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Briefly

Ace Hardware to host blood drive Thursday in Sanford

The Central Florida Blood Bank will have its mobile unit at Ace Hardware, 207 E. 25th Street in Sanford, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday, March 9. The event is being made possible through Bob Parsell, owner of Ace Hardware.

The blood bank serves 16 hospitals in the tri-county area and is in serious need of 900 units of blood per day to meet the needs of those hospitals and others.

Similar drives have been said to be very successful in the past few weeks, but the demand is now outstripping the supply, and some hospitals have been forced to cancel and/or postpone surgeries because of the shortage.

The mobile unit will be in the Ace Hardware parking lot nearest 25th Street.

To donate, persons must be 17 years of age or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and clear of any cold or flu symptoms.

Today is ...

Wednesday, March 8, 2000
Today is the 68th day of 2000
and the 78th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1894, New York State became the first state to require dog owners to obtain licenses. On this day in 1950, the Soviet Union announced that it had developed an atomic bomb. On this day in 1967, Bob Seger announced that the "Like a Rock" tour would be his last.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. (1841-1935), Supreme Court justice; Cyd Charisse (1923-), dancer; Lynn Redgrave (1943-), actress; Susan Clark (1944-), actress; Jim Rice (1953-), baseball player; is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini defeated Art Finais in the first round, winning the WBA lightweight title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We don't understand life any better at 40 than at 20, but we know it and admit it."

Jules Renard

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 8) and first quarter (March 13).

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Schools, BCC ponder tax hike

Schools need \$250M for capital projects

By Bill Kerna
Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Seminole County School Board on Tuesday unveiled ambitious plans to renovate Seminole, Lake Mary and Oviedo high schools.

However, Board members added that there is one significant roadblock to the plans — the Board does not yet have the funding needed to put the plans into action. In total, school district officials said there are \$250 million in unfunded capital needs.

"This cannot be done unless we find some other source of funding," said School Board member Jeanne Morris.

The School Board is considering asking voters to approve a 1/2 cent sales tax in November to fund improvements to school facilities.

The workshop to discuss renovation plans for the high schools soon took on the spirit of a town hall meeting. More than 100 parents, students and school-district staff filled the Educational Support Center, asking the Board questions and discussing facility needs.

The Board plans to have similar workshops to address facility needs in the future, although a date has not been set for another workshop.

"I see tremendous facility needs to

See Schools, Page 2A

County likely to put tax issue on ballot

By Russ White
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Residents not only will vote for a new president and three Seminole County Commissioners this November, they'll more than likely be asked to decide whether to extend the county's 1-cent sales tax.

The original tax was approved by voters nine years ago when 60 percent said yes to a 1-cent tax to improve and build county roads.

The new tax — if approved — also will be appropriated to roads along with sidewalks, trails, stormwater and other contingencies and possibly

schools.

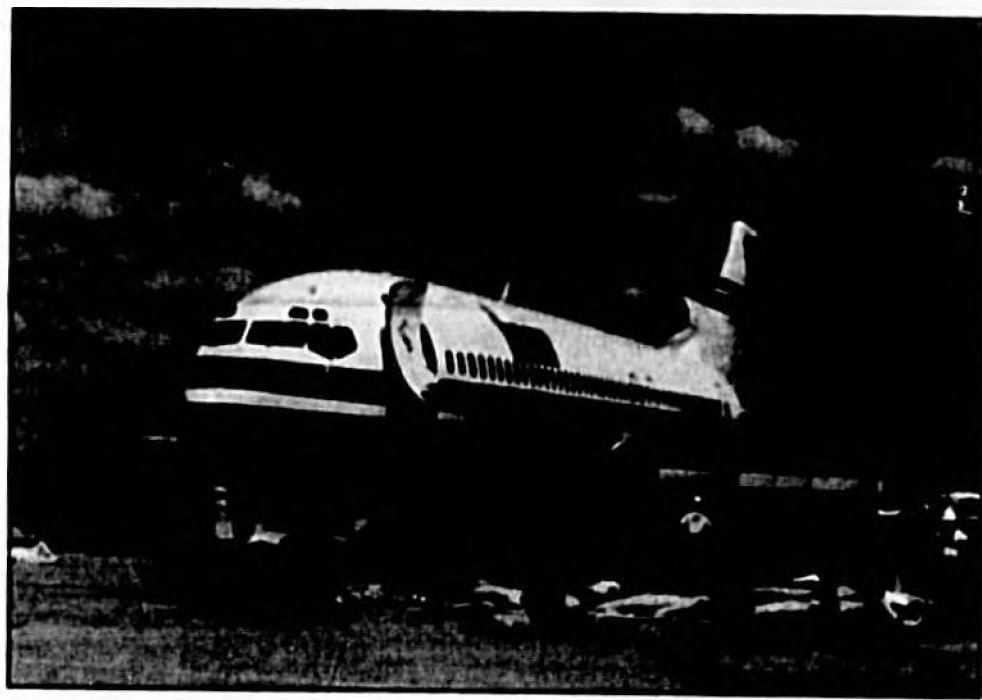
At a priority setting workshop Tuesday, the BCC discussed how the tax monies would be used and why it was important to get the issue to the voters in November even though the original sales tax does not expire until October 2001.

Commissioner Randy Morris stressed the need to get the issue to as many residents as possible.

"That means having it on the November ballot," Morris said. "We'll have 65 percent or more involved. If we wait, the turnout will be 10 or at best 15 percent."

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Training for disaster



A training exercise at the Sanford airport provided emergency personnel with an opportunity to practice their skills. The scenario included a 727 jet crash landing and colliding with other aircraft before bursting into flames.

Drill includes 'crash' at airport

By Bill Kerna
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Nine deaths and 75 injured passengers — that's what emergency personnel faced Tuesday at the Orlando Sanford Airport.

Thankfully, the "deaths" and "injuries" were part of a mock drill designed to train rescue workers.

As required by federal law, the Community Mass Casualty and Family Assistance Exercise is held once every three years. More than 20 agencies, including hospitals, emergency response agencies, and support groups, joined forces to stage the mock airplane crash.

Tuesday's exercise presented rescuers with a chaotic scenario: A 727 jet with 75 passengers

was experiencing flight control problems and subsequently crash landed on the airport's southwest ramp. During the crash, the jet collided with a Cessna Sky Hawk carrying six people and a helicopter with three passengers. All three aircraft caught fire.



According to the scenario, a total of 84 people were injured, including the nine fatalities. Five people had to be airlifted to Orlando Regional Medical Center.

Twenty-two people were transported to hospitals in Seminole County, including 11 with intermediate level injuries and 11 with more severe injuries.

Another 48 people were treated at the scene and reunited with their families.

During the drill, agencies focused on triage. See Training, Page 2A

Police search for new clues in baffling case

Kathy Engles disappeared 13 years ago; convicted killer sits on death row

By Bill Kerna
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Investigators on Tuesday searched an area in Sanford where they believe 14-year-old murder victim Kathy Engles' body was buried 13 years ago.

The search was called Tuesday because some new apartments are being built in the area behind the Sanford Wal-Mart store, just off East Lake Mary Boulevard. Investigators are hoping new clues might be found in regard to Engles' disappearance.

Investigators said no significant new evidence was found in the search conducted by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office as well as Lake Mary and Sanford police.

"The area has been searched many times before but with no luck," said sheriff's spokesman Steve Olson. "(Tuesday) investigators zeroed in on five sites on the several acres of land, but each site yielded little new information."

Engles, a 14-year-old Lake

Mary resident, was reported missing during Memorial Day Weekend in 1987. At first investigators believed Anton Meyers, now 39 of Sanford, was involved in the girl's disappearance, but this was never proven.

However, Meyers was later arrested and convicted in an unrelated rape case. While in prison, Meyers reportedly bragged to his cellmates how he killed Engles and hid her body, investigators said.

Investigators from Lake Mary, a private investigator and the Seminole County Sheriff's Office persisted in following through on the case while Meyers was in prison and eventually got enough evidence to bring the case to trial, even though Engles' body was never found.

Meyers was arrested as a suspect in the Engles murder shortly after his release from prison after serving time on the unrelated rape charge. He was tried and found guilty of Engles' murder and sent to death row in 1995.

Authorities are continuing in their search for Engles' body and other clues to support the jury's findings. Meyers' case is subject to appeal.

"Locating Engles' remains will also bring closure for her grandparents, who were raising Kathy at the time she disappeared and was murdered nearly 13 years ago," Olson said.

Volunteer of the Year



Major Bruce Williams of the Salvation Army presents the Volunteer of the Year Award to Shana Ward. The award was presented to Ward Saturday during the Salvation Army's annual breakfast meeting.

Police warn of scam on elderly

From staff reports

Winter Springs police have issued a report on a probable attempt to defraud the elderly, with the hope that others will become aware of this situation and not fall victim.

According to police Capt. Kevin Brunelle, the case started when the Seminole County Sheriff's office phoned Winter Springs police that there was an elderly senior citizen requesting to withdraw a large sum of money from her bank account. The incident was noticed

by a SunTrust Bank employee who reportedly became concerned over the large amount, said to be used to satisfy a lien on contest winnings of \$900,000.

Brunelle said the senior citizen revealed that she had received a phone call between 11:30 a.m. and noon on March 2, from a male subject advising he was from Chase Manhattan Bank, and that he was holding a check in the amount of \$900,000 from the Canadian Government.

The caller inquired as to why they would be paying her such a

large amount of money. He went on to further say that possibly it was from a contest of some type.

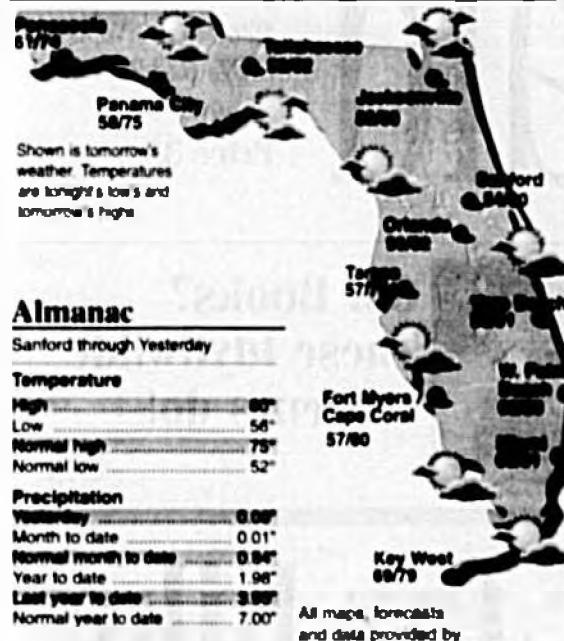
The senior citizen asked the caller to meet her at the bank where she would withdraw the money and give it to him, so she could receive the \$900,000 check. The unknown caller refused to meet her.

Capt. Brunelle said any citizen who may have received a similar call should contact him at 407-327-1000, the Seminole County sheriff's office or nearest law enforcement agency.

ACCU WEATHER® FORECAST FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY

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Florida Weather



Five-Day Forecast for Sanford



UV Index Tomorrow



Almanac

Sanford through Yesterday

High	80°
Low	56°
Normal High	75°
Normal Low	52°
Precipitation	0.00"
Yesterday	0.01"
Month to date	0.04"
Normal month to date	0.94"
Year to date	3.99"
Last year to date	7.00"
Normal year to date	7.00"

Regional Weather

Florida: Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny and warm tomorrow. A mix of clouds and sunshine Friday, warm.

Georgia: Partly cloudy and quite mild tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow and remaining rather warm. There may be a shower or thunderstorm Friday.

Mississippi: Partly cloudy tonight, perhaps an early shower or thunderstorm. Clouds and some sun tomorrow. It still may shower or thunderstorm.

Alabama: Partly cloudy tonight with a possible shower. Warm with clouds and some sun tomorrow. It may shower or thunderstorm.

South Carolina: Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow and still warm. Times of clouds and sun Friday, a chance for a shower in the west.

Louisiana: Decreasing cloudiness tonight. Partly sunny and a bit cooler tomorrow. Clouds and some sun Friday. It may shower in the north.

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	6:29 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday	6:41 a.m.
Midnight today	9:28 a.m.
Midnight today	9:05 p.m.

Tides

Tides for Daytona Beach Shores, Seaside Pier	
Time	Height
First Low	3:54 a.m. -0.3 R.
First High	10:11 a.m. 4.2 R.
Second Low	4:12 p.m. -0.3 R.
Second High	10:30 p.m. 4.4 R.

Tomorrow's National Weather



Regional Cities

City	Temp	Wind	Dir
Atlanta, GA	70	10	SE
Baltimore, MD	70	10	SE
Boston, MA	70	10	SE
Charlotte, NC	70	10	SE
Chicago, IL	70	10	SE
Cleveland, OH	70	10	SE
Dallas, TX	70	10	SE
Denver, CO	70	10	SE
Detroit, MI	70	10	SE
Houston, TX	70	10	SE
Los Angeles, CA	70	10	SE
London, UK	70	10	SE
Madrid, Spain	70	10	SE
Miami, FL	70	10	SE
Minneapolis, MN	70	10	SE
New York, NY	70	10	SE
Phoenix, AZ	70	10	SE
Portland, ME	70	10	SE
San Francisco, CA	70	10	SE
Seattle, WA	70	10	SE
St. Louis, MO	70	10	SE
Tampa, FL	70	10	SE
Washington, DC	70	10	SE
Wichita, KS	70	10	SE

World Cities

City	Temp	Wind	Dir
London	54	10	SE
Paris	54	10	SE
Rome	54	10	SE
Tokyo	54	10	SE
Sydney	54	10	SE
Auckland	54	10	SE
Wellington	54	10	SE
Christchurch	54	10	SE
Dunedin	54	10	SE
Hamilton	54	10	SE
Wellington	54	10	SE
Christchurch	54	10	SE
Dunedin	54	10	SE
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National Cities

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Atlanta	70	10	SE
Baltimore	70	10	SE
Boston	70	10	SE
Charlotte	70	10	SE
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Phoenix	70	10	SE
Portland	70	10	SE
San Francisco	70	10	SE
Seattle	70	10	SE
St. Louis	70	10	SE
Tampa	70	10	SE
Washington	70	10	SE
Wichita	70	10	SE

Airport

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emergency medical care, transport to area hospitals, fire fighting, evacuation and reuniting passengers with loved ones at the terminal building.

"This is the first mass casualty drill we have had in a number of years that will not only test our ability to respond to such a situation but also the hospitals' capability to handle an influx of a large number of injured patients," said Terry Schenk, director of fire rescue and EMS for Seminole County.

The exercise tested ground transport and air transport capabilities to evacuate severely injured people to a trauma center as quickly as possible, Schenk said.

Participating agencies include EMS, fire rescue, law enforcement, local hospitals, the Airport, the American Red Cross, and the Salvation Army.

Sanford fire chief Tom Hickson said he was pleased with the drill.

"We worked together like clockwork," Hickson said. "That's what first response is all about. This is to see what we do well at, and what we can get better at."

However, Ted Williams, director of emergency services for the American Red Cross in Seminole, Orange and Osceola counties, said he noticed two areas where there improvement can be made.

Williams said transportation

of Red Cross volunteers should be improved in the event of an actual emergency, so they get from place to place more efficiently. In addition, he said communication between volunteers can also be improved.

Despite room for improvement in the drill, Williams said that he is pleased with the results.

"Our timing was about right," Williams said. "The good thing about these drills is that everyone in the various agencies gets to know one another."

Sanford's airport handles about 1 million passengers per year. It is among the world's fastest growing airports, after handling only 50,000 passengers as recently as 1996.

Support the programs we already have in place," said School Board Chair Sandra Robinson. "The purpose of this meeting is to raise public awareness of the School Board's financial obligations and limitations."

At Seminole High School, \$34.9 million in new construction is proposed if funding can be located. Work would be performed in four phases. The first phase would include a new Academic Building, renovating locker rooms, and additions to the school's new weight room.

The second phase would include building a new auditorium and multi-purpose building, and an expansion to the existing band-chorus building.

Final phases would include a new academic building, a dining patio, a courtyard, remodeling the administration building, and additional parking.

Seminole High School Principal Karen Coleman said that there is a need to renovate facilities at the school.

"You would never design a school today like our campus," Coleman said. "It was a great design in 1960. With the proposed plan featuring new con-

struction, you can see where administrators and security personnel will be able to visually supervise the entire campus."

The School Board is also planning a \$19.9 million renovation for Lake Mary High School, to be performed in three phases if funding can be located.

"There are a lot more plans and discussions to be had with all three schools," said Tom Norton, an assistant principal at Lake Mary High School. "I hope we can get the money to do this."

The first phase would include building new practice field areas and new tennis courts. The school would also receive a new auditorium and band-chorus-drama suite, and a new multi-purpose building. In addition, a concession building would be built, and a loop road would be created with additional parking.

The second phase would include converting existing areas into a new Media center, new classrooms, and a closed-circuit television studio. The school's Applied Technology Labs would be expanded.

In Building One, classrooms,

administration, guidance and physical education areas would be renovated to provide more space. The fire sprinkler and mechanical systems in the building would also be upgraded.

The third and final phase of construction at Lake Mary High School would involve the construction of new locker rooms under stadium bleachers.

Meanwhile, the price tag for proposed renovations at Oviedo High School is \$30 million, to be performed in three phases.

The first phase would include adding new parking areas, renovating several classroom buildings, building a new Applied Technology Building, a new Physical Education Building, and remodeling the Auditorium Building.

In the second phase, the old Applied Technology labs, a pair of buildings, and old locker rooms adjacent to the existing gymnasium would all be demolished.

The final phase would include constructing a new Academic Building and cafeteria, a new gymnasium, courtyard, and toilet building.

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Sheriff Don Eslinger, who has asked for jailhouse expansion, attended the session. His need for 640 beds for inmates must be approved by the board. Eslinger said he would hope that building could begin by 2001.

Funding for the Juvenile Justice Center at Five Points is \$500,000 less than previously planned and the BCC must find away to come up with these dollars.

Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 99-00054

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., a New York corporation, vs. COUNTRYWIDE FUNDING CORPORATION

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHNSON D. FLEETWOOD, KELLY DAWN FLEETWOOD, UNKNOWN TENANT, UNKNOWN TENANT II, BEEBEEFLA, FLORIDA, INC., CASA PARK VILLAS OF TUSCARELLA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: JOHNSON D. FLEETWOOD (1378 CASA PARK COURT EAST WINTER SPRINGS, FL 32708) KELLY DAWN FLEETWOOD (1378 CASA PARK COURT EAST WINTER SPRINGS, FL 32708) LARRY KNOWN ADDRESS ET AL. (CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)

And any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under the above-named Defendants, if deceased or whose last known addresses are unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit: Lot 3, Block 13, CASA PARK VILLAS PHASE I, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 28, Pages 34-36 of the Public Records of Seminole County, Florida has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on SANDRA A. MARINIS, Butler & Hoach, P.A., 3188 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 3rd day of March, 2000. (COURT SEAL)

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administrator, 301 N. Park Avenue, Suite 1001, Sanford, Florida 32771, (407)888-3277 ext. 4227, within 2 working days of your receipt of this Notice of Action, if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770.

Maryanne Morse CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Ruth King Deputy Clerk Publish: March 8, 15, 2000 DEM-68

Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 99-381-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF ELAINE ALMA GRAYSON

Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION (Multiple PPs)

The administration of the estate of ELAINE ALMA GRAYSON, deceased, File Number 99, is pending in the Circuit Court for Seminole County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Drawer C, Sanford, Florida 32771. The names and addresses of the Personal Representatives and the Personal Representatives' attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the Will, the qualifications of the Personal Representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with the Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this notice is March 8, 2000.

LOIS E. GEVERTS

Personal Representative: 8271 Peachtree Drive Cumming, GA 30057

GREGORY G. GRAYSON Personal Representative: 701 St. Michaels Lane Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714

BETH ANN GRAYSON Personal Representative: 701 St. Michaels Lane Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714

Gregory Lerch Attorney for Petitioners Florida Bar No. 0833910

LAW OFFICE OF GREGORY LERCH 1110 Douglas Avenue Suite 1023 Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714 Telephone: (407)888-0200 Publish: March 8, 15, 2000 DEM-58

Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 99-CA-3428 1/0 Q FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF,

vs.

SHARKE BRESNICK COLUR, AS TRUSTEE OF THE BRESNICK FAMILY TRUST DATED AUGUST, 1987, ET AL.

DEFENDANT(S)

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE TO THE UNDERDOGN BENEFICIARIES OF THE BRESNICK FAMILY TRUST DATED AUGUST, 1987, whose residence is unknown if they are living, and if they are dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lenders, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage and enforce a bid note and/or mortgages on the following property:

LOT 124, BLOCK C, TUSKA RIDGE UNIT II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 40, PAGES 66-68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on DAVID J. STERN, ESQ. Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 801 S. UNIVERSITY DRIVE, STE 500, PLANTATION, FL 33324 (no later than 30 days from the date of the first publication of this notice of action) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Court of SEMINOLE County, Florida, this 3rd day of March, 2000. (SEAL)

MARYANNE MORSE, CLERK CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: Ruth King DEPUTY CLERK

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation should contact COURT ADMINISTRATION, at the SEMINOLE County Courthouse at 407-885-4277, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service. Law Office of David J. Stern, P.A. 801 S. University Drive Suite 500 Plantation, FL 33324 (954)333-8000 (854)333-8000 (854)333-8000 Publish: March 8, 15, 2000 DEM-61

Legal Notices

CITY OF LAKE MARY, FLORIDA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City Commission of the City of Lake Mary, Florida, that said Commission will hold a Public Hearing on March 18, 2000, at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, to consider the reading of an Ordinance and an ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE MARY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE VACATING OF A PORTION OF THE TWENTY FOOT ALLEY ADJACENT TO LOTS 1 THROUGH 5 AND LOTS 19 THROUGH 23 LOCATED IN BLOCK 12, CRYSTAL LAKE WINTER HOMES SUBDIVISION AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN: PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vacating the following portion of an alley:

The south one-half of the twenty (20) foot alley adjacent to lots 1 through 5 and to lots 19 through 23 located in Block 12, Crystal Lake Winter Homes Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 114 to 116, of the Public Records of Seminole County, Florida.

The Public Hearing will be held in the Commission Chambers, 100 W. Lake Mary Boulevard, Lake Mary, Florida. The Public is invited to attend and be heard. Said hearing may be continued from time to time until a final decision is made by the City Commission.

If the Ordinance is approved on First Reading, the City Commission will hold a Public Hearing on April 8, 2000, at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, to consider second reading and adoption of the Ordinance.

Copies of the Ordinance in full are available in the City Clerk's Office. NOTE: IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THIS COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING OR HEARING, HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE OR SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. FLORIDA STATUTES 286.016.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY ADA COORDINATOR AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AT 407-324-3024. CITY OF LAKE MARY, FLORIDA Carol A. Foster, City Clerk Publish: March 8, 2000 DEM-63

County

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Morris said that the county could extend the 1 cent sales tax for five more years or initiate a 1/2 cent sales tax for 10 years.

Chairman Carlton Henley said that the County School Board may be requesting that 1/2 cent tax go toward the refurbishing and building of new schools. Last year, Osceola County designated one-quarter of its sales tax dollars go to schools and the rest to roads.

"Our decision as to where the tax money should go is essential to it being passed," Morris said.

The BCC went down a list of priorities Tuesday. The most heated debate concerned the purchase of land for a community park. Two commissioners favored an Oviedo site known as WinterMiles. Commissioner Daryl McLain asked for immediate purchase. The matter was not resolved and will come up at the next BCC meeting on

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Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 99-194-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF JIMMY ELLETTE CHRISTEN aka JIM E. CHRISTEN aka JIMMY E. CHRISTEN

Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of JIMMY ELLETTE CHRISTEN deceased, File Number 99-194-CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Seminole County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Drawer C, Sanford, Florida 32772. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of the Court are required to file their objections with the Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS

Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 99-DR-0834-08N-K

IN RE: Petition for Change of Name of

DAVID RYAN RAPOSA

By and through

MARGARETH GAYOGO, Petitioner/Natural Mother and Guardian of

DAVID RYAN RAPOSA

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR NAME CHANGE TO: DAVID J. RAPOSA

Address Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to change your name has been filed and commenced in this Court and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on MERRY G. WINTER, ESQ., Attorney for the Petitioner, whose address is 540 N. Orange Avenue, Suite C, Orlando, Florida 32801, and whose telephone number is (407)848-1982, and file the original

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The Fab Five needs to watch its turnovers

The man said that he would like to take the county leaders seriously but to do so would be to affront their intelligence.

He was sitting in the fifth row at Tuesday's Priority Setting Workshop.

The meeting began at 9:37 a.m. Two of the county commissioners weren't there at the bell. One wandered in at 9:45 a.m., the other a minute or two later.

The Fab Five, the man said.

Yeah, March Madness, I agreed.

The point of the day turned out to be plans for a park. A couple of the commissioners think it would be a great idea to spend \$1 million of tax payers funds on a community park in Oviedo. There's an equestrian riding facility at the site known as WinterMiles.

"Let's do it," Commissioner Daryl McLain said.

"Let's not," Commissioner Grant Maloy said.

"Let's deal with this responsibly," Chairman Carlton Henley said.

The chairman said that he wasn't about to allow the Fab Five to "isolate" on one park and on one issue at the workshop. There were a number of sites to buy or develop a park. Three or four sites in Oviedo, alone. Others in Sanford and Lake Mary.

"This is not that difficult a decision to make," McLain argued. "And it's right in Mr. Maloy's district. Timing is important. There's not a lot to be thrashed out here."

"Just the opposite," Maloy said. "We don't have all the information. Some residents — on the south side of Oviedo — don't support this. They want us to consider other options."

"Let's do it," McLain argued. "And it's right in Mr. Maloy's district. Timing is important. There's not a lot to be thrashed out here."

asked the county to help buy 67 acres, which the city would develop and operate. County staff has been working on a three-year plan to pay the \$1 million.

No is more eager to see the deal go through than Linda Wiggins, who runs an equestrian facility in the area. "We need a place to ride," she said. "Everyone out here has horses."

No decision was made on the WinterMiles purchase. County staff will come up with a plan in the next couple of weeks. The commissioners will vote on that plan. There's going to be plenty more dialogue, Park talk.

Whatever the result — whenever that park — the Fab Five probably won't have much opportunity to use the facility. Three of the five are up for reelection. Just as they are in basketball, turnovers are common place in politics. Stay on the ball, fellows.

Base White's column appears daily in the Seminole Herald.



Russ White

Family weekends are wearing stepmother out

DEAR ABBY: I am 57. Two years ago, I married a widower with four grown children. This is my second marriage. We moved to Louisville when my husband accepted a lucrative job here.

My dilemma is his four children. Three of them have spouses. Approximately every six weeks, all seven of them visit for a three-day weekend. Abby, they are wearing me out from cooking (most of the girls cook), picking up after them and doing mounds of laundry. After they leave, it takes me three days to clean up the house and recover.

I love my husband and have told him that I just can't do it anymore. He is upset with me and makes me feel like I am keeping him from his children. I have offered to host Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, which is all I can handle. I'm at the point that I dread the holidays.

I have two children of my own and two grandchildren. I love to see them, but not every six weeks! I visit — or they visit — every three to four months, which is enough for me.

Abby, please tell me how to handle the situation without being the "wicked stepmother."

OVERWHELMED IN KENTUCKY

DEAR OVERWHELMED: It is unfair for your husband to expect you to be cook and housemaid that frequently. In order to lighten the burden on you, your husband should agree to hire part-time help during the weekends when his children descend upon you, so you'll have the time and energy to enjoy their company, too.

An alternative might be for you and your husband to visit his children on alternating holidays. You deserve a break once in a while, consider planning an occasional weekend with friends to coincide with his children's visits.

DEAR ABBY: I am now in my third year of marriage to my husband. We have a daughter who is a year old. Unfortunately, it has become painfully clear that we do not have even one interest in common. My husband could survive to the end of his days with a bed, a computer, a television and a VCR.

I have accepted the fact that this man will never take the world by storm because of his complete lack of ambition. What I can no longer accept is that he

has no respect for anyone. He seems to lack a fundamental concern, compassion and respect for other human beings. On top of this, he is sneaky. His work ethic is low, and he categorizes people who enjoy their work as "workaholics who work and one day die." He lacks passion, has no hobbies outside of TV and computers, and could not be less enthused about life. During the holidays, my mom kills herself to lay out a spread that makes the Ritz pale by comparison, and each year my husband shows up in jeans and a sweatshirt. When I ask him each year to please pack something nice, he gets an attitude. The kicker is that she tries hard each time he is coming to prepare the things he likes. He treats his own mother the same way. She laughs it off and seems to take his lack of manners in stride.

Is there any hope of changing someone who doesn't care what others think of him, or what his actions do in regard to other people's feelings?

STUMPED IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR STUMPED: Sorry — you are fighting a losing battle. There is no way to help someone who is not willing to help himself. But if any of my readers have managed to "raise the dead," I'll pass along their input.

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Dear Abby

Obituaries

JAMES BETZLER GRANT
James Betzler Grant, 89, Valencia Street, Sanford, died Friday, March 3, 2000. Born in Chicago, Ill., he moved to Central Florida from Fort Lauderdale in 1951. He was a commercial engineer for Florida Power & Light. He was a member of Kiwanis and Masons.

Survivors include daughter, Janice G. Tapsarik, Alexandria, Va.; three grandchildren; Baldwin Fairbank Oaklawn Park Cemetery and Funeral Home, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

ANNA W. PAWLOWSKI
Anna W. Pawlowski, 42, Casa Del Sol, Altamonte Springs, died Sunday, March 5, 2000 at her residence. Born June 26, 1957 in Zakopane, Poland, she moved to Central Florida 12 years ago. She was owner/operator of J&M

Animal Hospital. She was Catholic.
Survivors include sons, Paul C. and Oliver A., both of Altamonte Springs; Parents Wladyslaw Mandula and Stanislaw Mandula, both of Zakopane; brothers, John Mandula, Longwood, and Arndt Florek, Zakopane.
Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

VERNON A. STEIGER
Vernon A. Steiger, 79, Matfield Blvd., Matfield, died Tuesday, March 7, 2000 at Florida Hospital, Altamonte. He was born Nov. 21, 1920 in Chicago, Ill. He was a retired electrician for the railroad, a member of Salem Lutheran Church, Homewood, Ill., and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.
Survivors include sons, William

E. Matfield, Raymond Koczyzski, Dayton, Ohio, Richard Koczyzski, San Bernardino, Calif.; daughters, Eileen Schick, Prescott Valley, Ariz., Barbara Brum, Elk Grove, Ill., Sylvia Davis, Frankfort, Ill., Loretta Moore, Wood Dale, Ill.; 12 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren.
Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

FUNERALS

GRANT, JAMES BETZLER
Funeral services for Mr. James Betzler Grant, 89, will be Friday, March 10, 2000 at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Lake Mary, with Father Beverly L. Bunge officiating. Interment will follow in Oaklawn Park Cemetery, in Sanford, Fla. Family requests donations be made to Hospice of Southern Vol., 4215 N. 15th Street, Arlington, Va., 22205.
Burial in Fairbank Funeral Home Oaklawn Chapel, 2000 County Road 46-A, Sanford, Lake Mary (407) 322-4261.

Police Log

Hit and Run
Sanford — Julia Eason, 40, 2437 Daffodil Terrace, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 6:03 p.m. on March 35. She was charged with Hit and Run, Failure to Remain at the Scene of an Accident.

Battery
Sanford — Jimmy Manriquez, 40, 2662 Hibiscus, Deltona, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 11:34 p.m. on March 3. He was charged with Battery, Disorderly Intoxication and Resisting Arrest.

Drugs
Sanford — Allen Harris, 2772 Ridgewood Road, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford Police

Officers at 12:30 a.m. on March 6. He was charged with Possession of Cocaine.
Sanford — Daniel Lent, 36, 648 W. High Barly Road, Deltona, was arrested by Sanford Police at 1:54 p.m. on March 5. He was charged with Possession of Cocaine and Possession of

Drug Equipment.
Shoplifting
Sanford — Beatrice Diaz, 53, 1414 Roselift Drive, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford Police Officers at 2:42 p.m. on March 4. She was charged with shoplifting.

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Opinion

Our View

Safety first

Motorists need to be cautious as Bike Week continues

It's considered Bike Week in Daytona Beach through March 12, with racing events scheduled at the Daytona International Speedway and other locations in the area.

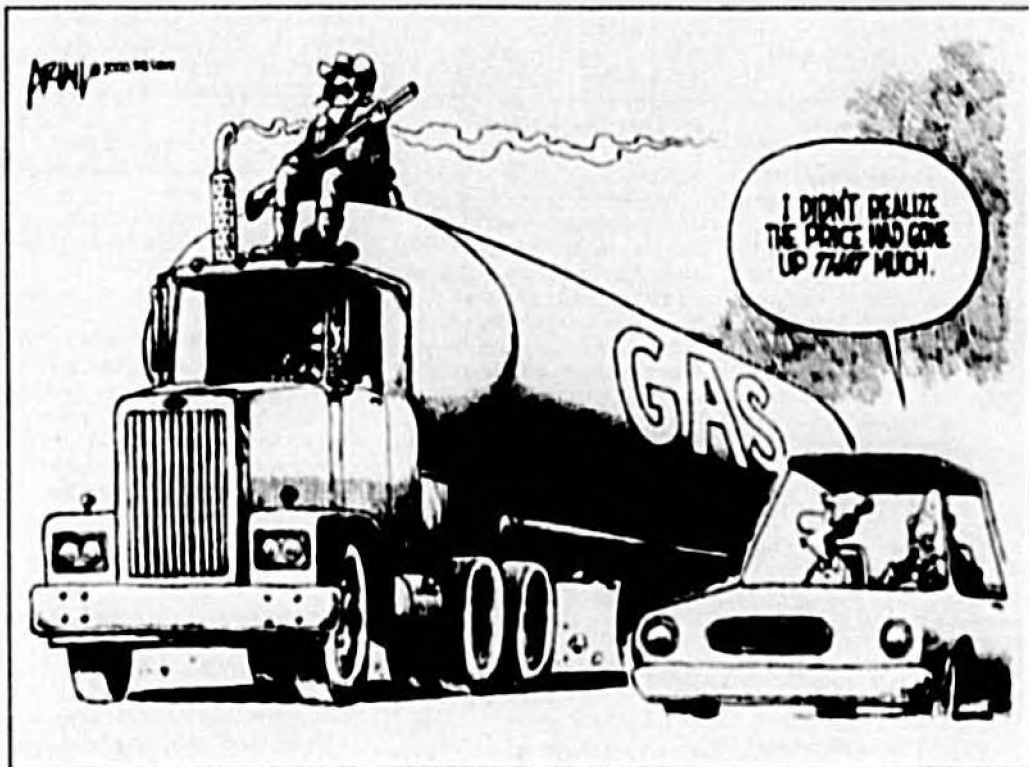
While the area is northeast of Sanford and Seminole County, bikers will be traveling through the area in extremely large numbers — many more than some may expect. It brings to mind the need for motorists to exercise additional caution.

Foggy conditions in the early morning hours, very large groups of bikers, many wearing black clothing, and strangers who may not know the area all lend to dangerous conditions. Then too, there are those who cannot refrain from drinking and riding. They are probably the worst dangers on our streets and highways.

Many motorcycle groups are clubs. People who may wear suits and ties to work during the day, don leather at night or weekends. They group together and hit the streets. Most are law-abiding individuals who are probably more cautious than motorists are. Yet the mere sight of these groups, riding together in single or double file, makes some drivers suspicious.

There is a need to exercise caution. During Bike Week and at other times, cars, trucks or sports vehicles colliding with a motorcycle can have only one result — the motorcycle will lose. The cyclist, protected only by a helmet, isn't protected by the frame of a vehicle, and he will probably suffer as well.

Let's have a safe Bike Week time. There have already been some tragedies reported in Volusia County. But here in Seminole County, let's be extra cautious when driving or riding. Give consideration to the others when driving, and be patient. If everyone cooperates, this year's event won't go down as a tragic time. We simply don't need that.



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Your View

Resident has change of heart concerning park

To the editor:
Let me state for the record that I have changed my mind. Save Ft. Mellon Park!
I moved to Sanford a year

and a half ago from Orlando because I liked the prospect of living in a small town, and I saw the potential for progress and prosperity with the proposed new hotel/convention center.

But I must say, that after living in Sanford, participating in community events such as the Fourth of July fireworks dis-

play and just walking along the waterfront, I have had a change of heart.

Yes, I am still for progress and prosperity. But as a neighbor stated so eloquently when I asked her about the proposed hotel, "Build it down the street." (She was waving her arm toward Lake Mary — the "park-hating"

community.)
I agree! Let's keep our beautiful waterfront community.

I think it is time for a recount on last year's vote. I wonder how many other residents have changed their minds as well?

Amy Turner
Sanford

Gore's principles threaten U.S. Constitution

In the final Democratic debate before the Super Tuesday election, Vice President Al Gore responded to a question about the type of Supreme Court justice he as president would select. "I would look for justices of the Supreme Court who understand that our Constitution is a living and breathing document, that it was intended by our Founders to be interpreted in the light of the constantly evolving experience of the American people."



Cal Thomas

Gore went on to note that while the supposed right to an abortion is not in the Constitution, the late Justice Harry Blackmun read that right into it. Gore said that the Constitution must evolve because when it was written Thomas Jefferson owned slaves and women couldn't vote.

Gore's view of the Constitution, shared by most political liberals, is one of the most dangerous philosophies of our time. It establishes a class of philosopher-kings who determine the rights of the people and shreds the Constitution as a document that conforms people to unchanging principles that promote their own and the general welfare.

A "living" Constitution, notes constitutional attorney John Whitehead, means the Constitution is "up for grabs," and it becomes whatever the justices decide, not the people through their elected representatives.

The proper way to resolve inequities such as slavery or women's suffrage is the way these issues were, ultimately, resolved — through the amendment process. We wouldn't need a Constitution at all if unelected, elitist judges could decide everything. The Founders intended that the amendment process would cool the hotheads who want to inflame public opinion to do certain things that may not ultimately be in the public's best interest. The philosopher-kings believe they are best equipped to decide which laws are good and which are not. Knowing that a majority of the people probably would not follow the social engineers into their idea of social and political nirvana, liberals want the judicial class to define everyone's rights.

In the coming election voters must decide whether they wish to remain under the authority of a constitutional republic or a dictatorial oligarchy run by unelected people in black robes.

In his 1989 book, "The Tempting of America: The Political Seduction of the Law," Judge Robert Bork observed where the "living Constitution" concept has led: "The abandonment of original understanding in modern times means the transportation into the Constitution of the principles of a liberal culture that cannot achieve those results democrati-



cally." While this might make liberals temporarily happy, would they be as content to see a conservative court majority causing harm to the Constitution from the right by reading their own biases into the document?

Bork wrote there are only two sides in the war for control of the law: "Either the Constitution and statutes are law, which means that their principles are known and control judges, or they are malleable texts that judges may rewrite to see that particular groups or political causes win." Vice President Gore clearly prefers a legislating judiciary. Gov. George W. Bush says he would name judges who respect and uphold the Constitution as written.

Judge Bork outlined the fundamental reason for having laws in the first place: "When we speak of 'law,' we ordinarily refer to a rule that we have no right to change except through prescribed procedures. That

statement assumes that the rule has a meaning independent of our own desires."

In the debate, Gore advocated designer law which, like fashion, would gratify the changing whims of a population. But this was not the Founders' view of the law. They made the law difficult to change precisely because they intended to preserve, protect and defend the people from corrupt leadership. Respect for the Constitution kept Franklin Roosevelt from packing the Supreme Court with additional justices more favorable to him than faithful to the Constitution. Gore should not be allowed to pack the court with his ideological soulmates who would wreck the Constitution and the law's presumed neutrality. That would make the court merely spoils of political war to be enjoyed by the party and president that win an election.

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Education

Notes

Pine Crest Elementary
Pine Crest will feature a celebration for families participating in the Backpack Reader's Program on two evenings this month, one on March 22 and the other on March 29. The program will feature food, award presentations, and parent training. In other school actions, the Pine Crest tumblers will perform at Rainbow Elementary School on March 31 between 9:30 a.m. and noon.

Greenwood Lakes Middle School
Greenwood Lakes recently held its spelling bee for all grade levels. After intense competition the top spelling award for the school went to seventh-grader Amy Hill. The runner-up honors went to Jessica Chiu, who is in the eighth grade. Melissa Cerny, eighth grade social studies, has been named the school's Teacher of the Year. Meanwhile, executive secretary Melissa Hardin received the non-instructional honors. The entire school faculty votes on a yearly basis and elects a representative for Teacher of the Year and School-Related Employee of the Year.

Jackson Heights Middle School
Eliza Rogers and Matthew Byers earned a perfect score in the American Mathematics Competition examination. Out of about 250,000 students worldwide who took the examination, there were 177 perfect scores with five of the students coming from Florida. Governor Jeb Bush will present Eliza's and Matthew's awards on Tuesday, March 28 at a meeting of the Florida Cabinet in Tallahassee. Eighth grade student Andres Cantor was selected as one of 12 national winners in the "Just Ask George" contest sponsored by the Arts and Entertainment Network. Andres traveled to Washington, D.C., all expenses paid, and participated in a televised mock interview with George Washington. He also toured Mount Vernon and various other national monuments.

Crooms Academy
The students representing Crooms Academy came in first place in the Pre-Algebra competition in a Feb. 19 all-day competition at the University of Central Florida. The students competed in the areas of math, spelling bee, the egg drop, bridge building, and the banner competition. The Crooms team is under the direction of Joachim Jeremie and Steven Herman.

Lake Howell High School
Karla Alston and Terry Lewis recently received recognition from The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools for having earned their master's degrees. In addition, Barbara Mosqueda was recently recognized by the Foundation for having earned her doctorate degree.

Oviedo High School
Senior Nicole Creanza achieved a perfect score of 1600 on the Scholastic Assessment Test. Nicole plans to study biological sciences at Princeton, Harvard, Duke or Dartmouth upon graduation.

Herald Teacher of the Week

Mary Martin teaches second grade at All Souls Catholic Academy in Sanford. A two-year veteran teacher, she has been at All Souls for five years. Previously, she taught in the public school system in Jacksonville.



Mary Martin

Martin holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. She is working on a master's degree in educational technology at Nova University. In 1976, while working as a teacher's assistant in Jacksonville, the kindergarten teacher she was working with encouraged her to become a teacher. Martin says she is grateful she followed that advice. "It's been a challenge," Martin said. "Teaching here has been very rewarding. It has inspired me to go on and work on my master's." She is married with two children and five grandchildren. A sixth grandchild is due in September. Martin recently shared her views on various topics with Herald Staff Writer Bill Kerms.

Favorite part of teaching: "Teaching here, I've been able to watch the kids grow from one year to the next. That part feels very good."
Most memorable experience as a teacher: "During my first year of teaching at an inner-city sixth-grade center in Jacksonville, there was a really troubled kid in my class. The respect that he showed me felt good. This was not a model student. He was kind of a juvenile delinquent. His father and brothers had criminal histories. But he never caused me to doubt him. I still wonder how he's doing. I hope that somehow I may have helped him."
Biggest challenge for teachers: "The biggest challenge is to help parents understand that their children are doing the very best they can."

Happily, they can be patient with their kids instead of continuing to constantly push them.

Advice for parents: "This is advice that was given to me. Look at your child as an individual. Do not compare your child with others. Reward their successes. Help them to feel proud of themselves."

Advice for students: "To enjoy their school experience and to do the very best they can, because you can't repeat it."

Advice for new or prospective teachers: "Listen, ask questions, and visit veteran teachers. As a new teacher myself, I learned the most by working with other teachers."

Best advice you have ever received: "Be open to changes."

Person(s) who have inspired you: "The kindergarten teacher in Jacksonville who encouraged me to become a teacher. And, my Armenian history teacher in high school (in Carey, Ohio)."

Favorite book or inspirational message: "I really enjoy Tom Brink's 'The Greatest Generation.' Both my husband and I have relatives who served in World War II. My husband's uncle was a prisoner of war in World War II. So, it's history that hits close to home."

Hobbies: "Computers, and I enjoy sewing when I have the time. And I enjoy watching old movies."

If you would like to nominate a teacher for the Herald's Teacher of the Week, contact Herald Editor Dan Ping or Staff Writer Bill Kerms by fax, 407-320-9408, or E-mail, sbush@herald.com.

King named volunteer of the year

From staff reports

Willie King has been named as Outstanding Volunteer of the Year for Seminole County Public Schools. The award was presented by Dede Schaffner, director of community involvement, during the Florida School Volunteer Week.

Lore Lane, Dividers School Volunteer Program manager said "Willie King may be retired from the military but he sure is not retired from serving the citizens and students of Seminole County. This dedicated, devoted, committed individual has been a school volunteer for 10 years and mentor for nine years." His most recent volunteering

has been at the Harbor Library and Learning Center at Sanford Public Housing. He tutors and works with small groups of students.

He also presents the Junior Achievement's Economics of Staying in School. All 225 students at the Harbor have been given the opportunity to participate and learn the benefit of staying in school and the costs of dropping out, Lane said.

He also presents his life-changing program in middle schools and at Seminole High School's Compact Program.

"This model mentor demonstrates on a weekly basis that one person can make a difference," Lane said. "He mentors with the

FCST Program at Sanford Middle School and is a personal cheerleader at Goldsboro, Crooms and the Seminole Compact. He is so committed to mentoring and is a one-man recruiting machine speaking to individuals and groups throughout the Sanford community."

When King is not mentoring, he is serving on the board of the Seminole Volunteer Center and on the Compact Oversight Committee.

"King is expanding the horizons for many students. Because of his volunteer efforts many high-risk students are overcoming their hardships and becoming competent, confident adults," Lane said.

Fundamentals of reading



Sherron Word and Kong King read books they received recently through Idylwild Elementary School's RIF (Reading is Fundamental) program. The children receive three books a year through the reading program.

Application date scheduled for program

Applications will be accepted March 9 for the Pre-Kindergarten Early Intervention Program, which serves economically disadvantaged 4-year-olds in Seminole County. The program provides educational and health screenings for children. Parents or guardians can fill out applications for the program from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 9 at the American Legion Hall, located at 2874 S. Sanford Ave., Sanford. Parents should bring proof of residency, along with the child's birth certificate, physical and shot records and Social Security number. For details, call 407-320-0232 or 407-320-0414. Information can be obtained in Spanish at 407-320-0415.

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Community Briefs

School readiness

The Oversight Committee of the Seminole County School Readiness Coalition will meet Wednesday, March 8, at 1:30 p.m., at the School Board Educational Support Annex, 1722 W. Airport Blvd., Sanford.

Fair underway

The Seminole County Fair is in full swing through Sunday, March 12, at the Seminole Towne Center in Sanford. Featuring Strates Shows, the event will have 45 rides, 80 concession stands, a special Kiddieland midway, and the Markoshe Star Theater.

Monday through Friday the gates will open at 5 p.m., with the exception of Friday, March 10 when the gates open at noon. Saturday and Sunday the gates open at noon.

Admission and parking is free.

Volunteers needed

Special Olympics of Seminole County (SSOC) is in need of volunteers to coach aquatics and softball. For additional information, phone the SSOC Hotline at 407-263-8043.

Seminole Community College: The event is free and open to the public.

Board will be performing several Chopin works published posthumously, including the Nocturne in E Minor, Op. 72 No. 1 and The Waltz in A-flat Major.

Jacqueline Jones in concert

Jacqueline Jones and her band will perform at Seminole Community College Thursday, March 9, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the Fine Arts Concert Hall, the concert, part of the Blues and Jazz Humanities Thursday.

Night Concert Series is free and open to the public.

For additional details, phone SCC at 407-328-2179.

Alzheimer support

"You are not alone - help for the Alzheimer's caregiver" is the subject of a seminar sponsored by Alzheimer expert Joyce Simard, MSW, sponsored by Chancellor Park of Altamonte Springs. The seminar is for anyone who has loved ones affected by Alzheimer's and other memory related disorders. It will be held Thursday, March 9, from 7 until 8:30 p.m. at Chancellor Park of Altamonte Springs, 217 Boston Avenue.

For additional information, contact Denise M. LaFlamme, at 407-263-2345.

Trail hike

The Florida Trail Association will lead a leisurely hike on the Cross-Seminole Trail, Friday, March 10. The group will meet at 6 p.m. at Black Hammock Trailhead at the intersection of CR-417 and SR-434 of the Cross-Seminole Trail. The public is invited to join this group as it hikes about three miles on the paved trail, staking off the work-week.

For additional information and directions, phone Juan Norris at 407-365-6036.

Audubon Society

The Seminole Audubon Society will meet Sunday, March 12, at 2 p.m., in Room J 100 at Seminole Community College. Noted photographer Arthur Morris will present "The Art of Bird Photography." The meeting is free and open to the general public. For addi-

tional information on the meeting, phone 407-323-8379.

GED Testing

Seminole Community College will register GED test candidates for April testing dates, March 20 through 23, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., and at 11 a.m. only on March 24. A free GED prep course will also be offered for adults. Interested persons are asked to phone SCC at 407-328-2153.

Candleberry run

The City of Casselberry Parks and Recreation Back Around the Block IV 5K run will be held at Secret Lake Park, 200 N. Triplet Lake Drive, Saturday, March 11 beginning at 8 a.m. This is an all-day family event, with live music, clowns, a rock climbing wall and many other events for everyone of every age.

Proceeds will benefit the city's Youth Down Prevention Program. For additional information, entry fees or registration, phone 407-498-1313.

Cropwalk

Church World Services Cropwalk will be held Sunday, March 12, at Centennial Park, corner of Fourth Street and Park Avenue in Sanford. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. The Cropwalk is a walk to help stamp out hunger. A large portion of the registration money has gone to local agencies in the past, including help for tornado victims.

While this is a run-determinational event, arrangements are being handled by Lynnda Currier at First Presbyterian Church in Sanford. Call 407-323-2662 for information, or Amy Kilgallon at 407-426-7123.

Longwood gives support to commuter rail

By Bill Kerne
Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — Supporters of commuter rail still have an uphill climb before the idea becomes a reality.

The Longwood City Commission voted 4-1 Monday to pass a resolution in support of a proposal by U.S. Congressman John Mica (R-Winter Park) to form a 52-mile commuter rail system spanning across Volusia, Seminole, Orange and Osceola counties.

"Probably one of the best things about this proposal is that most of the population centers are along this route, or within a short distance of it," said City Commissioner Dan Anderson. "We know that traffic in Central Florida is going to get worse, and you have to do something."

Meanwhile, key cities such as Winter Park and Orlando have yet to support a commuter rail proposal, which would run 52 miles from southwest Volusia County to the Orlando International Airport, with a 10-mile extension to Kissimmee.

Eatonville, Orlando, Winter Park, Maitland, and the Board of Orange County Commissioners are engaged in fierce debates over the proposal. In particular, cities are battling over proposed routes.

Longwood City Commissioner Steve Miller provided the only dissenting vote during Monday's meeting, saying he is concerned that the plan may actually increase traffic during morning and evening rush hours.

"Where it's going is right in the middle of our city," Miller said. "All this will do is draw more traffic, more stoppage and more pollution into our city. The guardrail gates will be coming down and blocking traffic during rush hour."

Mica is seeking funding within the federal Transportation Appropriations Bill for a three- to five-year demonstration project.

The CSX rail line Mica is proposing to use crosses SR 434 and County Road 427.

Service could begin in 30 to 36 months. The commuter rail

service would operate two hours each during the morning and evening rush hours on existing private CSX lines.

"Has anyone given any regard to the tremendous amount of pollution we bring in every hour with each one of the 2,000 cars traveling on I-4," said City Commissioner John Malingos. "Are we going to have an environment like California, where we have to rub out eyes from the smog?"

The commuter rail proposal will not live or die based on Longwood's endorsement. The more crucial debates that may decide the future of commuter rail are taking place in Orange County, where Mica's previous light rail proposal also died.

"If Orlando and Orange County don't endorse this, it's dead," said Longwood City Commissioner Butch Bundy. "That's where the traffic is going."

However, Longwood is typical of cities throughout Volusia and Seminole counties, where commuter rail has received consistent endorsements. Deltona, Sanford, Lake Mary and the Seminole and Volusia county commissioners have all passed resolutions in support of the project.

Under the proposal, radio frequency transmissions would let the guard gate know when the commuter rail vehicle is approaching. The estimated delay for the vehicles to cross is 45 seconds, the same as an average traffic light.

The vehicles would arrive at intervals ranging from 10 minutes to 30 minutes, depending on plans under consideration. Freight traffic would be taken off of CSX lines during the morning and evening rush hours when commuter rail is in operation.

Residual funds from the failed light rail proposal provide \$20 million for the project, which carries an estimated price tag of \$40 million to \$60 million depending on whether equipment is leased or purchased and the number of stations used in the system.

The \$20 million in residual light rail funds are from federal gas tax revenues that can only be used for mass transit.

The number of stations would range from 14 to 17, including three existing Amtrak stations and also a planned Livingston Intermodal Station.

The Transportation Bill will be signed by President Bill Clinton prior to the end of the fiscal year, Sept. 30, with or without funding for commuter rail in Central Florida.

The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives are currently discussing separate versions of the Bill. The versions will be combined into a single Transportation Bill in April.

The commuter rail routes would need to be approved by each county involved in the project.

State funding would assist in the cost of purchasing equipment. Local transit authorities and local governments would underwrite operational costs, which would be equal to current bus operating costs.

Weekday service could accommodate 2,160 passengers per hour in each direction, north and south. Currently, each Interstate-4 lane can handle 2,000 vehicles per hour.

One of the stations would be located in Sanford. Plans call for the Auto Train and Amtrak facilities to be relocated to the Rand Yard area as a new intermodal transportation facility, providing bus and rail service.

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Bombats, I.S. open up lead on pack in AAA

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

LAKE MARY - The Bombats and I.S. finally started to open some space between themselves and the rest of the pack and clinched at least a tie for the top two seeds in the upcoming playoffs with their sixth victories of the season in the City of Lake Mary Department of Parks and Recreation AAA Polar Bear Slow Pitch Softball League at the Lake Mary Sports Complex last Wednesday night.

I.S. was in a battle early, trailing Map Attack 3-0 and 5-4 before scoring 10 runs in the bottom of the second and third innings to pull away for an 18-6 triumph.

The Bombats never trailed in its game with Liberty Mutual I, but did not put the game away until scoring three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to win 9-5.

In the opening game of the evening, Liberty Mutual II kept its playoff hopes alive by edging Cross Bones, 11-10.

With two weeks left in the regular season, the Bombats and I.S. are both 6-2 and lead Liberty Mutual I (4-4), Cross Bones (3-4-1), Liberty Mutual II (2-4-2) and Map Attack (1-6-1).

Only the top four teams in the regular season standings make the playoffs, so it is important for Liberty Mutual II and Map Attack to pick up wins the next two weeks.

Tonight at the Lake Mary Sports Complex on Rantoul Lane, Liberty Mutual I challenges I.S. at 6:30 p.m.; Liberty Mutual II tackles the Bombats at 7:30 p.m.; and Cross Bones battles Map Attack at 8:30 p.m.

Providing the offense were:
Liberty Mutual II: three hits - Kevin Roche (run, two RBI), Sam Copeland (run, RBI); two hits - Mack Boykin (two runs, two RBI); one hit - Kenny Fitzgerald (double, run, RBI), Monique Mathieu (two runs), Kyle Vetro and Eric Tawfall (one run scored each), Patricia Vetro; two runs scored - Jeff Jay.

Cross Bones: three hits - Katie Solomon (double, run, RBI); two hits - David Stock (triple, run, three RBI), Rick Stock (double, three runs, RBI), Eric Violland (two runs, RBI), John Brubaker; one hit - Brian Venables (two runs), Earl Canfield (two RBI), Nancy Odria (run), Alan Beecher.

I.S.: four hits - Steve Donovan (two doubles, four runs, three RBI); three hits - Don Dease (triple, double, run, two RBI), Rick Flesch (double, run, four RBI); two hits - Dave Noble (triple, two runs, two RBI), Wally Wiland (double, run, two RBI), Jim Lassiter (double, two runs, RBI), Melissa Lanza (three runs, RBI); one hit - Vic Pasucci (double, two runs, RBI), Laura Loudon (run, two RBI); one run scored - Rick Dimmick.

Map Attack: two hits - Doyle Kirkland (home run, double, run, three RBI), Cary Hays (double, two runs, RBI), David Della-Donne (double, two runs), Elise Hulme (two RBI); one hit - Sandra Adkins (run), Brett Vanderbrink, Todd Cronson, Geoff Baldwin.

Bombats: three hits - Jason Hoosaflook (double, run, RBI), Allen Hall (run); two hits - Ross LeDuc (two triples, three runs, two RBI), Dan Johannes (double, two runs, RBI); one hit - Terry Woodard

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Women's tournament set

Donnie's Darlins, Today Homes-Sharks secure top seeds

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

SANFORD - Donnie's Darlins continued their outstanding play and the Today Homes-Sharks bounced back from last week's loss to grab second place as the regular season of the City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department Women's Polar Bear Slow Pitch Softball League came to an end Tuesday night at Pinehurst Park.

Donnie's Darlins scored five runs in the top of the second inning to erase a 3-2 deficit and held Vaughan Incorporated scoreless the rest of the game as they rolled to their eighth victory of the season, 13-3.

In the late game, the Today Homes-Sharks scored five runs in the top of the first inning and built an 11-2 lead going into the bottom of the fifth inning before holding on for an 11-8 victory over Curt's Alleycats.

The victory wrapped up second place for the Today Homes-Sharks as a loss would have caused a tie between the Today Homes-Sharks and Curt's Alleycats.

Donnie's Darlins ends the regular season at 8-1 and are followed by the Today Homes-Sharks (5-4), Curt's Alleycats (3-6) and Vaughan Incorporated (2-7).

The End of the Season Tournament will be played next

Tuesday night at Pinehurst Park with the same teams playing at the same times as this week.

No. 1 Donnie's Darlins takes on No. 4 Vaughan Incorporated at 6:30 p.m. and No. 2 Today Homes-Sharks faces No. 3 Curt's Alleycats at 7:30 p.m. The winners will then meet in the Championship Game at 8:30 p.m.

Providing the offense were:
Donnie's Darlins: four hits - Carol Garner (home run, three runs, three RBI), Diana Calanoglo (double, four runs, RBI), three hits - Lori Poe (triple, run, three RBI), Lynette Barkley (RBI), two hits - Amber Masony (run, RBI), Keri Albritton (run), Shirley Zennoville

(RBI); one hit - Kelly Otero (two runs, three RBI), Stephanie Fireman (run), Heather Lewis.

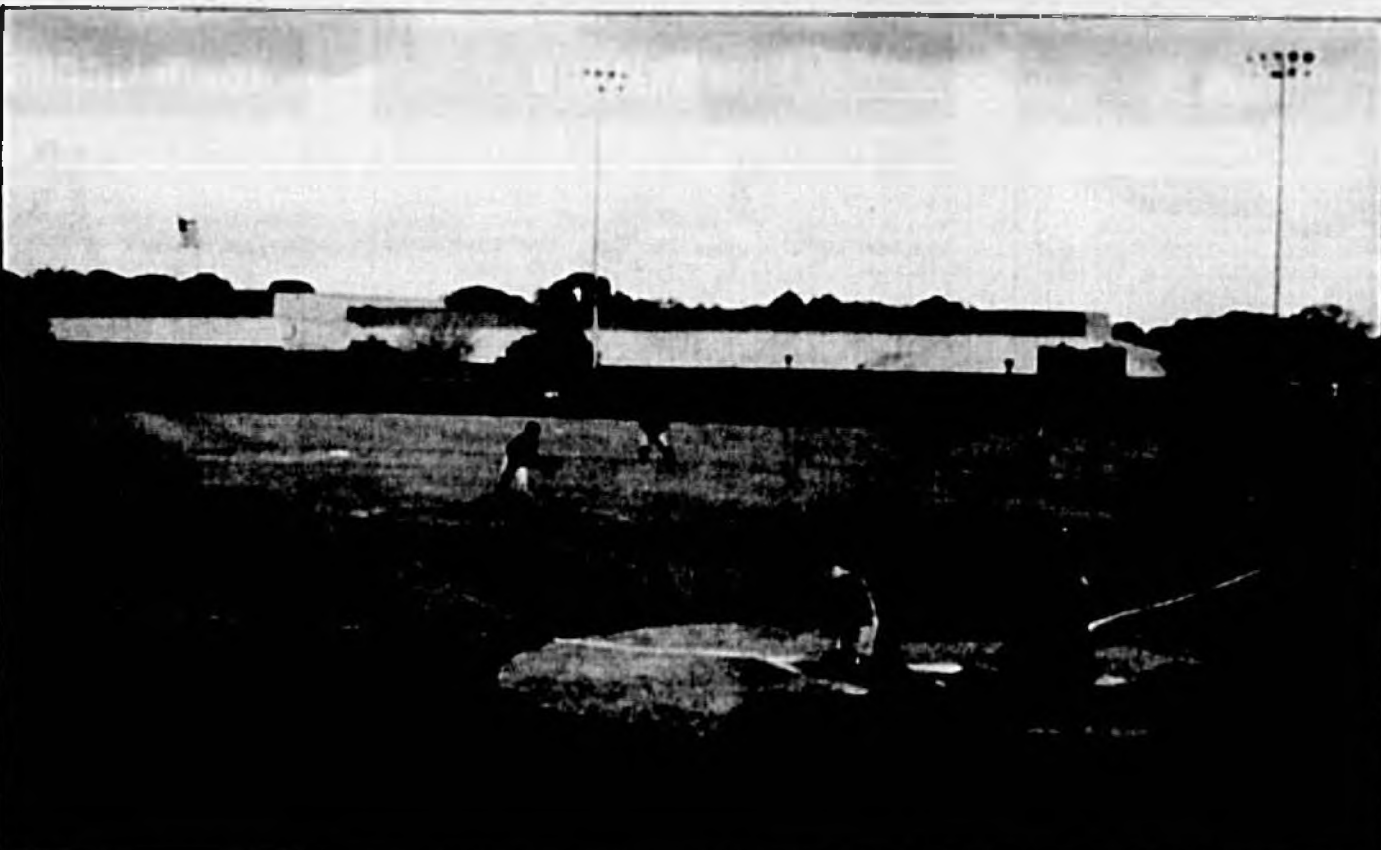
Vaughan Incorporated: one hit - LuAnne MacIsaac (two RBI), Nalasha Sanders (RBI), Terri Khan and Debbie Berning (one run scored each), Lynn Webb, Michaela Gaetani; one run scored - Barbara Ferguson.

Today Homes-Sharks: four hits - Robin Bishop (three RBI), three hits - Teresa Henshaw (double, two RBI), Anna Lanza (run, two RBI), two hits - Tanya Geiger (double, three runs), Jenny Howers (run, RBI), Wendy Hargis (three runs), Dawn Evans (run), Ter-

esa Nelson (RBI), one hit - Sherla Sanders (double, run, RBI); one run scored - Barb Martin; one RBI - Deborah Manfredi.

Curt's Alleycats: three hits - Harlee Bartels (two runs), two hits - Deena Flamm (double, two runs, two RBI), Sue Nickel (run, two RBI), one hit - Kathy Kagnon (three runs), Chris Clark, Kim Curtis and Sharon Kitchey (one RBI each), Jennifer Hemphill, Sue Mohr.

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Jeremy Pearson (above) waits on the pitch as his Nobles Communication-White Sox teammates (left) take in the action during the opening game of the 2000 City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department Babe Ruth League season on Rinker-Stenstrom Field at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium this past Saturday.

Herald photos by Rick M. Hobb

Defending champions open 2000 with wins

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

SANFORD - The were the best in the City in 1999 and they opened the 2000 City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department Babe Ruth Baseball League the same way they ended 1999, with wins.

The Babe Ruth League City Series Champion Nobles Communication-White Sox took an 8-0 lead in the top of the third inning and cruised to a 12-6 victory over the Elks Lodge No. 1241-Braves in the opening game of the Babe Ruth League (13-15 year-olds) on Rinker-Stenstrom Field at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium on Saturday.

Meanwhile last night on Roy Hoffer Jr. Field at Ft. Mellon Park, the Sanford Free & Accepted Masons Lodge #62 Yankees, the defending City Series Champions, doubled the score on the Play It Again Sports-Expos, 10-5, on the opening night of the newly named Cal Ripken Major (11-12 year olds) League.

In the other game from the Cal Ripken Majors, the Railroaders-Cubs used a seven-run fourth inning to defeat the Kid-u-Not, Incorporated-Devil Rays, 13-3.

In other Babe Ruth games from Saturday, the Devil Rays edged the Yankees, 10-8, at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium and the Expos outscored the Indians, 11-8, at Zinn Beck Field.

Tuesday evening at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium, the Longwood-Athletics nipped the

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SCC baseball team thumped

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

LEESBURG - The Seminole Community College baseball team ran into a Mid-Florida Conference buzz-saw on Tuesday as Lake-Sumter Community College collected 20 hits on the way to an 18-5 victory at Leesburg.

The Lakers counted two home runs and six doubles among their safeties and scored seven runs in the sixth inning to improve to 8-12 overall and 3-2 in the conference.

Half of the Raiders' eight hits went for extra bases, but it was hardly enough as they fell to 6-18 overall and 1-4 in the M-FC.

SCC will play another M-FC road game against Daytona Beach Community College on

Thursday at 3 p.m., before returning home for a conference doubleheader against Florida Community College at Jacksonville on Saturday starting at 1 p.m. and a 2 p.m. contest with Dundalk Community College from Maryland on Sunday. All home games at Raider Field are free of charge.

The game was tied at 1-1 after the top of the third inning and the Raiders only trailed 3-1 after three-and-a-half innings, but L-SCC scored three runs in each of the fourth and fifth innings, then tacked on the big seven-run sixth inning to turn the game into a rout.

B. Sommer, the Number 9 hitter in the Lakers line-up, led the way, going 4-for-5, including an

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Raiders softball team sweeps

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

SANFORD - The Seminole Community College softball team showed signs on Tuesday of coming out of its doldrums, sweeping a doubleheader with Grand Rapids Community College from Michigan, 8-3 and 5-4, at Lady Raider Field.

But while the Raiders picked up the important sweep, neither win was easy as the locals

were again plagued by runners left on base, stranding 19 in the deuce.

An error led to three unearned runs in the second inning as the Birds took a 3-0 lead.

SCC got a pair of runs back in the bottom of the third inning on a two-run triple by Lake Mary's Jeannie Manz, but the score remained 3-2 Grand Rapids until the sixth inning.

Another ex-Ram, Brie Van

Swearingen, led off with a single and Michelle Miranda pinch-ran. With one out, Kelli Vetter singled and Becki Rodak walked to load the bases.

Pinch-hitter Deanna Osborn reached on an error, allowing Miranda to score and Lyman's Miranda Schultz, who had been out since last Thursday because of an injury, was hit by a pitch to score Vetter with the

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Photo courtesy of Seminole Community College

Lake Mary's Jeannie Manz had a big day, going 4-for-7, including two doubles and a triple, and drove in six runs as Seminole Community College swept a doubleheader from Grand Rapids Tuesday.

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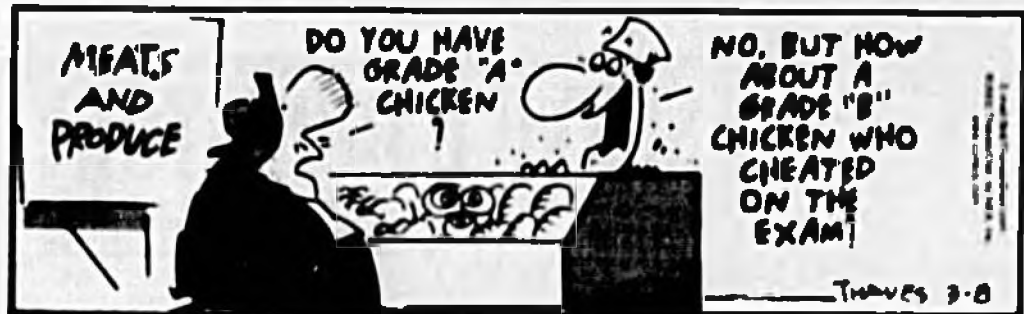
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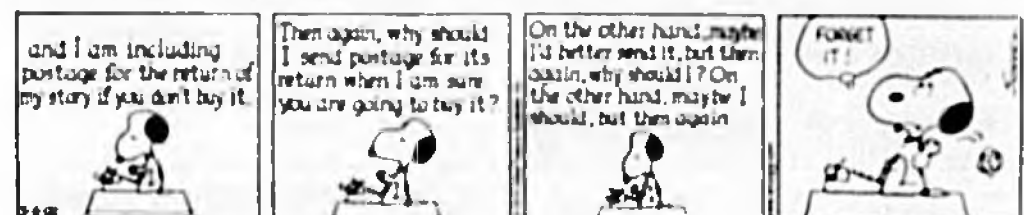
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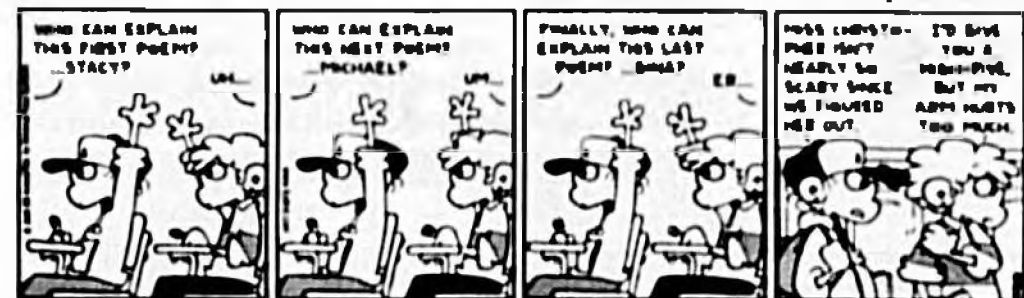
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Your Birthday
Thursday, March 9, 2000
 To the year ahead, several other times for material growth could develop simultaneously that can equal personal gains. You're up to handling more than one project at a time, and you may need to be prepared to adjust to developments in order to not be caught flatfooted. Know where to look for treasure and you'll find it. The Astro Graph: Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o The Newspaper, P.O. Box 1756, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're lucky all right, but your luck factor is likely to have its limitations. To be on the safe side, don't jump in too far, especially where you hope to gain a bit from a risk.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) The usefulness of your fortune in all past dealings with others today. This might not be looking as many were as you think and, if you try to trump another, it could make you look bad.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Timing is extremely important today if you hope to succeed. It could severely disrupt your possibilities if you tip your hand at the wrong time. Watch for the right opening.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There is a strong chance others might not come through for you as you thought, so to play it safe, do not lose your temper too strongly or pressure is established.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be very careful with whom you become involved today. The right choice could be very lucky for you, but the wrong one could saddle you with nothing but bad news.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It will like you to be anything but an arrogant, indolent person, but today you might do more talking about what you intend to do than actually doing it. Get back in character.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Generally, it seems you will be better than most things in life can be treated as a game if you look at them in that light. The trouble is, today you could be too cavalier about things.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Negative thinking could negate events that would today, which should give you measurable cause for optimism. Don't allow the stars to blur your vision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Although you may not realize it, the way to success today may be through today's situations. Today you may have to walk a very fine line. Don't be misled, but don't be oversteer either.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep getting out of the picture today if you get involved in some type of competitive activity that's meant to be fun. Things could get out of hand where money is involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Unless you manage everything from start to finish, things are not likely to get done to your satisfaction today. It might be best not to have anything in the hands of the unperformed.

Win at Bridge

The soft and unfast rule

By Philip Alder
 What is fast? As you know, bridge is full of "rules" such as "Lead up to honors." Yet these rules should be treated only as guidelines because there are always exceptions hiding just around the corner. So the majority of them are right most of the time. In today's deal, which must be ignored? You are in four hearts. West starts with three rounds of spades. East ruffing the last. Black comes the diamond 10. Over to you. North expects to end in four hearts. But with only three-card support, he must go through a two-step routine. He shows his own suit first, then supports hearts. Ruffing in the short trump hand is worth an extra trick and is almost always the right line of play. But ruffing in the long trump hand is usually wrong because it doesn't generate an extra trick per se and it often means losing trump control. West's clear exception occurs when you are establishing dummy's long suit, turning a low card from a loser into a winner.

Here, with a diamond heart to eliminate, you must establish dummy's club suit. And if you like to show off, you can have some statistically pleasing play too! After winning trick four with the diamond ace, cash the heart ace, play a club to dummy's king, cash the club ace, and ruff the club three in hand with the nine. Play a trump to dummy and ruff the club five in hand. Finally, lead a trump to the dummy and triumphantly cash the club two, discarding the diamond jack from hand.

Fast play is what you are allowed to eat during Lend, which begins today.



Philip Alder
 Bridge

North 4300			
♠ J 10 7			
♥ K Q 7			
♦ 8 1			
♣ A K 5 3 2			
West	East		
♠ A K 8 6	♠ 6 3		
♥ 8 3	♥ 6 5		
♦ K Q 7 4	♦ 10 9 6 5 3		
♣ Q 10	♣ J 9 7 6		
South			
♠ Q 5 2			
♥ A J 10 9 7 4			
♦ A J			
♣ 8 4			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	3♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All pass
Opening lead: ♠ A			

Doctor Gott

Truckers' checkups are incomplete

DEAR DR. GOTT: Your response to the long distance trucker with dry rough skin on his elbows (I use most tanning cream) prompted me to wonder if he might have had a vitamin deficiency. Of course, this would have been picked up by the doctor who, under state law, examines each trucker every year or two. Do you want to reconsider your response?

DEAR READER: Not really. Although I agree with you that dry skin could reflect a vitamin deficiency — or a number of other disorders, such as hypothyroidism — this condition is not likely to be diagnosed during truckers' periodic exams for interstate driving licenses. I know because I perform this service for many professional drivers.

On the form, applicants are required to answer "yes" or "no" in a series of health questions, having to do primarily with diseases such as heart attacks, hypertension, seizures and so forth. The exam itself is rather perfunctory, because the authorities are more concerned with visual acuity, color blindness and hearing than they are about vitamin deficiencies. For fear of being found to have a condition that could interfere with their occupation, most truckers disdain a more thorough examination, including blood tests for abnormalities such as high cholesterol. Thus, these exams, as reported, are far from complete, unlike the checkups required for pilots or racecar drivers. Given the publicity generated by interstate truckers who fall asleep at the wheel, use stimulants that can affect their judgment or abuse alcohol, I would feel more comfortable if these issues could be officially addressed by the truckers' examining physicians but, alas, such is not the case.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Are Americans larger than they were 200 years ago? While visiting museums and historic places, I've noticed that many things seem geared to a smaller person: feet are shorter, chairs and doorways are lower, and clothing seems more comparable to today's youth sizes. How and when did we become so big?

DEAR READER: Improved nutrition has clearly had a positive effect on the height of today's Americans (and Europeans), adults and children alike. I believe that this trend has been slow but progressive. Modern nutritional practices, the general availability of healthful food, the conscientious use of vitamins and minerals, and the widespread improvement in health are a few of the factors leading to increased growth and height of citizens in the developed world. To answer your next unasked question, no, I don't know where this trend will stop. But I suspect that hormone therapy, the fitness craze, further improvements in understanding the principles of nutrition, new techniques to prevent disease, and a host of unimaginable factors may well allow people to grow even taller and stronger in the next 200 years. It's a fascinating concept.



Doctor Gott

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