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Cheerleading Camp is Aug. 28

Seminole High School's Varsity Cheerleaders are sponsoring a Junior Cheerleading Camp, Saturday, Aug. 28, 1999, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Campers will learn current high school cheers and chants and receive a camp tee shirt. Some of the campers will be selected to cheer with the Varsity Cheerleaders during the Sept. 10 home football game. Registration is open to students in grades 2 through 8. The cost per camper is \$25. For more information, call 323-5100.

Elementary schools have roofs repaired

The roof replacement projects at Winter Springs and Sterling Park elementary schools were completed in time for this week's start of the school year. The Seminole County School Board on Tuesday authorized payment to the contractor of \$74,283 for the contract, according to Dianne Kramer, director of facilities and planning for the Seminole County school district.

Repairs planned for Woodlands Elementary

The Seminole County School Board has entered into a contract for repairs to Woodlands Elementary School. The project will involve replacing deteriorating classrooms, and cafeteria and administrative buildings that were constructed in 1958.

The exceptional student education building will also receive remodeling. Structured cabling will be installed in the kindergarten, music and art classroom buildings. There will also be construction to enable improved parking and vehicular traffic circulation.

Construction is expected to be completed by August, 2001.

Wharton-Smith Construction Group is developing a guaranteed maximum price proposal.

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"The man who fears suffering is already suffering from what he fears."

Michael de Montaigne

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NAACP opposes Crooms proposal

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — On Tuesday, the Seminole County School Board discussed plans to turn Crooms Academy into an elementary school, while the Seminole County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced its opposition to the plan. If the School Board approves the plan, Crooms Academy would become an elementary school in time for the 2001 school year. The magnet school, located on 13th Street in Sanford, currently serves 400 middle and high school students.

Hagerty says converting magnet school would solve two problems

Paul Hagerty and the School Board plans a community meeting for 7 p.m. Sept. 14, at the Educational Support Center in Sanford. "It's important that we incorporate the history of that school into the process," said School Board Chairman Larry

Furlong. "The history of Crooms is very important to the people that went there." Turner Clayton, president of the Seminole County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) said that the organization "will take whatever action necessary to prevent" Crooms from becoming an elementary school. "Crooms High has a rich heritage and history and is a vital part of this community." See Crooms, Page 2A

New police chief sworn in



Sanford Mayor Larry Dale, right, swears in the city's new chief of police Brian Tooley, whose wife, Mindy, looks on. The ceremony took place Wednesday morning at the Sanford Police Department. Tooley comes to Sanford from the Orlando Police Department, where he served 25 years. Tooley replaces interim chief Mitch Tindall, who will remain with the department.

Longwood ponders ways to retain city employees

By Joe DeSantis
Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — Like most smaller municipalities in Seminole County and Central Florida, the city of Longwood often finds itself struggling to retain key city employees.

Longwood's balancing act has been especially critical in the staffing and retention of city firefighters and police officers.

If there is one issue city commissioners and residents alike agree on, it's that both are tired of the city serving as a training ground for a year or two, only to see its police and firefighters lured away to Orange County or the city of Orlando by bigger paychecks and benefit packages, fueled by exponential larger tax bases.

Those issues gave spark to lengthy discussions Monday at a commission budget workshop prompt-

ing a consensus from the board. City administrator John Drago has been asked to brain storm and develop an updated pay plan matrix in an effort to retain police and firefighters without breaking the backs of city tax payers.

"Our police are still significantly underpaid," said commission Steve Miller. "If we can afford to lose them, then we can afford to keep them. This constant turnover doesn't make sense."

Miller said he favors a pay plan similar to the structure used by the armed forces, with steps and grades factored in as well as time in position.

"We should have a military pay scale or something similar for fire, police, and public works," offered Miller. "That way a new hire to the city can look at the pay plan, factor in how much additional training or education they plan to seek, and have a good idea of what their pay will look like four or five

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Winter Springs commission OKs special tax district

Tusawilla residents will pay \$110 per year for 30 years

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

WINTER SPRINGS — Despite objections from many Tusawilla residents, the Winter Springs City Commission unanimously approved establishing a special tax district Monday to pay for community improvements.

Tusawilla residents filled the commission chamber during Monday's raucous meeting, as supporters and opponents of the assessment fees squared off until after midnight.

Each home, or Equivalent Residential Unit, in Tusawilla will be charged \$110 in assessment fees per year for the next

30 years to pay for improvements in the community.

City officials said the \$2.5 million project, focused primarily on lighting, landscaping and entrance features along Winter Springs Boulevard and other roads in Tusawilla, will take one-year to perform. Construction will begin by Sept. 1, and the 30-year bond will be issued by Oct. 1.

There are approximately 4,000 homes and 10,680 residents in Tusawilla, according to city records.

The maintenance rates for the project have been set at \$67.82 per Equivalent Residential Unit for Fiscal Year 2000. The capital improvement rate in Fiscal Year 2000 will be \$42.18. Residents can pay off the 30-year capital improvement fees for a prepayment of \$542.66. See Tax, Page 2A

County allots funds for Kids House

By Russ White
Staff Writer

SANFORD — County Manager Kevin Grace is faced with a finding something else he can trim from the county's 1999/2000 budget.

On Tuesday, the county commissioners promised a \$75,000 start-up contribution to Kids House, a non-profit children's advocacy center in Sanford.

The county will match contributions to the center up to \$75,000

for Kids House, whose directors asked for \$100,000 at a county budget workshop in June.

The primary goals of Kids House are:

- To improve the child abuse investigative process.
- To reduce the trauma to the victim.
- To prevent further child abuse.

Currently, Kids House has no paid staff positions. The additional start-up funding was required See Funds, Page 2A

Brush fire in Geneva



Granville Eubanks, a paramedic with the Seminole County Fire Department looks over a shed destroyed by fire. The 1-acre blaze began Tuesday about noon, but fire fighters were able to contain the fire. Investigators have yet to determine how the fire was started.

Where's the friendly in the Friendly City?

Velma, Whitey and Mac did Sanford proud on Monday night by refusing to have anything to do with a proposed city ordinance that would all but prohibit acts of kindness and compassion.

It was a privilege to hear what the three city commissioners had to say.

Obviously, each official is more concerned with eliminating the mean-spirited attitude in the community than adopting laws regulating where social service agencies are allowed to set up shop - or soup kitchen. Velma Williams, Whitey Eckstein and A.A. (Mac) McClanahan are good, decent people who believe a city must have a heart as well as a charter. What good are rules, they say, if a city has no soul, no compassion, no tolerance.

On Monday, Velma, Whitey and Mac bought precious time.

Before the city adopts Ordinance No. 3052, perhaps others will grasp the situation for what it really is.

The ordinance has everything - yet nothing - to do with Jean

Metts and her by now excessively-debated "soup kitchen." The facility on Fourth Street stays. The poor are being fed and will continue to be fed. If the residents of the Historic District can't live with that, they ought to move to a town that doesn't care about its less fortunate.



Russ White

From their arguments Monday, Mayor Larry Dale and Commissioner Brady Lessard want to make certain there won't be another Metts-like fiasco somewhere else in The Friendly City.

Dale said the city planners had come up with an ordinance that would allow any social service agency an opportunity to apply for an exemption to the code. He said the city would accept these "case by case."

Mr. Mayor, Whitey Eckstein pleaded, you're a fine fellow but you don't seem to understand. There's a mean-spirited attitude here. An attitude that Eckstein said goes against everything he believed in.

Lessard, who buys and restores properties in the Historic District, probably

should have abstained from voting on the zoning ordinance. He reluctantly agreed to talk about the ordinance later. Obviously, he was miffed it did not pass.

County Commissioner Daryl McLain hailed the three Sanford commissioners who spoke for charity and justice. He said Tuesday that without agencies such as the one Jean Metts runs, the state would have to be called to feed the hungry.

Because so many of its residents are below the poverty level, Sanford has a responsibility to take care of own. This charge is far more important than mending sea walls or building boardwalks and convention centers.

Eventually the walls and City Hall itself will come tumbling down if the community doesn't place a higher respect on human dignity and decency than it does on Main Street illusions of grandeur.

Whitey Eckstein was right when he said, he could not pass the zoning ordinance because of the mean-spirited attitude that went with it. He refused to give in to this mean-spirited attitude. Neither should we.

Russ White's column appears Tuesday through Saturday in the Seminole Herald.

Seawall

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"In 80 years the sea wall has not had an on-going preventative maintenance program," Dale said. "It's amazing to me that it has lasted this long."

Dale said the city will seek funding through a variety of state, regional and federal agencies.

"We don't have money to repair \$3.9 million worth of sea

wall," Dale said.

The portion of the sea wall affected by the proposed hotel and conference center at Fort Mellon Park has been budgeted for repair, Dale said.

As part of on-going work at the lakefront, the Marina Parking lot was recently landscaped by the city at a cost of \$1,034. Work included the replacement of

plants, soil and mulch, as well as some resurfacing of the roadway.

During a second phase, the Marina entrance at Palmetto Avenue and Seminole Boulevard will be upgraded at a cost of \$2,416. The Ixora Garden Club has offered to donate \$2,000 toward the project. Work is expected to be completed in October.

Police Log

DUI Arrests

Sanford — August 10. Troy Allan Wollard, 39, of Bailey Avenue, Sanford, was stopped by Seminole County deputies on Airport Boulevard. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, and failure to register a vehicle.

Sanford — August 9. Jackie Barks, 52, of South Orange Drive, Sanford, was stopped by Seminole County deputies on SR 46 and Upsala Road. She was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Assault/Battery

Casselberry — August 9. Roger Hartsell Carter,

31, of Dream lake Drive, Apopka, was stopped by Casselberry police on Sunset drive. He was initially cited for driving at an unlawful speed, improper lane changing, failure to wear a seat belt. When his argument with police became heated he repeatedly shoved his vehicle door against an officer and was subsequently arrested for battery on a law enforcement officer.

Longwood — August 9. Dianne Elizabeth Johnson, 48, of Little Wekiva Circle, Altamonte Springs, was arrested at her residence on SR 434 following a disturbance. She was charged with battery.

LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected in the Florida Lottery:

Fantasy 5 (Aug. 10)
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11-21-28-28-31-32

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Obituaries

DOROTHY D. LITTLETON

Dorothy D. Littleton, 89, First Street, Chuluota, died Aug. 10, 1999. Born Nov. 30, 1909 in Evansville, Wis., she moved to Central Florida in 1945 from Evansville. Mrs. Littleton was a homemaker. She was a lifetime member of the order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include son, Charles Littleton, Chuluota.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oviedo, is in charge of arrangements.

ALBERT COVINGTON, Pastor, officiating.

Interment will follow at Restlawn Cemetery. Mrs. Oliver was a retired School Teacher, who taught in the Seminole County School System for forty and one-half years. She was a devoted member of St. Paul M.B. Church for seventy years, where she sang in two choirs, served on the Deaconess Board, Missionary Society, Pulpit Aid Society. She was a member of Evergreen Temple #321 L.B.P.O.E. of W. and Kappa Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Visitation for friends will be held on Thursday August 12, from 4 to 6 P.M. at The Funeral Home. Service entrusted to Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc. 1110 Pine Avenue, Sanford, FL 327-322-5212.

Mrs. Oliver was a member of Evergreen Temple #321 I.B.P.O.E. of W. and Kappa Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Survivors include husband, Lowman J. Oliver, II, Sanford; son, Lowman J. Oliver, III, Sanford; daughters, Faye Henderson, Orlando, and Rosa Baldwin, Panama City; 20 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren.

Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Sanford, is in charge of arrangements.



Margaret Dixon Oliver

Funerals

OLIVER, MARGARET DIXON

Funeral service for Mrs. Margaret Dixon Oliver, 84, Sanford Avenue, Sanford, Florida, who passed Monday, August 9, 1999 will be held Friday Aug. 13, 1:30 P.M. at St. Paul M.B. Church, 813 Pine Avenue, with the Reverend

STEPHEN MATONIS

Stephen Matonis, 79, Sheoah Blvd., Winter Springs, died Monday Aug. 9, 1999. Born in Central Falls, R.I., he moved to Central Florida in 1957. Mr. Matonis was an electronics specialist.

Mr. Matonis was a Veteran of the U.S. Army who served in WWII.

Survivors include wife, Jean Matonis, Winter Springs; sons, Stephen J. Matonis, Orlando; Dana Matonis, Apopka; daughter, Evelyn Silva, Winter Springs; sister, Nellie Boudette, Tampa; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Woodlawn Carey Hand Funeral Home, Longwood, is in charge of arrangements.

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Editorial & Opinion

Set-aside program is hard to defend

At City Hall in Atlanta, the rash and combative African-American mayor, Bill Campbell, is unintentionally conducting a case study in how to destroy support for an affirmative action program.

Denouncing critics of the city's set-aside program as racists and comparing them to the Ku Klux Klan, using battlefield rhetoric and employing in-your-face tactics, Campbell is likely to assure the demise of the program he is trying to save.

Going down to defeat after defeat in referenda and courtrooms around the country, affirmative action hardly needs friends like Campbell and his compatriots. Imagine what would have happened if the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. had spoken enthusiastically of hating his opponents, as a Campbell ally did at a recent rally. Would the nation have moved so quickly to redress the wrongs of its racist past?



Cynthia Tucker

Indeed, if Campbell had kept the city's set-aside program free of the taint of corruption and cronyism, he might be better prepared to face a threatened court challenge. But Atlanta's set-aside program — before and during Campbell's tenure — has been plagued by mismanagement and corruption, including contracts awarded to sham minority owners, who then turn any actual work over to established white businesses; bids awarded to politically connected but incompetent bidders who cannot perform the work; and bids awarded to wealthy black business owners who should no longer need affirmative action.

That carelessness and cronyism have left Atlanta's set-aside program, which requires that a percentage of all city contracts go to minority- or female-owned businesses, ripe for a challenge from the Atlanta-based Southeastern Legal Foundation, a conservative public-interest law firm. The foundation promises to file suit against the program unless Campbell voluntarily dismantles it; similar suits around the country have a formidable, if disturbing, success rate.

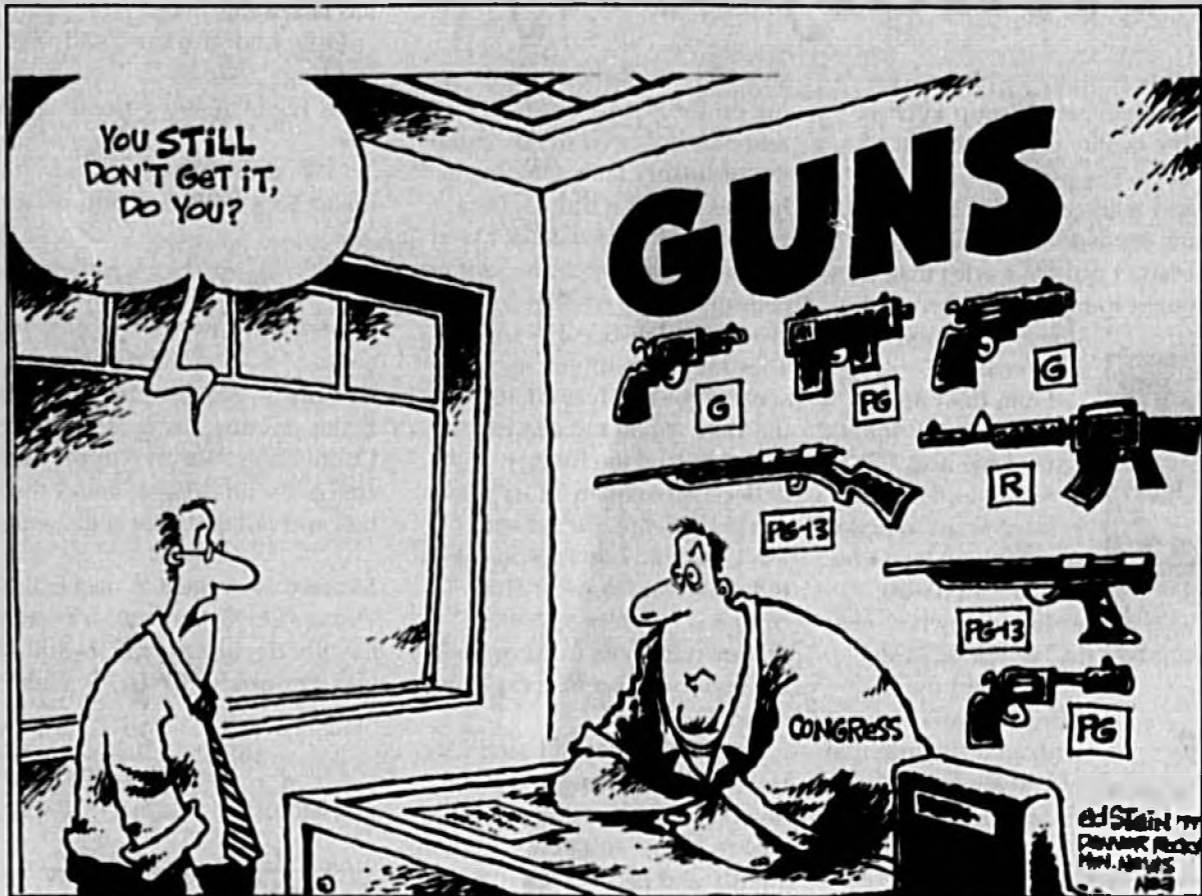
The principle of affirmative action remains important: Americans of color have suffered generations of blatant racism, the legacy of which has been less-than-equal economic and educational opportunities. That discrimination, while perhaps more subtle now, remains healthy and vigorous. (If you don't believe it, I'll show you my mail.) If America is ever to live up to its ideals of fairness and equality, minority citizens need boosts in corporate hiring and promotions, in entrepreneurship and in college admissions.

The mayor and his allies could have laid out a rational, logical defense of affirmative action programs. For example, they could have cited statistics showing that black and brown business owners still face discrimination in lending. A decade ago, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution won a Pulitzer Prize for a series demonstrating that black Atlantans with high incomes and good credit ratings had difficulty getting mortgages. The same undoubtedly applies to business loans.

Campbell might have pointed out that local government set-asides exist, in part, to make up for history and traditions that exclude most entrepreneurs of color, as well as women, from the country-club and golf-course contacts that grease the wheels of American business. He might also have promised that from now on, established entrepreneurs of color would be graduated from affirmative action programs to make room for newcomers.

Instead, Campbell has settled on the dumbest political PR strategy since Birmingham, Ala., sheriff Bull Connor set dogs and fire hoses on civil rights demonstrators.

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Your View

Local NAACP protests plans to change Crooms

To the editor:
A letter sent to the Superintendent of Seminole County Schools from the local chapter of the NAACP.

Dear Dr. Hagerty:
On Tuesday, July 27th, I attended a meeting at your office, which concerned the status of Crooms High School. It was obvious to me that some type of decision has already been made by you and your staff, which you plan to submit to the school board on August 10.

It is also obvious that the school board has been trying to close Crooms since the early 70s, but was forced to allow it to remain open by court order. Crooms High has a rich heritage and history and is a vital part of this community.

As president of the Seminole

County Branch NAACP, I will not allow myself or this Branch to be used as a buffer between the School Board and the community to assist you in implementing your plan. If anything, this Branch will become the catalyst, which will ignite this community to oppose your plan. I want to make it perfectly clear that the NAACP opposes any plan to change Crooms to an elementary school and will take whatever action necessary to prevent that from happening.

Turner Clayton, Jr.
President

Longwood mayor defends his stance on amendments

To the editor:
Recently, there has been much discussion around Longwood City Hall and in the press concerning the amendments proposed by the Charter Advisory board to the City Commission.

The fact that the City Commission selected only 6 of 13 proposed amendments has angered certain gadflies, activists and a minority on the commission.

The Charter itself requires periodic review by an appointed Charter Advisory Committee for the purpose of reviewing the Charter of the City and submitting recommendations to the Commission for proposed amendments. ... The City Commission is grateful for the time and effort spent by these citizen volunteers. Several of their suggestions were good and if adopted, will help city government serve the public better.

Other proposed amendments however, could have a deleterious effect on the city if adopted. It is the public that must be protected and served in this process. The Charter, which was a "Model Cities Charter" when first adopted in 1978, provides certain checks and balances and

gives the final selection responsibility to elected representatives rather than an appointed committee. This provision has sound reasoning. The elected representatives are responsible to the public for their actions and may be held accountable by the voters. I do not take my responsibilities lightly.

I hope that my defense of the screening process will not detract from the positive improvements that the 6 accepted amendments would offer. Those 6 will eliminate contradictory language in the Charter, provide more time for staff to prepare the budget and capital program, more clearly delineate the City Administrator's duties, and provide for Charter review every 5 years. I endorse all 6 amendments that survived the screening process. However, to allow all the proposed amendments on the ballot under the guise of "letting the people decide" would be an easy cop

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Humane Society director responds

Editor's note: From time to time the Herald accepts guest columns, and the following column is from Jeff Cashatt, the executive director of the Humane Society of Seminole County.

"Can the humane society survive?"; "Time to come clean"; "Fur Flies..." Historic headlines and articles written, intentionally or not, to mislead and misrepresent the issues surrounding a well-intended, but unsuccessful fund-raising effort by a local non-profit agency. To put this whole issue in perspective, and cut through some of the smoke-screen that's been erected around the April 10 through 11, 1999 Pet Rocks Concert, let's examine a few of the facts.

Fact #1: The annual operating budget for the Humane Society exceeds \$300,000 — it costs nearly \$1,000 a day to operate our shelter, care for animals, and promote humane education programs to local schools, churches and other groups. An additional \$150,000 of in-kind food donations, by local businesses and individuals, reduces the amount of cash the agency would otherwise have to raise each year. Current humane society fund-raising efforts are adequate to meet

existing expenses, but make little progress towards raising money for construction (of a much-needed expansion.)

Fact #2: More than half of major, first-time fund-raising events by non-profit organizations lose money or break even. The 1998 Sanford Heritage Festival is an excellent case in point. Central Florida is home to over 400 non-profit agencies and on any given weekend, odds are that at least one of the dozen or so fund-raising events held will prove unprofitable. In an effort to gain perspective, did the media pursue investigations into any of these other events? If the media provided as much coverage promoting the concert as it has done playing Monday morning quarterback, would the concert perhaps have had a more successful outcome? The media exhibits no interest, either, in reporting on the humane society's profitable Putting for Pets Golf Tournament held only a day after the concert.

Fact #3: There are nine members of the Humane Society's Board of Directors. The concept of a fund-raising concert was investigated and recommended by committee, and with a vote of 6-1 the Directors agreed to

attempt an ambitious, two-day music concert/fund-raising event, with the potential of raising \$150,000 to 200,000 for shelter construction. The Board hired Forbidden Records, Inc., a professional concert promotion and production company, and Frank T. Allen, Esq., an entertainment attorney, to oversee the actual planning, promotion and production of the event.

Fact #4: At each Board meeting for the three months leading to the concert, a budget worksheet was proffered, showing current concert expenses and income. In addition, Directors were/are free to review the files of concert-related activity by coming to the humane society offices. In June, a complete ledger of all concert-related financial transactions was provided to every Director. The humane society does have unresolved billing issues with Forbidden Records and awaits documentation, originally requested in April, before a final accounting can be completed.

Fact #5: The humane society has an independent, CPA-conducted review of its financial records at the end of every fiscal year. Those reports, in addition to the agency's annual IRS Form 990's, are available for review on site, or copies may be purchased.

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Guest Column
Jeff Cashatt

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Editorial & Opinion

The good and the bad get ugly

The New Jersey Supreme Court's ruling that the Boy Scouts must admit homosexuals because scouting is a public entity, like police and fire departments, is flawed on legal and moral grounds. Chief Justice Deborah Poritz dismissed assertions by the Boy Scouts that words in the Scout Oath which speak of "morally straight" and "clean" constitute a statement against homosexuality and allow the organization to keep homosexuals out. Poritz said she doubts that young boys "ascribe any meaning to these terms other than a commitment to be good."



Cal Thomas

The concept of what is good has undergone a transformation. Some years ago, then-New York Gov. Mario Cuomo spoke of a state supreme court judge friend of his as a "good man" after the judge was convicted and sent to prison for threatening to kidnap his ex-lover's daughter.

In the past few days, Hillary Rodham Clinton has described her philandering husband as a "good husband and father." Luciana Morad, the mother of rock singer Mick Jagger's latest illegitimate child, told Europe's Hello magazine that, even though Jagger has yet to meet his 4-month-old son, he is "a very loving father."

If there is no standard for "good," then the word has only the meaning assigned to it at a given moment. How can the

Boy Scouts of New Jersey be taught to perform good deeds and to have good behavior if "good" has no definition? If good and non-good (or bad, as we used to call good's antithesis) are to be defined by judges, then their decisions become arbitrary and make a mockery of the law, which is supposed to be based on immutable standards, not cultural pressure and intimidation by special interests.

If all fathers are good, then the behavior of Bill Clinton and Mick Jagger is no better or worse than those men who marry and forsake all others.

In this relative view, the virtues represented by TV characters such as Bill Cosby and Ozzie Nelson are not to be preferred over characters modeling vice.

The redefinition of good has been going on for at least four decades. This has led to the hiring at Princeton of Peter Singer, the eugenicist, who will teach this fall that life has only the meaning assigned to it and that anyone judged defective may be eliminated for the greater good, whatever that means, since good is in a constant state of flux.

The god of materialism has done this to us. In our relentless pursuit of personal peace and affluence we have sacrificed whatever or whoever gets in the way. Cable TV covers business news more than ever because profit and things are what we worship. Atlanta's mayor won-

ders why so many are so angry that they go on shooting rampages. It is because of the false advertising that the stuff of life can give meaning to life. When some people realize the lie, they lash out in anger, even murder. For what do they have to live?

A Jewish prophet once warned: "Woe to those who call good evil and evil good." We've called abortion "choice" and marriage an inconvenience. We dispose of all that gets in the way of having our way. Institutions like the military, the Boy Scouts, marriage, Walt Disney, even some churches and religious leaders have been corrupted.

The truth is that the Boy Scouts of America are not like the police and fire departments. Their organization has successfully helped turn several generations of young boys into men of character and self-control, supplemented by a God concept and a recognition that He makes life's rules for our protection.

Because the New Jersey decision is the opposite of a March 1998 ruling by the California Supreme Court, the subject may be considered by the U.S. Supreme Court. Let's hope those justices haven't completely forgotten the difference between good and bad — or things are going to get even more ugly.

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not requiring no study or vigil. I did my homework on this and desire to present only well thought out proposals.

Permit me to cite some examples of possible consequences the city could endure if the rejected amendments were placed on the ballot:

- Filling of vacancies- The proposed amendment would fill commissioner unexpired term vacancies less than 6 months by appointment rather than by special election. But this appointment requires a unanimous vote by all remaining commissioners. One commissioner could force a vacancy to last up to 6 months! In cases of an unexpired term of greater than 6 months, this amendment requires both an appointment and a special election. The incumbents could give a friend a head start over other candidates. In addition the current Charter provision was just voted on and approved by the people in 1996. Why reverse the peoples' choice?

- Another rejected amendment requires a 4/5ths "super" majority to hire and fire the City Clerk and City Attorney. Stop and think about this. A 2/5ths minority could retain an official that the majority wanted out. (minority rule) However, this wouldn't even work because the 3/5ths majority could cut the pay and force a resignation. This provision was tried before and the people changed it to the

3/5ths rule during the 1989 elections. Let's pay attention to the lessons of history.

- This 4/5ths rule would also apply to the administrator if other proposed amendments were passed. In addition, these amendments repeal the authority to suspend an administrator if charged with a serious crime. However, the suggested and rejected amendments defined just cause for firing the administrator as conviction of a felony. Even commissioners can be removed for conviction of a first-degree misdemeanor. Also, the current language in the Charter allows removal and suspension without pay of a city administrator charged with misconduct in office, incompetence, drunkenness, and pleadings of guilty or no contest. All of that language is missing in the proposed amendment. Think of this a city administrator could be out on bail, charged with a serious

crime such as murder, rape pedophilia or grand larceny and still be on the payroll!

Is there any reasonable, prudent person who believes that it would be a responsible act for me to vote for, and endorse these "screened out" amendments? I think not. And, I have those citizens with keen legal minds who developed the Model Cities Charter on my side. Space limitations preclude me from including many other harmful provisions in the amendments screened out and I believe the case against them is also compelling.

The question has been raised, "Don't you have confidence in the voters ability to decide on an issue?" The answer is yes, but only if all the facts and relevant information is given. This is something that has not been done to date.

Paul Lovstrand
Mayor

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chased/mailed. The financial review and 990 for the year ending 31 July 1999 will be completed and available in December.

Fact #6: Like most non-profit organizations, the humane society does not release financial documents related to a specific fund-raising event. This is a long-standing policy and not something recently adopted to "stonewall" media inquiries. Tax records, available from the IRS or the humane society, record total fund-raising income and expenses for each fiscal year.

Fact #7: The executive director has not "put a gag order" on shelter employees or Directors as reported in your newspaper. However, like the Herald itself — and most other businesses and non-profits — the humane society does have a non-disclosure article in its employee/policy manual. This policy, not the executive director, has for many years required that inquiries to/from the media come through a single office. By job description and Board directive, that responsibility currently rests with the executive director.

Fact #8: The Humane Society of Seminole County keeps in touch with its supporters and donors through its Purrs and Wags newsletter — a publication with a larger distribution than the daily Seminole Herald. It is through the Summer 1999 edition of Purrs and Wags that we will report on the concert fundraiser that failed.

Fact #9: There is only one person — Steve Mason — making strident allegations to the media with regard to the unsuccessful Pet Rocks concert. Mr. Mason was absent from 9 of 16 Board meetings at which concert plans/results were discussed. He also scheduled appointments and meetings to review financial records, then didn't attend them. Steve Mason made no effort, through promotion, ticket sales,

volunteer hours or attendance to ensure the success of the concert. Even though he serves as a Director and espouses support of our "wonderful organization that does tremendous good", Mr. Mason has failed to sell tickets, promote or attend any humane society fund-raising event in the past 14 months. Mr. Mason has called for the Board of Directors to resign because, despite their best efforts, a fund-raiser failed. Yet Mr. Mason continues to serve on the Board, and as President in 1996, after his secretary/ treasurer was charged with the criminal act of embezzlement.

Fact #10: There is no indication of financial malfeasance within the humane society. There are no huge debts outstanding from the Pet Rocks Concert. There is no possibility the humane society will be forced to close its doors because of one failed fund-raising event.

Looking past all the hype and hyperbole, the bottom line is that four months ago the humane society had an unsuccessful fund-raiser. It was not the first time, and it may not be the last time an event fails to meet our expectations. As a non-profit organization that must conduct fund-raising events to survive, you build on your successes and learn from your mistakes.

In the last 18 months the humane society has taken long strides towards reducing overhead, broadening fund-raising efforts, improving our facility and increasing the amount of money available to spend on animal care. These positive steps forward can only continue with the compassion and support demonstrated by so many wonderful individuals and businesses in the community. The humane society is grateful for that past support and encouragement and hopes it remains steadfast.

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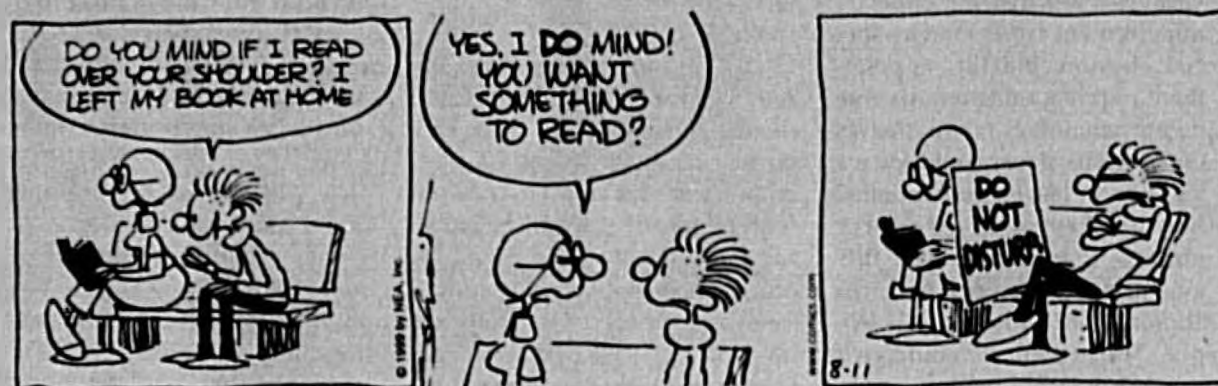
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Thursday, Aug. 12, 1999

The year ahead might offer you several opportunities to do things on a much larger scale than you have in the past. This could take place both with your social life and your commercial affairs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Make the most of your career or financial opportunities today, because you are presently in a favorable cycle for good potential earnings. This doesn't mean you can be a spendthrift, however. Know where to look for romance 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 this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Treat life philosophically when confronted with any obstructions that block your path today and you'll deal with them wisely. The worst thing you could do is allow emotions to enter in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you are in need of assistance today, just ask companions nicely. The less demanding you are of others, the more willing they'll be to help you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Reciprocity could become an issue today, so be sure to do so willingly. Don't let it be said of you that you're an eager taker, but a reluctant giver.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) So long as you don't think things will automatically be handed to you on a silver platter, it could be to your advantage today to envision goals a bit grander than usual.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The early stages of your efforts will reveal that you are a strong opener today. When it comes to closing, however, you may not be as talented. Be prepared to dog it out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Should a promising arrangement not come off exactly as you anticipated today, be prepared to make the necessary corrections as they arise and everything will be fine.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A great opportunity could come your way today, but before you jump on it, take ample

time to verify the facts and weigh all the ramifications before cutting a deal.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be extremely careful from whom you take financial advice today. Although conditions pertaining to your earning power are very favorable, they're not foolproof.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Socially, you could be outstandingly successful today, yet complications could set in which you might have to get past. It's possible it'll be a money problem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to keep in mind that persons who are pertinent to your plans can be led, but they cannot be pushed or manipulated today. Have faith in your ideas and others will too.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't count on anyone today with whom you've previously had trouble. Stick to the tried and true to come through for you, whether they are associates or close friends.

Astro-graph is a syndicated column written by Bernice Bode Osol for Newspaper Enterprise Association.

WIN AT BRIDGE

One of the little guys

There was a team with its roots in Washington, D.C. — Ed Manfield-Kit Woolsey and Peter Boyd-Steve Robinson — who were known as the Little People. They were small in physical stature (except Boyd), but not as players at the bridge table. Together, they won the 1986 Rosenblum Cup world title (with Bob Lipsitz and Neil Silverman), the '84 Grand National Teams (with Lipsitz), the '88 and '91 GNT (with Lipsitz instead of Woolsey, who had moved to California), the '91 Vanderbilt Teams, and the '94 Open Board-a-Match Teams (with Andy Goodman and John Mohan).

The quartet is no more, because on March 29, soon after returning from the Spring Nationals, Manfield died of heart failure at the age of 55. Manfield was one of the most pleasant and complimentary of bridge players. He was a noted theorist, twice winning awards from the International Bridge Press Association.



PHILLIP ALDER

This deal is from the final of the '86 Rosenblum.

After East's weak-two opening, South's hand is too strong to overcall two no-trump. Also, when an opponent pre-empt, assume partner has about seven points. If that is true, it gives North-South the values for game; hence Manfield's jump to three no-trump.

West led the heart jack: seven, king, ace. Manfield cashed the club ace and played a club to dummy's jack. Next came the spade jack, covered by the queen and ace. Back to dummy with a club to the king, declarer led a spade to his 10 and West's king, setting up nine tricks: two spades, two hearts, one diamond and four clubs.

North		06-11-99	
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♥ 9 7			
♦ 8 6 5 3			
♣ K J 9 4			
West		East	
▲ K 8 7 6 5	▲ Q 3		
♥ J 4	♥ K 10 8 6 5 2		
♦ K Q 4	♦ 10 9 7		
♣ Q 8 5	♣ 7 2		
South			
▲ A 10 2			
♥ A Q 3			
♦ A J 2			
♣ A 10 6 3			
Vulnerable: North-South			
Dealer: West			
South	West	North	East
3 NT	Pass	Pass	2 ♠
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Opening lead: ♥ J			

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ASK DR. GOTT

The increasing human lifespan

DEAR DR. GOTT: Years ago, three score and 10 years was considered a normal life span. Is it true that because of medical advances, people can now expect to live into their 90s?

DEAR READER: Yes, if people take care of themselves. Antibiotics, vaccines, hi-tech surgery and a greater appreciation of a healthy lifestyle have increased our longevity. And, I have no doubt, future medical advances (such as gene-splicing) will probably enable the elderly to live even longer.

While this observation may seem, at first glance, to be very positive, there is another, darker side of the coin: Society hasn't yet caught up with this cultural phenomenon. We really don't know what to do with the burgeoning legions of retired elderly, many of whom suffer from progressive mental impairment. Actually, medical science is making painfully slow headway in understanding and preventing the diseases of old age. Senility, strokes, Alzheimer's disease and a host of degenerative afflictions are a major cause of disability in the elderly and are an increasing public health concern. For example, what purpose is served by living to be 100 if you

require nursing home care for the last 25 years of your life, cannot eat or expel waste without help, exhaust your assets and become a burden to a loving family?

In this century, living longer is rarely associated with living better, so I am not surprised when older patients tell me they don't WANT to live to 100. Therefore, future medical efforts to increase longevity have to take into account the very real problems of age-related disability and dependency.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a heart murmur. Could this cause a rapid pulse?

DEAR READER: Rapid heart beats, called tachycardia, are common in persons who have developed murmurs (extra sounds in the heart) due to improperly opening or closing cardiac valves. In particular, so called mitral valve prolapse, which is common in healthy young women, is often the cause of periodic tachycardia. If your murmur was discovered recently, your doctor will be eager to establish the exact cause of it. You may need to take medication — or even have surgery — for it, especially if you experience frequent bouts of tachy-

DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

cardia. At the very least, you should probably take antibiotics at the time of dental work or cleaning. Bacteria commonly enter the blood stream at these times, and the germs can stick to abnormal heart valves, leading to a dangerous type of cardiac infection.

In my opinion, you should have a heart ultrasound examination to determine which valve is malfunctioning. Then your doctor — or a cardiologist — can advise you about what treatment you should consider.

Dr. Peter Gott, a syndicated columnist for Newspaper Enterprise Association, can be written to at P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369

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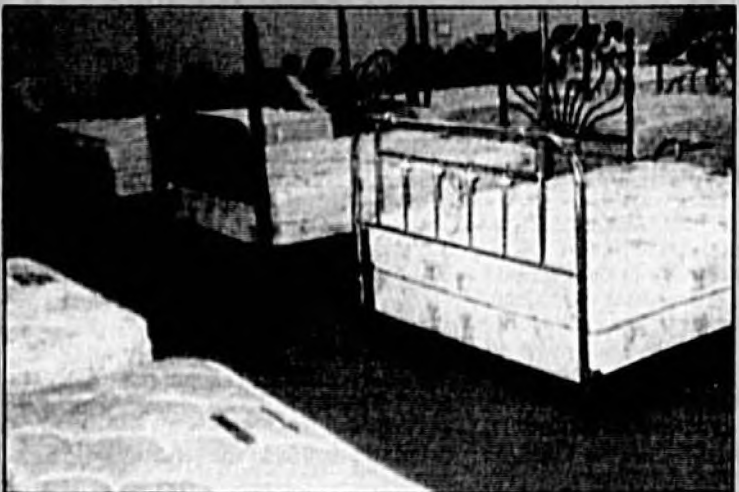
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From the eagle's nest: golf notes and results

From Staff Reports

HAINES CITY - Bob Zimmerman of Lady Lake birdied the last hole last Friday (Aug. 6) to avoid another playoff and win the On Top of the World/North Florida PGA Seniors Championship for the second year in a row.

Zimmerman posted a final round par-72 for 141 at Diamondback Golf Club, playing 6,376 yards. He also birdied the second and eighth holes and bogied Nos. 3, 11 and 13.

Zimmerman, representing The Villages, won the title last year on the fourth playoff hole of the West course at the Grenelefe Golf & Tennis Resort nearby.

Previous two-time winners were Mike O'Sullivan (1992 and 1994) and Bob Carson (1993 and 1995).

Zimmerman earned \$1,200 as the over-all champion and \$780 for winning the 55-59 age group. He also paced qualifiers for the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship October 21-24 at Ibis Country Club in West Palm Beach.

Other qualifiers are Mike Joyce, Amelia Island, 70-72 - 142; Wally Kuchar, Apopka, 71-71 - 142; Gary Geiger, Parrish, 71-73 - 144; and Adolph Popp, Melbourne, 72-75 - 147.

Alternates are Jeff Henderson, Tampa, first, 147; and Fran Deschaine, Apollo Beach, second, 148. Former Senior CPC champions Carson and John Brott of Sanford were exempt from qualifying.

The 18th annual NFPGA Seniors Championship drew 42 PGA professionals 50 years and older and returned \$10,400 in prize money.

The money list:
Over-All - 1. Bob Zimmerman, Lady Lake, 69-62 - 141, \$1,200; 2. Wally Kuchar, Apopka, 71-71 - 142, \$1,000.

50-to-54 - 1. Gary Geiger, Parrish, 71-73 - 144, \$995; 2. Jeff Henderson, Tampa, 70-77 - 147, \$829; 3. John Brott, Sanford, 75-73 - 148, \$663; 4. David Matthews, Long Boat Key, 73-76 - 149, \$497; 5. (tie) Bill Rinaldo, Dade City, 78-73 - 151, Gary Wintz, Ponce Inlet, 76-75 - 151, and Vince Call, Orlando, 74-77 - 151, \$110.

55-to-59 - 1. Bob Zimmerman, Lady Lake, 69-72 - 141, \$780; 2. Hank Davis, Palm Harbor, 73-76 - 149, \$468; 3. Jimmy Wright, Osprey, 74-76 - 150, \$312.

60-to-64 - 1. (tie) Joe Campbell, Haines City, 71-71 - 142, and Mike Joyce, Amelia Island, 70-72 - 142, \$820; 3. Richard Rhyan, Sarasota, 76-69 - 145, \$468; 4. Fran Deschaine, Apollo Beach, 73-75 - 148, \$234.

65-to-69 - 1. Adolph Popp, Melbourne, 72-75 - 147, \$351; 2. Pat Schwab, Sun City, 72-77 - 149, \$234.

70-and-Up - 1. J.C. Goosie, Davenport, 75-74 - 149, \$390.

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Please see Golf, Page 2B

Barefooting for Gold

Salber selected to U.S. Senior team, will compete in Houston

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

SANFORD - Mike Salber will trade in his Sanford Fire Department uniform for a wetsuit this weekend as he goes hunting for skiing gold over the next two weeks in Houston.

Salber, a firefighter/paramedic who has been with the Sanford Fire Department for the past three years, will leave for Texas today to take part in the 13th Annual U.S. National's and U.S. Open this weekend.

He will then remain in Houston as one of 10 athletes selected in June for the 1999 United States Junior and Senior Barefoot Water Ski Team which will take part in the 1999 Junior and Senior Barefoot World Championships August 19th-through-22nd at TerraMare Lakes.

Salber, who calls Winter Garden home, was selected out of 192 skiers to be a part of the United States' 35-and-Older Seniors Team. This will be the inaugural appearance for the Senior Division at the World

Championships.

The U.S. team features some of the top barefooters in the world and should give its main rivals, the Australians, a run for their money which should make for a very interesting tournament.

The winning team will receive a Gold medal as will individual winners of different events, like slalom and jumping.

A combined 90 athletes from 11 countries are expected to compete in the event.

Salber started barefoot skiing at age 16 and has been com-

peting in national events since 1985.

He was the 1993 National Barefoot Champion and holds two National Jump records in two different age groups.

Other members of the Senior Team include the husband and wife duo of William and Dawn Farrell of West Sacramento, California; Tom Fermin of Metairie, Louisiana; and Lorraine Piskura of New Fairfield, Connecticut.

Dr. John Brownrigg of Modesto, California, is the team's manager.

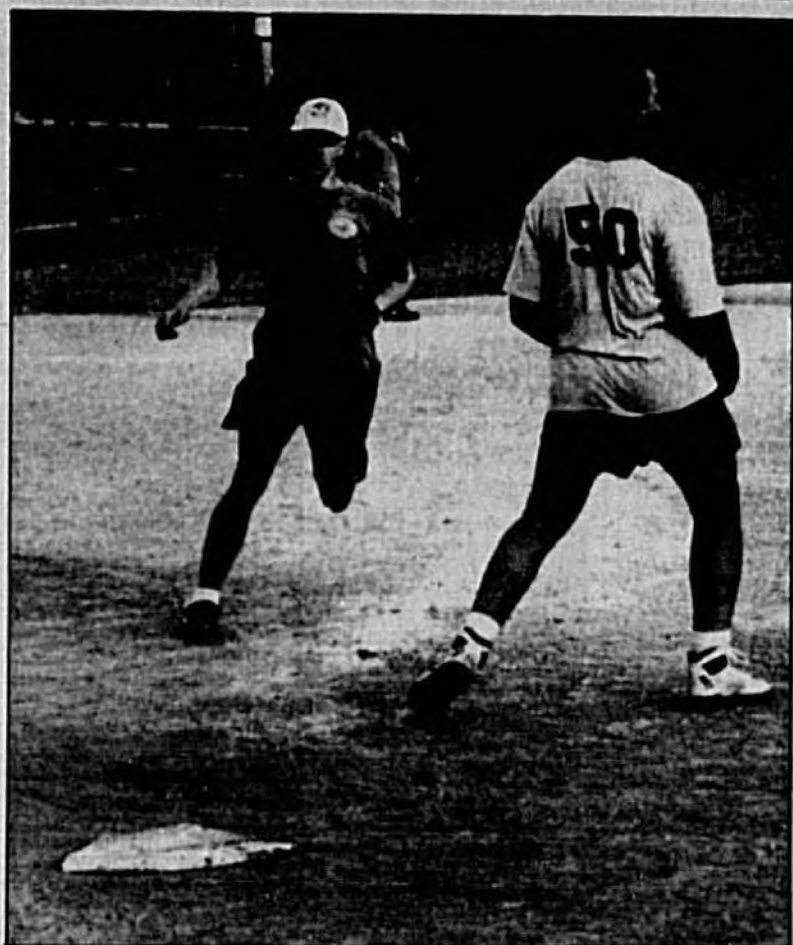
The U.S. Junior Team, which has won the past two team gold medals and is to-heavy with Florida athletes, will also be at the Junior World's.

Making up the Junior Team are Mikey Caruso of Delray Beach; Jason Lamanna of Winter Haven; Ashley Shewmaker of Oakley, California; Nikole Soubliere of Howell, Michigan; and Matt Wright of Green Cove Springs.

Jon Kretzman of Fregus Falls, Minnesota, is the team's coach.



Rob Thacker (top) drove in three runs with a pair of hits and winning pitcher Jay Crutchfield (above, left) had four hits, scored two runs and drove in one to lead Sanford Central Baptist Church to a 16-6 victory over



Sanford First Church of the Nazarene, which got three singles and a run scored from Scott Wade (above, right) in City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department Spring Church Slow Pitch Softball League action.

Playoff set for Spring Church softball

From Staff Reports

LAKE MARY - That's why they are in the playoffs.

Sanford Central Baptist Church and Westview Baptist Church showed why they are championship caliber teams as they joined the Knights of Columbus atop the final standings in the City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department Spring Church Slow Pitch Softball League.

Sanford Central Baptist Church and Westview Baptist Church both broke open close games with big late inning outbursts Monday night at the Lake Mary Sports Complex, forcing a three-team playoff this coming Monday.

Sanford Central Baptist Church erased a 2-0 deficit by scoring seven runs in the bottom of the second inning, but only led 7-6 until scoring five runs in the fourth inning and four runs in the fifth inning to defeat Sanford First Church of the Nazarene, 16-6, by the run rule.

The second game started much like the first with Westview Baptist Church scoring five runs in the bottom of the first inning to wipe out a 2-0 Christians United lead.

Christians United regained the lead in the top of the second inning and Westview Baptist Church tied the game at 6-6 in the bottom of the third inning.

The teams continued to trade the lead over the next two innings with Christians United scoring three runs in the top of the sixth inning to tie the game at 11-11 and it looked like the contest would go down to the wire.

But with a spot in the championship on the line, Westview Baptist Church stepped up and

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Florida State Seminoles extend television pact with Sunshine Network

Special to the Herald

ORLANDO - Florida State University and Sunshine Network Tuesday announced a multi-year contract that ensures Sunshine Network will continue to be the exclusive Florida cable home of FSU athletics for many years to come.

The announcement was made by FSU Director of Athletics Dave Hart and Sunshine Network Corporate Vice President and General Manager Jim Liberatore.

As the first major television property to sign with Sunshine Network prior to its 1988 inception, Florida State and the network have enjoyed a long relationship that has provided Seminoles

fans with extensive coverage of their athletic program - rivaling that of any other Division I program in the country.

Sunshine Network is the state's largest and leading regional sports network with more than 4.8 million cable homes statewide and across the nation via satellite.

Under terms of the new long-term agreement, Sunshine Network will televise a minimum of six football games annually on tape delay and produce and make available for distribution those games designated under applicable conference rules for pay-per-view.

In addition, the network will produce one pre-

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Prep All-American Don Page enrolls at UCF as team starts two-a-days

Special to the Herald

ORLANDO - Former Foley (Alabama) High School football All-American Don Page, who originally signed with Auburn University, has enrolled at the University of Central Florida and participated in the second of two practice sessions Tuesday.

Page, a 6-foot-3, 260-pound defensive end, was admitted to the school and cleared for practice Tuesday morning. He is eligible to play immediately for UCF.

"I think he's going to be a

fantastic addition down the road for us," coach Mike Krutzeck said. "I'm not sure what kind of impact he's going to have this year because he's still just a freshman.

"But he's got the size and athleticism that's going to give us a chance on that side of the ball for a long time. It's tough to find a premier defensive end, and if he doesn't grow to be a tackle, he's going to be an awfully good one."

Page signed with Auburn in 1998, but returned to Foley High School for the fall where

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