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Decision time for decency code

By Russ White
HERALD STAFF WRITER

SEMINOLE COUNTY - More likely than not, Seminole County commissioners will decide Tuesday night at a public meeting that the voters - not the commission - be the ones to decide whether to ban totally nude dancing and other "undesirable behavior" in public places.

A petition form for a proposed Public Decency Ordinance was submitted to the Supervisor of Elections for review and was approved. More than 9,600 signed the petition, and now the county com-

mission under terms of the County Charter have but two choices:

1. Enact the proposed ordinance.
2. Adopt a resolution which places the ordinance before the electorate of the county at a referendum election in conjunction with the general election on Nov. 3.

If the majority of voters favor the ordinance, the commission will adopt it. If they vote no, the ordinance fails and will not become part of the Seminole County Code.

The issue, says Commissioner Win Adams, is similar to the one in 1994 to permit gambling. The public voted overwhelmingly to not allow legal gambling in the county.

"The public had the say then, and I say they should have the say on the Public Decency issue," Adams said. "I don't think five commissioners should speak for the entire community. This is for everyone to decide. The will of the people will determine the outcome. It's the most important public decision since the one on gambling."

The text of the proposed ordinance is complex and very few county residents have read its complete contents. It is essentially the St. Johns County Public Nudity Ordinance with exceptions according to the Seminole County Attorney's Office.

The proponents of the citizens initiative have asked to have attorney Rick Nelson from the Liberty Council make the presentation of the ordinance to the commissioners Tuesday. The purpose of the law is to preserve the good order, health, safety, welfare and morals of the residents of the county.

"The important thing is for the commission to realize the electorate supports this ordinance," Nelson said Friday. "This would have been over sooner if the board had done its job. Now, the people have spoken. If they don't realize that, they'll know in November in what Please See Code, Page 7A



Adams vs. Henley --Is it gridlock?

By Russ White
HERALD STAFF WRITER

SEMINOLE COUNTY - Win Adams figures he has knocked on the doors of 2,000 homes, and may go to 2,000 more to rally support to be re-elected to the Seminole County Board of Commissioners.

"No one knew me four years ago," Adams said. "I wasn't the dark horse. I was a black horse. There's name recognition this time and which confirmation that folks like the way the county is being run."

People have invited Adams into their homes and given him drinks when he appears to need a lift.



Win Adams

"I feel as if I'm pretty healthy," Adams said. "The gut is tight and the legs are strong. I enjoy going from neighborhood to neighborhood. This weekend I'm going to be in Oviedo and Longwood."

Adams and his opponent - Carlton Henley - played football in their glory days. Adams proudly talks about his high school team being undefeated his senior year. Henley brags about having played college football at Memphis State.

It is only fitting these ex-gridiron greats are opponents as a new football season is opening. Call it gridlock.

Where there's fire

When Gov. Lawton Chiles visits Sanford on Tuesday to thank individuals and agencies who assisted during the wildfires in Seminole County, there will be a long line of recipients.

Lake Mary High School principal Raymond Gaines and Lyman High School principal Sam Memary are on the list as are Geneva Elementary School principal Kathy Phillips and assistant principal Michelle Morrison. Ted Williams of the American Red Cross is another to be recognized.

Chiles has already recognized the enormous efforts of the county's firefighters and law enforcement personnel - the Tuesday event being for others who assisted in the time of crisis.

Regrettably, there is concern the firefighters might be picketing at the county building again as they try to get pay raises from the county.

YMCA seeks \$500,000

The Board of Seminole County Commissioners has not met since July 13, and they have a heavy agenda for the meeting August 11. They'll begin at 9 a.m. and then have public hearings at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Please See Clips, Page 7A

No school for boy, 5

By Maria Oram
HERALD STAFF WRITER

SANFORD - A 5-year-old who was missing from his parents for almost four hours after school because of a bus mix-up, cannot transfer out of his school because of a desegregation order imposed on the county.

Jonathon Rummel's first day of school at Hamilton Elementary turned into Bert and Pam Rummel's worst nightmare when their son did not get off his bus stop on Monday. After the harrowing experience, the couple decided to transfer to another school.

Bert said the transfer request was denied because Hamilton is part of a cluster that falls within a federal desegregation order.

"At that point we felt that we had no rights and no options," he said.

Under a federal consent decree designed to ensure racial balance in Sanford area schools, the school district instituted its "Choices" program this year, which established regional clusters and magnet schools.

During an enrollment period, parents listed their top three choices of schools and received assignments after a random lottery. Those not receiving their top choice were placed in a waiting pool so that if an opening came up they could be placed.

The Rummels did receive their first choice, however, when they requested a transfer to Pine Crest Elementary, their second choice, they were told they could not transfer within a cluster.

According to school district attorney Ned Julian Jr., there is no provision for student



Small Photo by Tanny Vance

Bert and Pam Rummel at home with their son Jonathon.

transfers within a cluster no matter what the race of the child.

"That would defeat the purpose of the consent decree," Julian said.

Meanwhile, Jonathon remains out of school, as his parents explore their options.

"I'll take this thing as high as I have to. I feel that strongly that there was negligence," Bert said.

According to the kindergarten's parents, Jonathon missed his stop and remained on the

bus. Pam understood from the school office that he would be driven to the family residence. However, by 6 p.m., there was no sign of Jonathon and no communication from school administrators despite repeated telephone attempts by the Rummels.

"There was a lack of communication," Pam said. "All I got was voicemail and the school principal never did call me to tell me they had located Jonathon." Please See School, Page 7A

Development proposed in river protection area

By Shari Beedle
HERALD FEATURE EDITOR

SANFORD - As Seminole County studies the state mandated environmental and statutory impacts of growth in the Wekiva River Protection Area, the Board of County Commissioners is set to hear a request for more planned developments within that same area.

A public hearing on large scale comprehensive plan amendments and associated reasonings will be held Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m. in the BCC chambers in the county serv-

ices building. The amendments and reasonings are being requested for the development of more than 290 acres in four areas of the WRPA. The largest of these is Astor Farms, 150 acres located west of Orange Boulevard and north and south of Ohio Avenue.

The applicants, Dan and Rebecca Pelham, are requesting the changes for land currently zoned for agriculture use, for eventual development of a single-family residential subdivision with to densities of up to 4.9 dwelling units per acre.

The property, which at one time was an active small scale farm, is bounded by Seminole Estates and Sanford Farms, home on five-acre lots.

The applicants say that change in the employment centers in Central Florida, with more business moving to north Seminole County, "make the immediate area prime for quality residential development to support this job creation."

Residents of Seminole Farms, and members of the Sierra Club and Friends of the Wekiva, are crying foul, that the integrity of the

WRPA is being breached with "nameless, faceless suburban sprawl."

Faith Jones and Keith Schae have led the charge against the development, recruiting a wildlife expert to help prove the impact the development would have on threatened species known to live on or near the property. Several times have been held to find signs of the Florida Black Bear. On one trip held in July, sandhill cranes were spotted near the farm land, and pink bear scat was found, evidence Please See Housing, Page 7A

State gives consumers a break on sales tax

By Maria Oram
HERALD STAFF WRITER

SEMINOLE COUNTY - Local merchants are gearing up for bargain hunters during a week of tax-free shopping beginning Aug. 15.

"We're trying to educate our folks here to take care of the public," said Mark Stonin, store manager at JCPenney at the Seminole Towne Center. "We think consumers will respond positively."

Earlier this year, because of a state surplus in revenue, legislators voted to give taxpayers a break through a program designed to help families with school shopping.

Under the Florida Tax Relief Act of 1998, shoppers can purchase selected clothing and

backpacks, such as the one worn by this elementary school student, are not exempt from taxes during the special tax-free shopping week that begins Aug. 15. A complete list of what is tax-exempt is available through the Florida Department of Revenue. For a partial list, see page 7 of this newspaper.

Small Photo by Peter Skelton

accessories, each item under \$50, without paying sales tax. Officials estimated the cost of the break could add up to \$91



million in uncollected tax revenue. Since the tax exemption applies to certain items and

could get complicated, Stonin said retailers and sales people received special training to prepare them for the event.

The seven-page document that details the new tax law will be available at all cash registers and there will be special signing through out the store for what items qualify for the exemption, he said.

Officials at the state's Department of Revenue prepared the list of what is and what is not tax free. Not all school related items are exempt from taxes.

For example, backpacks are not tax-exempt and neither are bicycle helmets and certain types of shoes. Additional limitations and conditions are detailed in the state document. With Seminole County

schools starting Aug. 8, many parents have already completed the majority of school purchases. The tax break could also inspire people to purchase items they would not normally consider, Stonin said.

However, with Volusia County schools opening Aug. 24, Stonin said the timing is good because about 50 percent of his store's customers come from the neighboring county.

Barb Clarke of Longwood, a parent of a student attending Tugay Middle School, said though she has completed most of her school shopping she will take advantage of the sale.

"I think this is a real idea and a nice thing for the shop-

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Sanford airs wording for park referendum

By Nick Pfeiffauf
HERALD STAFF WRITER

SANFORD - An ordinance has been prepared which would place the development of Fort Mellon Park on a ballot for a city wide vote. At least the opening words are on paper.

The decision to place the matter on the agenda still remains unsettled, and as such, city Attorney Bill Colbert has submitted five separate suggested methods of putting the question before the voters.

There are two ways the matter could be placed on a public referendum, a petitioner's committee could file a petition signed by at least 15 percent of the total number of qualified voters registered to vote in the last city election, which would require verification. In such a case, if the petition signatures are accepted and the document is properly presented, the city would be required to place the question on the ballot.

The other method would not require a petition. According to Florida Statutes, the city commission can, by passing a resolution, submit any question to the qualified electors of the city.

As presently worded, the sample ordinance to be examined Monday at a Sanford City Commission work session, (according to the ordinance title), would permit the city to sell or lease said property (Fort Mellon Park) in order to allow for the development of a hotel/convention center complex on the property, "subject to the approval of the electors of the city."

In the "form of ballot" section of the sample ordinance however, Attorney Colbert is suggesting five options for the actual question which might appear on the ballot, if the ordinance is approved.

(1) Asks voters if the city should be allowed to adopt an ordinance allowing construction of the hotel/convention center complex on the city owned property.

(2) Would allow the city (if approved) to enter into necessary contracts to develop a hotel/convention center complex, "requiring that said development be done responsibly, in accordance with the city's land use regulations, and in such a manner to allow joint public and private use of the area to the fullest extent economically feasible."

(3) Would simply authorize the city to adopt an ordinance authorizing construction.

(4) Is similar to option #2 but according to the wording identifies the area to be developed as a "portion of the city park" rather than just identifying it as Fort Mellon Park. It also specifies joint public/private use of the property.

(5) Similar to others but utilizing different wording: "In order to enhance economic development within the city of Sanford, especially along the city waterfront, the City Commission of the City of Sanford is hereby authorized to adopt an ordinance allowing city to enter into contract, in accordance with the city's land use regulations, to allow the area generally known as Fort Mellon Park, to be developed as a hotel/convention center complex, and to include joint public/private use areas to the fullest extent possible."

In preparing wording to be included in a public referendum, the questions are only allowed to be a certain number of words in length. Often therefore, fully explaining the intent of an item to be voted on, has been difficult.

The proposal is listed on the agenda for Monday afternoon's Sanford City Commission work session, beginning at 3:30 p.m., in the City Manager's Conference Room, 2nd floor, of Sanford City Hall, 300 N. Park Avenue.

Yes, that's a real squirrel skiing

Twiggy, the water skiing squirrel is ready to perform again after a 10-month hiatus. Her comeback takes place next weekend during the Hot Summer Boat Show at the Orange County Convention Center.

Twiggy was taught how to ski by the late Chuck Best of Sanford. He rigged her behind a miniature radio-controlled Ski Nautique boat which travels 5-6 mph in a specialized pool.

Children of all ages marveled at Twiggy's skills and she appeared on shows like "Good Morning America," "Real People" and "That's Incredible."

Lou Ann Best, Chuck's widow, said that they took Twiggy everywhere. "She became like one of the children."

There have actually been four Twiggy's. The first was saved by the Bests after she was orphaned by Hurricane David in 1978. Chuck Best had once taught a chimpanzee to roller skate at his rink in Sanford. He was certain he could teach the squirrel to ski.

Twiggy had not performed since Chuck Best drowned while trying to save the life of his 85-year-old stepfather who was drowning.

"We miss Chuck tremendously, but after a lot of consideration, I feel continuing to perform with Twiggy would make him happy and serve as an honor to his memory."



TODAY IS...
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Twiggy gets no salary or rewards. "Her training is totally based on affection," Best said. "We just love her!"
We should all be so fortunate.

Love him tender

Guess What? It's **Elvis Week** in Memphis. More than 40,000 are expected to visit Graceland. **Elvis Presley** died on August 16, 1977. **Elvis Week** includes a vigil and a slew of activities. Watch out for the hucksters peddling **Priscilla Presley** perfumes. And the bus ride to Graceland is probably gone into double figures.

Don't tell Pat

Saturday is **Lavender Liberty Day** in San Francisco. Gays and lesbians will honor pioneer gay-libber **Karl Heinrich**. Feminist libertarians are invited. The **Rev. Pat Robertson** is not.

Scrabble anyone?

The **National Scrabble**

Championships are being waged in Greenport, N.Y. All those entered will pay their respects to **Alfred Butts**, Mr. Butts, an unemployed architect, invented the game of Scrabble in 1931. No ifs, ands or butts about it.

Legendary Leos

This may be the best three-days of celebrity birthdays we'll ever have. Let's light some candles for these **Jim and Jill Dandys**. **Eather Williams**, our favorite swimmer/actress, is 75 on Saturday. Singer **Mel Tillis** is 68, actor **Dustin Hoffman** is 61, and TV hostess **Deborah Norville** is 40. Actress/singer **Connie Stevens** is 60. Say it isn't so **Crocket Blake**. Second lady **Tipper Gore** is 50 Saturday.

Bob Cousy, a magician who dazzled basketball fans in the 1950s, is 70 on Sunday. Singer

Whitney Houston is 35, actress **Melanie Griffith** is 41. Actress **Amanda Bearse** is 40 and hockey player **Brett Hull** is 34. Here's a birthday wish and a prayer for tennis Hall of Famer **Rod Laver**, recovering from a stroke. He's 60 on Sunday. Actor **Sam Elliott** is 54. Tough guy.

Actress **Rhonda Fleming** will be 75 on Monday. Singer **Eddie Fisher** (yeah) is 70 and country singer/sausage man **Jimmy Dean** is 70. Where have you gone, "Big, Bad, John." Actor **Antonio Banderas** (Zorro) is 38 on Monday. We hear he'll spend the day with Melanie Griffith, who's three years older but not necessarily wiser than he.

Q & A

R.M. from Friday was **Russell Markert**, who founded the Rockettes. Today's quickie quiz: Tuesday is **Presidential Joke Day**. Know why?

WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Today: Afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the low-90s. Lows in the mid-70s. **Sunday:** Afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the low-90s. Lows in the mid-70s. **Monday:** Afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-90s. Lows in the mid-70s. **Tuesday:** Afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-90s. Lows in the mid-70s.

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TIDES

SATURDAY:
SOLUNAR TABLE: min. 6:00 a.m., maj. ---- a.m., min. 6:25 p.m., maj. 12:15 p.m.
TIDES: Daytona Beach: high: 8:51 a.m., 9:22 p.m., low: 2:48 a.m., 2:53 p.m. **New Smyrna Beach:** high: 8:56 a.m., 9:27 p.m., low: 2:53 a.m., 2:58 p.m., **Cocoa Beach:** high: 9:11 a.m., 9:42 p.m., low: 3:08 a.m., 3:13 p.m.

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach & New Smyrna Beach: Seas are 2-4 feet with a moderate chop. Water temperature at Daytona is 80 degrees and at New Smyrna, 80 degrees. Winds are from the southeast at 10-11 m.p.h.

STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford Friday was 89 degrees and the overnight low was 74.
Recorded rainfall for the period ending at 10 a.m., Saturday totaled 0.00 inch.
•Sunrise.....6:51 a.m.
•Sunset.....8:10 p.m.

LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected on Friday in the Florida Lottery:
Fantasy 5
3-4-16-17-22
Lotto (Aug 1)
22-28-28-34-38-42

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1-2-1-1

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8-9-8

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POLICE BRIEFS

Burglary

Freddie Lamar Alexander, 24, with no local address, and Natalie Nichole Williams, 20, of Altamonte Springs, were arrested by Sanford police Wednesday. According to the arrest report, an off-duty Kissimmee police officer reported seeing two persons burglarizing a house in the 100 block of Garrison Drive. He said he saw items being taken from the house including a fan, hair dryer, groceries, TV set, VCR, vacuum cleaner and others.

The get-away vehicle was reported and Sanford police stopped it on E. Lisa Court, after which the man and woman fled on foot. Police apprehended Alexander at 24th and Marshall, and Williams in the 100 block of Garrison Drive.

Each was charged with burglary to a structure-unarmed, grand theft of property and resisting/obstructing/opposing an officer without violence.

Beverly Joyce Godfrey, 41, of 1200 W. 16th Street, Sanford, and Arthur Marvin Johnson, 39, listed as homeless, were arrested by Sanford police Wednesday. Officers said a woman reported seeing a man in an apartment home, and reported the incident to the manager. When police arrived they said they located Johnson exiting from one of the apartments, and Godfrey hiding in another.

Each was arrested. Johnson was charged with burglary to a structure, possession of burglary tools and possession/use of drug paraphernalia. Godfrey was charged with burglary to a structure.

Tristian "Chip" Sanders, 21, of 2300 Jitway, was arrested by Sanford police early Thursday. According to the arrest report, Wednesday, a Sanford police corporal had parked his patrol car in the 1400 block of 13th Place, and after securing it, left to conduct a drug surveillance.

When he returned, he reported finding the door ajar, and a black bag containing personal items and his 380 caliber handgun missing.

A nearby resident told police he saw the person take the items, and gave an identity. The black bag with all contents except the gun was located in the 1300 block of Oleander.

With information from the witness, police went to Sanders' home and placed him under arrest. He has been charged with burglary to a conveyance while armed, and grand theft of property.

Police said the gun has not been recovered.

Sylvester Anderson, 33 of Orlando, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday. Officers said he had gone to his place of employment and was terminated. When he demanded his pay, the manager informed him it would be mailed. Police said Anderson then reportedly went to the truck he had been driving and removed a \$250 2-way radio and a \$300 cellular phone.

Police later located the vehicle Anderson was reportedly driving, and conducted a traffic stop. He has been charged with burglary to a conveyance-unarmed, grand theft of property, and resisting/obstructing/opposing an officer without violence.

Domestic violence

Daniel James Marshall, 35, of 108 Borada Road, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police at his residence Wednesday following a reported altercation with his wife. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

Carrie W. Woodward, 39, of 1311 Santa Barbara Drive, Sanford, was arrested at her residence by Sanford police Thursday. The arrest report said she had attacked her husband with scissors. She was charged with aggravated assault, domestic violence.

Driving under the influence

Nora Mae Greene, 40 of St. Augustine, was stopped on French Avenue near 25th Street by Sanford police Thursday morning, when officers reported seeing her driving with a flat tire.

Following an on-the-scene investigation, officers charged her with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, reckless driving, resisting/opposing/obstructing an officer without violence, possession of under 20 grams of cannabis, refusing to sign a citation, and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Driving under the influence

Wendy Getman, 34, of 801 E. Airport Blvd., Sanford, was stopped on SR-434 near Long-

wood Thursday by Winter Springs police. She was charged with driving under the influence, driving with a suspended/revoked license, possession of under 20 grams of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and refusing to sign a summons.

Audra Lynn Sumner, 28, of 174 Lakeside Drive, Sanford, was stopped by a sheriff's deputy Friday in the 100 block of N. French Avenue. She was charged with driving under the influence, and driving with a suspended/revoked license.

Ruben Tobies, 32, of Deltona, was stopped by sheriff's deputies at U.S. Highway 17-92 and Mangoustine Avenue Friday. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Possession

Jarvis J. Hampton, 19, of 2251 Greenway, Sanford, was stopped by sheriff's deputies Thursday morning on Crawford Avenue, after they reported following his vehicle, which appeared suspicious.

Hampton was charged with possession of a controlled substance and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Letal Abralin Teku, 23 and Stephanie Ann Moats, 19, both of Orlando were arrested by Lake Mary police Friday following a traffic stop on Lake Mary Blvd. Each was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Vehicular burglary

Robert Lee Gordon, 30, of 251 Triplet Lake Drive, Casselberry, was arrested Thursday in connection with a reported vehicular burglary in Lake Mary on Wednesday. The incident is said to have occurred in the 200 block of Bald Eagle Run, with a black leather brief case valued at \$375 having been stolen along with its con-

tents including several checks.

Police said they were alerted to a person attempting to cash one of the checks in Winter Park for \$727.15. Later, they were told another check cashing attempt, for \$317 had been made at another bank. This time the person was identified through video tape surveillance and a vehicle description was given.

Casselberry police located him at his residence and transported him to Lake Mary. He has been charged with burglary to a conveyance, grand theft of property, possession of burglary tools, and having a concealed weapon (knife).

Grand theft

David DeLong, 44, of Deltona, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday. According to the arrest report, DeLong, a driver for a Sanford based metal company, had driven to Flagler County and sold aluminum products to a business for \$1,500. The value of the aluminum said to have been missing from the Sanford business was listed as \$4,700.

DeLong reportedly admitted his involvement in the sales and has been charged with grand theft.

License suspended

Hobby Coffed Jr., 27, of 122 Centinel Court, Sanford, was stopped by deputies on SR-46 at Airport Blvd. Friday. He was charged with two counts of driving with a suspended/revoked license (habitual).

Terrence Perkins, 18, of 1407 Locust, Sanford, was stopped on his motorcycle by Sanford police in the 900 block of Cypress Avenue Thursday. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked license.

Ronnie Shaun Dirden, 30, of Winter Garden, was arrested by

Oviedo man charged as part of auto theft ring

From Staff Reports

OVIEDO - An Oviedo man was charged as being part of a car theft ring that shipped vehicles to Puerto Rico.

William Teillado Rodriguez, 24, 1017 Keisey Ave., was indicted Thursday in Puerto Rico on charges of interstate transportation of stolen vehicles.

Rodriguez, a truck driver, who had lived in Central Florida for about three years, is

being held in the Seminole County jail on unrelated grand theft charges. He is also wanted in North Carolina for probation violations, police said.

According to law enforcement officials, Rodriguez is suspected as being part of a ring that stole almost \$2.25 million worth of late model cars and shipping them to Puerto Rico using fraudulent documents.

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EDITORIAL

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Jeanne Gold for county judge

Sometimes, a court system that isn't really broken, but is not truly attuned to the needs of a changing world, should be shaken up a little. The *Seminole Herald* believes that as a county judge, Jeanne Gold can best do that.

Gold, 40, faces incumbent John Sloop, 49, in the lone county judge election. Sloop has served adequately and ethically for the past eight years. He has focused on early resolution of cases, an admirable goal. Gold has been a prosecutor in Orange and Seminole counties, with wide experience in DUI and domestic cases. She favors timely resolution of cases also but, she says, not at the expense of a victim terrified of a perpetrator and of the system.

Currently, five judges serve on the Seminole County Court bench, hearing traffic cases, misdemeanor criminal cases such as acts of domestic violence, DUIs, and some civil matters with a damages cap of \$15,000. Although traffic violations and DUIs account for the largest portion of the case load, it is domestic violence that has insidiously wormed its way into that courtroom, accounting now for about 12 percent of the county judges' trial case load. Add to that the seven to 20 people per day who fill out paperwork for an injunction against an abusive spouse, which is also reviewed by a judge, according to Megan Cassidy, domestic abuse liaison with the State Attorney's Office.

Hollan Pugh-Greisdorf, director of Safehouse of Seminole, a battered spouse shelter, says that judges rotate, and one judge hears all injunctions for the week. Some of the judges understand the mechanics of abuse, some do not. "And in a week that a judge who does not have a great understanding of domestic violence is issuing injunctions, as many as 60 percent of those for abused spouses are declined." Pugh-Greisdorf says that if the system is streamlined, many more abused family members, confused and scared by the court procedure, would come forward to stop the violence.

Jeanne Gold, with a concrete plan, can help streamline that system to better serve victims. Gold proposes that one judge handle domestic cases, start to finish, including the injunction. This system currently is in place and works in Osceola County and in the Miami area.

The *Herald* endorses Jeanne Gold for Seminole County judge. She will question the status quo when needed, and push to implement programs that will better serve domestic violence victims in Seminole County.

LETTERS

Public Nudity Ordinance rears its ugly head

From a deep, dark and dreary grave, the scary ghost of Seminole County's Public Nudity Ordinance has reared its ugly head. This monster emerged, like a vicious dog, with its mouth wide open and gasping for more tax dollars. This obscene ordinance was killed by three brave commissioners, Morris, Adams and McLain, who placed the welfare of the county before their own interests. They listened to the voices of the people during the many hours of public hearings and understood that a great majority of our residents want no part of this dangerous and expensive law.

Perhaps Commissioners Morris and Adams would have no competition today if they had always voted the wishes of the extreme religious right. These two courageous commissioners, along with Commissioner McLain, put their political future on the line when they defied a small faction of the Christian Coalition and voted for the good of the county as a whole. I urge them to stay the course, vote the ordinance down and let the voters decide.

Two other contentious commissioners have ignored the democratic law of the land. The majority rules law. (3 to 2 vote). They represent their own views and not the views of their constituents.

Fellow Republicans, let us keep Seminole County moving with our present commissioners, even if the vote is (3 to 2). We will need a change in two years.

Archie Cannon
Labe Mary

Setting the record straight

Attorney Harry Jacobs of Jacobs & Goodman, P.A., is an ardent supporter of Judge John Sloop's opponent. Jacobs has written a letter

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Clinton, the devil, and the blue dress

The Roman Empire was destroyed from within. Is that our destiny?

The deterioration of our political parties is almost beyond repair. If we were honest we would have to admit that true ethics simply do not exist and that the goal is to win at any cost. This philosophy is everywhere. It is so easily applied that we do not even consider that the means may not always justify the end result, even if those results sacrifice, destroy, and further deteriorate the fabric of this nation.

I noticed that the media, in just this last week, were softening, agreeing with what I am saying in this column. Commentator after television commentator ended by saying that people would not watch if they strayed from the big story regarding the President of the United States and Monica's dress.

A great problem may await us. Impeachment of the president may be considered if he lied about his affair and suborned perjury to cover it up. What a danger for the nation. I would like to throw out another possibility that has not been presented by anyone. What if the president resigns? What if he is guilty, tired of the investigations and rather than face Independent Counsel Ken Starr and a grand jury, he resigns. We would have the resignation of a sitting president, who will not be seeking another term, in the middle of worldwide financial instability.

Sounds like it couldn't happen, and certainly it hasn't been mentioned. But if it does, who do



ERNEST HATTON

you think the public is going to blame? I, for one, do not think that anyone is above the law, nor do I approve of the actions attributed to this president. However, I must say that I have a problem with the process and the Independent Counsel Statute, which was pushed by the Democrats.

If there is not a mountain of evidence against this president, so much evidence as to persuade the vast majority of the need to have pursued this matter to the degree it has been pursued, this endeavor will certainly be considered one of the most damaging investigations of a president in the history of this nation, the effect of which will fall largely upon the citizens.

It will create a further separation between those who govern and the people. Its impact will demean the judicial system, reduce the strength and effect in regards to the separation of the three branches of government and pro-

mote greater partisan battles. Washington is certainly out of touch with the people of this nation and the special interest have become their God, the Golden Cow. So much could have been accomplished during these past prosperous years and they have failed us. The fault lies with both parties and we should not only be disgusted with the president, if guilty, but also by those who were certainly of age, consented to this travesty, and were given immunity, in the eyes of the court only.

Then there were others guilty of myriad sins again given immunity and to those deeply involved lurking and waiting for the opportunity to cash in, to further degrade, exploit and transmit all of this again upon this nation. They will seek book and movie deals exploiting upon the public what should have been a private matter. Those given "IMMUNITY" for their sins by the court, will no doubt become wealthy. This is the world we live in.

It certainly is not just, and the real victims will be future generations because we have a failed justice system. I am sorry but I cannot bring myself to say poor Monica, poor Ma Tripp. Nor, can I help but wonder about Ma Goldberg or Mr. Furman and others. Considering all of this, do you really feel that the guilt should fall upon one person? As much as I am opposed to what the president may have done, I am angry at the process that will reward those others who participated and who were forgiven through a "justice system."



Children were the talk of the tea

On a recent Sunday, the members of First Presbyterian Church, Sanford acknowledged the 64th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Woodruff (Genevive). Their children and grandchildren presented them with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. They, in turn, generously insisted that I take the flowers for my campaign tea, to follow by two days. The flowers handsomely graced the table in the hallway of Dr. and Mrs. John Schaeffer's home along with other artifacts from my days as counselor at Wilson Elementary School.

The tea was the brain child of Judy Wimbleh, my friend since the day we both served on the City of Sanford's Scenic Improvement Board. Linda Schaeffer's home was the perfect place since it was originally the old Lake Monroe Elementary School. Linda Schaeffer is an elder at First Presbyterian Church as I am.

The Schaeffer's home is an historic treasure with its original hardwood floors, high ceilings and beautifully decorated interior.

The hostesses for the occasion were Judy Wimbleh, Linda Schaeffer, Joella Singleton and Donna Sweeting. Joella and Donna are members of Kappa Sigma Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for which I serve as vice president. Donna is also my daughter-in-law.

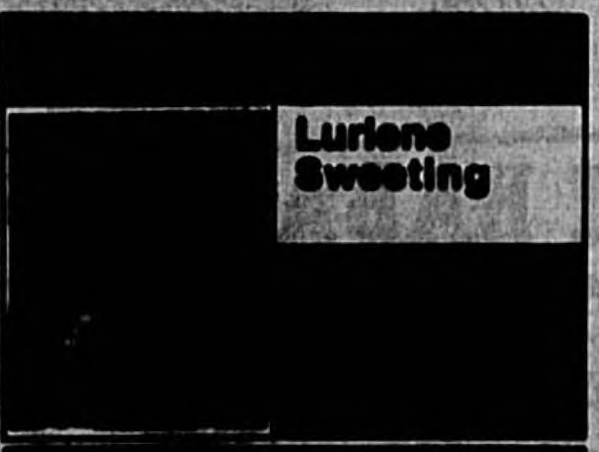
The tea was opened with prayer by Rev. Bruce Scott. Music for the tea was provided by two very talented cousins from First Presbyterian Church, Sanford, both of whom attend Seminole High School. They are Amy Hunter, who will be beginning her senior year in the fall and Cassidy Webb who will be a sophomore. Both are honor students.

Recitations were the domain of Ashley Nicole Alexander, a seventh grade student at Lakeview Middle School, who rendered most dramatically a poem by Langston Hughes. She is a member of South Eastern Consortium of Minority Engineers. Third grader Brianna Jones' poem suggested that we should have time for God so he will have time for us.

Elma Howard Swain, author of the book "You Can Run, But You Can't Hide" discussed her lifelong ambition to write a book and how this dream became a reality.

Elizabeth Schaeffer, president of Seminole High School's 1998 graduating class, surprised me by reminiscing about what I had meant in her life when I counseled at Wilson Elementary School. The Schaeffer's other school age daughters Maggie and Kathy were also present.

The tea brought many of my friends together along with new supporters. I wish to thank each



Lurline Sweeting

person who attended the function.

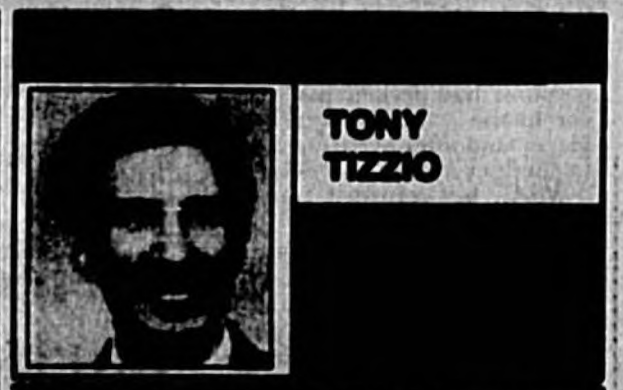
My campaign has emphasized "Caring About Kids" and my concerns are especially for the children of Seminole County who might not be able to graduate in the 1999-00 school year because they would not have met the 2.0 grade point average requirement. According to news reports, there are significant numbers of students who may face this dilemma. The papers also suggested that remediation hasn't been very successful. Consequently, it is time for us to carefully examine all of the variables to determine why so many students are not navigating the educational system in a productive fashion.

This is not the time for pointing the finger and relegating the problem to parents, teachers or students, but rather to devise a plan to change the outcome. All community members are stakeholders in the educational process, which has a direct bearing on our economy and quality of life.

I believe that attention should be focused upon providing all children the background experiences essential to learn the basic academic subjects in the early years, the time of each child's optimum brain development.

My promise to the Seminole County community is this: 1) to be accessible to members of the community to discuss their educational concerns; 2) to serve them full-time for four years, one term; 3) to be fiscally prudent, targeting funds to direct services to students; 4) to maintain equitable neighborhood schools for elementary school students.

Attorney James Sweeting, III, my son, is campaign manager and Mrs. Reita Adams is my treasurer. Both were present at the tea.



TONY TIZZIO

The disabled a minority group

We give a lot of mention to the fact that the disabled are one of the least understood and under mentioned groups in America today. Today I would like to delve into just what minority groups are and how this applies to the disabled.

Let us start off by defining what minority groups are. Compton's encyclopedia defines minorities this way: The term minority and majority would seem to be mostly about numbers. A minority can be defined as less than half the population in a society.

Compton's goes on to say that the most common conception of a minority is of a group of people who are distinct in race, religion, language, or nationality. Such minorities are often visible in contrast to the rest of society. Throughout history, minorities have performed diverse functions in society playing specialized roles as bankers, traders and craftsmen. More often they have served as manual laborers.

Defining the term above, we the disabled are not distinct because of our disability. The reason I gave you the preceding definition is to point out the fact that nowhere in that definition do you see the word disabled or any other word referring to the disabled. You probably will not find the word disabled in conjunction with the term minority mentioned in many reference books. What you will find however, are similarities.

Disability is described as follows: In medicine, a patient's inability to perform an activity because of some physical or mental disorder is called a disability. No mention of the word minority. This classification of being considered a minority was boosted in 1990 with the release of the American's with Disabilities Act.

Think about it. Do we not play specified roles in society whether we want to or not? Many times the disabled are asked to accomplish tasks which most people would consider mundane and monotonous. These roles also tend to be supportive as opposed to leadership roles.

There are many groups of people who are or who consider themselves to be a part of a minority, but how many can actually claim to be a minority? I guess this is all kind of confusing for those of us who cannot keep up with today's every changing political correctness.

There are no real answers here today, just some questions and an overwhelming feeling of hope. Maybe if we each respect our differences and look at each other as members of the same group, the human group, things will get better.

If you agree or disagree with anything in this Special People column, please let us know. If you have a non-profit organization relating to the disabled, and have a fund-raiser or special event coming up, please let us know about it.



Da' Bomb!



What's up in and out of the classrooms of Seminole County

Da' Bomb hears

Let's talk about... Hey teachers, make sure your kids know about bicycle safety. Da' Bomb has seen too many kids taking risks that could get them hurt. For the perfect example of kids who understand bike safety, check out Sabal Palm Elementary.

Da' Bomb was taken to Oviedo the other day and noticed that "Welcome to Oviedo" sign. It listed the two state basketball championships. The City of Lake Mary: we're workin' on something similar. The Lady won a state round robin championship and it would be a nice addition to the Get moving.

It's quickly picking up days. We with a graders thinking next to me and I'm... Lake Mary... Brown... they

Making a difference at Lake Mary High

By Jeff Bertinick ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

In two months, a group of Lake Mary children, all four years of age, will be attending high school for the first time.

They'll participate in Lake Mary High School drama classes, hang out with the chorus and play along with the band.

The kids are a part of Lake Mary's new child education program. The kids will spend two hours every day, from Monday through Thursday, being taught by students at the high school.

It's a program already in place at several Seminole County schools, including Lake Howell, Oviedo and Lake Brantley, but it's new at Lake Mary and the students there have about two months to prepare before the first class enters at the end of October.

Lake Mary teacher Diane Blombach is running the program out of a classroom, decorated for small children, at the school. She said she has worked with Principal Raymond Gaines to get the project going and it began to take shape last year when the school offered Early Childhood Education I to interested students.

Many of the students involved only have babysitting experience, but they've been working for the past year to deal with the first group of kids to come through the program.

"Lately, we've been working on setting up a balanced nutrition program," said senior Jessica Kenney.

"We're also trying to make sure they're interested in what we're doing," senior Lucero Flynn added.

Blombach established a list of program goals which include developing a positive self-concept and attitude towards learning.

"We learned to talk to them

and never use the word 'don't,'" said senior Venus Hubbard. "We want to make everything positive for them."

Other goals are to develop independence, to think critically and develop problem solving skills, to develop a sense of cultural diversity and many other goals.

To prepare, the Lake Mary students will be taking field trips to other day care programs and, last year, the group visited Head Start.

The Lake Mary participants - no boys are included, but some have enrolled in the Early Childhood Education I program - said they heard about the idea two years ago and the first class was a success last year. Since then, call have been made and notices have been listed throughout the community that Lake Mary was looking for a few good four-year-olds.

The price is right - only \$50 a month for eight hours per week, and the kids will be read stories, given snacks and work out at Lake Mary's new playground which was recently built right outside the classroom.

Four Seminole County elementary schools - Wilson, Heathrow, Longwood and Lake Mary - are the main feeders to Lake Mary High, and are all aware of the new program. Blombach said she hopes for 12 students during the first year.

With two months to go, the Lake Mary students are cramming to be ready for the first group of kids. They know it isn't always easy to keep a close eye on a four-year-old, especially when someone cuts up.

"We'll be ready by then," Hubbard said. "We know what to expect."

For the kids, they can expect to be a part of the Lake Mary High community. The first group will arrive during Halloween Week and will



Lake Mary seniors Lucero Flynn, Venus Hubbard, Jessica Kelley and Jennifer Montero, along with teacher Diane Blombach are part of a new children's day-care program at the high school.

dress up and roam the halls during one of their first days on campus. They will also participate in school activities.

For the Lake Mary students participating, it's a chance to do something more than just earn credits. They'll be graded for their preparation and knowledge, but it goes deeper than that.

"We have a chance to make a difference in a young person's life," Jennifer Montero said. "We can affect them. Don't be surprised if the four-year-olds aren't the only ones affected positively."

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Starting over again at Winter Springs

By Kellie Warner HERALD STAFF WRITER

A familiar face will be in an unfamiliar place this year.

Mark Huaman has ventured away from the familiar surroundings of Greenwood Lakes Middle School and a coaching position at Lake Mary High School to fulfill a dream at Winter Springs High School.

"I have always wanted to teach high school," Huaman said. "That is what I've studied and worked for. I have been lucky enough to always have wonderful students at Greenwood Lakes, but my dream has been to teach high school."

Huaman will be teaching honors and gifted English to sophomores at Winter Springs and couldn't be happier about the opportunity.

The University of Florida graduate, who also attended Rollins and Cambridge, was impressed with the technology available to him at the second-year school.

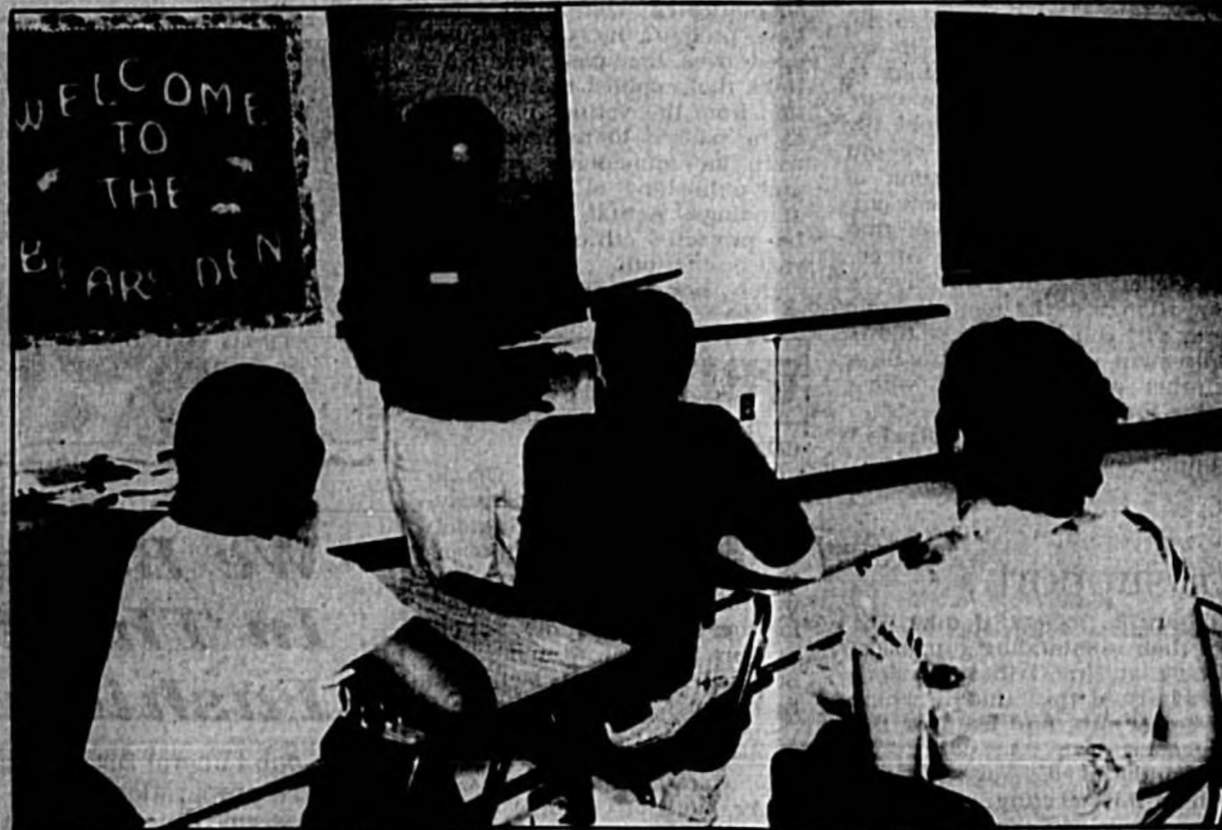
"There are computers in my class," Huaman explained, "with 24-hour internet access. We also have scanners, laser printers and the capabilities of doing electronic portfolios and burning CDs. The technology opens the door to be able to teach at a whole new level and the help to me as a teacher is immeasurable."

Another quality of Winter Springs that impresses Huaman is the atmosphere. He said that the administration couldn't be more helpful and the entire teaching staff works as a team. He explained that since the school is new, every one is concerned with what is best for Winter Springs and the students, instead of worrying about who has been there the longest and petty things like that.

There is one down side to Huaman's career change.

His students and co-workers will be greatly missed.

"I had so many wonderful years at Greenwood Lakes and coaching at Lake Mary,"



Mark Huaman has left Greenwood Lakes Middle School and Lake Mary basketball to move to Winter Springs High School where he plans to be a part of the birth of the second-year school.

Huaman recalled, "I had the opportunity to work with great students, players, teachers, coaches and parents. Everyone expressed the fact that they didn't want me to leave and I really appreciate that."

Since his dream was always to teach high school, the job change wasn't as hard for Huaman to accept as the coaching change.

He was offered an assistant coaching position with Winter Springs for the girls varsity team. Since both schools are in the same conference, Huaman didn't feel it would be right to coach at Lake Mary while teaching basketball players at Winter Springs. So he accepted the position.

"Lake Mary was my first coaching job and the things I learned from Laurel Robinson and Carl Brown have made me

a good coach. They taught me the basics and then allowed me the freedom to try things and I will miss working with and learning from them. I will always hope that Lake Mary wins...as long as they aren't playing us."

This year, Winter Springs is in Class 3A and Lake Mary is in 6A, so both teams could make it to the state champion-

ship and root for each other. That's what Huaman is hoping, anyway.

For now, Huaman has his hands full, getting to know his new students and readying himself for what just might be a very successful basketball season at Winter Springs.

Rooting for the state champions will have to wait just a little while.

Kelly Holstein, a Lake Mary High School graduate, recently completed the SOAR session at Berry College in Mount Berry, Ga. SPAR is the school orientation program.

Two Seminole County students graduated from the University of North Florida last month. Jennifer Page of Lake Mary, and Christine Stieren of Longwood each received their diplomas.

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IN BRIEF

Governor coming

LAKE MARY - Governor Lawton Chiles will attend a fund-raising dinner Thursday, Aug. 13, honoring Senator Buddy Dyer.

The dinner will be held at the Timacuan Country Club in Lake Mary at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, for a \$100 contribution, are still available with all proceeds going to the Seminole County Democratic Executive Committee.

For additional information, phone Kathleen Reynolds at 321-8600 or leave a message at 872-6333.

MPA meeting

The Orange/Osceola/Seminole County joint transportation disadvantaged local coordinating board will hold a meeting Thursday, Aug. 13 at the Metroplan Orlando board room, 315 E. Robinson Street, Suite 355 in Orlando. The meeting begins at 10 a.m.

Items on the agenda include an update on LYNK/CTC, subcommittee appointments to the grievance and CTC subcommittees, and a presentation on light rail.

Class of 1999

OVIEDO - From Pam Knapp, Oviedo High School class of 1999 project graduation, comes word that Seniors Activities Associates and Project Graduation will be holding a meeting on August 17 at 7 p.m. Students, parents and interested volunteers are welcome.

Officers will be introduced, committee chairs will be determined and activities including senior birthdays, senior holidays, senior breakfast, senior picnic and project graduation will be discussed. For additional information, contact Pam Knapp at 359-2313, or 877-0220.

To Be Tax-Free

This is a listing of some of the most frequently purchased items along with the taxable status. Sales tax exemptions on clothing and shoe items under \$50 will be in effect from Aug. 13-21 as part of the state's new tax relief act.

TAX-EXEMPT

Adult Diapers
Athletic Socks
Baby Clothes and diapers
Baseball Uniforms
Bathing Suits
Belts with attached buckles
Blouses
Boots
Bras
Bridal apparel
Caps and (baseball, fishing, golf)
Coats
Dresses
Football Uniforms
Fur Coats
Golf Dresses, shirts, skirts
Gym Suits
Hats
Hunting Vests
Jeans
Jogging Suits
Leotards and tights
Martial-arts attire
Nightgowns
Pajamas
Pantyhose
Raincoats
Riding Pants
Robes
Scout uniforms

Shirts
Shoelaces
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Jewelry
Protective gloves
Scarves
Sunglasses
Ties
Track shoes
Umbrellas
Wallets
Watches

Source: Florida Department of Revenue

Tax

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was unexpected," Anderson said. For more information and a complete list of exempt and non-exempt items, call the Department of Revenue at 1-800-850-7847 or contact the web site at <http://sun6.dms.state.fl.us/dor/>.

"It's nice to get something back once in a while and this

facility would be build on 30 acres of property directly south of Hi Oaks on the east side of both Seminole and Orange counties. Orange County has funded more than \$3 million.

At least one board member has expressed concerns the facility would not service a sufficient number of Seminole families. Former Seminole County Commissioner Pat Warren is one of the YMCA board members urging the county to pitch in.

Code

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we believe will be a positive vote."

Although Seminole County adopted a tough, new adult entertainment ordinance last year, and the Sheriff's Office and CCIB officers have made a number of raids and arrests, many continued to find fault. The result was the citizens' petition, 3-2, to kill a Public Nudity Ordinance. This time, it's either pass the ordinance or send it to the people for a vote in November.

How smooth will the Tuesday hearing go?

There's already a stir about the time table at the 7 p.m. hearing. The Public Decency Ordinance is the last spot on a crowded agenda. It could be 10 p.m. or 11 p.m. by the time the ordinance is discussed.

"That wouldn't be right," Adams said. "There will be a lot of people here and I don't think we should keep them waiting that long."

Commissioner Grant Maloy was more annoyed. "It's one of the most important issues to come up in years and what we're doing is trying to limit citizens input," he said. "I suppose three of the commissioners who have turned this ordinance down twice don't want many people to watch them do it a third time."

One of the concerns about killing off the totally nude dancing clubs is that a chain of bikini clubs will soon replace them. The county attorney has advised that if the ordinance prompts other types of adult entertainment establishments to open, owners and employees of the new businesses may realize positive

economic benefits.

Owners of the current totally nude dancing clubs predict a flock of bikini bars will open and that a great number of women will apply for dancing jobs that would not apply to dance totally nude.

A benefit of prohibiting nudity at adult clubs, would enhance the economic vitality of other nearby businesses. Property values might also increase for both commercial and residential properties.

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that bears had eaten watermelons from a nearby field.

While the homeowners and "green" groups are alleging negative environmental impact, the applicants say the property is largely denuded of all tree cover and as a cleared farm "there is little ability for any bird or animal habitat to occupy the site." They also assert that continued use of the property for farming, though not economically feasible, would cause more harm due to run-off from farming chemicals, pesti-

cides and fertilizers.

Opponents of the land use change would like to see the hearing postponed until the current small area study is completed. The final meeting for that study is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. in the BCC chambers. In the meantime, the group was to meet again near the property Saturday morning to search for more sign of bear and other wildlife.

Editor's note: Continued coverage of this story will be contained in Tuesday's *Seminole Herald*.

School

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Shortly after the couple filed a missing persons report with the police department, at about 7 p.m. they were notified by a friend, who works in the school district that Jonathon had been located at the school by the custodians and they had called Nan Parker, the principal.

The Rummels were told that Jonathon had been driven back to Hamilton Elementary and to the after-school program. In subsequent interviews, Parker said all the proper procedures were followed and at no time was the young boy left unsupervised.

When reunited with his son, Bert, who has a heart condition, said the emotion was too much for him and he suffered a heart attack which landed him in the hospital for three days.

The experience left Jonathon weary of buses and he did not want to go to school so the Rummels on Thursday requested their son be transferred and that is when the problems started, Bert said.

"We're not sending him back to Hamilton," Bert said. "He's become very shy and we don't want him to become a marked student."

Julian said he could not comment on the Rummel's situation at this time.

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The issues range from the possible funding of \$600,000 to the Central Florida YMCA for assistance in the construction of an East Seminole Branch, to speed humps, fee assessments of churches and private schools, the 1998-99 budget and a public decency ordinance.

The YMCA Board is requesting the board to designate \$100,000 per year for five years. The



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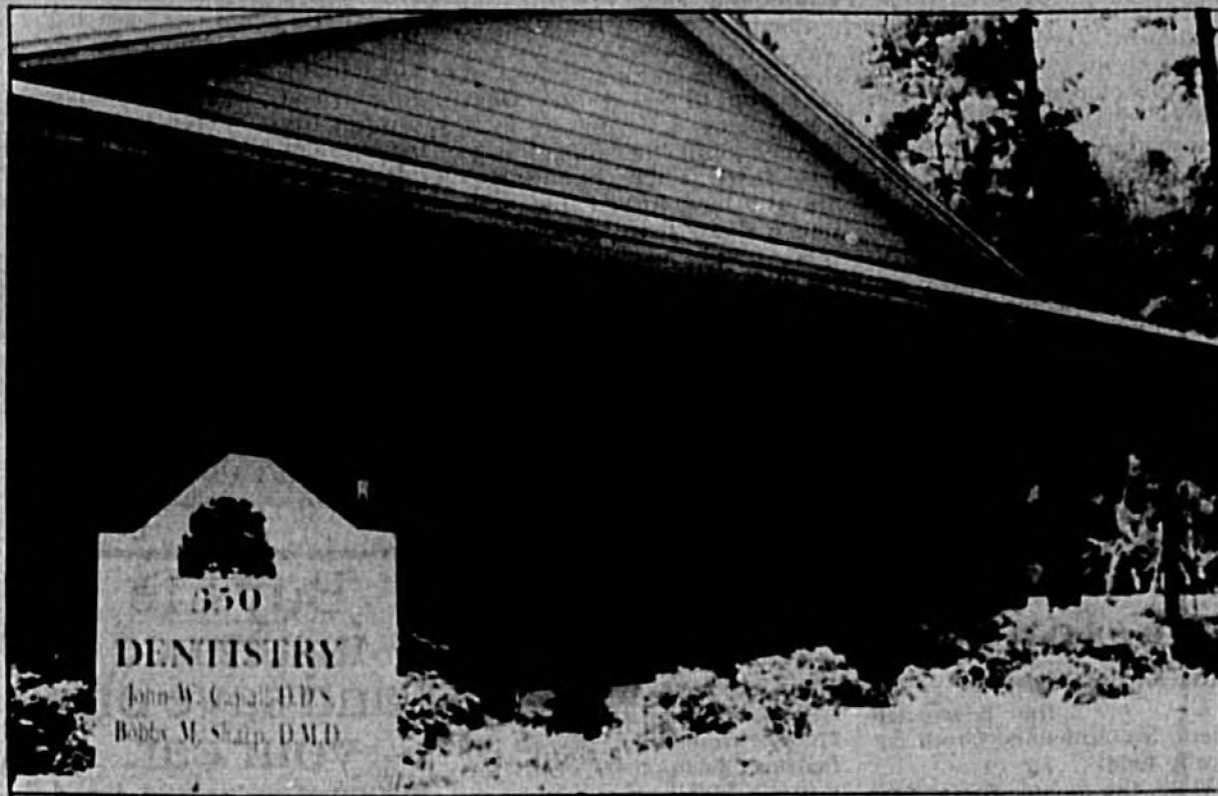
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Business



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The dental office of Bobby Sharp and John Canal is located in the Bay Tree Center.

In-fill business center mixes well with Lake Mary residential area

By Justin Sapp
HERALD CORRESPONDENT

LAKE MARY - The evolution of a healthy local economy tends to fill the gaps between supply and demand. The tremendous growth of North Seminole County in the last decade has been prompted by the influx of big corporations. As this major development trickles down the community, there is an increasing need for small business to serve the large corporations and the burgeoning residential population. New development of small business centers seems a logical response in this area and Bay Tree Center in Lake Mary supplies this demand.

Bay Tree is developing through the vision of the property owners John Canal and Bobby Sharp along with the conceptual and logistical assistance of Stirling International Realty. Canal and Sharp are dentists by trade. In 1978, they purchased three acres along Lake Mary Boulevard and converted a two-bedroom house into three small offices. In 1993, the partners purchased an additional 17 acres behind their office. They attempted to sell the land as one piece but as Bobby Sharp recollects, "It was probably too small for big development and too large for an individual." Sharp, also a real estate broker for 35 years looked to evolve his interest in real estate.

In search of a successful middle ground, the partners contacted Roger Soderstrom, owner of Stirling International Realty, to review options for land use. Soderstrom claims, "Several options were developed, but we felt that the extremely strong market would best support this type of development." Twenty-five individual lots were created through efforts by a team of engineers, developers, and marketers. Each lot allows approximately 3,000 square feet of usable space. Soderstrom owes success to a sound concept, beautiful surroundings, and the fact, "this area is such a hot growth market." Soderstrom maintains, "This is a new growth area. It is not like Ala-

monte. Resale activity is not available." The lots in the back of the Bay Tree border a man-made lake and conservation area.

The dentist partners direct the style of the buildings in the Old Sanford Style. The Bay Tree Center combines a residential nature with modern and sophisticated design. Bill Harkins, owner of Harkins Development, used his experiences in this niche of development to build many of the offices in the center. Harkins' development company built and owns the nearby Driftwood Village, a 35,000 square foot small business complex, in the early 1980's. While abiding by the concept established for Bay Tree, Harkins incorporates value engineering, the principle of the best material and process for the best price. Harkins' company has experienced the increase in demand for small office development. After years of both residential and light commercial development, he now finds his building efforts focused primarily on small business centers.

Business in Bay Tree includes Lake Mary Cycles, several medical offices, and a nail boutique. Coming soon are practices such as orthodontics and dermatology. Several owners use part of the building for their own small business and lease out the remaining space. Karen Whitney, owner of Lake Mary Cycles, became the first to open shop in Bay Tree. She attributes part of her success to the location. Karen is now expanding and plans to unveil a new restaurant and snack bar this month.

The dental office of Bobby Sharp and John Canal is located in the back corner of the Bay Tree Center. The view from the office reception is the well-crafted realization of an appropriate concept. Even though several lots have sales pending and several more are still on the market, the dentist partners know they have secured success. Bobby Sharp even admits recently being approached by a local group to develop a similar project. Sharp claims, "I still haven't decided."

IN BRIEF

Media luncheon

LAKE MARY - The Greater Lake Mary/Heathrow Chamber of Commerce will host a media luncheon Aug. 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Orlando North in Maitland.

With more than 1,000 members, the chamber has formed a committee to act as an intermediary between the media and small businesses in Central Florida.

"Our goals are to better inform the businesses of Central Florida on how best to understand the media and its role," said Martha Miller, director of marketing for the chamber.

Charles Sherman will be the featured speaker at the event.

Diane Parker, who was recently voted one of the top 25 most influential women in Central Florida by a local business publication, said the luncheon is the beginning of an incredible combined effort to build community awareness through pro-active communication.

Tickets are \$35 for members; \$45, non-members. For information and to reserve, call (407) 333-4748 or fax (407) 829-2100.

Political gathering

MAITLAND - The Greater Seminole County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Hob Nob Aug. 20, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Shrine Auditorium, 2500 Penbrook Ave., Maitland. Admission is \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Tickets are available at the chamber and at any Colonial Bank in the county. For more information, call 834-4404.

Utility company sold

Sanlando Utilities, which services about 23,000 customers in the western part of the county, has been sold to Utilities Inc. based in Northbrook, Ill. The company provides water and sewer services to

200,000 customers in 15 states. Company officials do not foresee a rate increase to assist in the purchase deal, which requires Public Service Commission approval. The process could take up to four months.

Coldwell honors

CENTRAL FLORIDA - Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate, Inc. has announced associates recently honored for being ranked among the company's top 25 sales associates. Named in Seminole County were Jennifer Morgan of Oviedo, and Susan Burton of

Longwood. Burton was also named top sales associate in the Longwood office for the month of June, along with Debbie Parish of the Oviedo office and Margaret Bathelor of Lake Mary.

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Banking on the future of kids

First Union National Bank of Sanford recently sponsored its annual 'Kids Day at Work.' Employees took their children (and relatives or sponsored youngsters), ages 9 to 18, to work. The day includes a tour of the bank and watching and learning bank procedures for a hands-on experience. "They actually help walk on customers," said Louise Dille,

participant in the event. They also got a big tip the vault. Shown at the event, in front of the vault, left to right, are Karen and Kyle (10) Wicks, Rhonda and Jessica (9) Ryan, Louise and Stevie (9) Dille, James and Daniel (10) McManus, Michele, Ryan and Jeremy (7) and Patty Whitley and Bret Messer (14).

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Extra Points...

Jeff Berlnicke
Herald Staff Writer



'Spring break' coming to an end for SAC grid coaches

SANFORD - For Seminole County football coaches, this is the longest weekend of them all.

Ever since each of the seven county teams that make up the Seminole Athletic Conference walked off the field for the final time last fall, this is the week the coaches have been looking for.

Starting Monday, practices are no longer voluntary, even though the word voluntary and off-season conditioning is an oxymoron.

Starting Monday, all the plays the coaches have been doodling on napkins for the past eight months go into the playbooks.

At Lake Mary, new coach Greg Stanton finally gets to put his players through a real workout, not like those spring practices where half the team is still playing baseball.

At Lyman, coach Larry Baker can see if his team has finally turned the corner.

It's a chance to for coaches to see if their players have been naughty or nice since last fall. Off-season conditioning is voluntary and kids are still kids, but probably all seven county coaches will watch with a sadistic glee as a masher paints the foliage green with his breakfast after running wild sprints under the August Florida sun.

Surely someone who blended in with the rest of the junior varsity last year will emerge as a 250-pound lineman with rock solid arms.

Surely a superstar junior from last year will show up in camp with an attitude.

It happens every year.

And once again, question marks abound.

In fact, about the only things to be sure of going into this season, or any season, are that Mike Biscaglia will again pace the Lake Howell sidelines and that Lake Brantley will run its patented Triple Option offense.

Everywhere else, question marks abound.

That's one of the great things about high school football. You just never know.

Did anyone think Lake Mary would be 0-9 last year? Or that Lake Howell would go 3-7?

Of course not. Did anybody pick Oviedo over Dr. Phillips in the regionals last year?

No.

So, at least until the first Friday in September, everyone's 0-0 and tied for first. No one has been injured, none of the plays have backfired and everyone's excited.

Please see Jeff, Page 2B

Groundwork laid

Post 53 able to save top pitchers for final games



Photo
Jeremy Frost was 3-for-5, scored two runs and drove in two big runs as Sanford Post 53 clinched a spot in Saturday's elimination tournament with a 14-11 victory over Tallahassee Post 13 late Friday night.

By Dean Smith
HERALD SPORTS EDITOR

DeLAND - Sanford Post 53 manager Rod Ferguson went into the American Legion State Tournament with a plan. And so far it has worked to perfection.

Once again Friday night, Ferguson again held back his top two pitchers and he got just enough out of Joby Gorman, Troy Boutwell and Brent Templeton as Sanford jumped out to a big lead and held on for a 14-11 victory over Tallahassee Post 13 that clinched the top spot in the A Group.

Sanford's game was supposed to have started at 4 p.m., but because of rain, did not get going until 6:30 p.m. The game then took over three hours to play, so the locals did not leave the field until almost 10 p.m.

But that was not as bad as host DeLand Post 6 and Bradenton Post 24 as they played after the Sanford contest and did not finish until almost 1 a.m. with DeLand prevailing 10-4.

In other games played on Friday, Jupiter Post 271 blasted Gainesville Post 18 12-1 at DeLand High School to finish 2-1, but was eliminated by a complicated tie-breaker when DeLand up-ended Bradenton.

Tallahassee then knocked off Brandon Post 278, 5-3, to keep its hopes alive and then Jacksonville edged Brandon 11-10 (after a three hour rain delay) to clinch a spot on Saturday and force Sanford to either win or lose by more than six runs.

With Friday's results Sanford faced an old nemesis, DeLand, in the semifinals (with Scott Ferrell scheduled to pitch). The game started at 11 a.m. on Saturday, with Jacksonville Post 283

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Group Y - DeLand Post 6 vs. Bradenton Post 24
Group Z - Jacksonville Post 283 vs. Brandon Post 278

(the group A runner-up) taking on Bradenton (the Group B champion) at 2 p.m. The championship game was set for 7 p.m. Saturday night at the Sporting Sports Complex. Please see Post 2B, Page 2B

Yero signs with UWG

From Staff Reports

LAKE MARY - Former Lake Mary High School and Pasco-Hernando Community College baseball standout Jason Yero has signed a Letter-of-Intent with the University of West Georgia.

Please see Jeff, Page 2B

The ping of the bat returns to Sanford Memorial Stadium

By Dean Smith
HERALD SPORTS EDITOR

SANFORD - The people of Sanford are in for a thrill next week as the best slow pitch softball players in the United States will be on display at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium.

The City of Sanford will host the ASA National Men's Super Slow Pitch Softball Tournament the weekend of August 13th through 16th.

This is one of 63 national championships that the ASA (Amateur Softball Association), the national governing body for softball in the United States, conducts yearly all across the country in adult and Junior Olympic classifications.

Ten teams from across the country will compete for the national championship title in the top level of slow pitch softball on Rinker-Stenstrom Field at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium.

The stadium is located at 1201 Mellenville Avenue and will be the site for all of the tournament games. The tournament is double elimination.

The tournament was first held at Sanford in 1997 and drew over 600 spectators daily. Because of the

success of the 1997 tournament, Sanford will also host the event in 1999.

Anyone who attended last year's tournament knows that this is not the same game that most of us play during the week in the leagues around Sanford.

These men have known trouble reaching the 400-foot plus wall in centerfield and most of the time hit the ball deep into Zion Beck Field behind the leftfield wall or near the Elementary school behind the right-field fence.

Several people showed up wondering if there would be a shorter fence put inside the wall, at say 300-feet. And most were amazed that there was not a temporary fence.

Until the first batter of the tournament cracked the ball above the lights in leftfield and nearly to second base at Zion Beck, a shot modestly estimated at 450-feet. And he was the lead-off batter.

In last year's tournament, Waterbury, Connecticut-based Ritch's Superior came out of the Loeer's Bracket to beat Shen Valley 11-18 and 30-28 (with the two teams combining for 50 home runs on the regulation baseball field) to win the 1997 ASA championship. Please see Wednesday, Page 2B



Gnat named Honored Olympian of the Year

LONGWOOD - It's been 24 years since Jean Moore-Gnat competed in front of a large audience.

Back then, Gnat - around these parts, she just goes by her married name - was the national gymnastics champion.

She was two years removed from a strong performance at the 1978 Munich Olympics, and she capped off a career of medals of fame at the age of 25 with a dramatic business she wanted to go out on top.

Now, 24 years later, Gnat is getting ready to take the floor again. She isn't thinking about Australia for the 2000 Olympic, although some of her students at Longwood's Ace Gymnasium may be.

Saturday, Gnat took the floor at Sea World, as part of a Salute to Gymnastics program. Gymnasts from all over Seminole County were represented, but Gnat stood out as the Honored Olympian of the Year, joining such past honorees as Brenda Johnson and Wood Bruce.

Gnat performed a floor routine after a photo exhibition of her career, and was followed by her daughter, 16-year-old Jess, then a duet from Nicole Williams of Longwood and Brittany Hale of Winter Springs.

Friday, Gnat looked only a little bit worried, but she said that by performance time, the butterflies would be evident.

Today, Gnat is one of the world's most prominent gymnastics judges. The position requires a vast knowledge of all gymnastics moves and a thin skin. Gnat remembers being judged by Communist officials who, in her opinion, not have been as accurate as she would have liked.

As a result, Gnat gave up the competitive aspects at 25 and became an official. Now, she travels the world judging and was an official at the Goodwill Games last week.

Gnat said she has to look for different things in each event.

"It depends all upon the event," Gnat said. "In the vault I look for power and dynamics. On the bars, it's about swinging and dynamics. You have to know everything about each event."

There are several ways to become a judge, but most start at the very beginning, working Level 4 competitions, after taking tests and learning the routines. There is also a written exam featuring 10 general questions and 10 on each of the routines.

Please see Gnat, Page 2B

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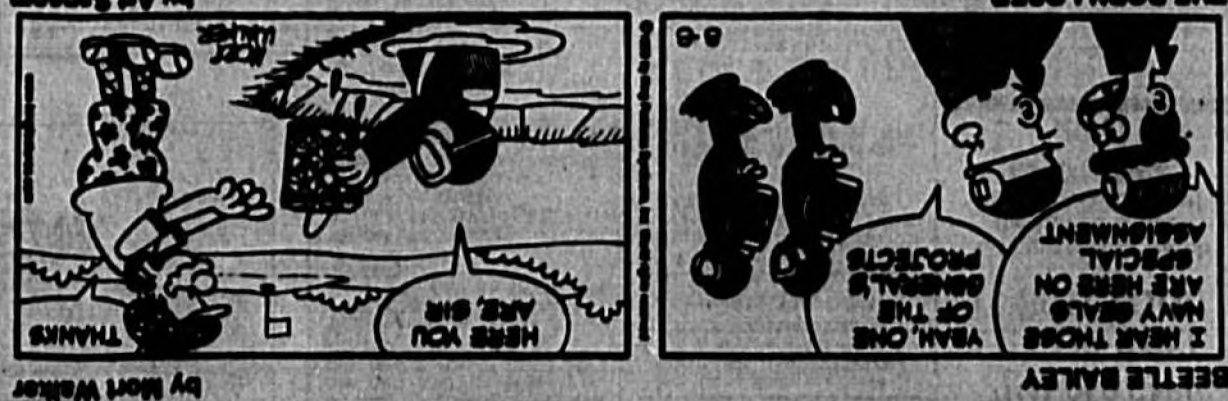
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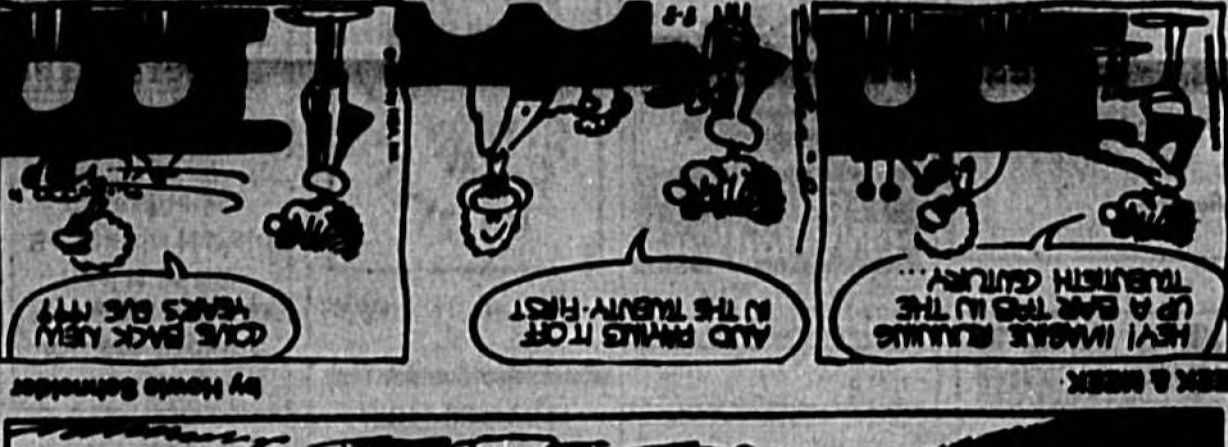
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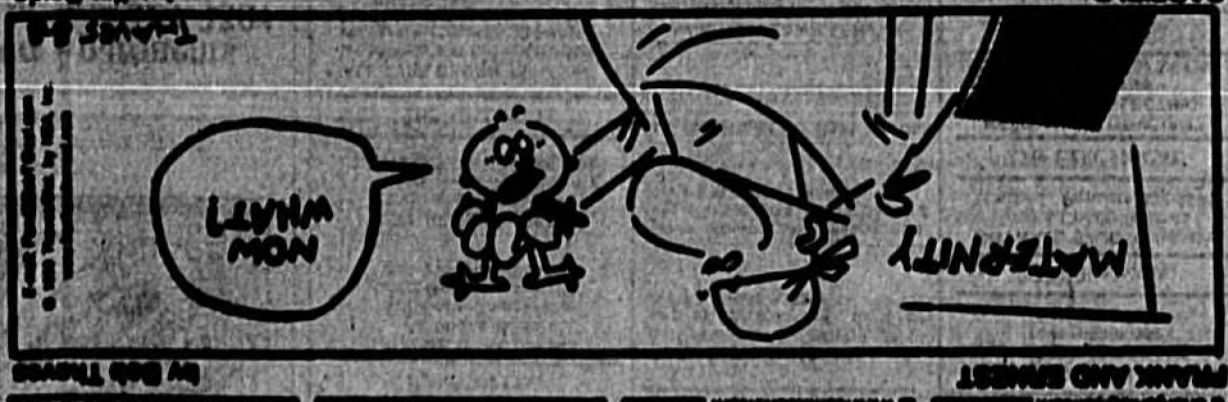
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This sign marks the entrance to the Geneva Wilderness Area on County Road 426, between Oviedo and Geneva.

Dinner and a hike Florida Trail Association sponsors TGIF activity

By Shari Brodie
HERALD FEATURE EDITOR

GENEVA - The group could definitely be described as die-hards. They were going to hike and no "widely scattered" shower was going to stop them.

The Florida Trail Association hike was scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., starting from the parking lot of the Geneva Wilderness Area. Unfortunately, the rain arrived about the same time the hikers did, blowing in from the southeast.

But, as anyone who has lived in Florida for any length of time knows, afternoon showers don't last long, so they sat in their cars for an hour, until the downpour subsided to a drizzle. One by one, they piled out of their cars and gathered around hike leader, Joan Norris, standing without umbrella or raincoat in the middle of the parking lot. "Let's take a vote," she said. When the eyes were counted, nine remained, ready to do what they had set out to do that Friday evening, hike.

The Geneva Wilderness Area is part of the Seminole County Natural Lands Program. Formerly a Boy Scout camp, the wilderness area is adjacent to the Little Big Econ State Forest, off County Road 426, between Geneva and Oviedo. It is possible to hike from the GWA parking lot to the Econ River, and back, in three hours.

Norris had planned for a shorter hike, of about an hour and a half, around the lake in the center of the GWA. She briefed the group on the points of interest and said if they were quiet, they would probably see at least a few sandhill cranes.

As if on cue, about 10 minutes into the hike, the group rounded a bend and saw a pair of cranes, with a chick, feeding on the edge of the lake to the right of the trail. At the same time, a great blue heron flew across the water and the setting sun broke through the clouds, shining on the steam rising from the warm water of the lake.

The natural wonders did not stop there. A little farther along the trail, some sharp-eyed hikers spotted deer on the opposite shore, three adults and a fawn.

According to literature available in the parking lot, the GWA "was set aside for its diverse array of habitats and wildlife and for your quiet enjoyment. Please keep this in mind as you hike, bike or horseback through this natural area."

Primitive camping is available. Some campsites are equipped with fire rings and benches. Latrines and running water are nearby.

A high point of the hike is a visit to the open air chapel, which affords a splendid view of the lake.

While the trail in the Little Big Econ State Forest is an official FTA trail, the trails in the GWA are not. Those familiar with the FTA will not see the usual orange and white blazes that mark the trails. The GWA's two main trails are marked red and yellow. The red trail is the loop around the lake, while the yellow blazes marks the connection to the Flagler trail, which runs north and south through the forest and across the river.

Norris has been an active member of the Central Florida Chapter of the FTA since 1995. She conceived the idea of the TOIF hikes. Hiking in the summer is daunting, with the heat and humidity. Norris felt the short evening hikes would give the group a chance to get out and explore, and to socialize. The reward at the end of the hike is more than a cold drink of water, it's dinner. That evening's repast was planned for the restaurant at Black Hammock.

What's more fun, hiking or eating? One participant couldn't decide, but went on to describe the group as "eaters with a hiking disorder."

The next TOIF hike is planned for Friday, Sept. 4, in the Econ River Wilderness, with dinner at Giovanni's. For more information on the hike, call Norris at 365-6036. For more information on the GWA and the county's Natural Lands Program, call Jim Doby at 321-1130, ext. 7345.



Historical society tours Mayfair Inn

By Grace Marie Stinescoper
HERALD CORRESPONDENT

SANFORD - Memories of activities at the former Mayfair Inn came flooding back as more than 100 members and guests of the Sanford Historical Society attended a recent dinner meeting in the building that is now New Tribes Mission Headquarters.

The event was held in the ballroom, now a chapel, where so many May Day Balls, Junior Senior Proms, Inter-Fraternity Dances, and Mayfair Season Openings were attended by the long-time Sanford residents.

Newcomers to the area were entranced by the memorabilia displayed and the evident excellent restoration of the building.

Featured speaker was Bill Kirchhoff whose father, William E. Kirchhoff Sr. had owned the Mayfair Hotel from 1937 to 1947. Bill gave a history of the building, complete with personal anecdotes and the showing of treasured items.

According to Bill, Forrest Lake, who was mayor of Sanford and also president of the Seminole County Bank, thought that a lakefront hotel would put Sanford on the map and proceeded to build one. The \$300,000 building was financed in 1925 by a public/private partnership owned by both the city and several citizens. Furnishings came from John Wannamaker's of New York.

There was no hotel in Orlando to compare with the Forrest Lake Hotel, and for a short time it did a successful business. However, the Florida Boom collapsed in 1926, sharply curtailing tourism. The stock market crash of 1929 was the last straw which forced the hotel's closure.

The furniture was sold and the ballroom was used to store Buicks which no one could buy.

William E. Kirchhoff was one of the fortunate ones who had made money during the Depression; he grew and shipped gladiolus. The closed hotel saddened him, so in 1934 he leased it with an option to purchase. The condition was that he must open at least 30 rooms each year for the next three years.

There was no furniture, so Kirchhoff bought pieces at auction from Atlantic City and other northern hotels which had gone broke. It was shipped back on the trucks which had taken gladiolus up



File Photo

Sanford Historical Society attended a recent dinner meeting in the building that is now New Tribes Mission

Headquarters. The Mayfair Inn was the setting for many Sanford social events.

north.

Silverware was retrieved from a barge, the Shamrock. Kirchhoff bought from the bankrupt Osceola Cypress Company. That cleared up the mystery as to why it was all monogrammed with an S.

The grand opening of the newly named Mayfair Hotel was Feb. 12, 1935, with music provided by Eddie Stevens and the Florida Rhythm Boys, Frank W. Swift was the manager.

In 1937, Kirchhoff exercised his option and bought the Mayfair for \$15,000. Thinking it would help entice northerners, he changed the name to Club E. Rancho Grande and advertised it as a club with limited membership in a beautiful brochure. Members would get special rates and other amenities. This was a fiasco, so the name was changed back to Mayfair and to a regular hotel which operated as such until World War II.

With the opening of the Sanford Naval Air Station in 1942, the military took control of the Mayfair and housed officers there. The Kirchhoffs moved to Bradenton as they now had no place to live in Sanford. The hotel was returned to them in 1944.

From the rough treatment by the Navy and also several storms, many repairs had to be made to the hotel. Bill remembered flower buckets all

over the ballroom during the many rains. After paying \$10,000 to have it reroofed, Kirchhoff began to try to sell the hotel as it was costing too much. He did build the swimming pool and tennis courts about this time. And WTRR was begun in one of the downstairs rooms in 1947.

Several deals to sell fell through, but finally in 1947 it was sold, though Mr. Kirchhoff still held a second mortgage on it. When he realized that the new owner was selling furniture to pay the first mortgage, he notified his attorney who put padlocks on the doors; the owner was to keep the hotel in good rental condition. Unbeknownst to Kirchhoff, it was during the state high school baseball championships being played here and teams that were staying in the hotel were locked out. This incident put Kirchhoff in a bad light and he also had to take back the hotel.

Kirchhoff finally got rid of the hotel by selling it to Horace Stoneham, owner of the New York Giants whose farm teams were in spring training in Sanford.

The Giants later sold to Bernard McFadden Foundation which operated Sanford Naval Academy there for many years, selling out to New Tribes Mission.

Bill stated that the hotel was a great place for a small boy to live as each member of the

family (he has two older sisters) had his own separate room and bath. He enjoyed sneaking into the various functions and mingling with the guests.

Following this account of the Mayfair, Robert Moseley, Partnership Development Consultant, told the group that the purpose of New Tribes Mission was to take the gospel to all new tribes. The missionaries learn the language and customs and then translate the Bible into their language. The printing press across the street prints these and other Christian literature. Fifty families lived in apartments on the second and third floors of the former hotel and 100 families work in their various Sanford facilities. There are 3,000 missionaries in 27 countries.

During the brief business meeting of the Society, President Millard Hunt thanked Barbara Chapman and her committee for coordinating the event and Moseley and New Tribes Mission for their excellent cooperation.

It was announced that half-year memberships to the Society would be sold that evening only and 23 single and family memberships were sold.

The next scheduled Society meeting will be Sept. 24 at the Sanford Museum with Jim Robinson, newspaper columnist, as speaker.

Museum-quality art offered at Beth El gift shop

Special to the Herald

LONGWOOD - Too often dreams and plans are not enough to bring a major project to completion.

For the women of Congregation Beth El of Central Florida's Sisterhood, they don't know it cannot be done, so they just go ahead and do it.

Scouring the country for art forms at their highest level of quality, beauty and individuality, by artists of international renown, Beth El Sisterhood is ready to unveil its findings at its Gift Shop Grand Opening Sunday, Aug. 16, beginning at 4 p.m.

Located at 160 1/2th Road in Longwood, the public is invited to attend north central Florida's first and only major center of Judaic and secular art, jewelry, ceramics, porcelain, crystal, gold, bronze, wood, linens and silks, etc., the most unique array of gift items for every occasion, special event or just because one "simply can't live without it" reason.

With an impressive marketing and retailing background as buyer and manager for a large, well-known Tennessee department store, Lake Mary resident and Beth El Sisterhood member Joan Cohn, was a natural choice for Gift Shop manager.

"It's awesome to have such an array of talent among our Sisterhood members," said



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Joan Cohn (left) Gift Shop manager, and Millicent Dachman, president of the Sisterhood, hold Shabbat

candles and candleholder available for purchase. The gift shop opens Sunday, Aug. 16.

Millicent Dachman, president of the group. "With Joan in charge, her ability to seek out talent and select merchandise that is incomparable in beauty and diversity, yet totally competitive in price, we feel very confident the Gift Shop will

more than please the public." Cohn explained, "Our entire concept is one-stop shopping. The average shopper is a woman, and the average woman has little enough time to go from store to store looking for something special. If

she can find unique gift items, special articles for religious holidays or celebrations, weddings, new home, the birth of a baby, art, ceramics, all of museum quality at the lowest prices available, merchandise. Please see Shop, Page 3C

Health & Fitness

Wound center can help in the healing of resistant injuries

Special to the Herald

LONGWOOD - After being cut or burned, most people assume their injury will heal within a reasonable amount of time. But many injuries just don't heal.

Mary Cowan learned that first-hand after she fell through a glass door and cut her leg. Although she received prompt medical attention, the wound didn't heal. In fact, it got worse.

Cowan, a 77-year-old retired nurse from Sanford, knew she had to get help. She went to the Seminole Wound Healing Center, where plastic surgeon Saulius Jankauskas performed a small skin graft. The graft initially "took," but broke down later. The swelling in her legs caused her injury to remain excessively moist - a perfect breeding ground for infection. In a short time, the infection had spread from her ankle almost up to her knee. She and Dr. Jankauskas both knew she was in danger of losing her leg.

With no time to lose, a treatment called the vacuum assisted closure was used. The excess fluid was suctioned from the wound, which reduced the amount of bacteria. Then her doctor performed a second skin graft that was completely successful.

The results of her treatment were so dramatic that her case was presented at a national nursing conference and later posted on the Internet.

Although many wound patients are over the age of 80, younger people experience problems with healing, too. Most of the younger patients seen at the Seminole Wound Healing Center have suffered burns, multiple traumas, amputations or surgical wounds that won't heal.

"Most wounds aren't as dramatic as Cowan's fall through a glass door, but even a small cut can become very serious when the wound doesn't heal."

Kenneth Johnson, 48, of Apopka received two stitches for a minor cut on his shin but when the stitches were removed a week later, an infection had set in. Although the wound appeared to be healing on the surface, the tissue underneath was riddled with infection. Within a month, the infection was so deep it almost penetrated to Johnson's shin bone. The wound had to be made larger in order to remove the infected tissue.

"Many people don't realize that specialized wound healing treatments are available. They suffer needlessly and hope the problem will somehow cure itself - or they try to treat the problem themselves. When the body's healing process doesn't work as it should, help is available," said Orace Ingvalson, RN, a certified enterostomal therapy nurse.

"As the Baby Boomers age, we will be seeing a great increase in the number of patients needing our services," said Ingvalson, who has

worked in the field for 20 years.

Wound healing is a rapidly growing medical specialty. One reason for the increasing demand for wound care is the aging of the population. As older people experience a decrease in circulation and other conditions, such as diabetes, they are more at risk of developing a wound that resists healing.

"Our skin goes through many changes as we age and the result is that we heal more slowly as we get older," Ingvalson said. "We need good blood flow for good healing."

Another of the center's patients, Dr. Al Weiner of Heathrow, suffered three cuts on his legs last year. Although he received immediate, emergency room treatment that included stitches, the wounds would not heal due to his poor circulation. A retired dentist, Dr. Weiner knew he needed a wound healing specialist and he called the Seminole Wound Healing Center. His wounds proved to be especially resistant but after several months, they were completely healed.

As these patients' experiences illustrate, even with specialized treatment, certain injuries may take many months to heal completely. However, without the correct treatment, some wounds may never heal. Treatments can include medical and surgical management, hydrotherapy, expert dressing management, properly measured and fitted compression garments, contact casting, physical therapy, occupational therapy and nutritional assessment and counseling.

Melba Lingel's troubles started when she was bitten on the leg by a small dog. "It was my daughter's poodle and I accidentally stepped on it, so it was really my fault," she said. "I tried to take care of it myself but after three days, I could tell something was wrong," said the 74-year-old Longwood resident.

When she went to her primary care physician, he immediately referred her to the



Photo Courtesy of Orlando Regional Healthcare System.

Although she needs a walker to get around, Mary Cowan is glad she can still take care of herself and her dog, Blackie. The 77-year-old retired nurse almost lost her leg because of a wound that would not heal.

Seminole Wound Healing Center. The dog bite had become badly infected and required that the dressing be changed three times a day.

"My husband helped me with the dressing and he was a wonderful nurse," said Lingel. Still, the wound required three months of attentive treatment from the center's staff and her husband.

Sometimes patients at the center may elect to participate in clinical trials as the staff evaluates new dressings, medications and other wound care therapies. The physicians work with the Health Research Institute at Orlando Regional Healthcare System to conduct research on all factors associated with wound healing.

"Our research focuses on determining the causes of abnormal scar tissue growth, modifying that growth and improving the efficiency of wound healing," said Dr. Jankauskas.

Recently, a second plastic surgeon, Barbara Wenczak, MD, joined the center, which is in its fourth year of operation. The center's staff also includes board certified enterostomal therapy nurses, exercise physiologists, physical therapists occupational therapists and dietitians.

Editor's note: This story, submitted by Orlando Regional

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ENGAGEMENTS

Jones-Guy

Mrs. Queen Ester Jones of Sanford, announces the engagement of her daughter, GERALYN Elaine Jones, to Minister Robert Lee Guy, Sr., son of Mrs. Mary A. Guy of Sanford.

Born in Tallahassee, the bride elect, daughter of the late Rev. Amos C. Jones, is the maternal granddaughter of the late Rev. Samuel L. and Cora L. Stallworth and the paternal granddaughter of the late Rev. George W. and Ada E. Jones.

Ms. Jones is a 1979 graduate of Seminole High School where she was a National Honor Society and Student Government member. She is a 1985 graduate of the University of Central Florida where she was a member of the choir. She is employed as a software engineer at Lockheed Martin, Orlando.

Her fiancé, born in Sanford, is the maternal grandson of the late Viola Thompson. He is a 1981 graduate of Seminole High School where he was active in football, basketball,



GERALYN Elaine Jones, Robert L. Guy Sr.

weightlifting, track and field. He is a 1986 graduate of Hampton University, Hampton, Va., where he played college football. He is employed as an elementary school teacher at Goldsboro School, Sanford.

The wedding will be an event of Saturday, Oct. 3, at 2:00 p.m. at New Word Covenant Church, Orlando.

Bledsoe-Cato



Lara Bledsoe, Matthew Cato

Dr. and Mrs. Michael E. Bledsoe of Longwood, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lara Janette Bledsoe, to Matthew Brian Cato, daughter of Glenda Cato of Tallahassee, and

Donald R. Cato of Altamonte Springs.

Born in Atlanta, the bride-elect is the maternal granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ben Barger of Gainesville, and the paternal granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Bledsoe of Palm Bay.

Ms. Bledsoe is a 1995 graduate of College Park High School, Pleasant Hill, Calif. She will graduate from University in May 1999 and is employed as a financial analyst by Siemens Telecom Network.

Born in Albany, Ga., the bridegroom-to-be is the paternal grandson of James and Eleanor Smith and the paternal grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Cato, all of Albany. He is a graduate of Leon County High School, Tallahassee, and is employed as a purchasing agent by Metroscape Corp.

The wedding will be an event of Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Lake Mary.

Getting married?

Engagement and wedding forms are available at the Sanford Herald office, 300 N. French Ave., Sanford, Florida 32771. These stories are usually published in the Sunday edition and may be accompanied by a photo. There is no charge for this service.

Weddings more than three months old will be published in announcement form without a photo.

MISSION POSSIBLE

Operation rescues Sanford children

Take 100 or more energetic children. Add games, music, prizes, lots of faith and what do you have?

Operation Rescue Sanford. On Saturday, Aug. 1, these children participated in a special Back-to-School Bash when they were presented school supplies, school clothing, other prizes and refreshments.

This 4-month-old organization is weaving its way into the hearts of the greater Sanford community by providing children, from babies to teenagers, with a place to go and things to do on Saturday mornings. And the community is supporting this urban mission group by donating supplies and services toward a better way of life for the participants.

A division of Rise Up Sanford, ORS is a community non-profit, faith-based operation, according to the dynamic volunteer director, Donita Sturch. A team of 8 other volunteers makes up the staff who meet with the children every Saturday, from 10 to noon, at the Clifford W. McKibbin Memorial Park, Hartwell at 25th Street in Sanford.

Donita said her goals are to have 5 to 10 teams covering other areas in the community such as going into churches to "let them know what we have." Since the inauguration of the program, the children keep coming back every Saturday to be a part of the happy, wholesome environment. The team members visit in the children's homes on Thursday evenings when the children look forward to seeing familiar, pleasant faces during visitation hours. "We



Donita Sturch, director of Operation Rescue Sanford, says, 'They (children) learn how to pray and that Jesus is their best buddy.'

Herald Photo by Peter Kabala



AROUND TOWN

DORIS DIETRICH

have the total support of the families," Donita said. "We get nothing but praise."

"What makes the fledgling organization work? To make things happen, you

have to be committed, be consistent. Children have enough disappointments in their lives. We teach the values of telling the truth," Donita said.

A typical Saturday morning at ORS begins with the children making their way (some by bus donated by Family Worship Center) to the park where team members arrived early with their portable equipment, to set up. A flat bed truck has been transformed into a stage and the music sound system has been fine tuned. Two large tarps are spread on the ground

with the girls sitting on one and the boys on the other.

Next, the children sign in and from this list, names are drawn for grand prizes (all donated) which include sports equipment, watches, T-shirts, etc.

Then fun time begins when the children sing, dance and socialize with lots of shrieks and hugs. Next comes game time and prizes followed by repeating the ORS rules, which is important, according to Donita.

"After repeating the pledges to the Christian flag and American flag, Donita starts the lesson of the day. The children can't wait for the exciting program Donita has prepared for them. She always uses visual objects to illustrate her points. Sometimes, there are skits performed by the children as well as puppet shows, all faith-based, Donita said.

"They (children) learn how to pray and that Jesus is their best buddy," Donita said.

Following the lesson, more prizes are awarded, even for being quiet, and then names are drawn for the grand prizes. Those attending are always served refreshments and are encouraged to stay and help with the clean-up detail.

The ORS program is open to all community children. "If a child gets into trouble, we want to be there for them and help them," Donita said. "What we do is far more than you see on Saturday morning."

Devout in her faith, Donita has the background to lead this enterprising group. She has a BS degree in elementary Please see Dietrich, Page 30



Huran Brown and Matthew Linsay are fishing to spell "Jesus" at meeting in park

80 citizens begin spread of community empowerment epidemic



Lorenzo Polk in summit discussion with youth and SWEAT Team

An educational summit was held at Crooms Academy on Saturday, July 25 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Community concerned citizens sponsored the educational summit along with Williams Enterprise as consultant.

Eighty concerned persons felt the need to devote their Saturday to begin a community empowerment epidemic, yes us, right now, here in the Sanford community where we live.

After a brief general session groups were divided. The first group was led by Elder Timothy Hudson and the Rev. Allen Peterson who had in their session concerned ministers and church representatives. There were many ideas to help improve their lives and the well being of our children and their educational advancement.

Many strategies were derived from all of the sessions. Ministers and church members said the community must be spiritually motivated and they should educate parents on how to deliver our children from the wrongs of life. Every church should consider development of role models for our youth of



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MARVA HAWKINS

the community.

A parents group was led by Cynthia Kendrick Oliver. Her groups strategies were numerous, however, a few of their suggestions were: parents should implement parents support groups; a network of resources should be made available for people and parents who can teach and receive skilled training in new techniques.

Our youth of the community along with the SWEAT team have contributed to the community and have become better citizens. This group of exciting youth was led by Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo (Sherlyn) Polk. Jessie White and Lorraine Blue presented the strategies most im-

portant to the youth. We must add more family education classes, chop vocation programs and have a parent center.

Community organizations accepted the challenges put before them by Vernon McQueen who led the group of community based concerned citizens. They are planning programs that will enhance communication skills through multi-media with parents, youth, schools, churches and community resources, and local government on a daily basis.

The groups assembled in the cafeteria for a tasty luncheon served by Sweet Harmony Order of Eastern Star. A medley of songs was rendered by Patricia M. Whatley, director and founder of Tajiri Arts School of Performing Arts.

Mistress of ceremonies was Barbara K. Bentley. A student's point of view was given to the youth present as a luncheon speaker who is interested in Sanford, Seminole County, Crooms Academy and the well being of the people of Please see Hawkins, Page 4C



Brownies on a field trip to Central Florida Zoo

Herald Photo by Mary Rowell

Girl Scouts schedule annual recruitment night at schools

It happens every year, near the beginning of the school year. Girl Scout Roundup - the Girl Scouts annual recruitment night - which the Stardust Service Unit has already scheduled.

Roundup for Wilson Elementary School will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 10. Roundup for Lake Mary Elementary will be Wednesday, Aug. 12. And Roundup for Heathrow Elementary will be Monday, Aug. 17.

Because turnout is lower at the middle and high school, no Roundups are scheduled for Greenwood Lakes Middle School or Lake Mary High School. However, if you have a girl at either of those schools who is interested in joining Girl Scouts, for Greenwood, you can call Peggy Wolfe, the Greenwood School Coordinator, at 327-8207, or for Lake Mary High, you can call Mary Rowell, the Service Unit Coordinator at 321-1498.

Girl Scouts is open to all school age girls. Kindergarten age girls are Daisies. Brownies are typically first through third grade, Juniors are fourth through sixth grade, Cadettes are seventh through ninth and Seniors are tenth through twelfth. (Some years can overlap). Girls do many activities together as a troop. For instance, many places, such as the Central Florida Zoo, offer special programs just for the Girl Scouts.

The scouts also do Service Unit activities with other troops. Last year, 25 of the troops in Lake Mary went to Mah-Kah-Wee, the Girl Scout camp, for a Native American Camporee. Each troop was a different Native American tribe. The



LAKE MARY

MARY ROWELL

troops designed their own T-shirts and learned all about their tribes. Just one month later, the girls were all participating in their own Olympics. And occasionally, they get offered very special opportunities. Last year, a group of Cadettes from Lake Mary got to meet Rebecca Lobo and Jackie Joyner-Kersey.

Why would you want your daughter to become a Girl Scout? Girl Scouts learn independence and self sufficiency. They learn about service to the community. For every 100 girls who join scouting, 4 will earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, 12 will have their first contact with a place of worship, 5 will earn their religious award, 1 will enter the clergy, 18 will develop hobbies that will be used during their adult life, 8 will enter a career that they discovered through Girl Scouting, 17 will become Girl Scout volunteers, 1 will use her Girl Scouting skills to save a life, and 1 will use her Girl Scouting skills to save her own life.

NEW ARRIVALS

The following births were recorded at Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford:

July 15 - Lashawanda Davidson and Willie Brooks, Sanford, Girl; Michelle Vertrel Wilson, Sanford, Girl; Raquel and Leon Hernandez, Deltona, Girl; Crystal and Chris Ponder, Deltona, Boy
 July 16 - Dorothea Thlane Hadley, Sanford, Boy
 July 17 - Angela Howlett and Chad Kehrlay, DeLand, Girl; Dana and Rico Sharp, Sr., Sanford, Boy
 July 18 - Valerie and Ileotis Heath, Sanford, Boy; Jennifer and Brian Johnson, DeLand, Boy; Nadra Davis, Sanford, Girl; Elizabeth Cookson and James DeJeaus Romero, Jr.,

Deltona, Boy
 July 20 - Betty Smith, Deltona, Boy
 July 21 - Tanya and Tony DeMarco, Sanford, Boy; Brenda and Mark Peter, Deltona, Boy

The following births were recorded at Florida Hospital, Altamonte:

July 6 - Mary and Walter Judge, Longwood, Girl; Christine and Henry Schumann, Jr., Oviedo, Girl
 July 7 - Rhonda Hayward and Willie Fisher, Sanford, Girl
 July 8 - Joyce and James Uhler, Jr., Winter Springs, Girl; Cassandra Martin and Kevin Krelling, Sanford, Boy
 July 10 - Jacquelyn and Randy Plummer, Oviedo, Girl

The following births were recorded at Florida Hospital in Altamonte:

July 14 - Melanie and Isaac Rosa, Oviedo, Girl; Kim and Hans Danziger, Casselberry, Boy
 July 15 - Bonnie and Charles Sims, III, Orange City, Boy; Amy and Dennis Bryant, Oviedo, Girl
 July 15 - April and Jason Sutton, Sanford, Girl; Laura and Andrew Poulos, Winter Springs, Girl; Linda and Russell Scott, Lake Mary, Boy
 July 17 - Hyun and Dong Choe, Lake Mary, Boy; Tracie and Gregory Scarlett, Casselberry, Girl
 July 18 - Chere and Richard Jones, Winter Springs, Boy

Hawkins

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this community. United States Congressman, Honorable Alcee Hastings, gave a stirring, informative message. He reminded the youth that improving the educational opportunities of our youth has always been a top priority of his. He stated that Congress hasn't been too helpful to communities lately and Republican leadership decided to only consider educational initiatives that will help their own party. Therefore, there hasn't been an important educational solution and funding has not been passed. There are a few who are trying to help members of Congress in doing their part to help us.

HR 1436, the Public Schools Renovation and Improvement Act is aimed at supplementing the efforts of local organizations and government, specifically in the area of renovating and rebuilding school buildings.

There will be an educational opportunity zones, rural and poverty areas, these areas need government assistance. A strong school is possible with a strong community behind it, unified. The concerned citizens will call a summit in October.

WILSONS VISIT CANADA

Calgary, Canada was the site of a five day visit and vacation for James (Button) Wilson and Eunice I. Wilson. Still excited over their trip, they told about

sightseeing in the mountains. They went to a rodeo and had fun in Canada. "It was great," said the Wilsons.

FAMU GRADUATES

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University announces the graduation of Sanford students: Kimberly Michele Wilson and Kyle Gaines who will enter the field of health and physical therapy.

CHRISTIAN PLAY

The Community Theater Group will stage the Christian play entitled, "Twelve Gates To The City" on Saturday, Aug. 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clearwater Missionary Baptist Church, 2204 Southwest Road.

CITIZENS HONORED

A community appreciation banquet honoring citizens and community organizations will be held Saturday, Aug. 22 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanford Civic Center. There is a donation of \$5.00. For tickets call 322-5418 and members of the Seminole African Academy of Arts.

NAACP HOSTS AWARDS BANQUET

The Seminole County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People observed its yearly Freedom Fund Awards banquet.

This year's theme "Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today"

was held on Saturday, July 25 at the Altamonte Springs Holiday Inn. Star 94.5 FM stations JoJo Dancer, radio commentator, presided over the evenings program.

Rev. Benjamin Adams, first vice president of the Seminole County NAACP gave the invocation. The welcome came from 2nd vice president Kenneth Bentley and a membership appeal was extended by 3rd vice president Tony Covington.

The message of the evening was brought by the honorable Corrine Brown, United States House of Representatives, District III. Citizens receiving awards were: Dr. Velma Williams, Community Services of the year; Zion Hope Baptist Church, church service of the year award; Johnell Jackson, Humanitarian Award; Kenneth Bentley, The Earl E. Williams Award; Lorraine R. Offer and Toni Adams, Educator of the Year Award.

President of the NAACP is Turner Clayton, Jr. who gave acknowledgment to the corporate sponsors with special thanks going to the gold sponsor, Dr. Lou Charles Harold, M.D.; Publix, Barnett/Nations Bank, SunTrust and Wayne Denach, Inc.

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Husband hurt by wife's affair ends up having one of his own

DEAR ABBY: I desperately need some advice. I am a physician, married to a beautiful woman for 20 years, and we have three teenage children. My wife and I are in our 40s.



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In 1995, my wife confessed she had a seven-year affair with my best friend. He would come to our house after I went to work and they would have sex in our bed. Although my wife never showed me any affection during that period, I blamed it on the strain of raising three children, never suspecting her infidelity.

She let word of the illicit affair slip when I teased her about her old boyfriend. I was devastated, but I didn't let on. She apologized, and our marriage continued for the sake of the children. In the last two years, my wife has been especially loving and affectionate toward me.

Earlier this year, my married sister-in-law (I'll call her Marie) stayed with us for four months. She confided to me that she had an unsatisfactory sex life with her husband. One thing led to another, and

we slept together several times. Marie has since returned home. Now I feel guilty and would like to confess this indiscretion to my wife to clear my conscience, but I am not sure how she'll react.

Though it will even things out, I do not want to hurt my wife or expose Marie's behavior. Should I tell my wife about the affair with her sister?

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DEAR ONLY HUMAN: I question your motives for confession. Remember the pain that your wife's confession caused

you? While confessing may be good for the soul, it will undoubtedly hurt others. I suggest you confess to your clergy instead.

DEAR ABBY: I write to offer hope to the lady who confided to you that she feels that now she has genital herpes, no one will ever want her.

When I caught genital herpes two years ago, I felt the same way. Back then I took your advice and contacted the Herpes Foundation. These caring people got me set up with my local support chapter and I began attending their monthly meetings. Through these meetings I met my soul mate, who is also afflicted.

We plan to be married in the future. Out of something bad came something wonderful! I hope this helps the woman who wrote to you by letting her know that all is not lost.

LIVING (WELL) IN MESA, ARIZ.

Dietrich

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education specializing in early childhood. Her other experience includes legal assistant and office manager of several businesses and working with children's and youth groups. She is also a talented vocalist and plays the keyboard.

"We are helping these children with values," she said. "We talk about real life issues - what drugs, alcohol and premarital sex will do to you. We are teaching the value of positive male role models."

Donita is concerned that some parents may not understand welfare reform. "We (ORS) are a link between other organizations and programs out there and I can network with them. Parents need to be made aware of services in the community."

For parents concerned over safety, the team members, who wear specially designed shirts, and children travel in pairs. "This 2 by 2 thing is Biblical and is safe for everybody," Donita said.

Calling herself a visionary, Donita has no doubts that ORS will continue its success. The

ORS is financed by "miracles," Donita said. Various individuals contribute funds while others give supplies. She said her church takes up a mission of offering monthly. ORS is in particular need of a moving van type truck or flatbed that can be used as a stage, as well as funds.

Another goal of the ORS is to have churches, both youths and adults, participate in this Saturday mission program as a project. "Any help we can get is a blessing," Donita said.

Team member Jolene Kinney said, "We hope the city catches a vision. So many good things can come out of this (ORS). It can turn the crime scene around."

For information and to donate, call Donita Sturch, 321-6971, or write Operation Rescue Sanford, PO Box 702, Sanford, FL 32772-0702.

The ORS will be on vacation from Aug. 27 to Sept. 17, while plans unravel for the fall and winter season. The operation's first gathering was an Easter Egg Hunt for 200 children and now a Christmas Toy Story to

taking shape. In the future, Donita hopes to celebrate Family Days with a picnic, band and family games.

Team volunteers are: Sue Peterson, assistant director; Jay Peterson, Jolene Kinney, Valerie Mundo, Jack Councils, Bruce Vammen and Pat Green.

Some of the supporters making donations are: First USA Bank employees, Heathrow, who contributed items for the Back-to-School Bash, Bibles for Children, Family Life, The Glory Crowd, Family Worship Center, Second Shiloh Baptist Church, Without Walls International Church, Tampa, Bill Wilson Ministries, New York, Winn Dixie, Publix and Gatorade.

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