



Lake Mary wins another title

Lake Mary High School's baseball team is this year's Class 8A team to watch. On Friday the Rams kept the game just out of reach from Bishop Moore to win 1-0 on the final day of the Colonial Classic at Epperson Field Friday night.
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Special meeting called for airport board, city commission

The Sanford City Commission has scheduled a special meeting with the Sanford Aviation Authority for this evening (Wednesday, March 21) at 5 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Sanford Aviation Authority Executive Offices, located at One Red Cleveland Boulevard, housed in the main terminal. Among expected agenda items to be discussed is the status of lease arrangements with ComAir, ground contamination issues, the pace of development at the facility and the installation status of an Instrument Landing System.

Night sights at the zoo

Meet creatures in the night, those often misunderstood masters of disguise, during Night Sights, March 23 and 24 at the Central Florida Zoo. The adventure begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at the Rain Forest Pavilion. Then, visitors will experience the nocturnal world of animal sights and sounds on a guided safari tour through the zoo. Flashlights will illuminate the Florida wetlands trek where guests may encounter native animals such as bats, owls and flying squirrels. In the herpetarium, snakes will shed some light on their nocturnal behavior. Guests may catch a rare glimpse of elephants, porcupines and leopards to discover their nighttime habitat. Cost for the Night Sights is \$17 for adults and \$8 for children 3 to 12. Reservations are required. For more information, phone the zoo at 407-323-4450, ext. 122. The zoo is located at 3755 NW Highway 17-92, in Sanford.

Seminole Smile



Ruth Layo - Longest active member of the Longwood Tourist Club

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British beef scare hits Sanford

By Joe DeSantis
Staff Writer

Airport monitors travelers to prevent spread of foot-and-mouth disease

SANFORD — Airport inspectors from a trio of U.S. agencies added personnel this week to monitor incoming European travelers, particularly those from Great Britain, in an effort to halt the spread of a foot-and-mouth disease. Nearly a half million cattle have been slaughtered in Europe as officials try to stem the spread of the disease. With more than 1 million international tourists, many from Great Britain where

the disease was first reported, traveling through the Sanford airport, inspectors are increasing monitoring efforts. "Sanford alone increased staff from three to five people this week and may add two more depending on the day and the number of flights," confirmed United

States Department of Agriculture (USDA) spokesperson Hallie Burkhardt. "The Florida Department of Agriculture is also assisting with additional bodies, and we'll be moving inspectors around and reevaluating the situation as it continues to develop."

The USDA this week along with Customs officials and Immigration workers stepped up efforts to monitor, inspect, and interview British travelers arriving at all three Central Florida Airports, attempting to head off an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease that is devastating the cattle industry in England. The disease is spreading to other European countries as well as the Middle East. Since the outbreak was first detected

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Practice makes Purrr-fect

Bengal cats dazzle kids with array of circus feats

By Michelle Jaria
Managing Editor

SANFORD — At the end of the work day, it's not uncommon for Peggy and Jim Trukza to have a few scratches and bites. That's what happens when you try to get a Bengal cat to jump through a hoop when it would rather be taking a nap.

Monday wasn't any different for Peggy. Following the Trukza Troupe performance at the West Sanford Boys and Girls Club, the circus performer showed off her latest battle scar, a small scratch on her left hand.



A Trukza Troupe cat rides a skateboard.

"The cats have claws, so you might get scratched once in a while," Peggy said. "They don't mean to do it — it's just part of what we do." The Trukza Troupe is the advance performance group for L.E. Barnes Circus. A few days before the big top comes to town, the Trukzas and their 10 Bengal cats perform a 20-minute pint-size show to promote the event. Following each performance, the pair travel to the next town, never actually



Peggy Trukza leads a Bengal cat through a maze of milk bottles balanced on a 2x4 elevated 5 feet off the floor. Trukza and her husband Jim created the Trukza Troupe, a team of cats that perform circus stunts.

seeing their circus colleagues. "The circus never quite catches up to us," Peggy said. Many stops the Trukzas make are for non-profit organizations, such as the Girls and Boys Club. The performances publicize the circus while providing a unique form of entertainment for various groups. "They called us and asked if we wanted to have them perform," West Sanford Girls and Boys Club Director Bernadette Gardner said. "Naturally, I said 'yes.'" Monday's performance was supposed to be a surprise for the children at the Sanford facility. However, many guessed what kind of animals

were about to enter the ring when the Trukzas brought the cats' cages into the building and a few soft "meows" echoed in the hall. After the cats finished their warm-up stretches, they showed off their balancing skills by walking across a narrow plank and the tops of milk bottles. One cat got the audience roaring when it rode a scooter across the stage. Only one feisty feline refused to partake in the action, preferring the comforts of his cage to the glory of the stage. A promise of a kitty treat



Michael Clark, 6, reacts to the stunts performed by the cats.

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Bridge construction forces nightly closure of 17/92

By Joe DeSantis
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Local motorists who traditionally travel U.S. 17-92 between Airport Boulevard and 27th Street in Sanford are having to find an alternative route during night time commutes this week. Bridgework construction

work on the Seminole Expressway Project 2 will force the closure of that stretch through Thursday, March 22 between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Construction workers will be erecting steel girders for the U.S. 17-92 overpass. For safety reasons, motorists heading northbound will be detoured around

the work area to Airport Boulevard, Sanford Avenue, 27th Street, and then back to U.S. 17-92. Likewise, motorists traveling southbound will be detoured to 27th Street, Sanford Avenue, Airport Boulevard, and then back to U.S. 17-92. Patrons of the Sanford Plaza, which houses several local busi-

nesses, will continue to be allowed access to the area. Emergency vehicles will likewise continue to have access to U.S. 17-92 at all times if necessary. The five mile extension of the 417 Toll Road is expected to be completed and open to the pub-

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Flipping flapjacks



Clyde Long, Wallace Hall, Alex McKibbin, Russel Shaw, and Roland Jernigan work the pancake assembly line during Saturday's 37th annual Sanford Kiwanis Club Pancake Day, which raises money for the club's charity work throughout the year.

226 tons of trash pulled from rivers

By Nick Pflauf
Staff Writer

More than 5,900 volunteers participated Saturday in the sixth annual St. Johns River Celebration and St. Marys River Celebration. Residents from 17 counties (two in Georgia) pulled more than 453,000 pounds of trash from the waterways. Volunteers on land combed the shorelines of the rivers, lakes and streams of the St. Johns River system while boaters searched the waterways, netting an array of garbage including a safe, birth certificate, traffic cones, golf carts, a park bench and a dinette set. Other items included bicycles, boats, canoes, railroad ties, appliances, motors, aluminum siding, sinks, toilets, a bathtub and channel markers. In Seminole County, 980 volunteers participated in the event, pulling 36,000 pounds of trash from the river and along the shorelines. "This event has been very successful each year in cleaning up the St. Johns and St. Marys rivers



Stephanie Powers and Crockett Hunter pick up trash along the St. Johns river in Sanford. and brings more attention to the needs and value of our water resources," said Henry Dean, executive director of the St. Johns River Water Management District. See Trash, Page 9A

Marijuana cultivating decreases in Florida

Increased detection and statewide draught are cited as keys to the decline

By Joe DeSantis
Staff Writer

SANFORD — A report by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for the year 2000 indicates it was a good year for field agents in charge of marijuana eradication in the Sunshine State and a bad year for pot growers around Florida. FDLE agents as well as federal and local police detected marijuana harvesting in 61 of Florida's 67 counties, including Seminole and Orange Counties, that led to a statewide arrest total of 406 individuals.

According to FDLE public information officer Jennifer McCord, there were a total of 11 eradicated marijuana plots in Seminole County totaling 613 plants. Six of the 11 plots were indoor grow operations that resulted in eight Seminole County arrests.

"The Seminole County arrests in 2000 were a combination of charges for both marijuana possession and manufacturing," said McCord.

Possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana is considered a misdemeanor, while possession of above 20 grams or manufacturing of even one marijuana plant could bring a third degree felony charge.

"In many of the arrest scenarios the marijuana growers face additional charges because we discover weapons and drug paraphernalia during the busts," McCord added.

Overall statistics reflect a drop in marijuana cultivation for the third straight year. Officials said a combination of below average rainfall and effective aerial detection missions utilizing helicopters and planes contributed to the slide. The number of indoor grow operations was also down, dropping from 211 in 1999 to

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SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

A serious proposal

Earlier this month, the Seminole Herald published an obituary that got me thinking. Edith A. Sewell of DeLand, died at a DeLand retirement home. She was 96 years of age. In her earlier years, she had been an elementary school teacher in Macon, Ga.

Balduff Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Orange City sent in the obituary information, and written in large letters under "survivors", were the words "NO LOCAL SURVIVORS." Needless to say, it saddened me.

I didn't know her, but I would imagine this woman had made a number of friends over the past years, probably at the retirement home, but there apparently is no family member — or at least none that can be found. In this particular case, they're having a graveside service for her in the Macon, Ga., area, where she no doubt will have some friends and hopefully some former students.

But what about similar cases which may come about locally where there are no survivors? It brings to mind something that should possibly be considered.

Perhaps someone already does this, but I'm not aware of it. Why isn't there a club or group which will volunteer to attend funerals for people with no survivors. They may not know the deceased, but to be on hand to at least give the person honor and tribute would be an excellent thing to do.

Everyone has accomplished something in the years of life. Edith Sewell, a school teacher, dedicated her life to helping teach children on how to become better adults. I don't know if she was ever married or had any children, but the funeral home says no. Yet, someone arranged for her to be in the retirement home — at that advanced age, she probably didn't do this on her own.

Many organizations seek projects for their membership. How about a bereavement group. Inform local funeral homes that the group is available and give them a phone number for a contact. Then, whenever the occasion arises, which isn't often, a few members could take the time and make the effort to attend the funeral.

We call attending a funeral, "Paying our last respects." Certainly everyone deserves it. And if you decide to form such a group, let me know about it. I'd be happy to see this project get under way.

Dazzling dancers



The Seminole High School Dazzler Dance Team officers perform a routine during the recent Dance and Auxiliary Competition at Seminole High School. Seventy teams from New York to Texas competed in the event.

Tales from the ATM dad

I know a lot of parents out there are giving their teen-agers allowances, and I'm all for it. It gives them a little freedom and teaches them about money — and prepares them for the welfare system, which is such an important part of our society. It's like they've worked at being a kid for 12 years and as soon as they turn 13, they get in collect unemployment.

The trouble starts when they abuse the system by asking for a raise or an advance against future income. These problems can be avoided by Dad changing into a human ATM. Give the kid a card that he has to present prior to withdrawing his allowance. Dad looks at the card and asks him to give his PIN verbally. (This also serves as a sobriety test — for both of them.) Then they punch in their request for the full \$10 allowance. ATM Dad checks his records to see whether they've already withdrawn the maximum for this week.

If everything is fine, he forks over the money. If it's not, he rips up the card and refers them to the account manager: Mom.

Play Me Or Trade Me
Friends are great to have, but if you want to sustain a group of friends for a

lifetime, you really need to manage them. Like a baseball team. You need a mix of veterans and rookies to keep it interesting. It's the veterans who'll see you through when the game's on the line because they've been there before. But you need to put them from time to time because, after this many seasons, everybody's seen their stuff, and their high hard one isn't what it used to be.

And never lose sight of the importance of a good farm system. You need new potential friends coming to the spring tryouts on a regular basis. Most of them will go by the wayside, but then there'll be the newcomer who instantly becomes one of your best friends. What we call a "natural." Old friends are the best friends, but new friends keep everybody honest.

Dangerous Assumptions
Sometimes when we reach mid-life, we have an inflated opinion of how we good we are at reading our surroundings and making behavioral choices based on that evaluation. Here's a short list of dangerous assumptions to watch out for:

- This company will never fire me.
- Everyone likes ethnic jokes.

- That young, attractive woman is giving me the eye.
- I don't need to shave today.
- I'm younger than that old-looking guy.
- A card is as good as a gift.
- Tonight's the night.

Advice For The Ages
If I had to give one piece of advice to a man just moving into adulthood, I would say that you should pretend to be stupid every chance you get. I've never seen any percentage in having a reputation for being smart. People will expect you to know things and will turn to you whenever there's a problem. Where's the fun in that?

I say you're better off if they think you're a little slow. They'll be nice to you and will leave you alone. Over time, that becomes a man's top priority. I'm not telling you to be stupid — just pretend you are. Meanwhile, in a subtle, quiet, unobtrusive way, be just smart enough to stay married and employed.

Quote of the Day: "Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes." — Red Green

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Suspect Apprehended

Orange County authorities have arrested 35-year old Roy Anthony Jones, as a suspect in a Central Florida crime spree. Jones was sought by several local agencies including the Seminole County Sheriff's Department for strong-arm robberies to pawnshops and jewelry stores. Jones would ask to see a high value ring or bracelet and then flee the store, many times getting into an altercation with employees during his escape.

He was arrested during the early morning hours on Sunday. With his arrest, investigators believe many of the pending cases, close to 10, involving strong-arm robberies, will be closed.

Accident Update

The Hispanic man reportedly struck by the passenger-side

mirror of a passing vehicle on SR-434 in Oviedo last Friday, has been tentatively identified as Vincente Jones. He spoke only in Spanish, and gave his name to officers, although no identification papers have been found and no other information is available.

The vehicle has not been located, but no charges are anticipated. The ham is listed in stable condition at South Seminole Hospital.

Police are asking anyone with information to phone 407-977-6155.

Petty Theft

William Robert James, 42, of Summerlin Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday. Officers were called regarding a person taking four 12-packs of beer from a convenience store on E. 25th Street in Sanford without paying. Officers found



a man matching the description on Mellonville Avenue carrying a recycling bin which reportedly contained four 12-packs of beer. The man fled but was apprehended on Cornell Drive. James was identified and charged with shoplifting and resisting an officer without violence.

BOLO Stop
Seminole County sheriff's deputies received a BOLO (Be On Lookout) call regarding a vehicle reportedly involved in a

hit-and-run accident in Volusia County. They located the vehicle and stopped it at SR-46 and Mellonville Avenue in Sanford. Joseph Michael Stinson, 34, of Orlando, driver of the vehicle, has been charged in Seminole County with driving under the influence of alcohol. Specific charges against him in Volusia County were not immediately revealed.

Traffic Stops
• David Lewis Clark, 32, E. Church Avenue, Longwood, was stopped by Longwood police Monday on U.S. Highway 17-92 at Lake Kathryn Circle in Longwood. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

• Christopher Lamar Foster, 3, of Bay Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday. Foster was a passenger in a van stopped by police.

Officers said he gave a false identification. It was found he had a bag containing a loaded gun, as well as brass knuckles. He was charged with two counts of possession of a weapon/firearm by a convicted felon and giving false identification to a law enforcement officer.

• Andrew John Doyle, 20, Kelly Creek Circle, Oviedo, was stopped by Lake Mary police on Sun Drive Sunday. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a suspended license, and resisting an officer without violence.

• Romeo Loreda, 35 of Cocoa, was stopped by Sanford police Sunday on E. Airport Blvd. at Sanford Avenue. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, having faulty equipment, and not wearing a seat belt.

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OUT & ABOUT

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Wednesday, March 21, at 7 p.m., representatives of the Seminole County Sheriff's office and members of the Korona Park community will get together at Ivywild Elementary School to address various issues including providers in the area, and exploring the establishment of a neighborhood watch program. All residents in the surrounding communities are urged to attend. Ivywild Elementary School is located in the 2000 block of Vihlen Road, just off SR-46A, west of Sanford. For additional information phone Richard Key at 407-6450977.

SAT

GoldenRule Housing & Community Development Corp., Inc. is hosting the largest Seminole County Housing Fair ever. The Housing Fair will introduce potential homebuyers to builders, lenders, Seminole County's Down Payment Assistance Program, and housing counseling agencies that are available in Seminole County. Educational seminars will address how to receive down payment assistance, purchase a home on a fixed income, prevent foreclosures, and other services.

Free Credit Reports will also be available. The Housing Fair will be March 24, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Sanford Civic Center. For additional information contact Cynthia Hamilton-Smith at 407-324-9123.

The Lake Brantley Players are producing Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Sound of Music." to be presented March 22, 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lake Brantley High School auditorium. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. For additional information, contact Elana Cranley, production manager at 407-320-3429.

MON

Central Florida Regional Hospital will sponsor a Wellness Seminar for smoking cessation, Monday, March 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Participants will learn to stop smoking without weight gain or withdrawals. The first 45 minutes of each session is a free orientation. If the participant feels comfortable with the program, they pay a one-time fee of \$55, which includes a powerful hypnotic session, behavior modification booklet, home reinforcement audio cassette tape, and unlimited free repetitions of the seminar if needed. For more information phone 1-800-848-2822.

Obituaries

RICHARD E. COVELL
Richard E. Covell, 73, Jefferson Court, Sanford, died Friday, March 16, 2001 at Flea World in Sanford. Born Oct. 13, 1927 in Brockton, Mass., he moved to Sanford in 1957. He was co-owner of Dick's Appliance Store in Sanford and an Episcopalian. He was a member of Sanford Lions Club and a World War II U.S. Army veteran.
Survivors include wife, Barbara, Sanford; son, Donny Covell, Lake Mary; daughter, Donna Mahonken, Merritt Island; seven grandchildren.
Grantow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

STANLEY H. GORDON
Stanley H. Gordon, 85, 36th Place East, Seattle Washington, died Thursday, March 15, 2001 at Winter Park Memorial Hospital. He was born Dec. 28, 1914 in New Rochelle New York. He was a retired citrus grove owner and grower, and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.
Survivors include wife, Gloria L., Seattle; daughter, Susan G. Paugh, Charleston, W. Va.; step-sons, Walter Whitaker, Boca Beach, Fl., Harry Whitaker, Orlando, Ed Elmd, Jr., and James Elmd, both of Seattle; three grandsons; three great-grandchildren; 10 step grandchildren.
Banfield Funeral home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

grandchildren; one great-grandchild.
A memorial service for family only was held Monday with Rev. Bruce Scott officiating.
Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

KHONA M. O'CONNELL
Khona M. O'Connell, 69, Barrington Circle, Winter Springs, died Monday, March 19, 2001 at her residence. Born March 16, 1932 in Dundick, New York, she moved to Central Florida four years ago. She was a retired inter-department library loans director for S.U.N.Y. at Plattsburgh, N.Y., and also worked at the Seminole Community College library. She was a Catholic.
Survivors include sons, Jeffrey T., Mesa, Ariz., Michael T., Ellikottville, N.Y.; daughters, Kitty, Atlanta, Ga., Mary E. Carlson, Fredonia, N.Y., Trish, Tampa; sisters, Patricia Sullivan, Naples, Barbara Banach, Fredonia, N.Y.; fiancé, Greg Collins, Sanford; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.
Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

JACKSON FRANKLIN VAN RYDER JR.
Jackson Franklin Van Ryder, Jr., 70, Fox Valley Court, Longwood, died Sunday, March 18, 2001. Born in Oklahoma City, Okla., he moved to Central Florida in 1981. He was a member of Church of the Annunciation, and a Korean war veteran of the U.S. Marines. He belonged to Kappa Alpha Order Seal, Korean War Veterans Association, Central Florida Chapter 153 Marine Corp League, CPL. Larry E. Smedley Detachment, Military Order of Devil Dogs 5, Mid Florida Korean War Veteran Chapter 173.
Survivors include wife, Elsa A. Van Ryder.
Woodlawn Carey Hand Funeral Home, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.
EDITH CARTER WIMBERLY

Edith Carter Wimberly, 82, Rose Way, Sanford, died Thursday, March 15, 2001. Born in Kissimmee, she was a lifelong Central Florida resident. She was a homemaker.
Survivors include daughters,

Linda Harris, Valdosta, Ga., Barbara Corrales, Sanford; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.
Tri-County Cremation Service, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.

CATHERINE J. CYR
Catherine J. Cyr, 83, Wymore Road, Maitland, died Sunday, March 18, 2001. Born in Boyne City, Mich., she moved to Central Florida in 1994. She was a salesperson in the gift industry and a Presbyterian.
Survivors include sons, Jack M. Smith, Maitland, Richard J. Smith, Gig Harbor, Wash.; sister, Lucille Fox, Traverse City, Mich.; brother Atwood "Zuke" Shaeffer, Florida; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.
Woodlawn Carey Hand Funeral Home, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAM E. "BILL" NICARRY
William E. "Bill" Nicarry, 70, Southcot Road, Casselberry, died Thursday, March 15, 2001. Born in Chambersburg, Penn., he moved to Central Florida in 1956. He was owner of Nicarry Tile & Marble Company and a member of First Presbyterian Church, Sanford.
Survivors include wife Winifred "Winnie"; sons, Steven, Greenville, N.J., Neal, Orlando, Kevin A., Longwood; daughter, Kathy Hunter, Sanford; brothers, Wayne, Chambersburg, Penn., Omar, Greenville, Penn.; sisters, Gail Negley, Leominster, Penn., Mary Hess, Chambersburg; seven

KATHERINE L. "KAY" TATUM
Katherine L. "Kay" Tatum, 73, Whitehall Blvd., Winter Springs, died Wednesday, March 14, 2001. Born in Memphis, Tenn., she moved to Central Florida in 1966. She was a retired bookkeeper for

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Community Notes

Network Alliance
The Sanford Network Alliance, for Sanford, Lake Mary and Heathrow Professionals, will meet Tuesday, March 27, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Bennigan's on SR-46 in Sanford. Special guests will be Mark NeJame, attorney and owner of Orlando's Tabu, and Robert Johnson, CEO of African American Financial Resource Alliance.

Sanford/Lake Mary campus.
Competition will begin at 9 a.m., with an awards ceremony at 11:30 a.m.

Pet the Llama
The 4-H Wanna Llama Club will bring one or two Llamas to the Soup program at the East Branch of the Seminole County Public Library System on Saturday, March 31 at 2 p.m. Information, literature and displays will be available with crafts for everyone.
East Branch Library is located at 310 Division Street, Oviedo. For more information phone 407-366-8150.

Volunteers Wanted
Community Care for the Elderly is seeking volunteers of all ages to assist frail elders in Seminole and Orange Counties. Services such as transportation, socialization, companionship, and respite are provided. Some volunteers may qualify for a stipend, a modest monetary allowance.
The next volunteer training session is scheduled for Saturday, March 31, at 9:30 a.m. in Winter Park.
For additional information or registration, phone 407-628-2884.

State of the City
Winter Springs Mayor Paul P. Partyka will present a "State of the City" address, Monday, April 2, from 7:30 until 9 a.m. He will give updates on all items pertaining to the city including the city's

new Town Center.
A continental breakfast will be included.
The location remains to be announced. For additional information phone 407-327-1800, ext. 226 or ext. 227.

Oviedo Boosters
The Oviedo High School Athletic Booster Club will hold its annual Spring Carnival, Thursday, April 5 through Sunday, April 8. All money raised will go to help the various athletics programs at OHS.
For additional information contact Debbie Lorenzetti at 407-771-5415.

Victims' Luncheon
The National Crime Victim's Rights Week Luncheon and Awards Ceremony will be held Tuesday, April 24, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Country Club at Heathrow. The event is sponsored by the Office of the State Attorney in partnership with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
Court Gator 463 of the Independent Order of Foresters will be honoring the Sanford Police Department with an appreciation breakfast Wednesday, March 28 at 7 a.m., at the Sanford Civic Center. All Sanford residents are urged to attend and pay tribute to Sanford's finest. In connection with the breakfast, Child Abuse Prevention Month for April will also be kicked off.
For additional information contact Jean McLain at 407-322-3903 or Patricia Doughty at 407-321-2129.

Physics Olympics
Central Florida High School students will be defying the laws of physics at Seminole Community College Thursday, March 29, at the 22nd annual Central Florida Physics Olympics. Over 2,500 Juniors and Seniors are expected to participate, from Seminole, Lake and Orange Counties in 19 mind-boggling events at the SCC

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OPINION

Hypocrisy

Democrats aren't backing campaign finance reform

John McCain must feel like Henry Limpet. Remember? He was the title character from the whimsical Warner Bros. film, "The Incredible Mr. Limpet." Limpet, played by the renowned thespian Don Knotts, was a mild-mannered bookkeeper who really, really wanted to be a fish.



Joseph Perkins

And — lo and behold! — he got his wish. Which brings us to Sen. McCain.

The not so mild-mannered Arizona Republican has been crusading for campaign finance reform for several years now.

He has persuaded himself that the only reason the Senate has not passed legislation he has co-sponsored with Wisconsin Democrat Russ Feingold is because his fellow Republicans have prevented the measure from coming to a vote.

This year is a different story, however. Emboldened by the Upper Chamber's new configuration — 50 Republicans, 50 Democrats — McCain hectoring Majority Leader Trent Lott into scheduling a full-blown debate on campaign finance reform next week, with a floor vote to follow.

But a disquieting development has occurred on the road to reform: The unanimous Democratic support on which McCain counted has started to break down.

It began this week with Louisiana Sen. John Breaux, who declared that if McCain-Feingold were to come to the floor in its current form, "I would vote against it."

Similar sentiments were expressed by New Jersey Sen. Robert Torricelli, who happens to head the Senate Democrats' fund-raising operation. "Clearly," he said this week, McCain-Feingold "tests the limits of constitutionality under First Amendment laws."

And Breaux and Torricelli are not the only Democrats who have suddenly — and hypocritically — backed away from previous support for McCain's pet legislation.

The latest reports from Capitol Hill have it that Sens. Dianne Feinstein of California, Chris Dodd of Connecticut, Ben Nelson of Nebraska, Harry Reid of Nevada and Mary Landrieu of Louisiana also have defected from McCain's campaign finance crusade.

That's because Democrats have never really favored campaign finance reform. Their seeming support for McCain-Feingold was no more than political subterfuge.

Since Sens. Breaux, Torricelli, Feinstein, Dodd, Nelson, Reid, Landrieu, et al., knew that McCain could not muster the 60 votes needed to block Republican-led filibusters of his bill — and, thus, could not bring the measure to an actual vote — they could cast a harmless vote McCain's way.

It enabled them to appear to support campaign finance reform in the eyes of the unsuspecting public. And it gave them ammunition to use on the campaign trail last year against McCain's fellow Republicans.

So now Senate Democrats have four more members, bringing them to even strength with Republicans. McCain should have the numbers to pass his campaign reform bill.

But the Democrats are not about to go along with a ban on "soft money," as McCain-Feingold would codify into law. They rely too much on these unlimited, unregulated contributions from corporations, unions and deep-pocket individuals.

Indeed, the party of Breaux and Torricelli raised \$243 million in soft money for the 2000 election, according to the Federal Election Commission. That's a negligible \$1 million less than Republicans.

In congressional races, Democrats actually enjoyed a soft-money advantage over the GOP, \$120 million to \$94 million. That may very well account for Democratic gains in both the Senate and House.

Now if McCain-Feingold is enacted, the parties would be allowed to raise only "hard money," which is accumulated from individual donations of no more than \$1,000. In 2000, Republicans generated \$447 million in hard money. The Democrats managed only \$270 million.

"Many of us," said Sen. Breaux, the out-of-the-closet campaign-finance-reform foe, "have concluded that it (McCain-Feingold) creates a very uneven playing field between the two parties. I don't think that's what we should be for."

Yet, McCain remains convinced that Senate Democrats will ultimately back his legislation when it comes up for consideration beginning next week. He just can't bring himself to accept that his friends on the other side of the aisle were merely pretending to support McCain-Feingold the past few years.

So, at long last, John McCain will get his wish. And when the votes on campaign finance reform are all counted, he'll be a fish.

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Blacks are losing out to latinos as minority

News from the U.S. Census comes as an unwelcome surprise to many African-Americans; it shows that Latinos are already as large a percentage of the U.S. population as blacks. The numbers reflect more than a mere demographic abstraction. They confer status, prestige and power.

As the Latino population continues to grow, the attention that federal and state governments, institutions and corporations have lavished on African-Americans since the 1960s will wane.

The word "minority" will not be a substitute for the word "black," as it is in most public policy discussions outside California, Texas, Florida and New York. Instead, those words will suggest Americans whose ancestry traces back to Mexico and southward.

Some African-American leaders have responded to the growing political influence of Latinos

by circling the wagons to keep the newcomers out. In the Georgia legislature, black lawmakers recently tried to block a proposal to broaden the state's definition of "minority" to keep Latino-owned businesses from qualifying for a state program that boosts minority-owned enterprises. Those black lawmakers fear competition.

But that sort of narrow-minded effort won't work in the long run. The reasonable thing for African-Americans to do in response to rising Latino power is to become more competitive: raise their SAT scores, increase their personal wealth through savings, and develop cutting-edge businesses that can compete for private-sector customers.

Even before the latest census, affirmative-action efforts aimed at blacks were losing political support. It's not just white conservatives who have begun to resent special assistance to black

Americans. So have many Asian-Americans, who claim some of their kids are shut out of prestigious colleges because of efforts to get black kids in.

The current discussion about dropping the SAT requirement at prestigious colleges won't change the need for black students to earn higher scores on standardized tests. As a college education has become the ticket to the middle class, more students want to attend good schools. Since the elite schools cannot accept every applicant, they will have to use tests of some kind to sort the brilliant from the mediocre. Black kids ought to aim for brilliance.

Something similar applies to black-owned businesses: They, too, will have to learn to survive without special assistance. It is high time for affluent African-Americans to start credit pools to assist struggling black business owners. It's also time for black-owned businesses to look beyond the traditional base of government contracts.

During the early 1990s, when

multiethnic California languished in severe recession, fierce competition among blacks and Latinos generated profound resentments. Black Californians complained that they deserved the jobs, the college scholarships, the government set-asides for minority-owned businesses. It was black Americans, after all, who endured slavery and the stark oppression that followed, they argued.

That's all true, but it's also increasingly irrelevant. The United States is a country not much given to looking back. It looks forward, and Latinos represent the wave of the future. Their sheer numbers — their clout at the ballot box, their spending power in the marketplace — will make them the people of color to whom public policy responds.

If African-Americans are to continue progressing toward the nation's economic mainstream, we need to start looking forward, too. The heyday of black civil rights is over. It's time to let it go.

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Campaign finance: A system of legalized bribery

If President Bush was serious during his campaign about restoring integrity to the White House, he ought to be standing on the steps of the Capitol preaching the good news of the campaign finance reform bill that hit the Senate floor Monday.

So far, we haven't heard a peep.

Simply put, we cannot have faith in the integrity of any of our elected officials, including the president, without radically changing the way politicians pay for their campaigns.

"This is a system of legalized bribery and legalized extortion," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said to The San Francisco Chronicle's editorial board, repeating the message he has been delivering to mostly deaf ears for years now.

McCain and Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., co-sponsors of the bill, know their support inside the Beltway is still just lukewarm; what incentive would politicians who have been well-

served by this system have to change it?

So McCain and Feingold have been traveling the country, bringing their message directly to the people. A well-informed public will make it more difficult for politicians to continue to oppose the bill on the basis of free speech. They equate money with free speech.

"AT&T gave the same amount of money to each (political) party," McCain pointed out. "Is that schizophrenia, or do they want influence?"

We know the answer. Yet AT&T's influence-peddling is completely legal under our current regulations.

If the American public had any doubt about the connection between special interest contributions and our politicians' biased decisions, it surely was wiped away in the aftermath of former President Clinton's pardon decisions.

Among those pardoned,

including the now-infamous Marc Rich, more than a few had poured up some serious contributions to Clinton's party or his wife's U.S. Senate campaign or to his presidential library.

Clinton's pardons were only the latest and boldest examples of what goes on every day in Washington. "What Clinton did, that's bribery," McCain said, smiling. "We Republicans practice extortion." In fact, they all practice extortion, hitting up one corporation after another for donations.

I remember at the Democratic National Convention last summer watching this corporate-political dance with naive amazement. Companies that had legislation pending before Congress paid for the mountains of prawns and rivers of margaritas at parties in honor of the very politicians who would be voting on the legislation. And this, too, is now perfectly legal.

If we don't change the system, rich people will always have a megaphone and poor people a muzzle. If we don't change the

system, politicians — or at least many of them — will always be making decisions in their donors' best interests instead of ours.

"I'm worried about young Americans being motivated to vote, to serve, to run for public office, be a part of the political system," McCain said. "I learned on the campaign trail that young Americans are eager to serve their communities, their neighborhood, their friends. But they do not want to be involved in the political process when they see that they are not represented, and it's not a system that they can admire."

The answer is not to throw up our hands and sigh, "That's politics." The truth is that we hold the ultimate power over our elected officials, yet too many of us do not use it.

It's time to send a clear message to Washington that, OK, we might not have thick enough wallets to gain access to the halls of Capitol Hill, but the voting booth is open to all.

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From A to Z

Art Zielinski asks people what they think ...

I think Sanford will benefit. I see a lot more people in the shops. It will give Sanford more exposure if it's on the map.

Jim Stanley, Sanford

I feel everyone will head to Orlando. I don't think you will see any impact in Sanford, except for people being lost.

Ernie Ferril, Sanford

My feeling — from a county perspective — is that it is very beneficial for the county. It's imperative that we have an international airport. The economic effect will spill over from the Lake Mary business corridor into Sanford.

Ted Cranias, Sanford

It will definitely help Sanford. I've been waiting a long time for this. It will be convenient for the people who don't want to fly out of Orlando. The increase in people will help the downtown shops.

Judith Ucci, Sanford

I think it will be better for Sanford, the more people the more business. Sanford needs a change. It will be better for the economy. Businesses like restaurants, motels, and stores will hire more people.

Bishop Mary W. Smith, Sanford

SGTV provides coverage of state legislature

By Joe DeSantis
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole County governmental watchdogs who like to keep an eye on the day-to-day activities of the Florida Legislature have a new tool to use.

Seminole County Government Television (SGTV) has expanded its programming schedule to include gavel-to-gavel coverage of the Florida Legislature's 2001 Session, which runs until May 4.

Coverage is provided through The Florida Channel, and can be viewed from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. weekdays on SGTV, except when Seminole

County Commission and School Board meetings pre-empt the coverage.

SGTV's Legislative coverage includes the program "Capitol Update" which offers viewers concise reports on the potential impact of bills being debated by members of the Florida House and Senate. Live coverage of Florida House and Senate proceedings is being supplemented by a series of brief interview segments with members of the Legislature.

"By airing the Florida legislative Session, SGTV is providing the public with timely, accurate, and relevant information, to promote a responsible and informed interaction between government and citizens," said Matt Chesler,

Program Manager of SGTV.

SGTV will continue to provide its own live gavel-to-gavel coverage of Seminole County Board of County Commissioners meetings and work sessions as well as Planning and Zoning Commission meetings, Code Enforcement Board meetings, and Board of Adjustment meetings.

SGTV also provides Seminole County viewers with a variety of locally produced programming including the highlights of various county departments and services, as well as programming from the Seminole County School Board and Seminole Community College.

"The legislative broadcast is in response to requests from Seminole County citizens," said

Chesler. "Previously Orange County cable television carried the broadcast. We acquired a satellite dish that allows us to take a direct feed from the State Capitol."

Chesler said in addition to current programming offerings, SGTV planned for additional programming in the future and expects SGTV's menu of programs to continue to expand.

SGTV is operated by Seminole County Government and can be seen on Time Warner Cable Channel 9 throughout most of Seminole County. The weekly program lineup is available on Seminole County's web site www.co.seminole.fl.us.

The Way We Were: A letter from London

The letter from which the following information was taken was in a box full of items recently donated to the Sanford Museum by Lorraine Yarborough Whiting. This letter and other information had been

published in the Sanford Herald on August 2, 1951. There is a great deal of information in this letter so it will be in two parts.

Grace Marie Stinecpher

Dr. H.M. Beardall, a former resident of Sanford had recently found the letter among some old papers and had donated it to the Sanford Public Library in 1951.

It had been written in London by Gerald Waller on Oct. 1, 1880 to Messrs William MacKinnon, Eli Leas, the executors of the estate of the late Alban Morrison and others.

Evidently, Mr. Waller had been sent to Sanford by this firm and he was giving his report in the letter.

Mr. Waller explained that he had left Liverpool May 8, 1880 on the Cunard Company's SS Gallia for the United States. His purpose was to inspect and report on the Florida properties belonging to the Honorable Henry S. Sanford which had been purchased provisionally for the Florida Land and Colonization Co., Ltd.

When Mr. Waller arrived in New York on May 18, he delivered letters of introduction to

the office of the Henderson Brothers of the Anchor Line. After spending two days in New York, he went to Philadelphia where he spent a few hours with Mr. F.R. Shelton, president of the Manayok Bank, agent for Mr. Sanford. Mr. Waller then traveled to Jacksonville which took him 60 hours from New York. Mr. James Ingraham, manager of Mr. Sanford's Florida estates, met him at the hotel.

The two men left Jacksonville the following day by steamer up the St. Johns River for Sanford. It was a distance of 165 miles which took 28 hours. Henry Sanford met them and accompanied them to the Sanford House Hotel. As explained by Mr. Waller, the hotel closed during the summer, but had been opened for the reception of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford.

From that Wednesday until the following Saturday, Waller and Ingraham explored the town and the grant of Sanford; the information gained constituted the remainder of the letter.

The grant originally consisted of 12,547 acres and was acquired by Mr. Sanford for about \$1.25 per acre. It had now become very valuable because of the many improvements, the development of orange growing and by immigration.

The Township of Sanford, for which 581 acres of suitable land had been reserved, contained a resident population of about 300. It was situated on a high pine land rising from the river, which expanded into a lake ten miles long and five miles wide called Lake Monroe. Forth acres had been laid out in building

lots 100 feet by 33 feet, with streets 82 feet wide running north and south and cross streets 66 feet wide, east and west.

The Sanford House fronted on the lake and contained 50 bedrooms and other accommodations. It had been build with a view to future enlargement. During the previous season, (October to April) the hotel had been full and had turned visitors away.

A warm sulphur spring a half mile from the town might be an attraction to invalids if suitable bathhouses were erected. These could be leased with and be under the management of the Hotel.

There was daily communication between Sanford and New York; to Jacksonville by steamboat and then by rail with a choice of three different routes. The journey of 60 hours would soon be reduced by eight hours when the railway between Jacksonville and Savannah was completed.

Steamboats sailed daily between Jacksonville and Sanford, calling at some 25 intermediate stations, making the run in 20 to 25 hours. Two steamers left Jacksonville weekly for New York.

A wharf had been built in Sanford with a substantial pier extending 300 yards into Lake Monroe at which the steamboats embarked. There were also two schools, three churches, a town hall and a weekly newspaper.

Sanford was practically the terminal point of the St. Johns River. Navigation by small boats could go an additional 100 miles further south.

Family Research Council head to speak in Orlando at mayors' prayer breakfast

Kenneth L. Conner, President of the Washington, DC-based Family Research Council, will speak at the 34th Central Florida Mayors' Prayer Breakfast. The event is scheduled for Tuesday morning, May 1, at 7 a.m. at the Rosen Centre Hotel on International Drive South.

In September, 2000, Conner was named to succeed Gary Bauer who became a contender for the Republican presidential nomination. Conner is no stranger to the world of politics and public policy. He has been active in presidential, congressional and gubernatorial campaigns and was a contender for the Republican nomination for governor of Florida in 1994. Conner accepted leadership of the Family Research Council after he considered running for Attorney

General of Florida in two years.

As a member of the Tallahassee law firm of Wilkes & McHugh, P.A., Conner has



Conner

been an outspoken advocate on family issues, nursing home and corrections reform. His work has been profiled in the public media including ABC's Prime Time Live, the MacNeil Lehrer NewsHour, CBS, ABC and CNN.

The mayors of Central Florida with other city, county

and state leaders, have been invited to the breakfast. The event is traditionally viewed by organizers as a unique opportunity for Central Floridians to gather once a year to pray for civic leaders who govern matters affecting our families, the economy and public safety. The event precedes the annual Congressionally proclaimed National Day of Prayer set this year for Thursday, May 3.

The Mayors' Prayer Breakfast is the outgrowth of an event began by the Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce in 1967. The annual event is now privately organized by a volunteer committee of business men and women and is not government funded or endorsed.

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Sanford celebrates St. Patrick

Hundreds gather to honor the Irish



Pictured above Walt Padgett, executive director for Sanford Main Street Inc., decided to honor the Irish by wearing a kilt. The St. Patrick's Day event was sponsored by Sanford Main Street Inc., and included numerous activities. At right, the tables in Magnolia Square were decorated with the traditional pot of gold, which can usually be found at the end of the rainbow.



Melanie Nehrig of Orlando paints a shamrock design on 3-year-old McKenzie Greenhouse of Sanford during Sanford Main Street Inc.'s St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Herald photos by Tommy Vincent



Piper Cat McDonald of the Royal Stewart Highlanders of Orlando strolls up and down Sanford's mainstreet playing Irish medleys during Sanford's St. Patrick's Day celebration.



Hillary, left, Cindy, Jerry and Joshua Roscoe of Sanford get into the St. Patrick's Day spirit with face painting and beads. The family enjoyed the festivities sponsored by Sanford Main Street Inc.

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Listening tool to good conversation

DEAR ABBY: I read your column daily and have found the questions concerning when to talk to children about sex

very interesting. I feel it's up to the children to bring up the subject first. If you have made them comfortable talking to you, they will expect their questions to be answered honestly.

I was working in the kitchen one day when my daughter, age 8, brooded me with, "Mommy, how old do I have to be before I can have sex?"

I took a deep breath and told her not until she found a man she really loved and wanted to be her baby's daddy, because when you have sex you could get pregnant and have a baby.

She responded matter-of-factly, "You could always use the pill." I told her there were other ways, and she said, "You could just say no." I praised her and thought the exchange was over when she asked if, when her daddy and I were dating, did I ever tell him no? Here I copped out and told her that was something she needed to ask her daddy.

My husband was outside and unaware of what was taking place in the kitchen, so he was surprised when his 8-year-old daughter approached him and asked if, when he was dating Mommy, did she ever say no to having sex? He and I are on the same page when it comes to parenting. Without hesitating he answered, "Yes, repeatedly." She said OK and walked away, discussion over.

My daughter did wait for the man she truly loved to come along. They now have two beautiful sons.

I'm relating this story so that young parents will know the importance of listening to their children and answering their questions honestly. This holds true throughout their lives. You may not always like what you hear, but if you have always been willing to listen, they will continue to talk to you.

HAPPY GRANNY
IN WALDO, FLA.

DEAR HAPPY GRANNY: Thanks for a letter that's sure to promote discussion among people of all ages. It addresses the importance of responding to children's questions in an age-appropriate way. It reminds me of a story I heard years ago: A young mother was asked by her 7-year-old son, "Mommy, where did I come from?"

The mother had prepared herself well in advance for that question and was ready with the answers, in all their anatomical detail. When she finished her lecture, her son replied, "Oh. My friend Jimmy said he came from St. Louis."

DEAR ABBY: I am a 79-year-old grandmother of 17 and great-grandmother of eight. I am writing about the grandma letters you printed in your column. I was shocked at how some of them talk about their "terrible" grandchildren. I love all my grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

They come with their pink and blue suitcases that say "Going to Grandma's" and spend the weekend with us. I have had as many as seven stay overnight at one time. In the morning, I ask what they want for breakfast.

I live for the times when they visit. I always have five days to get my house back in order. I do laundry, clean and make beds until Friday — when they come back again. I love it!

GRANDMA SUSIE,
SHAWNEE, OKLA.

DEAR GRANDMA SUSIE: Some people may say you are giving up your life for your grandchildren. The truth is, you are receiving love and making precious memories for the children with whom you are sharing your life.

MLK golf tournament planned for April

Calling golfers for a day of fun.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., City of Sanford Steering Committee Golf Tournament will be held at Mayfair Golf and Country Club, located on Highway 46-A in Sanford, on Good Friday, April 13, with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Early entries are recommended by March 23. The entry fee is \$65 which includes greens and cart fee, a continental breakfast, lunch, beverages and awards.

The event will be a four-person scramble. Prizes for first, second and third place, closest to the pin and longest drive.

Submit the entry fee by check or money order to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Steering Committee of Sanford, P.O. Box 500, Sanford, FL 32772.

For information contact Carlton Edge at 407-330-7483.

The 78th Anniversary Celebration of Greater New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, located at 1720 Pear Ave., in Sanford will

be observed by the following churches: Friday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m., Rev. Allen Washington and the Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church will be in charge of the worship service.

Sunday, March 25 at 11 a.m., Minister Alex Hayes Jr. of Tabernacle Prayer Church will deliver the message.

At the 4 p.m. worship service, Pastor Emmett Thomas and Providence Missionary Baptist Church of Lake

Monroe will preside. The community is invited to attend all these services.

The Young Adult department of St. John Missionary Baptist Church will sponsor a benefit Gospel Musical on behalf of Juandolyn Adams Stewart, who has been ill for over two years.

She is presently undergoing treatment at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York, where she will remain under treatment for a number of months.

I spoke with Juandolyn (Wanda) as she is affectionately called by her family and friends. She says through the

help of God, doctors and the many prayers on her behalf, there is improvement in her body, but she will have to continue her treatments for many months.

All persons, friends, Christians and well-wishers are invited to attend this special benefit program, Sunday, March 25 at 4 p.m., at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Cypress Avenue and East 10th Street.

If you are unable to attend this benefit, send your donations to:

Juandolyn Adams Stewart, c/o Juanita Adams Golden, 211 Anderson Avenue, Sanford, FL 32771.

Mrs. Golden is the mother of Wanda.

A Violence Free Community March and Program, celebrating our youth, will be held Saturday, March 24, from 10 a.m. until noon at the Juvenile Assessment Center, located at 181 Buah Loop, Sanford, off U.S. Highway 17-92.

Come join and celebrate violence free month. For information call Patty Fritch, SCPS at 407-320-0316.

The event is sponsored by Seminole County Violence Free Committee and partners.



Marva Hawkins



Keith Barber is recognized for his good work at the Harbor Literacy and Learning Center. Shellee Watson, technology facilitator presents Barber with his certificate.

Walkers needed for annual MS Society fund-raiser

The Mid-Florida Chapter of the National MS Society will sponsor the annual Multiple Sclerosis Walk at Fleet People's Park in Winter Park on Saturday, March 31.

Registration for the event is from 8 to 9 a.m., and the walk begins promptly at 9 a.m. Each year, thousands of Floridians raise pledges and participate in the MS Walk because they are committed to finding a cure for individuals affected by multiple sclerosis.

Presented locally by Mobility

Express, Central Florida residents and thousands of people in more than 700 walks across the nation will be joining in for a fun and healthy event. Prizes will be awarded to walkers depending on the amount of pledges they collect. Brochures can be picked up at many retail and business sites in Central Florida, or walkers can register online at www.ms-walk.org

Details and route maps are also available on the web site. Individuals may also call 1-888-950-9080.

Prizes include a two-day getaway to Universal Orlando for two, gift certificates to Sharper Image and T-shirts.

Volunteers are also needed for registration, rest stops and driving support vehicles. Volunteers are eligible to earn prizes by raising pledges.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling, disease of the central nervous system. Symptoms may be mild, such as numbness in the limbs, or severe, such as paralysis or loss of vision. Most people with MS are diag-

nosed between the ages of 20 and 40 but the unpredictable physical and emotional effects are lifelong. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are giving hope to those affected by the disease.

Funds received through the MS Walk support education, advocacy, research and local programs that enhance the quality of life for people with MS and their families.

Volunteer opportunities

Volunteers are needed for the American Red Cross in Central Florida, to be disaster responders, as well as individuals to make Community Disaster Education presentation.

An Introduction to Disaster class will be held Wednesday, April 4, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at American Red Cross Seminole County Services Center, 705-C West SR-434 in Longwood. RSVP to 407-894-4141, ext. 632.

The Seminole County Guardian Ad Litem Program is in need of volunteers. To volunteer, you must be 21 years of age or older, possess good judgment, common sense and be capable of helping a child in crisis. Favorable references must be presented.

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Sky flower popular in Florida

Plumbago, also known as Cape Plumbago or Sky flower, is one of the most popular small flowering shrubs in Florida. This plant native of South Africa produces attractive blue flowers during most of the year and can often be seen covering the embankments of overpasses around central Florida.

The name Plumbago comes from a Latin word meaning lead. This plant was once used to treat lead poisoning.



Al Ferrer

will stick to clothes by many curved spines.

Culture

The plant needs full sun for best growth and flowering but will tolerate light shade in hot areas. It will grow on any fertile well-drained soil. It grows best on a range of pH between 5.5 and 7.5.

The plant tolerates only slight alkaline conditions, and leaves may show yellowing from mineral deficiencies on soils with a

high pH.

It grows well in moist soils but tolerates moderate drought.

You should plant it in enriched soil, and water periodically until well established. Two applications of fertilizer during the growing season will promote good growth and flowering.

Prune to remove any excessive growth at any time during the year, and prune heavily in late winter to promote new compact growth. It will be killed to the ground with temperatures below 30 degrees, but usually will come back from the roots after a freeze damage.

It is mainly propagated from seeds or cuttings. It can also be propagated by division or layering.

Seeds should be planted in the spring.

Use

Plumbago can be used as a hedge, in planter boxes, as accent or foundation plant. It is an excellent ground cover on embankments, and can even be trained as a vine if

proper support is provided. In Africa, a powder of the charred roots is rubbed into cuts in the skin to produce the decorative welts so admired by some tribes.

Toxicity

The leaves, stems and specially the roots contain a toxic substance called plumbagin. The plant is said to cause irritation of the skin to the point that it may blister the skin of some people. The root is used medicinally and as an emetic.

Pests and Diseases

Cottony cushion scale and mites can cause some damage to this plant. They can be controlled by oil and soap sprays. Root-knot nematodes can also damage this plant, there is no chemical treatment for this problem.

The caterpillars of the Cassius Blue butterfly feed on this plant and may produce some damage occasionally. The color of the caterpillars varies from uniform green to patterned forms with red, pink, and green markings.

The adult of this blue butterfly is relatively small, male wings are bright blue above, females are pale blue with dark borders on the upper wings.

The underside is white with dark bands and spots and with two clearly visible eye-spots on the back edge of the hind wings. Wingspan range from to 1 inch.

Al Ferrer is Seminole County Urban Horticulturist. Inquiries may be directed to him at the Cooperative Extension service, 250 W. County Home Road, Sanford, FL 32773 or phone 904-896-6666. All Seminole County Cooperative Extension services are open to all regardless of race, color, sex, handicap or national origin.

Special honor



Lake Mary Mayor Thom Greene, right, shakes hands with Judge F. Hitt, who recently retired. The city of Lake Mary approved a proclamation declaring March 16, 2001 Judge Hitt Day.

Community Notes

Tax Help

AARP now has tax aide volunteers available Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, through April 13, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., at Seminole County Library West Branch, 245 Hunt Club Blvd. in Longwood.

Individuals seeking tax preparation assistance should bring pertinent tax documents such as a copy of last year's return and other items including the tax package mailed to them by IRS.

Counseling by telecall is also available from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.,

Monday through Friday. For additional information, call 407-628-4381.

Park Closure

Lake Monroe Wayside Park boat ramp is now closed for major renovations until approximately April 2, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

For information, phone 407-788-0405.

Boy Scout Dinner

The Third Annual Seminole County Boy Scout Golden Eagle

Dinner will be held Thursday, March 22, at Tomacuan Golf and Country Club in Lake Mary. Funds raised at the dinner will help make the scouting program available to over 4,300 young people in Seminole County. Attendees will be asked to consider a pledge to support the Boy Scouts in Seminole County.

The reception is 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Business attire is suggested. Sanford Mayor Larry Dale is dinner chairman, with Leonard Williams, Sr., of Wayne Densch, Inc. the dinner honoree.

Winter Springs announces activity dates

The City of Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled a series of events for the upcoming months.

Some are being held for a limited time, while others are on-going year-long events.

- Sundays, starting April 1, Ballroom Dancing;
- Mondays, starting April 2, Scrapbooking;
- Mondays, starting April 2, Karate;
- Tuesdays, starting April 3, Advanced Cheerleading;
- Tuesdays, starting April 3, Yoga;
- Thursdays, starting April 5, Cheerleading and Gymnastics.

Year-round programs include Jazzercise on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and Line Dancing on Wednesdays.

Costs vary for each of these programs.

Contact the recreation department for costs, times and locations.

On March 23 there will be a free Spring Time LunchBox Theater presentation.

The Sixth Annual Easter Egg Hunt, another free event, will be April 7, with over 8,000 eggs. The event is for children 10 and under and will be held at Central Winds Park.

Summer Day Camp registration is now under way. The event will be April 16 to 20 for residents and April 23 through April 27 for non-residents.

For information or registration, contact the Parks and Recreation Department, City of Winter Springs, at 407-32708969.

Chapin to speak during breakfast

The Seminole County Prayer Breakfast will be held Tuesday, March 27, at 7 a.m., at the Sanford Civic Center. Special guest will be Lauren Chapin, a former child TV star in the series "Father Knows Best." She will be the keynote speaker.

Individual tickets are \$15, with a corporate sponsorship, table of eight costing \$150.

For information or reservations, contact Geoff Koach at 407-333-0600.



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Marijuana

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150 in 2000.

In total, more than 600 grow sites were detected resulting in 405 marijuana cultivators being arrested. More than 99,000 plants were eradicated, eliminating the potential of some 37,000 pounds of marijuana on the market for illegal consumption. The total value of the plants is estimated at \$39 million.

According to the 2000 report, central and southern Florida produced the majority of seized outdoor crops. Neighboring Orange County seized the most outdoor cultivated plants with 6,002. Miami-Dade and Broward Counties lead the state in unseized indoor grow operations, followed closely by Orange County.

FDLE Special Agent Dave Broadway stated the cultivation

of marijuana in 2000 was the lowest recorded since the inception of the Domestic Marijuana Eradication Program began 20 years ago.

This drop in marijuana cultivation is due, in part, to the deficit in rainfall over the past three years and because of our continued commitment to training for the detection of marijuana, both indoor and outdoor, said Broadway.

Seminole County's most recent sizable marijuana cultivation crackdown came some 14 months ago. FDLE agents along with investigators from the Seminole County Sheriff's department and a number of municipal police agencies staged a successful raid on a Lake Mary Boulevard residence that turned up more than 300 marijuana plants being cultivated by an indoor hydroponics growing process.

Cats

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didn't even work.

However, the cat's refusal to perform didn't bother the owners. They realize how stubborn their cats can be. According to Peggy, Bengal house cats aren't typical family pets. They are a cross between the Asian leopard and the American shorthair, and it takes six generations of breeding before they are considered domestic house cats.

So, what the Trukzas make look easy actually takes years to perfect. Although she won't divulge their training secrets, Peggy said it takes patience and kindness to teach the cats tricks.

"It's a trade secret," she said. "It has taken two years to train them to do the show. But, it's been fun, and it is definitely worth it."

The L.E. Barnes Circus is coming to Sanford Monday,

March 26 and Tuesday, March 27. It will be located on SR-46 across from the Wayne Dohsch Budwiser distribution facility. Performances begin each night at 6 and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children, and will be available before the show.

The three-ring circus will include performances by animals and skilled humans. For additional information, call John Hall, 407-753-1414.

Trash

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tive director of the St. Johns River Water Management District. "It was truly rewarding to see so many people show such pride in their community and such commitment to the event."

Over the past six years, 33,900 volunteers have removed more than 2 1/2 million pounds of garbage from the two rivers and their branches.

Bridge

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lic by early 2003. The 417 Corridor project involves an option to using tolls to fund

Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) public information officer Rodney Strong said heavy rain was the only part of this week's event meant pushing the road closure back a day or two. On Sunday, March 18, construction crews from Modern Contracting placed two of the 10 steel girders, each 136 feet long and weighing 54,000 pounds in place. Weather conditions would likely affect the current construction schedule this week.

"Because of heavy rain all

day Monday and possibly more rain in the early part of this week, safety inspectors will determine each night if the scheduled construction closure goes off as planned," said Strong. "Once all 10 of the steel girders are in place crews will then progress to the next three steps which include adding forms to the girders, reinforcement of steel, and then ultimately the pouring of concrete to form the bridge deck."

Strong said DOT had considered just shutting traffic down during the placement of each girder, but safety considerations and continued traffic flow although detoured, led them to choose the detour plan for the latest construction phase.

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Reference librarian Carol Kerns, left, and staff assistant Dione Vann demonstrate the new self-serve checkout machine at the North Branch of the Seminole County Library in Sanford. Patrons place their library card on the machine and follow the on-screen instructions, much like an ATM bank machine. The library system recently received a state grant to purchase the machines for each of its five branches.

Herold photo by Tommy Vincent

Airport

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 outside of London a month ago, more than 300,000 head of livestock have been destroyed or designated for slaughter. Although foot-and-mouth disease is harmless to humans, it could devastate the United States' significant livestock supply.

The U.S. has banned imports of European beef while European Union officials are labeling the ban and mass slaughter as excessive.

The stepped up measures at the Sanford Orlando International Airport are being enforced because travelers can carry the disease on the soles of their shoes.

"We are on a heightened state of alert and have every intention of increasing detection efforts," said Burkhardt. She added that the USDA's Beagle Brigade was deployed this week at the Orlando International Airport.

"While the beagles can't detect the disease itself," Burkhardt explained, "they can identify more than 50 different scents of prohibited meat and food products."

Burkhardt said British visitors will likely face a three-pronged screening process.

"They'll be interviewed by USDA inspectors, customs officials and immigration officials," Burkhardt said. "We'll be specifically asking them if they have visited a farm, or if they have mud or manure on any of their footwear."

Burkhardt said if mud or

manure is found on the shoes of a passenger, the shoes would be sprayed with sodium hypochlorite and scrubbed with brushes. The chemical agent is highly effective in killing foot-and-mouth disease.

The USDA spokesperson said each piece of baggage arriving from Great Britain would also be x-rayed.

"People are paying attention to this," Burkhardt said. "It's been in the news. Travelers coming in from Great Britain are showing a good deal of patience with the additional screening measures."

On average some seven flights per day arrive at Orlando International and Sanford International averaging 400 passengers each. That number is expected to increase significantly in April when the international travel industry traditionally experiences an upward spike in passenger trav-

el. The Associated Press reported Monday the Dutch government had lifted most restrictions on transporting livestock to slaughter houses because preliminary tests indicated no foot-and-mouth disease. However, on Tuesday officials reported an outbreak of the disease in France. Canada banned European imports of meat and dairy products.

The Associated Press also reported this week that Saudi Arabia has confirmed 400 cases of foot-and-mouth disease. The wire service indicated 16 sheep have died in the Gulf region and another 25 head of sheep have been infected in the United Arab Emirates.

In the South American region the Colombian government has suspended meat and livestock imports from Argentina for 60 days in efforts to prevent an outbreak there.

Community Notes

Guard training

Forty two Florida National Guardsmen including six from the Sanford National Guard unit, are training at Camp Blanding this week in fire suppression and mop-up techniques in order to assist the State Division of Forestry with the ongoing wild-fire operations in Central Florida.

Thus far, nearly 150 Florida National Guardsmen have been trained in firefighting methods during the four years the Guard has been involved in combating wildfires.

Lane closures

The City of Oviedo Public Works/Engineering department announces that, weather permitting, storm drain repairs along the Mitchell Hammock Road median between SR-434 and Lockwood Blvd. will begin in mid-week. While most of the work will involve the median, cement pours will often result in the closure of the inside lane of traffic.

Efforts will be made to notify drivers of lane closures and traffic may become congested at times. Work is expected to possibly continue through the month of April or possibly longer.

Road closure

CSX Railroad is now upgrading the railroad crossing on CR-427, approximately two miles north of SR-436 and 1.5 miles south of Dog Track Road. This work will involve the closure of CR-427 for north and south-bound traffic through the area while CSX constructs these new rail crossings. Final improvements to this railroad crossing are expected to be complete and the road will reopen to traffic Friday, April 6.

Temporary roadway signage will be in place notifying the traveling public of this closure and directing a detour route.

SBA loans available

Federal disaster loans are now available from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for small non-farm agriculture-dependent businesses located in a number of north Florida counties including Seminole and Volusia.

Applications and program information are available by calling 1-800-359-2227. Deadline for all economic injury applications is Oct. 22.

Only small, non-farm agriculture dependent businesses and small agricultural cooperatives are eligible to apply.

Volunteers honored

Florida Education Commissioner Charlie Crist honored 15 school volunteers last week, at the Silver Anniversary Celebration of the Outstanding School Volunteer Awards Event.

"These volunteers are nurturing the minds of our children," Crist said. "These are the people who organize a bake sale when the cheerleading team wants to go to summer camp. A thank you and a smile are often the only payment they receive. With this award we can give them the

recognition they deserve.

Of the 15, the Seminole County volunteer recognized was Pam Proctor, at Seminole County's Idyllwild Elementary School. Crist said she is very cre-

ative in her tutoring, often creating crafts and games to help students learn. She also teaches students crafts such as wreath making, leaf ironing and caramel apple making.

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Floridians and nonresidents, who come to Florida for our great fishing, will receive one of the best recreational bargains anywhere the first full weekend in April.

On April 7th and 8th, everyone can join in the fishing fun for FREE. The state



Legislature authorizes the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to allow freshwater anglers to fish without a license, saltwater fishermen still need a license, so they can sample our recreational fisheries one weekend each year. Anglers must still abide by all other fishing regulations, such as bag and size limits, gear restrictions and no trespass areas.

In an effort to promote the enjoyment of freshwater fishing and give anglers the chance to take advantage of the peak fishing season, the FWC moved free fishing weekend from the first week of June, which is National Fishing Week, to the first weekend in April.

"We hope Free Fishing Weekend will remind those anglers who haven't fished in a while how fun and relaxing a day of fishing can be," said Joy Hill, public information coordinator for the FWC.

The FWC then goes one better, and not only allows you to fish for free, but also puts on a number of free fishing events statewide. These events are typically tailored to the novice angler and to families. Many include free bait, some loaner fishing rods, refreshments and basic training to get you started.

Currently scheduled special events for Saturday, April 7 include:

- Blackwater Fisheries Center at Holt. Annual Kids Fishing Day for children ages 13 and under. Pre-registration is required; call after March 17. A similar event is on March 31st and focuses on facilitated fishing in a heavily stocked pond. Contact Bob DeMauro at 850-957-6175.

- Sam Mitchell Aquaculture Demonstration Facility, Blountstown. Kids Fishing Day for children. Pre-registration is required. The event focuses on facilitated fishing in a heavily stocked pond. Contact Bill Pouder at 850-265-3676.

- Southwest Region Urban Fisheries at Freedom Lake Park in the city of Pinellas Park, cosponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Contact Paul Thomas at 863-648-3203.

- The Southwest Region is tentatively sponsoring events at Lakes Istokpoga and Josephine along with Bass Pro Shops, Southem Pro Bass Trail and the Sebring Chamber of Commerce. Contact Beachum Furse at 863-648-3203.
- Richloam hatchery, near Webster, has a facilitated youth fishing event, in heavily stocked ponds. Contact Chuck Starling at 352-583-3545.

- A family fishing event in Eustis at Lake Walk Park cosponsored by the city, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pre-registration suggested. Contact John Benton at 352-742-6438.
- Tenoroc, near Lakeland.

See Outdoors, Page 3B

Tribe collars Bulldogs

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

SANFORD — The Seminole High School baseball team played about as perfect a game as it could Friday night, rolling to its seventh straight victory, 10-0, over DeLand at Alumni Field.

Offensively, the Fighting Seminoles had base runners in four of the five innings in which they batted and scored runs in three of those innings.

Defensively, the Tribe played errorless ball and ace righthander Angelo Petracca, who earlier in the day inked a

DiFonzo, Louwsma lead Seminole baseball team to seventh straight win

National Letter-of-Intent with Daytona Beach Community College, gave up only five hits, three of them in the infield,

while striking out four and walking only one. Seminole is now 9-6 on the season and

has not lost since the 'regular season', games played since the Big Blue Bonanza and Raminole tournaments, began. The Tribe is scheduled to play three Class 5A-District 5 contests this week, beginning with a road game at Spruce Creek in Port Orange tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m.

On Friday, Seminole will head to Winter Springs to take on the Bears at A.W. Epps Sports Complex on Friday at 7 p.m. and then return to the Seminole High School Baseball Complex to host Daytona at Alumni Field on Saturday. See Tribe, Page 4B

Lake Mary wins again

Sanabria, Rams get third title

By Henry Uhlenbrauck, Jr.
Herald Correspondent

ORLANDO — When Lake Mary plays baseball as well as they did against Class 3A powerhouse Bishop Moore great things happen.

The Rams, who are rapidly becoming this year's Class 6A team to watch, kept the game just enough out of reach from the Hornets to win 1-0 on the final day of the Colonial Classic at Epperson Field Friday night.

With the big win, Lake Mary finished the tournament with a 3-1 record, as did Edgewater and Oviedo, and since the Rams allowed the fewest runs for the week, 12. See Rams, Page 4B



Herald photo by Art Zelnest
A Lake Mary runner dives safely back into first base during Thursday's 15-5 victory over host Colonial High School. The Rams finished 3-1 in the tournament and allowed only 12 runs to be declared the champions of the Colonial Classic, the third tournament title for the local baseball powerhouse this season.

Oviedo finishes 3-1 in Classic

By Henry Uhlenbrauck, Jr.
Herald Correspondent

ORLANDO — The finale of the Colonial Classic Friday night at Epperson Field was not without its drama.

Host Colonial and Oviedo hooked up in a 10 inning duel that saw the Lions finally grab the win 9-8 in a game that lasted nearly three hours.

Oviedo raised its record to 9-6 on the season and went 3-1 in the tournament to finish in a three-way tie with Edgewater and Lake Mary for the Classic title. The Lions wound up third, however, as the first tie-breaker was runs allowed. Lake Mary allowed 12, Edgewater 13 and Oviedo 17.

The Lions, which had handed Bishop Moore its first loss of the season earlier in the week, nearly self destructed against last year's Class 6A state finalists.

Oviedo committed six errors in the game, but had enough firepower on offense to overcome the defensive lapses.

Things started badly for the Lions as starting pitcher Luke Moore hit the first two batters he faced, Kevin Gaston and Chad Ecklund.

After a sacrifice bunt by Angelo Diaz, the next four Grenadier batters each had an RBI single.

That marked the end of the night for Moore and Justin Stines, who would go until the eighth inning, came on to allow only one more run, on an error, in the inning.

See Lions, Page 3B

Eagles edge Bears in extra innings

By Henry Uhlenbrauck, Jr.
Herald Correspondent

ORLANDO — Even a big three-run first inning wasn't enough for Winter Springs as Edgewater rallied for a 6-5, eight-inning victory on the final day of the Colonial Classic last Friday at Colonial High School's Epperson Field.

The Bears were hoping to finish .500 in the tournament, but came up short, ending the week 1-3, and are also under .500 for the season at 7-9.

Edgewater, which finished the tournament 3-1 and in a tie for first place with

Lake Mary and Oviedo but was awarded second place because the Rams allowed one less run, got off to an explosive start in the first inning, getting two doubles and capitalizing on an error to jump to a 3-0 lead.

Not getting down, Winter Springs answered right back in the bottom of the first inning on singles by Kevin Gerrity, Jeff Cook and Matt Meglio and a Billy Triplet walk to tie the score at 3-3.

The Eagles regained the lead in the top of the third inning, but the Bears captured the lead for the first time in the bottom of the fourth inning.

John Crooks got on by a walk and

advanced to third on Doug Bailey's single to left-center field. Crooks would score on a single by Matt Kostrab and Bailey would make it home on an error on the same play to give Winter Springs a 5-4 lead.

Edgewater would force extra innings when Jake Huder led off the sixth inning with a walk, steal second base and advance to third on a wild pitch before scoring on a single up the middle by Steve Hernandez.

The Eagles would take the lead on a suicide squeeze bunt by Blake Toole in the top of the eighth inning.

The Bears' eighth got off to a promising start. See Bears, Page 3B

SCC softball team wins four-of-six on weekend road trip

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

FT. PIERCE — The Seminole Community College softball team had a fairly successful weekend trip, considering the competition the Raiders had to face.

Traveling to South Florida for a Friday, Saturday, Sunday six-game trip against Broward Community College in Pembroke Pines, Miami-Dade Community College and Indian River Community College in Ft. Pierce, SCC came home with a 4-2 record, sweeping Broward C.C. and splitting with Miami-Dade C.C. and Indian River C.C., a good way to get ready for a 12-game homestand that will go through next Sunday (April 1).

The Raiders opened the trip on Friday by sweeping Broward, 8-0 and 9-2, but then were shutout 4-0 in the first game against Miami-Dade, before bouncing back with a 6-0 victory.

On Sunday, SCC won the first game, 3-1, but dropped the nightcap 2-0.

"We played well at times and other times we had no offense," said SCC head coach Courtney Miller. "The loss at Miami-Dade was a tough one

because we had a defensive letdown and they scored all of their runs in one inning.

"Even though we didn't have any errors, we should have made some plays to not give them the hits. Their pitcher wasn't overpowering, but we but we were trying to overpower her.

"But we bounced in the second game and ended up with 15 hits. The score should have been much wider, but we left 14 runners on base. That has been a problem for us recently, so I hope we start getting more clutch hits.

"Our middle of the hitting order all of a sudden went into a mini-slump and in the first four games we were only 11-for-39, and Blake (Hoorelbeke) had eight of those hits. It is tough when your big sticks have bad games all at the same time.

"At IRCC we played two good games. They are ranked No. 3 in the state and we are tied for fifth with Florida Community College at Jacksonville. We came out and scored three quick runs, and Sarah (Reeber) only gave up two hits. IRCC is the leading hitting team in the state, averaging .408. Jodi (Wood) pitched a great game also, but they came out and scored early. We out-hit them, but

See SCC, Page 4B

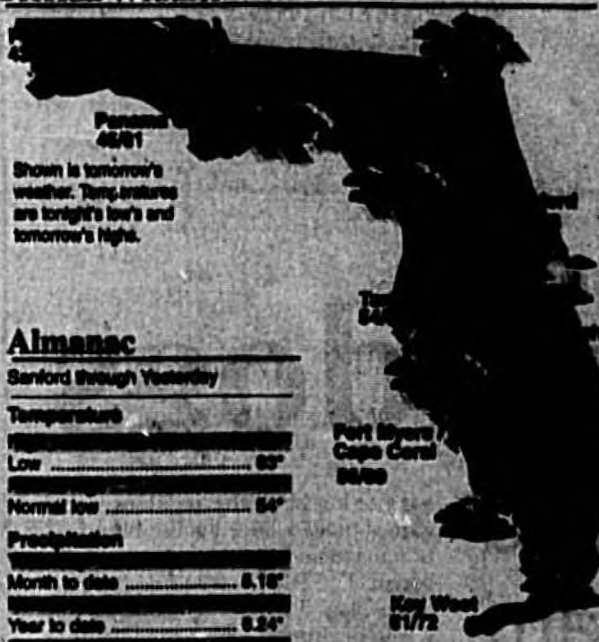


Herald photo by Art Zelnest
Seminole Community College's Yolanda "Yo" Johnson slides safely into second base with a stolen base last week against Concord College. The freshman shortstop, who also starred with the SCC women's basketball team, is 10-for-10 on steals this season and leads the Raiders in hitting with a .482 average despite having an "off" weekend, going only 6-for-14 during a six-game road trip to South Florida.

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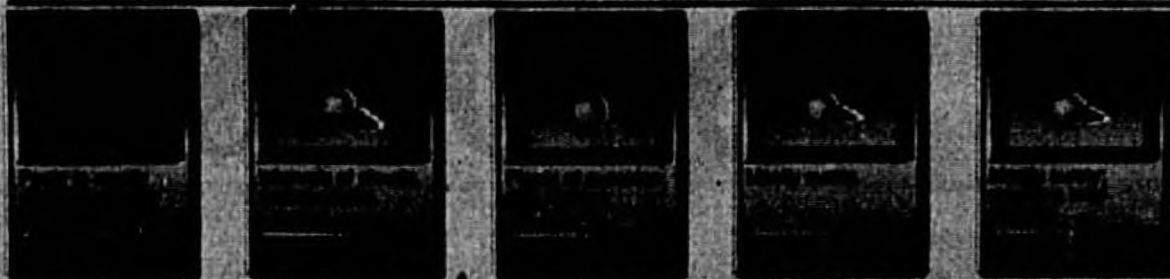
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Florida Weather



Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's low's and tomorrow's high.

Five-Day Forecast for Sanford



UV Index Tomorrow



Regional Cities

City	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Atlanta, GA	65/82	68/85	71/88	74/91	77/94
Columbus, GA	62/79	65/82	68/85	71/84	74/87
Jacksonville, FL	68/85	71/88	74/91	77/94	80/97
Orlando, FL	65/82	68/85	71/88	74/91	77/94
Tampa, FL	62/79	65/82	68/85	71/84	74/87

Almanac

Sanford through Yesterday
 Temperature
 High 63°
 Low 50°
 Normal low 54°
 Precipitation
 Month to date 5.18"
 Year to date 8.54"
 Normal year to date 8.28"

Port St. Joe
 Cape Coral
 Key West

Regional Weather

Florida: Windy tonight with showers and thunderstorms in the southeast; showers elsewhere. Mostly cloudy with a shower or two tomorrow.
Georgia: Cloudy and windy tonight with rain. Rain heavy at times in the north. Mousy cloudy tomorrow with showers, mainly in the north.
Mississippi: Decreasing clouds in the west tonight. Mostly cloudy in the east. Partly to mostly sunny tomorrow with milder temperatures.
Alabama: Cloudy and windy tonight with showers, more numerous in the north and east. Decreasing clouds and warmer tomorrow.
South Carolina: Windy with rain tonight, heavy at times early. Some thunderstorms in the east tonight. Cloudy and windy tomorrow with showers.
Louisiana: Mostly clear in the west tonight. Decreasing clouds in the east. Plenty of sunshine and warmer tomorrow.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise Wednesday 6:44 a.m.
 Moonset today 2:54 p.m.
 New Moon Mar 24
 First Quarter Apr 1
 Full Moon Apr 7
 Last Quarter Apr 15

Tides

Sanford
 First Low 11:48 a.m. 0.5 ft.
 First High 6:28 a.m. 3.9 ft.
Daytona Beach
 First Low 12:08 p.m. 0.5 ft.
 First High 6:48 a.m. 4.0 ft.

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature labels are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Yesterday's National High/Low (for the 48 contiguous states). High 92° in Death Valley, CA Low 0° in Saratoga Lake, NY.

World Cities

City	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
London, UK	52/65	55/68	58/71	61/74	64/77
Paris, France	50/63	53/66	56/69	59/72	62/75
Tokyo, Japan	55/70	58/73	61/76	64/79	67/82
Sydney, Australia	60/75	63/78	66/81	69/84	72/87

National Cities

City	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Atlanta, GA	65/82	68/85	71/88	74/91	77/94
Baltimore, MD	50/60	53/63	56/66	59/69	62/72
Boston, MA	45/57	48/60	51/63	54/67	57/70
Charlotte, NC	61/74	64/77	67/80	70/83	73/86
Cleveland, OH	48/57	51/60	54/63	57/66	60/69
Daytona Beach, FL	68/85	71/88	74/91	77/94	80/97
Detroit, MI	50/58	53/61	56/64	59/67	62/70
El Paso, TX	64/80	67/83	70/86	73/89	76/92
Houston, TX	77/81	80/84	83/87	86/90	89/94
Kansas City, MO	61/72	64/75	67/78	70/81	73/84
Las Vegas, NV	64/80	67/83	70/86	73/89	76/92
Memphis, TN	64/78	67/81	70/83	73/86	76/89
Miami, FL	75/88	78/91	81/94	84/97	87/100
Nashville, TN	60/74	63/77	66/80	69/83	72/86
New Orleans, LA	69/85	72/88	75/91	78/94	81/97
Philadelphia, PA	60/70	63/73	66/76	69/79	72/82
Phoenix, AZ	60/80	63/83	66/86	69/89	72/92
Raleigh-Durham, NC	64/73	67/76	70/79	73/82	76/85
Portland, OR	52/68	55/71	58/74	61/77	64/80
Salt Lake City, UT	64/75	67/78	70/81	73/84	76/87
San Diego, CA	72/86	75/89	78/92	81/95	84/98
Seattle, WA	55/65	58/68	61/71	64/74	67/77
Tucson, AZ	68/85	71/88	74/91	77/94	80/97

Weather (W): c-sunny, p-partially cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, H-haz.

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Advertisement for 'GREAT DAYS! (WEEKEND & MIDWEEK)' with a large '2' graphic and promotional text for local sports and politics.

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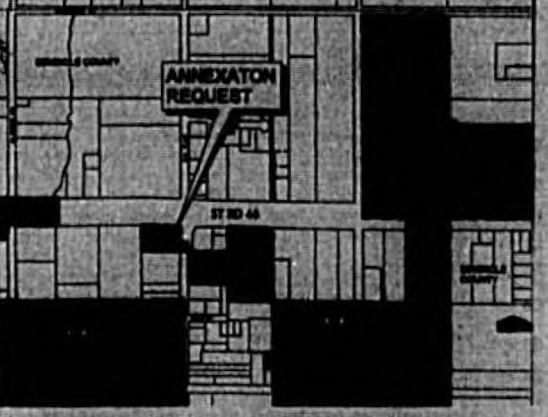
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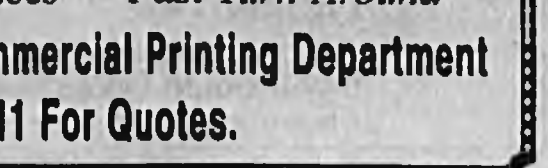


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