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**WEEKEND**

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## Fun at the old ball park

Lake Mary and Lyman hooked up in a good old-fashioned pitcher's duel this week.

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## And the baby winners are...



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## Sanford teen dies after falling off pickup truck

Kyle Daniel Spescia, 17, of 1024 Willner Circle, Sanford, died Thursday from injuries he received from falling out of a moving pickup.

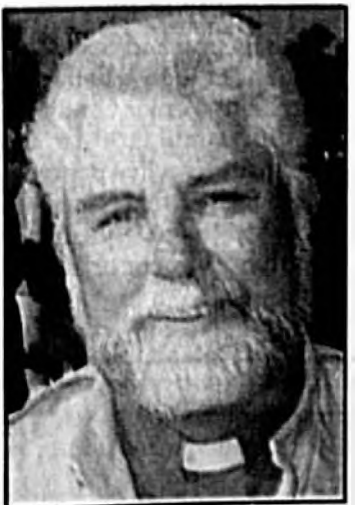
Sanford police report at about 4 p.m., Keith Matthew Horne, 16, of Lake Mary, was driving westbound on Hidden Lake Drive near the intersection of Centennial Drive. Witnesses told police at that time Spescia and Johnathon Gilstrap, 17, of Sanford, stood up in the bed of the pickup.

Police reported Spescia appeared to lose his balance as the truck entered a sharp turn, and he was ejected from the bed. He struck a curb 30 feet away and then tumbled another dozen feet onto the grassy shoulder.

He was airlifted Orlando Regional Medical Center in critical condition, but died later in the night.

The incident is still under the investigation. According to the police report, the driver was not travelling much over the 25 mph posted speed limit.

## Seminole Smile



Jim Goins — Lay Minister at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Deltona

## City to push for gas tax increase

By Christopher Patton  
Managing Editor

SANFORD — The city of Longwood continues to push Seminole County to find a funding source for door-to-door transportation for the elderly and disabled.

For the second year in a row, Longwood and the other six cities in the county have been asked to pick up a portion of the Lynx van service that is required by law to service the "transportation disadvantaged."

Longwood's share of the service increased by 76 percent this year to about \$59,000. City commissioners have balked at the cost because it comes in the middle of the budget year and comes with little explanation of how the service is operating. They voted last month to fund only half of the request in hopes of "pushing the county to find a better funding source."

"I don't mind writing the check," Commissioner Butch Bundy said, "if I get the opportunity to discuss how much it is for and how it is going to be spent."

Longwood commissioners will discuss a resolution at their Monday, March 15, meeting, which supports the county commission levying an additional penny on the local gas tax to fund the van service.

County officials denied a proposal to raise the local gas tax option from 7 to 8 cents last October, and one commissioner doesn't anticipate the issue coming up again anytime soon. County Commissioner Carlton

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## \$5,000 in fags stolen on S.R. 46

By Joe Hunter  
Herald Intern

Over the span of two days, burglars made off with large quantities of cigarettes from two locations on State Road 46.

Investigators are determining if the two cases are connected as they do have a rough identity of the suspect in the second case.

The first incident occurred on Thursday, March 4, between 1 and 7 p.m. at the BP gas station on State Road 46. At about 7 p.m., Seminole County Sheriff's deputies responded to a call by the station's manager, who discovered the back door of the convenience store open with about 85 cartons of cigarettes of varying types missing.

The merchandise is said to have a total estimated value of \$3,915. The manager reported that the back door was normally locked with a padlock,

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## 8-Acre Mixed Use Development at the Forefront of Sanford Revitalization

By Dan Ping  
Editor

SANFORD — Ground-breaking ceremonies were held Thursday morning for the single largest private investment in downtown Sanford.

Suncor Properties Inc. broke ground for the Gateway at Riverwalk, an 8-acre mixed-use development that will feature a 6-story condominium complex with first floor retail shops. The condo tower will cost about \$15 million to construct and once completed will be valued at nearly \$25 million.

"This is by far the largest and most exciting residential real estate project that Sanford has seen in nearly 50 years," said Sanford Mayor Brady Lessard. "It will attract people from all across the region to live, work and play in Sanford, and I look forward to seeing its completion."

The six-story structure will house 56 condominium units. In addition, Suncor will build 66 townhomes with retail office space on the first floor. Bob Horian, president of Suncor, said the company had pre-sold enough townhomes to begin work on three structures in addition to the condominium tower.

Horian said sales of the condominiums began three weeks ago and already 22 of the 56 units have sold.

"We didn't expect to start the project until June 1," Horian said. "In fact, our first ad doesn't run until July. All of these sales have been generated without any advertising. It's all been word of mouth."

Suncor has already obtained rights to several other properties downtown and on the marina island, Horian said, and the company is looking to build other projects.



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Bob Horian, president of Suncor Properties Inc. and Sanford Mayor Brady Lessard (right) were all smiles Thursday as they broke ground for the multi-million complex (below) on Lake Monroe.

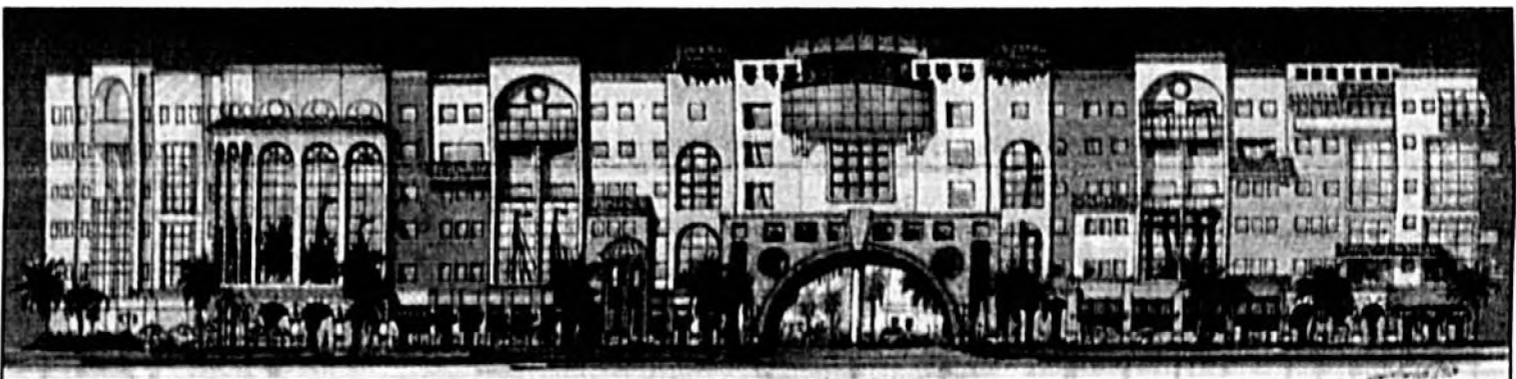
"I think this is only the tip of the iceberg," Horian said. "The enthusiasm in Sanford is overwhelming. We're already looking to obtain other properties."

The Gateway at Riverwalk is being funded by Colonial Bank, the sixth-largest bank in Florida. Colonial Bank of Central Florida manages \$1.3 billion in total assets through its 45 offices in nine

counties including Brevard, Flagler, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, St. Johns and Volusia. The regional headquarters is located at 201 E. Pine St. in downtown Orlando.

"We're pleased to provide Suncor Properties with the financing to make

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## Police warn about string of car burglaries

By Christopher Patton  
Managing Editor

SANFORD — With a recent increase of vehicle burglaries and thefts, Sanford police are looking to crack down with the help of the public and a stronger law enforcement presence.

Officer Mike Bernosky, Sanford police community policing coordinator, has detailed several common mistakes citizens often make that lead to vehicle thefts and burglaries. Top on the list is one of the easiest for residents to

change.

"We've noticed a lot of these car burglaries of unlocked vehicles," he said. "You'd be surprised at how many people leave their cars unlocked."

With no need to break a window, an unlocked car is inviting criminal activity. Generally, thieves looking to swipe items from cars will go through a neighborhood checking vehicle doors.

"Frequently when people park their cars in their yards or apartment complex they forget it's like parking in a shopping center," he said.

Bernosky said Sanford residents should always lock their vehicles so it becomes habit forming, which will greatly reduce the chances of being a victim of a car break-in.

While Sanford police spokesperson Cleo Cohen said the vehicle burglaries have been sporadic, she too has noticed a lot of the reports involving unsecured vehicles. By locking the doors and removing valuable items from plain view it diminishes the temptation for a break-in, she said.

"We've had everything from

coins to weapons being reported stolen (from vehicles)," Bernosky said.

Police are also encouraging the community to report any suspicious people going from vehicle to vehicle. According to Bernosky, a lot of the recent incidents are teenagers going through the neighborhoods stealing items from cars.

By locking the vehicle doors and removing valuable items, he said its part of a law enforcement tactic known as "target hardening."

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## Riding (and writing) the stars to success

By Darla Kinney Scoles  
Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — Place a telephone call to Sanford Middle School and the automated recording that greets you says that this is the school "where we are riding the stars to success."

Coincidentally — or perhaps not — this phrase also best describes one of Sanford Middle School's magnet students, John Scates.

A seventh grader enrolled in the school's aviation instruction, Scates has already taken flight in the eyes of his aviation teacher and AFJROTC leader Joseph Oliver, as well as catching the eye of folks at Delta Connections Academy in Sanford.

Last fall, when Oliver

received an e-mail announcing a countywide essay contest sponsored by the airline pilot training flight school, he offered the writing assignment as a way for his students to earn extra credit. Scates not only received extra credit in class for his writings entitled "Flight," he won the contest. In doing so, Scates also received a certificate, poster, and model of the Wright Brothers plane from the academy and the promise of an hour of personal flight up in a Cessna 152.

Says Scates of the flight plan for the awarded voyage in the two-seater aircraft, "I think I'll go toward the beach."

Eventually, however, Scates hopes to truly head for the

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Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Sanford Middle School student John Scates hopes to move from behind the flight simulator to the real thing one day.

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# SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

**Delusions of grandeur:** Sometimes this column is just too easy to write, especially if Mike McLean has stopped by *The Herald*.

McLean is a city commissioner in Lake Mary. About 16 months ago, his fellow commissioners elected Janet Jernigan deputy mayor, a ceremonial title that rotates between commissioners each year. *The Herald* did a story on Jernigan and McLean called to complain that we hadn't done one on him the previous year when he was selected for the same title.

When Jernigan's term was up in November, McLean was itching to take her place. He was elected to the position and quickly called *The Herald* to pester the news staff to do a story on his selection.

Evidently, that wasn't enough publicity.

Last week McLean called Managing Editor Chris Patton to talk about a story that had appeared in *The Herald*. Before he hung up, McLean asked Patton to make a clarification in future stories about him.

"Can you refer to me as the deputy mayor rather than just a commissioner?" McLean asked.

Have you lost your mind Mikey? No politician worth a darn calls up a newspaper to make such a self-centered request without expecting it to wind up in print. Did you really think we wouldn't use that quote?

I think we'll start referring to McLean as "The Deputy" because he reminds us of another deputy — deputy Barney Fife. Barney never missed a chance to hitch up his gun belt, stick out his chest and boldly pronounce he was in charge. Only he wasn't and everybody knew it. Same thing in Lake Mary. Thom Greene is the cool-headed mayor in charge while McLean is the boastful sidekick who must keep his single bullet in his pocket lest he hurt himself.

McLean's antics did inspire a bit of verse:  
**There's a deputy mayor named McLean,  
who loves to make the local scene.  
He's quick to point out  
that he has lots of clout,  
but quite frankly it's all in his dreams.**

**Missing in action:** Suncor Properties held a ground-breaking ceremony for its \$15 million mixed-use condominium project just west of City Hall. Conspicuously absent from the ceremonies was a representative from the *Orlando Sentinel*.

Suncor's project is the single largest private investment in downtown. The appraisal value on the condo tower alone will approach \$25 million. I guess the good folks at the *Sentinel* were too busy trying to blame the airport because some moron booked a flight into Sanford but reserved his rental car in Orlando. Or maybe they were assisting with one of the paper's cutting-edge investigative pieces like the one that appeared in Tuesday's issue: "Magic's Grant Hill is done for this season." (Duh!)

Also missing from the ceremonies was a representative from the county. None of the county's top staff or the elected commissioners attended the event. Maybe the commissioners felt their presence would be a subconscious signal that they could be bought by developers and didn't want that on their conscience.

**Birthday extravaganza:** With old age comes loss of memory. At least I think I remember someone telling me that. I recently celebrated my 37th birthday and meant to thank some folks who helped me celebrate.

What was suppose to be just another birthday turned into a pretty kickin' surprise party thanks to Bob and Jeff over at the Red Room. The boys, with the help of LS over at the RCTR, planned a White Trash Bash. I'm assuming they came up with the theme because I'm from Tennessee, and as we all know, everyone from the Volunteer State is all about the white trash.

The stylishly hip décor of the Red Room was transformed into what could only be described as redneck chic. Underwear hung from clothes lines, ratty afghans covered the couches, velvet paintings were knocked askew on the wall and the end tables were covered with curlers, nail clippers, stale beer and cheese doodles. If that weren't enough, patrons had to walk by an old toilet filled with plastic flowers to get into the bar. Bob got into the act by wearing his dirtiest wife-beater undershirt. There was even a food fight after midnight (chocolate cake is hard to clean up when it's smeared everywhere).

It was a great party, and I appreciate Bob and Jeff for hosting it.

## Stadium seating



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Prior to the opening day ceremony for the city of Sanford Babe Ruth baseball and softball leagues, officials with the city recreation department make sure the sponsors and V.I.P.s in attendance had the best seats in the house. The kickoff of the national pastime was held last weekend at Sanford Memorial Stadium.

## Obstruction of streets

Douglas Lefe Mitchell, 34, reportedly living in a wooded area on SR-46 at Rinehart Road, was arrested by Sanford police Monday. Officers said he was standing on a street with a piece of cardboard saying I'm homeless and I need money". He was arrested on a public order crime of obstruction of public streets without a permit/soliciting for money.

## Prostitution

• Brandy Raquez Stella, 31, of Holly Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police on Feb. 20, in the 500 block of North Palmetto Avenue, as the result of an undercover prostitute operation by members of the Special Tactical Unit. She reportedly offered sex to an officer. She was arrested on a charge of procurement for prostitution, offering to perform a lewd act.

• Carolyn Boyd, 34, of Castle Brewer Court, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford Police Special Tactical Unit undercover officers Tuesday at 10th Street and Olive Avenue. She was arrested on charges of procurement for prostitution, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

## Drug related

• Sherman Jermine Jones, 21 of Florida Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday. He was located in a vehicle in the 1100 block of East Eighth Street. Officers checking his vehicle reported finding drug related equipment. He was arrested on charges of possession of narcotics equipment and possession of cocaine.

• Arlington Perry Mills, 31, of Olive Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Friday. He reportedly attempted to sell cocaine to an undercover officer. He was arrested on charges of selling cocaine, and possession of cocaine with intent to sell.

• Erin Thomas, 23, John Cragg, 21 and John Edward Lytle, 24, all of Orlando Drive, Sanford, were arrested by Sanford Special Tactical Unit and CCIB officers on March 5 in the 2700 block of Orlando Drive. Gragg reportedly attempted to sell drugs to an undercover agent. He was arrested on charges of selling cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to sell or deliver and possession of



narcotics equipment. Thomas was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana. Lytle was charged with selling cocaine and possession of cocaine with intent to sell/deliver.

• Erik Dion Williams, 24, of Lake Jennie Drive, Sanford, was arrested on March 5 by Sanford Special Tactical Unit and CCIB undercover officers on Georgia Avenue at Terrace Drive. He was charged with selling cocaine.

• Danny Hughes, Jr., 19, with no known address, and Richardo Barksdale, 39, listed as homeless in Winter Park, were arrested on March 5 by members of the Sanford Special Tactical Unit and CCIB at Eighth Street and Hickory Avenue when they attempted to sell drugs to undercover agents. Hughes was charged with distribution of cocaine and resisting an officer without violence. Barksdale was charged with distribution of cocaine, resisting an officer without violence, possession of narcotics equipment and possession of under 20 grams of marijuana.

## Battery

• Maurice Damario Crawford, 22 of Old England Loop, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday at his residence following a dispute with a female. He was charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic violence).

## Burglary

Tyron Anthony Candis, 40, listed as homeless in Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday. He was reportedly found in a car lot on West Third Street. He reportedly told officers he was breaking into vehicles looking for a place to sleep. He was arrested on charges of burglary to a structure, petty larceny, and giving a false ID to a law enforcement officer.

## Traffic stops

• Chaloner Eglios, 40, of West 12th Street, Sanford, was stopped by Sanford police Monday on

West 13th Street. He was charged with driving with a suspended license, no current insurance, and forgery/alteration of a license plate validation sticker.

• Darryl Issac Baker II, 22, of Academy Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by police Sunday following a traffic stop on Persimmon Avenue. He was charged with driving while license is suspended, and failing to obey a traffic control device (stop sign).

• Patrick Jay Nestlebusch, 42, of Fruitland Park, was arrested by Sanford police Friday, following a traffic stop at Upsala Road and State Road 46. He was charged with driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol or drugs.

## Other arrests

• Willie Bostick, 34, and Lindsay Makonenn Rasjudah, 27, both of Orlando, were arrested by Sanford police Wednesday. The previous day, the two reportedly took a video game from a store without paying. It was later believed other video games had been taken from other establishments. Each was charged with petty shoplifting from a merchant.

• Harvey Timothy Williams, 59, of Lincoln Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Monday at a residence in the 800 block of Orange Avenue. He reportedly entered the residence of a former girlfriend and attempted to take items from the home. He was arrested on charges of burglary to a dwelling and simple assault/intent or threat to do violence.

• Shirley Scott, 48, listed as homeless in Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday at a store in the 1500 block of French Avenue. She was charged with trespassing, failure to leave property on order of the owner.

• A man arrested as John Doe, 26, of Locust Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday in the 3600 block of Orlando Drive. He reportedly had attempted to cash a worthless check. When an officer attempted to question him, he is said to have ran from the area. He was apprehended and placed under arrest on a charge of resisting an officer without violence. Officers were unable to establish his true identity, and arrested him as John Doe.

## OUT & ABOUT

### SAT 13

A St. Patrick's Day Party will be held at Wolfy's on the River, 503 N. Palmetto Ave., from 2 to 7 p.m. The purpose is to raise funds to help Mike Fitzpatrick with his medical bills, stemming from a 20-foot fall from a ladder last Oct. 2, 2003. His right leg was shattered and will require a knee replacement in six months. There will be fun, live music and food. For more information, call 407-322-8160.

The IBPO Elks of the World, Celery City Lodge 542, Evergreen Temple 321 will hold their local oratorical contest at New Mt. Calvary M.B. Church, 1109 W. 12th St. in Sanford beginning at 4 p.m. There are four contestants this year, Jessie Rachel McKersy and Jovanne Fourcand of Winter Springs High School, Clarence E. Stephen of Seminole High School and Sharde Edwards of Lake Mary High School. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Curtistine Peterson at 407-330-2724.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. presents International Day of Service, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Jackson Heights Middle School, 141 Academy Drive, Oviedo. The event promotes health and wellness on HIV/AIDS. It is free and open to the public. For more information, call 407-322-0407.

### MON 15

The Sanford Fire Department will hold a monthly child passenger seat check up for all citizens of Sanford at Sanford Fire Station No. 2, 300 E. Airport Blvd. Call Fire Inspector Tim Robles at 407-302-2520 for an appointment. Children need not be present.

### TUE 16

Central Florida Regional Hospital will hold a Wellness Seminar for weight reduction at the hospital facility, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost of the first 45 minutes is free, with a charge of \$59 for the remainder of the session. The fee includes a powerful hypnotic session, and various publications and a video. No reservations are required. The hospital will also hold a Smoking Cessation Program on March 29, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fees are the same as previously stated. For more information, call 1-800-848-2822.

Central Florida Employment Council (CFEC) will hold a job fair from noon to 4 p.m. at Expo Center, 500 W. Livingston St. in Orlando. Over 1,000 job openings may be available. Register online at www.CFEC.org or register at the job fair. Professional dress required. No children under 16. For more information, call 407-834-4022.

### WED 17

The Sanford Senior Center and Over 50 Club will host a St. Patrick's Day dance from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Sanford Civic Center. Cost is \$3.

Join the fun and celebrate the luck of the Irish at the Casselberry Senior Center from 10:30 until 11:30 a.m. The party features a live performance by the Tir Na Greine School of Irish Dance, free refreshments, door prizes and more.

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## Ax murderer sentenced to death

Seminole County Circuit Judge Kenneth Lester Jr. sentenced John Michael Buzia to death Thursday.

Buzia was arrested on March 15, 2000, for the slaying of Charles John Kersch, 71. The death penalty was suggested by a jury last year.

A handyman by trade, Buzia was hired by Kersch and his wife, Thea, to do some carpentry work at their four-bedroom home at 460 W. Palm Valley Drive near the city of Oviedo.



Buzia

University of Central Florida.

With access to the gate, Buzia reportedly waited at

the couple's home one morning and when they arrived, he bludgeoned both with an ax.

Thea was critically injured in the assault and managed to call 911 at about 6:18 p.m. on March 14.

After the slaying, Buzia reportedly stole the couple's 1993 Toyota Camry and drove to the National Commerce Bank in Winter Park and attempted to cash a forged check.

A teller called Winter park police and he was arrested

## Cigarettes

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which was also missing from the scene. Two small latent fingerprints were found on the handles to the locker from which the cigarettes were taken.

In another incident, occurring two days later on Saturday, March 6, at about 3:05 a.m., at the Publix grocery store located on State Road 46, an unknown white male suspect about 6 feet tall broke the glass on the front entrance door in order to gain entrance to the building, causing an estimated \$200 in damage.

Video surveillance tapes show the suspect jumping over the service desk counter and taking 33 cartons of cigarettes, retailing at a total estimated value of \$1,135. The suspect



Photos submitted

An unknown suspect broke into the Lake Forest Publix last Saturday and got away with more than a \$1,000 in cigarettes.

then exited the same way he entered. There were no other items missing or out of place.

Both cases are still under investigation. Anyone with

any information regarding either case is encouraged to call the Seminole County Sheriff's Office at 407-665-6600.

## Tax

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Henley sounded off at the board of commissioners meeting Tuesday on comments made by Bundy that the county promised to raise taxes to fund the van service.

"We're not going to raise the tax on this thing, we're going to look at other alternatives," County Commissioner Carlton Henley said. "We

made no promise to raise taxes."

Bundy said Friday there may not have been a "cross my heart or hope to die" promise.

"It may not be a promise, but I take people at their word, and if it was not intended that way I told Carlton (Henley) I was sorry for the miscommunication. But we need to figure

out a permanent funding solution for this" he said.

"I think this resolution will help prod the county and maybe some of the other cities to sit down and say if the gasoline tax is not the viable option let's hammer out something and take it back to our respective boards so we don't have to go through this every year."

## Vehicle

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Three components are needed for a crime to occur—desire, opportunity and ability. By securing a vehicle, it diminishes the opportunity for a criminal.

"We can stop a lot of this going into open cars and taking coins and cell phones," he said. "If they just take those items away and lock the vehicles."

If items are stolen from a vehicle, it can be rather difficult for police to track a suspect. The only evidence they might gather from the scene is a fingerprint, and in the case of juveniles many do not have police records, Bemsky said.

For those criminals that decide to steal a car, police can have a far better success rate of recovering the vehicle. That was the case Wednesday afternoon when Bemsky and about dozen other Sanford officers and Seminole County deputies tracked a white Buick to Jessamine Avenue and Seventh Street.

A small chase began at about Celery and Brisson avenues on the opposite side of Sanford, but by the time the three reported suspects had made it across the city, a full-fledge pursuit had developed complete with a helicopter and numerous other squad cars.

With few witnesses about in the middle of the day, the three black males found cover in nearby Castle Brewer Court and police were unable to track them, but the car was recovered.

Bemsky's list of dos and don'ts to protect residents from being a victim of a vehicle theft or burglary includes:

- Lock it and pocket the keys. Remember to lock the trunk, the hatchback or the tailgate of a station wagon or sport utility vehicle.

- Don't leave the motor vehicle registration, insurance policies, credit cards or other important papers in the vehicle glove compartment.

- When pumping gas or picking something up at the convenience store, don't leave the keys in the vehicle.

- Never hide a second set of keys in the vehicle. Extra keys can easily be found if the thief takes time to look. Store a spare key in a wallet or purse.

- If possible, avoid parking next to vans, pick-ups and other large vehicles. These larger vehicles can "hide" a car and make it more difficult for it to observe.

- Periodically check license plates to make sure that they haven't been stolen or altered.

- Don't invite a break-in by leaving packages or valuables (i.e. radar detectors, cellular phones, compact disc players, purses, etc.) in plain sight from the vehicle windows. Take valuables in the house, put them under the seat or lock them in the trunk.

- Whenever possible park in a well lighted and highly traveled area.

- On cold mornings, never leave a vehicle running as it is warming up unattended.

- For each vehicle, record the following information and keep it in a safe location outside of the vehicle: make and model, model year, registration number, vehicle identification number, color, name of insurance company and agent, engine size, identifying marks of the vehicle (dents, pin stripes, etc.) and key number.

- Park as close as possible to open businesses.

- If the vehicle is equipped with a vehicle alarm or other security system — use it at all times.

- Residents interested in the Seminole County Combat Auto Theft (C.A.T.) Program are encouraged to call Sanford police at 407-323-3030. The program is a voluntary effort that requires a participant to stick a C.A.T. decal to the corner of the rear window of the vehicle. The program is established throughout Central Florida and authorizes a law enforce-



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Sanford Officer Mike Bemsky impores the community to lock its vehicle doors.



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# OPINION

## Salvation Army

### 124 years in the United States and still going strong

Back in 1865, a Methodist minister, William Booth, launched into a plan to feed and house the poor folks in the Nottingham, England area where he was born and served. The project apparently worked well, and on April 10, 1878, he resigned from his church position and started a quasi-military religious organization, complete with military style uniforms and ranks. It was the start of the Salvation Army. Booth assumed the rank of General.



Nick Pfeifauf

Why was it formed? His original intent was to send converts to established churches of the day. But Booth noted that the poor didn't attend regular churches. They apparently felt their shabby clothing and unwashed condition didn't blend in well in such places as St. Paul's or Westminster Abbey. So Booth decided to create a church especially for them and did so in the East London Christian Mission. It grew slowly, but steadily.

Why is it called the "Salvation" Army? That started in May of 1878 when Booth called his son Bramwell and a good friend, George Railton, to go over a proof he had drawn of his Christian Mission's work. At the top, it read, "The Christian Mission is a Volunteer Army." Bramwell objected. He said he was not a volunteer, he was compelled to do God's work. So, in an apparent flash of inspiration, Booth crossed out the word "Volunteer" and wrote "Salvation." With that, the title of The Salvation Army was born.

Just 23 months later, on March 10, 1880, Commander Railton and seven women officers of the Salvation Army, having left England, arrived in New York City, thus marking the start of the Salvation Army in the United States.

By the 1900s, the Salvation Army had spread around the world with officers and soldiers in 36 nations including the United States. The organization operated a great many much-needed services including social work, the first food depot, the first day nursery and the first missionary hospital. During World War II, The Salvation Army operated service units for the armed forces.

Today, The Salvation Army is stronger and more powerful than ever before. It has expanded to be active in 106 nations across the world.

Locally, our Salvation Army, the only one in Seminole County, has Capt. Robert Reckline leading the organization. He has been here for 2 1/2 years.

The Sanford Salvation Army started in 1933. Formerly it was located in a building on Second Street in the downtown area. The present facility opened in 1975.

As a side-note, do you know why Salvation Army bands have only brass instruments (in addition to percussion)? It's because the bands often perform in areas where no one else would go, and reed instruments, clarinets and saxophones, require reed replacements quite often. Musicians couldn't simply run across the street and buy a new reed. Also, they cost money. The brass instruments are less expensive to maintain.

To some, the Salvation Army is known only as the folks responsible for putting out kettles for donations, just before Christmas. Volunteers ring bells to draw attention at shopping centers and places where people gather.

Did you know that this past Christmas season, our local kettles obtained in excess of \$195,000 to help the Salvation Army causes? And this is only one of many activities undertaken by the Army. As the founder established, there are church services at the Salvation Army every Sunday morning at 11 a.m., open to everyone.

It is so much more than kettles and helping those in need. To find out how you can help as a volunteer, contact the local Salvation Army facility at 700 W. 24th St. in Sanford, 407-322-2642. Don't wait until just before Christmas. Call now. For information on the overall organization, visit the Web site at [www.salvationarmy.org](http://www.salvationarmy.org) or [salvationist.org](http://salvationist.org).



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## Your Views

### Sanford chamber doesn't respond to radio station

To the editor:

David Watson, Shipwreck Cafe:  
Hello from WMMO Radio! I wanted to follow up with you regarding the recent Mardi Gras event in Sanford. I sure hope the event went well and that all expectations from the businesses in Sanford and the goals of the chamber of commerce in Sanford were met. If that was the case, great!

I did want to let you know that I made at least three attempts though to contact a media representative with the chamber of commerce. I made three phone calls and asked for someone to call me back each time. Even to this late day on Monday, Feb. 23, I have yet to hear from a person with the chamber.

We had a desire to help promote the event via some Public Service time on WMMO and also wanted to list the event on the WMMO Web site. However, since no one bothered to call me back, this task was never pulled off. It is important to know that as a commercial business, we would always like to have additional advertisers work with our company and station. But in this case, we were willing to offer a step beyond that and offer media services at NO CHARGE in exchange for future potential partnering when the need arises.

I want to let you and various other leaders of the community

of Sanford know that although I was disappointed in not having received a single return phone call, I would still like to see us help promote the fine city of Sanford and its chamber of commerce events, whenever the occasion calls for action. I look forward to serving you soon.

Doug Rice  
WMMO Radio

ratory and your police department.

Dr. Tal Oron-Gilad and Dr. James I. Szalma Sr.  
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### Developer thanks Sanford staff for efficiency, respect

To the editor:

City Manager Al Grieshaber:  
We have thanked much of your staff for the tremendous job they do and a few have mentioned it would be nice to send something in writing.

One of my corporations owns Sanford Plaza and I am a small developer doing projects in various counties and cities. The staff for Sanford has by far the most reasonable, efficient, polite staff of any municipality we work with. I have felt you are understaffed for a long time and yet your staff gets done and slows us down only when the real issues need to be addressed. I truly am amazed and could give you very specific details of how poorly matters are handled elsewhere, and how good your people handle things.

The departments I have primarily worked with are the Manager's office (just the receptionist — who is so polite even though she has so much work), Utilities (Paul is awesome), Public Works, Engineering and Planning (Russ is great), Zoning, Code Enforcement, Building, Occupational Licenses, Fire Safety, Parks and Recreation.

There is so much more I would like to say (but the letter would slow down the great work you all do) and so many times I would like to mention (I would forget some and be in trouble), all I can say is thank you to you and your staff.

Stan Smith  
President  
Sanford Plaza, Inc.  
of Deltona

### Officer recognized as a 'standout' at police department

To the editor:

Chief Brian Tooley:  
This past Saturday I participated in a door-to-door survey effort through the Weed and Seed Program.

I was unsure of what to expect, and even more so when I learned I would be paired with a Sanford police officer. Fortunately, I had the pleasure of being paired with Officer Ted Butler. Officer Butler displayed the best qualities of community policing during our morning's tasks.

Several years ago I completed my masters degree in criminal justice and I have had the opportunity to be associated with many law enforcement officers. Officer Butler is truly a standout and an asset to your department.

R. Glenn Wendt  
Program Coordinator  
Recovery House of  
Central Florida, Sanford

## Black men 'on the down low' keep killing

The casual homophobia that has long pervaded black America is more than a social failing. This bit of knee-jerk bigotry that keeps black gays in the closet is also a killer.

From the black church to the barbershop, a gay-bashing ethos is so prevalent that black men who have sex with other men refuse to admit that they're gay. Indeed, according to Dr. Helene Gayle, one of the nation's top African-American AIDS researchers, some black parents prefer to falsely accuse their HIV-infected sons of drug abuse rather than admit that the son is gay.

Just last week, a black Atlanta radio talk-show host, Coz Carson, was on the air denouncing the push for gay marriage, claiming that support for same-sex unions promotes the increase in HIV among black men — as if homosexuality, not HIV, were contagious. Carson has homophobia, such as that which he so proudly displayed, that promotes the spread of HIV.

Given the hostility they face, black gays and lesbians are less likely than whites to come out of the closet, to form support groups or to seek counseling about safe sex. Can it be any wonder, then, that black Americans — men and women — comprise a dis-

proportionate share of HIV and AIDS cases?

Only about 13 percent of the population, black Americans account for about 54 percent of all new HIV infections. And black women are 23 times more likely to contract the virus than white women. Just a few years ago, researchers discovered a primary reason for that alarming statistic: black men who engage in homosexual activity secretly — or "on the down low" — while continuing to sleep with their wives or girlfriends, who are then vulnerable to infection.

Now comes news that risky sexual activity — usually homosexual encounters "on the down low" — has brought about a high rate of HIV infection in black male college students in North Carolina. And there is no reason to believe those statistics represent some anomaly limited to that state. If the same test were used in Georgia, a similar rate of infection could well appear among Atlanta's black college men.

Atlanta has a well-developed network of "down low" clubs and organizations, according to writer

Benoit Denizet-Lewis, who profiled that milieu in several cities last year for *The New York Times*. "For young black men, Atlanta is the hub of the South, a city with unlimited possibilities, including a place in its vibrant DL scene," Denizet-Lewis wrote, describing "clubs, Web sites, Internet chat

rooms, private parties and special nights at clubs" — all of which are designed to allow closeted gay black men to meet each other. He also describes several of the young black men he met, including 31-year-old Rakeem:

"We know there are black gay rappers, black gay athletes, but they're all on the DL," Rakeem says. "If you're white, you can come out as any openly gay skier or actor or whatever. It might hurt you some, but it's not like if you're black and gay, because then it's like you've let down the whole black community, black women, black history, black pride ..."

Dr. Walter Massey, president of Atlanta's all-male, historically black Morehouse College, says he has encountered young men struggling with their sexual

identities as they try to fit traditional roles. "Above all, black men are taught and raised to be ... men, to raise families, to be fathers ... be a leader in his community and in his home. Any black male who is seen not to fit that kind of role probably suffers a lot of identity problems," he said.

After an incident last year in which a Morehouse student assaulted another after accusing him of making a homosexual pass, Morehouse started outreach programs to its openly gay students, as well as teaching tolerance to its larger student body, Massey said. But the school still struggles to develop programs for "that other group of students" who have sex with men but don't wish to be called gay. "This is a new area for us," he said.

But no support group or safe-sex counseling would do those young men as much good as broad acceptance of homosexuality. If black America doesn't let go of its bigotry, it may end up sacrificing what W.E.B. DuBois called its talented tenth.

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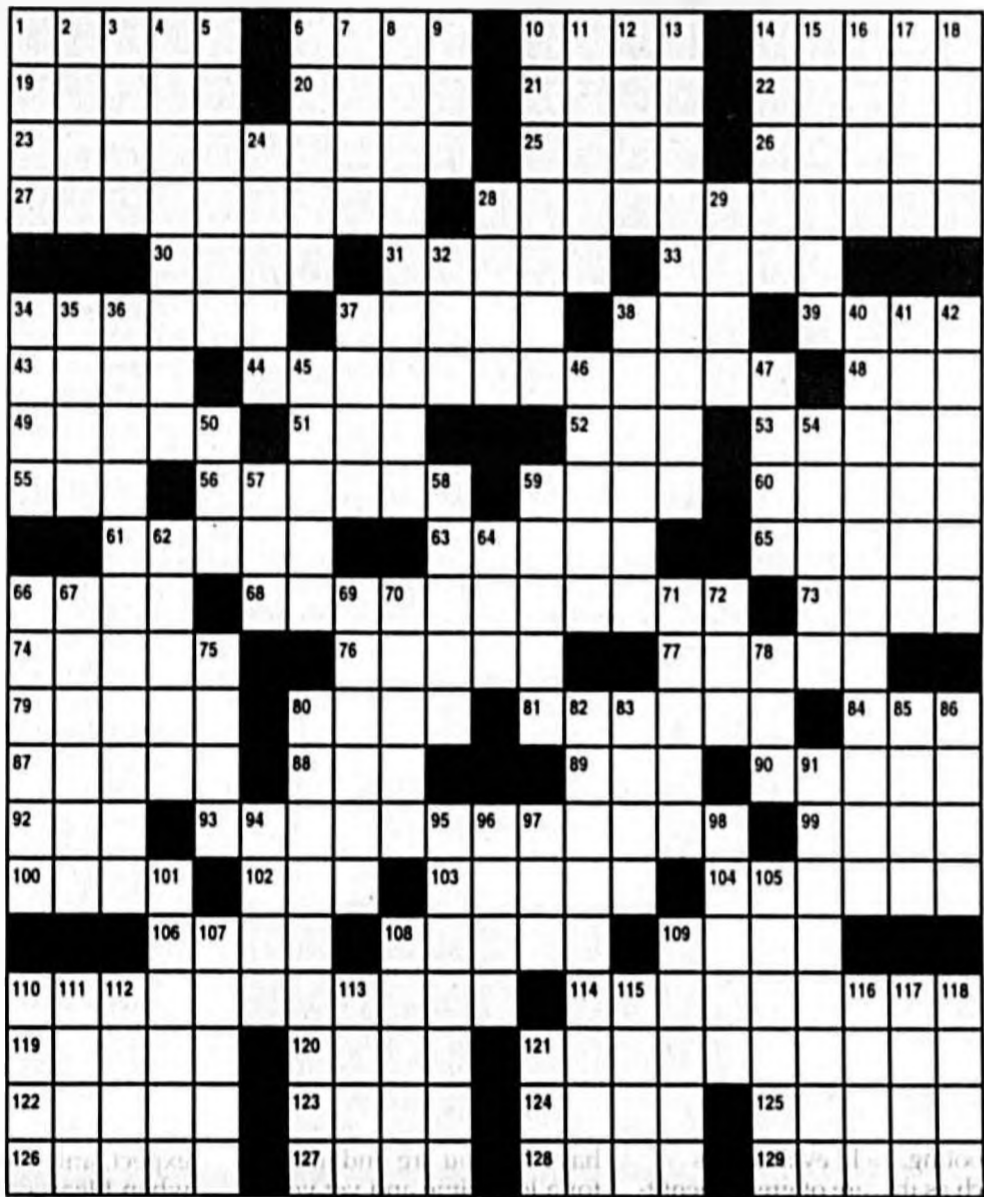
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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- WINNER TUBES**  
**By FRED PISCOP**  
**ACROSS**  
 1 Promotion basis  
 6 Doll to tickle  
 10 Utah ski spot  
 14 Wise advisors  
 19 Mideast native  
 20 Empty  
 21 Palmist, e.g.  
 22 Place to run around  
 23 Dorothy Parker specialty  
 25 Get wind of  
 26 Marlin song subject  
 27 Mountain boundanes  
 28 Seller's expectation  
 30 Use U-Haul, e.g.  
 31 Hammer parts  
 33 Removed  
 34 Get in the way of  
 37 Ticker  
 38 standstill  
 39 "Do I have to draw you \_\_\_?"  
 43 Eve's counterpart  
 44 Latrobe, PA, college  
 48 "\_\_\_ Gang"  
 49 Prefix with type  
 51 Hi-tech rental  
 52 Co. that merged with Bell Atlantic  
 53 Treat harshly  
 55 Get hard  
 56 Most sound  
 59 Some crosses  
 60 Hardly Mensa material  
 61 African virus  
 63 Places in the 37-Across  
 65 "The Addams Family" actor  
 66 Basilica area  
 68 Orchestra mainstay  
 73 Times to call, in ads  
 74 Mark up, say  
 76 In base eight  
 77 Brown  
 79 Vaudeville show  
 80 Pasty-faced  
 81 Breaks  
 84 Unburden  
 87 Came to mind  
 88 Model Carangi  
 89 Designer  
 90 Claiborne  
 92 Muslim sect

- 92 Sun \_\_\_-sen  
 93 "Cat's Cradle" author  
 99 Thick drinks  
 100 Worry  
 102 PBS supporter  
 103 Letter sign-off  
 104 Title role for Mia  
 106 Details handler  
 108 Ream fraction  
 109 Rite site  
 110 Present option  
 114 Makes a comeback  
 119 Stradivari's mentor  
 120 Epistle writer  
 121 President's option  
 122 Lover's suffix  
 123 Old Atlanta arena  
 124 It's tossed in a pot  
 125 Spartan serf  
 126 Did some cobbling  
 127 "This is \_\_\_ test"  
 128 General \_\_\_ chicken  
 129 AARP et al.

- DOWN**  
 1 Jump out of one's skin?  
 2 Middle East VIP  
 3 Go ballistic  
 4 Occurring naturally  
 5 Like royals  
 6 Decathlon part  
 7 Tribal history  
 8 Is profligate  
 9 Lofty lyric  
 10 "Foolish" singer  
 11 Looks like  
 12 Deck wood  
 13 They're charged  
 14 Cask part  
 15 Noted 1588 loser  
 16 Canterbury can  
 17 Hose shade  
 18 \_\_\_Ball  
 24 Pruning hook targets  
 28 Game show name  
 29 Contrast word  
 32 Graze, say  
 34 Sitters' torments  
 35 "Utopia" author  
 36 Certain exercise of conscience  
 37 Drone home  
 38 Budget report column  
 40 Washington slept here  
 41 Shrimp-on-the-barbie eater  
 42 Gussies up  
 45 Foe of Ike  
 46 Marsh of whodunits  
 47 Verbal fanfare  
 50 "Eureka!"  
 54 Assail  
 57 Politico London  
 58 Ragged  
 59 Warbler's sound  
 62 Dudes  
 64 Norris Dam  
 66 Orderly groupings  
 67 Study intently  
 69 Bilingual  
 69 Muppet  
 70 Soup served cold  
 71 Trooper maker  
 72 Sueda feature  
 75 Societal square  
 78 \_\_\_ Ronald Reagan  
 80 Resolve  
 82 Atomic orbiters  
 83 Buster Brown's dog  
 85 TV's Swenson  
 86 Rooftop fixture  
 91 Rattles  
 94 Bring to naught  
 95 Hamlet's love  
 96 Not e'en once  
 97 Dundee denial  
 98 Mint family member  
 101 Avian appendage  
 105 1986 self-titled R&B album  
 107 Like Wrigley Field's walls  
 108 Turn aside  
 109 Some lap dogs, briefly  
 110 Intervals  
 111 "Editorially speaking," in e-mail  
 112 Go belly up  
 113 Guerrilla's garb, briefly  
 115 Morph opening  
 116 Salon inventory  
 117 Thames landmark  
 118 Pink-elephant sighters  
 121 Touch gently



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See the crossword puzzle answers on Page 11A

## Obituaries

**PEGGY A. BENNETT**  
 Peggy A. Bennett, 71, of Sanford, died Wednesday, March 10, 2004, in Sanford. Born April 20, 1932, in Hartford, Conn., she moved to Sanford in 1985. She was a homemaker and a Catholic. Survivors include son, John of Sanford. Graveside services were held Thursday afternoon at the Evergreen Cemetery. Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

**HARRY LEE CREWS**  
 Harry Lee Crews, 69 of Lake Monroe, died Wednesday, March 10, 2004, in Sanford. Born, Aug. 17, 1934, in Lake City, he was a lifelong Central Florida resident. He was supervisor with the railroads, and an Episcopalian. He was a 33rd Degree Mason, Scottish rite. Survivors include sons, Michael of Orlando, and David of Englewood; daugh-

ters, Rebecca Wilson of Port St. Lucie and Mary Siefert of Palm Bay; brother, Charles of Lake City; six grandchildren. Funeral services will take place at a later date. Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

**MARIETTA PIOVESAN**  
 Marietta Piovesan, 79, of Sanford, died Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at her residence. Born Dec. 31, 1924, in Irwin, Penn., she moved to Sanford in 1992. She was a missionary with the New Tribes Mission. Survivors include husband, Harold of Sanford; son, Gary, of Riverside, Ohio; daughter, Janice Bagley of Mapayao, Kayapa Philippines; sister, Gladys Wieland of Salisbury, Md.; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild. Memorial services were held Friday at New Tribes

Mission Chapel. Burial will take place at the Florida National Cemetery at a later date.

**MARY POST**  
 Mary Post, 82, of Altamonte Springs, died Wednesday, March 10, 2004, in Longwood. She was born April 21, 1921, in Zagreb, Yugoslavia. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include sons, Nicholas, Boris, Gustav and John; daughters, Romana Rainone and Anna Post; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Friday, March 12, at Banfield Funeral Home with Rev. Stephen Baumann officiating. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

## Religion Briefs

**Markham Woods church sponsors youth group study**  
 First Baptist Church Markham Woods will sponsor a youth group study "No! The Positive Answer to Sex and Peer Pressure" at 7 p.m., Wednesdays for six weeks. First Baptist Church Markham Woods is located at 5400 Markham Woods Road, Lake Mary. For more information, call 407-333-2085.

**Christian-based program offers low-priced food**  
 With the help of dedicated volunteers, Foodsource, a Christian based not-for-profit food cooperative is able to provide quality foods at lower prices, while promoting Christian values and volunteerism in the community. Each month, churches, retirement centers and community organizations participate in the program.

This is not a needy only program. It is for everyone wishing to stretch their food budget or wanting to donate food to others. There are no qualifications to participate. Foodsource accepts cash, check, Visa, Mastercard, Food Stamps and Money Orders. The deadline for the March

order is March 19, with the pick-up on March 27. The tentative regular menu for March is at a cost of \$25, which includes such items as cubed beef steaks, popcorn chicken, macaroni & cheese, soups, veggies, fruit, and desserts.

The Meat Box Menu is for an additional \$25 and includes five pounds of chicken pieces, sausage, BBQ Chicken, ground beef, fish filets and much more. For more information, call Sanford Church of Christ at 407-322-8234.

**His Love Ministry hosts event**  
 Christian Deliverance Outreach Ministries and His Love Ministry will host a celebration Saturday, March 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 2007 S. Sanford Ave.

The event will include free food, clothes and household items. Speakers, music and fun will also be provided at the Christian-based event.

See the movie, find out more  
 Seminole Community Church, 5070 Orange Blvd. in

Sanford will present a series, "The Case for Christ," on March 14, 21 and 28, at 8:30, 10, and 11:30 a.m. each Sunday. The series is a follow-up to Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" movie. For more information, call 407-324-0199.

**Church celebrates anniversary**  
 Victory Temple of God, Inc., 601 Pine Ave., will be observing the church's 21-year anniversary March 15 through 19, at 7:30 p.m. nightly, and Sunday, March 21 at 11 a.m. The theme is "Behold How Good and How Pleasant It Is For Brethren to Dwell Together in Unity." Bishop R.L. Hillery, pastor. For more information, call 407-321-8864.

**First Shiloh readies for week-long revival**  
 Rev. John A. Evans, "The Preaching Machine" will hold a revival, March 15 through 19, 7 p.m. each night, at First Shiloh M.B. Church, 700 Elm Ave. in Sanford. Rev. Dr. H.D. Rucker, pastor. For more information, call 407-322-5489.

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# LIFESTYLE

## The Way We Were: School choral programs was Whittle's forte

A while back, I was given newspaper clippings and programs that had been saved by Miss Ollie Reese Whittle. The majority of these are from the glee club programs that she directed.

Whittle was choral director at Seminole High School, 1945-65, then for



Grace Marie Stinecpher

..... several years she traveled to various elementary schools in the county, continuing to produce excellent choral programs. The items today are from the late 1960s, not all are dated.

### Lake Monroe School has program

A capacity crowd filled the auditorium of Lake Monroe School one night in December of 1965 to hear the Christmas program given by the fourth, fifth and sixth graders under the direction of Whittle, school music director.

The beautiful scenery used was made by the students in Mary Walters' fifth-sixth grade combined classes.

Fourth graders, all dressed in red, opened the program with novelty numbers of the season. Scripture was read by David Doudney.

Fifth and sixth grade students formed a procession. The girls were dressed in white and the boys in dark trousers with white shirts. They sang many of the old traditional Christmas carols and hymns. Soloists singing "We Three Kings" were David Catron, Charles Appley and Douglas Haddox.

The benediction was given by David Petty. As the group marched out, the nativity scene was formed by Donna DiMartino, as Mary and Terry Rhiner, Brenda Ussery, Sharon Kinard and Lynn Hart served as angels.

Accompanists for the program were Mrs. Pauline Kirkpatrick and Miss Helen McMullen.

### Yule program at Oviedo High School

A Christmas Program, "Pin a Star on a Twinkling Tree" was to be presented at Oviedo High School by fourth, fifth and sixth grade students under the direction of Whittle.

The novelty and traditional carols would be sung with a stage setting of stars and greenery. Soloists would be Timothy West, George Martin, Jeff Wheatherington and Johnny Burnsed.

The part of Mary would be played by Corena Velleaux. Angels would be portrayed by Nannette Riddle, Donna Campbell, Faye Stoner, Johanna Ohlwiler and Gail Burselon.

The Christmas Story would be told by Danny Spoon. The benediction would be given by Jay Webb and piano accompanist would be Beth Gore.

Teachers assisting in the production were Mrs. W.B. West, Mrs. C.K. Buckelew, Mrs. James Partin and Mrs. Milton Gore.

### T.W. Lawton Carolers to give program

The T.W. Lawton Carolers would present "Now is the Caroling Season" on Dec. 17 of 1968 in the school auditorium.

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" would be sung in costume with appropriate setting. "It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas," "Silver Bells" and "Winter Wonderland" would feature

See Stinecpher, Page 7A

## Sibling Superiority



Photo submitted Siblings Angela and Nicholas Baragona recently were crowned the top contestants in two separate scholarship competitions.

### Brother, sister take crowns in scholarship pageants — on the same night

By Cristina Llorens Herald Intern

**LAKE MARY** — It's been said that certain things run in the family. For the Baragona family, it's competing and winning in pageant and scholarship competitions.

Nicholas, 18, a senior at Lake Mary High School, won the Mr. Lake Mary Scholarship Contest on Feb. 21. He was awarded a \$500 scholarship, a 14-karat gold charm and a trophy. That same evening, sister Angela, 21, was crowned Miss Daytona Beach. Angela also placed first runner-up in the Miss University of Florida pageant on Feb. 16.

Contestants in the Mr. Lake Mary competition are nominated by sports, civics, and extracurricular clubs at the school. The school's student government nominated Nicholas. The 16 contestants were judged on school involvement and participation, grade point average, personality, presentation and on a two-minute speech on a topic of their choice.

Nicholas' speech, "Preparing for Life as You Prepare for a Trip and Being the Pilot of the Greatest Journey — The Journey of Your Life," made him stand out, said his mother, Sharon Baragona.

"Because of his leadership abilities and being president of his class over the last four years, he has spoken a lot at the school," she said.

Baragona said that though the microphone was not working when Nicholas was up to give his speech, he "just went to the stage and projected his voice. It's his presentation and being a leader in his school."

Nicholas has been president of his freshman, sophomore, and junior class, and is currently serving as president of the student body. He is also a member of

the varsity diving and water polo teams, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, has been named Homecoming King, and is a student minister at Northland Church in Longwood. He plans to attend the University of Florida to be an orthodontist.

A junior majoring in finance at the University of Florida, Angela is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, is on the Dean's List, and is a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. She won her first pageant at age 12. She is a former Miss Manatee, Miss Teen Manatee, Miss Teen Cinderella, Miss St. John's, and competed in the Miss Florida Pageant last year. A graduate of Lake Mary High, Angela was named Miss Lake Mary 2001.

The Miss Daytona Beach pageant was held at Daytona Beach Community College. Contestants were judged in the interview, swimsuit, talent and evening gown portions of the competition. Angela



Photo submitted

was awarded a \$500 scholarship and will advance to the Miss Florida 2004 competition at St. Petersburg in June. Her platform, "From a Woman's Heart" is an informational program concerning heart disease, the No. 1 killer of women in America.

"Angela's goal is to spread awareness of heart disease to women and encourage a heart-healthy lifestyle," said Sharon Baragona.

Both Nicholas and Angela attended acting and interviewing classes at Lisa Maile Professional Image Modeling and Acting in Winter Park, and Angela attended tap dance classes at Miriam and Valerie's School of Dance Arts in Lake Mary.



Courtesy of Arch Boothe, Magic Memories Inc. Nicholas Baragona was crowned Mr. Lake Mary at Lake Mary High School Scholarship Contest Feb. 21. That same night his sister Angela was crowned Miss Daytona Beach.

## Sanford girl to compete in Daytona pageant

Kendra Charnell Brinson of Sanford was recently selected to participate in National's 2004 Miss Jr. Teen Daytona Beach pageant competition to take place March 20.



Brinson

Kendra learned of her acceptance into this year's competition as Nationals, Inc. announced their selections earlier this month. Kendra submitted an application and took part in an interview session conducted by Patty Neidert, this year's Daytona Beach Pageant Coordinator.

Kendra will be competing for her share of over \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes, and specialty gifts that will be distributed to contestants. She will be competing in one of three divisions that will have young ladies between the ages of 10 and 19 competing in modeling routines which include casual wear and formal wear. Personality is the number one aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of competition.

If she wins the title of Miss Jr. Teen Daytona Beach, she will represent

Daytona Beach and the surrounding communities at the Cities of America National Competition to take place in Orlando, where over \$60,000 in prizes and awards will be presented.

There is no cost to Kendra for participating in the pageant competition. Community businesses, organizations and private individuals will assist Kendra in participating in this year's competition by becoming an official sponsor to her.

Any business, organization or individual who may be interested in becoming a sponsor to Kendra may contact her pageant coordinator, Patty Neidert at 1-800-569-2487.

## School news and events at Geneva Elementary

Geneva Elementary School Principal Karen Coleman attended last weekend's Annual Geneva Organizations Picnic, helping us all to catch up on school news, so I thought I'd pass on the information she shared.

There are many exciting things that have happened there and many more are planned for the coming weeks.

### Geneva fifth graders 'just say no'

Recently, the fifth grade students at Geneva Elementary completed the D.A.R.E. Program and participated in a graduation ceremony on Jan. 21.

Sponsored by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, the program is implemented at Geneva Elementary by Deputy Loretta Allyn. Complete with SCSSO SWAT members and a helicopter, graduation day was quite exciting, and the students, teachers and parents should be proud of their accomplishments.

### Book fair raises \$2,000

February brought the spring Book Fair to the school, with a family night that included Bubbalou's BBQ dinner



Darla Kinney

### Scoles

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### Volunteer works to create Math Super Stars Program

Karen Ross, recent Dividend of the Month and newcomer to Geneva Elementary, has taken the lead in implementing a school-wide Math Super Stars Program at Geneva Elementary.

Ross, who has four children, is the Math Super Star Dividend in her youngest son, Brian's fourth grade class with teacher Mrs. Green. Thanks

and a show. According to Media Specialist Janet Keller, \$2,000 was earned to purchase media books and educational materials for the school during the spring book fair. A big "thank you" is in order for those parents and volunteers who helped ensure the success of the weeklong tradition.

to you too, Karen for seeing a need and filling it!

**Carli wins artist of the month award** According to Art Teacher Mrs. Celones, artists draw what they see and feel in their hearts.

In a recent project, Celones asked students to use describing words to tell about a stuffed animal at their table, and then draw what they saw. "The Troll" is what Carli Collins in Mrs. Witherspoon's kindergarten class titled her amazing pencil and crayon masterpiece — a work of art that earned her the title of Artist of the Month for March.

Carli's "Troll" is an incredible likeness to the model animal from Maurice Sendak's proud the Wild Things Are. Carli's proud parents are Toby, Sr. and Andrea Collins, who live in Geneva with Carli's second grade brother, Toby. Carli's work is currently on display in the front office of the school.

**Proposed rezoning to effect Geneva** Of special concern to Coleman at

## Women in red hold congress

"Every Black Woman Should Wear a Red Dress" conference 12th annual session presented by the Central Florida Chapter of International Black Women's Congress was held Saturday morning, March 6, at the

Holiday Inn, Altamonte Springs.

More than 150 sisters, brothers and youth gathered to receive the blessings of knowledge needed to give awareness to

African-Americans on "Matters of the Heart," enhancing the mind, body and spirit.

Nubian Queen Mother Corine Varn Wilson presented the mistress of ceremonies, Nubian Queens Maxine Baxter and Dr. Sheila Jeffers.

Nubian Queen Ida Boston gave the opening prayer and extended a welcome to the National Founder and President Emeritus, Dr. LaFrancis Rose, National President Dr. Sharon Brown-Bailey gave greetings from the national board. To continue opening the Red Dress Day of Awareness, the St. John Metropolitan Baptist Church Praise Ministry performed their message of prayer.

The morning's plenary session was entitled "Opening the Heart" and was presented with a dynamic message from Rev. Valerie J. Henry, pastor of Allen AME Church in Sanford. Her jewels of wisdom and ruby red nuggets of the heart was taken from the words of Luke. Do you know who you are in spirit, soul, body, mind, heart? Let someone into or out of your heart be available. Don't do your own little things. Move to a new level in your divine life. As we are all born for greatness.

Dr. Angela Adams spoke on "Senior Health." Adams spoke to educate men and women of the many ways they can be made aware of how they can and must educate themselves about the many health risk factors of African-Americans. They are encouraged to have screenings to detect if they have hypertension, kidney diseases, diabetes, heart diseases, prostate problems, nutrition, mental health or in need of HIV health education.

Dr. Abraham Woods spoke on "What Every Woman Should Know about her Man." He told the conference that it's all about love. Love is a medicine. It helps to preserve the African-American man. He spoke about the vital need of testing our men for prostate cancer.

Dr. Billie Jean Pace spoke on "Women's Health" focusing on

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## Central Florida Regional Hospital Auxiliary Installs officers



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

The Central Florida Regional Hospital Auxiliary earlier this year installed its new officers for 2004 at the Heathrow Country Club. The auxiliary volunteers serve the hospital in a number of areas including the gift shop, waiting rooms, emergency department, information desk, out patient surgery and recovery room. New officers for this year are (left to right) Dorothy Anthony, president, Ada Reiley, president-elect, Dolores Salvatore, vice president, Phyllis Wallace, treasurer, and Suzanne Duguid, corresponding secretary. For more information about hospital volunteer opportunities, call Michelle Stefano at 407-302-7385.

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special lighting effects. Other novelty numbers would include "Happy Holiday" and "Mistletoe." The carolers would combine in singing a medley of traditional Christmas carols followed by "Do You Hear What I Hear."

Costumes and stage sets were planned by Louise Gore, Margurite Partin, Helen Smith and Claudette Sullivan.

Soloists would be David Brown, David Gustafson, and Chet Gehr. Cherubs were Carla Klinko, Kathy Schuchartz, Sheryl Perry, Gail Knowlden and Laura McMillan.

The production was under the direction of Whittle and would feature 250 students. Accompanist would be Elizabeth Murphy.

Other teachers assisting were Dorothy Dozier, Shirley Emery, Faith Montenson, Regina Parker, Dorothy Rice, Betty Krauss, Paul Murphy and Mrs. Frances Walton, principal.

**Southside Singers present program**  
The Southside Singers

would present "The Christmas Season" one evening in December, 1968. The production would be directed by Whittle and accompanied by Mrs. Catherine Wheelchel.

The fourth graders would sing "Here We Come a Caroling," "Deck the Halls" and "The Christmas Song."

Other numbers sung by the mixed ensemble and the Southside Singers would include "We Three Kings," "The Holly and the Ivey," "The Little Drummer Boy" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer."

Soloists would be Kim Roberts, Sarah Mercer, Gail Crumley, John Miller, Lewis Dorton, Bryan Harden and John Reis.

Ensemble members were Gail Crumley, Happy Deas, Kim Hardin, Paula Jack, Sara Mercer, Keith Baggs, Kevin Beckwith, Randy Brown, Kevin Epps, Lewis Dorton, Meg Newman, Kim Roberts, Katie Wheelchel, Leslie Whittern, Deborah Yates, Bryan Harden, Duncan Hartman, John Marshall, Jeffrey Means and James Thomas.

## Woman's club elects new officers

The Sanford Woman's Club elected new officers for 2004-2005 term at its March luncheon meeting on March 3 at the Clubhouse. Carol Dennison is the new president; Helen Polgar, first vice president; Jane Saxin, second vice president and Viola Frank is third vice

president.

Linda Miller will serve as secretary; Pat Bowen, treasurer; Linda Dittman, arts department; Katherine Alexander, education department; Cathy Sutton, home life department and Bettye Smith, public affairs and department.

Masseuse Linda Patrick was the guest speaker. She stressed the physical and psychological benefits of massage, a drug free treatment for pain management. Catering was by Buck and to celebrate St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage was served.

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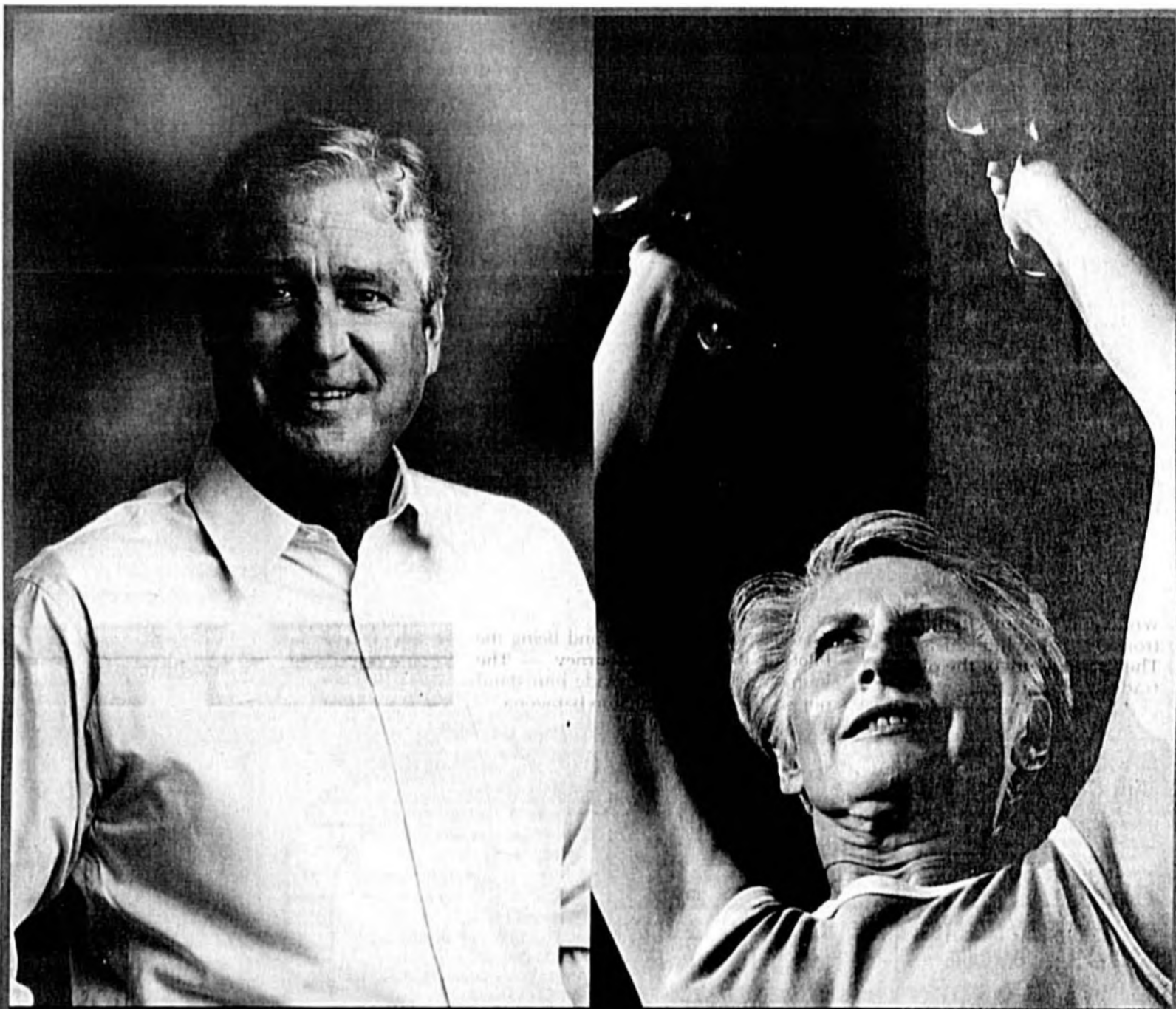
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is thriving and growing, and new schools are opening to handle increased enrollment and smaller class sizes.

These new schools will cause a "domino" effect on other schools. On March 23, the Seminole County School Board meeting will include a public hearing on the rezoning issue. The regular school board meeting on April 13 will have on the agenda the final adoption of the Elementary School Plan.

**Future kindergartners to register soon**

As the completion of FCAT testing signals the coming of spring and not far behind, summer — Kindergarten Roundup cannot be far away.

Wednesday, April 28, is the date set aside for the Geneva Elementary School Kindergarten Roundup, which will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Every child entering kindergarten in the 2004-2005 school year must have a current physical and Immunization 680 form, so plan to schedule physician appointments now. Enrolling children must also be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2004, and proof of residency documents are required.

For more information, call the school front office at 407-320-4950.

**Appointments needed for full service program**  
Services that kindergarten

parents will find helpful are available at the school by way of Dr. Clemens, who offers free care to students every Wednesday morning from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the school. Part of the Full Service School Grant Program, appointments must be scheduled by calling 407-320-4906 during school hours. Parents or guardians must accompany students and the doctor cannot treat pre-school children or adults.

**Health department offers services in Geneva**

The Seminole County Health Department continues to offer clinic services with blood pressure checks, immunizations, seasonal flu shots, glucose screening and more every Friday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. at the elementary.

**Geneva Relay for Life event is next month**

Find a way to become a part of the Geneva Relay for Life happening Friday and Saturday April 16 and 17 at Geneva Elementary School. For more information, call Nicole Zvosec at 407-843-8680.

We need you to tell us what you know that is good about Geneva! Please share your information, ideas and comments by calling 407-349-2140, writing to Stetson's Corner c/o The Sanford Herald, via e-mail at [darlas@mpinet.net](mailto:darlas@mpinet.net), (please put "Stetson's Corner" in the subject line), or with a fax to 407-323-9408. Thanks!





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women's health, on the health of the emotional, spiritual, wellness, physical aspects of the holistic women.

Dr. Joseph L. Webster, Sr. spoke on "A Heart Healthy Body." We were told that stress is a fat toxic, stress can be relieved, reason with yourself, meditate, don't take on too much responsibility, and laugh at yourself.

After lunch, we were treated with an oration by Natasha Dominique Jubert. Be a great independent, great woman. Other presenters were Dr. Joyce Morley-Ball who spoke on "Balancing Life's Wheel in the midst of a storm." We were told how to bear it, balance our life in the middle of a storm.

Dr. Michele Balamon spoke on "Your Heart's Desire," Psalm 27, speaks of our heart's desire. We must believe that we can be made whole if we faint not. We must come out of denial.

The workshops for the youth were about "Body Image" by Phyllis Tipon, "Finance" by Cathy Stewart, "Sexuality/Abstinence/Relationships/Self Care" by Andrea Garwood and Robin Josel. Men's workshop was facili-

tated by Nashid Fakhrid-Deen, Dr. Joseph Webster, Dr. Larry Richardson and Stewart Washington on the topics of "Matters of the Heart," "Spiritually Culturally, Physically and Emotionally."

The 12th annual Every Black Woman Should Wear a Red Dress. These African women embracing and empowering ourselves awards were presented to Dr. Joyce M. Ball who has been active for all of the 12 years, Reginald Lowery was awarded for his networking and help yearly. Albert Hawkins is an art teacher and a great helper of IBWC-Central Florida Chapter.

The Avevo Women's Award was presented to Central Florida Chapter President Queen Mother Corine V. Wilson. The day of knowledge was a blessed one, as we are well-aware of the African proverb, "Knowledge is better than riches." All attendees open their hearts, minds and spirits to receiving the essential elements that will make for a better self, family, and new life.

**New Bethel hosts concert**  
The fifth annual concert will

feature the New Bethel Mass Choir, New Bethel Male Chorus, the Young Performers of "Expressly You" and the Community House of Prayer Praise Team. Saturday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church is located at 618 E. 10th St. with Rev. William Lewis, pastor, and David Hudson, minister of music.

**FAMU banquet is Saturday**  
Seminole County Chapter of FAMU Alumni scholarship banquet will be Saturday, March 13 at 6 p.m. at the Sanford Civic Center. The speaker will be William McCray, interim director of the office of recruitment and scholarships. This fundraiser will benefit students who plan to attend FAMU. For tickets, call 407-323-6366.

**Church to hold spring revival**  
St. John Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, East 10th Street and Cypress Avenue. The Spring Revival will be March 15-17. Dr. L. Ronald Durham, pastor of Greater Friendship Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, at

7:30 p.m. nightly with choirs participation with musical renditions.

**Church presents talent show**  
The Second Annual Talent and Fashion Show will be Saturday, March 20 at 7 p.m. at the Greater New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Inc., 1720 Pear Ave. Enjoy an evening of praise and worship in song, Rev. Leroy Lee, pastor.

**Dedication of historical marker is next month**  
The Little Red School House, Tajiri School of Performing Arts and Academics, will hold their historical marker dedication, Saturday, April 3, at 9 a.m. Pre-musical of National Artist performing at 9:30 a.m. The dedication is located at 519 Palmetto Ave. This family oriented event is free and open to the public. Seminole County Historical Commission is in charge of the dedication of the historical marker.

**Tickets on sale for MLK choir**  
The city of Sanford's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Dr. Joyce Morley Bell (left) watches as the Avevo Women's Award was presented to Central Florida Chapter President Queen Mother Corine V. Wilson by Dr. Sharon Brown-Bailey and Dr. Sheila Jeffers.

Celebration Choir, MLK Ensemble, soloist Cynthia Cassanova Brown, Christopher Lowery trombonist, will appear in concert Sunday, March 21, at 3 p.m. at the Helen Stairs Theatre, 201 Magnolia Ave. in Sanford. Tickets are \$15. Children under 12, \$5. Tickets are available at Ace Hardware, Community United Bank of Florida and the Theatre box office, or call 407-322-5418.

**2 Sanford Elk lodges to host annual awareness day**  
Clery City Lodge No. 542 and Evergreen Temple No. 321, IBPO of Elks in Sanford will observe their Annual Elks Awareness Day Sunday, March 21, at 11 a.m. at the New Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 1104 W. 12th St. The message of the morning will be delivered by the Rev. Ricky Scott, pastor of New Mt. Calvary. The community is invited.

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# EDUCATION

## Center offers students spring break substitute

From Staff Reports

Project Serve, sponsored by the Central Florida Dream Center and North Orlando Youth Alliance, is offering a community service alternative for Spring Break 2004.

The event will be held from March 16 through 20. It is hoped as many as 500 students from throughout Seminole County will participate.

Students will be doing community service work such as cleaning, painting, landscaping, etc., during their spring break. In the evening they will have nightly rallies. The week's activities will culminate in a Community Day that everyone in the community is invited to attend. It will feature live music, games, food and fun for about 2,000 people.

The Kick-off rally will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, at Family Worship Center, 2462 South Park Avenue in Sanford.

Wednesday, March 17 through Friday, March 19, the workdays will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with work projects throughout the city of Sanford.

On those same days, from 5 until 7 p.m. there will be dinners and evening rallies, also at Family Worship Center.

On March 20, it's the big finale from 2 to 8 p.m. at Family Worship Center. Musical concerts will feature 3 Day Grave, Cripple, Fallen Ascent, Rule of 7 and Embrace. There will also be food and fun for one and all.

Participants are urged to wear work clothing for the work projects (no sandals). It is suggested people bring bottled water, bibles and a notepad.

Cost of the event is \$25, which includes lunch and dinner for three days, plus a T-shirt and the concert. For persons unable to attend the entire week, the cost is \$10 per day.

Pre-registration and a notarized medical release are required. For more information, call 407-302-0880.

The theme of the event is to unite together and demonstrate unselfish love through serving a community and putting others' needs before your own.

## Sanford Middle receives \$10,000 grant for MATH

Dr. Kristen Springfield received a \$10,000 grant from Toyota-Time to offer the Making Advanced Thinking Happen (MATH) summer program for upcoming seventh graders and algebra honors students for the next two summers.

The goal of MATH is to raise the mathematics achievement level students at Sanford Middle School. Students currently successful in standard level math classes and with the ability to achieve in honors will be able to attend this summer program in math for free.

Students struggling in honors math, but who are successful in their other PreIB classes will also be eligible. The MATH program's approach is systemic in nature with the final outcome being long-term achievement in mathematics. The program includes a two-week summer workshop, individualized tutorial support with monitoring during the school year, and staff development.

Specifically, the MATH program will offer a two-week summer workshop for those students entering seventh grade advanced math or Algebra 1 Honors the following year.

These will be offered during July near the start of the school year. This time frame should promote optimal retention of the concepts taught.

Next, during the school year, the students will be offered tutorial by both a tutorial teacher as well as by gifted/talented math students. Finally, the mathematics teachers will attend staff development workshops throughout the year.

These workshops will help the teachers understand the advantages of using both small group activity labs and the TI-83 graphing calculator in their lessons to enhance motivation and learning. This three-pronged MATH program is designed to not only raise the math achievement level of the student, but also build the student's confidence in his/her math abilities.

This program is expected to help more students to be successful in the honors/PreIB math classroom and to help the students become better prepared for their high school math courses to follow.

Springfield will be teaching the Algebra Workshop during the summer, while Mr. Stevens will teach the seventh grade workshop.

Students will be receiving information about applying for these summer workshops in May. Parents interested in having their current sixth grader or seventh grader (going into Algebra next year) attend these workshops should watch for the information to come home or contact Springfield at SMS.

## Seminole High wins academic tournament

The district finals for the 2004 Academic Tournament were held on Feb. 19 at the Educational Support Center. Seminole High School won the district tournament, Lake Mary High and Oviedo High placed second and third respectively.

The 2004 Seminole County Academic Tournament Champions from Seminole High School are Kellie Chan, Patrick Lavigne, James Miller, Funto Olayinka, Nimish Ramanlal, Justin Valentino, Shi-Fan Yang and Coach Jane Cooper.

Seven players will represent Seminole County Public Schools at the 2004 Commissioner's Academic Challenge on April 15-17 held at the Walt Disney World

Contemporary Resort.

The All-Seminole team representatives are Matthew Dodd (Oviedo High), Susan McMillan and Michael Nelson (Lake Brantley High), Funto Olayinka and Nimish Ramanlal (Seminole High), Matthew Wierman (Lake Mary High), and alternate James Miller (Seminole High).

The second place Lake Mary High team members are Gavin Baker, Andrew Davis, Ryan Day, Kate Flynn, Lee Watkins, Matthew Wierman and Coach Steven DeSanto.

The third place Oviedo High team members are Matt Dodd, Adam Sundheim, Michael Murphy, Alex Smith, Gabriel Cartagena, James Mesiona and Coach Jack Boggs.



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## Hamilton students are scientifically superior

Hamilton Elementary students have been working hard to complete a variety of assignments to enter in the University of Central Florida Science, Engineering, Computer, Mathematics Enhancement competition last month. Displaying some of their projects were the winning teams and Administrator Kenneth Bentley.

March 8, 2004

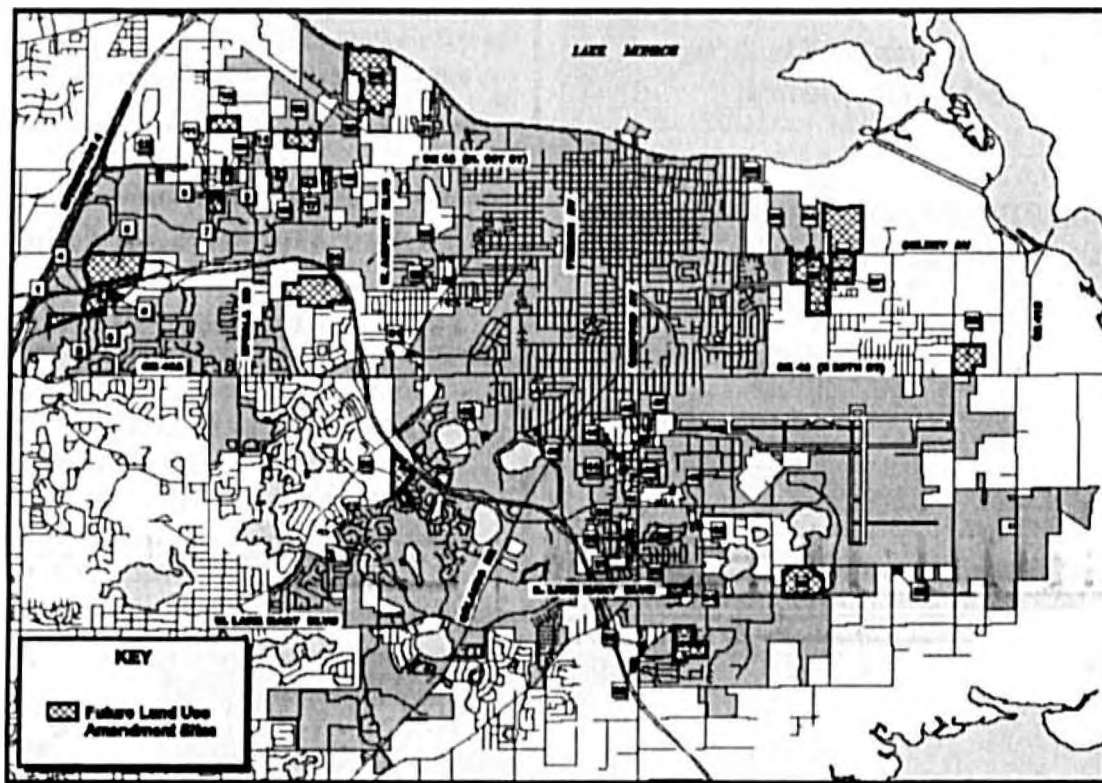
## NOTICE OF CHANGE OF LAND USE

The City of Sanford proposes to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 3856

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANFORD, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3528 (CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN) AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN ELEMENT, TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT, AND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Regarding property shown below:



City of Sanford, Florida

### Summary of Map Amendments

Map							
Map No	Acres	Existing Future Land Use Plan Map Designation	Proposed City Future Land Use Plan Map Designation	Map No	Acres	Existing Future Land Use Plan Map Designation	Proposed City Future Land Use Plan Map Designation
1	9.78	HIP-TI	HI	28	34.82	HIP-A	AIC
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3	78	HIP-TI	HI	30	45.50	CON, MDR, LDR	RP, MDR-10
4	12.77	HIP-TI	HI	31	32.45	LDR	LDR-SF
5	3.37	HIP-TI	HI	32	2.20	MDR	MDR-10
6	59.74	HIP-TI	HI	33	80	I	I
7	8.30	HIP	WIC	34	9.52	MDR	MDR-10
8	2.41	HIP	WIC	35	53	MDR	MDR-10
9	.75	HIP	WIC	36	40	MDR	MDR-10
10	4.77	HIP	WIC	37	60	MDR	MDR-10
11	.36	HIP	WIC	38	38	LDR	LDR-SF
12	2.16	HIP	WIC	39	27	LDR	LDR-SF
13	19.80	HIP	WIC	40	2.01	LDR	LDR-SF
14	.24	HIP	WIC	41	40	LDR	LDR-SF
15	2.88	HIP	WIC	42	33	LDR	LDR-SF
16	20.02	HIP	WIC	43	26	LDR	LDR-SF
17	4.80	HIP	WIC	44	15	LDR	LDR-SF
18	6.89	HIP	WIC	45	23	MDR	MDR-10
19	.17	I	I	46	68	C	GC
20	86.82	CON	RP	47	78	C	GC
21	.24	LDR	LDR-SF	48	44	LDR	LDR-SF
22	.64	LDR	LDR-SF	49	57	POP	PSP
23	87.17	CON, SE	RP, LDR-SF	50	25.90	LDR, CON	LDR-SF, RP
24	.97	LDR	LDR-SF	51	.60	C	GC
25	.91	LDR	LDR-SF	52	.96	LDR	LDR-SF
26	71.36	LDR	LDR-SF	53	41	MDR	MDR-10
27	15	I	I	54	64.41	LDR	LDR-SF

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 HIP-TI: North I-4 Corridor High Intensity Planned Development - Target Industry  
 HIP-A: High Intensity Planned Development - Airport Development Area  
 HIP: Higher Intensity Planned Development  
 I: Industrial  
 C: Commercial  
 POP: Public/Quasi-Public  
 CON: Conservation  
 LDR: Low Density Residential  
 MDR: Medium Density Residential  
 BE: Suburban Estates

**City of Sanford**  
 HI: High Intensity  
 AIC: Airport Industry Commerce  
 WIC: Westside Industry and Commerce  
 I: Industrial  
 GC: General Commercial  
 PSP: Public/Semi-public  
 RP: Resource Protection  
 LDR-SF: Low Density Residential - Single Family  
 MDR-10: Medium Density Residential, 10 Units per acre  
 BE: Suburban Estates

A public hearing on the ordinance will be held on Monday, March 22, 2004, at 7:00 o'clock P. M. or as soon thereafter as possible, by the City Commission of Sanford, Florida, in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 300 North Park Avenue, Sanford, Florida.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard regarding the proposed ordinance.

Copies of the proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan are available at the Department of Planning and Development Services and at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Sanford, Florida, and may be inspected by the public.

ADVICE TO THE PUBLIC: IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL A DECISION MADE WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THE ABOVE MEETING, OR HEARING, HE MAY NEED A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING, THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE, WHICH RECORD IS NOT PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF SANFORD. (FS 286.0105)

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE ADA COORDINATOR AT 407-330-5610 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.

Cynthia Porter,  
Deputy City Clerk

## Flying

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stars. Planning to continue on from SMS to the International Baccalaureate Magnet Program at Seminole High School, and then to the Air Force or Navy for pilot training, he'll reach his final goal only when he also reaches Mars as a part of the U.S. Space Program.

"I have always been interested in flight," said Scates when asked about those career plans, "and I want to be an astronaut."

Oliver, himself a former Navy and commercial pilot, is the first instructor at SMS to bring an aviation background to the program there. As an aviation teacher, Oliver helps his students learn Federal Aviation Administration rules and regulations and offers them practice in the middle school's flight simulators.

As an AFJOTC leader, he shares his experiences, familiarizes the seventh and eighth graders with all the armed forces, helps them classify planes, teaches discipline and tradition, and sharpens goal setting and accomplishing

skills. Oliver has also taken the group on field trips to the University of Florida and the DeLand Airport for Young Eagles events.

Scates, an E-4 Senior Airman and member of the Color Guard in that AFJOTC, can already negotiate a take-off and landing successfully in the simulator, which according to his mother, Shellie, was the factor that sealed the deal in Scates' decision to attend the Pre-IB, Math, Science and Technology Magnet.

The Scates family lives in Oviedo, so coming to Sanford Middle meant leaving many friends behind in pursuit of his dreams, but recalled Shellie Scates, "Coming here was not a hard decision once he saw the flight simulator."

As planes negotiating in and out of Orlando Sanford International Airport rumble the classrooms at SMS, they only add to the experience for Scates and the other students practicing flight down below, although not all aspire to be pilots, as does Scates.

"Some are just interested in

flying, some are not," Oliver said, "and I don't push them. Those who are interested — the few like John — come forward."

Delta Connections offered the essay contest in the hopes of creating an interest in aviation and to celebrate the anniversary of the Wright Brothers first flight.

The academy has a strong connection to the nearby middle school, and according to Oliver, is "very supportive" of the aviation program there, talking with the teacher often and giving his students tours, pre-flight inspection experiences and time on the academy's simulators at least once each semester.

And while their contest winner was already hooked on air travel when he penned his essay, his success will surely be an inspiration to others. His father David and sister Jenna, though firmly grounded in their aspirations (David is an IT manager, Jenna a gymnast), have high hopes for John, in middle school and beyond.

"I love the fact that he is going to this school," said David Scates, "It was his choice."

The words John Scates chose to include in his essay offer this peek into the future. Writes Scates, "One day you might hear me on the radio talking to ground control, or you might even hear that I was the first man to set foot on Mars. You never know."

## Suncor

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Gateway at Riverwalk a reality," said G. Hunt Dawkins, Colonial's Seminole County president. "This is literally and symbolically a ground-breaking development for Sanford that will go a long way toward advancing the city's revitalization efforts."

The March 11 ceremony was

attended by 50 people including Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce President Diane Parker and members, Sanford Chamber of Commerce President Angelia Gordon and members, and Colonial Bank's President and CEO Mike Sleaford.

As part of the ceremonies, Colonial Bank and Suncor Properties donated \$1,000 to Audubon of Florida. Cindy Zeigler and Katie Warner of Audubon of Florida presented a live eagle and explained the importance of preserving Lake Monroe's and Florida's wildlife.

### SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA) \$505,010

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### Answer key to today's puzzle

MERIT	ELMO	ALTA	SAGES
OMANI	VOID	SEER	TRACK
LIGHT	VERSE	HEAR	AMORE
TREELINE	MARKET	VALUE	
RENT	PEENS	SHED	
IMPEDE	HEART	ATA	AMAP
MORN	SAIN	VINCEN	OUR
PROTO	DVD	TE	ABUSE
SET	HALEST	TAUS	DENSE
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GIFT	VOUCHER	REEMERGE	S
AMATI	PAUL	POCKET	VETO
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See the crossword puzzle on Page 5A

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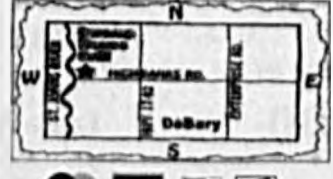
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The 2004 Annual Luncheon for the volunteers of the Sanford Christian Sharing Center was held Feb. 28, at First United Methodist Church in Sanford.

While the luncheon was underway, members of All Souls Youth Ministry were busy painting the clothing room at the Sanford Christian Sharing Center, under the leadership of Youth Minister Walt Smith and Kenda Race.

All food for the elaborate luncheon was donated by Winn Dixie, Sams Club and Albertsons. Twenty two Sanford merchants donated door prizes.

Ladies of the church and friends of the sharing center served as hostesses. During the program, certificates of appreciation were given to Georgia Chorpene, 100-year-old volunteer, to Irene Brown who served as director of the sharing center until her retirement in 2003, after 16 years of loving service to the community.

Carrying on the legacy is the new volunteer director, Gail Collins.

Also a certificate was given to Harvey VanDusen for serving as Mr. Back-up for the center. Richard Martin, president of the sharing center thanked all the volunteers for their dependable and dedicated service.

Because of the volunteers, the center is able to be open each day to help those in need of food, clothing or both. All the food distributed is obtained through donations from merchants, organizations, churches and other individuals, provided at no charge by the federal government or purchased by the center with donated funds.

Clothing distributed is obtained through donations from local churches and individuals. Anyone interested in volunteering or helping in any way is invited to visit 515 E. 25th St. The facility is open from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.



Photos submitted

As Sanford Christian Sharing Center volunteers (above) recently enjoyed their annual luncheon, the All Souls Youth Ministry (top) was busy painting the center's clothing room.

## Sanford church to host annual spaghetti dinner



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Grace Fellowship Congregational Church, 2401 S. Park Ave., Sanford, is hosting their Annual Spaghetti Dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 20. The dinner will include spaghetti, salad, bread, drink and dessert. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for children 10 and under. The event is dine in or take-out. For more information, call 407-322-4584. Committee members for the dinner are (left to right) Rev. Larry Leonard, Anna Sanders and Eloise Unsworth.

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# Sports

## Briefs

### IRISH OPEN

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The four man scramble will begin with a shotgun start at noon and the cost is \$40 per person for members and \$55 per person for non-members, which includes green fees, cart fees, dinner and prizes.

There will be a traditional Irish dinner and trophy ceremony at 5 p.m. and dinner guests are welcome at \$15 per person.

The course will also be available for a practice round today (Saturday, March 13th), at an additional fee.

Please call 407-322-2531, extension 3, to sign up or for further information.

### SANFORD ADULT SOFTBALL

Following are the standings in the City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department Adult Polar Bear Slowpitch Softball League as of 3/11/04.

#### CHURCH 'A'

Westview Baptist, 9-1; Seminole Community Church - Green, 6-4; Seminole Community Church - Red, 5-4; Lakeside Fellowship, 4-6; All Souls Catholic, 0-9.

#### CHURCH 'B'

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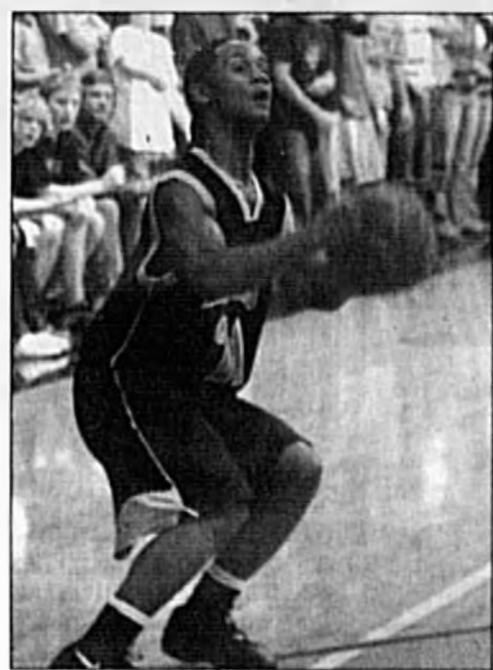
Start stretching Central Florida! Casselberry's Rock Around the Block 5K Run/Walk is fast approaching. On Saturday, March 20th, participants with various levels of athletic ability will join together to support the arts effort in Casselberry.

The 5K will begin promptly at 8 a.m. and is open for everyone to attend. The event will be held at Secret Lake Park, located at 200 N. Triplet Lake Drive. Parking will be available at the Casselberry Target, 4410 S. Hwy. 17/92. Shuttles will take participants to the race site.

If competing isn't for you, then come for the music! Live music provided by Anduze and Travis James will keep attendees and participants spirited before, during and after the race. For parents participating in the event, free childcare will be available. A kiddie run will also be available for children present.

After the race, guests can cool down as they enjoy upbeat musical

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Herald photo by Jim Wentz  
Freshman John Roberson score 12 of his team-high 13 points in the first half as Lake Howell took control of the game in which it defeated Clearwater, 51-42.

## Youth will be served

### Freshmen carry Lake Howell past Clearwater

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

LAKELAND — By the time you read this we will know if Lake Howell was able to win its first-ever basketball championship, but we could not let the super effort the Silver Hawks put in Wednesday night go unnoticed. From a John Roberson three-point

shot to a Pat Calathes dunk off a Roberson pass, the Lake Howell boys never trailed as they knocked out powerful Clearwater (27-3), 51-42, to earn a spot in Friday night's Class 5A State Championship Game of the 2004 FHSAA Boys Basketball Finals in Jenkins Arena at The Lakeland Center.

The Silver Hawks, who improved to 27-4 overall and have won 26 of their last 28 starts and 21 of 22, were to have played William T. Dwyer High School from Palm Beach Gardens (24-3), a 52-43 winner over Lake Region.

The story of the game was the performance of Lake Howell's three freshman guards, Roberson, Nick Calathes and Jose Rodriguez, as they combined for 29 points, 16 rebounds and five assists on a night when star senior Pat Calathes had one of his

worst shooting games of the season.

Roberson, who scored a team-high 13 points, carried the load in the first half, knocking down all three of his three-point attempts and scoring 12 points as the Silver Hawks took control late in the second quarter to take a 29-22 lead at halftime.

Lake Howell, with Pat Calathes hitting a 'three' and a jumper on back-to-back possessions, increased its lead to 12, 43-31, heading into the final eight minutes.

But the much-taller Tornadoes, which came into the game having won 21 of their 22 last starts, refused to go away and outscored the Silver Hawks 10-2 to cut the lead to four, 45-41, with 1:12 left in the game.

That's when the freshmen stepped up, making four-of-six free throws to See Lake Howell, Page 15A

## Battles in baseball

### Close scores abound

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

If the final scores of this week's baseball games so far are any indication, this is going to be one tight season.

Lake Brantley ran its record to 6-1 with a pair of wins, but the outcome of both could have gone either way.

The biggest win came Thursday night as Smith went 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles and two RBI and Weeks went 3-for-5 with two RBI as the Patriots edged Lake Mary (5-3), 5-4, in nine innings.

Ryan Richardson was 2-for-2 with a triple for the Rams.

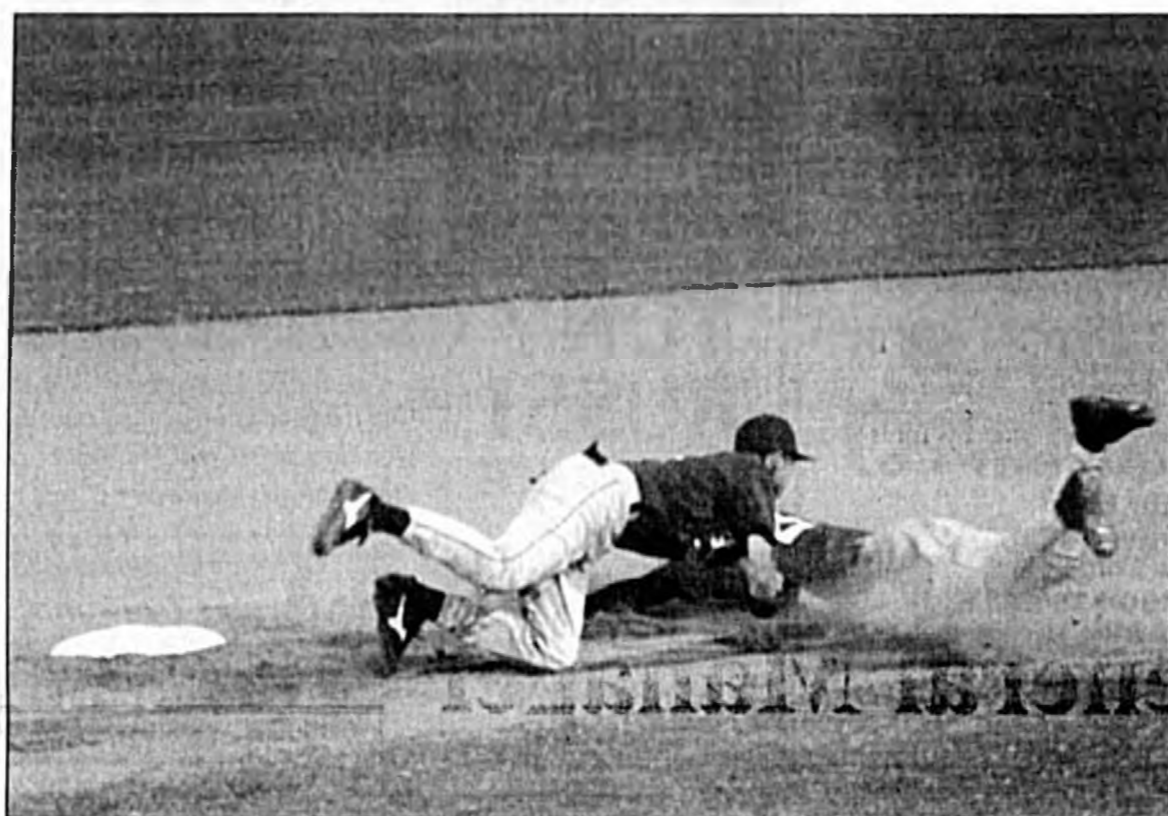
On Monday, Lake Brantley had withstood a grand slam by Jason Cutlip to top Lyman, 6-4.

Gallagher was the winning pitcher, striking out 10 over 4-2/3 innings to outdue the Greyhounds' Hummell, who struck out seven in a complete game effort.

Dobbins paced the Patriots offense with a pair of RBI.

Lake Mary had picked up a close win of its own on Tuesday as Scott Eckard struck out 15 in a route-going five-hitter to edge Lyman, 3-2.

The Rams took a quick See Baseball, Page 15A



Herald photos by Jim Wentz

Lyman catcher Kyle Harmon had an outstanding game behind the plate, throwing out a pair of Lake Mary runners (above), but Rams pitcher Scott Eckard (left) had a masterful game, surviving a tough sixth inning to strike out the final four men he faced and finishing with a five-hit, 15 strike out, 3-2 win over the Greyhounds.



## High school softball heating up

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

With the weather warming up, so has the play in high school softball.

It has been extremely busy week for Lake Brantley as it faced three outstanding programs and came away winners in two of the three contests.

The week did not start very spectacularly for coach Mike Ferrell's Patriots as on Monday, Lauren Starcher ripped a double over the left fielder's head with one out in the bottom of the eighth inning, stole third and, after two intentional walks to load the bases, scored on a 3-2 walk to winning pitcher Davis as Winter Springs won, 1-0.

Davis had come on to relieve in the top of the sixth inning and allowed only one hit while playing strong defense up the middle to pick up the win. Jessie Sadlowsky had a double for Lake Brantley.

The Patriots bounced back the next night with Marla Stevens hurling a two-hitter and striking out six in handing Colonial (5-1) its first loss of the season in smashing fashion, 10-1.

Nikki Hall carried the big bat for the Lake Brantley offense, driving in three runs.

Thursday night the Patriots (5-5) took down another Metro Conference power, and new district foe, Edgewater (3-5), 9-4, with Stevens scattering seven hits and striking out seven.

The Bears (7-2) also came up with another Seminole Athletic Conference win on

Wednesday as Crystal Bullock went 2-for-3 and scored a pair of runs and Starcher went 2-for-5 and drove in two to back the pitching of Wisniewski, who came on to throw 3-2/3 innings of shutout relief in a 5-3 victory over Lyman.

Elrod went 2-for-5 with a double for the Greyhounds (1-8).

Lake Mary ran its record to 12-2 with four wins this week over DeLand, Lake Howell and Winter Park.

Olivia Toporowsky was a one-girl show for the Rams in a 3-1 win over the Bulldogs, going 3-for-3, with a home run and a double and two RBI, and also giving up just three hits and striking out seven over four innings to get the pitching victory.

Lake Mary swept a doubleheader from the Silver Hawks on Wednesday with Toporowsky and Andrea Wain combining on a no-hitter in a 4-0 victory in the opener and then exploding for five runs in the 13th inning to win the nightcap, 9-4.

Leadoff batter Lynsey Schall was 2-for-3 with an RBI in the first game, while Caitlin Mahoney was 3-for-6 with a pair of doubles and three RBI and Lauren Bennett was 3-for-7 with an RBI in the second game.

Hajek and Furell both went 2-for-5 for Lake Howell.

Thursday night, Mahoney launched a grand slam and Bennett went 3-for-4 with an RBI as the Rams whipped the Wildcats (7-4), 7-1.

The Silver Hawks did pick up a pair of dis- See Softball, Page 16A



Herald photo by Jim Wentz

Winter Springs got a strong game from Davis (above) as she allowed no runs on one hit over three innings, played a tremendous game on defense, and drew a bases-loaded walk on a 3-2 pitch in the bottom of the eighth inning to plate the only run as the Bears nipped Lake Brantley, 1-0.





## Softball —

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-trict wins this week, taking a 6-2 win over Pine Ridge with Samuels throwing a complete game and striking out 10 and crushing Mainland, 12-2.

Parker and Lamkay led the offense, both going 1-for-2 with two RBI, against the Panthers, while Torres had a big double against the Buccaneers.

Oviedo (6-1) also won three games this week capped by handing Spruce Creek its first loss of the season.

Brown and Anderson combined on a no-hitter on Monday as the Lions topped University 6-1 with Harrison (3-for-3) and Piazzola (double, two runs scored) leading the offense.

On Wednesday, Harwood went 2-for-3 with a double and a run scored and Irimar Hernandez went 2-for-3 and drove in two as Oviedo edged Seminole, 3-1. Edelman was 2-for-3 with a run scored for the Tribe.

On Thursday, the Lions scored two runs in the third and a single run in the fourth and Tomasetti made the lead stand up in a 3-2 victory over the Hawks (5-1).

Harrison had two of Oviedo's three hits and scored a run, while Tomasetti, who was touched for a pair of runs in the sixth inning, scattered four hits and struck out five.

## Briefs —

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### GLIDERS LOOKING FOR RUNNERS

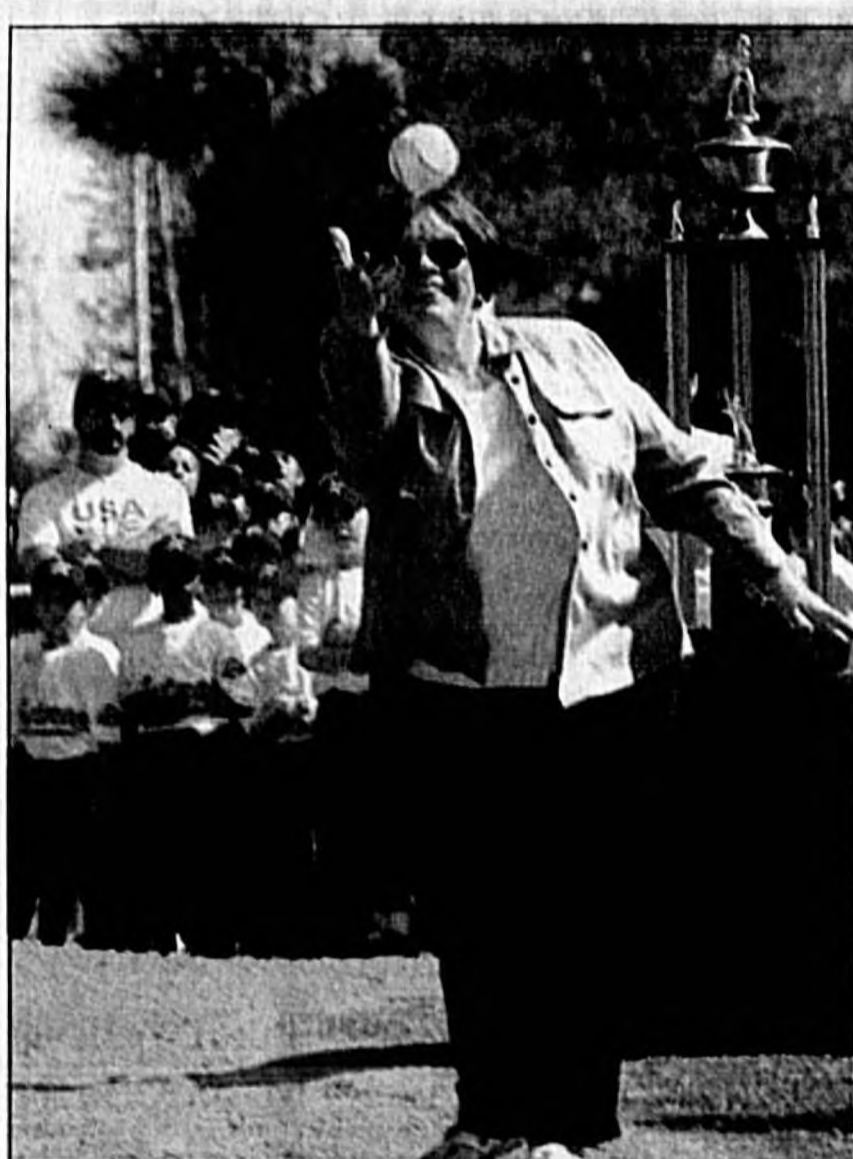
The Central Florida Gliders Track Club is looking for athletes that want to participate in track and field this spring.

The Gliders are a 14-year old, non-profit youth running club based in Altamonte Springs servicing youth ages, 8-to-18, throughout Central Florida. The club competes in local, state and national competition and has produced many athletes of national caliber and has won several national championships in both track & field and cross-country.

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If you are interested in becoming a Glider or sponsoring the Central Florida Gliders, contact coach Craig Wise at [coachwise@hotmail.com](mailto:coachwise@hotmail.com) or call 407-682-1368. You can also visit the web site at [www.cfgliders.com](http://www.cfgliders.com) or link through [www.altamontesports.org](http://www.altamontesports.org) to find out more information.

## Altamonte celebrates 10 years of Babe Ruth Baseball



Herald photos by Jim Wentz

The City of Altamonte Springs put on another gala display for Opening Day last Saturday at Eastmonte Park as the Babe Ruth Baseball League celebrated its 10th anniversary in the city. In addition to honoring America with the displaying of the colors and fireworks (top) and the introduction of the teams (above), the World Champion Altamonte Patriots and Anna Maria Jordan (far left), who was named the MVP of the Babe Ruth 16-and-under girls' softball World Series in Louisville, Kentucky last fall, were the honored guests and Altamonte Babe Ruth League President Sarah Reese (near left) threw out the first pitch.



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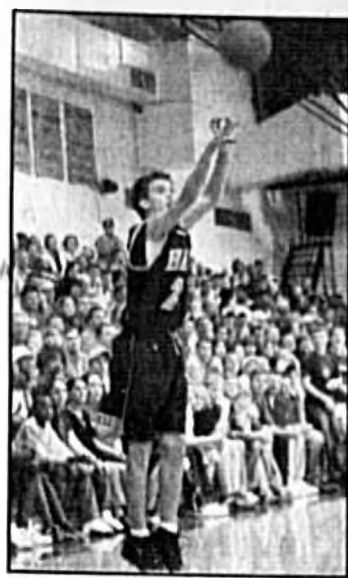
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MIDWEEK

MARCH 17, 2004



## Lake Howell falls short

The Lake Howell basketball team made a dramatic comeback but ran out of steam at the end as they fell to Dwyer in the Class 5A State Championship Game Friday night.

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## Teacher's topless picture e-mailed to school board

A Goldsboro Elementary School teacher has been placed on administrative leave after topless pictures of her at a Super Bowl party were e-mailed to school officials.

The teacher, Stacey Cherry, was placed on three days administrative leave. However, a published report on wftv.com said Cherry has not been allowed to return to the classroom three weeks after she was first disciplined. The Web site also reported that another teacher has been assigned to Cherry's fourth grade classroom.

Cherry went to an Altamonte Springs bar on Feb. 1 to watch the Super Bowl. Sometime after the game, about 2 a.m. Feb. 2, she took off her top when Mardi Gras-style beads were passed around.

Digital photographs were made and those pictures were e-mailed to Seminole County School Board members, Superintendent Bill Vogel, the principal at Goldsboro and other school officials.

School officials called the incident inappropriate and a serious error in judgment.

## Seminole Smile



Cathy Lo Tempio — Customer Service Representative with the City of Sanford Public Works Department

# County addresses crowded libraries

## Cities to help develop plan for possible branch expansions, voter referendum

By Christopher Patton  
Managing Editor

With the halls of justice about squared away, Seminole County is looking to strengthen its halls of knowledge.

As a new \$45 million criminal justice center is expected to come online in

August and a recently renovated \$4.2 million juvenile justice center open for business, Seminole County is in the beginning stages of addressing another pressing need — its libraries.

Seminole County's five libraries collectively rank as the lowest in square footage and second lowest in books

per capita in the region, according to a presentation made last week at a monthly meeting of city mayors and managers.

Seminole County is experiencing a growing need for library services like none other in Central Florida. With 68 percent of the county's population toting a

library card, Seminole County is facing a demand most neighboring counties do not experience. In comparison, only 27 percent of the Orange County population carries library cards, but per capita they have about twice as much space in their libraries. "What I did the other day was ask the mayors and

Library system	Books per capita	Square feet per capita
Seminole	1.34	.26
Brevard	2.39	.72
Lake	1.17	.37
Orange	2.16	.48
Osceola	1.77	.45
Volusia	1.66	.50

managers group to consider working with us over the next several months to a

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## 4 escape injury in boating accident

By Nick Pfeleauf  
Staff Writer

There was a collision Sunday under the St. Johns River Bridge at the Seminole/Volusia county line.

"It's a wonder all of them weren't killed," commented Florida Fish and Game Commission Lt. Mark Hodges.

An airboat collided with an 11-foot fishing boat containing four people, two adults and two children. While Hodges said each of them received bruises, only one, 10-year-old Marcus McKinzi of Sanford, was taken to Orlando Regional Medical Center. Officials say he was only bruised, and suffered no serious complications. The others on the fishing boat, as well as the driver of the airboat, were all from Geneva.

McKinzi was not knocked out of the boat, but another youngster, in the front of the fishing boat, reportedly

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## Prayer breakfast set for March 19

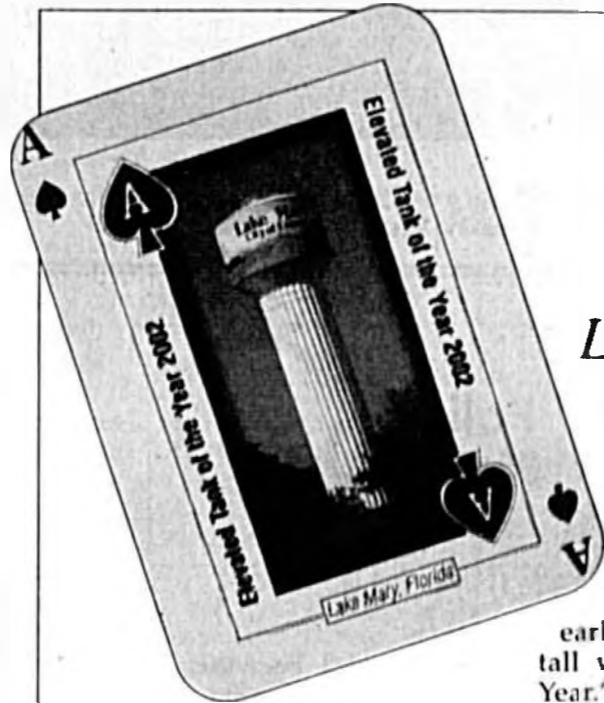
The Seminole County Prayer Breakfast committee announced that its annual Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for March 19 at the Lake Mary Marriott. Sir Brian Mawhinney, a member of the British Parliament and former minister of state for Northern Ireland, will be the keynote speaker.

The event will be an opportunity for local residents and business leaders in the Orlando area to meet together and pray for both national and regional issues affecting Seminole County.

Mawhinney had an active political career in the United Kingdom, including serving as the chairman of the Conservative Party and leader of the Parliament Prayer Breakfast. Drawing from his faith and experience in government, Mawhinney will urge attendees to impact their communities.

"The Seminole County Prayer Breakfast has become a tradition for community lead-

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## Trump Tower

### Lake Mary's water tower wins 'Tank of the Year'

By Christopher Patton  
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — To much of the City Commission's surprise, it was announced earlier this month that Lake Mary's 150-foot tall water tank was selected as "Tank of the Year."

In addition to several plaques, the brightly colored tank was featured as the ace of spades on a deck of playing card with all the top winners.

Competing against hundreds of other elevated water tanks around the nation, Lake Mary's 500,000-gallon tank won first place as selected by the Steel Plate Fabricator's Association.

Completed in 2002, Lake Mary's tank is located east of Skyline Drive. The \$1 million structure

Lake Mary Public Works Director John Deamud holds up plaques commemorating the city water tank as "Tank of the Year." Equally impressive was the water tower featured as the ace of spades on a deck of playing cards of all the top winners.

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## Winter Springs women battle cancer locally

By Christopher Patton  
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SANFORD — Diane Black just knew something wasn't right.

From her Winter Springs front porch, she told her best friend Laura Grant that she feared the worst — breast cancer.

"I said Laura it's cancer," Black said. "I just knew it. It was in my gut."

Before she even slipped on a hospital gown, Black had diagnosed herself and sure enough her early prognosis became a grim reality. In August 2002, breast cancer was detected and she underwent a mastectomy to remove the tumor.

Black, a University of Central Florida translator for impaired students, was lucky. She had health insurance and was surrounded with an excellent team of medical professionals and a loving family. Other Seminole County women may not be so

fortunate, but Black and Grant are hoping a new agreement with the Seminole County Health Department in Sanford will make a difference.

Their efforts began about five years ago with 40 neighbors walking through the Winter Springs community to raise money. Grant said first her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, and then it "hit closer to home" when cancer was detected in Black. Her mother lost the battle, as did her mother-in-law, but Black eventually endured. The women became impassioned to wage the war together.

The community-based event grew by leaps and bounds as last year they hosted the First Annual Community 5K For a Cure at Central Winds Park.

"Three hundred registered last year and we're hoping to double that this year," Grant said.

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Seminole County Health Department Administrator Mike Napier watches as Laura Grant signs an agreement that will provide free mammograms to low-income county residents.

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