

But several counselors and juvenile facility schoolteacher John Patrick said that while behavior problems occur at the school, the Withlacoochee kids don't act up as much as residents they have seen at other facilities.

"This program gives every opportunity to any individual who wants to change," said Patrick, 31, who grew up a troubled youth and has taught at one other juvenile facility.

"It's very conscious that these young men are still people who just made mistakes."

_ Staff photographer Ted McLaren contributed to this report.

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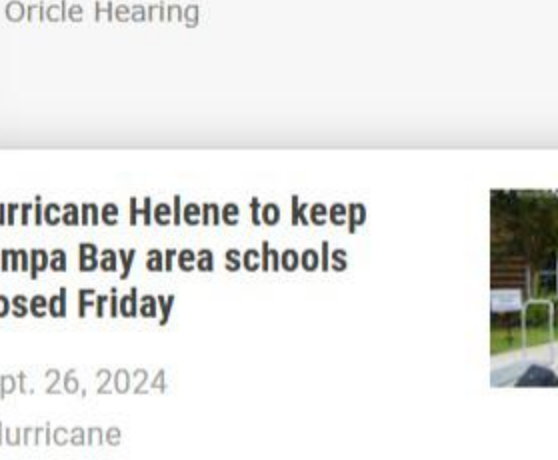
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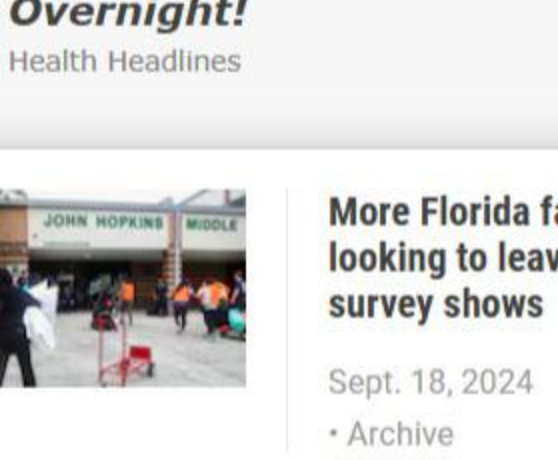
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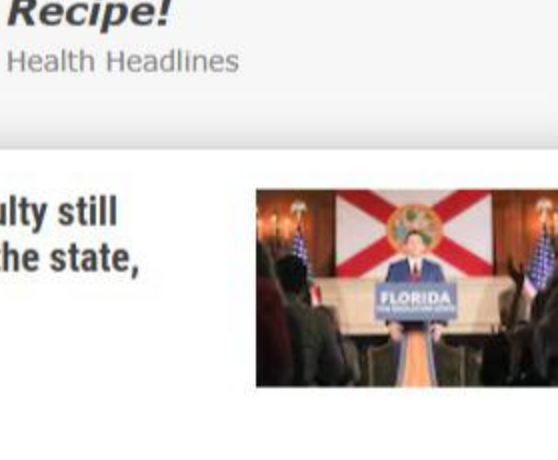
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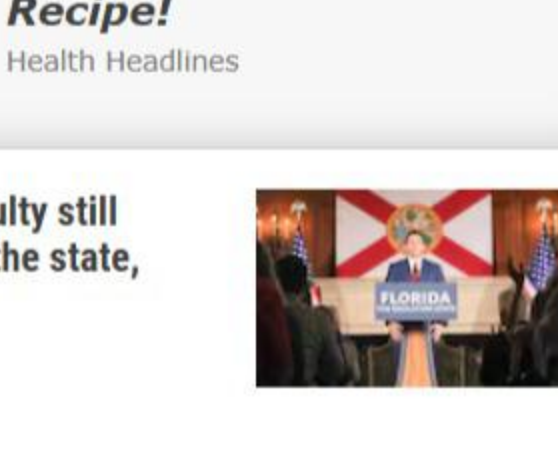
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