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**MIDWEEK**

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## Press rehearsal

Football, girls volleyball and cross country will all be competing in 'Classics' this week, while golf and girls slowpitch softball will open their regular seasons. See Sports, Page 7

## Authorities seek Longwood area bank robber

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is seeking information that will lead to the arrest of the person responsible for a robbery this Monday afternoon at the Region's Bank, at 425 S. Highway 17-92, near Longwood.

The robbery occurred just before 2 p.m. The robbery suspect is described as a black male, about 5 feet 6 inches-to-6 feet tall, wearing a light blue/gray jacket, and having a bandanna covering the lower portion of his face.

The suspect presented a black bag with a drawstring to the tellers and ordered them to put money inside. He implied that he had a gun. Nobody was hurt. He left the bank on foot, heading eastward toward the nearby Sun Shadow Apartments.

The suspect was given bait money with dye packs. According to the major crimes investigators assigned to the case, it appears the dye packs went off, which may have turned the money a reddish color, and could have stained the suspect's hands red.

Anybody with information is asked to contact Investigator Andrew Watts at 407-665-6600, or Crime Line at 1-800-423-TIPS, where one can remain anonymous, and may receive a cash reward for vital information related to this case.

## Seminole Smile



Maevie Hoppen — second grade student at All Souls School

# Gaming outfit bets on downtown

By Dan Ping  
Editor

SANFORD — Opening any new business is a gamble, but Rosemarie Hall and her partners are wagering that an "adult video arcade" will hit the jackpot in downtown.

"This will pump some life into downtown," Hall said. "There's nothing down here."

Hall plans to install 50 video gaming machines in her business, Joker's Palace, at 207 Magnolia Avenue.

## But city questions 'adult arcade' that offers free food and drinks

Patrons will put money into the machines in hopes of winning tickets which can be redeemed for trips, merchandise and gift cards at stores like Wal-Mart and Albertson's.

"It's similar to the gambling boats except we don't give out cash," Hall said. "That's against the law. The peo-

ple who like the boats or like Bingo (they) like these games."

But Hall's business bet may not pay off. City officials have lots of questions about the business. Andrew Van Gaale from the city manager's office said administrators are reviewing the laws that regulate such busi-

ness. There is not a similar type of business in town, Van Gaale noted.

"I'm requesting more information about the nature of their business," said Andrew Van Gaale with the city manager's office. "I need to get a better understanding of what it is they want to do. I'd rather get everything addressed up front instead of waiting and then reacting to something down the road."

One of Van Gaale's concerns is See Gambling, Page 6

# Another go around for Civic Center

By Jamie J. Anderson-Potter  
Staff Writer

Sanford commissioners voted unanimously Monday night to place plans for a downtown conference center on hold for at least a year.

The decision comes after months of negotiations between the city of Sanford and the private developer, Suncor Properties, Inc. The most recent proposed plan involved a multi-level off-site hotel, renovations and additions to the existing Sanford Civic Center, retail space, an outdoor amphitheater and a surface parking area.

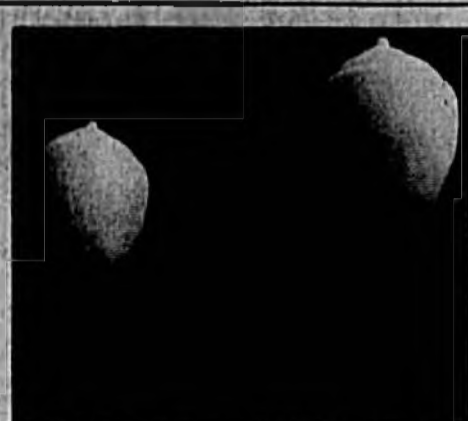
According to Sanford Mayor Brady Lessard, it was not the opportune time to bring this plan to fruition. Although the city could have financially handled the \$170 annually

the Sanford Downtown Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), who was asked by Lessard to match the funds, would have struggled.

By waiting at least 12 months, the city will allow CRA revenues to increase and mature. The CRA and city staff could then make a more informed financial decision, basing their calculations on reality instead of assumptions of what the numbers could be.

Instead of the conference center, Lessard and commissioners directed city staff to focus its efforts on renovating and upgrading the city's existing

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# LOVELY LIGHTS

Sanford Historic Trust begins installation of streetscape lighting

By Jamie J. Anderson-Potter  
Staff Writer

The city of Sanford and the Sanford Historic Trust have joined together to bring historic lighting to the city's downtown district.

Twelve lights — reminiscent of turn-of-the-century gas light posts with double hanging acorn globes — have been installed on Park Avenue between Fourth and Fourteenth streets.

The Trust has plans to install nine more lights on Park Avenue and 17 on Palmetto Avenue by this time next year.

"This is important for security in downtown Sanford," said Tony Daniels, a Historic Trust member. "It seems we are having another local crime spree. Lighting always reduces theft and it also improves the ambience of the area."

As funds are made available, lights will also be installed on Magnolia, Oak, Myrtle and Elm avenues. Once the five-year project is complete, more than 200 historic posts will light up the downtown district.

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Herald photos by Tommy Vinograd

The Sanford Historic Trust is installing old-fashioned street lights on Park Avenue.



Herald photo by Christopher Patton

Gathering in Georgetown this past weekend to welcome home soldier Mike Thomas was (from left to right) Tephania Thomas, son Micah, mom Sylvia Thomas, niece Aliyah Robinson, aunt Lovely Bsamon, sister Ravonda Thomas and sister Ronjoneen Thomas

# Georgetown's Mike Thomas returns from military duty

By Christopher Patton  
Managing Editor

Dozens of friends and relatives greeted Sanford native Mike Thomas with open arms this past weekend for good reason: he returned safely home from a seven-month deployment in Iraq.

Thomas, a U.S. Army communications E6 staff sergeant based out of Fort Stewart in Hinesville, Ga., was welcomed home Saturday afternoon with a party at his parents' home in Georgetown.

Thomas was assigned to an engineering unit during his Iraq tour. His unit marched from the Kuwait border at the beginning of the war and ended up settling in Al Fallujah, a city just west of Baghdad. Thomas said he was stationed in the Iraqi

town during his final two months of deployment providing radio communications to engineers as they worked to restore water and electricity to the area.

"We moved into an old military compound there," he said. "It got us out of tents, which was good."

However, it was a job that often became repetitive, he said. For example, as military engineers would fix a transformer, a saboteur would blow the improvements up.

"There's just a few people there that don't want us there," he said.

Thomas endured a few narrow escapes during his deployment, including a SCUD alert as the military units assembled near the border and a mortar attack on the mayor's office in Al Fallujah just before he

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# Iraqi Diary: The Middle East version of CSI

June 22, 2003 Last night I was sent to a grid to see if a dead body was there so I used my GPS (Global Positioning Satellite) connection which directed us up a highway. We soon realized that we had gone too far, so we did a U-turn and went back until we could pick up the exact grid. There I found the body of an Iraqi male, 30 to 40 years of age, shot in the back and hand, and dumped out.

I investigated and made out my report for headquarters. The body had both liver

mortis (pooling of blood in lower part of body) and rigor mortis still present (usually leaves the body after 10 hours through the extremities) I tentatively determined the individual had been dead for about five hours.

IPF was there and I explained via my translator to the Iraqi police that the subject appeared to be a victim of robbery, then killed and dropped off there. I noted that his pockets were turned inside out, no shoes on his feet, and there was one shoe near his body but the

other was missing (probably at the location he was killed where it fell off when they loaded him into their vehicle). They agreed which it was obvious that the above occurred.

Then we responded to a section where a guy who was "holed up" in his house with hand-grenades. We got there via a street under sporadic



Carlson

gunfire. Lead was flying all over the place which soon cooled down once we rolled in. The people at the scene said the subject was no longer there but that his donkey was still parked there.

We were directed to a second location where he was thought to be, but upon arriving found ourselves in a small firefight. It ended and we went to see if

"Juan Valdez" minus his donkey was there. He wasn't so we left and called it a night about a little after midnight.

While we were at that second location I gave a little boy a bag of Skittles and an Iraqi fellow asked for a bag for his little boy, so I gave him one too. I wish I could do more for these kids but I at least I can make a few happy with candy or something.

We seem to be looking at either August or September

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**"BEST OF SEMINOLE"**  
OUR READERS CHOICE AWARDS  
AND THE WINNERS ARE... See Sunday's Seminole Herald

# SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

## Disputed heirloom causes family ill will

**DEAR ABBY:** I was very close to my grandmother. My sister, Julie, was not. Grandma had beautiful silverware that I used to help her polish when I was a child. She promised it to me. A couple of weeks



Dear Abby

before she died, she said that her silver should go to Julie. Grandma often mixed our names at the end, and I think she was confused about who was who. My mother disagreed; the silverware was given to Julie. A few years later, after she realized how much it meant to me, Julie gave me the silverware.

Recently, my father told me that because our family has had a run of bad luck, that Grandma was "cursing" us from the grave for disobeying her wishes. He has ordered me to give the silverware back to Julie. I think this is nonsense. To suggest that my sweet grandmother would send my 14-year-old nephew severe health problems from "beyond the grave" is a vile thing to say about a woman who loved us all very much. I am scheduled for major surgery in a few weeks (further proof of the curse, according to Dad). Should I return the silverware to Julie, even though I don't believe in curses, or should I just ignore the "curse" and take the consequences?

Please don't tell me to see a priest. We're Jewish.

### "CURSED" IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR "CURSED":** Curse, indeed! Call a rabbi and tell him or her what you have told me. There may be a blessing in Hebrew that can be recited that will put your father's superstitions to rest. However, the most precious legacy your grandmother bequeathed to her family is not her silver and china; it is the treasured memories of the good times you shared together. I hope that one day soon you will all enjoy a wonderful family dinner using Grandma's silverware.

**DEAR ABBY:** When you receive a gift on a special occasion and it's obvious that it's an envelope with a check inside, should the envelope be opened in front of the person or should it be tucked away to open privately? I always worry that if I open the envelope in front of the giver, it's as though I am checking the amount. On the other hand, if I don't open it, it might appear that I think their gesture is insignificant. What do you think?

### NOT AN OPEN-OR-SHUT CASE

**DEAR NOT:** I see no reason not to open the envelope, and to thank the giver verbally on the spot. No mention of the dollar amount should be made unless there is no one else around to overhear. The amount is no one's business but yours. A written thank-you should also be sent to the giver - preferably before the check clears.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am at my wit's end with how to deal with my parents. I am 29 years old and live 1,500 miles away from them. If I don't call or talk to them every day, Dad will say something like, "Your mom missed hearing from you on Monday and Tuesday." This is after I have just told them about some event I attended on those nights.

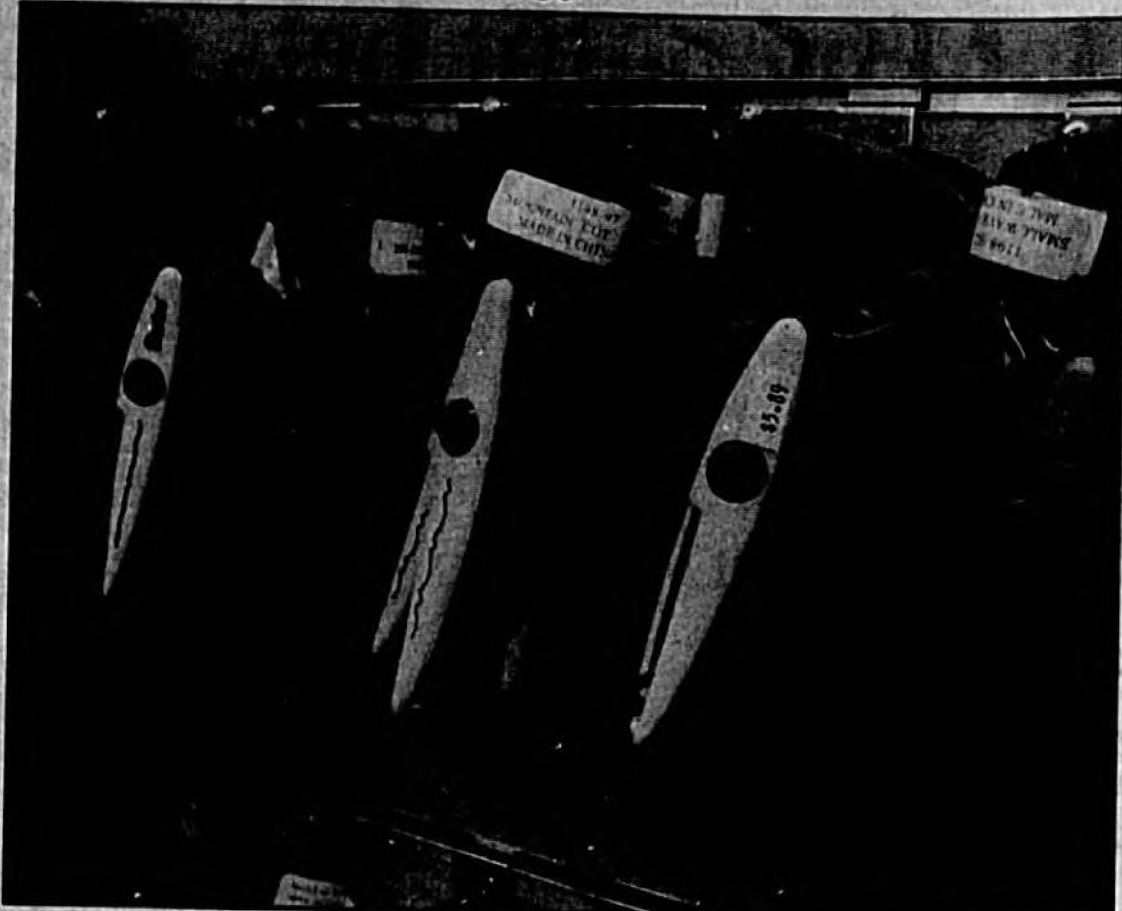
I prefer to talk to them once over the weekend. There would be ample topics to cover, and I wouldn't feel so smothered. Why don't they understand this? I'm tired of feeling pressured to talk to them every single day. How can I politely tell them to ease off a bit?

### TALKED OUT IN TEXAS

**DEAR TALKED OUT:** Understand that you can't change your parents. Their problem is you have been the sole focus of their lives for so long, they are having a hard time letting go. That said, you must change the way you react to their pressure tactics. The next time you talk to them, be firm, upbeat and direct. Sign off by saying, "Bye! I'll talk to you next Sunday."

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## Cutting edge technology



Rows and rows of scissors are lined up and waiting for use as a vital tool for scrapbookers. The scissors are a sales display at Scrapbook World located at suite 30 inside Building 300 at Flea World. The scissors basic design for years is still on the cutting edge of technology.

Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

### Theft

•Lorraine Magdalena Scott, 46, East 24th Place, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Friday on East 25th Street in Sanford. She was charged with larceny of more than \$300, but less than \$5,000.

•Timothy O'Neal, 34, Clermont Avenue, Sanford, was arrested Saturday near his home by Sanford police. He was charged with robbery without a firearm and larceny of more than \$300, but less than \$5,000.

•Kennedy Claire Weber, 18, Pinecrest Drive, Sanford, was arrested Saturday at home by Sanford police. He was charged with larceny of a credit card and fraud for illegal use of credit cards.

•Jay Leonard Grimes, 25, Delespine Drive, DeBary, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday at the intersection of State Road 46A and Lindsay Lane in Sanford. He was charged with petty larceny. According to police reports, this is his first such offense.

### Multiple charges

•Jesse Charles Webster, 26, Fox Quarry Lane, Sanford, was arrested Sunday at home by Sanford police. He was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without the intent to kill (domestic violence) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Vincent Jones, 38, Ramsey Drive, Romeoville, Ill., was arrested by Sanford police Sunday on South Persimmon Avenue in Sanford. He was charged with vehicle theft, unarmed burglary of a structure with a person inside, resisting officers without violence and eluding law enforcement officers.

•Raydon Byrd, 26, Hartwell Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday on Windchase Boulevard in Sanford. He was charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle worth less than \$20,000 and resisting officers without violence.

•Tawanda Bryant, 26, West Fifth Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday on West Fifth Street in Sanford. She



was charged with aggravated assault with a vehicle without intent to kill (domestic violence) and criminal mischief for damage to property worth \$1,000 or more.

•Willie George Church, 42, and Jerome Walter Church, 40, both of William Clark Court, Sanford, were arrested Sunday at home by Sanford police. Willie Church was charged with battery (touch or strike, domestic violence), possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) and assault for intent threat to do violence. Jerome Church was charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon (domestic violence).

•David Quinones, 33, South Bumby Avenue, Orlando, was arrested by Sanford police Friday at the intersection of West 25th Street and Hardy Avenue in Sanford. He was charged with violation of a traffic control device, destroying or tampering with physical evidence, possession of drug paraphernalia and a non-moving traffic violation for driving with a suspended license.

•Elston LeRoy Francis, 44, West 11th Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Friday at the intersection of West 11th Street and Maple Avenue in Sanford. He was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without the intent to kill and destroying or tampering with physical evidence.

•Anthony Bryant Cofield, 21, Windtree Court, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday on Cedar Creek Circle in Sanford. He was charged with battery causing bodily harm and criminal mischief for damage to property worth \$200 or less.

•David Leonard Godkin, 24, Talmo Street, Winter Springs, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday on Tinley Terrace in Sanford. He was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting

officers without violence.

### DUIs

•Marjorie Davidson Meadows, 58, East Coleman Circle, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at the intersection of East Lake Mary Boulevard and County Road 427 in Sanford. She was charged with driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol or drugs. According to police reports, this is her first such offense.

•David Peterson, 57, Castle Brewer Court, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday on West Eighth Street in Sanford. He was charged with DUI of alcohol or drugs, DUI with damage to property and a moving traffic violation for reckless driving. According to police reports, these are his first traffic offenses.

### Battery

•Michael Rotundo, 38, Escambia Drive, Sanford, was arrested Sunday at home by Sanford police. He was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without the intent to kill (domestic violence).

•Anthony R. Centeno, 33, Elm Avenue, Sanford, was arrested Sunday at home by Sanford police. He was charged with battery causing bodily harm (domestic violence).

•Thomas Dwayne Driver, 36, Stonebrook Drive, Sanford, was arrested Friday at home by Sanford Police. He was charged with battery.

•Christopher Ryan Huey, 24, Wax Myrtle, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday on Stonebrook Drive in Sanford. He was charged with battery (touch or strike).

•Daniel Elton Phillips, Jr., 21, Logan Heights Circle, Sanford, was arrested Monday at home by Sanford police. He was charged with battery (touch or strike).

### Other

•Laura Hazel Fella, 43, Seminole Boulevard, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police on Poinsetta Avenue in Sanford. He was charged with criminal mischief for damage to property worth \$200 or less.

## OUT & ABOUT

### WED 27

The Starlight Promenades Square and Round Dance Club will hold a square dance workshop at 7 p.m. today (open dance begins at 8 p.m.) at the DeBary Community Center, located at 38 S. Shell Road, in DeBary. For more information, call 386-789-8018 or 386-574-2347.

The Casselberry Parks and Recreation Department offers a Wirz on Wednesdays program from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Wirz Park Recreation Center, 806 Mark David Blvd., in Casselberry. The program, for children 5 to 13 years old, includes sports, games, arts and crafts, and a snack. The cost is free. For more information, call 407-262-7720, ext. 1307.

### THUR 28

Robert C. Brooks, illustrator, graphic artist and muralist, will be the featured artist during the monthly Downtown Gallery Stroll from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Gold Leaf Gallery and Framing, 110 N. Woodland Blvd., in DeLand. Brooks will demonstrate his pen and ink drawing process. For more information, call 386-943-4001.

### FRI 29

Seminole County United, a group representing the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, will host a reception and fund-raiser for the upcoming Seminole County Christmas Village from 3 until 7 p.m. Friday at the Spring Hill Suites, located at the Seminole Towne Center Mall in Sanford. The event will feature a silent auction, door prizes and a chance to shop in a gift boutique. For more information, call 407-665-6508.

The Casselberry Senior Center, located at 200 N. Triplet Lake Drive, in Casselberry, will host a summer dance from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday. Bud Wilson and Orchestra will perform tunes from the big band era. Refreshments will be served. Singles welcome. Free admission. For more information, call 407-696-5122.

The Orlando Theatre Project in Sanford presents "City of Angels," written by Larry Gelbart, Cy Coleman and David Zippel, at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Lowndes Shakespeare Center, Goldman Theater, located at 812 E. Rollins St. in Orlando. For reservations, call 407-328-2040.

### SAT 30

A beat-the-heat hike, hosted by the Florida Trail Association, will be held at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at Spring Hammock Preserve. The two-mile hike will feature views of giant cypress trees. Bring bug spray. No pets. For more information, call Joan Jarvis at 407-365-6036.

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### Fire extinguished at Markham Woods church

Seminole County fire fighters from two stations responded Monday to a smoky Longwood area church on Markham Woods Road.

A small fire was reportedly extinguished before units arrived at about 1:30 p.m. However, the Markham Woods Church of Seventh-day Adventist was evacuated as smoke billowed throughout the structure.

According to Seminole County Operations Chief Chris Johnson, a fire started as a church staffer was testing a Coleman lantern in the lower level of the building in preparation for an upcoming camping trip. The staffer put the blaze out with a portable extinguisher. Because of the nature of the building that has large open spaces, few windows and multiple floors, fire fighters used fans in an effort to rid the structure of smoke.

Recently county fire fighters have been extremely busy with storm related calls, Johnson said. The church incident could be categorized as weather related as the church staffer was testing lanterns outside, but had to move inside as a storm rolled through Seminole County, he said.

### Authorities arrest 11 entertainers at Circus-Circus

Eleven entertainers at a Seminole County adult club were arrested late Friday-early Saturday for violations of the county adult entertainment ordinance, and in some cases, violations of state law. The arrests occurred at the Circus-Circus club in Fern Park. Those arrested were Jennifer Marie Tardiff, 19, Ashley Marie Orlando, 20, Rossie Linette Boulet, 21, Angeline Jeannette Money, 19, Kathleen Oliva, 21, Melena Lynn Wilson, 19, Sonija Carmena Boodhrum, 22, Vicki Lynn Harrell, 24, Jessica Lee Castro, 26, Leslie Anne Thomas, 22, and Katie Lynn Erkens, 19.

### GRADY "LEE" ADAMS

Grady "Lee" Adams, 35, Mill Stream Court, Eustis, died Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003, in Eustis. He was born in Orlando and was a native of Central Florida. He was a construction crane operator. He was a Protestant. He was a member of Bass Masters.

Survivors include wife, Diane T. Adams, Eustis; father, Porter Adams, Clermont; mother, Ann Adams, Clermont.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

### JIMMIE LEE BAILEY, SR.

Jimmie Lee Bailey, Sr., 54, William Clark Court, Sanford, died Friday, Aug. 22, 2003.

He was born Jan. 23, 1949, in Raiford. He was a construction laborer for the Williams Company in Orlando.

Survivors include daughters, Andria Brown, Elvira Brown, both of Sanford; son, Jimmie Lee Bailey, Jr., Sanford; mother, Christine Bentley, Sanford; stepsons, Myron Jones, Curtis Black, Reginald Jones, Kevin Black, Charles Jones, all of Sanford; brother, Kensey Lee Simms, Detroit, Mich.; sisters, Arethea Mae Barr, John Eva Simms, both of Sanford, Jacqueline Simms, DeLand; two grandchildren.

Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

### EARL ALFRED CHAMPAGNE

Earl Alfred Champagne, 74, of Longwood, died Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003, in Altamonte Springs. He was born Aug. 5, 1929, in Ecorse, Mich. He was a retired operations manager of P.I.E. Trucking.

Survivors include wife, Stella Champagne, Longwood; son, Michael L. Champagne; brothers, Robert Champagne, William Champagne; sisters, Rosemarie Jennings,

Barbara Adams, Marilyn Ayers; two grandchildren. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

### DONALD LINN FOREMAN

Donald Linn Foreman, 60, Country Club Drive, Sanford, died Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003, in Sanford. Born in St. Thomas, Pa., he moved to the area in 1984 from Chambersburg, Pa. He was a heavy equipment operator for the Seminole County road department. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include daughters, Stephanie Foreman, Stacey Foreman; son, Randy Foreman; stepdaughters, Kelly Poe, Lori Poe; stepsons, Todd Poe, Brian Poe, Mark Cooper; mother, Alice Coble Foreman; sisters, Doris Eshelman, Barbara Higgins; brother, Alan Foreman.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

### ROSA LEE HALL

Rosa Lee Hall, 72, Dixie Way, Sanford, died Friday, Aug. 22, 2003, at home. She was born Sept. 1, 1930, in Sanford. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include husband, Herman Hall, Sanford; sons, Demetrius Hall, Curtis Hartsfield, Simmie Miles, all of Sanford; father, Arthur Blackshear, Sanford; stepfather, Clarence Hayes, Thomasville, Ga.; brother, Bobby Hayes, Miami; one grandson.

## Obituaries

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Moriah House of Prayer, 1101 Locust Ave., in Sanford, with Rev. A.J. Washington, Sr., officiating.

Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

### LOUISE MAHONEY

Louise Mahoney, 90, Mellonville Avenue, Sanford, died Sunday, Aug. 24, 2003, at Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center of Sanford. She was born Dec. 16, 1912, in Sandersville, Ga. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Rescue Church of God in Sanford.

Survivors include son-in-law James Phillip, Sanford; brother, Charlie Hennison, Bronx, N.Y.; two grandchildren.

A viewing and visitation will be held 4-8 p.m. Friday at Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, 1110 Pine Ave., in Sanford. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Rescue Church of God, 1700 W. 13th St., in Sanford, with Mother Blanche Weaver officiating. Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

### PATSY A. MAYBERRY

Patsy A. Mayberry, 60, of Winter Springs, died Monday, Aug. 25, 2003, in Longwood. She was born May 21, 1943, in Greensboro, N.C. She was a retired C.N.A. at Winter Springs Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include daughter, Sharon Porter; mother, Kathleen Michaels; brother, Richard "Dickie" Hardy; two grandchildren. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

### RUTH E. MONTGOMERY

Ruth E. Montgomery, 82, of Sanford, died Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003, in Sanford. Born July 2, 1921, in Hopkinsville, Ky., she moved to Sanford in 1957 from Nashville, Tenn. She was a member of Longwood Baptist Church in Longwood.

Survivors include son, Gary N. Montgomery; daughters, Judy Joiner, Beverly Benedix, Vickie Bidwell; sister, Mary A. Dailey; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

### CALVIN "PAPA KIL" MOORE, JR.

Calvin "Papa Kil" Moore, Jr., 84, Jitway Avenue, Sanford, died Friday, Aug. 22, 2003, at Florida Hospital in Altamonte Springs. He was born March 10, 1919, in Sanford. He was a glassman. He was a member of New Bethel A.M.E. Church in Sanford.

Survivors include wife, Mary H. Moore, Sanford; sons, Calvin Moore, IV, Bernard Moore, both of Sanford; daughters, Debora Moore Simms, Lanham, Md., Fannie Martin, Sanford, Altamease McPherson, Bradenton, Coretta Freeman, Waldorf, Md.; sister, Cora Burke, Geneva, N.Y.; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two godchildren.

A viewing will be held 4-8 p.m. Friday at Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, 1110 Pine Ave., in Sanford. Funeral services will be

held at 10 a.m. Saturday at New Bethel A.M.E. Church, 3615 Main St., in Sanford. Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

### LYLE V. SHARP

Lyle V. Sharp, 85, of Sanford, died Friday, Aug. 22, 2003. Born Jan. 15, 1918, in Bloomington, Ind., he moved to the area in 1976. He was dedicated to serving the Lord in mission fields around the world.

Survivors include sons, David Sharp, Sanford, Dwight Sharp, Philippines, John Sharp, Brazil, Jerry Sharp, Sebastian; sister, Mildred Panagos, Jupiter; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the New Tribes Mission retirement home chapel in Sanford.

Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

### ALDEN EVERTT SWANSON

Alden Everett Swanson, 85, of DeLand, died Friday, Aug. 22, 2003, at home. Born in Centuria, Wisc., he moved to the area in 1970 from Jim Falls, Wisc.

He was a farmer. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a Seventh-Day Adventist. He was a member of DAV.

Survivors include sons, Gordon J. Swanson, Las Vegas, Nev., Jay S. Swanson, DeLand; daughter, Kerry Jo A. Anderson; daughters-in-law, Takako Swanson, Las Vegas, Nev., Donna Swanson, DeLand; son-in-law, Stan Anderson; brother, Kenneth Swanson, Webster, Wisc.; sister-in-law, Jean Swanson, Webster, Wisc.; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

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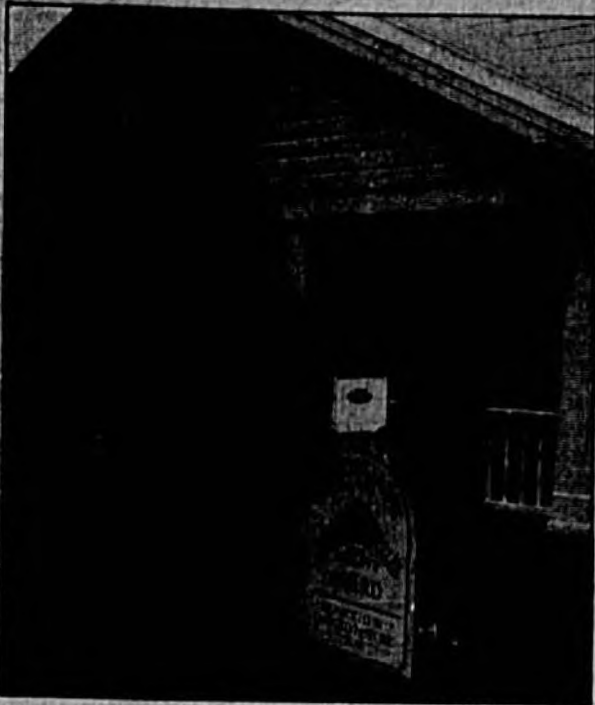
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### Kuhn nabs beautification honor



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Bob Kuhn of 313 Palmetto Ave. was awarded the August Sanford Historic Trust landscape award by Heather Moore.

### Center

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civic center, located at 401 E. Seminole Blvd., in downtown Sanford.

The renovation project will cost at least \$800,000, and could reach upward of \$1.6 million.

"We have to use our assets to get people into downtown," said City Manager Al Grieshaber, Jr. "In order to make that happen we have to spend capital improvement dollars."

According to Lessard, the city and the CRA will discuss entering into a partnership to revitalize the current civic center.

A decision on the partnership, as well as an evaluation of the work to be completed on the center, should be made within the next few months. A top current priority list is a new roof and repairing acoustic problems.

"The improvements needed are extreme," said Lessard. "We can't just paint the building and call it quits."

After the renovations —

which Lessard hopes will allow the center to break even financially or possibly make a profit — the commission says the civic center will need to be heavily marketed.

"I believe the civic center is not in the condition to market," said Lessard. "I don't blame our staff for not filling the center with events. When you have to disclose that if it rains you have to put buckets out — it's a deterrent."

Although the plans to bring the civic center up-to-date are underway, Lessard is not ruling out the possibility of a conference center in the future.

According to Andrew Van Gaale, Sanford's community

development director, the city will revisit the idea of a conference center this time next year.

"We need to make sure the product is what we're looking for," he said.

According to Van Gaale, the city is not locked into

a deal with Bob Horian, president of Suncor Properties, Inc., the private developer who proposed the last conference center plan. The city would entertain other companies and "wouldn't want to turn others away."

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### Light

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"Everybody is excited about the program, especially since the first few have gone in," said Stephen Myers, chairman of the Sanford Historic Trust's Street Lighting Committee. "There is a great need for these lights."

According to Myers, the city of Sanford has provided the funds to purchase the 11-foot posts. The Trust's responsibility is to cover the cost of the ground installation and give \$300 toward the electrical installation. The Trust will also maintain the fixtures through its Street Lighting Committee.

The Trust is able to fund its portion of the project, estimated at \$70,000, through its fundraising efforts, including its annual Holiday Tour of Homes.

The homeowner is responsible for any fees above and beyond the \$300 for electrical installation and must pay for the electricity to power the posts, an estimated \$2 per month.

"The homeowners are enthusiastic because of the impact the lights will have on the neighborhoods," said Myers.

According to Daniels, the idea for the street light project came about a few years

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### Diary

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for redeployment. Great now this will be screwed over because I wrote about it and have again jinxed myself. I got an Iraqi helmet with all straps and camouflage net cover. It is in good shape. I disinfected it and cleaned it and am letting it air dry. I will put it in the duffel bag to take home. I do feel like Indiana Jones, except he had better living conditions than us.

We have perimeter tower duty this week, and the kids on the other side of the wall try to annoy us. Some will talk to us, but the mischievous ones throw rocks at us. We have fashioned sling shots and took out ball bearings out of old machine parts to fire back at them. I knew living in a greasy machine shop would have an advantage.

It has gotten bad with these kids throwing rocks. Since Coe got hit in the face, and others in the arms and hands, we have pulled our guys out of Tower 2 and they sit in a HUMVEE. I saw one teenager climbing up on the wall out there and told him to get down. He didn't and I drew down on him with a 9mm (no magazine of course). He got down. The younger juveniles are always exposing themselves to our female MPs.

Well, I jinxed myself again. Just after I wrote we might leave in August or September, a new rumor came out, saying "We'll be here for a war or more." Another one of our soldiers was killed today, and four badly wounded.

Next issue: Delirious with pain from mystery illness

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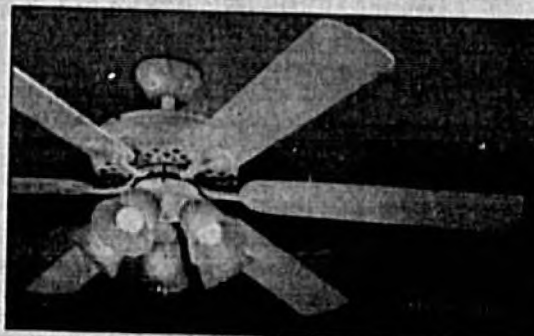
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## Local business searches for artistic assistance

Happy Bays Car Wash, a new business to be built at East Lake Mary Boulevard near the Seminole County Schools administration building, is looking for artists to paint five murals.

Selected artwork will be original realistic paintings depicting the artist's rendering of designated historical scenes that include renderings of people and automobiles from the 1950s.

Size 18-by-24 horizontal (size is proportionate to murals). Paintings can be oil, watercolor, acrylic or a

combination. No photography or digitally reproduced images.

The Sanford murals will include 1950s scenes from the old Sanford Zoo, the riverfront, the stadium, the Ritz Theater and the downtown area.

A prize of \$500 will be awarded to winners in each category. Happy Bays Car Wash will own the original with exclusive rights to reproduce artwork while murals are hanging (approximately two years). After that time, artists may reproduce and sell

prints of the original.

Artists interested in being considered for the murals should submit an application before 2 p.m. Sept. 20 by mail to Framing 508 Gallery at 508 Sanford Avenue or by e-mail to willpaintforfood@earthlink.net.

The contest is co-sponsored by Seminole Cultural Arts Council and United Arts of Seminole County.

Winners will be notified and winning entries will be displayed as murals in the Sanford location of Happy Bays Car Wash.

## Gambling

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Hall's plans to serve alcohol. Like other gaming operations, Joker's Palace intends to offer complimentary finger food and drinks, including beer, to customers.

"We don't need a license because we're giving the drinks away," Hall said.

Regardless of whether the drinks are free, Van Gaale said "I'm not comfortable allowing a business to provide alcoholic drinks without an alcohol beverage license."

Van Gaale said he is also concerned whether Joker's Palace is a good fit for downtown.

"We want to make sure that the city's best interests are upheld," Van Gaale said.

Hall said she's unsure why the city would object to her business.

"I don't know why they're busting our balls," Hall said. She ran a similar business named Gold Dust in Deltona

and named three similar business that operate in Daytona.

An advertisement in the DeLand Beacon stated that there are about 30 gaming businesses in Florida similar to the Joker's Palace, five of which are in Volusia County.

According to Hall, the businesses are legal under what she referred to as the "S&H Green Stamp Redemption" law, and cited Florida Statute 849-161 as the governing rule.

The first section of 849-161 states that it is not illegal for "... an arcade amusement center having amusement games or machines ... which by application of skill may entitle the person playing or operating the game or machine to receive points or coupons which may be exchanged for merchandise only, excluding cash and alcoholic beverages, provided the cost value of the mer-

chandise or prize awarded in exchange for such points or coupons does not exceed 75 cents on any game played."

Hall said her business is no different than "Tilt," the arcade center in the Seminole Towne Mall next to the Food Court. Most of the games in Tilt are standard arcade fare - pinball and racer, shooter, fighter-games. The business does offer Skee-Ball, a bowling type game that awards tickets based on points scored. The tickets can be redeemed for "plastic toys and animals" Hall said.

Despite the city's questions, Hall intends to open at 10 a.m. Friday. And she plans to stay open until 1 a.m.

"The machines are coming Wednesday, and we've been working on fixing this place up for two weeks," Hall said. "We're going to be open."

## Homecoming

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left. The Seminole High graduate returned home about two weeks ago, but it may not be long before the 12-year mili-

tary veteran returns to Iraq. "The people that are there now are going to need relief," he said.

"You're glad to be back and

you sit and think about the people still there."

In particular, Thomas worries about the well being of his friends such as fellow Seminole soldier Anthony Roberts, who by chance he ran into at the Baghdad airport.

This week Thomas will return to his home near Fort Stewart as his absence of leave expires soon. Past deployments for Thomas include stays in Korea and Germany.

Before he leaves again, his mom, Sylvia Thomas, said there is something he has to do - eat some home cooking.

"When I saw him I couldn't help but crying," she said adding that he looked too skinny. "We're going to fatten him up in no time."

## Junior achievement seeks business volunteers

Junior Achievement of Central Florida is seeking business people in Seminole County to serve as classroom mentors for students in elementary, middle and high schools.

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# Sports

## Briefs

### DISABLED SKIING AT CRANES ROOST

The 2003 Disabled Water Ski World Championships will be held this Thursday (August 28th) through Sunday (August 31st) at Cranes Roost in Altamonte Springs and is a free event that is open to the public.

Hosted by Altamonte Sports and sanctioned by the International Water Ski Federation, the sixth biennial event will feature more than 70 athletes from over 15 countries. Among the competing countries are Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Switzerland and the United States. Argentina & Sweden are also expected to enter the competition.

Competition includes slalom, tricks and jumping events. Within each event, skiers who are partially (VHB2, VHB3) or totally blind (VHB1), paraplegics or quadriplegics (MP1, MP2, MP3), and arm or leg amputees (with or without prosthesis) will compete against athletes with the same disabilities.

Opening ceremonies will be held tonight (Wednesday) at the Cranes Roost Amphitheater at 7 p.m. The preliminary rounds of competition will be held on August 28th and 29th, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The final rounds of competition will be held on August 30th and 31st, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. On the days of final competition, awards will be presented after each event in each category.

The closing ceremonies of the competition will be held on August 31st at 7 p.m. in the Regency Ball Room at the Embassy Suites Orlando-North.

### TEACHING TENNIS

Volunteers are needed to teach the lifetime sport of tennis to girls and boys ages 6-to-18. This program is non-profit and consists entirely of volunteers. Lessons will be given at Chase Park on Wednesdays from 3-to-5 p.m. and Saturdays 9-for-11 a.m.

For more information, please call Sally at 407-579-4154 or Joyce at 407-323-6755.

### SOFTBALL SIGNUPS

The City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department is looking for teams for the Adult Fall Slowpitch Softball League. The alignment for this season has the Church playing on Mondays at both Pinehurst Park and Zinn Beck Field; Women of Tuesdays at Pinehurst; Men on Wednesday at Pinehurst; Co-Ed on Thursdays at Pinehurst; and the Industrial on Friday at Pinehurst.

The cost is \$300 per team for a 10-Game schedule and games will begin the week of September 15th.

For more information, contact Jim Schaefer at 407-330-5696 or Email him at [scheafej@ci.sanford.fl.us](mailto:scheafej@ci.sanford.fl.us). Information is also available on the website at [ci.sanford.fl.us](http://ci.sanford.fl.us).

## Bergman inks new contract

### Former SJC coach re-ups for five-years; football set to open Sunday

Special to the Herald

UCF Athletics Director Steve Orsini has announced that head baseball coach Jay Bergman has agreed to a new five-year contract. Bergman, in

his 22nd year at UCF, is now under contract through the 2008 season.

"We wanted to make a long term commitment to Jay based on what he has meant to this program," stated Orsini. "His name is on the field and we are very proud of Jay."

Bergman has transformed the UCF baseball program into one of the nation's elite. With an NCAA Division I career record of 1,043-587-3 and a UCF mark of 827-474, Bergman, who came to the Golden Knights from the University of Florida, has led the Golden Knights to eight NCAA Tournament appearances and six Atlantic Sun

Championships. In 2002, Bergman became the 25th coach in NCAA history to capture 1,000 career wins.

"I am very pleased with the new contract and I really appreciate all of the hard work that Steve Orsini and the athletics department did to make this happen," said Bergman, former Sanford resident who began the baseball program at Seminole Junior College, now SCC. "It meant a lot to me personally to get the deal done and I know it took some extra preparation from Steve and the department. I look forward to continue the winning tradition here at UCF."

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Photo courtesy of UCF Athletics  
UCF head baseball coach Jay Bergman (center) signed a new five year contract to remain at UCF through 2008.

## Prep previews

### Schools kick off athletic seasons

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

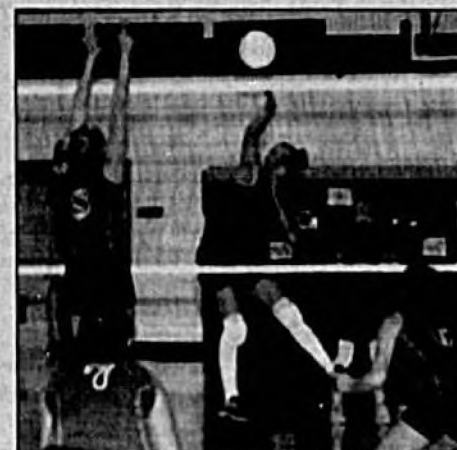
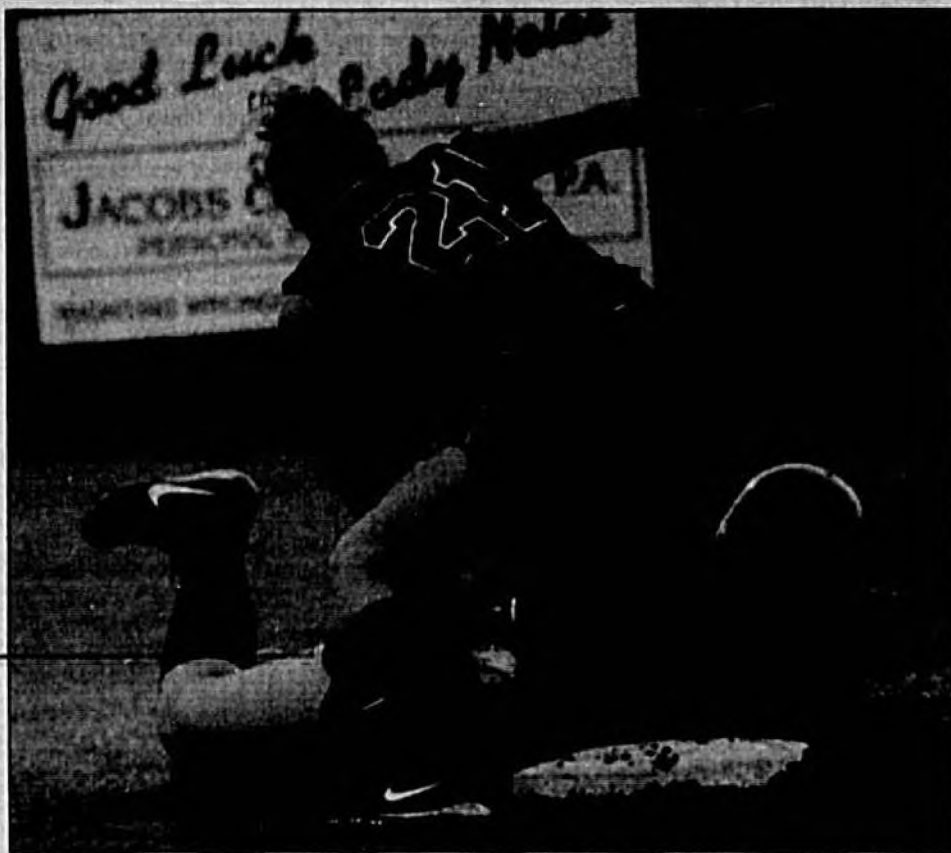
SANFORD — The prep sports year is here.

Seminole County high school sports fans will get a glimpse of the potential of some teams as they hold 'Classics' this week, while other sports will jump directly into the fire, so to speak, as they open their regular seasons.

The sports year has actually already begun as the boys' golf teams from Seminole and Lake Mary were to have squared off a Timacuan on Monday and Lyman and Winter Springs were to have played at Tuskawilla and the girls' teams from Lyman and Winter Springs played at Rolling Hills on Tuesday.

The first 'real' sports action for most of the schools begins tonight as the Seminole Athletic Conference Girls Slowpitch Softball League opens with a games at Seminole and Lake Howell.

The host Fighting Seminoles will take on Lyman in the opening game at 5 p.m., with the Greyhounds then facing Lake Brantley at 6 p.m., followed by the Tribe See Outdoors, Page 8



Herald football and softball photos by Jim Wentz; Volleyball photo courtesy of Arch Booths, Magic Memories, Inc.

High School sports fans will be able to get their fill of action this week as the Fall Slowpitch Softball season begins today, while the Volleyball and Football Classics will be played Thursday and Friday, respectively.

## Boaters need to be safe

Special to the Herald

As the traditional summer boating season winds down this Labor Day Weekend, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reminds boaters to be safe on the state's waterways.

"We expect a busy weekend, particularly if the weather cooperates," said Joy Hill, public information coordinator for the FWC's Northeast Region. "Many recreational boaters will want to take advantage of the three-day weekend to get a little more boating in before the cooler temperatures arrive."

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission law enforcement officers will be out in force from Friday through Monday on the region's most popular waterways to help ensure a safe boating weekend.

"Most accidents result from careless operation. That's something boaters can definitely affect by understanding and complying with boating rules and regulations, and by simply paying more attention while operating a vessel," said Hill.

Last year half of the people who died in boating accidents in Florida drowned. Simply wearing a life jacket could have prevented this.

The law states that there must be one properly-fitted, U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket for each person on board the vessel, and that children under the age of six must be wearing theirs.

"But sometimes simply having it on board is not See Outdoors, Page 8

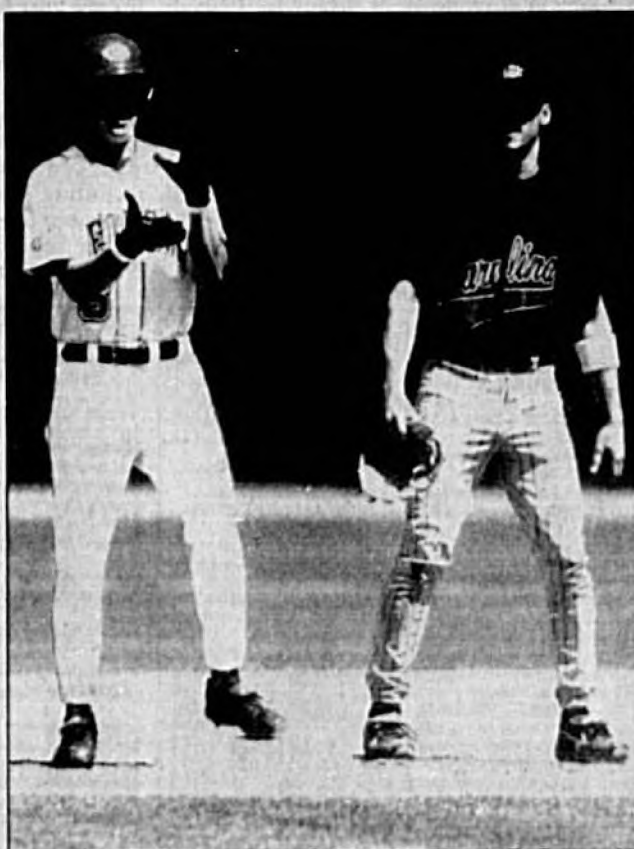


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Lake Mary's Chaz Lytle (left, shown last year at Georgia playing against former Lake Brantley star Kevin Melillo) has taken over the batting lead in the South Atlantic League with a week to play.

## Lytle storms into lead in SAL

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

If Chaz Lytle was in the recording industry he would be said to be No. 1 with a bullet.

The Lake Mary resident and Seminole High School graduate has been on fire with the bat of late, taking over the league-lead in batting in the South Atlantic League heading into the final week of the season.

Just a little over two weeks ago, the left-handed-hitting outfielder was batting .306 (87-for-284), good for No. 6 in the SAL, in 81 games with the Hickory Crawdads, a Class A affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

But after going 27-for-59, a .458 clip, over his last 15 games, the former Sanford American Legion Post 53 star is batting .332 (114-for-343) and leads the league by seven points with seven games to play.

Barring a complete collapse, Lytle, the son of Charlie and Brenda Lytle of Lake Mary, figures to win the SAL batting title as his nearest competition, Hickory teammate Jorge Cortes, was hitting .325 before he was recently promoted.

His closest active competitor is Delwyn Young of South Georgia, who is batting .323.

Lytle has also scored 51 runs, driven in 34 runs, ripped nine doubles and three triples, walked 26 times and struck out only 37. He also has stolen 22 bases in 24 attempts.

To keep up with Lytle's play go to

[www.minorleaguebaseball.com](http://www.minorleaguebaseball.com) and look for either the South Atlantic League or Hickory Crawdads link.

But Lytle is far from the only local minor leaguer having a good season.

Former Lyman High School and Altamonte Little League star Mike Lyons has bounced back from a 31 month layoff and is now one of the top prospects in the St. Louis Cardinals organization.

The 28-year-old righthanded reliever is 3-4 with 31 saves and a 3.38 ERA for the Class AA Southern League Tennessee Travelers. He also has 63 strike outs in 53.1 innings.

Tim Raines Jr. continues his outstanding play for the AAA Ottawa Lynx (Orioles) of the International League, batting .299 (64-for-214) in 52 games with 37 runs scored, 23 RBI, 11 doubles, five triples, three home runs and 23 stolen bases in 32 attempts.

Clyde "C3" Williams is batting .235 with 14 home runs and 50 RBI for the Class A Brevard County Manatees (Expos) of the Florida State League.

Rickie Weeks has adapted quickly to professional baseball as he is batting .359 (14-for-39) in 12 games with the Class A Beloit Snappers (Brewers). He also has four doubles, a triple, a home run, scored eight runs and driven in 12.

One of his teammates is former Lake Mary Little League player, Prince Fielder, who is hitting .313 with 26 home runs and 108 RBI.









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