

Republican Rick Scott elected as Florida Governor

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Jacobs becomes OC Mayor

Teresa Jacobs' victory in the mayoral election expands with support from her fellow commissioner, Bill Segal

By David Damron
The Orlando Sentinel, Fla.

Embracing her populist message, voters Tuesday gave Teresa Jacobs an overwhelming victory over business-backed Bill Segal in the race for Orange County mayor.

Jacobs won nearly 68 percent of the vote to 32 percent for Segal, who called Jacobs to congratulate her on the victory less than an hour after the polls closed.

"The citizens of Orange County desperately want good, honest government, and they want to believe," Jacobs said. "This campaign gave them a reason to believe that we can do a better job, and we will."

Segal quickly offered Jacobs his support as she takes over Orange's most powerful political post, telling supporters, "The things we agreed on were so great, and the things we disagreed on were so small."

"The people of Orange County have spoken," Segal said, adding later that he suffered partly from a "national tidal wave" for Republicans. "I didn't like what I heard, but they have spoken."

During the often-contentious campaign, Jacobs, a Republican and former two-term commissioner, blanketed voters with mailers highlighting her fights with business interests over school crowding and road fees and her push for tougher ethics

and campaign-finance rules.

Segal, who raised \$1 million overall and doubled Jacobs' donation haul, was an early favorite. The Winter Park Democrat's resume included three decades in business and heavy involvement in helping charities.

Segal ran largely on his business acumen and, if elected, he promised to enact a modest property-tax cut and breaks for businesses who created high-paying jobs.

Segal, 61, who gave up the last two years of his second commission term, was the first to enter what ended up as a four-way primary that included Commissioner Linda Stewart and businessman Matthew Falconer.

After jumping out to a massive fundraising lead, Segal made a surprisingly weak primary showing, while Jacobs secured a front-runner status by winning 42 percent of the vote. Segal barely edged out fellow Democrat Stewart to get into the runoff, winning 23 percent of the vote to Stewart's 19 percent.

The poor primary results prompted Segal to go on the attack. On one front he tried to undercut Jacobs' record on ethics by sending mailers to Democrats that claimed she was a lobbyist who would enact the agenda of former Alaska



C/O Facebook

Jacobs' victory was a landslide over her opponent Bill Segal, with 68 percent of the vote in her favor.

Gov. Sarah Palin. In the ads, Segal paired them in matching party hats.

Jacobs' campaign pointed out she had distanced herself from Palin at a 2009 GOP fundraiser -- and took heat for it -- while her boss at the engineering firm she works at said she was an analyst, not a lobbyist.

In televised debates and in ads to Republicans, Segal portrayed Jacobs as a "tax-hiking terror."

Jacobs fired back that in 2006 she voted to cut property taxes, and opposed a \$250 million plan

to issue debt for public projects, while Segal was on the other side of both votes.

Jacobs, 53, got her start in politics after fighting a proposed road through her neighborhood. By 2000, it had led her defeat of incumbent Orange Commissioner Bob Freeman.

"That fight was over whether government was listening and paying attention to the people," Jacobs said. "You can't lead in government, unless you listen first."

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If you did not vote this
midterm election your voice
was not heard!



The general gossip of people,
places and things with Paige Branson

"My partner and I are true supporters of the Democratic party," said
Norma Young, a supporter of the Democrats in this midterm election.



Alan Grayson's supporters were surprised to find that
he did not receive the votes that they had counted on.



"I loved the enthusiasm that Brian Mills had during the results
for the Democratic party!" "Although the results were not in the
Democratic favor, supporters remained upbeat and I think that's a
great way to keep a good outlook for the elections to come!"



Teresa Jacobs won the election by a landslide!
Bill Segal believes that Jacobs is just as qualified
as he is for the position.

Celebrity Tattoo artist visits local Winter Park

Kat Von D signs new book, 'The Tattoo Chronicles'

By Anna Gerrol
Special to Valencia Voice

Katherine Von Drachenberg, better known as Kat Von D, held a book signing at Border's bookstore in the Winter Park Village on Sunday. People were lined up outside hours before the store opened; the very first person in line arrived at 3:30 a.m. Many other dedicated fans got to the store around 9 a.m. and waited as long as eight hours.

Von D has starred in two hit television shows, and has even written two novels. Her latest, "The Tattoo Chronicles," is a diary style book that lets people see inside her world as a tattoo artist.

She wasted no time getting started. She made sure she got a chance to sign every single book and take at least one picture with everyone who waited to see her.

In honor of Halloween, some people brought trick-or-treat bags filled with candy for Von D. One man even brought her flowers, which caused a very loud "aww" from the females in the crowd.

Not only did she meet with all of her fans, but she also had an autograph

book where each person could write something to her. Some people wrote "thank you" or coming, and others taped pictures to the page and wrote something about a previous time they met Von D.

Many of the people who came out had specific reasons for showing their support.

"She has inspired me to actually go out and get a tattoo, when I used to be so against them," said Sonia Allen, a local fan who has watched Von D's show religiously. "I also wanted to come out and see her because I can relate to her so much."

For a few lucky fans that use Twitter to talk to Von D regularly, she actually brought them gifts.

"She gave me a small green apple-shaped container with a candle inside from her favorite candle shop," said Allison Makarewicz, a long time fan who has communicated with Von D for years.

Having to wait in line for so many hours didn't bother anyone. "She is such a nice person," said Jayni Patel. "It was cool that she took the time out to actually see each and every one of us. It was well worth it," said Patel, a former Valencia student.



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Austin and Sonia Allen with Kat Von D, Sunday, at Border's bookstore in the Winter Park Village.



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Orange County new Mayor's soaring plans for education

Teresa Jacobs holds the backing of local teachers

By Veronica Figueroa
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The ballroom at the Sonesta Hotel in downtown Orlando was packed with Jacobs supporters. Constituents sat around tables eating the small buffet of fruits and desserts. Wine was served as a motive to celebrate Jacobs triumph. Signs everywhere read "We love you Teresa!" and "Teachers for Teresa!"

Jacobs' career in Orange County was highlighted in a slide show presented in one side of the room, while on the other side of the room Jacobs fans were glued to their television watching the results.

"Teresa Jacobs respects education," said, Dr. Marsh a teacher at Doctor Phillips High School while holding her 'Teachers for Teresa' sign. "Whenever there are budget cuts, schools are targeted first and its not fair. She is a candidate that really thinks about her people!"

Lorraine Armstrong a follower of Jacobs said, "Teresa Jacobs is a sensible woman and I know she is in it for

"It is an honor and privilege to serve here, the work begins tonight. Roll up your sleeves."

—Teresa Jacobs

the long haul."

"Jacobs is courageous and brave," said, Scott Justice as he opened for Jacobs' speech, "This election has been full of nasty ads. Teresa has fought hard for schools and to protect the environment. Many said that she got into the race too late, that she was an outsider that couldn't build a consensus, and that her opponent had more funding, but here she is, our new mayor."

As Jacobs was coming out to do her speech the Star Wars song was

played by the duo called Side by Side, which provided entertainment for the night. As soon as she got on-stage, colorful streamers and confetti showered the crowd.

"I know I don't take office until January but we need to solve this issue. I'm short and I'm proud of it but this podium is too tall for me!" said Jacobs. "I feel like I've been dreaming for fifteen years," she said while laughing.

Jacobs thanked her family for



Photo by Sebastian Arbelaez, Valencia voice.
Jacob looks forward to working with Seagull.



c/o Paulo Ribeiro

Video coverage of new Mayor Theresa Jacobs victory party at the Sonesta Hotel in downtown.

standing by her side throughout all the years that she worked vigorously as a commissioner in Orange County and for being patient with her. Trying to juggle being a loving mother and wife, alongside her career, Jacobs admits, "They are like the glue that held all this together."

"The only way that we'll move on from this recession is through people like the people in this room coming together and resolving issues locally and not making these "party" issues. Let's leave the fights and arguments in Washington," she added.

Jacobs recognized the hard work put forth by Disney, the only significant tourism company that supported

her campaign for mayor. She also said she looked forward to working with Bill Segal because he and his family have been working in Orange County for so long.

"It is an honor and a privilege to serve here," Jacobs said, "The work begins tonight. Roll up your sleeves."

To culminate her speech, she quoted a speech by Teddy Roosevelt that inspired her ten years ago, Roosevelt's "Citizen In a Republic."

As soon as she got down from the stage she was embraced by a mob of believers and many handed her flowers. Let's see what this new mayor has in store for Orlando.

Rick Scott and Alex Sink end with a close finish

By Brandon Larrabee, Jeremy Cox
The Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville

A campaign for Florida's open governor's race that had taken more than its share of twists over a year and a half will last one day more after the latest turn: A trove of uncounted votes in South Florida that Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink, the Democratic nominee, hoped would overturn the lead of GOP candidate Rick Scott.

Speaking to a hearty group of supporters around midnight at her Tampa hotel, Sink indicated she would not easily back down from the race because of a deficit that as of early this morning remained of fewer than 76,000 votes out of almost 5.3 million cast.

"We're Floridians, so we know what it means to count every single vote," Sink said to raucous cheers from the remaining crowd. "So this is what we're going to do: We're going to let the people of Florida -- all of the people of Florida -- have their voices heard."

A spokeswoman said Sink's address marked her last comments of the night. Sink's campaign was still waiting to see the results in Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties and, to a lesser extent, Broward.

As of nearly 1 a.m., Scott had not made an appearance outside his Fort

Lauderdale hotel room. His campaign said he was still watching the numbers and didn't know when he would address his supporters.

The state's automatic recount statute meant that Sink would likely have to finish within about 27,000 votes of Scott, or less than one half of one percent of all votes counted.

Scott's tenuous lead set up history for his running mate, Jennifer Carroll. The former state legislator from Clay County was in the position to be the first African-American to become Florida's lieutenant governor.

Sink was trying to claim the office that her husband, Bill McBride, missed out on when he ran unsuccessfully against then-Gov. Jeb Bush in 2002.

Sink won the chief financial officer's position in 2006.

The son of a truck driver and department store clerk, Scott's life sounds like a rags-to-riches story. After law school, he founded a hospital company that grew into the largest of its kind in the country, primarily by merging with competitors.

As the head of Columbia/HCA, the company came under scrutiny for its Medicare billing practices, ultimately paying a record \$1.7 billion fine.

Scott was ousted amid the controversy in 1997 and given \$300 million

in stock and severance pay.

Scott didn't stay out of the health-care industry for long.

In 2001, he co-founded the urgent-care clinic chain Solantic in Jacksonville.

His first foray into the political arena was in 2009, when he founded Conservatives for Patients' Rights and starred in a series of withering anti-health reform television commercials.

The self-financed campaign endeared him to the burgeoning tea party movement. Its membership rewarded him with a Republican primary win in August over establishment candidate, Attorney General Bill McCollum.

Sink focused heavily on her own business background as former president of Florida operations for Bank of America.

She also portrayed herself as a fiscally conservative Democrat.

Meanwhile, she hammered away at Scott's controversial past at Columbia/HCA and promised to be "nobody's governor but yours."

Some observers argued that Sink would face a hostile Legislature dominated by Republicans eager to force her into political mistakes. But she promised to try to work with the other party.

Although Scott campaigned on his business credentials, Sink, like McCollum before her, hammered Scott for his connection to HCA's troubles.



Robert Duyos / MCT Campus

Democrat Alex Sink, left, lost to Republican Rick Scott, in the gubernatorial race in FL.

On the campaign trail, he has said he takes responsibility for what happened and should have hired more auditors to watch the money.

On virtually every issue, he remained staunchly conservative: anti-abortion, pro-free market, against amnesty for illegal immigrants.

Those messages resonated with Gordon Edwards, a 49-year-old medical assistant from Jacksonville's Westside. Scott's past business troubles didn't bother him, he said.

"Who am I to judge a person?" Edwards asked.

Another Westside man, Herman Cherry, 49, couldn't look past the charges against HCA.

changed my mind about him," he said. "He took money [from Medicare] and used it for other things."

Jacksonville was one of four stops for Scott during his last day of campaigning. He waved at passing cars and greeted supporters for 30 minutes at the corner of Beach Boulevard and St. Johns Bluff Road, drawing a steady stream of supportive toots.

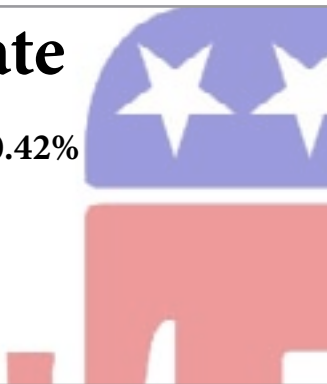
Scott said at the time he was counting on the Republican stronghold to help send him to the governor's mansion.

"I've got big support here," he said. "They're the reason I won the primary, and they're the reason I'm going to win [the general election]."

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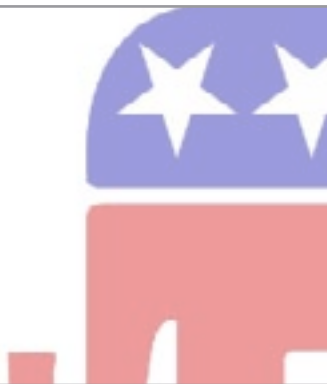
Florida Senate

Marco Rubio (R)	50.42%
Charlie Crist (I)	28.86%
Kendrick Meek (D)	19.50%
Alex Snitker (LBT)	1.40%
Sue Askeland (NPA)	0.30%




Governor

Rick Scott (R)	49%
Alex Sink (D)	48%



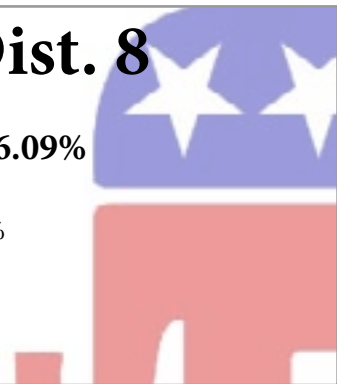
Orange Co. Mayor

Teresa Jacobs	68%
Bill Segal	32%



Congress, Dist. 8

Dan Webster (R)	56.09%
Alan Grayson (D)	38.14%
Peg Dunmire (TEA)	3.86%
George Metcalfe (NPA)	1.91%



Republicans take over

By Mark Barabak
Los Angeles Times

Republicans seized control of the House on Tuesday and shrank the Democratic advantage in the Senate, dealing a major setback to President Obama and sweeping a number of “tea party” insurgents into power.

The nearly coast-to-coast blowout -- a result of voters’ frustration and deep economic anxiety, promised to once more change the country’s political dynamic, presenting challenges to both parties in a newly divided government.

Republican leader John A. Boehner of Ohio, who is line to replace San Francisco Democrat Nancy Pelosi as the next House speaker, struck a notably somber tone as he spoke to supporters in Washington.

“This is not a time for celebration,” he said. “Not when 1 in 10 of our fellow citizens are out of work. Not when we buried our children under a mountain of debt. Not when our Congress is held in such low esteem.”

The election results, a likely gain of 60 or

more seats for Republicans, were like a steam release after months of building pressure and amounted to the biggest turnover since they won 52 House seats in 1994 -- the last time Democrats controlled both Congress and the presidency.

Republicans won House seats in virtually every part of the country, gaining bunches in the hard-pressed industrial Midwest and toppling incumbents in Virginia, Texas, New Hampshire and Florida.

The Democrats fared better in races for the Senate, hanging onto the majority by a handful of seats. Their leader, Harry Reid of Nevada, was reelected by a surprisingly comfortable margin over tea party favorite Sharron Angle.

The Senate contests produced mixed results for the nascent tea party movement. Rand Paul, a founder of the Kentucky branch, notched a victory, Marco Rubio won in Florida and Mike Lee won in Utah. But Christine O’Donnell lost in Delaware, a seat both parties had put in the GOP category until the centrist Rep. Michael N. Castle lost the Republican primary. In Ne-

vada, Angle was also seen as the weakest of Reid’s potential opponents.


Voters also chose governors in 37 states, electing Democrats Jerry Brown in California and Andrew Cuomo in New York. Republican Nikki Haley posted a tea party victory in South Carolina and the GOP ousted Democrat Ted Strickland in Ohio.

In some ways, Democrats were fighting political forces beyond their control. Midterm elections are inevitably a referendum on the party holding the White House and almost always result in congressional losses. This year, Democrats were defending a sizable number of incumbents, having picked up more than 50 House seats in the last two elections, including many in GOP-leaning districts. That put the party on the defensive from the start.

On top of that, the economy was the worst it had been in over a generation, with unemployment approaching 10% and bankruptcy and home foreclosure rates soaring. The result was a combustible mix of anger, frustration, fear and anxiety; about 4 in 10 voters said they were worse off financially than two years ago, according to exit polls.

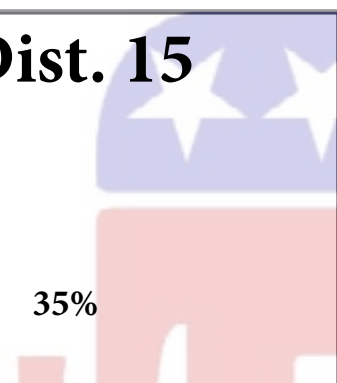
Congress, Dist. 3

Corrine Brown (D)	62.41%
Michael F. Yost (R)	34.47%




Congress, Dist. 15

Bill Posey (R)	65%
Shannon Roberts (D)	35%



Congress, Dist. 24

Sandy Adams (D)	59.66%
Suzanne Kosmas (R)	40.34%



Amendment 8 is no debate

By Rofkens Petit-Hommes
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The 8th amendment was up for approval on Tuesday. This Amendment will raise “school-wide average class sizes” for core competency classes and set the maximum number of students per teacher, trying not to increase the school-wide average.

The current class sizes for public schools today have been set since 2002. Here are a few numbers for the different grade levels: Pre-Kindergarten through third-grade is 18 students, fourth-grade through eighth-grade is 22 students, and ninth-grade through the 12th-grade is 25 students.

This format for classes has been in effect since 2002. If the Amendment is approved, class average sizes will jump to a few more students per class.

“This amendment would definitely provide schools with some flexibility,” said Dana Schafer, Director of Community Relations for Osceola County Schools. “This amendment would only expand class sizes among the particular schools’ average.”

The support for Amendment 8 is mixed, Mark Castellano (News-Press.com) reported that it’s “...an unnecessary political ploy created by Florida legislators to undo the progress made through the 2002 voter approved citizen initiative.”

This opposition is coming from The Floridian Parent Teacher Association and the Florida Education Association.

According to Ron Littlepage (The Florida Times-Union) “...instead of spending a huge amount of money on smaller class sizes, which don’t necessarily translate into improved student performance, I would rather force the Legislature to comply with the constitutional requirement voter’s mandated in 1998.”

Using the smaller class sizes, teachers can create a more effective learning environment. But for the people who support Amendment 8, they bring out the successful attempt of the 70 percent who voted for “high quality education.”

“Under this amendment, the current limits on the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in public school classrooms would become limits on the average number of students assigned per class to each teacher, by specified grade grouping, in each public school.”

Supporters say the state will save \$350 million to \$1 billion in education. As the cost of education continues to rise, any term associated with the word “save” can be very persuasive.

Amendment 1

Repeals promise of public funding to candidates who agree to spending limits.

Amendment not passed.

Amendment 4

Requires a public vote before any new public land-use acts can be enacted.

Amendment not passed.

Amendment 6

Requires that congressional district lines will not be drawn to favor or dis-favor any incumbent, political party, ethnic group, or language minority

Amendment passed.

Amendment 2

Requires state legislature to provide additional homestead tax break to active military and state guard.

Amendment passed.

Amendment 5

Requires that state district lines will not be drawn to favor or dis-favor any incumbent, political party, ethnic group, or language minority

Amendment passed.

Amendment 8

Raise the average maximum student to teacher ratio in public school systems.

Amendment passed.

Democratic runner up is no sore loser

Candidate for mayor, Bill Segal, loses chance for election but remains hopeful for improvement in Florida

By Jasmine Ricketts
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Bill Segal, the Democratic runner up for the 2010 midterm Mayoral election, has the foundation of being a former business owner under his belt. Segal ran

with a long term goal to fight for small businesses, save jobs, lower taxes, fight to make neighborhoods safer, and cut the cost of the county government.

On the final day of the election, Segal showed up to his campaign headquarters fully aware of the electoral voting

results. He understood the campaign's unfortunate loss and expressed his gratitude towards his supporters.

"The people of orange county have spoken, I didn't like what I heard, but they have spoken [and] things didn't go our way," said Segal.

Running up against fellow commissioner Teresa Jacobs had been a long and challenging fight with all of the slander and mudslinging. But Segal stood fast and fought until the last hour and in the end acknowledged that Jacobs would be able to make Orange County a better place.

"I know she will make Orange County a better place to live, work, and raise a family," said Segal, "I'm disappointed [and] that disappointment has more to do with you and many others who gave up your time and treasure to campaign."

Segal's main concern and focus during his speech was to thank all of his supporters, volunteers, family, friends, and campaign staff along with clearing up the fact of how enthusiastic he was about getting back to his personal life.

"While I would've liked to have been a mayor, I'm looking forward to spending more time with my family and my friends [because] that's what I've missed most in these last eighteen months on this treadmill," said Segal. "I look forward to retiring all of these suits and ties [and] I look forward to throwing away all of the hair product that I never wore before and never will wear again."

Segal's spokesperson Josh Wilson was



Philip Salter, Valencia Voice

Segal's spokesperson, Josh Wilson, is saddened by the loss, but supportive of Jacobs.



Philip Salter, Valencia Voice

Segal and his supporters line up, still smiling, after hearing results. His amicable relationship with Teresa Jacobs grants him a hopeful resolution.

available to comment on the poll results. And his reactions coincided with Segal's, in the event that he will go along with supporting Jacobs and knows she'll do what's best. Yet he was unfavorable with the outcome.

"I was disappointed but I will support Teresa Jacobs because they agree on a lot more than what they disagree on," said Wilson.

Many supporters shared their honest opinions, admitting how great of a guy Segal is. The night went on without a hitch and ended in a personal and emotionally touched meet and greet between Segal, his wife Sara, supporters and family.

Comedians campaign for civility

Stewart and Colbert rally around reason

By James Austin
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"We're really glad you're here," said John Stewart, "even though none of us really know why you're here." Stewart, accompanied by his political foil Stephen Colbert, hosted the 'Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear' this past Saturday at the National Mall in Washington DC.

The rally was announced shortly after Glenn Beck held his own rally at the Lincoln Memorial, which he dubbed the 'Rally to Restore Honor.' Even though Stewart insisted the two rallies

were not meant to compete, many pundits and media personalities insisted on comparing the two events.

Stewart said his rally was for "people who think shouting is annoying, counter productive, and terrible for your throat; who feel that the loudest voices shouldn't be the only ones that get heard."

Despite support from prominent public figures such as Oprah, Arianna Huffington of the Huffington post, and a Facebook RSVP list numbering in the tens of thousands, many thought that Stewart had overstepped his bounds as a come-

dian and criticized him for crossing the fine line between political satire and political activism.

All these fears seemed unfounded however, as this past Saturday over 200,000 people flooded into D.C to show their support for Stewart's idea of sanity, even though many of them didn't really know what to expect.

The crowd, which stretched from the stage in front of Capitol Hill, past 12th street and filled the stairs leading up to the Air and Space Museum, was filled with fans of Colbert and Stewart, some holding signs and others in costume.

The rally focused mostly on entertainment, with musical acts such as The Roots, John Legend, Kid Rock, Cheryl Crow, Jeff Tweedy and Mavis Staples. Yusuf Islam and Ozzy Osbourne even had a battle of the bands featuring Islam's popular song "Peace Train" and Osbourne's song "Crazy Train."

The two bands went back and forth as Stewart and Colbert egged them on, until Osbourne and Islam left, leaving the comedians onstage bickering over their loss of a train song. Shortly after, the two comedians reconciled their differences and the O'Jays came on to perform "Love Train."

There were also many non-musical celebrities at the rally, including the popular Discovery Channel team The Mythbusters, Kareem Abdul Jabbar and even R2-D2.

Stewart finished the event off with a fifteen minute speech sincerely lamenting the current radical tone consuming the media and political climate.

"The press can hold it's magnifying glass up to our problems, bringing them into focus, illuminating things heretofore unseen," said Stewart. "Or it can use that magnifying glass to light ants on fire."

Stewart went on to explain why he originally wanted to host the rally saying that he wanted



James Austin / Valencia Voice

Many signs expressed the humor in the rally.



James Austin / Valencia Voice

Hundreds of thousands of people came out to watch the rally, and catch a glimpse at the star-studded appearances.

to prove that the image of the American people that the media portrayed wasn't an accurate picture.

"I feel good, strangely, calmly good," said Stewart, "because the image of Americans that is reflected back to us by our political and media process is false. It is us through a fun house mirror."

The crowd seemed to respond well to Stewart's talk. "I think it went rather well," said Jonathan Stiels a student who traveled to the rally from Cary, North Carolina.

Brendan Radabaugh, an Orlando resident and Valencia student echoed those sentiments. "I really liked the points he made," Radabaugh said. "Plus I really liked the show."

Relationships 101

Couples show they're willing to work it out

By Victor Ocasio
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Relationships can often times be as confusing and irritating as they are fulfilling. But judging by the reactions of the students who discussed their views on male and female relations, at Relationship 101, a workshop about the inner workings of relationships, Wednesday, it would seem that relationships are nothing but trouble.

Peer educators at Valencia's Osceola campus excitedly spoke to the student filled auditorium about the different types of love and relationships.

"I feel that this was a topic that the student body here at Valencia was desperate to talk about," said peer educator Juan Auffant. "I truly felt enriched teaching a whole group of students."

Peer educator Jasmine Salas had the entire auditorium break in half - the boys sat on the left side of the room, the girls on the right. Couples were permitted to sit in the middle, but encouraged to give each other space.

"I really felt that the guys and girls really fed off the others answers during our open discussions," said Salas.

The students engaged in cross room conversation for well over an hour, discussing everything from first date pet

peeves to top qualities needed in a partner. And while the conversations maintained a light mood, moments of intense disagreement were abundant. Although the afternoon's activities provided a simple look into the mind of the

"I know she's important enough, so I'm gonna do what it takes," said Cisneros, a Valencia student.

opposite sex, for some, the message of the workshop meant much more.

After offering insight and creative solutions to many of the problems couples face in relationships, Cisneros reflected on the lessons that he had gathered from the class.

"I learned that you have to work together and just go for it if the other person is important to you," he said.

"I know she's important enough, so I'm gonna do what it takes."

This is the first time that the peer educators have led a workshop on the subject of relationships.

"I think if we can reach that one person whose struggling with a boyfriend or girlfriend, then it's all worth it in the end," said peer educator DelMarco Williams.



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District 15 nominee speaks

Shannon Roberts had campaign party at Osceola County Democratic Headquarters

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Shannon Roberts had her campaign party at the Osceola County Democratic headquarters, which is located in downtown Kissimmee across the street from the County Courthouse. The location was lent to the committee for this election year.

"I really want to win," said Kris O'horo, chairman of the Osceola Democratic Executive Committee said.

"I am really excited about all the people I have met and might have the possibility to help in the future," said Roberts, who is running for District 15 Federal Congressional Democratic.

With an impressive educational background, Dem. Candidate Roberts has Masters at Harvard University and a Ph.D. at University of Southern California.

"I also want to have the youth more involved in what we do," said Roberts.

"We are more diverse and regulated compared to the Republicans," said Jose Balasquide a sanctified campaigner, "If we work hard enough, our pay off should be Alex Sink as the next Governor of Florida; of course if we get enough people to go vote."

The Democratic supporters were commuting and contacting people Tuesday to go out and vote. Since there are a total of 67 Executive

Committees in the State of Florida, why would they not get right down to the grunt work.

The congregation at the Democratic headquarters had a certain amount of respect. Certain movies portray the "party" headquarters as a rustling and bustling train station with people flying across the room and blabbing on cell phones.

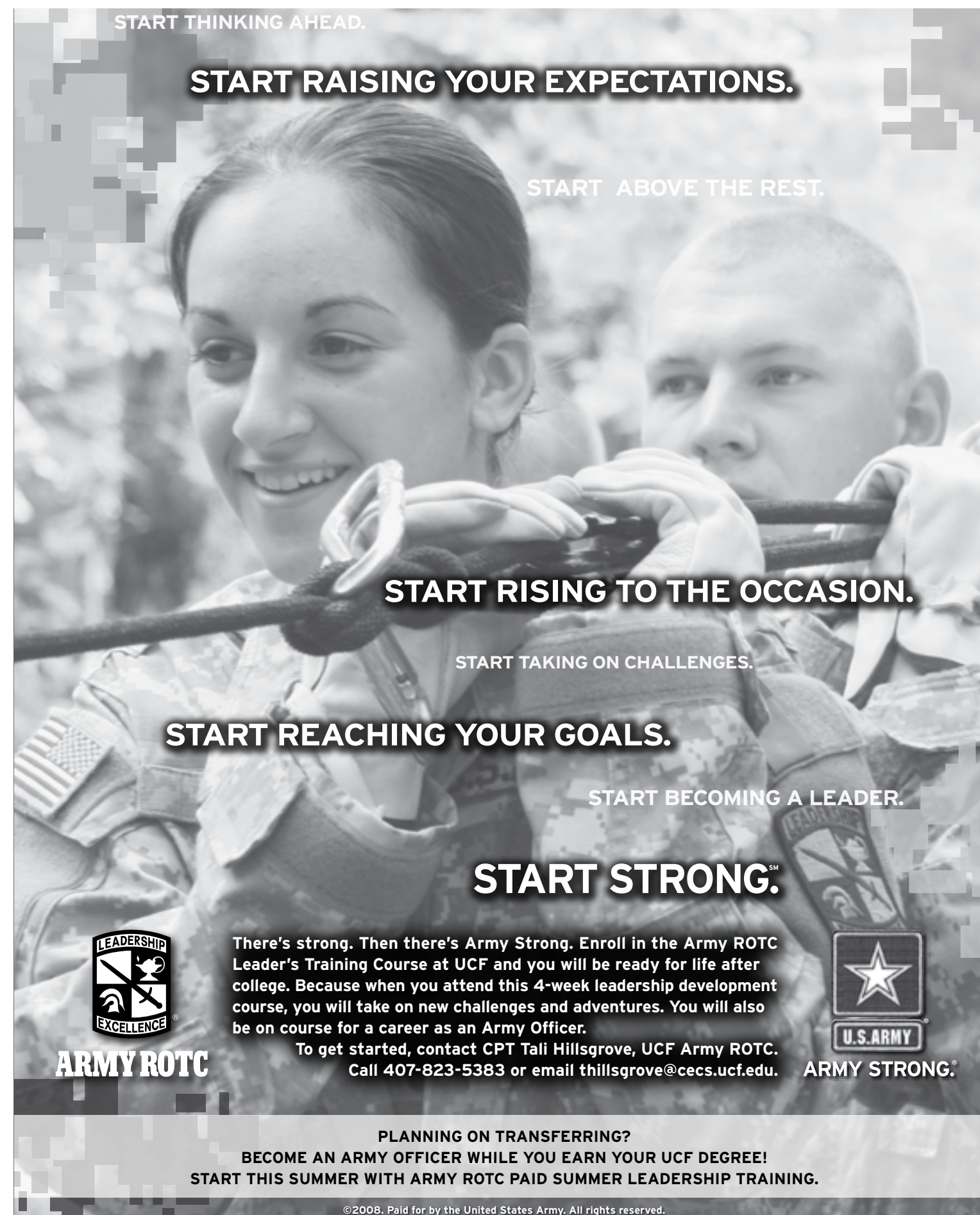
That image is a reality to a certain extent. Maria, Balasquide's wife, was updating Facebook statuses for the Democratic headquarters page. Family friend, Oscar Ramirez, contacted more people to go and vote, while Chairman O'horo logged onto the live local news coverage on candidates.

"I really want to thank everyone who is working very hard and basically is going out and making a difference by voting," said Democratic Candidate Roberts.

When asked on the aid of Internet for campaigning Roberts insisted that it is very helpful in the aid of reaching out to the youth.

It is amazing that until 2008 no political candidate tried to use the Internet as a tool for campaigning. Marco Rubio for his opening campaign procedures opened his own Facebook account.

"It is always inspiring to see people working day and night to bring other people into the political process," said Ramirez, "And to have all ages and ethnicities together rekindles my faith in the political process."



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Club fair invites the masses to get involved

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Valencia's West Campus hosted a club fair on the student services building patio on Thursday. Students were invited to come join and learn about each club. The clubs were also giving away treats to students that would stop by their table to check them out.

Each club decorated their table creatively in order to grasp the attention from other students. The student government association

had an interesting table. The theme they used on their table was Halloween; they decorated with black and orange ornaments, buckets of candy, and, skeletons. They also had an arch of pink balloons that promoted Pinktober Day, which was happening at the Human Service Building in room 105 that same afternoon.

Clubs such as The Secular Student Alliance were promoting their club by expressing their personal religious beliefs openly.

The Secular Student Alliance club is all about believing in the separation of church and state, and having tolerance among people.



Taylor Weiss / Valencia Voice

Clubs handed out candy and other goodies to students in the hopes that they could gain a few new members.



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Phi Theta Kappa is an honor society at Valencia that provides academic help.

"Our club has members with different religious beliefs such as Christians, Atheists, Agnostics, and many others," said Daniel Sandoval, president of the club.

The club has over 52 members on Facebook and 20 to 25 people attend every meeting. Kelli VanHouten, secretary of the club, said, "I enjoy being part of this club because it promotes tolerance among different religions. There has always been war because of religion and it's time that we all get along."

Another club with the goal of creating unity is the Visa club. It is an international club that creates global awareness. Members teach each other of their own cultures so that stereotypical thoughts of other cultures stop.

"I'm from the Bahamas, but no one would think that because I'm white," said Cally Pageorge, a member of Visa.

Visa members were in the Halloween spirit, they were all dressed as pirates.

Not only were there inspirational clubs, but there were also clubs that offered academic help. Phi Theta Kappa, is an honor society at Valencia. The club is an organization that educates members on how to obtain leadership skills and it also gives students the opportunity to apply to certain scholarships by just being a member of the club. Phi Theta Kappa is known also for helping Valencia students in transferring to other universities.

Other clubs that were at the fair included Model United Nations, Culinary Arts Student Association, VAHSA Dance Team, Campus Crusade for Christ and the Valencia Literature Book Club.

If you are interested in one of the clubs please visit the clubs listing on the Valencia website for more information.

Grayson gracefully goes



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Barack Obama and the Democrats swept into control of the legislative and executive branch two years ago. Thanks to the high hopes of the electorate and the sensational campaigning of Obama, many Democrats were voted into positions that were normally considered Republican strongholds.

This year, however, the great court of public opinion has turned against the Democrats. This shift has caused many incumbent representatives to go on the defensive and fight for their jobs, many times in districts that were not inclined to vote Democrat in the first place. Such was the case with Alan Grayson.

The mood was a resigned, calm disappointment at Slingapore's bar in downtown Orlando on Tuesday, as the Grayson campaign realized their candidate had lost his re-election bid for the District 8 seat in the House of Representatives.

Candice Young, a supporter of Grayson and a volunteer for the campaign, was disappointed in the result mostly because of the support she thought Grayson would have provided to Florida's education system.

"We need to fix our education system," Young said, "Democrats are so good for that sort of thing."

Grayson supporters didn't suffer alone, as almost all the Democrats on the Florida ballot suffered defeats this election season.

Democrats were prepared for loss

Battle against Republicans turned to failure

By Jonathan Romero

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Democrats came together for an election night watch party hosted by the Orange County Democratic Party at Ember nightclub Tuesday night in downtown Orlando.

As the predictions started trickling in and the Democrats realized their inevitable defeat, the mood changed from desperate optimism to calm acceptance.

"We're highly disappointed," said Orange County Democratic Party Chairman Jeremiah Jaspon, "but it's something we anticipated."

The reactions were still hopeful due to the few positives outcomes that could be derived from the results.

Communications Director Bryan Mills saw it as an opportunity for Democrats in the 2012 Presidential election.

"Republicans can't just stand around and say Democrats aren't doing anything," said Mills. "They're the ones making the law and they're going to have to do it with consensus."

The word going around at the party was accountability. With their majority in the House of Representatives, the Republicans will have a say in the discussion and will need to work with Democrats directly to pass legislation. With the rhetoric gone, the spot-

light is now on both parties, as voters look for answers to what they believe Democrats could not do alone.

"The stuff they've been griping about is outside of anyone's control, like the economy," said Bryan Valentine, a local Democrat. "And if in two years, we're still sitting here having the same conversation with people out of work and unemployment still up, they're go-

"Two years ago, we were celebrating on this night. Tonight we're not celebrating and in two years, I expect we'll be celebrating again."

—Jeremiah Jaspon

ing to be out on their butts too."

Democrats pointed the finger at themselves for the poor result, as a lack of motivation and mobilization from the Democratic Party failed to energize their own base.

"The spirit should have been there in the beginning," said Jose Fernandez, President of the Democratic Hispanic Caucus of Florida. "They can't just have a surge in the last two weeks and expect to win."

The turnout for Hispanic voters was lower than expected and Fernandez believes it was

the party's fault for not having the resources to give people the information they needed. "If they would have taken us into consideration more and not just at the end, we would have had everything."

With politics being cyclical, some Democrats are hopeful that come 2012, the power will shift back into their hands.

History tends to repeat itself, and some realize that the momentum will inevitably shift back into democratic hands in two years, when Republican policies will be questioned and scrutinized.

"Two years ago we were celebrating on this night. Tonight we're not celebrating and in two years, I expect we'll be celebrating again," said Jaspon after the event.

Others were more confident of the eventual transfer of power. "If we lose the Senate and the House, Obama is going to have a second term," said Mills.

Whether they are hopeful or not, Democrats will have to be aware of their shortcomings and put their words into actions.

"We've got to wake up. Let's all stop being negative and all work together to get something done," said Fernandez. "We learned today and if we pick up for the next two years, we'll be able to retain Obama, but we have to learn those lessons."

From small town church-goer to successful senator

Congressman Daniel Webster won election for Florida senator against Democrat Alan Grayson

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Congressman Daniel Webster was never a politician. He has managed to create a strong support system with former church members who knew him personally.

Ten year old Ryan, who knows Webster's children, refers to him as, 'the nice man with the white pick up truck.'

Louis Bracewell has known Webster for 25 years. "I know his character," said Bracewell. "His character is such that we need in Washington."

Before a zoning change for his church was denied by the county, Webster never would have considered being a "politician." He decided that he would not sit, and instead worked hard on educating himself to become Senator and fought toward leading the largest tax cuts in history.

Brent Webster, Webster's second son, admits that he may have a biased view but he trusts his dad to keep the same principles he's had and take them to Washington.

"He's a small business owner. His sons help him with that and he knows the value of hard work like you and me," said Pamela Jones, who has attended Webster's Bible study for years.

As an open and honest leader of his church, Webster has left a strong and grounded legacy.

Ted, a supporter of Webster, said, "I've known

senator Webster to be one of the most Christian men I've ever met. He chose to do the complete opposite as the opponent."

Webster's opponent, Alan Grayson, led a more aggressive campaign, claiming that Republicans are telling people not to get sick and if they do to go home and die.

Terry, who is not a Florida resident, has followed Webster and the accusations that he's had to overcome, and came to support Webster while he was in Florida for a conference.

"I'm supporting him because he's not Grayson," he said. "I think that Alan Grayson ran a fairly vile campaign. I think he did a lot more harm than good. A lot of valid resources have shown that the health-care reform still does not have enough marginal interest. Nothing is ever free in this country."

"People know that when they support a Republican candidate they are expecting more freedom, less taxes, less government and more entrepreneurship," said Republican Chairman Lew Oliver. "If you do good things and work hard you should be rewarded. It shouldn't be the government's decision that regardless of how hard you work you should get the same rewards."

"The young community followed because we had a positive message. There's not enough money. There are no jobs," said Congressman Webster. "I hope we can give Washington a balanced budget. If not we're gonna give them a



Joe Burbank, Orlando Sentinel / MCT

Former Florida state Senator Daniel Webster gets a cheering reception as he arrives with his wife, Sandy, to announce he is going to run against U.S. Rep. Alan Grayson for Florida's 8th congressional district.

debt they can't pay; a foreclosed country that they can't live in."

Webster's followers are most concerned about social and tax issues. They agree that the government has spent money that they don't have and share the belief that their grand kids and great grand kids are going to be paying that bill, and trust that Webster will be the person to turn that around.

John Webster, Webster's 17 year old son, believes the best thing that his dad is going to stop the spending. "You can't hand your kids a house and say, 'well you owe a million on it.' That's not good," he said.

Two new faces in the 44th district

By David Beard
The Dominion Post, Morgantown, W.V.

Voters returned two incumbents to their seats representing the House of Delegates 44th District. They'll be joined by two newcomers -- one a Republican.

Incumbent Democrat Charlene Marshall topped the list, with 11,858 votes (15.4 percent), followed by incumbent Democrat Barbara Evans Fleischaer, with 11,324 votes (14.7 percent), according to final, unofficial figures.

Winning the other two seats were Republican Amanda Pasdon, with 9,634 votes (12.51 percent), and former Monongalia County Sheriff and Magistrate Tony Barill, a Democrat, with 9,384 votes (12.18 percent).

"I'm just really pleased that the citizens of Monongalia County continue to support me," said Marshall, the perennial top vote-getter. "I look forward to going back to Charleston and look forward to working for the citizens of Mon County."

Before the interims begin, on Nov. 15, she'll be heading to Naples, Fla., as a member of the House Health Committee, for a conference on Alzheimer's disease.

"I'm thrilled to be re-elected," Fleischaer said. She views the response of the voters as a reward for her work in the House. "I appreciate being supported by so many people."

Pasdon was among the four Republicans vying for office, and came in third place.

"I'm excited," she said. "It was an interesting year and an election nobody could predict. I'm extremely honored."

While she'll be a freshman member of the minority party, she said that through her work with the state Chamber of Commerce she's developed relationships on both sides of the aisle, and she's ready to set aside partisan divides to work for the good of Mon County and all of West Virginia.

Barill is not new to elections or public office, having served as magistrate and sheriff. He's ready to begin his freshman term in the House.

"I'm glad I won," he said, and also commented on the turnout. "I'm glad the people came out to vote."

OUR VOICE

The new political face of Florida

Increasingly, politics have been moving more and more into the media forefront, local and state races are firmly planted in the psyches of every American. Key races that will prove to change our state, Florida, are being widely discussed among the pu-di-sphere and the same can be said with elections taking place around the country; Alaska, Delaware, Ohio, and California are getting a lot of attention, not just because of the political importance they hold but because of the chaotic mess that has infiltrated the electorate.

Now more than ever the political mindset of the country matters, especially when it comes to the makeup of Congress. Millions of dollars are being spent (especially on the GOP side) and hours of cable news are devoted to races that mean very little in the grand scheme of things.

This could be viewed as a good thing by some, as we may be entering a time where politics are fresh on the mind of every American. But sadly, more and more it seems this type of scrutiny and attention only strengthens the political divide in the country.

Soon enough campaigns out of our own state will matter just as much as local races, which is why Alan Grayson has received hundreds of thousands of dollars from individuals out of the state, only for the sake of supporting a like-minded progressive in the house. Refusing to actually play into the politics of other states, here are some predictions of how Florida's political realm will fare after Nov.2.

Governor:

Alex Sink has appeal not only to Florida Democrats, who love to see a woman in an executive role, (See the 2008 presidential Primary) but they also love to see a candidate who can win in this right leaning state.

Moderates love Sink because of a rather non-in-

vasive personality and fiscal conservative ideals. In any other election cycle those economic conservative ideals would put Sink way over the edge in front of Rick Scott but because of Scott's tea-party backing, which is very "in" this year, he is very much a party of this race; polling just above Sink but still within the margin of error. But a strong early voting turnout for Democrats will likely put Sink over by the slimmest of margins.

It comes down to moderates in this race, with both party's showing strong turnout, and they are more likely to vote for the more palatable Sink who supports popular social programs.

Senator:

From the start, this race was Charlie Crist's to loose and Kendrick Meek's to win. When Crist threw his hat in the ring on the Independent ticket and announced that if elected, he would caucus with Democrats. He eventually gave the kiss of death to both his and Meek's campaign, inadvertently splitting the vote.

Loosing the GOP nomination to Rubio should have signaled to Crist that, 1. He could not win in a heads up battle with Rubio, and 2. Citizens of Florida wanted to see him do something with his current governorship.

Meek's reputation is not on the line as Crist's is, which will likely pull Crist out of the public consciousness and politics for good. Meek has a long career ahead of him and will likely win some other elected position later in life, the Senate is not ready for him.

District 8 Representative:

The true tragedy in this race is that the citizens of district 8 have two polarizing figures to choose from in this race. Both candidates are known for being on the fringes of their respective parties and

saying and doing things that common logic probably says they shouldn't.

Grayson will lose this race and thus his incumbency due to one phrase: "Taliban Dan" a moniker he gave to his political rival. That bit of mudslinging signaled to his constituency that having a man in office who is willing to make a parody of the political process and being increasingly decisive is not someone they would want representing them.

That is a triumph of the political landscape when you think of it, reasonable people choosing not to vote for a candidate because said candidate not being at all reasonable. It seems like we could use more reasonable people in the government today, not that you will necessarily get that out of Webster, but then again tell that to Grayson.

Other results

Orange county Mayor:

Teresa Jacobs

Amendment 4:

No

Amendment 5&6:

Yes

Amendment 8:

Yes

Overall make up of House and senate

GOP 238 Dem 143 (14 pending)

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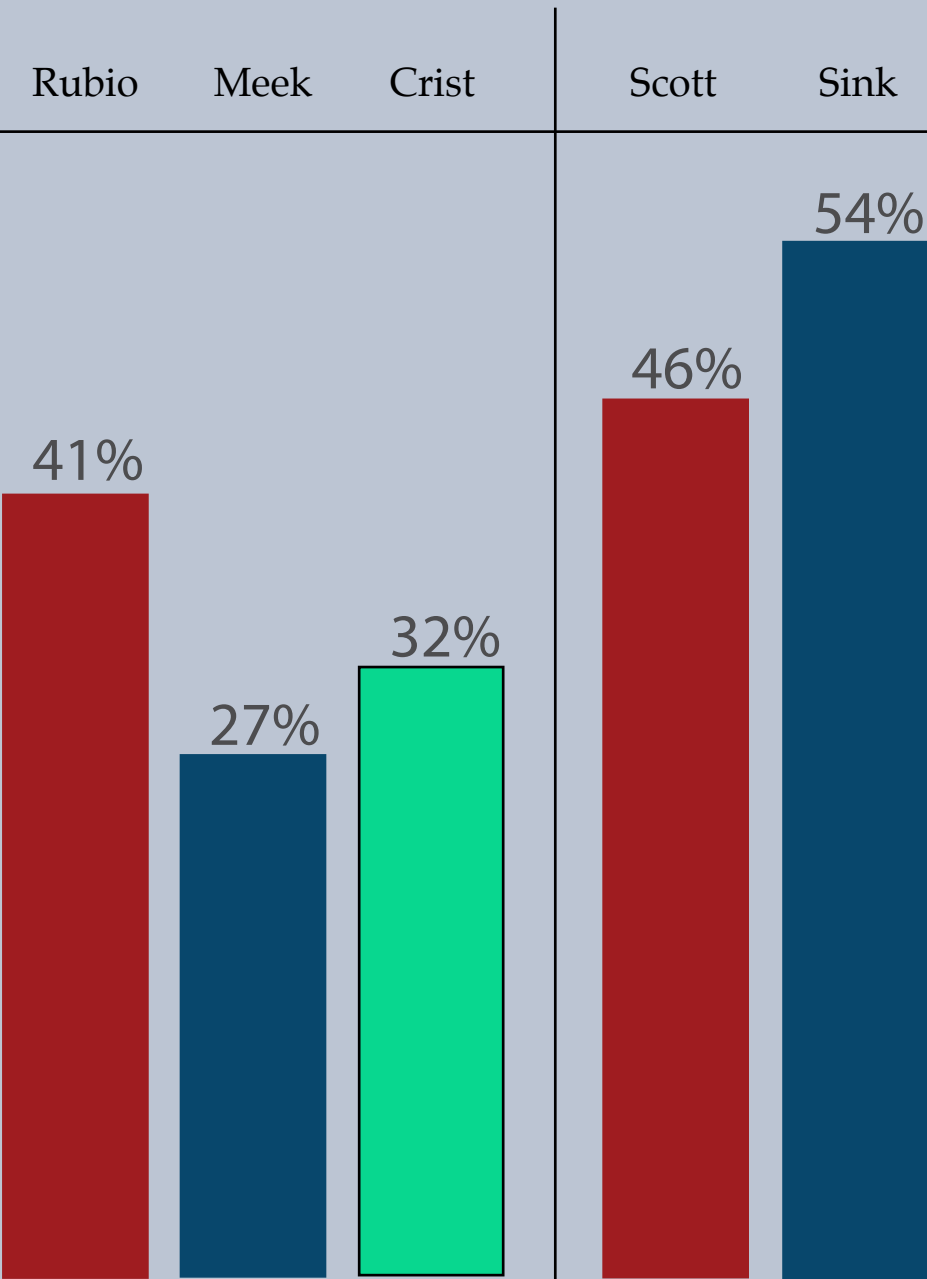
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POLL

Valencia’s voting trends

News reporting students went out and polled West campus students to determine the breakdown of election results.



Photos by Elisanett Martinez; Reporting by Jonathan Terbeche

Who did you vote for and what do you predict will be the election results?



“I really don’t know anything about this election. I don’t want to vote without knowing anything.”

— (None) Carolyn Richard
Culinary, West,



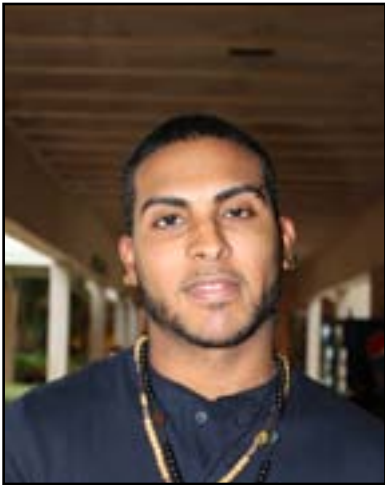
“I take my ideals from both parties and make my own. I am curious to see how Marco Rubio, a hispanic, will perform and what he brings.”

— (None) Carlos Soriano
Business management, West



“I’m actually not an American citizen. I was born in England.”

— (R) David Speight
Criminal justice, West



“I’m not voting, I don’t have time. I don’t even know who’s running.”

— (None) Willy Cruz
Engineering , West, Osceola



“I’m a Democrat like my parents. I predict things will get better in Florida, especially the economy.”

— (D) Javonte Luis
Business management, West



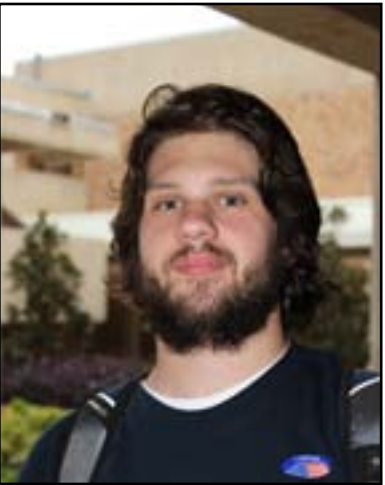
“I can’t vote, I’m going to Pizza Hut. Alan Grayson will definitely stay.”

— (I) Richard Fata
Paramedic, West



“I’ll vote for Charlie Crist. I predict things will only get worse in Florida.”

— (I) Kenya Campbell
Business administration, West



“I voted for Rick Scott because I appreciate him trying to redeem himself. He actually has exprience getting through his mistakes.”

— (I) Aaron Heaton
Computer science, West, East

The left let down

By Victor Ocasio
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While many insist on rejoicing in the recent wake of last night's victories, it must be noted that our nation's changes in leadership is a mere act of unearned buyer's remorse.

Americans in 2008 unanimously decided that after the terrible leadership of the George W. Bush administration and his Republican cohorts, that a positive change could be enacted by the Democrats. Did we honestly think they'd do it over night?

It has only been two years, yet fickle voters have changed sides back to the very party that spent over eight years getting us into this mess.

Consider for a moment the Republicans' most powerful tool in Obama's two year turn; the filibuster. The parliamentary procedure has given the right ultimate power in shutting down votes with only an individual.

Democratic America has been trying to nurse the wounds of a broken nation with a busted leg of their own. Yet so many have decided that two years is more than enough time for a miracle.

The reality is clear. We can expect two years of absolutely nothing. With a Republican House majority, how can we expect any progress in our nation's domestic issues?

Best case scenario? A government that can't pass a single proposed bill.

Worst case? A Congress that refuses to govern, as was the case in 1995 during Bill Clinton's administration, when Republicans used the nation's yearly budget as a negotiation tool to hold our nations better interest hostage.

So much of our hopes for an economic turn around are now burdened upon the shoulders of those would rather freeze up than work alongside our president.

In youth I was told that you can never fail as long as you try. That failure only happens when you quit. Let's get ready for a Congress willing to walk out on its people.

Legislation in ink

Members of the Drug Policy Alliance hold breath in anticipation of marijuana legalization in California



Cartoon by Carl Thermond and Victor Ocasio

The right are alright

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There is an old saying, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me."

Thanks to the real voters of 'today' The House of Representatives has been taken over by the watchdog. The Republicans have the keys again; and to speak the truth, our job from now on is to follow directions from the GPS aka "The American People."

My fellow colleague has a reason to feel disappointed, but not for the reasons he stated. The task at hand is to reignite 'checks and balances,' following the docket, answering to the American people, and making sure our 'little brother' stays out of trouble.

With the Democrats watching over their shoulders at every moment, they will probably do everything they can to follow instructions.

"Now is not the time to be pointing fingers or playing party games, It is time to change direction." Said, future Speaker of the House John Boehner

This is not the first time that the House has been unfiliated to the President. We can look into our history books and use President Clinton as an example. Even though there were multiple differences, compromises were made and decisions came through on Capitol Hill.

From the Balance Budget Act of 1997 to the Tax Relief Act of 1997; some might even add the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act signed in 1996.

I believe that the Democrats needed this wake up call, because now the 'invincible warrior' has been cut. In retrospect a party itself can say they are doing what is best for the country and not involve the people of the country in the action.

These next two years will certainly put to use the definition of the American political system.

Ironically enough, the people that were sick and tired of the Republicans are sick and tired of the Democrats.

Daniel Webster impacts youth



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Republican Daniel Webster is the new congressman for District 8.

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Daniel Webster has built an impressionable image towards young voters and youth.

"People in my generation need to really come out of that apathetic stage that we have been falling into," said Justin Ragsdale, a 17-year-old follower.

"People are just careless about voting, and they don't know anything about politics," said Ragsdale. "We really need to push forward and educate ourselves."

Webster's campaign message has encouraged new voters to be part of fixing Washington, stop overspending, and create new jobs.

Webster is expected to shake up the status quo at Capitol Hill.

"He is the right man for the job," said Steven Warren "He will turn things around in Washington."

In the dawn of a new political climate, youth advocates for a new society are taking self-responsibility, and reclaiming a nation in which the government is here to assist but not to run it.

Webster's victory speech caused excitement in the crowd "the hard work is just beginning," said Webster "Washington is broken, and tonight we started the process of fixing it."

A new chapter has been written in the country, and tomorrow is time to work.

Doubtful Democrats are hopeful

Republicans take the lead in House and Senate

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Members of the Democratic party gathered together at Ember, a restaurant in downtown, Orlando, after the votes were in.

Bryan Mills the host of the party showed an extremely calm demeanor. He expressed the same

mood that his party did: doubtful, but hopeful.

Every time a member of the Republican Party won a seat in the House and in the Senate, Ember's atmosphere became more humdrum.

However, when Gov. Joe Manchin of West Virginia won a seat in the Senate, excitement arose and gave hope to everyone - when it actually seemed as though there wasn't any hope left.

The general consensus among those who attended was that the Democratic Party dropped the ball as a whole. With so many losses in Florida alone, one or two people became so upset they began to shout at the projected CNN newscast.

I cannot even begin to imagine how devastated the rest of the party feels across the country, at least in the districts where there were losses. The anticipation of going to the party was originally exciting for me, until it became apparent that most democrats must have realized that the Democratic Party was going to be beaten as badly as it did because the turn out was less than 50 people.

Every time I have seen parties hosted by a political party on television, it always seemed like there were hundreds of people in attendance.

Hopefully, for the Democratic Party's sake, they can learn from this overall major defeat. Perhaps just as the Republican Party bounced back since 2008, the Democratic Party can bounce back in 2012.

We will have to wait and see if they can rebound, however, with the current solemn mood and stench of defeat in the air, it looks like it could be doubtfully hopeful.



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Bryan Mills Democratic party host mingle with other democrats at Ember downtown after the polls closed

‘The Walking Dead’ attack prime time

Premiere episode is top notch

By Victor Ocasio
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It needs to be noted that as far as television shows go, the overall production quality of “The Walking Dead” premiere episode is top notch. The sheer diversity of cinematography made the 90 minute long episode look and feel more like a movie than a series.

Based off of the comic series by Robert Kirkman, the overall plot of the show is survival in a zombie infested world.

The genre of the series itself is based so heavily on aesthetic quality, that it's a breath of fresh air to see professional work in make up design for the undead actors, and is truly on par with the kind of work seen in George A. Romero films.

Written and executive produced by the same mind behind “The Shawshank Redemption” and “The Green Mile,” Frank Darabont, the series carries a very dark quality that is evident very quickly.

It comes as no surprise to fans and readers of the comic series,

that AMC's translation is not a frame by frame transcription of the original text found in the books. And honestly, as most comic fans will attest to, the translation isn't often the same on screen as it is in text.

It is surprising and refreshing, however, to see how far the producers are willing to go to stick to the original gore of the series.

For those not familiar with the text, the premiere may seem a little slow at times and for those who are familiar, some scenes and situations may seem stretched.

The reason?

Consider that the series will most likely follow the basic plan of an issue, an episode. With each trade book being comprised of six issues, and Kirkman recently releasing trade 12, longevity won't be a concern for producers.

Dialogue was natural most of the time, but was a bit explanatory, and forced toward certain scenes. This only makes sense with the first episode of a show based around a zombie apocalypse. Most viewers are going to need some explanation.

As far as casting goes, it's hard to judge how all the actors will perform when a majority of the figures on screen were dead, but based on the small “living” cast interactions, we can expect some emotional and moving moments from the cast.

The overall appearance of the actors as they compare to their comic counterparts is startlingly accurate, considering the size of the cast.

Expansion on particular characters and plots, that the comic doesn't delve into, offer interesting angles and takes on an already complex story line.

Fans of Kirkman's work, might be a little taken back by the early revealing of a particular plot point not discovered until later in the comic. As much as the spoiler might upset some readers, it certainly makes for a roller coaster of a premiere episode.

For audiences who love character driven shows that take place under extenuating circumstances, such as “The Wire” and “True Blood,” a show like “The Walking Dead” ranks high.

Although it is uncertain how the rest of the season will go, one thing is for certain: “The Walking Dead” is a can't miss series, and deserves to draw in fans by the hordes.

Make sure to tune in to AMC every Sunday, at 10 p.m. and brace yourself for the outbreak.

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Generation Z: Zombie superstars are living it up among the undead

Robert Kirkman and Max Brooks talk spook filled thoughts

By Aaron Sagers
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If George A. Romero, iconic director of 1968's "Night of the Living Dead" and the five follow-ups, is the king of the modern zombie movement, then Robert Kirkman and Max Brooks are the deans of the dead.

In October 2003, comic book scribe Robert Kirkman's Image Comics series "The Walking Dead" debuted as a monthly title. The celebrated title follows a group of survivors from Kentucky to Washington, D.C., as they attempt to survive and rebuild lives after the dead refuse to die.

Kirkman, 31, was already an accomplished comic book creator but "The Walking Dead" is Kirkman's legacy.

Kirkman's success with "The Walking Dead" led to "Marvel Zombies" in 2005, where he was given the freedom to turn super heroes Spider-Man, Iron Man, the Incredible Hulk and others into flesh-eating versions of themselves. On Oct. 31, the TV adaptation of "The Walking

Dead" premiered on AMC with a pilot directed by executive producer Frank Darabont ("The Shawshank Redemption"), and is perhaps the most eagerly anticipated show to premiere in the fall.

After Max Brooks wrote the

critically-acclaimed bestsellers "Guide" and "World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War" in 2006, he became known as an academic of the slow-moving undead.

Far from being in the shadow of his father, comedy director

Max Brooks, the 38-year-old is a zombie historian and lecturer who gives presentations on recorded living dead attacks throughout history, and offers suggestions on how best to survive an impending zomb-pocalypse.

With the "World War Z" being turned into a summer 2012 film, starring and executive-produced by Brad Pitt, and the "Guide" having been spun off into the "Recorded Attacks" graphic novel and zombie scanner iPhone app, Brooks has be-

come a zombie superstar -- all because the shuffling, rotting corpses from horror movies haunted his dreams.

Along with director Edgar Wright and actor Simon Pegg ("Shaun of the Dead"), Brooks and Kirkman are the Gen-X caretakers of the house that Romero built.

The current fascination with the traditional living dead genre (fast zombies need not apply) which has bitten pop culture is directly related to the work of these two. It is perhaps, no small coincidence that my interviews with both were independently set up and scheduled back-to-back with them.

As a result, the responses from Kirkman and Brooks to the same questions I asked them are presented here, together, as one interview.

Aaron Sagers: What celebrity/historical figure as a zombie would you like to encounter?

Robert Kirkman: As a general rule, I would not like to encounter any zombies in real life. But, if I were to pick a celebrity, it would probably be someone like Shirley Temple or somebody who's manageable. I'm not gonna be picking the Abraham Lincoln zombie or anything. That guy is far too tall and formidable. Some kid because I could probably handle that. I don't want to get bit. That's basically

my problem ... I would probably just run away. You know, picking a child zombie was probably not the best idea.

AS: You know this is going to be the headline for the story: "Robert Kirkman Wants to Kill Child Zombies."

RK: It's really just because of self preservation.

Max Brooks: What celebrity or historical figure would I like to encounter? (French painter Henri de) Toulouse-Lautrec because he's short and couldn't move very fast. (I would take him out).

AS: What's the weirdest, off-the-wall question you get from people about zombies?

RK: As far as zombie related and stuff like that, I get the question a lot, "How do I think I would fare if there were an actual zombie apocalypse?" And I think people expect me to be like, "Well, I think I'd do really well because I write this comic book and there's this TV show coming out." I obviously know a lot about this. But I would jump off a bridge pretty quick just because I don't think I would last very long. It doesn't seem like the kind of world that I would want to live in for very long. So I would check out pretty quickly ... take the coward's way out.

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Along with a fascination for Zombies, Kirkman also writes for Captain America, Hulk and other Marvel titles.

Zombies soothe economic turmoil

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MB: Probably "What celebrity or historical person would you most want to meet as a zombie?"

AS: So I have earned a place in the odd interview question hall of fame.

MB: I think you nailed it.

AS: Are zombies actually your favorite horror genre? Or is there something you like more but you sort offell into zombies?

RK: I just want to say that I'm glad this question isn't getting me to talk about my desire to commit suicide or kill children. So I appreciate that. As far as like a horror sub-genre, I guess, yeah, I really do like zombies movies quite a bit. If I were going to pick my favorite I would definitely rather watch a zombie movie than a vampire movie any day of the week ...

MB: I'm just a zombie nerd who happens to think about this stuff ... I'm a zombie fan before I'm a zombie creator.

AS: Why write these stories that are so focused on the people that survive horrific events?

RK: I put a lot into 'The Walking Dead,' but it's not really just a horror thing. There are a lot of different characters; it's a very human story. I try to do just basically a straight drama that has zombies walking around in the background.

MB: The reason (George A. Romero) is the godfather of zombies _ it's basically his world, we're just living in it _ I think the reason that he is The Man, is because his movies are about people. And they are all about social commentary.

AS: Why did you write the stories, then?

My books are just answering my own questions. I went looking for zombie survival guide, believe me. I wanted to read a big, global zombie story with survivors from all around the world. And I

couldn't find it. And I'm like, "you know what? I'm going to do it." I'm going to answer my own question. I am going to feed my own need. I think that's the thing with me: If I'm going to do it, anything with zombies, it's gotta be because I can't stop thinking about it.

AS: There are people who actually believe the zombie threat is real, and are preparing with guns and bunkers. Is the defeat of zombies easier to discuss than it is to figure out how to solve the health-care debate or financial crisis?

RK: Exactly. You can't just shoot the healthcare crisis in the head. It's a much more manageable threat.

MB: I think you have just nailed it right on the head. 100%. I think why zombies are successful in general is because we live in very uncertain times, and I think we are constantly being assailed by crisis after crisis. I think most of these crises are really hard to get your brain around. How the hell did our economy suddenly melt down over night? And what do these terrorists really want? I think there are so many complex issues with so many complex solutions. But, a walking corpse I can shoot in the head. I get it.

AS: At what point do you want to take people aside and say, 'Yeah, I believe it's real but p.s., it's not real.'

MB: I think that the reason the book is successful, honestly, is that when you take away the zombies, it's still a disaster preparedness manual. Which is exactly how I went about it. I went about it very realistically. I thought, ok, if zombies were actually real, forget movies, forget plot devices and gimmicks and drama. How would you really survive? So all the knowledge in there is what you would need in an earthquake or a riot or any kind of disaster. So the nice thing is there's nothing in there that is zombie specific.

RK: I don't want to believe that zombies are real.

AS: (To Kirkman) Have you read Max Brooks' work?

RK: I was given the "Zombie Survival Guide" as a gift, and I just flipped to one page looking through it to see how it was formatted and stuff because I didn't really know how the book was done. It was a page about how to fortify an apartment building by destroying the stairs on the first level and living on the levels above _ zombies wouldn't be able to get up there _ but you've got a rope ladder so if you needed to get down or up, you could. I was like, "Oh my God, I could totally do that in "Walking Dead;" that's totally a practical and it's totally cool. And I can't do it now because it's in this book. Damn it!" So I closed the book and I decided I was never going to look at it ... I didn't want to feel influence by it so I just avoid his work.

MB: (Responding to Kirkman) The poor guy is so paranoid about that. I met him once. The first thing out of his mouth is, "I didn't read it." And I'm like, dude. First of all, I don't care if you did. George Romero would be the first guy to tell you he ripped

off Richard Matheson ... As long as you do something cool with it. Isn't that how it's supposed to work? I'll be the first person to tell you I ripped off Studs Terkel, he was a big influence on me and I shamelessly ripped him off.

AS: When does the zombie work end?

RK: I don't really have an end in mind for Walking Dead. I could say, "Oh, it'll take 10 years or 15 years." But I could see it going 20 more years. I set out as a young man to get into doing and writing comics for a living, and have complete control over those characters in that book. And I have exactly that. So with "Walking Dead," I'm doing exactly what I set out to do. And I'm having the time of my life ... I think I'll be able to keep the book going for a good long while.

MB: There's definitely zombie projects _ not necessarily novels or stories but there's elements of zombie survival culture that I've been kicking around... not another big World War Zombie project. Nothing like that; just a little side thing. We'll see.

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All Hallows Eve unleashes old school heavy metal

Local band 'Iron Cross' revived by holiday

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Iron Cross made a headstrong comeback this Halloween Eve at local bar, McWell's, with a show reminding all in the audience what it means to be a heavy metal band.

Loyal fans, groupies, photographers, sound techs, stage assistants and even their spawn came together to watch the riveting performance. Their live performances are pure energy that you can hardly imagine if you haven't seen it yourself.

With a bonus former member Rex Allan, joining the line up, this was sure to be a night to remember for all members of the Cross brotherhood. Front man, (vocals and guitar) Mike Skelton said, "I am happy to be with everyone, seeing our fans and friends still rocking out."

Cross played Classic's from their early days, including hits, "Mistress of the Dark," "Demons Disciple," "Die Like That," and of course the encore song of the evening "Halloween."

They hold the ability to combine both melodic and powerful

brain crushing elements to form their own style, leading you into their magical world of evil forces.

A vivacious vocal performance put on by bassist Dan "Bipp" Bippes complimented the precise percussion spectacle played by drummer Tony Blair.

Guitarist Rex Coward and Kenny Barber flowed one another's leading edge performing parallel as one. Rex Allan was "psyched to be back."

As fate would have it, Iron Cross has crossed over into the social networking site; Facebook. Creating the group titled 'Iron Cross Posse', Cross has been able to establish the past via web. Many lost friends and fans of Cross have found their way back to one another, sharing photos, searching one another's friends and now trying in this hectic real world to stay in contact.

Formed in late 1979, Iron Cross hit the metal scene and soon became a force to be reckoned with. Cross has succeeded in albums and tours all over Florida and anywhere else their rocking career dragged them and their posse to.

Iron Cross has been guest to many festivals and shows such as Germany's Head Banger's Ball. Iron cross has always been a heavy supporter to the local music scene. With spirits running high, Iron cross will continue to roll heads and rock on.



c/o Rex Coward

Mike Skelton, Rex Coward, Dan Bippes, Kenny Barber and Tony Blair pose for a updated band photo.

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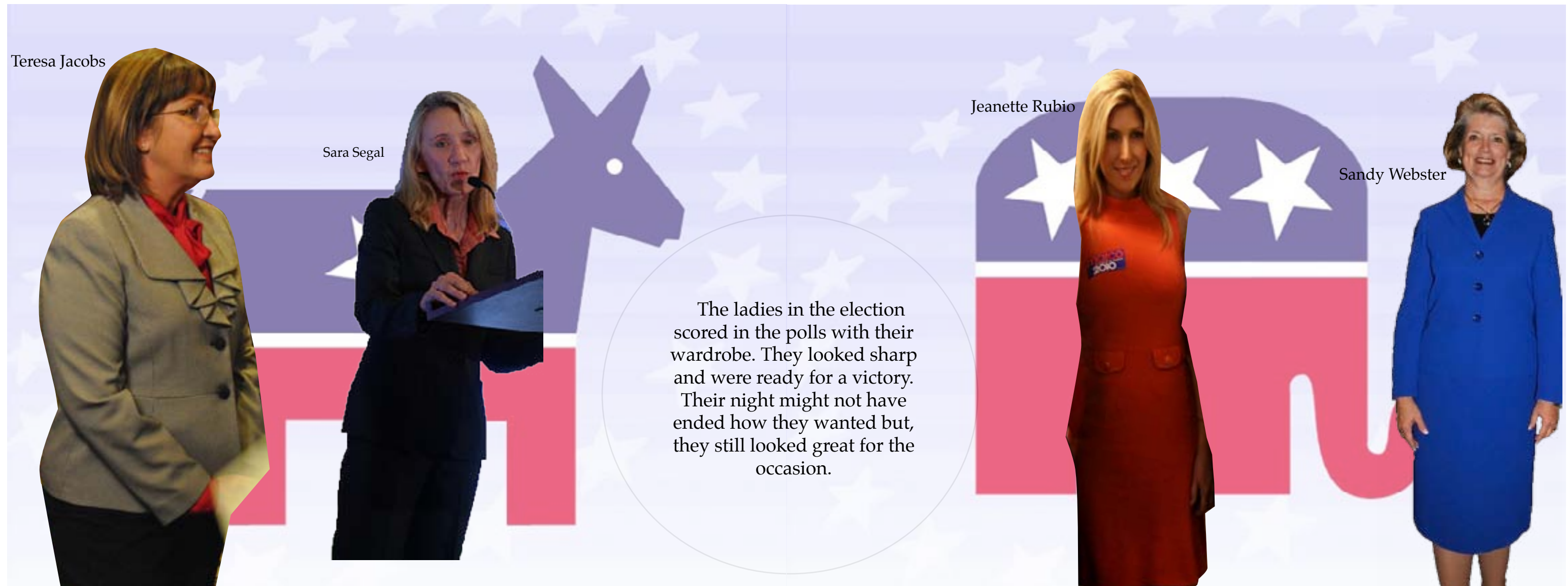


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Teresa Jacobs

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The ladies in the election scored in the polls with their wardrobe. They looked sharp and were ready for a victory. Their night might not have ended how they wanted but, they still looked great for the occasion.

Photo by Philip Salter

Photo by Sebastian Arbelaez

The red brings out her skin and hair color making her stand out with out over doing it. It also seems that she has a tan which is a extra bo

You can never go wrong with black making her look sophisticated and slim. If she had a nice pear of pearl earrings it would add buzz to her whole outfit.

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People may say she looks a little too sensual but she did a great job keeping it conservative yet youthful and stylish.

Photo by Breanne Murphy

Old fashion conservative meets color splash of the new milinia. Maybe if the outfit was more from fitting then it would accentuate her shape and wearing a belt to seperate the different articles might have done the job.

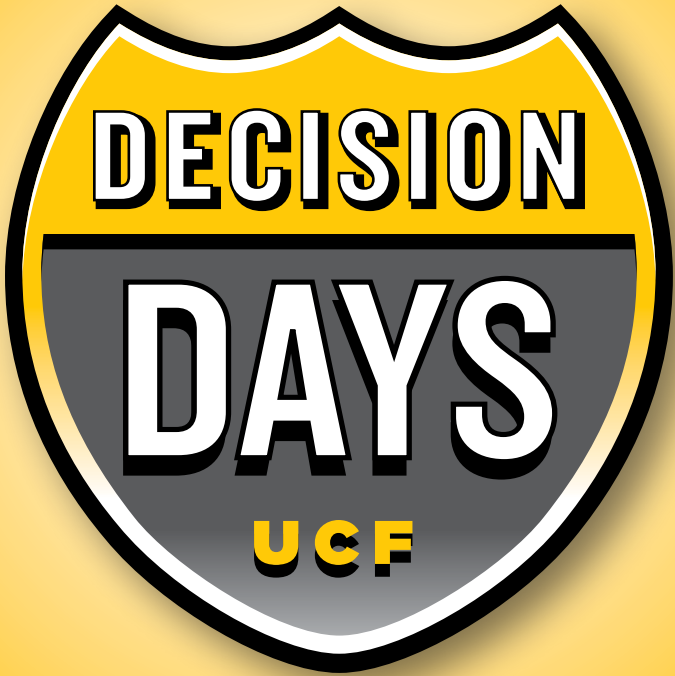


(Picks are winners, they do not take odds into account.)

			
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TB @ ATL			
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NO @ CAR			
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QUICK STATS

- UCF boasts a top 10 ranked defense in the country, and first in Conference USA in scoring, passing efficiency, and total defense.
- Five out of eight games this season UCF has returned the opening kickoff into opponent’s territory, including one return for a touchdown.
- UCF has now scored first in seven out of eight games played this season, including an active 5 game streak.
- Ronnie Weaver has four career 100-yard rushing games, and three of them have come over the last four games.

Shot of the afternoon:



Brian Watters connects with Jeff Godfrey in the second half. Watters finished the game with two catches for 55 yards against East Carolina.

CANNONBALL

Knights sink Pirates in C-USA division battle

By Alex Barrett
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Ronnie Weaver rushed for 180 yards and had two of UCF’s five rushing touchdowns, the UCF defense played well and forced two ECU turnovers, and the Knights defeated the C-USA division rival Pirates with a score of 35-49 Saturday.

UCF got on the board early again against ECU, taking only four min-

utes to gain 49 yards after a 55 yard opening kickoff return with A.J. Guyton catching his third touchdown of the season from Jeff Godfrey. The pass was set up by 5 straight carries by Ronnie Weaver to start the game.

“It was a complete team effort,” said Coach George O’Leary after the game. Godfrey was also pleased at the team effort given; “We had the confidence to move the ball, running and passing. We just played

football.”

UCF would keep the pressure on, and Weaver would continue his rushing rampage on the ensuing drive, breaking four tackles on a 10-yard rushing touchdown at the start of the fourth quarter, putting UCF up by three touchdowns and sealing a huge conference win for the Knights. Weaver carried the ball 10 times in a row at one point deep in the fourth period.



RESULTS (2-2) / SCHEDULE

Sept. 04	S. Dakota	W 38-7
Sept. 11	N.C. State	L 21-28
Sept. 18	@ Buffalo	W 24-10
Sept. 25	@ Kansas St.	L 13-17
Oct. 06	UAB	W 42-7
Oct. 13	@ Marshall	W 35-14
Oct. 23	Rice	W 41-14
Oct. 30	ECU	W 49-35
Nov. 05	@ Houston	
Nov. 13	Southern Miss	
Nov. 20	@ Tulane	
Nov. 27	@ Memphis	

Points for / against 263-132

Conference USA Standings

EAST DIVISION	W	L
UCF	6	2
East Carolina	5	3
UAB	3	5
Southern Miss	3	5
Marshall	2	6
Memphis	1	7
WEST DIVISION	W	L
Houston	5	3
SMU	5	4
Tulsa	5	3
UTEP	5	4
Tulane	3	5
Rice	2	6

Quote of the game:



“I just go out there and have fun, that’s all I do. I want to win games.”

— UCF QB Jeff Godfrey