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**WEEKEND**

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## Change brewing at Casselberry intersection

By Christopher Patton  
Managing Editor

### City weighs in on plan to construct a Highway 17-92 bridge over S.R. 436

The most expensive road project from the second-generation voter approved 1-cent sales tax hike in 2001 is getting off the ground in Seminole County.

The crossroads of U.S. Highway 17-92 and State Road 436 was labeled by County Engineer Jerry McCollum as the "most dangerous intersection in Central Florida," and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is offering four alternatives to solve the hectic intersection.

The intersection rated as the top location for traffic accidents in Seminole County last year and in several previous years. According to Luis Diaz of FDOT, during a recent study by the state turnpike authority the intersection ranked as the fifth worst in the entire state.

Officials from the county, Casselberry and the state transportation department all agree that some-

thing needs to change to improve the flow of traffic through the area, however, it appears they may all have differing opinions of how the intersection will be improved.

The preliminary design and engineering study for the intersection of U.S. Highway 17-92 and State Road 436 was presented Tuesday to county commissioners. The board is expected to decide on supporting one of the four

construction alternatives at its next meeting Oct. 14.

Shortly thereafter, the city of Casselberry board of commissioners decided to meet in a special called meeting Thursday night to reach a consensus on an alternative that they could support. The only problem is Casselberry officials are favoring an alternative that is the second most expensive and not one of the two that FDOT is proposing.

In all, the FDOT evaluated 11 different alternatives that included a single

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### Big boys shine

Brett Smith (above) helped Lake Brantley knock Lyman from the ranks of the unbeaten while 6A teams Seminole and Oviedo also took care of 5A squads on Thursday. See Sports, Page 1B

### Winter Springs math teacher has chance to be a NASA astronaut

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has named a Seminole County Public Schools teacher, Carolyn Guzman, as a "highly-qualified" astronaut candidate for their Educator Astronaut Program.

Guzman has earned this distinction from a pool of thousands of national applicants.

She has taught in Seminole County since 1993. She started teaching mathematics at Oviedo High School.



Guzman was one of the inaugural teachers

at Winter Springs High School where she still continues to teach advanced placement calculus and pre-calculus.

Guzman will be at the Johnson Space Center, in Houston, the week of October 4 through 11. During her stay, she will undergo a battery of tests and interviews in order to qualify for one of three full-time Educator Astronaut (mission specialists) positions.

### Seminole Smile



Donna Muniz — Vice President of the Sanford branch of Community United Bank

## Service with a Smile

Public servants dish out lunch to crowd as Lt. Gov. awards Weaver with honor



Sanford Commissioner Velma Williams (top) and Airport Authority President Larry Dale share a laugh as they serve lunch during the event. Lt. Gov. Tom Jennings congratulates Mother Blanche Weaver during the annual event Servants of the People Luncheon.

### Mother Weaver a shining light in Sanford

By Jamie J. Anderson-Potter  
Staff Writer

Elected officials and dignitaries from throughout Seminole County gathered during the Fifth Annual Servants of the People Luncheon Thursday to pay tribute to Mother Blanche Weaver, founder of the Rescue Outreach Mission in Sanford.

During the luncheon, more than 400 people were served lunch by volunteer ser-

vants made up of local mayors, commissioners, state legislators and school board officials.

The goal of the annual event, held at the Sanford Civic Center, was to raise \$32,000 for the Rescue Outreach Mission, more than double the \$20,000 from 1999. The money raised will ensure those in need receive food, clothing and shelter.

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## Iraqi Diary: Mission accomplished

Editor's note: Staff Sgt. Charlie C. Carlson III, son of Sanford historian Charlie C. Carlson II, is deployed in Baghdad as part of the 549th Military Police Company. He is providing the Herald with a journal of his experiences.

23 Aug. 2003 We are working under the control of the 2/37 of the 2nd Cavalry, continuing normal patrols and collecting intelligence. Each zone is made up of several sectors. Each sector has a man called a "Muktar," kinda like a mayor.

These muktars were appointed by Saddam Hussein to keep tabs on everyone in the sector. Each muktar kept a book called a "Mulhallah," which listed every resident in the sector

and their occupations, religion, and whether they were Fedayeen, Baath party, or Saddam loyalists.

Part of our mission in zones 14 and 23, has been to collect these books. We've confiscated all in zone 14, but still have a bunch to find in zone 23.

Each squad does a 12-hour shift. I worked the mid-shift after midnight and we were told to stay in a static location unless called. We went to our normal location at Regiment HQ but were informed by intel reports that our location could



Carlson

possibly come under mortar and missile attacks. I got my squad up and moving, and we went to Camp Maribor and sat static over there. I informed Enforcer base to keep all patrols out of the Regiment HQ area due to a possible attack.

Earlier in the evening, we went to the big, blue egg-looking thing. It is a memorial to fallen Iraqi soldiers. My translator, Ali Hanumadi, told me that when the sun rises, one egg-half is lit and when the sun is going down, it puts the Iraqi flag-

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## Man dies as lightning strikes lakeside gazebo

By Jamie J. Anderson-Potter  
Staff Writer

Family and friends gathered to mourn the loss of a 22-year-old Sanford man who died Thursday after being struck by lightning in Lake Mary.

Throughout the day Friday, people who knew Eric Justin Sperry and others who were touched by a stranger's tragic death gathered inside the gazebo where he died after being struck by lightning. A makeshift memorial with flowers and fishing lures now sits where Sperry's charred fishing pole once laid.

Sperry, a student at

Seminole Community College, died Thursday after taking shelter from an afternoon thunderstorm inside a gazebo at the end of a wooden pier on Green Lake in Renaissance Park in Lake Mary.

Two others individuals, 15-year-old David Malard and 16-year-old Timothy Godbold, both students at Lake Mary High School who were making their way home after ROTC practice, also sought shelter with Sperry.

At approximately 4:20 p.m., the gazebo received a direct lightning strike in which Sperry suffered the brunt.

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Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

A survivor from the deadly lightning strike Thursday return to the Lake Mary site the next day.

## Sanford commission OKs Airport Blvd. townhouses

By Jamie J. Anderson-Potter  
Staff Writer

Sanford commissioners voted unanimously Monday to approve the development of a townhome community off Airport Boulevard in Sanford.

The 43-acre site is located south of Airport Boulevard on the west side of State Road 417 and will include 318 two-story townhomes. The only access to the site will be from Airport Boulevard, via Americana Boulevard.

"I'm excited to see this development," said Mayor Brady Lessard. "It will be a wonderful addition to the area."

The subdivision will be home to two-bedroom units, approximately 1,051 to 1,144 square feet, and three-bedroom units, approximately 1,525 square feet. More than 600 parking spaces will be available for residents and visitors.

"There will be a pool, clubhouse and all the things that you would expect in a Class A community," said Bob Horian, president of Lake Mary-based Suncor Properties, Inc., who will develop the site.

However, Commissioner Art Woodruff expressed con-

cern that the townhomes look too much like apartments.

"I think at some point, as soon as this one is finished, we need to look at what we need to do because these look like apartments instead of owner-occupied homes," said Woodruff. "I don't want to get into building rental units owned by one person."

According to Horian, the main difference between the townhomes his company will construct and apartments is the number of units per acre. The proposed subdivision will have only seven homes per acre.

In fact, the townhomes at this site will be identical to Placid Lake Townhomes, currently under construction at 600 W. Airport Blvd.

According to Horian, the Placid Lake townhomes have won several awards and have been extremely popular with Seminole County homeowners, selling out before construction was complete in the subdivision.

Horian said the townhomes will sustain the area, which includes a Fairwinds Credit Union, a shopping center and State Road 417.

"The townhomes will support the shopping center and the shopping center will support the townhomes," he said.

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# SEMINOLE SUMMARY

## A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

### IN BRIEF

#### Orlando woman falls for pigeon drop scheme in Lake Mary

An Orlando woman was the victim Wednesday afternoon of a pigeon drop scheme that occurred in the Lake Mary area. The victim was approached outside of the K-Mart store just off Lake Emma Road and Lake Mary Boulevard. A female suspect struck up a conversation with the victim, saying that she had just found \$75,000 in a wallet. She offered to split the money, but the victim would have to put up some good-faith money, first.

The victim was taken to a couple other locations and was introduced to a second, and third suspect, who played along in the scheme. Eventually, the victim withdrew \$3,000 out of her bank account.

The suspects and the victim then went in the suspects' car to the Lake Mary Hilton at 705 Currency Circle, where the money was to be split. The victim gave one of the suspects her good-faith money to inspect. The money was in an envelope. The victim eventually witnessed one of the suspects allegedly switching envelopes, with one that contained paper. The victim began asking questions. One of the suspects began to confront the victim, challenging the victim about mistrusting her. The victim scrambled to get out of the car. The car, with three suspects inside, then sped off.

The victim was able to get a Florida tag number of VD5 (zero five) TV, which comes back to a white, 2004 Cadillac that was rented recently out of Fort Lauderdale.

It is believed the suspects are staying in hotels along the Interstate 4 corridor. One of the suspects is believed to be 55-year-old Pauline Babbs, who is also known as Pauline Marazzi.

Anybody who knows the whereabouts of the suspects, or sees the vehicle, is asked to call Investigator Neal Stewart at 407-665-6600. One may also call 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.

#### School board names two schools in honor of community leaders

At the Sept. 23 Seminole County School Board meeting, two new elementary schools scheduled to open in August of 2004 were named for three long time district employees.

The new school to open in Winter Springs will be named the Laver Elementary School. The new school to open in Chuluota will be named Joan Walker Elementary School.

William P. "Bud" Laver was superintendent of Seminole County Public Schools from 1971 to 1981. He received his education from the University of Kentucky and Hanover College. His master's work was done at Stetson University.

Laver served in the Coast Guard during the Korea Conflict and came to Seminole County in 1955. Bud taught biology and was the head basketball coach at Seminole High. He also was president of the Seminole County Teachers Association before becoming an assistant principal at Lyman High School. He served as principal of Millwee Middle, Teague Middle and later Seminole High.

Lucy Laver graduated from Florida State University. She started teaching in 1949 at Oviedo High School. She retired in 1984 from Lake Mary High School. She was a math teacher. Bud and his wife Lucy have lived in Sanford since he retired in 1981. Their only daughter is a pediatrician in Philadelphia.

Joan Walker was a 23-year employee of Seminole County Public Schools. She began her career as an instructional assistant at Sabal Point Elementary and retired in 1996 as Clerk to the Board, having served in this capacity from 1981 to 1996. During her tenure as Clerk, she was known for her grace under pressure.

A native of Michigan, Joan graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a bachelor's degree in business education. She is a mother of four and grandmother of four. All of her children attended Seminole County Public Schools. One of them, Michelle McGrath Harris is a teacher at Woodlands Elementary. Joan enjoys singing and performing. She started with a four-part harmony group in high school and even sang for the Pope in Rome as part of the Annunciation Church's choir. A resident of Lake Mary, Joan and her family have annually prepared a Thanksgiving dinner for community members who would have had to spend the holiday alone.

The features of the schools will include 114,000 square foot, 2-story brick building, 38 classrooms, resource rooms, computer lab, art & music suites, media center with a TV studio, multi-purpose cafeteria with a stage, and PE pavilion and play fields. The construction cost for each will be approximately \$8,000,000 and the completion dates are scheduled for July 2004.

### Cultural arts



This wall mural at Tajiri School of Performing Arts and Academics reflects the multi-cultural society in which we live. Tajiri instructors teach dance and cultural arts to young students from all walks of life regardless of race or ethnic background. Tajiri is located in the old, red schoolhouse on the corner of Palmetto Avenue and Sixth Street in Sanford.

#### Theft

•Harvey Lamont Perry, also known as Perry Harvy, Benjamin Hawkins, Benjamin Hawkins, Harvey Lamont Perry and Harvey Lamont Perry, 31, Hudson Street, Daytona Beach, was arrested by Sanford police Monday on the 1500 block of South French Avenue in Sanford. He was charged with retail theft.

•Ronald Cleveland Dixon, 45, Timber Lane, Clearwater, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday at a restaurant located on U.S. Highway 17-92 in Sanford. He was charged with retail theft.

•Shawn David Green, 24, Gale Drive, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday at the intersection of West 10th Street and Olive Avenue in Sanford. He was charged with having unsafe equipment on a motor vehicle for a faulty turn signal and/or unsafe tires and a non-moving traffic violation for driving with a suspended license.

•John Dixie Redding, 51, South Sanford Avenue, Sanford, was arrested Thursday at home by Sanford police. He was charged with larceny of more than \$300, but less than \$20,000.

#### Traffic

•Frank Anthony Grady, 45, South Thompson Avenue, DeLand, was arrested by Sanford police Monday at the intersection of West 11th Street and Holly Avenue in Sanford. He was charged with a non-moving traffic violation for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

•Willie Thomas Harris, 52, Orange Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday at the intersection of West 13th Street and Williams Avenue in Sanford. He was charged with non-moving traffic violations for driving with a suspended license, the attached registered license plate not being assigned and driving with an expired license for more than four months.

#### Other

•John Doc, 22, Orange Avenue, Sanford, was arrested Monday at home by Sanford police. He was charged with resisting officers.

•Darlene Lewis Mathews, 40, Lake Monroe Terrace, Sanford, was arrested Tuesday at home by Sanford police. She was charged with cruelty toward a child for abuse with great harm.

•Charise Sherma Hilton, 23, Windchase Boulevard, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday on South French Avenue

### Police Blotter

in Sanford. She was charged with counterfeit of public record certificates and fraud for uttering a false statement.

#### Multiple charges

•Shawn David Green, 24, Gale Drive, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday at the intersection of West 10th Street and Olive Avenue in Sanford. He was charged with having unsafe equipment on a motor vehicle for a faulty turn signal and/or unsafe tires and a non-moving traffic violation for driving with a suspended license.

•Jeannie Marie Wallace, 33, Lucern Drive, DeBary, and Paulo Peter Greco, 51, Belchase Court, DeBary, were arrested by Sanford police Tuesday at the intersection of French Avenue and West Seminole Boulevard in Sanford. Wallace was charged with driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol or drugs and a non-moving traffic violation for driving with a suspended license. According to police reports, these are her first such offenses. Greco was charged with possession of narcotic equipment and less than 20 grams of marijuana.

•Danny Perez, 40, Balfour Drive, Deltona, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday at the intersection of West 25th Street and Elm Avenue in Sanford. He was charged with DUI of alcohol or drugs and violation of a traffic control device.

•Diane Beland, 54, Pinecrest Drive, Sanford, and Jodie Beland, 27, Crystal Bowl Circle, Casselberry, were arrested by Sanford police Thursday at a nightclub located on the 2000 block of Orlando Drive in Sanford. Diane Beland was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without the intent to kill, battery causing bodily harm and disorderly conduct. Jodie Beland was charged with battery causing bodily harm and disorderly conduct.

•Debra J. Scinicariello, 36, Coot Street, Orlando, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at the

intersection of Rinehart Road and Towne Center Boulevard in Sanford. She was charged with resisting officers without violence and a non-moving traffic violation for driving with a suspended license.

•Brandon Dontae Ward, 21, Coolidge Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday at the intersection of West 11th Street and Maple Avenue in Sanford. He was charged with possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and an open container of alcohol.

#### Drugs

•Chidy Lou Booell, 42, West First Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday on Holly Avenue in Sanford. She was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Trevor Cameron Bagley, 18, Riveredge Road, Oviedo, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Thursday. He was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Christopher James Boyle, 19, Hunt Road, Longwood, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Thursday. He was charged with possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana.

•Thomas Peter Breckwoldt, 23, Starlight Cove, Road, Orlando, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Thursday. He was charged with possession of narcotics.

#### Battery

•Raymond Howard Barrett, 42, Chase Avenue, Sanford, was arrested Wednesday at home by Sanford police. He was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without the intent to kill (domestic violence) and battery (touch or strike, domestic violence).

•David Gomez, 18, Dunn Hill Road, Longwood, was arrested Wednesday at home by Sanford police. He was charged with battery (touch or strike).

•Deborah Hall, 40, Rosecliff Circle, Sanford, was arrested Friday at home by Sanford police. She was charged with battery (touch or strike, domestic violence).

•Michael Lewis Hess, 46, North Ronald Reagan Boulevard, Sanford, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Thursday. He was charged with battery (touch or strike).

### OUT &

SAT 27

The Sanford Seminole Art Association will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday at Grace Fellowship Congregational Church, 2401 S. Park Ave., in Sanford. For more information, call 407-678-3392.

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," a play based on the book by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart, will be presented at the Sands Theater Center, located at 600 N. Woodland Blvd., in DeLand. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students. For more information, call 386-736-7456.

"How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," based on the novel by Shepard Mead, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Friday and Oct. 4, 10 and 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Oct. 5 and 12 at Helen Stairs Theatre for the Performing Arts, 203 S. Magnolia Ave., in Sanford. Cost is \$12 in advance, \$15 day of show. For more information, call 407-321-8111.

"Noises Off," by Michael Frayn, will be presented at 8 p.m. Saturday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 4 p.m. Sunday, and 2 and 8 p.m. Oct. 4 at Annie Russell Theatre, Rollins College, 1000 Holt Ave., Winter Park. Cost is \$15 and \$17. For more information, call 407-646-2145.

A grief support program will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 and Nov. 15 at Vitas Healthcare, located at 5151 Adanson St., in Orlando. The program offers education and support with time for reflection, discussion, expressive activity and personal ways to work with the practical realities of loss. Cost is \$5 per session or \$12 for three sessions. Registration required. For more information, call 407-691-4549.

SUN 28

David Shelton, national singer, actor and mime, will perform at First Christian Church of Longwood, 1400 E. Williamson Road, at 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 407-767-2932.

A free parenting class will be held at Metro Church of Christ, Rooms 305 and 307, 281 Division St., in Oviedo, at 11 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call 407-366-7714.

Grace Baptist Church, 3170 Howland Blvd., in Deltona, will host an Old Fashioned Camp Meeting Sunday through Friday. For meeting times and more information, call 386-789-1007.

TUES 30

Cranes Comedy, a free, family oriented comedy show, will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Cranes Roust Park in Altamonte Springs. Dick Batchelor will host the show, featuring Genesis and Carl Guerra. For more information, call 407-571-8863.

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# Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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**'ET AL' By MANNY NOSOWSKY**

**ACROSS**

1 Muddle through  
7 Low spot  
11 Destroys, in arcades  
15 Linguist Chomsky  
19 Parthenon goddess  
20 Like some vaccines  
21 Knowledgeable about  
22 Memo words  
23 Flower part  
24 Key holder's privilege?  
27 Stunned sound  
28 H.S. proficiency test  
30 Get out of the house  
31 Largest of the Dodecanese  
32 One of the Libras  
33 Lamented  
35 Main route?  
36 Aggressive play by chess master Mikhail?  
40 Firted  
41 Royal flush part  
42 NFL scores  
43 Old-style "Phoey"  
45 Greek mount  
46 Anger  
48 Lord of the fief  
49 Times to remember  
53 Wrist bruise remedy?  
59 Mauna  
62 Ring-tailed critter  
63 Wheel centers  
64 Gulf state resident  
65 How tables may be placed  
67 Poetic form  
68 "Malcolm X" director  
71 Like days of yore  
72 Norm's unseen wife on "Cheers"  
73 Choice word  
74 Ten-warhead ICBMs  
75 Women joining a cause?  
81 Goes in haste  
82 "Jacques"  
83 Pair of nines?

**DOWN**

1 Absolutely must  
2 Includes as a provision  
3 Punishes  
4 Dole's running mate  
5 Serpent tail?  
6 Citrus hybrid  
7 Without  
8 Prince Valiant's son  
9 Approached the witching hour  
10 Vegas naturals  
11 Galvanizing metal  
12 Med sch. course  
13 November runner  
14 It's a trap  
15 Violinmaker Amati  
16 At some point  
17 Fictional sleuth  
18 Loaded, with "around"  
25 Clears  
26 Talks  
29 Cyberspace wink, e.g.  
33 Christian denom.  
34 In pursuit of  
35 Worst variety leader  
37 Old Russian leader  
38 Some approvals: Abbr.  
39 Zig or zag  
44 Leaves in a cup  
47 South African bread  
48 Mail order giant  
49 "Fashion Emergency" model  
50 Specialized area  
51 Wing that won't fly  
52 Sloppy digs  
54 "Money" saying, in product names  
55 Average John  
56 Friend on "Friends"  
57 Actress Lindley  
58 Imperial Palace site  
59 Retirement plan name  
60 Zhou of China  
61 Mix up  
66 Hardy's "Pure Woman"  
68 In stitches  
69 Like London fog  
70 Gerund suffix  
72 Guest work  
76 Saints' gp.  
77 Fast one  
78 Get better  
79 Result of a charge  
80 Hardy Joe Cool  
85 One way to pay by check  
86 Doing business online  
87 Lets go  
88 Arcade pioneer  
89 Unleashed, as havoc  
90 Where Goyas hang  
92 Accumulates  
93 Netherlands city  
94 English Channel county  
95 Lack of vigor  
96 They're waved in concert halls  
97 Look... rings  
99 "Wait just...!"  
100 Searches  
102 Add a year to your life?  
108 Open a tad  
107 University since 1701  
109 Soup with sushi  
111 Shine, in ads  
112 Glowing  
114 "Catch-22" pilot

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## Lightning

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According to officials, Sperry had dropped his fishing pole into the water, which caused it to conduct the electricity gener-

ated from the lightning bolt. The rod and reel disintegrated, leaving nothing but pieces of melted line.

Malard and Godbold, who did not know Sperry until they shared the gazebo's shelter, made their way to Green Way Boulevard where they caught the attention of driver Lisa Wulf, a former cardiac-care nurse at Orlando Regional Medical Center.

The Longwood woman, who was driving home after picking up her son from school, stopped to assist the boys. After

assessing Sperry's condition, Wulf performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation for nearly five minutes.

Sperry, however, was pronounced dead at South Seminole Hospital in Longwood Thursday evening. His death is the sixth in Florida this year.

Malard and Godbold suffered only minor injuries and burns. They were treated and released from Florida Hospital Altamonte Thursday evening. One of the boys, who asked to remain nameless, returned to the scene Friday afternoon.

According to Sperry's boss,



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent

The charred remains of Eric Sperry's fishing pole (above) is evidence of the severe electrical shock.

Flowers (left) mark the spot where he lost his life to the lightning

Danielle Smith of Public in Lake Mary. Sperry was a quiet, young man, mature beyond his years.

During the brunt of this storm, between 3:45 and 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Seminole and Orange County fire dispatchers were inundated with calls. According to fire reports, a bolt of lightning hit the attic of an Orange County home located on Ventana Lane, leaving the family homeless. Other calls reported downed trees and utility lines.



## A Taste of Seminole County

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# Seminole County's first black fire chief dies at 84

Joseph Jackson, Sr., Seminole County's first black fire chief and community activist, died Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003, of respiratory failure at Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford. He was 84.

Born to Mattie and Willie Jackson in Quincy, on Nov. 15, 1918, Jackson was the oldest of seven children. After his father died, Jackson, his mother and two sisters, Lizzie Mae and Willie Mae, moved to Sanford in the mid-1920s and settled in the Cameron City also known as the "Hundred." Mattie met and married Floyd Child and to this union four children were born.

Jackson was educated in the public schools of Seminole County. A veteran of World War II, he was the "Bugle Boy" for his Army Company, receiving a Victory Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, an American Defense Medal, an Asiatic-Pacific Company Medal and a World War II Bronze Service Star.

On March 23, 1951, he married the former Bobbie Singletary, who preceded him in death in 1998, and to this union six children were born.

Jackson helped organize the Midway-Canaan Volunteer Fire Department in the early 1960s with a group of other men, then served as fire chief for 10 years before the county took over the service in the 1974.

The fire department made quite a name for itself, even participating yearly on the televised Central Florida Cerebral Palsy Foundation. To raise money, the department had a fireman's ball and solicited donations.

Seminole County Fire Chief Terry L. Schenk salut-

ed Jackson in a letter dated Feb. 25, 2001, presented during the Inaugural Midway Living Legends Awards.

"Over the years our department has evolved into one of the finest emergency service organizations in the country and we are very proud of the service we provide each day to the citizens of Seminole County," he said. "With that said, there always has to be a starting point for such ventures and you were part of that in organizing fire protection for the Midway area so many years ago."

Jackson was also an organizer and charter member of the Midway-Canaan Water Users Association, a member of the Midway Improvement Association, the Seminole County Firemen's Association, Boy Scout Troop No. 103, Lily White Lodge No. 73, the Sandra Fashion Bowling League, the NAACP, and worked with the PTA and Band Parents Association of the schools his children attended. He also worked with the Red Cross, United Fund and Cerebral Palsy associations.

He was considered the community's "town crier" riding throughout the community with loud speakers attached to the roof of his car announcing community meetings, campaigning for Seminole County's first black candidate for county commissioner (Midway resident Willie C. Cummings) or

making residents aware of upcoming county issues.

A deacon at Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church for 50 years, Jackson served as chairman of the board for more than 20 years. One of his favorite spirituals is "We are climbing Jacob's ladder," which he often sang leading Sunday morning devotional service.

He was an avid gardener and shade-tree mechanic, often mowing neighbors' lawns and repairing their cars free of charge.

Jackson leaves to mourn his six children, Joseph Jackson, Jr., (Nadia) of Toronto, Canada, Barbara Gillison, of Jacksonville, David Jackson (Shelia) of Sanford, Charles Jackson of Sanford, Gregory Jackson (Lisa) of Pensacola, and Cassandra Grayson (John) of Tallahassee. He also leaves behind 17 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sisters, Liz Diggs, Willie Mae Johnson, Flora Daniels and Lula (Eugene) Morgan, all of Rochester, N.Y.; sisters-in-law, Pearl (Derry) McGill, Ella Mae Brooks, Elnora Singletary, Margaret Childs, all of Sanford, Betty Childs of Syracuse, N.Y.; and a host of nieces, nephews and sorrowing friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Moriah House of Prayer (Primitive Baptist Church), 1101 Locust Ave., in Sanford. Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.



Jackson

## Obituaries

**ROGER B. BARRETT**  
Roger B. Barrett, 66, of Sanford, died Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003, in Sanford.

He was born Oct. 13, 1936, in Montoursville, Pa. He was a retired private first class officer in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include wife, Wava C. Barrett, Sanford. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

**DAVID A. BOGGS**  
David A. Boggs, 59, of Longwood, died Monday, Sept. 22, 2003, in Longwood.

He was born Nov. 4, 1943, in Grayson, Ky. He was a retired security guard.

Survivors include sisters, Betty Jane Ison, Shella Flannery, Marty Newman.

Funeral services were held Wednesday. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, was in charge of arrangements.

**BISHOP H. AUSTIN TAYLOR**  
Bishop H. Austin Taylor, 75, of DeLand, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003.

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Diary

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looking statue in darkness. The egg-halves are set-off from one another.

As I pass by these neighborhoods, I can remember each house or place, where I've arrested someone, confiscated weapons, been shot at, saved someone, or raided some place. It kinda gets stuck in your mind.

We were told that if and when they capture or kill Saddam Hussein to report back to base immediately to seek shelter from rounds coming down from celebrating gunfire. They just shoot up in the air not realizing that lead falls back to earth.

I put my soldiers in for an award. They've risked their lives to confiscate so many weapons and arrest so many bad guys and have turned over a lot of useful intelligence, but my request was rejected. I think they each deserve a bronze star, but at least a commendation medal for what they've been through.

My left shoulder and arm hurts when I move it a certain way. I don't report it because you get stigmatized as a sick book rider if it is not combat related. I put up with it, but it slows my reaction time when I need to swing my weapon into firing position.

My contact lenses were ruined a long time ago by the desert sand. I will have to buy new ones as the army won't pay for these.

As for troop support, this has been the most cheap-skate war that I've ever been in. I mean really, after five months we still eat MREs and drink lukewarm water. Give me a break. No wonder soldiers half-way to retirement are threatening to get out. Now I hear there is a proposal to allow 20 days leave, providing we pay our own way to and from Iraq. On top of that, they're talking about cutting our imminent danger pay and family separation pay. I think they are taking the words "volunteer army" too literal.

The other day we were on patrol and I saw a guy pushing a cart loaded with what appeared to be homemade bars of soap. So I pointed and said "Look, soap. That guy has a cart full of soap." About that time the guy pushing the cart picks up one of the objects and eats it. I don't know what it was, but it was funny because we thought it was soap.

Today, midshift came off patrol and said they got 9 more Mulhallah books and the other shift got 2 books. I then took my squad out and we got 21 books plus a book listing names of dead and missing people, which S-2 [Intelligence lower level] took a great liking to.

We went back into the depths of New Baghdad looking for more Mulhallah books where some mukhtars had fled from the area as

they were Saddam supporters. I have my sights on two sectors, and my squad will find the mukhtars' houses and I will get the remaining books if I have to kick-in doors or use bolt cutters or get a key from landlords to get into the houses.

26 Aug. 2003 Great news, mission accomplished, we have found and collected all the Mulhallah books in our sectors. Now our new mission is to resume recruiting Iraqi males for the Iraqi Coalition Defense Force, ICDF. I never expected to be a recruiter for the Iraqi army.

I met with two mukhtars from sectors 721 and 723 as they lived next door to each other. It was night so we sat down with my interpreter Ali Hammadi at one of their houses in the flickering of an oil lamp that, by the aroma, was burning camel fat. I laid out my intentions of the meeting and asked them to inform all Iraqi males interested in the ICDF of the benefits: 1-year contract; \$60 dollars a month pay; \$50 dollar bonus upon completion of eight weeks training with an armored cavalry unit; \$5 dollars per person they get to join who finishes training; plus food, housing, uniforms and medical. After going over the benefits I almost signed myself up as it sounded better than the way we live. I got seven prospect recruits for my efforts.

Every thing was running smooth here in our area until some U.S. official decided to round up a bunch of clerics and raid some mosques. This operation will cause an uproar and we'll be in the middle of it. Everything we worked hard for will be lost.

It is not the first time that Washington's wisdom has created problems for us, I just wish they'd let us do our job. We try to maintain good terms with the mukhtars and the people. Still we must be vigilant.

When I get out of my humvee to deal with a situation, I carry a 9mm in my side holster with the flap opened and have two MPs flanking me with M-4s. My other soldiers remain at the ready with the trucks, each with a gunner locked and loaded in the turret. I must be stern in dealing with the people, but fair. Iraqis do not like to face me when they know I'm upset with them.

One belligerent guy said he did not like the Iraqi police or the Americans. I grabbed his shoulder and spun him around face-to-face. "You don't care for me?" I asked. Then he put his hands up and said, in broken English, "Okay mister, you are good, no problem." That is usually all it takes and most times it doesn't require the threat of a weapon.

Next issue: Mosque bombings stir up trouble.

Weaver

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Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Even after serving 400 people, Lake Mary Deputy Mayor Janet Jernigan, Lake Mary Commissioner Michael McLean (center) and Longwood Commissioner John Malingot can enjoy the event.

During the festivities, Weaver, who began the Mission from her home more than 16 years ago, was presented the Points of Light Award. Weaver was selected to receive the award by Gov. Jeb Bush in February based on her dedication to the community and continued inspiration to others.

"I can't believe it, I just do what people should do," 78-year-old Weaver said. "I don't turn anybody down. When they come to me, I don't care how dirty they are I see to it that they get cleaned up."

"I treat them like people, not dogs," she added. "I treat them just as nice as I would if they were the president of the United States."

Weaver purchased the property on West 13th Street to build the Mission for \$10 more than 16 years ago. Since that

time it has grown to include a 6,000 square foot facility dedicated to providing food, clothing and shelter to those in need. A 5,000 square foot facility known as the Open Door Shelter for women was added to the property nine years ago.

The facility has given Weaver and her staff an outlet to provided shelter to more than 10,400 people and prepare nearly 763,000 meals.

"She has touched thousands of lives," said Jennings. "She is dedicated to the people of her community. She will continue to inspire all of us for years to come."

The Rescue Outreach Mission provides three meals a day for the homeless and less fortunate. It is also the only homeless shelter for men in Seminole County and operates the Open Door Shelter for women and their children.

Interchange

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point urban interchange over U.S. Highway 17-92, a single point urban interchange over State Road 436, a viaduct over State 436, at grade improvements and a no build option. Ultimately, state transportation officials decided on four alternatives to present to the community. Officials are already ruling out the fourth alternative, a viaduct, as it costs nearly twice as much than others at a total cost of \$94 million.

The four-lane interchange over State Road 436, which looks like a small bridge similar to the one at Maitland Boulevard and State Road 434, won out over other alternatives because it was determined most of the traffic on State Road 436 was turning to head south toward Orlando. In all, the interchange over State Road 436 has three alternatives: a center, left and right right-of-way acquisition.

Each alternative has a different impact to local businesses, but at least 16 businesses will have to relocate no matter what alternative is chosen. The center right-of-way build alternative is estimated to cost about \$54, but will impact the most properties at 44. The right, or east, right-of way acquisition build alternative will cost about \$56 million and will impact the least number of properties at 36. The left, or west, right-of-way acquisition build alternative will affect 39 business and is the most expensive of the three as it is estimated to cost about \$68 million. The affected area on U.S. Highway 17-92 will be from about Live Oaks to Fernwood boulevards.

The city of Casselberry favors the left alternative and FDOT is supporting the right or center plans.

"Typically, when we do these things one (alternative) comes out ahead, but in the situation they're both similar," Diaz said of the center and right build alternatives.

City officials lean toward the left alternative because it protects the Casselberry Exchange and other properties that have been recently redeveloped.

"We're in the state of redevelopment so it's critical what we have happen here is not a monster," said Casselberry Commissioner Susan Doerner.

"We're essentially helping the rest of Central Florida by moving their traffic — they're not putting this in Lake Mary or anywhere else," she added. "Whatever we decide we will live with forever, which is critical."

In a straw poll conducted at Casselberry's special meeting of the city commission and planning board, the majority supported the left alternative.

Several other officials abstained as they didn't like any of the alternatives including City Commissioner Kathy Cook, who also levied a 'no' vote when the city commission made a motion to support the left alternative.

"Those options (center and right) are talking away so much of the landscaping and redevelopment that we

already have," said Mayor Bruce Pronovost. "Those are the worst possible scenarios. In my mind it's probably a no-brainer to look at the left side."

The project is a hard pill to swallow for some city leaders. They fear the economic impact will be insurmountable in an area they've worked hard to redevelop.

"For the next seven, eight, 10 years you're putting devel-

opment on hold," said Frank Clifton, city manager.

According to Clifton, the city commission will try to arrange a meeting with county commissioners so they can talk about the ramifications of the intersection construction alternatives.

"This will have a major impact on the community no matter what happens and this will have far reaching effects long after I'm gone into retire-

ment," Pronovost said. "So I think it's incumbent upon us to work with the county commission."

A FDOT public hearing on the project is set for Oct. 30 at the Casselberry City Hall located at 95 Triplet Lake

Drive. If an alternative is selected this year, design work is estimated to take about two years with two or three years of right-of-way acquisition occurring afterward. In all, it may not be until 2010 before the project is completed.

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Distant Replay

Jan. 1, 1962

Top-ranked Alabama edged Arkansas 10-3 in the Sugar Bowl behind a tough Crimson Tide defense under coach Bear Bryant that only allowed 22 points all season. Alabama fullback Mike Pruechia's 43-yard rumble to the Razorbacks' 12-yard line set up the first score to make it 7-0 Alabama. The Tide tacked on a field goal by Tim Davis for a 10-0 lead at the half.

The SEC this week

GAME OF THE WEEK

Arkansas at Alabama

A must-win for Alabama

Alabama has its back up against the wall after last week's loss to Northern Illinois, and the Crimson Tide faces a must-win matchup in its fifth game of the season.

Arkansas comes into the game on the opposite side of the spectrum and ranked ninth in the country. Everything is going right for the Razorbacks, who are averaging 38 points per game and have held their opponents (North Texas, Texas, Tulsa) to a combined 48 points.

So who wins, the team on a roll or the team looking to roll Tide? Either way, someone will have momentum heading into the meat of the conference schedule.

Arkansas at Alabama

Records: Arkansas 3-0 (0-0 SEC); Alabama 2-2 (1-0 SEC). Series: Alabama leads 8-5. Coaches: Arkansas' Houston Nutt (78-45); Alabama's Mike Shula (2-2).

Key for Arkansas: Stay balanced. As tempting as it is to just keep giving the ball to Cedric Cobbs, the Razorbacks must continue to mix it up against a defense as tough as Alabama's. The Razorbacks actually threw the ball for more yards (183) than they rushed for (143) in last week's victory over North Texas, and you can bet if that happens again, it will lead to a huge road win.

Key for Alabama: Win the battle of field position. The Crimson Tide offense managed 394 yards in the loss to Northern Illinois, but they started every second-half drive inside their own 20-yard line.

The Rest of the Matchups Western Kentucky at Auburn

Records: Western Kentucky 3-0 (1-0 Gateway Conference); Auburn 1-2 (1-0 SEC). Series: First meeting. Coaches: WKU's David Elson (15-3); Auburn's Tommy Tuberville (56-41). TV: None

Key for Western Kentucky: Take away the run and force the Tigers to throw the ball to beat you. Last week the Hilltoppers, who only allow 13.7 ypg rushing, held Eastern Kentucky to minus-16 yards on the ground, and even though it won't be the same as the Tigers attack, their 3-4 features so much speed it can slow down almost any attack.

Key for Auburn: Continue to get the ball to wideout Jeris McIntyre. Not only will it keep drives alive and put points on the board, it will give quarterback Jason Campbell the kind of confidence boost he needs to make this offense fire on all cylinders once again.

Florida at Kentucky

Records: Florida 2-2 (0-1 SEC); Kentucky 2-2 (0-1 SEC). Series: Florida leads 36-17. Coaches: Florida's Ron Zook (10-7); Kentucky's Rich Brooks (93-111-4). TV: Jefferson-Pilot

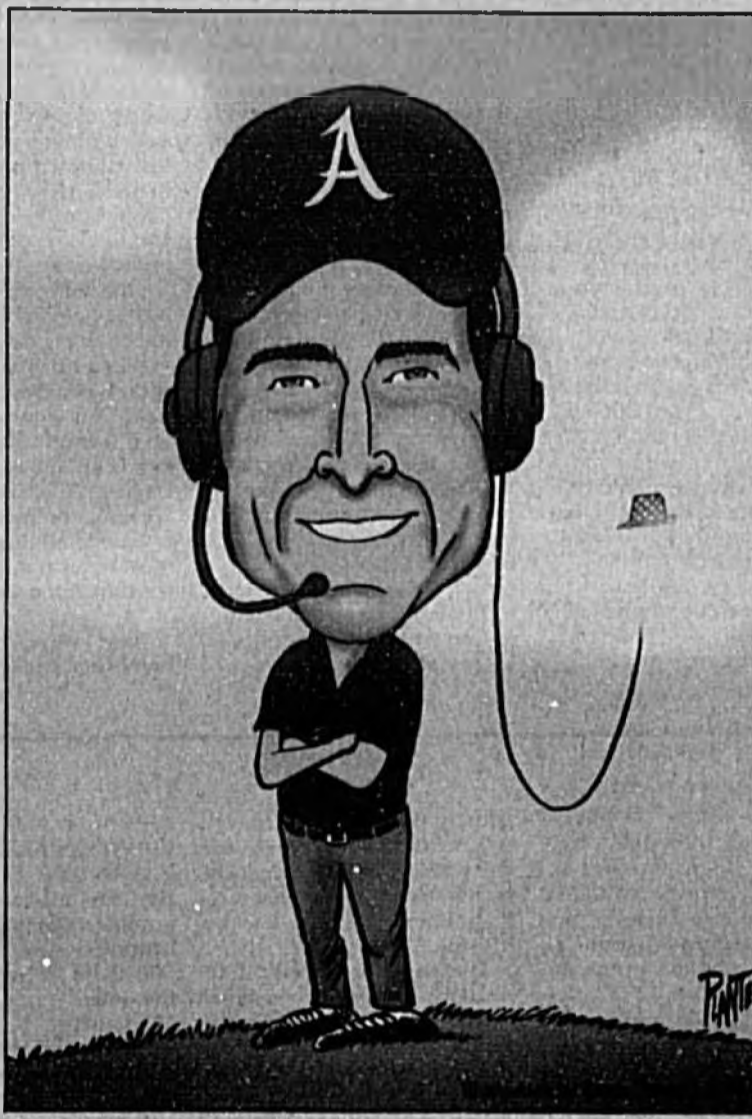
Key for Florida: Throw it down the field. The Gators called 17 runs and 15 passes in the first half last week. Of the 15 passes, only six were thrown downfield, and only two of those were longer than 10 yards. Enough with the dinking and dunking — the Gators have tremendous team speed and some of the best athletes in the country — now use them.

Key for Kentucky: Now that the running game is taking shape and the offense is rolling, try to get the defense to follow suit. They allowed Indiana (403) to outgain them by 46 yards, and you know Florida will try to roll up some gaudy passing numbers coming off an embarrassing loss to Tennessee.

LSU at Mississippi State

Records: LSU 4-0 (1-0 SEC); Mississippi State 0-3 (0-0 SEC). Series: LSU leads 60-33-3. Coaches: LSU's Nick Saban (73-38-1); Mississippi State's Jackie Sherrill (178-113-4). TV: ESPN2

Key for LSU: Move wide receiver Michael Clayton around and find ways to get him open again. Put him in the slot, or run more slants, but make an adjustment. Clayton, who led the SEC in



receptions per game and yards, was held to two catches for 26 yards in last week's loss. Key for Mississippi State: Use the front four on defense to pressure Matt Mauck. Last week showed that if you hurry him, he will turn the ball over and make errant throws. And most importantly, he won't have time to find Michael Clayton.

Texas Tech at Mississippi

Records: Texas Tech 2-1 (0-0 Big 12); Mississippi 2-1 (1-0 SEC). Series: Mississippi leads 2-1. Coaches: Texas Tech's Mike Leach (25-17); Mississippi's David Cutcliffe (32-19). TV: None

Key for Texas Tech: Break some big plays. The Red Raiders had a whopping 586 yards passing in last week's loss to the Wolfpack, yet still only managed three touchdowns. If any of their wide receivers could have broken a tackle, they would have won the game.

Key for Mississippi: It's real simple: get the ball in the hands of wideout Chris Collins and let him set records. The senior connection of Eli Manning to Collins will be crucial in a game that will turn into a track meet the instant the ball is kicked off.

South Carolina at Tennessee

Records: South Carolina 3-1 (0-1 SEC); Tennessee 3-0 (1-0 SEC). Series: Tennessee leads 17-2-2. Coaches: South Carolina's Lou Holtz (241-121-7); Tennessee's Phillip Fulmer (106-25). TV: ESPN

Key for South Carolina: Keep Demetrius Summers rolling. The fresh phenom makes everyone else on the offense better, especially quarterback Dondrial Pinkins, who has less of a load to bear when the running game gets going. Don't abandon the run when it doesn't work early. Summers has fresh legs and needs a lot of carries to find his rhythm and break a big run late.

Key for Tennessee: With Cedric Houston ailing, just wind up Jabari Davis and watch him run. Davis displayed the type of speed to turn a corner and the power to punch it in.

Georgia Tech at Vanderbilt

Records: Georgia Tech 1-3 (0-2 ACC); Vanderbilt 1-3 (0-2 SEC). Series: Georgia Tech leads 16-15-3. Coaches: Georgia Tech's Chan Gailey (32-20); Vanderbilt's Bobby Johnson (63-49). TV: None

Key for Georgia Tech: Use more three-step drops so freshman quarterback Reggie Ball has time to set his feet before he throws the ball. When he was able to set himself he had success, as evidenced by the 170 yards receiving on nine catches by wide receiver Jonathan Smith.

Key for Vanderbilt: Stack eight defenders in the box and force Ball to beat you. It worked to perfection last week for Clemson, who watched Ball wilt under the pressure of a pass rush and finish 19-of-42 for 248 yards.

2-MINUTE DRILL

ALABAMA The Crimson Tide was one of several major conference teams to fall to less heralded teams last weekend when it lost to an up-and-coming Northern Illinois squad. The loss knocked Mike Shula's team from the rankings, but he has little time to mourn the loss with the surging Razorbacks awaiting the Tide.

ARKANSAS The defense is a big reason Arkansas is one of three SEC teams still unbeaten. The Razorbacks allowed 371 yards against Tulsa in the opener, but since then have allowed an average of 261.5 yards in victories over Texas and North Texas.

AUBURN Tigers tailback Tre Smith and quarterback Courtney Benson spent the bye week pulling double duty, working with the team's secondary. Smith is working as strong safety, and the coaches are hoping Benson can fill a void at cornerback. Smith will still return kicks and punts and handle goal-line carries, but rather than sit on the bench waiting to get carries, he can make a more immediate impact, literally, at safety.

FLORIDA The Gators are already out of the championship hunt, after dropping games to Miami and Tennessee, but now the Gators are looking to right the ship before conference showdowns against LSU, Arkansas and Georgia. With Florida State also on the state, the Gators will need to refocus in a hurry or face the prospect of a .500 season.

GEORGIA The bye week is coming at the perfect time for the Bulldogs, who get a little time to heal before they host Alabama. Both quarterback David Greene (hyperextended knee) and defensive end David Pollack (injured kneecap) will appreciate the time off. Both will be ready to play against the Crimson Tide.

KENTUCKY At 260 pounds, Kentucky quarterback Jared Lorenzan outweighed all but two of Indiana's defenders in Saturday's victory over the Hoosiers. His size helps explain why he was only sacked once by Indiana, and why he dragged smaller linebacker Kevin Smith into the end zone with him on his 1-yard scoring run.

LSU The Tigers' victory Saturday gives them their first 4-0 start since 1996, and it was even sweeter since it came against Georgia and snapped the Bulldogs' nine-game winning streak. It was the Bulldogs who kept LSU from going 4-0 back in 1998 when they edged the Tigers 28-27 at Tiger Stadium.

MISSISSIPPI Senior wide receiver Chris Collins will break the tie with Grant Beard (1996-2000) with his first catch this weekend against Texas Tech. The two are knotted with 142 receptions each.

MISSISSIPPI The Bulldogs are off to their worst start in 35 years after last week's 42-35 loss at the hands of Houston. Mississippi State is 0-3 for the first time since 1968, when it finished 0-8-2, and if quarterback Kevin Fant repeats last week's five-interception performance, the team might just match that eight-loss record.

SOUTH CAROLINA Freshman tailback Demetrius Summers is cranking it up at just the right time as USC travels to face the Volunteers this week. Summers had 161 yards and three touchdowns in the 42-10 romp over Alabama-Birmingham. Summers' emergence should help quarterback Dondrial Pinkins. Talk of benching Pinkins has died down after his efficient 13-of-19 effort for 202 yards last week confirmed that all he needed was a stronger running game.

TENNESSEE Running back Cedric Houston has a slight hip pointer, suffered Saturday against Florida, but he should be fine for the South Carolina game. The junior averaged 160.5 yards per game through the first two games and was leading the SEC. Houston only had 12 carries for 25 yards in last week's victory.

VANDERBILT The Commodores (1-3) led TCU 14-10 before one of the Vandy's four first-half fumbles led to a Horned Frog touchdown that gave TCU a 17-14 lead it would never relinquish. The Commodores haven't beaten a Top 25 team since a 27-25 victory over No. 17 Georgia way back in 1991.



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The vision is to educate and motivate new and existing organizations with information that they need to ensure their long-term growth and stability, said Cheryl Zackery, founder of Christian Conference Consultants, Inc. The conference will help owners find business models, best practices and tools they can use. It will also help them network, collaborate and make partnerships.

Workshop facilitators are Charles Riley, former finance executive for PepsiCo Food and Beverage, Co.; Dr. Keith Jennings, southern regional coordinator of Center for Community Change in Atlanta; Mark Brewer, director of the Community Foundation of Central Florida; Dr. Rebekah McCloud, assistant director of the Office of Diversity Initiative at University of Central of Florida; and many other great community leaders from various fields. The keynote speaker for the breakfast will be Minister Pete Jackson of Jacksonville's Network for Strengthening Families. Conference registration is \$50 and includes prayer breakfast, conference materials, workshops and a

micro-grant application.

For more information, call 407-298-7295 or log on at [www.christianconferenceconsultants.com](http://www.christianconferenceconsultants.com). Registration is required by Sept. 30. The event is sponsored by Minority Women Business Enterprise Alliance, State Sen. Gary Siplin and a host of others.

**Family Day a success**

More than 50 parents and children gathered to eat dinner together for Family Day.

Floridians were encouraged to make family time an important part of this special day and every day. Family Day is a national effort to promote parental engagement as a simple, effective way to reduce substance abuse by children and teens and to raise healthier children. It emphasizes the importance of regular family activities in parent-child communication and encourages Americans to make family dinners a regular feature of their lives. Goldsboro Front Porch, Inc., supported this National Family Partnership.

**Happy birthday greetings**

A happy birthday to the September Virgo's and Libra's, Della James, Arthur Mae Scott, Natherine Bentley, Betty Smith, Mary Gibson, John Hall, Willie Mae Morgan, Gracie Muller Miller and Rozland H. Tillman.

**Volunteers sought**

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**Old Glory finds home at Vigilante Room**

Sallie Harrison Chapter, NSDAR held its first meeting of the season Sept. 12 at the Vigilante Room of Orlando Sanford Airport.

Chaplain Mary Williams offered Grace and later read a Resolution adopted July 10 at the 112th Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. The resolution pays tribute to the armed services and also includes reference to the Sept. 11 tragedy.

Regent Virginia Powell welcomed guest speaker Connie Williams and other guests, Jack Dow, vice president of operations at the airport, and Patty Mahaney, vice president of the Vigilante committee. She also introduced two prospective members, Jan Leiben and Carol Wingo.

Powell presented to Dow and Mahaney, for the Vigilante Room, a U.S. Flag. The flag was donated by member Nancy Williams in honor of her father, the late George W. Caisse, who served in World War II as a pharmacist in the Pacific Theater.

In accepting the flag, Dow gave a brief history of the facility which, as the Sanford Naval Air Station during the 1940s, 50s and early 60s was an integral part of the Sanford community. It was in 1968 that the property was sold to the city for \$1. Commercial activity started in 1995-96 and today the airport is thriving with many flights each week from the United Kingdom. Domestic flights are increasing and the future holds promise of flights

to London, Paris and Rome.

Dow continued with an explanation of the significance of the Vigilante Room. Three and a half years ago, Mahaney and others spearheaded an effort to acquire a Navy plane to be placed in a park at the entrance to the airport.

Many volunteers were involved in the successful acquisition of the beautiful Vigilante that was restored and is now mounted and placed in a four-plus acres park. Landscaped by the Ixora Garden Club on a small portion of the park, future plans include additional landscaping, playground equipment and shade-covered structures. The park was dedicated on Memorial Day, 2003.

In addition to the flag, The chapter returned to the airport a framed copy of the Declaration of Independence. It had originally been donated to the Library of the Sanford Naval Air Station by Ensign James T. Talmadge, VAH-3, in memory of his ancestor, Private Noah Talmadge, who eight years



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Virginia Powell (left), regent of the Sallie Harrison Chapter NSDAR, presents a U.S. Flag to Jack Dow and Patty Mahaney, president and vice president, respectively, of the Sanford Airport Memorial Committee.

prior to the donation was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. When the NAS closed Ensign Talmadge's gift was given to Sallie Harrison Chapter and was placed in the DAR room at the Museum of Seminole County History. Several years ago a down-sized room could no longer accommodate the gift. Sallie Harrison Chapter saw fit to return it to the current airport facility.

Chapter members are invited to a luncheon Oct. 4 by Abigail Bartholomew Chapter. The annual Fall Forum for all chapters in the state will be held in Orlando Sept. 27 and 28.

**Stinecipher**

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bank. In a dry goods contest, Saidee won a beautifully decorated handkerchief and Harry Carlson won some very artistic hose.

The table was laid with a red tablecloth and refreshments consisting of fruit, peanuts, ginger snaps, donuts and pink lemonade.

On Thursday evening, April 13, the senior boys gave the senior girls a straw ride. They met at Saidee's with Mrs. George Fox as chaperone. During the ride, all enjoyed singing their favorite songs.

They went to "Lord's Station" where a delicious lunch was enjoyed that was prepared by the girls. The girls built the fire while the boys

made coffee. After supper, they drove back to Sanford, arriving at about midnight.

On Tuesday, April 18, Gussie Tillis treated the class to a moonlight launch ride, piloted by Capt. Roy Tillis. The crowd left the dock at 8 p.m. with lunch boxes under their arms and being chaperoned by Mrs. Dean Turner and Mrs. Bennett. They headed for the city of Enterprise where they spread their lunches and then took in Enterprise by moonlight. They then toured around the lake, arriving home at 11:30 p.m. after having a delightful time.

Eugenia Pope entertained the class Friday evening, April

27, at her handsome new home in Sanford Heights. The attendees participated in dancing on the spacious porches, which were lit with Japanese lanterns.

In one interesting game, everyone had to write a full description of each other's prospective bride or groom. Vail Lovell's vivid imagination won him the prize.

Delicious refreshments were served consisting of ice cream, cake and fruit.

**1911 'Sally' advertisements**  
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SS



ab	h	r	HR	rbi	avg.
452	114	59	3	31	.252

• Maintained average with a 4-for-17 week as younger players get a look-see.

Lake Mary's

**DANNY GRAVES**  
P



w	l	sv	so	bb	era
4	15	2	60	41	5.33

• Has not pitched this week as Reds look at younger pitchers for next year.

Lake Brantley High School's

**FELIPE LOPEZ**  
SS



ab	h	r	HR	rbi	avg.
197	42	28	2	13	.213

• Ended up hitting .280 (40-for-143) in 35 games for the AAA Louisville Bats.

Sanford Middle School's

**COREY PATTERSON**  
CF



ab	h	r	HR	rbi	avg.
329	98	49	13	55	.298

• Out for the season with a knee injury.

Seminole High School's

**TIM RAINES JR.**  
CF



ab	h	r	HR	rbi	avg.
42	6	3	0	2	.143

• Went 1-for-3, hitting a double, this week to raise average 15 points.

Lake Brantley High School's

**JASON VARITEK**  
C



ab	h	r	HR	rbi	avg.
445	123	63	25	85	.276

• Will be in the playoffs as Red Sox earned the AL wild card spot Thursday.

Lake Brantley High School's

**RICKIE WEEKS**  
2B



ab	h	r	HR	rbi	avg.
7	1	0	0	0	.143

• Got his first Major League career hit and has appeared in five games.



Photo courtesy of UCF Athletics  
 Drew Butera (shown making tag against FAU this season) is one of the top catchers in the nation.

## Butera cited by *Baseball America*

**UCF catcher rated a top pro prospect; Football team set to open MAC play**

Special to the Herald

UCF catcher Drew Butera was named one of the top 10 pro prospects coming out of the Great Lakes League this summer by *Baseball America*.

The list of top 10 Great Lakes League prospects was compiled by *Baseball America* editor Allan Simpson and national writer John Manuel through consultation with league managers and area scouts. Simpson stated that Butera, a Lake

Mary resident who graduated from Bishop Moore, easily had the best arm of any catcher in the league. A stout defensive catcher, he also hit .340 for the summer.

As a freshman, Butera hit .305 with one home run and 30 RBI in 49 games including 38 starts. Behind the dish, Butera threw out 20 of the 39 base runners attempting to steal against him.

**FOOTBALL READY FOR KENT**

The UCF football team practiced indoors at the UCF Arena due to inclement weather in the Orlando area Thursday. The Golden Knights used the 90-minute workout to go over the final details before today's (Saturday) contest at Kent State.

One Golden Knight who is very eager for the Kent State game is red-

shirt freshman linebacker Chad Breeden. The only Ohio native on the roster from Mayfield, Breeden said he expects close to 50 friends and family in attendance at the game.

"I can't wait to go back and play at home," said Breeden. "I am very excited to see all of my friends and family and have the opportunity to play in front of them."

Breeden is going to Kent State after winning the "Big Stick" award for his work on kickoff coverage last week at Syracuse. Breeden made three big hits on a first half kickoff and also tackled the kick returner on the same play to earn the honor.

Pat Barrett was named the offensive scout team player of the week See UCF, Page 3B

## Patriots prevail

**Lyman falls in overtime**

By Dean Smith  
 Sports Editor

Two things became clear Thursday night.

Lyman is a very good team that will never quit and Lake Brantley hasn't gone anywhere.

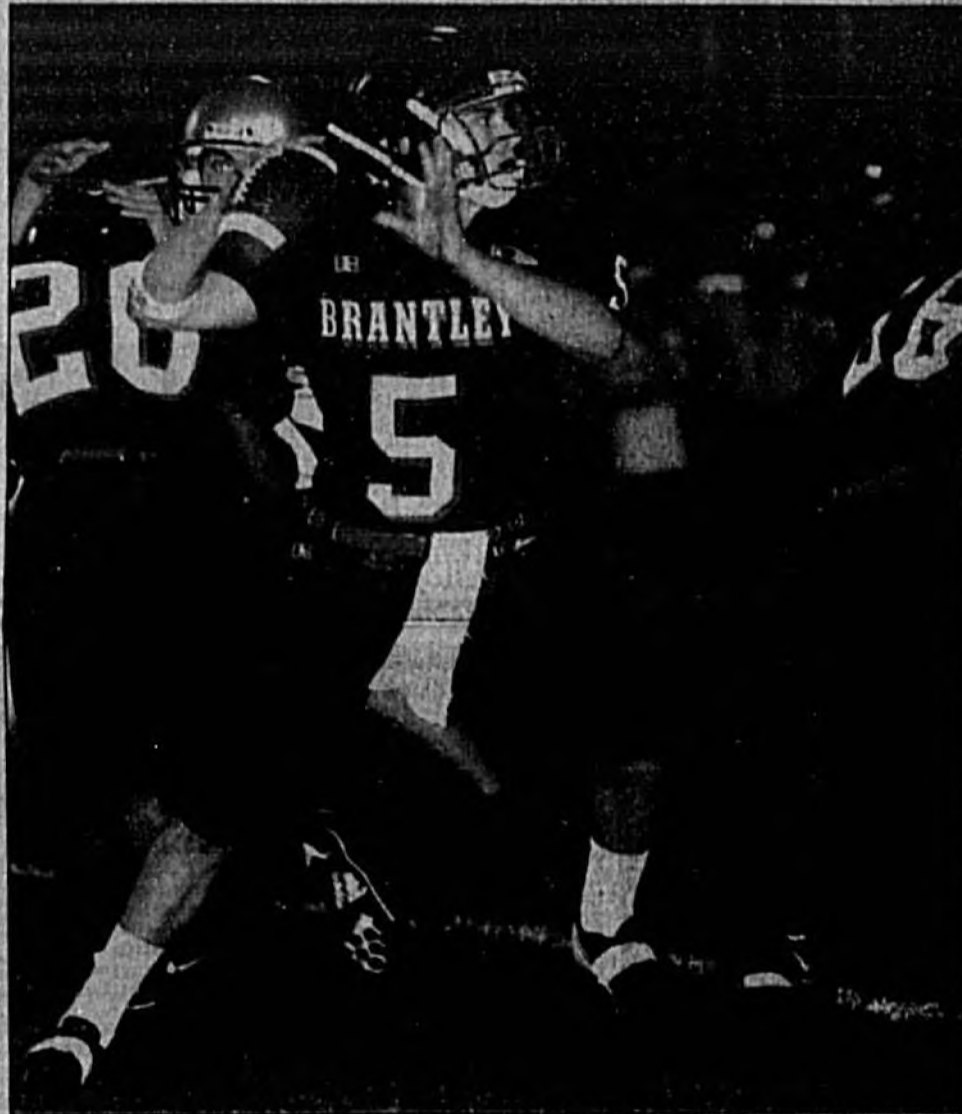
In the end it was the Patriots knocking the Greyhounds from the ranks of the unbeaten with a 28-21 double overtime victory at the Carlton D. Henley Sports Complex.

It was also the 21st straight time Lake Brantley has defeated its old rival, Lyman hasn't won in this series since 1982, but unlike the old days, this Greyhound team has a lot of intestinal fortitude and enough talent to play with anyone.

In fact, Lyman head coach Bill Caughell's defensive scheme forced Patriots head man George Clayton to turn away from his vaunted wishbone running attack and reach deep into his bag of tricks to pull out this win.

Twice Lake Brantley went to the halfback option pass, once in overtime, and each time it proved successful as Lamar Guy hit Wes Morton in both instances for touchdowns.

Most in attendance on the nasty evening never figured this defensive battle would come down to overtime as the Patriots carried a 14-3 lead into the final quarter. See Football, Page 2B



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Lake Brantley quarterback Brett Smith (above) and Lyman running back C.J. Walker (right) were forced to do things a little differently because of strong defenses Thursday night, Smith running for the game-winning touchdown in the second overtime and Walker becoming a receiver, catching a 76-yard touchdown pass, as the Patriots handed the Greyhounds their first loss of the season, 28-21, in double overtime.



## Tribe tames Silver Hawks

By Dean Smith  
 Sports Editor

**CASSELBERRY** — If this had been a fight, it would have been stopped by TKO.

But since it was football, Mother Nature decided to step in.

Dominating both sides of the football, visiting Seminole built a 41-0 lead by the end of the third period and it didn't look like it would get any better in the fourth.

But after host Lake Howell finally got on the board, rain, which had come and gone for much of the game, started to fall again and just a moment later, with 5:28 showing on the clock, lightning put an end to matters as a thunderstorm set off the lightning detectors on both sidelines, indicating potential danger in the area, and the officials called the game final with the Fighting Seminoles on top 41-8 at Richard L. Evans Field.

Seminole showed right from the opening kickoff that it meant to play a physical contest, getting a tremendous hit to down the Silver Hawks returner at the 19.

Three plays lost four yards for Lake Howell and when the ensuing punt was partially blocked, the Tribe was in business at the Silver Hawks 39.

Three plays later, Steve Warren broke up the middle for a 14-yard touchdown and the rout was on, even though the extra point try was muffed.

Seminole picked off the first of four passes it would intercept on the night, this one by Jason Tate at the Lake Howell 45, setting up a one-yard score by running See Tribe, Page 4B



Herald photo by Jim Wentz

Will Harrison (No. 9, shown last week against Lake Mary) had a big night for Oviedo, carrying the ball 24 times for 162 yards and a touchdown as the Lions improved to 3-0 with a 13-0 victory over Winter Springs Thursday night.

## Oviedo displays dominance

By Tony DeSormier  
 Special to the Herald

**WINTER SPRINGS** — Sometimes simple is best.

For the Oviedo High School varsity football team, that means Will Harrison, Jason Raulerson, and a throttling defense.

That simple equation resulted in a 13-0 Seminole Athletic Conference victory for the undefeated Lions Thursday night over the Winter Springs Bears at the A. Wayne Epps Athletic Complex.

It was a deceptively simple solution to a situation that grew increasingly complex as the week wore on.

For starters, the game presented the potential for an emotional letdown for the Lions, sandwiched as it was between key 6A-District 2 contests with Lake Mary (last week) and Lake Brantley (next week).

Then there was the fact that the game was moved from Friday to Thursday night

because of Rosh Hashanah, leaving the Lions (and Bears) with a short week to prepare.

And it rained, before, during, and after the game.

So the Lions kept it simple. Harrison did most of the running (24 carries for 162 yards and a touchdown) and Raulerson did all of the receiving (four catches for 27 yards). Defensively, the Lions limited the Bears to 27 yards rushing, 74 yards passing, and six first downs.

"We just wanted to come out and play physical football tonight," said Oviedo head coach Greg Register. "We wanted to control the ball and I think we did a pretty good job and doing that. And our young kids on defense continue to get better and play as a unit."

Oviedo scored five seconds into the second quarter when Harrison bulled in from the 1- See Lions, Page 4B





# Lions

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 yard line to cap a 20-play, 80-yard drive. Harrison had 12 carries on the drive for 63 yards.  
 "Will runs hard and he does a good job protecting the ball," said Register. "In conditions like this, that's important."  
 That was as much offense as the Lions would need as the defensive unit kept Winter Springs bottled up in its end of the field all night long. The only two times the Bears were on Oviedo's side of the field came after short Lion punts from deep in their own territory.

Junior Terrance Moring led the Bears with 11 yards rushing on seven carries. Quarterback Brett Hodges completed five of 16 passes for 74 yards. Andrew Bonnet had a pair of catches for 44 yards while Patrick Cucci had a 27-yard reception.  
 Oviedo padded its lead with a touchdown on its first series of the third quarter, moving 49 yards on five plays in under three minutes. Harrison's 42-yard run accounted for much of the drive with quarterback Lee Sloan capping the drive with a 1-yard sneak. Almost as important (perhaps more so

given the fact that both teams have district games next week) as winning the game was surviving the sloppy conditions without anyone getting hurt.  
 "Luckily, we got an extra day to get ready for next week's game after a short week this week, but then so does Lake Brantley," said Register.  
 Oviedo, 3-0, improves to 2-0 against SAC opponents and takes a 1-0 district record into next week's game with Lake Brantley. Winter Springs (1-3 overall and 0-2 in the SAC) will put its 1-0 district record on the line when

they play at Orlando-Oak Ridge next Friday.

LIONS 13, BEARS 0		
Oviedo	0	7
Winter Springs	0	0
First Quarter		
No scoring.		
Second Quarter		
O	Harrison	1 run (Feurer kick).
Third Quarter		
O	Sloan	1 run (kick blocked).
Fourth Quarter		
No scoring.		

# Tribe

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 back Thomas Evans. The touchdown was gift from the coaching staff as he had made a beautiful 35-yard run two plays earlier to get the ball to the two.  
 The Tribe missed a chance to add to its lead on their next two possessions, as the Silver Hawks' Steve Manana blocked a field goal attempt and then the defense held Seminole to a three-and-out.  
 But the Lake Howell offense could get nothing going against an amazingly stingy Tribe defense and an excellent punt return of 41 yards by Jamal Tennon and face penalty gave the visitors a first-and-goal at the eight and fullback Eddie Hogan rumbled up the middle for the first of his two scores on the night.  
 A short punt after another three-and-out for the Silver Hawks gave Seminole the ball at the 37 and three quick passes of 12-, 13- and 12-yards from Mike McKinzie to Chris Mooring, Danny Johnson and Daniel Lingard, respectively, put the ball in the end zone for the fourth time, giving the Fighting Seminoles a 27-0 halftime lead.  
 The second half didn't start any better for Lake Howell as Seminole took the opening kickoff and march 70 yards on six plays with Evans going the final 27 for

the touchdown. A 33-yard McKinzie to Tennon pass was the other big play of the drive.  
 The Tribe's final score of the night came with six minutes left as a Silver Hawks fumble gave Seminole the ball at the 21. Warren then went 14- and seven-yards to complete the quick strike.  
 Lake Howell would finally get on the board on what would turn out to be the final possession of the game, and this score came after a turnover.  
 A fumble gave the Silver Hawks the ball at the Seminole 32 and back-up quarterback Joey Furjanic hit Dan Hayiahwazi for 22 yards and two plays later found James Benson for an eight-yard touchdown pass. Furjanic then ran the ball in on a fake kick for the two-point conversion.  
 The Seminole defense was outstanding in this game, holding Lake Howell to four yards rushing on 19 carries, for the game, and no passing yards until Furjanic entered the game midway through the third quarter.  
 The Tribe also held the hosts without a first down until the four-minute mark of the third period.  
 The only real saving grace for the Silver Hawks was Furjanic, who completed 6-of-11 passes for 98 yards, but he two threw two intercep-

tions.  
 Evans ran for 96 yards on 11 carries for Seminole, while McKinzie was his usual efficient self, completing 9-of-12 passes for 95 yards. Tennon led with his 33-yard catch, while Rodney Grant, who also had a big night on defense and special teams, caught three passes for 30 yards.  
 Seminole is now 2-2 on the season, it only won once in 2002, and will look to extend the winning streak to two when it goes on the road next Friday to face non-district foe Eau Gallie.  
 Lake Howell, which fell to 0-4, will look to break into the victory column when it travels to Orlando to take on first-year Freedom High in a Class 5A-District 5 contest.

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**RUSHING** Seminole: Evans 11-96, Warren 7-44, Hogan 7-34, McKinzie 2-0, Carter 1-0, Bowers 1-(minus-3) Lake Howell: Palmer 9-11, Benson 4-9, Philpott 1-(minus-1), Lewin 1-(minus-3), Furjanic 1-(minus-5), Lampe 3-(minus-7)

**PASSING** Seminole: McKinzie 9-12-0, 95, Carter 1-1-0, 5. Lake Howell: Lampe 0-9-2, 0, Furjanic 6-11-2, 99

**RECEIVING** Seminole: Tennon 1-33, Grant 3-30, Johnson 2-15, Mooring 1-12, Lingard 2-8, Evans 1-2, Lake Howell: Andrade 2-30, Benson 2-22, Hayiahwazi 1-22, Philpott 1-4

**PUNTING** Seminole: Carter 1-40 (40.0), Fowler 1-26 (26.0), Lake Howell: Boetto 4-143 (35.75)

**FIGHTING SEMINOLES 41, SILVER HAWKS 8**

Seminole 11 14 14 0 41  
 Lake Howell 0 0 0 8 8

**First Quarter**  
 S. Warren 14 run (bad snap).  
 S. Evans 1 run (Fowler kick).

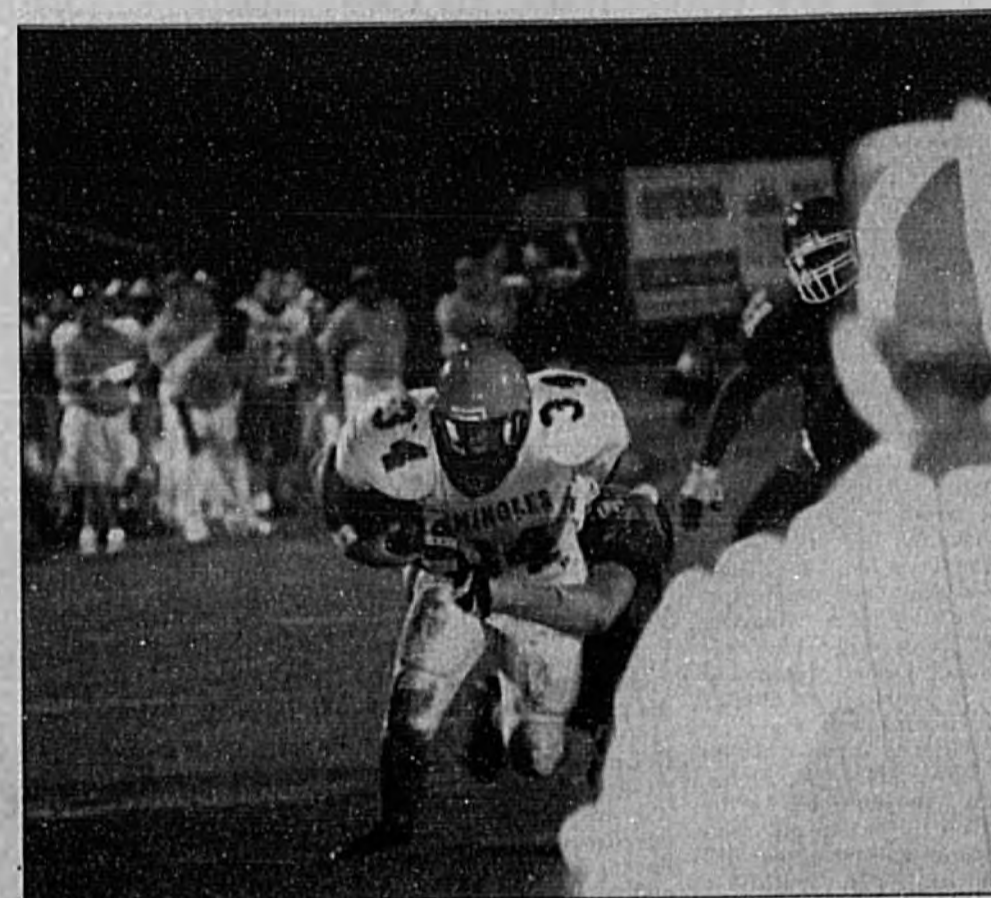
**Second Quarter**  
 S. Hogan 8 run (Fowler kick).  
 S. Lingard 12 pass from McKinzie (Fowler kick).

**Third Quarter**  
 S. Evans 27 run (Fowler kick).  
 S. Warren 7 run (Fowler kick).

**Fourth Quarter**  
 LJ1. Benson 8 pass from Furjanic (Furjanic run).  
 (Note: Game ended with 5:29 left because of lightning).

**TEAM STATISTICS**

First Downs - Seminole 12, Lake Howell 4  
 Rushing yards - Seminole 29-171, Lake Howell 19-4  
 Passing - Seminole 10-13-0, Lake



Junior fullback Eddie Hogan carried the ball seven times for 34 yards and his first touchdown of the season as Seminole waltzed past Lake Howell, 41-8, Thursday night.

# Outdoors

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 Challenge events include the Lake Toho Pro-Am - Oct 30 - Nov 1, AquaMania - Nov 1-2 and the Angling Against Cancer Benefit Dinner and Tournament - Nov 1-2.  
 To learn more about the Anglers Challenge and the Big Fish Open call toll free 1-800-333-KISS or log onto www.floridakiss.com or anglerschallenge.org.  
**PUBLIC WORKSHOP IN OCALA TO DISCUSS STATE DEER HUNTING RULES**  
 The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is holding a public workshop in Marion County to discuss proposed changes to deer hunting rules. The meeting is Sept. 30 at 7 p.m., in the Rowan Agricultural Complex (Marion County Extension Service) Auditorium, 2232 NE Jacksonville Road in Ocala.  
 This workshop will offer hunters and other interested persons the opportunity to meet with FWC wildlife biologists and share their thoughts about proposals to increase the quality of Florida's deer herd by altering antler requirements and bag limits.  
 To review this deer management proposal go to: <http://floridaconservation.org/commission/2003/may/review.update.5.pdf>.  
 Additional workshops will be held:  
 \* Oct. 1, 7 p.m. - Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium, 372 W. Duval St., Lake City  
 \* Oct. 7, 6 p.m. - Chipola Junior College Aris Center, 3094 Indian Circle, Marianna  
 \* Oct. 9, 6 p.m. - Pensacola Jr. College, Milton Campus, Building 4900, Room 4902, 5988 U.S. Highway 90 West, Milton.  
 Anyone requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting should notify Cindy Hoffman at (850) 488-6411 at least five calendar days before the meeting.  
**CROCODILIANS DON'T MAKE LEGAL TRAVELING COMPANIONS**  
 It's not unusual for people to travel with their pets. But with alligators?  
 That's what faced Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Officer Danton Jones when he responded to an anonymous call reporting such a thing late Wednesday.  
 The caller told the FWC dispatcher that someone driving a green Kenworth tractor trailer parked at Petro Truck Stop at CR 318 and Interstate 75 had a couple of live alligators in the storage area under the sleeper compartment of the truck.  
 When Jones arrived at the truck stop, his first obstacle was to find the right semi-truck out of about 250 parked there. When he finally located what he thought was the right one, he sat down and waited for the driver to come out of the restaurant.  
 About 20 minutes later, Dennis Avery, 58, of Norwich, Conn., came back to his truck where Jones was waiting.  
 "I asked him if he had alligators in his truck, and he said, 'yes', and proceeded to open the storage compartment and show me," said Jones.  
 Sure enough, there was about a 3-foot alligator and a 5-foot caiman staring up at Jones

with their mouths wide open.  
 "I told Avery I was used to seeing alligators in pickup trucks and airboats, but not tractor trailers," said Jones.  
 Avery told Jones the critters were his pets and he's had the caiman about 10 years and the alligator about a year. He said he likes to travel with them and he treats them like dogs. He admitted, however, that he didn't have any written permits to keep the reptiles.  
 Jones issued Avery three misdemeanor citations and a notice to appear in Marion County court on Oct. 30 for the following:  
 \* No Class II permit for the caiman.  
 \* No acquisition records for either the alligator or the caiman.  
 \* Unlawful possession and transport of an alligator.  
 Jones transported the reptiles to a secure, permitted facility for safe keeping.  
**ALLIGATOR HUNTERS RESCUED**  
 Five people are safe today after spending half the night holding onto a channel marker in the St. Johns River in Volusia County. They were rescued about 7 a.m., by a tug boat operator who picked them up and took them to Highbanks Marina in Debary. There were no injuries.  
 The five people had been legally hunting alligators north of Lake Monroe when their 18-foot airboat took on water and sank around 2 a.m. The group had last been heard from at about 10:30 p.m., just before the batteries on their cell phone ran out. They were expected home around 5 a.m., and when they did not show up, the Volusia County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) sent Air One on a search mission.  
 However, shortly after the search began, the U.S. Coast Guard notified VCSO that the operator of the tug boat, Sun Gypsy, had come upon the five holding onto Channel Marker 87, and everyone was fine.  
 Among those on the boat were two off-duty Volusia County deputies - Sgt. Donaldson Taylor and Investigator Sean Gowan. The other three individuals were Peter Smith, 43, of Debary (owner of the airboat); Glen Wilson, 56, of Oviedo (operator of the airboat); and Barry Smith, 70, of Summerfield.  
 The group had already taken one alligator and were attempting to take another, when the boat, for reasons not yet known, began to take on water. It sank within seconds and completely submerged. Nobody was wearing a lifejacket.  
 One life jacket from the boat floated and they used it and a cooler to help stay afloat until they swam to the channel marker.  
 "Luckily, that particular channel marker has a ladder that goes down into the water so they were able to climb up the ladder, onto the marker and get out of the water until help arrived," said Lt. Mark Hodges, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) law enforcement supervisor for that area of Volusia County.  
 The FWC is investigating the cause of the accident. Salvage efforts to remove the boat

from the bottom of the river will begin shortly.  
**BOAT WRECKS ON PONCE INLET JETTY**  
 Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) officers in Volusia County are investigating a boating accident that occurred in Ponce Inlet late yesterday.  
 A 67-foot Hatteras motor yacht ran aground on submerged rocks at the north end of the jetty about 10 p.m., Tuesday. Efforts to release the boat were hampered by an outgoing tide and the yacht eventually capsized. Salvage efforts were still underway today to remove the wreckage.  
 At the time of the accident there was only one person on board who escaped without injury. However, the boat wasn't as fortunate.  
 "The boat appears to be a total loss," said Lt. Steve Van Nortwick, an FWC law enforcement supervisor in Volusia County.  
 Charges are pending the completion of the FWC's investigation.  
**HE RAN BUT HE COULD NOT HIDE**  
 A Clermont man found himself in a world of trouble early Saturday after he tried to run over a law enforcement officer with his truck who suspected the man of trying to kill a deer at night. After an early morning chase through south Lake County, and with the aid of an airplane and K9 officers caught up with the suspect, Darrell Dwayne Judy, 31, who was by then at home, in his bed, pretending to be asleep.  
 All told, Judy, (DOB 10-7-71), of 6236 Oil Well Road, is facing six felony and four misdemeanor charges after the ordeal that began just before 1 a.m., Saturday and finally ended several hours later.  
 It all started late Friday when Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) officers were working a detail involving air support assisting officers on the ground to detect poachers using spotlights to take deer at night.  
 At about 12:48 a.m., FWC Officer Monty Hinkle, acting as spotter in an FWC airplane, radioed Officer Rick Staton that someone was working a spotlight just off County Road 474 in Lake County near the Polk and Orange county lines. Staton was about two miles from the suspect vehicle, but was familiar with the area and headed that way. Hinkle advised him that the spot lighter turned the light off every time a car approached on CR 474.  
 When Staton arrived at the location, he saw a pickup truck sitting in a driveway off the highway. When the operator of the truck, later identified as Judy, saw Staton's patrol vehicle, he spun the truck around, sped up and headed straight toward Staton, who had to swerve to avoid a head-on collision.  
 As Judy sped off into the night with Staton in pursuit, Hinkle in the airplane kept him apprised of the suspect's location. When Staton reached the pickup truck, it was stuck in a small ditch with the driver's side door open and the suspect gone. A box of .270 cal-

iber rifle shells was on the seat and a spotlight was on the floor.  
 Staton called for backup and FWC Officer Mark Bishard and Lake County K9 Deputy Chris Huskey and his dog arrived to assist. The K9 team got right to work and tracked the suspect to Judy's home where officers found the suspect in his bed, sweating profusely and pretending to be asleep.  
 As officers searched the home they found approximately 20 guns, but not the .270 caliber rifle they were looking for.  
 Enter FWC Officer Laird Canfield and his K9 partner, Harley. Canfield and Harley are recent graduates of the FWC's K9 program and Harley has been specially trained to find guns.  
 Canfield took Harley to where Judy's truck was stuck in the ditch and the dog went immediately to work. Within minutes he located the .270 caliber rifle, a semi-automatic pistol, and a fanny pack that contained marijuana, amphetamines and assorted drug paraphernalia, in a palmetto patch about 20 yards from the truck.  
 Judy was booked into Lake County Jail on \$27,500 bond. He was charged with:  
 \* Take/attempt to take deer at night by gun and light (1st degree misdemeanor).  
 \* Aggravated assault with a vehicle on a law enforcement officer (2nd degree felony).  
 \* Felony trespassing with a firearm (3rd degree felony).  
 \* Possession of cannabis, over 20 grams (3rd degree felony).  
 \* Possession of amphetamine, 25 grams (3rd degree felony).  
 \* Fleeing and attempting to elude a law enforcement officer (2nd degree felony).  
 \* Possession of drug paraphernalia, 3 counts (1st degree misdemeanor).  
 \* Possession of firearm by convicted felon (2nd degree felony).  
**MAN GETS TWO YEARS IN PRISON**  
 A 32-year-old central Florida man was convicted today in Orange County for felony possession of an American alligator and sentenced to 24 months in prison for his crime.  
 David Wayne Knight, (DOB 5-8-71), formerly of Christmas, pled guilty to the third degree felony charge and an additional misdemeanor charge of possession of an American alligator without a permit.  
 Investigators discovered that Knight had killed the alligator on May 14 at Tosonatchee Wildlife Management Area.  
**FWC REOPENS WITHLACOOCHIE RIVER TO BOAT TRAFFIC**  
 The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will lift an emergency order that closed the Withlacoochee River to all vessel traffic because of severe flooding. Vessel traffic can resume at midnight tonight (Saturday).  
 An idle-speed, no-wake restriction will remain in effect temporarily from two miles north to four miles south of State Road 200 while the water level continues to recede.  
 The FWC issued the emergency order to close part of the river in late August because high water.













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