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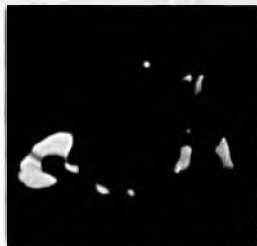
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Briefly

Pass the boat
Central Florida Fire Departments, as they have in the past, will be asking the public to fill their boats with donations to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The collections are normally done on Labor Day weekend, in conjunction with the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association telethon. This year however, firefighters from Seminole and Orange Counties and Reedy Creek, will be holding out their boats on area street corners during the month of April.

The reason for the early drive is to free firefighters from the annual drive around Labor Day, when the effects of hurricane threats, fires and extreme heat may require their attendance elsewhere.

Funds raised by the firefighters enable MDA to continue providing services to Central Florida children and adults with neuromuscular disorders.

Today is ...

Friday, March 17, 2000
Today is the 77th day of 2000
and the 87th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 461, according to tradition, St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, died in Saul. On this day in 1755, the land that was later to become the state of Kentucky was purchased for \$50,000 by the Transylvania Land Company. On this day in 1912, Mrs. Luther Gulick founded the Campfire Girls. On this day in 1969, Golda Meir became the fourth prime minister of Israel.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jim Bridger (1804-1861), frontiersman; Bobby Jones (1902-1971), golfer; Sammy Baugh (1914-), football great, is 86; Mercedes McCambridge (1918-), actress, is 82; Nat "King" Cole (1919-1965), singer; Rudolf Nureyev (1938-1993), ballet dancer; Kurt Russell (1951-), actor, is 49; Danny Ainge (1959-), basketball player, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1987, Mike Tyson became the heavyweight boxing champion by defeating James "Bonecrusher" Smith in a 15-round decision.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "May the road rise with you; May the wind be always at your back. May the rain fall softly on your fields; and until we meet again; May the Lord hold you in the palm of his hand. And may you be in Heaven for half an hour before the devil knows you are dead."
Father Patrick J. Caverly's favorite Irish Blessing

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (March 13) and full moon (March 18).

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Promoter may face the music for scam

Police have questions for man who promised to organize a national tour for dozens of musicians, models and performers

By Bill Kerna
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Jonnie Johnson waited in a hot Wal-Mart parking lot in Sanford Sunday for a tour bus that would take her across the nation in pursuit of her dream of becoming a famous dancer.

Suitcases in hand, the 24-year-old waited with her mother, Susan Hawkins, and about 70 models, dancers and singers Sunday for buses supposed to arrive at 5

p.m. She quit her job waiting tables at Universal Studios last month to participate in a six-month nationwide tour. The buses never came.

"I cried, it was awful," Johnson said. "I was just like everyone else. A lot of people put their hopes and dreams into this."

Sanford police believe that about 100 people across Central Florida may have lost hundreds, and in some cases thousands of dollars, in preparation for a six-month traveling show called Juice Tour 2000.

Police and the Better Business Bureau are looking into complaints regarding Sanford-based tour sponsor Everywhere Promotions and Marketing, Inc., and CEO Tyler Simpson of Sanford. The company does not have a license to operate in Florida.

No charges have been filed. However, police want to question the 26-year-old Simpson. His apartment at 2720 Ridgewood Avenue, suite 10, is now vacant. It was listed as the company headquarters. Police believe he is still in the Orlando area, although his whereabouts are unknown.

Authorities have been receiving calls this week regarding the tour from across Central Florida, and as far south as Tampa and Ft. Lauderdale. Police said an estimated \$1 million was promised for the tour.



Herold photo by Nick Blanton
Susan Hawkins, mother of Jonnie Johnson, talks about how her daughter was deceived by a promoter promising a national tour.

THE MAKING OF A CITIZEN



Herald photo by Nick Blanton
Hoe Tran, 26, raises her right hand to be sworn in as a citizen of the United States, as (top) Elston Clarke, 45, from Nevis in the West Indies, smiles broadly after becoming a citizen. Below, Hoa, her husband Michael and daughter Tina are all smiles following the ceremony.

296 new citizens pledge their allegiance

By Russ White
Staff Writer

SANFORD — The heart and soul of America became stronger on Thursday morning when 296 men and women from 30 different countries became U.S. citizens.

"What a glorious day," a man called out from the back of the Sanford Civic Center at precisely 10:15 a.m. — once the new citizens had taken an Oath of Allegiance from Immigration Officer-in-Charge Stella Jarina.

Doris Stein, chaplain of the Pilot Club of Sanford which sponsored the Naturalization Ceremony, helped make the ceremony an annual event in

Sanford. Stein, herself, became a naturalized citizen more than 50 years ago in Orlando. Most of those becoming citizens Thursday reside in the Central Florida area.

Elston Clarke, from the island of Nevis in the West Indies, drew lucky No. 1 for the event and was seated front row right of the stage.

"This is a great honor," Clarke, 45, said. "I have lived in Orlando eight years but today I am at last an American citizen. Soon, I will vote for the first time. Such a privilege I must never neglect."

Tina Tran, 5-years-old, sat on her mother's lap at the ceremony. She held a small American flag that was given

to each new citizen by the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion, Campbell Lossing Unit 53. Hoa Tran, 26, was born in Viet Nam and has been in the U.S. for six years. Michael Tran, her husband, was previously naturalized. Tina, of course, is also now an American citizen. The Trans live in Orlando.

"I am very proud, very happy that we are citizens," Hoa Tran said. "I will never forget this day — this moment of being an American citizen." Webzie White was a missionary in Cebu in the Philippines when she met Ken White, also a missionary. They say that their meeting was "God's work." They married and came to the Merritt Island. Webzie, 42, received her citizenship Thursday.

"God brought us together," she said. "Whenever he calls for us to go next, we will go. I am honored to become an American citizen. How won- See Citizens, Page 2A

No paradise in Lake Mary

Decision to halt Paradise Park plans is final, but work continues on Soliders Creek

By Michelle Jeris
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — The Paradise Park debate may finally be over. More than two dozen residents attended Thursday's City Commission meeting to protest last month's vote to end plans for the Preservation 2000 grant. Nevertheless, City Commission refused to reconsider its decision and voiced support for the Soldiers Creek project.

"I am asking you to reconsider the vote on the park," Paul Jakob said during the meeting.

"I don't think the best interest of all of Lake Mary was involved."

City Commission voted 4-1 during its Feb. 17 meeting to discontinue plans for Paradise Park following a lengthy public discussion, where very few people spoke out in favor of the park's proposal. The decision was met with a standing ovation from Big Lake Mary residents attending the meeting.

Commissioner Gary Brender was the sole vote to uphold the Parks and Recreation Board's decision. He voted against the motion to halt plans for the nature preservation area since it was "green space" for the city.

Previously, community members living in the area of the proposed Preservation 2000 park voiced their opposition to the city's plan for their neighborhood. Despite protest, the city's Parks and Recreation Board See Park, Page 2A

Rain helps, but more needed to fight wildfire

By Nick Pfeiffert
Staff Writer

Authorities say the slight amount of rainfall in Central Florida Thursday night, and projections for more this weekend, won't overcome the lack of rainfall in the past three months.

Wildfires destroyed several hundred acres in Orange County Thursday afternoon, and the threat is still of major concern.

Considering the seriousness of the continuing drought in Florida, Governor Jeb Bush has issued an executive order to allow state agencies to better coordinate and deploy resources in the event of a large wildfire, including the ability to mobilize the Florida National Guard.

Since January, over 1,300 fires have burned approximately 34,000 acres statewide. Thus far, Seminole County has been lucky. Officials at the Florida State Forestry Division say there have been no uncontrolled wild fires since the beginning of this year.

Paula Ritchey of the Seminole County Fire Department said the county is being more cautious than usual regarding the dangers of fires. "Operations are gearing up even more than usual just in case there is a serious problem," she said.

The Division of Forestry uses a numerical index, the Ketch Byron Index, to measure the potential for wildfires. The value of over 400 denotes a significant fire danger. At present, in most of the state, the level already exceeds a value of 500.

"This Executive Order gives state agencies flexibility to be able to respond to wildfire situations quickly," said Governor Bush. "This is a prudent thing to do."

"It allows us to be proactive," explained Joe Myers, Florida Emergency Management Director. "We can now activate at a moment's notice to help protect lives and property of Floridians."

Regarding use of the National Guard, the order allows the Adjutant General "to activate such aviation resources of the See Wildfires, Page 2A

Religion

Sanford pastor currently in Daytona Beach

By Nick Pfeiffert
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Bishop Quintin C. Wallace of Sanford is moving along. His latest service is to the membership of the Daytona Deliverance Church of God.

A resident of Sanford for 18 1/2 years, he is a graduate of Florida Bible Institute and attended Florida Memorial College. He has had many accomplishments over the past years. He pastored Pompano Church of God, then Church of God of Sanford from 1982 to 1986. He became officially ordained in 1983.

During his service in Sanford his accomplishments included the implementation of several successful fund-raiser programs and the completion of the educational building of the church facility.

Bishop Wallace and his wife Elga have four children, Quintin II, Corey, Natarsha and Elgena.

In 1986 he was promoted to the Church of God Executive Offices in Cocoa. He has served as State Youth and Christian Education coordinator for the State of Florida. In that capacity he implemented and coordinated seminars, conferences, a Youth Convention, and

other activities for youth.

From 1990 until the present, he has served as State Councilman for the Executive offices, which require the planning and implementation of structures for church programs throughout the state.

Now, he is pastoring the Daytona Deliverance Church of God as well as serving as District Overseer of more than seven churches in the state.

The big event coming up at Daytona Deliverance is set for March 24, 25 and 26. It is a jubilee celebration of the church's new sanctuary at 384 N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. in

Daytona Beach.

Friday night at 7 p.m. it's Homecoming Night, and the Bishop is inviting family members and friends from the Sanford area and his other churches to join together.

Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. it's Sharing Love with various community pastors and leaders as well as state councilmen.

Sunday morning, at 11 a.m. it's the official dedication service. Guest speaker will be Dr. Quan L. Miller, state overseer.

The public is invited to each of these events.

Holy Trinity Church continues orthodox tradition

Ever since she arrived in Central Florida from New York, Mary Mantzaris has worshipped at Holy Trinity



Russ White

..... Greek Orthodox Church "The church used to be just of Lake Okechobee where they built the Orlando Arena," Mantzaris said. This wasn't a terrible thing at all.

With the money the church received, it built a new Seminole County house of worship at 1217 Trinity Woods Lane in Maitland. Mary Mantzaris goes to that church now — and has season tickets to Orlando Magic basketball games.

She is particularly fond of the Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. There is a 9 a.m. Liturgy in English but the 10:30 a.m. features a Greek choir and most of the Liturgy — except the sermon — in Greek.

Retaining Greek customs and spirituality is very important for 600 members of the church, part of the Archdiocese of America (Atlanta). The Rev. Dean Giggios and the Rev. Mark Elliott are the parish priests. James Kouchalakos is the choir director.

Kouchalakos, 59, is from Lowell, Mass. "Believe it or not, Lowell is 20 percent Greek," he said Thursday. "One of the great athletes from Lowell was Harry Agganis, who played college football and baseball for the Boston Red Sox. He was known as the Golden Greek. It was a tragedy he died so young."

At Holy Trinity, Kouchalakos leads a chorus of 20. One of the members, Christina Donnegan is 17 years old. "Naturally, we want the young people to carry on the tradition of Greek spiritual music," he said.

"We sing some compositions in English but for the most part it is Greek. Our music is Byzantine in a minor tone. This is the Greek Orthodox style. We have an organist but no other musical instruments other than the voices."

During the week, Holy Trinity offers some interesting church activities, including Greek Fest Baking, Orthodox Y2K, and Greek Dance Practice.

There are many wonderful Greek family names at the church — Kassianides, Davatelis, Triantafyllou, Stephanopoulos, Christakos, Tsipouras, Despotopoulos, Zuppas, Kligopoulos and Vasiliadis.

This Sunday, March 19, is the Sunday of Orthodoxy. Members of Holy Trinity will bring their icons and participate in a special procession and service that begins at 10 a.m. following the first Divine Liturgy and before the beginning of the second Divine Liturgy.

Sunday, March 26 is the date for the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival 2000. The topic this year include "Holy Tradition." The young people will share their beliefs and faith with others. It is important, the church leaders say, for the young to remain steadfast in their faith and become Orthodox leaders of tomorrow.

World's Baptists meet

By Marvin Hunsicker
Staff Writer

The 18th session of the Baptist World Congress was recently held in Melbourne, Australia. The theme of this year's 2000 World Congress was, "Jesus Christ Forever, Yes!"

Two of Sanford and Oweelo's outstanding Baptist missionaries, Almerese Bentley and Ida Boston attended this five day worldwide congress.

The Baptist world offered its vibrancy to the City of Melbourne in an international festival of music, gospel, testimony and worship. These meetings, said Bentley, are held every five years. This is the eighth time that she and Boston have attended.

In addition to adding another festive touch to the congress, the festival gave Melbourne Baptists an opportunity to invite friends, neighbors, relatives, to learn about Baptists. Congress directors also hoped to draw some of the sprawling casino crowd from across from the Melbourne Exhibition Centre where the congress was held.

The delegates to the congress wore their respective country's attire. This, says Boston, made for a colorful gathering while international food was served.

Baptists are paying the price, whatever the cost, whatever the sacrifice, whatever it takes, to tell the world that Jesus Christ is Lord. Thus said Nilson do Arnan Fariu, president of the Baptist World Alliance in an evening worship service. He pointed out that the world's population grows by about 93 million people annually.

"Each one coming into the world needs to find peace with God through salvation," he said. However, at the present, the Christian growth rate is only 28.5 million of those individuals likely to become Christian.

To reach our world, we must have the cooperation of all Baptists with pastors, missionaries, seminary students, men, women, young people, teenagers and children all doing their part to make a difference in today's world, he said.

Together, Christians compose

the "greatest, strongest, most powerful army on the face of the earth," he said. He called on Baptists to recruit, train and advance troops for Christ. This is a national campaign to be conducted in every country in order to reach the world with the gospel.

The Baptist World Alliance is a fellowship of 196 Baptist unions and conventions comprising a membership of more than 43 million baptized believers and a community of more than 100 million Baptists worldwide.

This alliance unites Baptists worldwide, leads in world evangelism, responds to people in need and defends human rights.

Organized in 1805, Baptist leaders have written of the need of an organization to bring Baptists, a highly autonomous people together.

Bentley and Boston says that this great experience helps them grow in fellowship and they have indeed learned from each of their trips to the BWA, where it is reported there were over 5,000 men, women, and children, with 50 of those from Black Baptist denominations in the United States and 21 other countries.

The objectives of the alliance is to act as an agency for religious liberty and justice. It has departments for youth, women and men, a study for research, fellowship assistance, world relief, regionalization, promotion, development, communications, evangelism, and education. This is truly an international congress, having been held in Japan, Seoul, Korea, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and this year in Melbourne, Australia.

Mrs. Bentley is an active mission worker at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. Mrs. Boston is active at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

These mission workers are members of the Women Mission Department of their churches, the Congress One Auxiliary of the First South Florida Baptist Association and of the Progressive Mission and Education Convention of Florida, as well as the National Baptist Convention of America.

It's all about science



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent



Animals help prove theories

All Souls School recently held its science fair. Pictured above, Megan Clark shows off her project "Behind The Power of Cheese." It was a study of rats vs. mice in a maze. Looking on are student judges Kami Robinson, Johnny Wells and Joseph Thomas. Pictured at left, Nicole McConnell explains her project, which included gerbils, to Kristina Moore and Angel Simon.

Toney Brothers concert set for March 22

The Toney Brothers will appear in concert Wednesday, March 22, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church, 519 S. Park Avenue in Sanford.

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Young parents can't conceive of goals beyond making babies

DEAR ABBY: Over the past few years, I have noticed more and more reports of young people — some barely into high school — who seem to have no higher goal in life than making babies of their own.

Those I've talked to don't seem to realize how much tougher it will be to go on to college and take up a career while also having to care for a child. They don't believe that life can bring them anything better than their current situation and think that having babies is their only option.

Abby, for all its faults, this is still a great country we live in, filled with opportunities for those able and willing to take advantage of them. Getting a good education and NOT having kids when you're young is a step in the right direction. Without the responsibilities of parenthood, young people have the freedom to travel, gain more life experience, and then are able to share these with their children as they grow up.

Please keep spreading the word, Abby. Having kids is a responsibility that should not be taken lightly.

STEVE IN MINNESOTA

DEAR STEVE: That's true. Professionals who work with young adults have observed that those who start a family during their teen years tend to see no possibility of a brighter future ahead. Conversely, teens who understand that a higher education and a career that pays more than minimum wage are possible for themselves are more inclined to postpone childbearing.

So, you see — hope is a most effective contraceptive!

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DEAR ABBY: I read your column most every day and enjoy it very much. I must tell you about an obscene telephone call I received about 8 o'clock one morning. There was heavy breathing and then a deep voice said, "I want your body." To which I replied, "Have you seen it lately?" The caller hung up immediately, never to call again.

GINGER IN VENTURA, CALIF.

DEAR GINGER: Your letter broke me up. However, in a more serious vein, my readers should take note of the following:

DEAR ABBY: I feel that your compliment to "Frankly Boring" on how she handled her obscene telephone caller warrants further examination. First of all, she played right into the caller's hands by inviting conversation. Next she informed the caller that she was the only adult in the house. Then she implied that she was lonely, being "cooped up with two kids under the age of 4."

As a retired police officer and author of the "Domestic Violence Survival Guide" (Looseleaf Law Publications Inc., Flushing, N.Y.), I advise readers to HANG UP IMMEDIATELY and REPEATEDLY whenever they receive a bogus phone call.

Even with automatic redial, a caller will tire of trying to bait someone who refuses to be baited. Hope this helps.

CLIFF MARIANI, HUDSON, FLA.

DEAR CLIFF: You're right. The woman did disclose too much personal information about herself and her circumstances, and it could have led to an escalation of her problem. Fortunately, however, her unorthodox solution worked because she never heard from the caller again. Victims of obscene callers should take note of your advice — it was more carefully thought-out than mine.

Wax Coatings on Fruits and Vegetables

Why are wax coatings used on some fruits and vegetables? And are they safe?

Many fruits and vegetables make their own natural wax coating to help retain moisture because most produce is 80 to 95 percent water. After harvest but before the produce is packed and sent to the supermarket, it is repeatedly washed to clean off dirt and soil. Such extensive washing also removes the natural wax. Therefore, waxes are applied to some produce items at the packing shed to replace the natural ones that are lost. Waxes help retain the fruit's or vegetable's moisture during shipping and marketing.

Waxes are also used to help inhibit mold growth, to protect fruits and vegetables from bruising, to prevent other physical damage and disease, and to enhance appearance. By protecting against moisture loss and contamination, wax coatings help fresh fruits and vegetables maintain wholesomeness and freshness. Waxing does not improve the quality of any inferior fruit or vegetable; rather, waxing — along with proper handling — contributes to maintaining a healthful product.

Waxes are also used on candies, pastries, and gum and

come from natural sources. Wax sources generally are plants, food-grade petroleum products, or insects (similar to honey from bees).

Some waxes can be made from dairy or animal sources, but we are not aware of any such coatings being used on fruits and vegetables in this country. This is particularly important for people following kosher or vegetarian diets and who don't want any animal-based wax on their produce. Any commodities that do have this type of coating must be labeled "Coated with animal-based wax."

Waxes are used only in tiny amounts. In fact, each piece of waxed fruit only has a drop or two of wax. Waxes may be mixed with water or other wetting agents to ensure they are applied thinly and evenly.

The government regulates wax coatings to ensure their safety. Coatings used on fruits and vegetables meet the food additive regulations of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Extensive research by governmental and scientific authorities has shown that approved waxes are safe to eat. Waxes are indigestible, which means they go through the body without breaking down or being absorbed.

Waxes by themselves do not

control decay; rather, they may be combined with some chemicals to prevent the growth of mold. The safety and use of these substances are strictly regulated by the Food and Drug Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Produce shippers and supermarkets are required by federal law to label produce items that have been waxed so you will know whether the fruits and vegetables you buy are coated. Consumers will see signs in produce departments that say "Coated with food-grade vegetable, petroleum, beeswax, and/or shellac-based wax or resin, to maintain freshness." None of these coatings are animal-based, and they all come from natural sources.

Consumers are unlikely to see any signs that say "Coated with food-grade animal-based wax" as such coatings are rarely — if ever — used. Any consumers who have questions about wax coatings should talk to their grocers.

Waxes may turn white on the surface of fruits or vegetables if they have been subjected to excessive heat and/or moisture. This whitening is safe and is similar to that of a candy bar that has been in the freezer. Consumers do have choices.

Waxes generally cannot be removed by regular washing. If consumers prefer not to consume waxes — even though the waxes are safe — they can buy unwaxed commodities or can peel the fruit or vegetable, thereby removing any coating. Ask your grocer if you have questions.

Commodities that may have coatings applied include apples, avocados, bell peppers, cantaloupes, cucumbers, eggplants, grapefruits, lemons, limes, melons, oranges, parsnips, passion fruit, peaches, pineapples, pumpkins, rutabagas, squash, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, turnips, and yucca. However, they are not always waxed.

Never underestimate the importance of eating a lot of fruits and vegetables! They are a good way to keep your family healthy and fit.

Barbara Hughes is the Seminole County Extension Home Economist. Inquiries may be directed to her at the Cooperative Extension Service, 250 W. County Home Road, Sanford, FL 32773 or phone 685-5888.



Barbara Hughes



Dear Abby

Briefs

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

Relay for Life

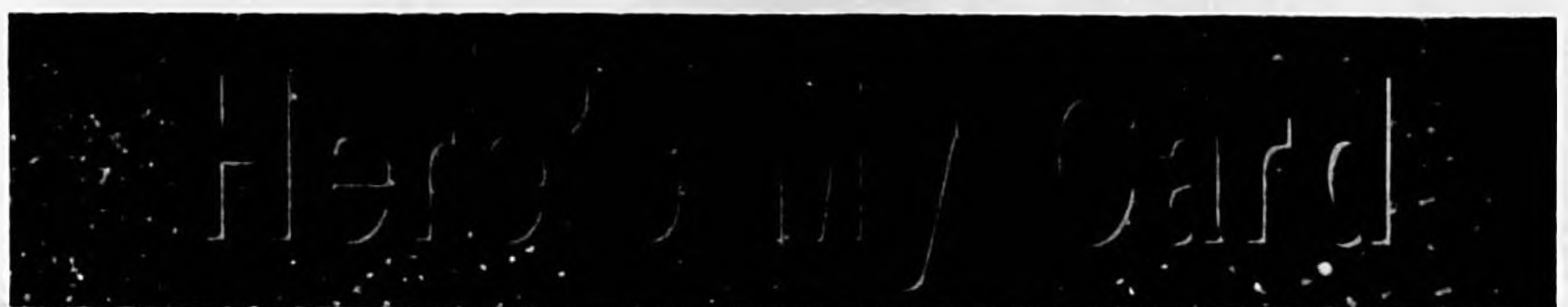
One of Seminole Community College's Relay for Life teams, the "Unlikely Superheroes" is sponsoring a Poker Run, barbecue and auction, Sunday, March 19, at Uncle Nicks, 2605 Park Dr., Sanford. Registration will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Proceeds are to benefit the American Cancer Society. Relay for Life is a team event to fight cancer. For additional information, phone Teresa at 407-322-2807.

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Scam

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ed 100 people paid a minimum of \$300 for non-refundable medical insurance for the trip, which was never obtained.

Police said that most of the people planning to participate in the tour ranged in age from 14 to 26.

Meanwhile, Johnson and other performers said Simpson promised them an income of \$540 per week during the tour, including \$100 per show and \$60 a day.

Johnson, who lives in Windermere, spent about \$1,000 since January preparing for the tour, including \$300 in cash paid to Simpson for insurance. She has filed a complaint with police alleging she was cheated out of the money by Simpson.

She said that Simpson told them there was also the possibility of a 10 month tour overseas, which would depart two weeks after the national tour was to end in September. Johnson said she had been told the national tour was backed by \$5 million in sponsorship.

"A lot of people have quit their jobs, turned down scholarships for school, and put their houses for sale," Johnson said. "He (Simpson) had all the jewelry and the license plates on the car. He was a reggae performer, and he could really sing. He said he had made it, and he could help us make it."

Johnson said Simpson bragged about being a member of the popular New York hip-hop band Wu-Tang Clan. However, a web-site for the group does not mention him.

She said a tryout was held in January in a Longwood dance studio, and that two-hour rehearsals have been held in Oviedo.

A tour agreement signed by participants said that the models, dancers and artists would be "given free Fubu, Nike, Fila, Tommy Hilfiger and other famous clothing lines that are involved in The JUICE Tour 2000 as a promotional giveaway."

The contract also said that Everywhere Promotions would be responsible for tour expenses such as hotels and transportation. However, authorities said that no arrangements had been made with any of the high-class hotels where Simpson told participants they would stay. None of the companies listed by Everywhere Promotions had any affiliation with the tour, authorities said.

Police are also investigating other inconsistencies. Some performers and their parents were told C.F. Insurance Services Inc. in Apopka would provide insurance coverage. However, part-owner Jon DeClue told police this was not true.

The contract said the tour would open in the Tunnel, a trendy New York nightclub. A spokesman for the club told authorities they had never heard of the tour or of Simpson.

Sanford resident Anthony Brooks, 23, said he was promised by Simpson he would make \$1,050 per week during the six-month tour, if he placed his start-up music production company under Everywhere Productions.

Instead, he lost \$4,000 in money he paid Simpson to supposedly cover insurance, the production of compact discs, drug tests and late-fees.

"He hasn't done any of those things that he said he would do," Brooks said.

Brooks promoted a party at Heroes nightclub in Eatonville in honor of the tour on Thursday last week. Because his name was on a brochure for the Heroes party along with Simpson as a promoter, police suspected that Brooks was a promoter of the tour.

However, Brooks interrupted the party at Heroes by accusing Simpson of operating a scam. He also reported Simpson to the Eatonville police. Investigators questioned Simpson at the club, but did not arrest him.

It was the first time a participant had publicly confronted Simpson. Eatonville police separated members of the crowd as they became tense, and no arrests were made.

Brooks said he became suspicious after calling some of the hotels where Simpson said they would stay in, and venues

where they would supposedly perform. He found that there were no reservations.

"I know a lady from Tampa who withdrew her 12-year-old son from school for this tour," Brooks said. "People sold their houses, their cars, just for this. It's sad. He gets you individually and tells you a lot of things. People thought their dreams would come true."

Despite the evidence presented, not everyone planning to participate in the tour is con-

vinced that it is a fraud. Some want to reorganize the tour under new sponsorship.

Johnson and Brooks said they continue to receive calls from people who blame them for causing trouble.

"I've been told by some of the dancers that the tour will leave next week," Johnson said. "They say I'm not welcome because I caused trouble."

Orlando resident Kenneth Williams, 34, said that he does not know whether the claims

made by Simpson were fraudulent or not. He has spent \$2,000 preparing for the tour.

Williams spoke to Simpson Sunday, then informed the assembled crowd at the Wal-Mart parking lot that the trip had been postponed until Tuesday.

"I have no affiliation with Simpson other than planning to participate in the tour," Williams said. "I did talk with him Sunday, and I relayed the message he told me to give to

people. But, I have no special ties with him. I have not spoken with him since Sunday."

Police responded Sunday after Williams told the crowd that the trip would be postponed until Tuesday. Tensions were high, but no one was arrested, said Sanford police investigator Greg Allen Smith.

Some participants also came to the Wal-Mart parking lot Tuesday afternoon. Once again, no tour buses arrived.

An ominous line in the con-

tract said that "If for any reason the tour is canceled, this contract becomes void." There is no clause in the contract for participants to get their money back.

"That should have been a warning sign," said Dolores Liberatore, vice president of trade practices for the Better Business Bureau. "This is an unlicensed company, and people should not do business with it."

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Sports



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FASCAR starts up its 2000 campaign

By Dave Westerman
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

HOUSTON - Veteran driver Sid Stiles of Merritt Island used his years of experience to his advantage last Friday night, March 10, to win the 25-lap Super-Late Model feature at Orlando Speedworld, opened the 2000 racing season.

Tonight, the SARA Modifieds made their first appearance at Orlando Speedworld for the 2000 season with feature racing being run in the six regional USARAC divisions of Late Model, Limited Late Model, Modified, Sportsman, Mini Stock and Darter.

Cars opened their racing begins at 8 p.m. every Friday night at the track located 170 miles east of Orlando between Orlando and Daytona on Highway 50 at the 1920's racetrack.

Tracks are 180 for adults at the front gate and kids 11 and under free.

One of the draw put Stiles on the pole but Indiana native Howard spun in turn three to cause a complete stoppage to get conventional. But Howard was trying to get around and was out for the evening with the car damaged in the lower turn.

Stiles passed from Billy Pratt.

Stiles grabbed the lead in the second start and began to lead a tight eight car freight train. Stiles began to get loose and was running Harry Willoughby was pressing hard. But actively caution on lap 12 for a Mack Anthony David Hart tangled in the pits and off the track.

Stiles led the field after the restart. Regan, Reach and Tom Austin bumped with Reach spinning out of fourth spot.

The final 11 laps went all green but Stiles was up to the challenge as Billy Pratt went to the outside lane with three laps to go charging past Willoughby on the last lap causing him to spin across in second and Pratt in third. Chuck Burkhalter took fourth and Shelby Howard made up his opening lap spin with a steady drive to fifth.

The Open Wheel Modifieds put on the best show of the night sparked by a brilliant 10-lap side-by-side duel for the lead between Chuck Burkhalter and Robert Hamm.

Burkhalter used a lapped car to his advantage to gain the upper hand and take the win. Hamm finished second while Jared Allison made his return to the Modified ranks a good one starting third after Shane Held and Russ Thomson took each other out while fighting for the spot. Steve Moulton and John Kelly rounded out the top five.

Kenny Gates led all the way to claim the Late Model feature after early pressure from Gary Givens who had to settle for the runner up spot. Chad Allan, Russ Thomson and Scott Margilway completed the top five.

Doug Samson and Kelly Jarrett were the winners in the Sportsman and Mini Stock divisions.

NEW SMYRNA SPEEDWAY

By Hank Sanders
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

SANMYRNA - Last Saturday (March 11) was the first night of racing following Speedweeks 2000, and the car counts were low. The cars that were on hand looked especially good and the weather was nice.

In the Super-Late Model event there were no surprises. See Racing Page 1B

The dog days of tourney play

Mikler field bravely battling fatigue

By Tony DeSantis
SPORTS EDITOR



Special photo by Bob Smith

Star shortstop Justin Mikler (center) and pitcher (right) and driver in line to back the two hit gettings in the game. Overcoming a 2-1 in the Palm Beach Spring Blues Classic, a 10-2 victory over Monday at Orange High School on Tuesday.

ORANGE - The Seminole baseball team is in the dog days of tourney play. The Palm Beach Spring Blues Classic was the final game of the season.

Approximately 100 fans were in attendance for the game at Orange High School on Tuesday.

The game was a close one, with the Blues leading 2-1 in the bottom of the ninth.

Justin Mikler, the star shortstop, hit a home run in the bottom of the ninth to tie the game.

Pitcher Mike Smith pitched a strong game, allowing only one run in six innings.

The game was a great one for the fans, and the team is looking forward to the playoffs.

The playoffs will begin next week, and the team is ready to take on the best of the best.

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Hits do not mean runs for Raiders

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

JACKSONVILLE - The Seminole Community College baseball team outthrew the Florida Community College at Jacksonville Stars 10-7 in its Mid-Florida Conference battle in the North Campus Field in Jacksonville on Thursday.

But the Raiders also hit into five double plays as the Stars prevailed 7-3 to raise their record to 22-11 overall and 7-3 in the conference while SCC fell to 8-22 overall and 2-8 in the MFC.

The victory also marked the third in as many games for the Stars over the Raiders within the past week. SCC had swept a doubleheader from SCC 9-7 and 11-3 at Raider Field last Saturday.

SCC will conclude a very tough four game MFC road schedule this week, traveling up 175 to Lake City Community College in a doubleheader starting at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The Raiders finally return home on Sunday (March 19) to East Madison Area Technical College of Wisconsin in a doubleheader.

See SCC, Page 2B

OPTIMIST PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Photo by SUN Media Center

SANFORD - The Optimist Club of Sanford recently honored sophomore wrestler Brett Mathis as its Seminole High School Athlete of the Week.

The 16-year-old compiled a 21-9 record in a season that included finishing first in a tournament at Lakeland and finishing third in the Seminole Athletic Conference tournament and the District tournament, where he upset two seeded wrestlers.

Last summer Brett gave notice that he would

be a first-class wrestler, after finishing eighth in the Junior League Wrestling Tournament in North Dakota and capturing All-America honors.

Mathis also showed off his strength, speed and stamina during the county season in the fall, making second team All-Seminole Athletic Conference in his first year of training for the Fighting Seminoles.

Mathis is coached by head wrestling coach Harry Finney (left) and Optimist Club of Sanford member Betty Vann (right).

Rain out postpones Stenstrom celebration

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

SANFORD - For nine weeks and two games everything went relatively smoothly in the City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department. Monday, Thursday, Night Polar Bear Slow Pitch Softball League.

Then came last night at Pinhurst Park.

After Wolfys had climbed to within a half game of the lead by receiving a forfeit from South Equipment and City It Again Sports had scored 11 runs in the fourth inning to thump the RSC Regulators for its 10th victory in the last six games, everything was set for the 10th and possibly final game of the season.

Stenstrom Realty Incorporated and Brian's Lawn Maintenance were ready to take to the field with Stenstrom Realty Incorporated needing a win to secure the championship and Brian's Lawn Maintenance looking to pull off the upset and force a one game playoff for the title between Stenstrom Realty Incorporated and Wolfys next Thursday.

Then the rains came, washing out the game and forcing three teams to have to wait to see what will happen.

Next Thursday at Pinhurst Park, Stenstrom Realty Incorporated and Brian's Lawn Maintenance will have to play their game at 6:30 p.m. and if Brian's Lawn Maintenance does get the upset, Stenstrom Realty Incorporated would have to play Wolfys for the championship at 7:30 p.m.

The league has seen a big turnaround over the past three weeks as Stenstrom Realty Incorporated pulled into a tie for

Metalade powers way to undefeated regular season, top seed for tourney

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

SANFORD - Now that's bluish with a flourish.

Metalade closed out a perfect regular season by hitting three home runs, a three run blast by

Chris Bryson, a two run inside the park shot by Bobby Brown and a solo inside the park round tripper by Terry Atkinson in the final inning of a 22-11 come from behind victory over Kenico in the City of Sanford Recreation and Parks

Department Polar Bear Slow Pitch Softball League at Pinhurst Park last Friday night.

Kenico took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, but Metalade answered with two runs in the top of the second

with a two run home run by Bobby Brown and three run double by Dave Richards being the big blow.

Bryson battled back to tie the game at 1-1 after three innings and the game was still tied 1-1.

See Industrial, Page 2B



Seminole's Utah Rasmus (above) and Oklahoma's Larry Casper (right) were transferred from position players to pitchers on Thursday and they did very well, leading their teams to wins.



Mikler

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...and Steven Leason and Justin Green both with one run scored.

Howell had two doubles (4-4) while Schultz had a single to go with his three-run homer.

Also clipping to score Jeff Cook (double), and Evan Starnes (two singles, one run), Jeff Huggins, Scott Rankin, and Doug Bailey both with a single, and Kevin Gentry four-run homer.

Howell became the rye of the tournament when the Braves received their third surprise effort from a third starting pitcher Thursday. Earlier in the week, Tim McCann allowed just one run through five innings against Seminole, while Cameron Alder gave up just two runs on five hits to Luke May over six innings.

The fact that Wally McCann and Alder are all pitchers just makes it that much sweeter for the Braves (7-0).

Providing the offense for the Braves were Wally McCann (two singles, one run), Brian Gilbert (double, two runs), Chris Gattis (double, run, RBI), Dustin Alder (double), and Mike Wilson (RBI).

Chris Gattis and Kevin Gentry each hit a single for Lynn (6-6).

As if up-ending an 8-2 lead, getting 10 runs scored, or being in extra innings after your starting pitcher throws a 10-inning, 17-outburst effort - all of which has happened to Tallahassee's Markley this week - wasn't that enough, the Maroon's final indignity came Thursday when they had to play in and around the rain.

On top of that, Markley was limited to just two hits Thursday by an outlander Raymond making his first varsity pitching start.

Grayson also beyed the Braves attack by going 3-for-4 with two doubles, two runs, and an RBI. Justin Holmes added a double, single, two runs, and an RBI. Kevin Starnes singled twice, scored a run, and had two RBIs.

Racing

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as David Rogers cruised to an easy victory in the \$11,000 race. Shelby Howard was paid for 2nd after the #18 was disqualified for weight. Dale Choussier got a career high 3rd. They were the only cars running.

The late model show saw Brent Chilson get his first win in the \$800 race. Monte Clark, Brent beat a hard charging Tim Laurent to the line in his first Late Model race. Scott Stevens #50, David Bowler, #26, and Billy Hoovers Ford rounded out the top five finishers.

Outren's Mark Kinley drove Yankee Chuck's #80 to a first time win in the modified class. Mark took advantage of a mechanical failure on Robert "Hollywood" Hamm's #52 to get the victory. Tim Walker ran second, Hamm placed 3rd.

The Sportsman feature saw some really clean new cars and fast action.

It looked like an easy win for Ian Hoffman, but contact with Andrew Beck's #90 crashed him out. Newcomer Chuck Abell passed the #90 to take the lead, and went on to get the win. Bill Lowe ran 3rd, John Nussbaum and Ron Lucey rounded out the top 5.

1999 Champ Tim Clark made short work of the Mini Stock field as he kicked off the season with a victory. Ron Dubuan was 2nd at the line, Charlie Staats #39 was third, with Jim Engstrom and Rex Christman making up the balance of the class.

Best racing of the night was Super stock 23 cars took the green with Jim Wintersteins #13 dead last. In no time he was up to 2nd, but could not pass the visiting Brandon Johnson who held off Winterstein to take the trophy.

Many cars looked and ran great. Ed Zikowski was 3rd, over Billy Morton #6, and Kevin Schultz.

The Strictly Stock feature was as usual a crash fest of spinning, wrecking, metal bending carnage. Three wide, racing in the

Other contributors were Javel Gonzalez (double, run), Mike Schulte and Nick Trumbore both with a single, a run, and two RBIs, and Paul Leason (two runs scored).

Providing the offense for Markley (5-0) were David Phary (single), Charles Frenschuh (single, RBI), and David Chisfield (two runs scored).

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Lynn	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lynn	1	1	0	0	0	0

LYONS 10 MARATHONS 2

Tallahassee Marley	1	0	0	0	0	0
Orlando	1	0	0	0	0	0

LIMITED LATE MODELS

1 (1) Ryan	2 (2) Larry	3 (3) Alan	4 (4) Ryan	5 (5) Alan	6 (6) Ryan	7 (7) Alan	8 (8) Ryan	9 (9) Alan	10 (10) Ryan
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NEW MYRNA SPEEDWAY Saturday, March 11

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Modifieds

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Specimens

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Mini Stock

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Demolition Derby

1 (1) Bob Crutcher	2 (2) Tim Cordell
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RESULTS ORLANDO SPEEDWORLD Friday, March 10

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COMICS

FRANK AND ERNEST
by Bob Thaves

YOU MAKE IT BY RUBBING TWO STICKS TOGETHER... COUNTER-INTUITIVE ISN'T IT?

CRANKSHAFT
by Brian & Ayers

I CAN'T GET A MALL LOOKING AFTER ALL!

BLONDIE
by Chik Young

THEY SAID I'D GET A LOT MORE!

PEANUTS
by Charles M. Schulz

Identities & Basics

LET GO, MARCEL! CHUTE! PILING THE MARCEL DOWN!!

THE BORN LOSER
by Art Sansom

I FEARED THE EMPLOYEES WOULD THINK I AM ALCOHOLIC AND OUT OF TOUCH. I NEED TO RECONNECT WITH THEM!

BEETLE BAILEY
by Mort Walker

GO STRAIGHT TO TOWN AND BACK, KILLER! NO SIDE TRIPS!

ARLO & JANIS
by Jimmy Johnson

WHAT? WHAT? WHAT? TEA!

GARFIELD
by Jim Davis

I HAVE A DATE, AND THE ONLY THING CLEAN IS MY GORILLA SUIT!

ROBOT MAN
by Jim Meddick

I CAN ALTERNATE MY BODY WITH ANY OTHER BODY!

BOONDOCKS
by Aaron McGruder

WELL, I'D RATHER NOT!

Words of Wisdom
by Charles A. Lundell III

MY DEAR CHILD, IT GETS HOT IN THE SUMMER!

Horoscopes
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Inception Integrity persistence

Answer the following questions using today's words. Different forms of the words may be used, but each word may be used only once.

- Which word best completes the sentence? He _____ as a lawyer before he went to jail.
- Which word is a synonym for necessity?
- Which word means the beginning?

Answers from yesterday: 1. level 2. acquire 3. fashion

Win at Bridge: The good fortune of the Irish
by Phillip Alder

The Irish part of Adam Reacher (Heath) and Rick Richardson had a lengthy history on the four spades. Mendur won 12 tricks when East didn't lead club. The Israeli pair blasted into six no-trump if West, the colorful Monty.

Dr. Gott: Cooking in aluminum considered safe
Dr. Gott

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it safe to cook in aluminum pans?

DEAR READER: Several years ago, medical studies appeared that seemed to show a distressing finding. Patients with Alzheimer's disease had high levels of aluminum in their brains. Following this, many people chose to restrict their contact with this ubiquitous mineral. They stopped using aluminum cookware and deodorant products that contained aluminum. Such prohibitions were probably premature. At present, exposure to ordinary aluminum utensils is not considered to be a health hazard. Modern medical data indicate that Alzheimer's disease is probably a genetic disorder. I cannot give you an unsatisfactory answer to your question, because the jury is still out on the matter. However, I would caution you to use common sense in your cooking. For example, storing acidic foods in aluminum containers does cause release of the mineral into the rubles and no one, to my knowledge, knows whether this could be hazardous. So, cooking in OK.

Dr. Gott

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'd like a list of books for church groups. My cater and cookie recipes call for the addition of small amounts of liquor, such as Amaretto or Caliano. Does cooking like the alcohol out or does it remain? I would hate to cause problems for any alcoholic who might be tempted to copy my delicious items.

DEAR READER: For all practical purposes, the small amount of liquor that you use in baking will evaporate in the high temperature of the cooking process. I believe that it is entirely appropriate for you to continue your policy of favoring yeast-leavened goods.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have empathy with a woman who has trouble breathing between March and September. Then, once the cold weather strikes is a relief. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my "Health Report - Alzheimer's Disease." (Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long self-addressed stamped envelope to) Dr. Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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