Voices!**

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Answer

Weekly Sudoku

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King Crossword

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- 1 Sleeping
- 5 "Avatar" technology (Abbr.)
- 8 Reverberate
- 12 Georgia city
- 13 Young fellow
- 14 Thick chunk
- 15 Poetic foot
- 16 Work with
- 17 Remedy
- 18 Wood nymphs
- 20 Meager
- 22 Deterioration
- 23 Annoy
- 24 Harbor structure
- 27 "The Defiant Ones" duo
- 32 Web address
- 33 Prot. or Cath.
- 34 Genetic letters
- 35 Breach in a levee
- 38 "Hey, you!"
- 39 Have a bug
- 40 Way back when
- 42 "Lord Jim" author
- 45 Soft fabric
- 49 Neighborhood
- 50 Haven't paid yet

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- 54 Rowing need
- 55 Dance lesson
- 56 Not good, not bad
- 57 "— as I say ..."
- 58 Dame Myra at the piano
- 6 Petrol
- 7 Mid-month date
- 8 Steep slope
- 9 Some old cars
- 10 Rodgers collaborator
- 11 Follow instructions
- 19 "— as I say ..."
- 21 Spy novel org.
- 24 French nobleman
- 25 Hockley great Bobby
- 26 Laundromat alternative
- 28 French possessive
- 29 Butchers' tools
- 30 Type measures
- 31 Perched
- 36 Shrew
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- 38 Shine
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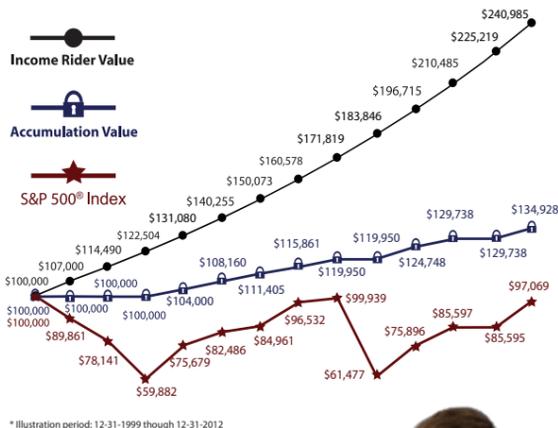
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