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Rams on a roll

Sophomore Kashif Vallot scored a pair of touchdowns as Lake Mary thumped Lake Howell, 58-0, to even its record at 3-3.

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Girl thwarts attack with \$28

Quick thinking by a 13-year-old girl may have saved her life.

According to Oviedo police, the girl reported Thursday morning to her Jackson Heights Middle School Resource Officer that she had been a victim of a physical attack as she walked to school.

According to the victim, she was walking to school along Franklin Street when Shawn Corey Scipio, 25, of 462 E. Franklin St., Oviedo, allegedly called out to her asking if she needed a ride. When she said no and continued walking, the man ran up to her, grabbed her around the neck and pulled her into his home.

She reportedly tried to escape, but the 5-foot tall, 300-pound man controlled her when she tried to pull away. He allegedly forced her onto a bed, but when she screamed he slapped her with an open hand, but did not continue his efforts to abuse her. The girl told him she had money and that he could have it.

The suspect took her \$28 and released her without causing any further abuse, but threatened that he knew where she lived and would harm everyone. Oviedo authorities arrested Scipio and charged him with kidnapping, false imprisonment, attempted sexual battery and strong arm robbery.

Seminole Smile



Debbie Lee — Communications Director for Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce

Bundy censured for 'threatening' clerk

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

LONGWOOD — A city debate sparked by a commissioner-elect's campaign signs led to the censure of a Longwood commissioner last week and a narrow escape for the city attorney who was facing dismissal from his post.

Several city leaders contended at a meeting last month that since Brian Sackett was the lone

Flap over election signs leads to reprimand of city commissioner, near dismissal of attorney

candidate to qualify for the District 5 seat in the Nov. 4 election he was no longer a candidate but a commissioner-elect. As such, some city leaders said he should take down his election signs.

City Attorney Richard Taylor offered a legal opinion on the

matter, only to have the majority of the commission override his suggestion and rule Sackett remove his signs within 15 days. Commissioner Butch Bundy, who did not support the removal of Sackett's campaign signs, stated in a memorandum to the city clerk that if Sackett

was no longer a candidate than he should be sworn in.

"I hardly recommend that you contact the city attorney to protect your rights before you blatantly disregard your duties as city clerk," Bundy wrote to Sara Mijares, the city clerk.

The memorandum irked

Commissioner Paul Lovstrand who called for the censure of Bundy as he said no one commissioner has the power to authorize such action. Lovstrand added that Bundy's statements were a thinly veiled threat.

"These actions concern me," he said. "Never in my 10 years on this commission have I seen such arrogance and bullying of

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Skaters celebrate first year of park

By Jamie J. Anderson-Potter
Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — The city of Lake Mary Bike-Skate Park is celebrating its one year anniversary this month.

The 8,000-square-foot outdoor park was the first of its kind in Seminole County. After its opening on Oct. 4, 2002, the city of Oviedo followed suit with a park earlier this year and Longwood has budgeted for a park in its 2004-2005 fiscal year.

The Lake Mary park was designed by Team Pain, a Tim Payne corporation, based in Winter Springs, to cater to vert, or vertical, skaters as well as street skaters. Park-goers can enjoy the thrill of a deep bowl and an obstacle course, complete rails and jump boxes.

According to Gunnar Smith, Lake Mary recreation supervisor, the park has brought in \$23,954 in revenues since its doors opened a year ago. The park has more than 2,235 registered users, with a total visit rate of 8,000. Of these individuals, BMX bikers account for only five percent of the park's users, while 95 percent are skateboarders and inline skaters.

"It started off like gang-busters," said Smith. "Still, after a year, attendance at the park is going strong."

Lake Mary's Parks and Recreation Department manages the skate park with three part-time employees. According to Smith, park officials haven't had trouble enforcing the park as a drug and violent free environment.

"The lack of problems has been the best part of it," said Smith. "If there was any

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eValuating Vogel The first 100 days



Bill Vogel (top) chats with retired superintendent Paul Hagerty before delivering his State of Seminole County Schools address. Vogel and wife Bobbi (above), enjoy a moment with Seminole County/Lake Mary Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Diane Parker.

Seminole schools superintendent outlines future path

By Jamie J. Anderson-Potter
Staff Writer

Seminole County School Board Superintendent Dr. Bill Vogel discussed the future of the county's education system Friday during a First 100 Days Reception in honor of his first days on the job.

Vogel, who beat out 44 other candidates, was hired in July to lead Seminole County Public Schools after Superintendent Paul J. Hagerty's retirement. Vogel is a former superintendent of St. Lucie County School District, and was highly recommended by school officials in that area.

"I'm overwhelmed by the turnout here this morning," said Vogel, who attended the breakfast with his wife, Bobbi. "This [being named Seminole County superintendent] has been a wonderful experience and I'm enjoying it every day. I see today as an opportunity to say thank you for the

warm welcome.

"It has been a smooth transition," added Vogel, who has been visible in the community since his arrival in July, visiting nearly all of the 55 district schools at least once.

Attendees of the celebration were treated to a buffet-style breakfast, complete with place mates designed by elementary school art students from throughout Seminole County.

The presentation of colors was conducted by the Winter Springs JROTC, while the national anthem was sung by Eric Furbish, Matt Habib and Joseph Hong, all of Winter Springs High School. Lyman High School Future Farmers of America contributed to the festivities by donating foliage centerpieces.

During the celebration, Vogel also presented attendees, which included business

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Meals on Wheels rolls to temporary home

By Jamie J. Anderson-Potter
Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — When the Seminole County branch of Meals on Wheels, Etc., became homeless last month, Heritage Woods of Lake Mary came to the organization's rescue.

The need for a temporary location became apparent to Meals on Wheels executives when the Florida Hospital building they were leasing in Lake Mary was sold.

In order to continue uninterrupted service to its customers, a temporary location was needed until a permanent site could be constructed.

"They [senior residents of Heritage Woods at Lake Mary]

are thrilled to be opening their home to a program that also serves seniors," said Samantha Hollister, executive director of Heritage Woods at Lake Mary, an assisted living facility for senior citizens located at 150 Middle St. in Lake Mary.

"Our goal is to be integrated into Lake Mary and all of Seminole County. This is just another way to reach out and help seniors in our area."

Meals on Wheels, which distributes 700 meals daily to Seminole County residents, has been located in Lake Mary for nearly a decade.

The group was able to make

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Richard Bartlett (left), Meals on Wheels food service director and executive chef, and Joe McBride (center), Heritage Woods food service director, watch as movers transplant Meals on Wheels operations.

Festival bigger than past two years

By Jamie J. Anderson-Potter
Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — Art enthusiasts came out of the woodwork to attend the Lake Mary-Heathrow Festival of the Arts held earlier this month on International Parkway in Lake Mary.

The 17th annual festival highlighted artists from throughout Florida and the United States. Although committee members are still unclear on the number of attendees, according to DeLores Lash, chairwoman of the festival committee, the event brought in more patrons than the 2001 and 2002 festivals.

"We were packed," she said. "The weather was perfect for the festival. I asked the Lord to make sure we had good weather for the artists. It was picture perfect."

Lake Mary Mayor Thomas Greene kicked off the 2003 festival, which was dedicated to Leo Trepanier, who passed

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Lovestrand says adios to politics

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

LONGWOOD — The historic city of Longwood will say goodbye to its former mayor and one of its most ardent supporters later this year.

Commissioner Paul Lovstrand announced at the city commission meeting last month that he'll not be pursuing re-election. His decision left public school educator Brian Sackett as the lone candidate for the District 5 seat in the Nov. 4 election.

"I'm practicing what I preach," Lovstrand said. "I believe in term limitations. I believe we should have term limitations in Longwood of two three-year terms."

Lovstrand has served the city for 14 years; four on the land planning agency and 10 as commissioner and mayor in two different stints. He intended to run in the upcoming election as he opened a campaign account, but said it was time to

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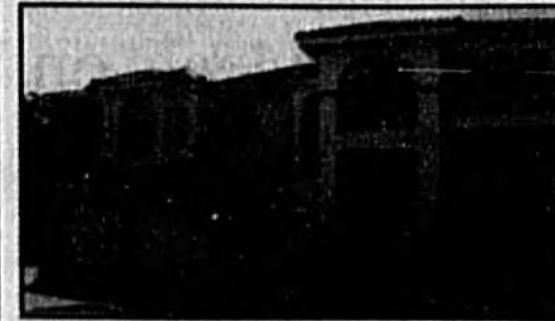
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Two weeks after my son was born, my husband and I were invited to go dancing with our neighbors, Vicki and Tim. I had gained 60 pounds during my pregnancy and was not feeling particularly attractive. It certainly didn't help my insecurities that Vicki was just so gosh-darn cute and a size 2 at best. I've seen Vicki dance before. At the Christmas parties, in the stands at the softball games, just about anywhere she gets the opportunity, she's breakin' it down. Now, I'm not one to gossip, but I suspect our little Vicki may have picked up some of her moves in some questionable locations, if you know

what I mean. Mine was to be an evening of anxiety and self-loathing. Fan-frickin'-tastic. Who wouldn't look forward to that? I swung open the closet door. What to wear? What...to...wear? Elastic waistband? Obviously. Comfortable shoes? No question. Am I painting a pretty-enough picture for you? I am the girl in the back of *Glamour* magazine with the big ol' rectangle over my face. I am the definitive 'fashion don't'. I pull out my best underwear. No thongs for this gal.

VIEW FROM A BROAD



Molly Tillyer

Victoria's not sharing any secrets up in here. It's strictly cotton briefs all the way, cotton briefs with the reinforced panel for what the undergarment industry likes to call extra 'support.' Support....Ha! There isn't an undergarment on the face of this Earth that offers the kind of support I need. Until the people at Hanes sell me an actual person who'll hold my hand


while the company's licensed surgeon sucks the excess fat from my flabby flesh, they really haven't shown me any support. But I digress. Back to my transformation — the hair. The one thing every woman knows can really pull an outfit together. "That's what I'll do" I thought. "I'll just magically drop 60 pounds and transform myself into model perfection with a new haircut." Problem solved. After I found a miracle worker available on short notice, I recruited Vicki to help me find the cut I wanted in a magazine. I was worried about plac-

ing my self-esteem in the hands of a stranger. I showed him the picture. I questioned his credentials. I asked if he felt up to the task. He assured me he could do the cut and that it would look fabulous. He was wrong on both counts. I wasn't facing the mirror at any time during my transformation, so when Vicki looked up from her magazine and gasped, "Oh...my...gawd!" I suspected things were not going well with the cut. And when a customer came in, saw me, and immediately left the building, I began nervously tapping my foot. And by the time another hairdresser


came over to relieve my miracle worker and whispered in my ear, "Oh, honey, we won't make you pay for this," I was deep breathing into a bag. Have you ever seen a small child who has just cut her own hair? It's shaggy in some places, long in others, and even bald in still others? Well, if that child had cut my hair, blindfolded and equipped only with a machete, she would've done a better job. I looked hideous. I cried all the way home. Vicki said, "I'd sue the #S@#\$%!" Vicki's husband took one jaw-dropping look at me and

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Mary Rowell

..... following in her father's footsteps, as he spent the latter part of his life fighting for sanity. "Proof" is the latest offering from the Lake Mary High Drama Department. The Pulitzer Prize winning play was written by David Auburn and gained enormous attention during its long run on Broadway. While the play is about mathematicians, it points out that life is not like math. It's messy, emotional and full of fear as well as hope, regret and happiness.

"Proof" is scheduled to run from Oct. 29 to Nov. 1. The play begins at 7 p.m. each night in the new auditorium at Lake Mary High School. The cost is just \$4 per person.

Girl Scouts learn local history

Girl Scout Day has become an annual event at the Lake Mary Historical Museum. Girl Scouts from all over Seminole County come to the museum to earn their historical recognitions. Brownies spent the morning



Girl Scout Leader Kyla Robinson talks to her Brownie Troop 1981 before their cemetery tour.

earning their "Listening to the Past Try-It." For this Try-It, the girls took a walk to the Lake Mary Cemetery and learned about the earliest settlers in Lake Mary. The girls learned to play old-fashioned games like jacks, pick-up sticks and horse-shoes. They also heard stories from Lake Mary's early days. One of their favorite stories was Claire O'Connor's encounter with a snake when she was just a small child.

Juniors came in the afternoon to earn "Local Lore" badge. The Juniors also walked to the cemetery, but their emphasis was on the architecture of Lake Mary. In the museum, the girls got a chance to look at the kind of kitchen appliances their ancestors had to contend with before the advent of food processors. They also saw the predecessors of modern day calculators and computers. The girls saw pictures of what Lake Mary looked like in the past. They then drew pictures of what they thought Lake Mary would look like 50 years in the future. There were quite a few flying cars and hovercrafts in the future pictures.

In the past, the Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts could come on Girl Scout Day and earn their "Heritage Hunt" interest patch. Due to space restrictions, the Lake Mary Historical Society is now scheduling older girls on



Herald photo by Mary Rowell

Lake Mary Historical Society spooks guests with second edition of Candlelight Tales by storyteller Joe Rosier.

an as needed basis. If you have an older troop that would like to earn their this recognition, you can call Peggy Wolfe at 407-327-8207 or e-mail Mjhrowell@netscape.net.

Fear invades museum

The blood-curdling scream from the woman on the train frightened the passenger sitting across from her. He ran to get the conductor, but when they returned, the woman had vanished!

The woman had not been real, but a spirit ... a ghost who returned to the train every year on the anniversary of her bridegroom's death!

This was just one of the stories that was featured during "Candlelight Tales." This is the second year the Lake Mary Historical Society has presented storyteller Joe Rosier with his fearful ghost tales set in Sanford and Lake Mary at the end of the 19th century. There was, literally, standing room only as Joe thrilled guests by candlelight. It's amazing how much scarier a tale is when told by candlelight. Joe wasn't Joe for the Candlelight Tales. He was 19th Century

physician, Dr. J. Albert Rosier, complete with period costume and a few ghoulish props.

Joe did lighten things up quite a bit when he asked children in the audience to play along with his "Graveyard Madlibs."

He told a story about a graveyard, letting the children fill in blanks throughout the story. Cookies and punch with the electric lights on after the tales also helped dispel the feeling that ghosts were hanging out at the museum.

The next big event planned for the museum is the Second Annual Tree Festival, scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 7 from 4 to 8 p.m.

The festival will feature trees decorated and donated by local businesses and non-profit organizations. If your group is interested in sponsoring a tree, you can contact the Historical Society by calling Peggy Wolfe at 407-327-8207.

If you have any items of interest in Lake Mary, you can contact Mary Rowell at mjhrowell@netscape.net. Please include a local contact name and number.

Fire department rewards Lake Mary poster artists

The Lake Mary Fire Department Third Annual Fire Safety Poster Contest came to a close last week with a dozen winners announced.

The annual contest is open to elementary school children in the city, which includes Lake Mary Elementary and Lake Mary Preparatory schools. Winners in two age groups, kindergarten through second grade and third grade through fifth grade, were rewarded with a dinner featuring city fire fighters.

Dinner guests included the winners and their families, firefighters, Fire Chief Craig Haun, City Manager John Litton, commissioners Mike McLean and Gary Brender and Deputy Mayor Janet Jernigan.

Each child was also awarded a certificate and ribbon during the ceremony as well as a prize pack with safety related material.

First place winners received a safety toy called Herbie Hydrant that serves as an alarm clock, flashlight and alarm for doing home fire drills and to better aid the firefighter in locating a child who may be trapped. Herbie was provided through a donation from Nationwide Insurance — Mike McLean.

Many local businesses donate every year to help make this dinner ceremony a success. Donators included Albertsons, Pizzeria Uno, TGI Fridays, Chik-Fil-A, Arbys, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks Coffee, Lake Mary Florist, Country Club Florist, Firehouse Subs, Winn-Dixie, Papa Johns, Bernardos, McDonalds, Atlantis Florist and Publix.



Photo submitted

Third place winner Jonna Colter of the annual firefighter poster contest stands with (left to right) City Manager John Litton, Fire Chief Craig Haun and Deputy Mayor Janet Jernigan.

Third Annual Fire Safety Poster Contest winners

(kindergarten-second grade)

First place — Michael Anderson, Connor Bailey

Second place — Matthew Anderson, Haruna Sato

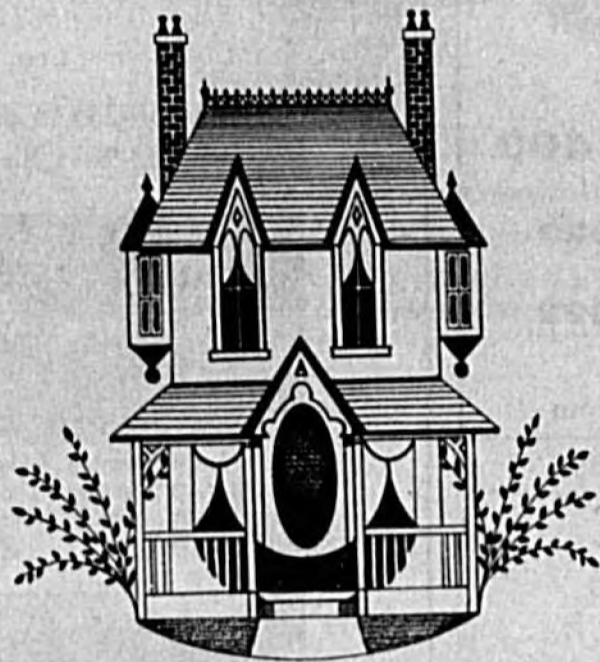
Third place — Courtney Aziz, Josh Kuiper

(third-fifth grade)

First place — Allysia Mompoin, Brooke Lundberg

Second place — Ben Destafano, Smili Mohan

Third place — Daxel Vargas, Jonna Colter



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Band festival is Oct. 25

Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Ready to be dazzled by Central Florida's best marching bands? Then attend the 28th annual Seminole County High School Marching Band Festival on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. at Lake Brantley High School. Sponsored by the Sanford Optimist Club and The Seminole Herald, the festival features all seven of the county's high school marching bands. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and all proceeds go to youth-oriented programs sponsored by the Optimist Club. Pictured are some of the band members. From Lake Mary High, Matthew Wieman, Nicole Rodriguez and Thomas Gabriel; from Oviedo High, Allison Palmer, Asher Waldron and Jodi Chapman; back row, from Lake Howell High, Kathleen Floegel and Melissa Lamky; from Winter Springs High, Grace Kirby and Erin Ramsey; from Lake Brantley High, Rachel Zeikowitz, Megan Carroll and Nikki Hamison; from Seminole High, Tracy Latimer, Lauren Keene and Desiree Rivera; and from Lyman High, Matthew Masten and Jayson Hinton.

Censure

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a staff member." Bundy followed Lovestrand's charge by stating that the commission could not "walk down both sides of the street."

"If he has been elected, then he needs to be sworn in," he said. "There was no pressure put on Sara (Mijares) to do so. I sent it in memo form so there would be no misunderstanding of what I was doing — I made no contact."

The majority of the commission, however, disagreed with Bundy as the four remaining commissioners voted in favor of the censure although Mayor Dan Anderson seemed to levy his vote with some reluctance.

"We've remained civil for many, many months, and I'm watching the tendency to return back to the politics that discouraged so many people in this city," he said. "So I'm disinclined to stir things up further, especially in an election year because we all need to take a step back and say 'Hey, are we here to elect our personal candidates? Are we here to take control of the city commission, where we can do things our way? Or, are we here to pursue the people's business, which is why we are here.'"

Later in the meeting, Commissioner Steve Miller moved to have Taylor removed as city attorney. Amongst his charges was that Taylor's opinion toward campaign signs was in contrary to the city's charter.

"I believe it was politically motivated," Miller said.

He added that Bundy's memorandum to the city clerk "also indicates that there might have been some sort of discussion with the city attorney before (Bundy) made such a statement, but it seems to implicate the city attorney."

In addition, Miller moved to dismiss Taylor because "he has acted very unprofessionally on many occasions, he has given us improper legal advice on many occasions, and he has caused interruptions in our meetings with non-legal opinions."

Lovestrand seconded Miller's motion to continue the process of firing the city attorney that would have to be completed at a public hearing at the next city meeting. The process of removing the city attorney was stopped, however, as the three remaining commissioners voted against the measure.



Lovestrand



Bundy

Tillyer

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said, "Geezuz! I hope you didn't pay for that!"

I looked at my husband. He looked at me. He sat pensively for a moment giving thoughtful consideration to what he was about to say and then ever so cautiously he asked, "Well, do you like it?"

And it is the careful consideration that went into that question that I credit the duration of our relationship.

Despite my anxiety and embarrassment, I did go out that night. And, as my husband and I sat in our booth, amused by our neighbor's inescapable erotic table dance, I allowed myself to believe, perhaps for the first time, that: For better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, on good hair days and on bad, this man loved me.

And it all became clear thanks to a simple haircut.

After years of intensive therapy, Molly Tillyer is doing nicely in an outpatient program for victims of hair abuse. She is a wife and the mother of two young sons. Visit her Web site at www.mollytillyer.com.

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Meals

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the transition to its temporary location without a break in service.

"We're settled in and it's working out just fine," said Sherry Fincher, executive director of Meals on Wheels, Etc. "We're very grateful to the staff and residents of Heritage Woods."

According to Fincher, when searching for a temporary location the most important aspect to consider was the kitchen since the organization now produces and packages all of its breakfast and lunch meals under the direction of Executive Chef Richard Bartlett. Heritage Woods' full-size kitchen was a perfect match for Meals

on Wheels' needs.

"Since we started cooking and packaging our own meals it has been so much better," said Fincher. "The meals are appetizing and the clients love it."

The organization is currently working with a limited equipment base, bringing only the packaging equipment to the temporary location and leaving the remainder of equipment in a local storage facility.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Meals on Wheels permanent location is scheduled for Nov. 6. However, the organization will remain at Heritage Woods until January when

its 35 employees will relocate to the new building just off U.S. Highway 17-92 on Ronald Regan Boulevard in unincorporated Seminole County.

Meals on Wheels' administrative offices are temporarily located in a Florida Hospital office building in Altamonte Springs, but will also relocate to the new building in Lake Mary.

According to Fincher, when making a decision on a permanent office and production site, the organization took into consideration the convenience and accessibility of the location.

"Lake Mary area is a great central location for us," she said.

Lovestrand

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step away from politics and "find a life."

"I'm tired, my wife helped me make up my mind," he said.

He wouldn't speculate if this would be his last run as a city leader. Ten years ago when the city was in financial crisis, according to Lovestrand, he stepped back into the political fray after previously serving two two-year terms as city commissioner. During his three-year break, the city changed commissioner terms from two to three years. Lovestrand returned with his philosophy of small government, less spending and lower taxes to get the city back on track during his recent two three-year terms as mayor and

commissioner.

Although Lovestrand has always been involved in city politics, in 1999 he hinted he would run for county clerk or tax collector and previously failed in a campaign for county commissioner. At times he says he looked at running for state representative but the money and competition was too steep.

He doesn't know who he'll support in the upcoming city election, but says he's deciding between George McKenzie and Deputy Mayor Steve Miller for the District 3 seat. He will, however, find time to support his favorite county commissioner.

"I do support Grant Maloy in his effort for (tax collector)," Lovestrand said. "He's the best county commissioner we have, in my opinion. He sticks to his opinions and he sticks to his principles, and you know where he stands."

Qualifying for the Longwood election ended Sept. 10. Vying for the District 5 seat are incumbent Miller, Mike Holt and McKenzie, and Sackett is the lone candidate to replace Lovestrand.

"I'll let the new guys do what they want to do without bothering them, but I didn't like the direction last time so I jumped in again," he said.



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Festival

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away last year. Since 1988, Trepanier had donated the use of L&L Acres for the art festival.

For the fourth year, the Rotary Club hosted art of a different kind at the festival — a car and truck show. The show was open to all makes and models, with trophies awarded in various categories.

The purpose of the annual festival is to raise scholarship money for Seminole County art students.

The festival's poster artist Linda Amundsen, who specializes in oil paintings, did her share to help raise money. As the poster artist, Amundsen's "Polly," a painting of a parrot from Costa Rica, was duplicated on T-shirts and brochures promoting the festival. According to Lash, the shirts were a near sell out, with only nine remaining.

Amundsen also donated the original "Polly" painting to the art festival where it was auctioned off to the highest bidder. The \$975 from the painting, along with the money raised from T-shirt sales, parking and other fund-raising items, will be given to Seminole County Public Schools for scholarship money.

According to Lash, the committee members won't know the final tally of scholarship funds until the books are balanced in the coming weeks. Depending on the funds available after the bills are paid, an undetermined number of \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to deserving students in the spring.

"We're trying to push education and arts for kids growing up in Seminole County," Lash said.

Carrying on this theme, a section of the festival was devoted to student artists, with more than 2,000 students participating. Awards were given to first-place winner Melissa Defabrizio and third-place winner Krystle Yontz, both of Lake Howell High School, and second-place fin-

isher Kristen Harness of Lake Brantley High School. The students will be awarded cash prizes during an art show in March of 2004.

Awards of merit were also presented to: Jesses Mills, Shannon Stavion and Angela Evans, all of Lake Mary High School; Daniel Perez and Sarah Anderson, both of Lyman High School; Patrick Dayhoff, Crystal Chenevert, Michael Bridge, Caroline Appleton, Jeein Shin and Alison Peckett, all of Lake Brantley High School; Nicolas Corominas and Melanie Cromer, both of Seminole High School; Melissa Caldwell of Winter Springs High School; Whitney Stephens of Lake Howell High School; and Alex Bramatikas and Devi Blackwell, both of Oviedo High School.

As with any major event, the festival had its share of problems, which included unorganized parking. The committee is already working on ways to improve this and other items before the 2004 festival.

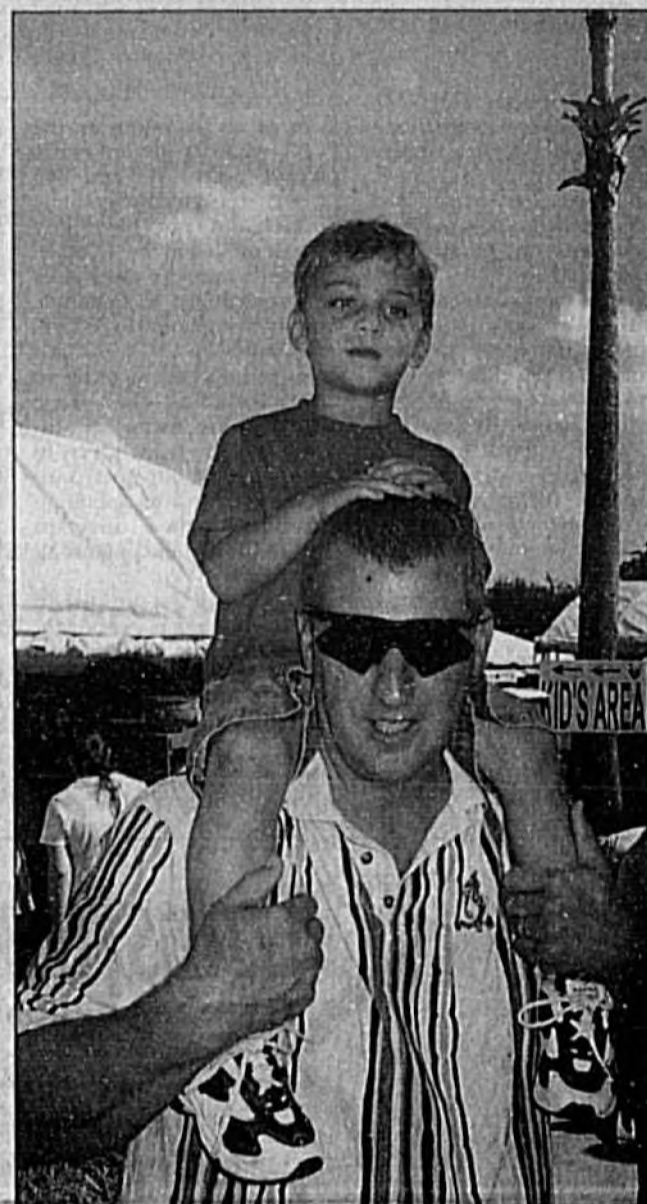
"We needed more volunteers for parking," said Lash. "We are working on that for next year."



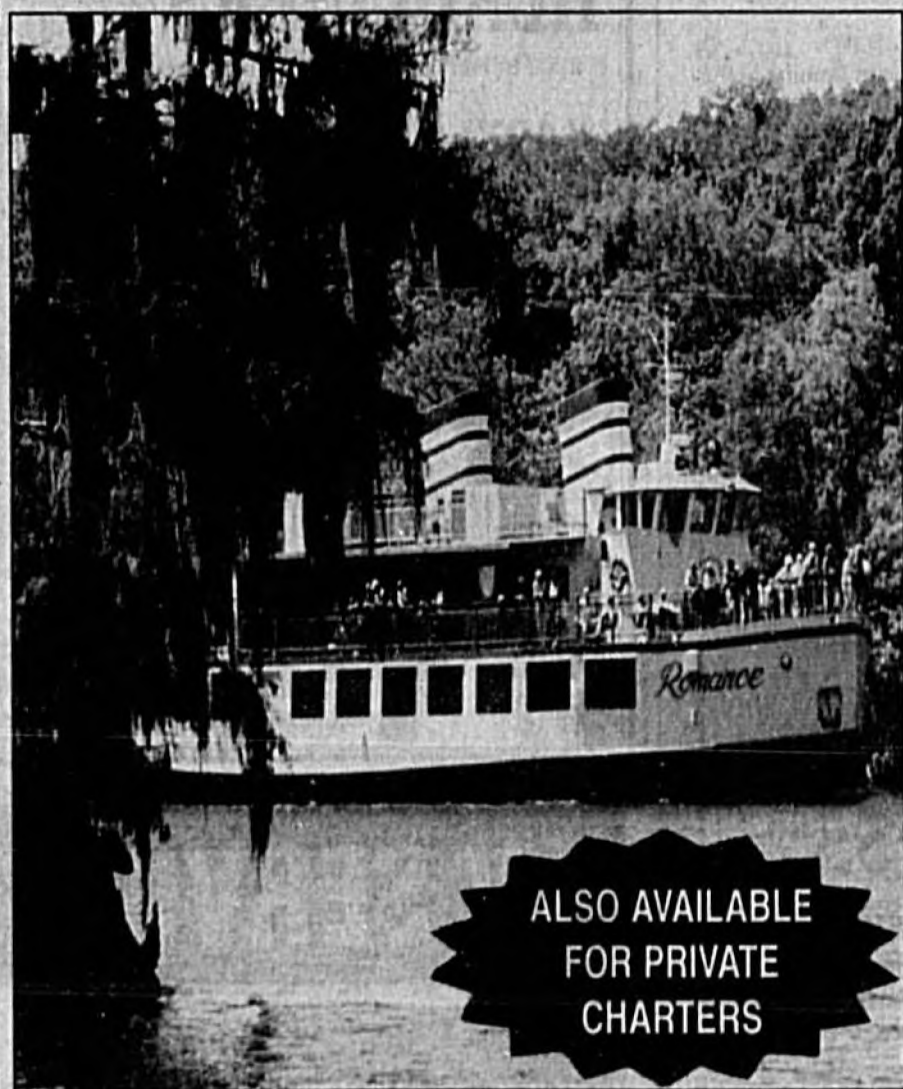
(Clockwise starting at the top) Lake Mary Police Officers Jason Culver and Chris Taylor man the department's booth at the festival. Lake Mary High Naval Junior ROTC cadets (from left to right) Michelle Drake, Brian Nisivoccia, Philip Lanehart, Christopher Dixon and Brittany Armstrong sell drinks to raise funds. Jared gets a look above the crowd with the help of his father, Mike Tapy of Casselberry. Seminole Schools Superintendent Dr. Bill Vogel (from left to right), Lake Mary Commissioner Mike McLean, festival executive board member Tony Senador, festival chairwoman DeLores Lash and Lake Mary Mayor Thomas Greene hold up this year's festival T-shirts.



Lake Mary High's Honor Guard presents the colors.



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Vogel

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leaders, elected officials and school board officials, with a first annual State of the Seminole County Public Schools Address. The speech was designed to inform the public on the status of Seminole County schools and what to expect in the future.

One of the main focuses of the morning was the growth of Seminole County's education system. According to Vogel, in the past 10 years more than \$450 million has been spent in renovations and new buildings. In addition to the new schools outlined in the school board's 10-year plan, nine more elementary schools, two more middle schools and one more high school will be needed. The additional funding is estimated at \$170 million.

"Growth needs are being met, with several new schools being planned and others being remodeled," said Vogel, who began his career as a teacher and has worked as a school-based and district level administrator.

In the same vein as overcrowded schools, Seminole County, like other districts throughout Florida, is concerned about class size. In an effort to reduce the student-teacher ratio, the district hired 199 new teachers this year.

To date, Seminole County schools have already met the 2010 standards with an average of 19.5 elementary-aged students, 21.6 middle school students and 22.9 high school students to every one teacher.

According to school officials, these smaller class sizes contributed to the recent rise in test scores. According to reports, 75 percent of Seminole County schools

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING:

"I think he's done a phenomenal job. He's been on campus several times, which speaks volumes to how into our community he already is." — **E. Ann McGee**, president of Seminole Community College

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"I think his first 100 days have been phenomenal. We see Dr. Vogel frequently at Seminole High School. We are looking forward to his leadership and umbrella of knowledge and insight about education trends and issues." — **Karen Coleman**, principal of Seminole High School

"I think he's doing a good job. He seems to be committed not only to Lake Mary schools' excellence, but to all of Seminole County. He is meeting the concerns of Lake Mary parents." — **Thomas Greene**, Lake Mary Mayor

received an 'A' rating on the FCAT, while 21 percent and 4 percent were 'B' and 'C' schools, respectively. Seminole County did not have any schools ranked in the 'D' or 'F' categories, smaller class sizes also contributes to Seminole County being home to 33 five-star schools.

Vogel believes, in order to meet upcoming challenges, schools must focus on students and the work given to them, keeping an open outlook to the future, maintaining a results-oriented direction and thinking and planning strategically.

"Our work is unfinished and to guarantee every student achieves is a continuous process," said Vogel, who received the Medallion of Excellence from Senator Ken Pruitt. The success of Seminole County Public Schools didn't happen

overnight. It began 10 years ago with a new mission statement. High expectations were not only talked about, but implemented.

"The accomplishments of Seminole County Public Schools are remarkable," he added.

Vogel has a proven record which includes accreditations such as Florida's Superintendent of the Year Award in 2001 and the Lamp of Knowledge Award from the Florida Association of School Administrators in 2002.

A graduate of Rollins College in Winter Park, he earned his specialist and doctorate degrees from Florida Atlantic University and continues learning through professional organizations that include the Bell South Superintendents Network and the Urban Superintendents Association of America.

Skate

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deterrent [in opening the park] it was all associated with the bad rap and bad stereotype that skaters have.

"Our research before opening showed that this just wasn't the case," he added. "We've proving that right. We haven't had any problems."

As a precaution, the parks and recreation department, along with the Lake Mary Fire Department, have participated in mock rescues to be prepared in the event of an actual problem or an accident. According to Smith, the park has seen no violence and very limited sports-related injuries.

"An ambulance has been dispatched twice," he said. "That's probably better than the ball fields."

Although there is no age limit at the park, it is strongly

recommended that parents accompany skaters or bikers younger than 12 years old. A Tot Lot was recently opened at

the park, with the idea that parents are able to watch their little ones and their skaters as well.

BICYCLE AND SKATE PARK INFORMATION

What: Bicycle and skate park
Where: Lake Mary Sports Complex, off Country Club on Rantoul Lane, in Lake Mary.
When: Skateboards and skates allowed 4-9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 4-7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, noon-9 p.m. Saturday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday; beginner skateboarders and skaters 9-10 a.m. Saturday; bicycles allowed 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday and 11 a.m.-noon Sunday. The park is also available for private parties.
Cost: \$3 daily pass, \$20 for 10-visit pass and \$50 for six-month pass.
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Lake Mary girl stars on pet show



Lake Mary six-year-old Ashley Falzoi and her Yorkshire Terrier, Muppy, will appear on the show "Pet Star" on Animal Planet last week. The show aired on Animal Planet at 8 and 11 p.m. Friday. Pet Star is a show where people of all ages and from all states perform tricks before a live audience and three celebrity judges give them a score out of 10. Ashley and Muppy earned a perfect score from all three judges, which earned her a spot in the finals. Muppy bounced a balloon off his nose for 30 seconds and then popped it on the show. The audience votes on the final winner, but Ashley and Muppy did not come out as the grand winners. Ashley lives in the Crossings neighborhood and attends school at Heathrow Elementary as a first grader.

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Obituaries

RAE MARIE HAGUE

Rae Marie Hague, 84, of Longwood, died Sunday, Oct. 12, 2003, in Apopka. She was born Nov. 29, 1918, in Morgantown, W.Va. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Wekiva Golf Association.

Survivors include son, Gregg R. Hague; daughter, Carol L. Pribus; sister, Dorothy Root; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at St. Marks Presbyterian Church in Altamonte Springs, with Rev. Chip Blankenship officiating.

Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, was in charge of arrangements.

PATRICIA M. MOORE

Patricia M. Moore, 73, of Orange City, died Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003, at home. Born Jan. 30, 1930, in Green Bay Wis., she moved to Orange City last year from Bradenton. She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Peter and Pauls Catholic Church.

Survivors include sons, Mark Hoen, Sanford, David Hoen, Alexandria, Va., Stephen Hoen, West Seneca, N.Y.; daughters, Lisa Pfeiffer, Bradenton, Christine Webb, Dallas, Texas, Laura Reilly, Altoona, Pa.; sister, Margaret Lochnicht, Longwood; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

EULA MAE SCOTT

Eula Mae Scott, 90, of Longwood, died Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2003. She was born Feb. 11, 1913, in Wellborn. She was a bus driver for Seminole County Public Schools for 21 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Longwood. She was a Worthy Matron of the

Eastern Star of Casselberry. She enjoyed ceramics and crocheting.

Survivors include sons, Glenn E. Scott, Longwood, Keith E. Scott, Daytona Beach, Harry A. Scott, High Springs; daughter, Susan Sirianni, Lake Mary; sister, Beula Mae Law, Jacksonville; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home Altamonte Chapel in Altamonte Springs. Interment followed at Longwood Memorial Gardens in Longwood.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home Altamonte Chapel, Altamonte Springs, was in charge of arrangements.

JOAN C. WALKER

Joan C. Walker, 68, of Lake Mary, died Monday, Sept. 29, 2003, in Lake Mary. She was born Dec. 18, 1934, in Menominee County, Mich. She was a retired secretary of the superintendent of the Seminole County School Board.

Survivors include sons, Scott Walker, Gregory B. Walker; daughters, Michelle Harris, Renee Kanasky; sisters, Barbara Prom, Virginia Bergerson; four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Nativity Catholic Church in Longwood, with Father Benjamin Berniti officiating.

Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, was in charge of arrangements.

GRACE E. REHRER

Grace E. Rehrer, 89, of Sanford, died Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2003, in DeBary. Born Dec. 10, 1913, in Philadelphia, she moved to Sanford in 1999 from Lake Mary.

Survivors include son, William H. Rehrer, Sanford; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Oct. 7 at Pinecrest Baptist Church in Sanford.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Volusia/Flagler Hospice.

Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, was in charge of arrangements.

NORMAN JOSEPH SLIVINSKI

Norman Joseph Slivinski, 74, East Plantation Boulevard, Lake Mary, died Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003, at home. Born Oct. 24, 1928, in Kingston, Pa., he moved to this area in 1980 from Mountaintop, Pa. He worked for the Everhard Fabre Paper and Pencil Company. He also worked at the Pro Shop at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club in Sanford. He was a member of Church of Nativity in Lake Mary. He was also a member of the Fourth Degree of Knights, the Chamber of Commerce and the Wyoming Valley Country Club, all of Pennsylvania. He enjoyed golf.

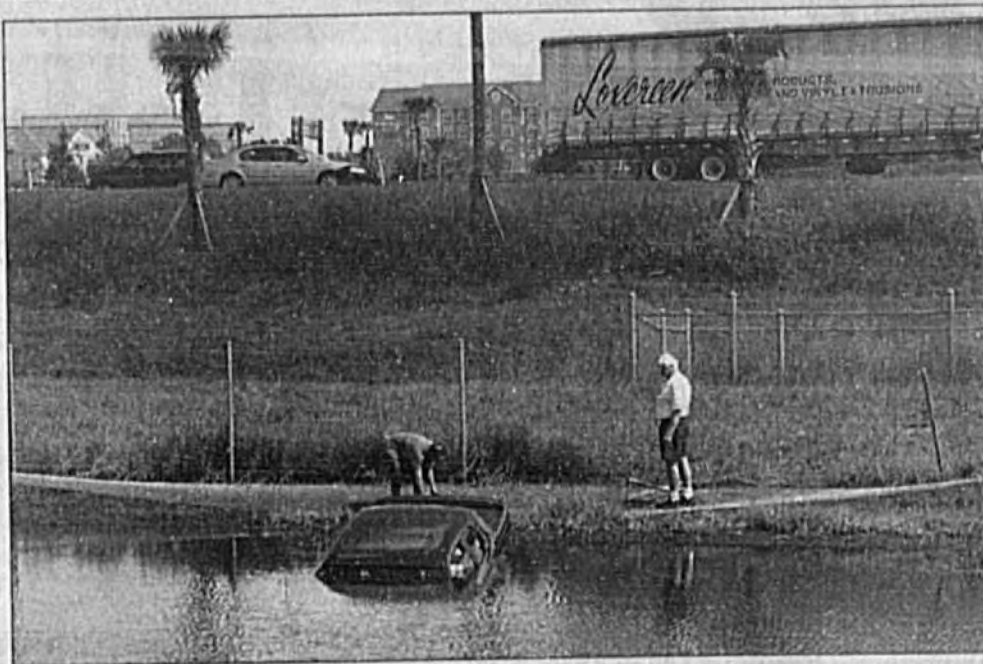
Survivors include wife, Joan E. Slivinski, Lake Mary; sons, Norman Slivinski, Jr., Moosic, Pa., Bruce Slivinski, Oviedo; daughter, Nancy Beal, DeBary; brother, Alfred Slivinski, Columbus, Ohio; seven grandchildren.

Altman-Long Funeral Home and Crematory, DeBary, in charge of arrangements.

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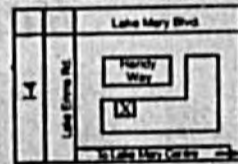


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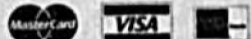
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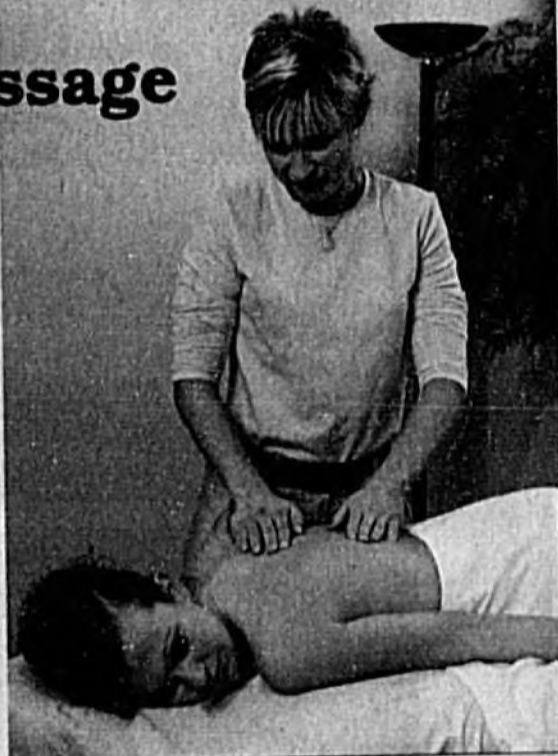
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Sports

Lake Mary Rams gearing up for playoff run

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

LAKE MARY — The Rams have come to life.

After a very sluggish start to such a promising season the Lake Mary High School football team has put together back-to-back excellent performances and is in prime position to make a return to the playoffs.

With its playoff hopes on the line, the Lake Mary football team rose to the occasion and put itself right in the thick of the battle with a 14-3 Homecoming victory over DeLand at Don T. Reynolds Stadium on Friday, October 3rd.

A Rams victory was imperative as a loss would have all but eliminated the local power from any shot at the playoffs.

Now, paired with a loss by Lake Brantley to unbeaten Oviedo Friday night (Oct. 3), Lake Mary is now tied for second in Class 6A-District 2 with games left with Seminole and the Patriots.

Seniors Cameron Bateman, Jon Clark, Keith Rivers and R.J. Meyers, along with sophomore Kashif Vallot, stepped up to the plate for the Rams and led them to the win.

While those players were the main figures in the victory, if the truth be told it was the Lake Mary defense and special teams that was the difference in this game.

Rivers and Meyers, the Rams' star linebackers, showed right off the bat that they were going to be in the middle of the action in this one.

After a short kickoff gave the Bulldogs the ball at their own 40, Rivers, a consensus All-American, broke through the line on the first play and knocked down quarterback Shayland Patrick for a three-yard loss.

After Patrick got nine yards back with a pass to



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Lake Mary junior quarterback Robert Kass has made giant strides since early in the season and has helped the Rams win two in a row with important district games upcoming.

Lorenz Lewis, Meyers took his turn, roaring through the line and dropping Fred McCaskill for a three-yard loss, forcing a punt.

Neither team was having much luck moving the ball and the first quarter ended with no score on the board.

The second play of the second period turned the game in favor of Lake Mary.

With DeLand's Halley Ferrell lined up at his own 11 for a punt, Rivers again burst through the line and almost took the ball off Ferrell's foot.

The ball rolled free and Vallot scooped up the ball and ran untouched for the 11-yard touchdown.

Chris Haines booted through the extra point and the Rams led 7-0 with 11:48 left in the opening half.

Lake Mary looked like it was going to get the ball right back in good field position, but a recurring problem reared its ugly head again when the Rams were flagged for a roughing the kicker penalty, giving the Bulldogs a first down.

That led to what would be DeLand's only score of the night on a 31-yard field goal by Ferrell. That score almost didn't happen either as Lake Mary's Justin Scott got a hand on the ball, just not enough to stop the kick and the teams went to the lockerroom with Lake Mary ahead 7-3.

The Rams took the second half kickoff and were forced to punt after one first down.

But the Clark punt was muffed and Meyer's grabbed the loose ball, giving the ball back to the hosts.

The drive from the 30 went backwards with consecutive losses after a five-yard run, capped by a bad snap that lost 11 yards, forcing another punt.

But, despite not moving the ball, Lake Mary was able to use up over six minutes of the third quarter.

The Bulldogs appeared to have something going on the next series, but Bateman came up big with an interception in the DeLand end zone.

Vallot then ran 14 yards on three carries as the period ended, but a pair of incomplete passes ended the threat, momentarily.

Another Clark punt was muffed by the Bulldogs and Eric Littles recovered for the Rams at the DeLand 32.

Bateman didn't waste any time in putting the hosts in complete control, breaking a tackle and going the final 32 yards on the first play. Haynes' extra point gave Lake Mary a 14-3 lead with 11:33 left on the clock.

Bateman got another interception on the next series, ending the last real hope for the Bulldogs.

And while the game last Thursday didn't mean anything as far as the playoff race goes, the Rams showed off the offensive balance that had been missing as seven different players scored touchdowns in a 56-0 drubbing of Lake Howell in a Seminole Athletic Conference game at

Don T. Reynolds Stadium.

Vallot got things going in the right direction for Lake Mary, which has won two games in a row to get back to 3-3 on the season, with a pair of short touchdown runs of six- and three-yards in the first quarter as the hosts built a 15-0 advantage.

Things just ballooned from there as both of the Rams' quarterbacks, Clark and junior Robert Kass, ran the offense to near perfection as the hosts rolled up almost 240 yards in total offense.

Lake Mary expanded the lead to 29-0 at halftime as Bateman dashed 74-yards for one touchdown and Rivers once again showed his offensive skills with a two-yard plunge.

The signal-callers got into the act in the third period with Clark throwing an 18-yard scoring pass to Meyers, who moved over to tight end and displayed his offensive talents as well.

Kass took over the controls and directed Lake Mary on a 10-play, 60-yard drive capped by his own one-yard dive for the score. Kass completed three passes on the drive, two to Carl Buford, who added the final touchdown with a two-yard run in the fourth period.

The defense got credit for the other touchdown as the Rams' third linebacker, Matt Pirkowski, picked off a pass and returned the interception 33 yards to paydirt.

The other Lake Mary points came on a two-point conversion run by Clark and three extra point kicks each by Haines and Mark Heisleman.

Vallot keeps getting better and better with each game and finished the night with 105-yards on 15 carries.

The Rams will wrap up a four-game homestand by hosting Class 5A power Kissimmee-Osceola in a non-conference game this Friday and neighborhood

rival Seminole for a big Class 6A-District 2 game next week (Friday, Oct. 24). Both games will be played at Don T. Reynolds Stadium starting at 7:30 p.m.

RAMS 14, BULLDOGS 3

DeLand	0	0	0	3
Lake Mary	0	7	0	7

First Quarter

No scoring

Second Quarter

LM - Kashif Vallot 11 return of blocked punt (Chris Haines kick), 11:48

D - Halley Ferrell 31 FG, 5:39

Third Quarter

No scoring

Fourth Quarter

LM - Cameron Bateman 32 run (Chris Haines kick), 11:33

TEAM STATISTICS

First Downs - DeLand 12; Lake Mary 12

Rushes-Yards - DeLand 29-52; Lake Mary 33-211

Passing - DeLand 10-26-2; Lake Mary 2-9-1

Passing Yards - DeLand 103; Lake Mary 27

Fumbles-Lost - DeLand 4-2; Lake Mary 3-1

Penalties-Yards - DeLand 1-5; Lake Mary 6-81

Punts-Yards - DeLand 3-70; Lake Mary 5-184

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - DeLand: Shayland Patrick 2-3-0, 20; Brandon Wright 8-23-2, 83; Lake Mary: Jon Clark 1-3-0, 16; Robert Kass 1-6-1, 11

RECEIVING - DeLand: Fred McCaskill 3-30; Lorenz Lewis 2-27; Mike Lucero 2-27; Sheldon Patrick 2-16; Dan Zender 1-3; Lake Mary: Carl Buford 1-16; David Sauls 1-11

PUNTING - DeLand: Halley Ferrell 3-70 (23.5); Lake Mary: Jon Clark 5-184 (36.8)

RAMS 56, SILVER HAWKS 0

Lake Howell	0	0	0	0
Lake Mary	15	14	20	7

First Quarter

LM - Vallot 6 run (Haines kick)

LM - Vallot 3 run (Haines kick)

Second Quarter

LM - Bateman 74 run (Haines kick)

LM - Rivers 2 run (Clark run)

Third Quarter

LM - Meyers 18 pass from Clark (kick failed)

LM - Pirkowski 33 interception return (Heisleman kick)

Fourth Quarter

LM - Buford 2 run (Heisleman kick)

Lyman Greyhounds facing huge showdown

From Staff Reports

It doesn't get much bigger than this.

This Friday night (Oct. 17) at Winter Springs High School's A.W. Epps Sports Complex, the biggest Class 5A-District 5 game of the year will be played when co-leaders Lyman and Winter Springs square off at 7:30 p.m.

The Greyhounds (4-2 overall, 2-0 in 5A-2) have come out of nowhere to become the Cinderella story of the year and now are on the verge of making their first playoff appearance since the 70's.

The Bears (3-3, 2-0) on the other hand, where expected to be a darkhorse in the district race, but moved into prime contention with a road upset of Oak Ridge.

The scenarios of this game are many.

If Lyman wins, it will all but lock up the top seed as the Greyhounds will only have home district games left with winless Freedom and Lake Howell, whose only win came over Freedom.

If Winter Springs wins, however, the playoff race becomes very murky as the Bears must still go on the road to face 5-1 Timber Creek, whose only district loss was to Lyman, and then close out district with a game at Lake Howell, making a three-team shootout a definite possibility.

Being the district champion is huge because even though the winner will probably have to host powerful Osceola from Kissimmee, the runner-up will have to travel to the East Coast to take on defending State Champion and currently nationally-ranked Palm Bay.

Lyman moved into the favorites role in the 5A-5 by outscoring previously unbeaten Timber Creek, 31-28, on October 3rd.

The Greyhounds' J.J. Bass picked up the slack with fellow running back C.J. Walker out with an injury by running for 260 yards on 34 carries and scoring three touchdowns in the victory.

Bass' running gave the Greyhounds a 21-14 lead heading into the fourth quarter, but it took a 47-yard field goal from junior Mike Benzer and a 29-yard run by quarterback Kyle Harris to keep the Wolves at bay.

Last Thursday, Lyman lost to undefeated Oviedo, but the Greyhounds proved they were for real by leading the Lions until late in the third period before falling just 7-3.

Lyman was able to stay close even though Walker sat out for the second straight game and Bass was also

held out. "C.J. (Walker) and J.J. (Bass) are nursing some injuries so we held them out tonight," said Lyman coach Bill Caughell following the Oviedo game. "Next week (at co-district leader Winter Springs) is our biggest game of the year. Certainly we want to beat Oviedo and we'd love to win the conference, but we have to protect our bigger plans. We just couldn't get anything going tonight."

Even so, Lyman held a 3-0 lead - courtesy of a 50-yard field goal by Benzer at 4:13 of the first quarter - until late in the third quarter. Trailing 7-3 in the fourth quarter, the Greyhounds mounted a 17-play drive that Oviedo finally killed at their 21-yard line.

"The kids have worked

really hard," said Caughell. "But Oviedo had every aspect of the game going."

Led by senior tailback Will Harrison (111 yards on 20 carries), the Lions outgained the Greyhounds 212-68 while the Oviedo defense limited Lyman to just four first downs (two on the Greyhounds, first possession and two on their final possession).

Even so, the Lions trailed for longer than they led and were thankful to get away with a win.

"Coach Caughell has done a great job and it's starting to pay off," said Oviedo coach Greg Register. "They've been doing it right and they've built a strong program."

"This game was for the possible conference championship but both teams have

big district games next week. Plus, this was a weird week. It was a short week, we didn't have school on Monday, we had exams this week, and the only full day of practice we had scheduled was cut short because of rain. But we'll take it. We'll watch the films and learn what we can."

Oviedo finally took the lead when quarterback Lee Sloan rolled right and into the end zone from the 7-yard line to cap an 11-play, 55-yard drive at 3:45 of the third quarter.

Harris led the Greyhounds with 31 yards rushing on 13 attempts while Nate Beard had 22 yards rushing on eight carries.

LIONS 7, GREYHOUNDS 3

Lyman	3	0	0	3
Oviedo	0	0	7	7

First Quarter

L - Benzer 50 FG

Second Quarter

No scoring

Third Quarter

O - Sloan 7 run (Bowman kick)

Fourth Quarter

No scoring

GREYHOUNDS 31, WOLVES 28

Lyman	7	0	14	10	31
Timber Creek	7	0	7	14	28

First Quarter

TC - Moore 10 pass from Mervin (Robertson kick)

L - Bass 49 run (Benzer kick)

Second Quarter

Third Quarter

L - Bass 3 run (Benzer kick)

TC - Cox 76 pass from Dibiase (Robertson kick)

L - Bass 7 run (Benzer kick)

Fourth Quarter

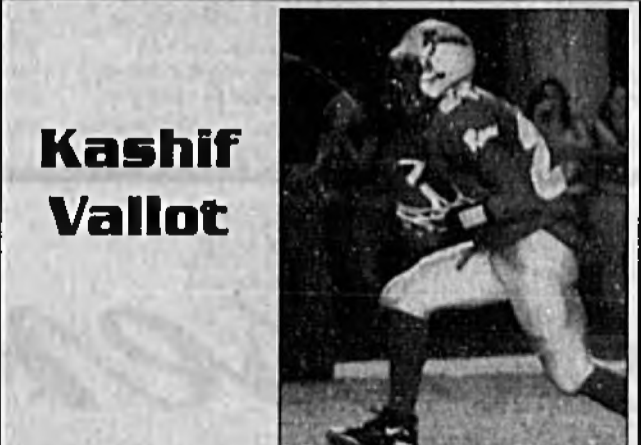
L - Benzer 47 FG

TC - Cox 70 pass from Dibiase (Robertson kick)

L - Harris 29 run (Benzer kick)

TC - Mervin 10 pass from Dibiase (Robertson kick)

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EASTERN DIVISION

SEC	All	Top 25	PF	PA	
Georgia	3-1	5-1	1-1	178	71
Tennessee	2-2	4-2	0-1	140	129
Florida	2-2	4-3	1-2	231	116
S. Carolina	1-2	4-2	1-2	141	99
Kentucky	0-3	2-4	0-0	154	141
Vanderbilt	0-3	1-6	0-1	158	196

WESTERN DIVISION

SEC	All	Top 25	PF	PA	
Auburn	3-0	4-2	2-1	134	74
Mississippi	2-0	4-2	0-0	237	145
LSU	2-1	5-1	1-0	201	49
Arkansas	1-1	4-1	1-0	151	89
Mississippi St.	1-1	2-4	0-1	168	204
Alabama	1-2	3-4	0-4	167	147

TEAM LEADERS

TOTAL OFFENSE

Mississippi	505.83
Arkansas	415.60
Georgia	408.50
Florida	408.29
Mississippi St.	398.33
LSU	389.67

RUSHING OFFENSE

Arkansas	232.80
South Carolina	187.67
Mississippi	170.00
Auburn	168.50
Alabama	167.86

PASSING OFFENSE

Mississippi	335.83
Georgia	260.00
Mississippi St.	259.83
Florida	259.29
LSU	252.00

TOTAL DEFENSE

Georgia	255.17
LSU	263.00
South Carolina	273.33
Auburn	275.00
Arkansas	311.20

RUSHING DEFENSE

LSU	62.00
Georgia	78.83
Mississippi	82.50
Auburn	91.00
Alabama	95.86

PASSING DEFENSE

South Carolina	155.17
Arkansas	169.60
Georgia	176.33
Auburn	184.00
Vanderbilt	187.71

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING YARDS

Shaun Williams, Alabama	822
Cedric Cobbs, Arkansas	640
Carnell Williams, Auburn	552
Cedric Houston, Tennessee	490
Demetrius Summers, South Carolina	453

PASSING YARDS

Eli Manning, Mississippi	1,897
Kevin Fant, Mississippi St.	1,542
Jay Cutler, Vanderbilt	1,512
David Greene, Georgia	1,472
Casey Clausen, Tennessee	1,298

RECEIVING YARDS

Justin Jenkins, Mississippi St.	618
Michael Clayton, LSU	537
Chris Collins, Mississippi	535
Brandon Smith, Vanderbilt	503
Erik Davis, Vanderbilt	418

TOTAL OFFENSE

Eli Manning, Mississippi	1,897
Kevin Fant, Mississippi St.	1,542
Jay Cutler, Vanderbilt	1,512
David Greene, Georgia	1,472
Casey Clausen, Tennessee	1,298

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Distant Replay Dec. 31, 1987

Louisiana State finished Mike Archer's first year as head coach with a convincing win (30-13) over South Carolina in the Gator Bowl. The Tigers' defense ran the South Carolina offense into confusion, but it was LSU's offense that shined as the pitch-and-catch combo of Tommy Hodson and Wendell Davis hooked up. The Tigers led 20-6 at the half and never looked back. Davis caught nine passes for 132 yards and three touchdowns.

The SEC this week

GAME OF THE WEEK LSU at South Carolina



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LSU hopes to bounce back

The 10th-ranked Tigers have to shake off a tough home loss to Florida, and to restore their confidence they will have to pluck the Gamecocks. But a nationally televised night game at Columbia, S.C., is a tough place to turn things around, especially when staring down a stingy defense superior to the Gators' unit that held LSU without an offensive touchdown in the game. There will be no better time for quarterback Matt Mauck and wide receiver Michael Clayton to re-establish the connection that made the Tigers' offense lethal through the first five games — especially with the red-hot Auburn Tigers waiting next week.

Meanwhile, the Gamecocks are feeling a little vulnerable on the offensive line, where an ankle sprain to All-SEC tackle Travelle Wharton has Lou Holtz shuffling the line in search of the right combination. Timing couldn't be worse, with an LSU squad rolling into town fresh off six sacks against the Gators last week. This game is important for South Carolina, looking for its fifth win of the season and hoping to reach .500 (2-2) in the conference.

LSU at South Carolina

■ **Records:** LSU 5-1 (2-1 SEC); South Carolina 4-2 (1-2 SEC). ■ **Series:** LSU leads 13-2-1. ■ **Coaches:** LSU's Nick Saban (74-39-1); South Carolina's Lou Holtz (242-122-7). ■ **Kickoff:** 7:45 p.m. EDT. ■ **TV:** ESPN/ESPN2.

Key for LSU: Come out firing. This offense must remember that it was the best in the conference before the poor performance against the Gators, when quarterback Matt Mauck failed to throw a touchdown pass for the first time in 10 games. So start the game with a deep hook-up off a play-action pass to Michael Clayton, then sit back and watch the point pass.

Key for South Carolina: Ride the legs of tailbacks Demetrius Summers and Daccus Turman to victory. Summers has the moves to get the Gamecocks' downfield, and Turman has the sure hands and strong legs to punch it into the end zone. Use the one-two punch the same way the Oakland Raiders did last year with Charlie Garner and Zack Crockett.

The Rest of the Matchups

Alabama at Ole Miss

■ **Records:** Alabama 3-4 (1-2 SEC); Ole Miss 4-2 (2-0 SEC). ■ **Series:** Alabama leads 40-8-2. ■ **Coaches:** Alabama's Mike Shula (3-4); Mississippi's David Cutcliffe (34-20). ■ **Kickoff:** 11:30 a.m. EDT. ■ **TV:** Jefferson Pilot.

Key for Alabama: Run the ball 50 times again. Not only does it play into the Crimson Tide's current strength, with injury problems at quarterback, but it also keeps the ball out of the hands of Eli Manning and keeps the clock ticking. Running back Shaun Williams and a stout defense are this team's strong points, and recent injuries have made that more apparent.

Key for Ole Miss: Finally, the Rebels meet an opponent that can't expose their weak secondary. Without even the threat of a run, Ole Miss can stack the box and send waves of defenders at Shaun Williams. Just get the ball back and give Ole Miss' best player, Eli Manning, a chance to find Chris Collins for a couple of scores, which should be enough to win.

Florida at Arkansas

■ **Records:** Florida 4-3 (2-2 SEC); Arkansas 4-1 (1-1 SEC). ■ **Series:** Florida leads 3-1. ■ **Coaches:** Florida's Ron Zook (12-

8); Arkansas' Houston Nutt (79-46). ■ **Kickoff:** 2:30 p.m. EDT. ■ **TV:** CBS.

Key for Florida: Try to protect freshman quarterback Chris Leak, not only so he has time to complete passes but also to keep him from getting beat up. The Gators' offensive line allowed six sacks last week, but tackle Max Starks should be back this week from a respiratory problem.

Key for Arkansas: Get back to the powerful running attack that helped the Razorbacks win their first four games. They can't allow penalties, turnovers and a poor performance by Cedric Cobbs, such as occurred in the loss to Auburn, to take away their aggressiveness.

Mississippi State at Auburn

■ **Records:** Mississippi State 2-4 (1-1 SEC); Auburn 4-2 (3-0 SEC). ■ **Series:** Auburn leads 52-22-2. ■ **Coaches:** Mississippi State's Jackie Sherrill (180-114-4); Auburn's Tommy Tuberville (59-41). ■ **Kickoff:** 1:30 p.m. EDT. ■ **TV:** None.

Key for Mississippi State: Try to look more like the offense that netted 340 yards in the first half against Memphis, and not the one that could muster only 41 yards in the second half. Do that by mixing the run and pass, which gives both gamebreakers QB Kevin Fant and tailback Nick Turner a chance to break one for a touchdown.

Key for Auburn: The running game has returned for the Tigers, so don't even worry about the offense. Playing good defense is what will keep Auburn in contention in the SEC West, so focus on continuing to stuff the run and force teams to find another way to move the ball and put up points.

Georgia at Vanderbilt

■ **Records:** Georgia 5-1 (3-1 SEC); Vanderbilt 1-6 (0-3). ■ **Series:** Georgia leads 31-14. ■ **Coaches:** Georgia's Mark Richt (26-6); Vanderbilt's Bobby Johnson (63-49). ■ **Kickoff:** 1 p.m. EDT. ■ **TV:** None.

Key for Georgia: It's hard to find much that the Bulldogs aren't doing right, but they need to stop with the silly penalties. Last week they had nine infractions for almost 100 yards, including three personal foul penalties that kept a Volunteers drive alive late in the second quarter.

Key for Vanderbilt: With quarterback Jay Cutler third in the conference in total offense, and two Vandy receivers (Brandon Smith, Erik Davis) in the top five, it's obvious what the Commodores should do. And they'll need to pass a lot just to keep up with the Bulldogs' offense.

Ohio at Kentucky

■ **Records:** Ohio 2-4 (1-2 MAC); Kentucky 2-4 (0-3 SEC). ■ **Series:** Kentucky leads 2-1. ■ **Coaches:** Ohio's Brian Knorr (7-20); Kentucky's Rich Brooks (93-113-4). ■ **Kickoff:** 7 p.m. EDT. ■ **TV:** None.

Key for Ohio: Get that option attack moving early, because if the Wildcats jump out to an early lead at home it might be over. No option team, let alone one missing its two top quarterbacks, is any good at playing catch-up.

Key for Kentucky: Give your quarterback a chance to look upfield. Before going out of the game with a concussion, Jared Lorenzen was constantly chased from the pocket. And with backup QB Shane Boyd, who isn't as familiar with Rich Brooks' system, getting the nod, a little protection would go a long way.

2-MINUTE DRILL

ALABAMA The Crimson Tide relied on the run to beat Southern Miss, passing for only 12 yards, mainly because they were forced to start redshirt freshman quarterback Brandon Avalos in place of injured QB: Brodie Croyle and Spencer Pennington. Alabama had not passed for fewer than 100 yards since getting 21 in last year's game against Southern Miss.

ARKANSAS The biggest crowds ever to see the Razorbacks play at home have witnessed the home team losing both times to Alabama teams. Last week, 74,026 were on hand for the 10-3 loss to Auburn. It was the largest crowd ever at Razorback Stadium. The old record was 73,551 for last year's game against Alabama, a 30-12 loss.

AUBURN The story was not only how well running back Carnell Williams continued to perform, but how tough the defense looked in allowing only a field goal to Arkansas. The Tigers shut down the conference's top ground game by limiting Cedric Cobbs to 78 yards, which is 62 below his average.

FLORIDA Freshman quarterback Chris Leak completed 18 of 30 passes for 229 yards and two TDs to beat sixth-ranked LSU. In doing so, Leak became only the second starting true freshman quarterback at Florida to beat a ranked opponent. The last was Jesse Palmer, who led Florida to a 24-10 victory over Auburn in 1997.

GEORGIA Bulldogs QB David Greene improved to 3-0 against Tennessee with an efficient 22-of-27 performance, as Georgia led from the beginning and scored 21 points off three Vols turnovers. But coach Mark Richt isn't about to get caught looking ahead. "We're in the lead, but there's not a lot of margin for error," he said.

KENTUCKY Head coach Rich Brooks is still fuming about two late hits, including a helmet-to-helmet collision, last week by South Carolina defenders on his quarterback, Jared Lorenzen. "He was knocked out," Brooks said. "He has a concussion and we don't know when he'll recover." Lorenzen finished 10-of-18 but he did not play in the fourth quarter of the loss.

LSU When Florida quarterback Chris Leak hooked up with tailback Ran Carthon to score in the first quarter, it was the first touchdown LSU had given up in the first half this season. Entering the game, the Tigers had outscored their opponents 103-3 in the first half.

MISSISSIPPI Rebels QB Eli Manning was 23-for-36 for 306 yards with three touchdowns last week in a 55-0 blowout of Arkansas State. Even though he played only three quarters, he moved ahead of Florida's Rex Grossman for eighth place on the Southeastern Conference's career completion list with 692.

MISS STATE Some bad blood between Bulldogs coach Jackie Sherrill and Memphis defensive coordinator Joe Lee Dunn boiled over after last week's game. After the game, Sherrill and Memphis head coach Tommy West went nose-to-nose arguing about Dunn, who was fired by Sherrill after last season. Dunn had a lot to say leading up to the game about the way Sherrill let him go. Apparently Sherrill relayed his irritation about Dunn's comments to West.

SOUTH CAROLINA The Gamecocks may have some serious injury problems on the offensive line. Starting left tackle Travelle Wharton sprained his ankle, and starting center John Strickland hurt his knee. Head coach Lou Holtz wasn't sure if either lineman would play against LSU.

TENNESSEE Vols QB Casey Clausen, who missed last year's game against Georgia with a shoulder injury, should have kept his mouth shut. After last year's loss, he told reporters the outcome would have been different even if he had played with one arm. He had both last week, and all he could manage was 11-of-23 for 165 yards.

VANDERBILT Not only have the Commodores dropped five straight, including last week's loss to Navy, but they have now lost 10 straight games against Division I-A opponents and have only five victories in their last 32 games against major college teams.

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Rams sweep swimming; Bears, Greyhounds split cross country crowns

By Dean Smith Sports Editor

With the Fall Sports seasons winding down, the Seminole Athletic Conference has started to crown its champions.

Last Thursday, the SAC held its championship meets for both Swimming and Diving and Cross Country.

Lake Mary swept the Swimming and Diving Championships at the Larry A. Dale Aquatics Center at Seminole High School.

The boys won five individual events and had three runner-up finishes to outscore Oviedo, 423-399. The Lions had four individual winners, while Lyman, which finished fourth behind third place Lake Brantley, claimed the other three events.

The Rams girls, meanwhile, won four individual titles and also had three runner-up finishes to top Lake Brantley, 493-456.

The Patriots actually dominated the event individually, winning seven titles, six in swimming, plus the diving. Third place Oviedo had the other individual winner.

The Class 3A-District 2 Meet will be held at the Lake Brantley Aquatics Center with the diving taking place on Thursday, Oct. 23 and the swimming on Friday, Oct. 24.

Making up the 12-team field will be the host Patriots, SAC teams Lake Mary, Lyman, Oviedo, Seminole and Winter Springs, plus Apopka, Colonial, Edgewater, Timber Creek, University and Winter Park.

The Cross Country Meet was held at Central Winds Park in Winter Springs and the boys team turned out to be a case of one man's luck being another man's tragedy.

Lyman appeared to dominate, outscoring runner-up Oviedo, 36-58, with senior Bryan Christian topping Winter Springs junior Chris Gregory, 16:44.70-to-17:08.04, for individual honors.

But things could have been much different if the No. 2 and No. 3 runners for the Lions had not missed a turn and had to retrace their steps and finish the course or if the No. 1 runner for third place Lake Mary (83 points) had been able to finish the race and not dropped out because of illness.

The girls' race had a familiar winner as amazing junior Jennifer Barringer from Oviedo won by over a minute over Winter Springs senior Oumama Hallel, 18:35.37-to-19:42.63.

But the Bears of coach Ocky Clark gave new Athletic Director Kenne Brown his first SAC trophy, 30-42, over the Lions with it runners placing second, third, fifth, ninth and 12th.

The district meets will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25th.

Lake Brantley will host Class 4A-District 1. Also in the 15-team field will be Buchholz (Gainesville), DeLand, Deltona, Fletcher (Neptune Beach), Lake Mary, Lyman, Mandarin (Jacksonville), Orange Park, Oviedo, Pine Ridge (Deltona), Sandalwood (Jacksonville), Seminole, Spruce Creek (Port Orange) and Winter Springs.

SAC CHAMPIONSHIPS CROSS COUNTRY

at Central Winds Park, Winter Springs

GIRLS VARSITY

TEAM STANDINGS 1. Winter Springs, 30; 2. Oviedo, 42; 3. Lake Brantley, 89; 4. Lyman, 92; 5. Lake Mary, 141; 6. Lake Howell, 153; 7. Seminole, 195; 8. Crossroads Academy, No team finishes posted.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. 18:35.37, Oviedo, Barringer, Jennifer (11); 2. 19:49.63, Winter Springs, Hallel, Oumama (12); 3. 21:07.84, Winter Springs, Lambert, Brittany (11); 4. 21:37.78, Oviedo, Crea, Allison (11); 5. 21:57.17, Winter Springs, Mees, Sarah (12); 6. 21:59.69, Lake Brantley, Jones, Tiffany (10); 7. 22:08.13, Lake Brantley, McCann, Kendra (10); 8. 22:20.40, Oviedo, Brown, Melissa (12); 9. 22:20.62, Winter Springs, Jones, Jamie (9); 10. 22:32.21, Lyman, Paulina, Sarah (10); 11. 22:33.78, Lyman, Phillip, Lindsey (12); 12. 23:36.96, Lake Mary, Booth, Katherine (12); 13. 23:38.72, Lyman, Russ, Mya (10); 14. 24:11.84, Lyman, Leifer, Lisa (10); 15. 24:17.17, Lyman, Salsman, Katie (11); 16. 24:17.55, Lake Mary, Ingalls, Monica (12); 17. 24:21.45, Lyman, Morrison, Elizabeth (9); 18. 24:39.52, Lake Mary, Iverra, Cathalina (10); 19. 24:42.86, Lyman, Crook, Amanda (12); 20. 24:45.18, Lake Howell, Livingston, Jamie (9); 21. 25:00.01, Lake Mary, Little, Stacy (11); 22. 25:19.29, Lake Mary, Staunton, Shauna (12); 23. 26:02.30, Lake Mary, Todiato, Alex (10); 24. 26:17.57, Lake Mary, Simpson, Shana (11)

BOYS VARSITY

TEAM STANDINGS 1. Lyman, 36; 2. Oviedo, 56; 3. Lake Mary, 83; 4. Winter Springs, 84; 5. Lake Howell, 105; 6. Lake Brantley, 132; 7. Seminole, 215; 8. Crossroads Academy, 223

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. 16:44.70, Lyman, Christian, Bryan (12); 2. 17:08.04, Winter Springs, Gregory, Chris (11); 3. 17:14.63, Winter Springs, Jones, Kyle (11); 4. 17:19.58, Lake Mary, Little, Stephen (12); 5. 17:30.07, Lyman, Blasczyk, Luke (12); 6. 17:34.90, Lyman, Salsman, Bobby (9); 7. 17:44.80, Oviedo, Clements, Matt (12); 8. 17:53.46, Lake Howell, Isaac, Robert (12); 9. 17:56.71, Lake Mary, Halsey, Jonathan (12); 10. 17:58.83, Oviedo, Nielsen, Paul (12); 11. 18:05.22, Lyman, Gerhardt, Zach (10); 12. 18:23.73, Lyman, Clawson, Chris (10); 13. 18:35.70, Lake Mary, Staunton, Sean (10); 14. 18:50.13, Lyman, Vanbrunt, BJ (11); 15. 19:24.70, Lake Mary, Catchings, Ryan (12); 16. 19:28.27, Lake Mary, Polley, Brandon (10); 17. 19:33.92, Lake Mary, Lanzara, Alex (11)

COMBINED JV

TEAM STANDINGS 1. Lyman, 27; 2. Winter Springs, 59; 3. Oviedo, 74; 4. Lake Brantley, 82; 5. Lake Mary, 105; No Team Scores - Crossroads Academy, Seminole, Lake Howell

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS BOYS

1. 18:51.30, Lyman, Bush, Kipper (12); 2. 19:24.53, Lyman, Cook, Shane (9); 3. 19:24.97, Lyman, McLeod, Jake (9); 4. 19:33.46, Winter Springs, King, Alex (10); 5. 19:43.37, Lake Brantley, Bly, Zachary (11); 6. 19:47.93, Winter Springs, Hubbs, Matthew (9); 7. 19:51.23, Winter Springs, Mees, William (9); 8. 20:02.71, Oviedo, Bennett, Richard (10); 9. 20:05.45, Lake Mary, Jackson, Patrick (9); 10. 20:06.33, Lyman, Dumse, Evan (11); 11. 20:09.57, Lyman, Leon, Ray (12); 12. 20:37.91, Lake Mary, Taylor, Chris (12); 13. 20:39.62, Lake Mary, Stupp, Pavel (11); 14. 20:42.42, Lyman, Travers, Matt (10); 15. 21:53.88, Lake Mary, Meave, Jeremy (9); 16. 22:07.11, Lyman, Brown, Mike (10); 17. 22:16.67, Lake Mary, Howard, Robert (9); 18. 22:33.42, Lake Mary, Moore, Jeffrey (12); 19. 22:43.81, Lyman, Green, Cameron (11); 20. 23:11.76, Lyman, Roberts, Shaun (11); 21. 23:18.13, Lake Mary, Miller, Alan (11); 22. 23:51.91, Lake Mary, Rhuse, Sansleep (11); 23. 24:08.77, Lyman, Robinson, John (11); 24. 25:56.32, Lake Mary, Sanda, Lambert (12); 25. 27:03.55, Lake Mary, Gillett, Joshua (12); 26. 28:01.00, Lake Mary, Anthony, Brett (11)

GIRLS

1. 24:16.19, Winter Springs, Bellamy, Danielle (10); 2. 24:21.46, Winter Springs, Read, Jana (10); 3. 24:36.02, Lyman, Post, Lauren (10); 4. 24:53.81, Winter Springs, Anderson, Tera (11); 5. 25:01.50, Oviedo, Anderson, Brooke (9); 6. 25:23.42, Lyman, Phillips, Christa (10); 7. 25:28.86, Lyman, Surovel, Laura (10); 8. 25:39.68, Winter Springs, Harris, Shelly (12); 9. 26:04.83, Lake Brantley, Ivode, Cory (9); 10. 26:10.10, Lyman, Marin, Michelle (10); 11. 26:12.96, Lake Mary, Salsman, Kaitlin (10); 12. 26:45.32, Lyman, Stokes, Ashley (10); 13. 27:29.33, Lyman, Reich, Sarah (11); 14. 28:30.41, Lyman, Alvarez, Sandra (11); 15. 28:31.65, Lake Mary, Rasovic, Alana (11); 16. 30:33.23, Lyman, Robbins, Karri (9); 17. 30:36.98, Lyman, Fagaly, Lisa (11); 18. 32:46.51, Lyman, Carter, Kara (9)

SWIMMING AND DIVING

at Larry A. Dale Aquatics Center, 5115

BOYS

TEAM STANDINGS 1. Lake Mary, 423; 2. Oviedo, 399; 3. Lake Brantley, 368; 4. Lyman, 294; 5. Seminole, 216; 6. Winter Springs, 198; 7. Lake Howell, 36

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

200 medley relay 1. Oviedo, 1:43:57; 2. Lake Mary, 1:43:69; 200 freestyle 1. J. Forbes, Lyman, 1:45:18; 2. Young, Oviedo, 1:45:99; 200 Individual Medley 1. Alhumada, Lake Mary, 2:02:03; 2. Finn, Lake Mary, 2:03:59; 50 freestyle 1. Baker, Lake Mary, 0:22:09; 2. Marquez, Lyman, 0:23:36; Diving 1. Horner, Lyman, 3:05:05; 2. Bennett, Seminole, 2:40:15; 100 butterfly 1. Alhumada, Lake Mary, 0:53:86; 2. Charva, Oviedo, 0:54:13; 100 freestyle 1. Baker, Lake Mary, 0:50:02; 2. Ingridstad, Oviedo, 0:50:51; 500 freestyle 1. Young, Oviedo, 4:42:45; 2. Phelps, Lake Brantley, 5:00:44; 200 freestyle relay 1. Oviedo, 1:32:05; 2. Lyman, 1:32:54; 100 backstroke 1. Forbes, Lyman, 0:55:71; 2. Yuan, Seminole, 0:56:08; 100 breaststroke 1. Syrett, Oviedo, 1:02:72; 2. Finn, Lake Mary, 1:03:61; 400 freestyle relay 1. Lake Mary, 3:21:20; 2. Lyman, 3:22:91

GIRLS

TEAM STANDINGS 1. Lake Mary, 493; 2. Lake Brantley, 456; 3. Oviedo, 406; 4. Winter Springs, 295.5; 5. Seminole, 174.5; 6. Lake Howell, 97; 7. Lyman, 17

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

200 medley relay 1. Lake Mary, 1:53:74; 2. Lake Brantley, 1:54:05; 200 freestyle 1. Larson, Lake Brantley, 1:55:28; 2. Matherly, Oviedo, 1:57:92; 200 Individual Medley 1. Wagner, Oviedo, 2:13:67; 2. Govebel, Lake Mary, 2:14:49; 50 freestyle 1. Gu, Lake Mary, 0:24:08; 2. Morgan, Winter Springs, 0:25:53; Diving 1. Kelly, Lake Brantley, 2:29:90; 2. Brisson, Winter Springs, 2:48:15; 100 butterfly 1. Deun, Lake Brantley, 0:59:14; 2. Ellis, Winter Springs, 1:00:72; 100 freestyle 1. Gu, Lake Mary, 0:52:42; 2. Napulitano, Lake Brantley, 0:55:28; 500 freestyle 1. Larson, Lake Brantley, 5:06:40; 2. Matherly, Oviedo, 5:10:18; 200 freestyle relay 1. Lake Mary, 1:43:66; 2. Lake Brantley, 1:44:41; 100 backstroke 1. Napulitano, Lake Brantley, 1:03:31; 2. Govebel, Lake Mary, 1:03:46; 100 breaststroke 1. Li, Lake Brantley, 1:10:06; 2. Marina, Lake Brantley, 1:10:82; 400 freestyle relay 1. Lake Brantley, 3:40:34; 2. Lake Mary, 3:40:74

Lacrosse gains recognition as a FHSAA-approved interscholastic sport starting in 2004-05

Special to the Herald

The Florida High School Athletic Association Board of Directors Monday approved the recognition of lacrosse as an interscholastic sport beginning with the 2004-05 school year.

The extremely popular sport has a huge following in Seminole County and supporters have pushed for years to have the sport recognized by the FHSAA.

In the 2002-2003 school year 29 boys teams accounting for 1,243 athletes, and 27 girls

teams with 1,052 representatives took part in Lacrosse, according to an FHSAA survey of all schools in Florida. The sport is also very popular in South Florida.

Virtually all of the public and private schools in Orange and Seminole counties, as well as Flagler Palm Coast High School in Bunnell, have been fielding teams for the past several years and this past year the sport really took off in Duval County (Jacksonville).

Lacrosse has done very well as an independent sport

and locally the Lake Brantley girls have won two of the last three State Championships, including claiming the 2003 title at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex by defeating St. Edward's School from Vero Beach.

The FHSAA Board also approved changing the name of the FHSAA Hall of Fame to the "Florida High School Athletic Hall of Fame," effective with the 2004 induction class.

The name change more accurately reflects the purpose of the Hall of Fame - recog-

nizing and celebrating the achievements of administrators, coaches, officials and student-athletes who have made significant contributions to the association.

"With the recent induction of two student-athletes, we felt the name needed to be more representative of all the members of the Hall of Fame while also reflecting the association's new name," said Commissioner Robert W. Hughes. "A lot of folks have had the impression with the old name that our Hall of Fame is only for administra-

tors." In other news it was announced that Kendall Lanes in Miami will be the site for the Inaugural FHSAA Bowling Finals state championship tournament to be held Nov. 18-19.

The Greater Miami Athletic Conference, which is in its 41st year of high school bowling, will serve as the host organization for the event. The FHSAA Office also announced that the 2004 finals will be held at Boardwalk Bowl in Orlando and will be hosted by University High

School. Kendall Lanes is the second-largest bowling center in Florida with 72 lanes. Boardwalk Bowling, with 80 lanes, is the largest in the state. Bowling centers in Fort Lauderdale also were considered as potential sites.

And the Board of Directors also approved moving the dates of the Class 1A and 2A FHSAA Track & Field Finals to Thursday and Friday, April 29-30, 2004 from Friday and Saturday of that same week to avoid a conflict with University of Florida graduation ceremonies.

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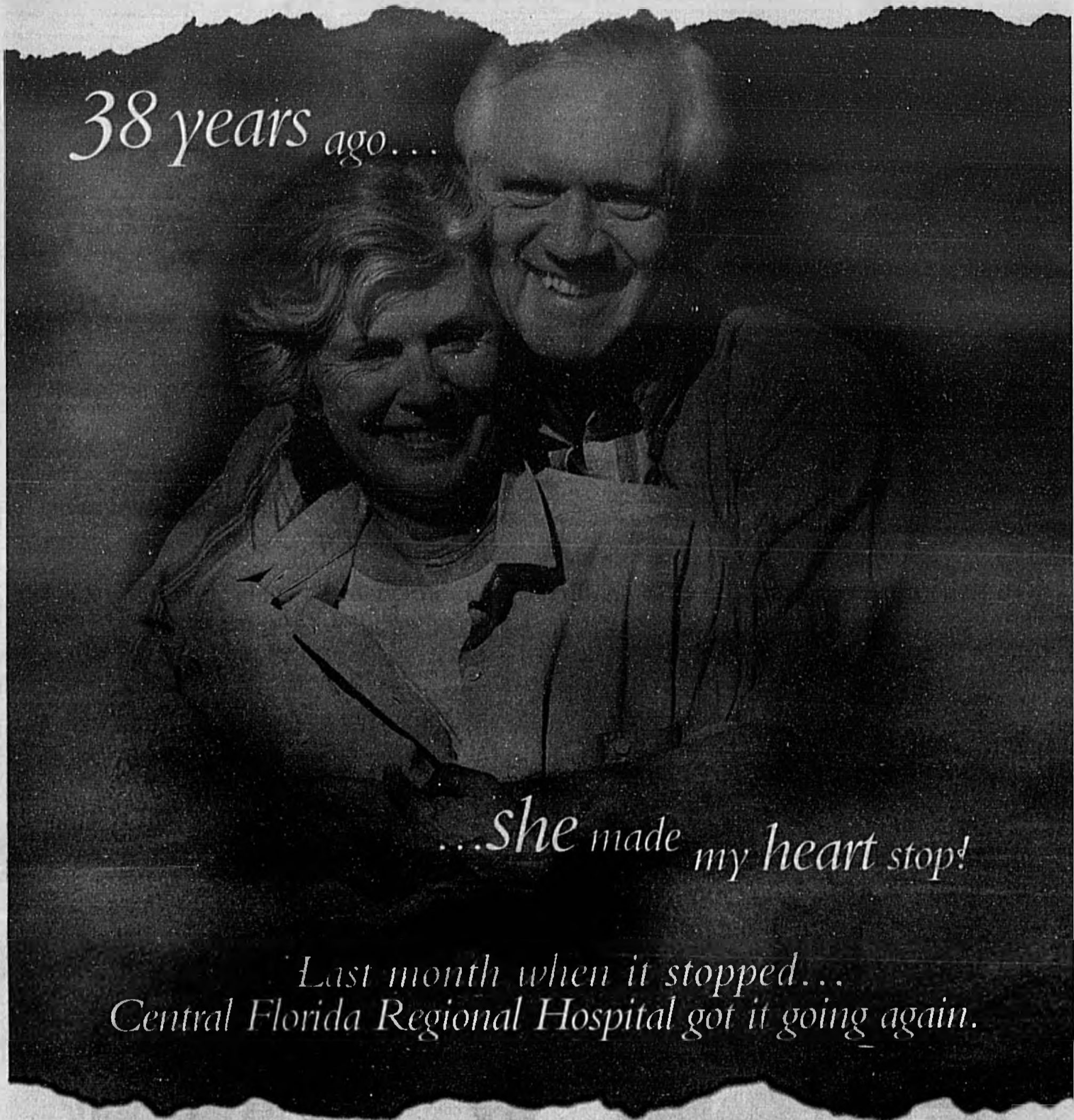
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