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NEWS DIGEST

INSIDE

Sports

SAC boys still tied

SANFORD — Lake Mary and Lake Howell are still tied for first in Seminole Athletic Conference boys' volleyball with one match left.
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People

Volunteer of the Week

Phyllis Green loves to travel. In her retirement, she helps arrange trips and tours for other seniors to enrich their lives.
See Page 3B.

BRIEFS

Hillebrant arraignment

SANFORD — Casselberry Mayor Joseph Hillebrant was scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon before Circuit Court Judge Newman Brock. Hillebrant is charged with one count of grand theft and one count of offenses against intellectual property.

The State Attorney's office however, says Hillebrant is not expected to appear in court today. His attorney, Mark Lubet, was expected to file a written plea of not guilty.

Investigators from the sheriff's office Fraud and Forgery Unit arrested Hillebrant on Sept. 12. He has been accused of writing three checks totaling \$23,065 from accounts at a Sanford business, where Hillebrant was employed as a freelance computer programmer.

Traffic signal coming

LAKE MARY — Motorists approaching the intersection of Lake Park Drive and Greenwood Boulevard near the Greenwood Lakes Middle School will soon be directed by traffic signals rather than be governed by four-way stop signs.

After a study, traffic engineers recommended implementation of the busy intersection. The lights should be operational in about two weeks, a department spokesman said.

Longwood discusses sewers

LONGWOOD — Plans to extend sewer service to businesses along State Road 434 will be discussed by city commissioners at a work session tonight beginning at 6 p.m. Longwood Mayor Steve Miller recently proposed a pay-as-you-go effort to upgrade sewer service to commercial properties in the city. Many businesses are still on septic tanks. By bringing more properties on-line, Miller said, sewer rates should decline as well as making the area more attractive for businesses to remain or locate in the city.

Humane Society sale

SANFORD — The Humane Society of Seminole County is planning a bake sale and open house on Sunday, Oct. 30 in connection with the Halloween season. Volunteers and staff members will be holding the bake sale to benefit shelter animals. Home-made cakes, cookies, breads, and dog and cat treats will all be available.

Proceeds are to be used to purchase food for the shelter animals.

The Humane Society shelter is located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 17-92 and County Home Road, next to Flea World.

Hours for the open house and bake sale are 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Oct. 30.

For additional information contact Jeanette Spencer at Alley Cat Rose Studio of Arts, 869-0830 or the Humane Society office at 323-8685.

Compiled from staff reports

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Cooler and drier for a while



Today: Partly sunny. High in the lower to mid 80s. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

For more weather, see Page 2A

Pickup truck: How safe? GM, local dealers say fuel tank not a problem

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — A long-time dispute continues to brew between U.S. Transportation Secretary Federico Pena and officials at General Motors. The question is, how safe are "sidesaddle" fuel tanks on certain pickup trucks?

Local service managers at GM dealerships side with the company. At Quality Buick GMC on U.S. Highway 17-92 in Casselberry, Charlie Sintron

says he has not noticed any problems connected to the tanks. "We haven't had anyone come in to say that they are worried about them," he said.

Ron Plank, assistant manager at Ken Rummel Chevrolet, 3455 Orlando Drive in Sanford, says this dispute has been going on for years. "At one time GM offered some benefit if anyone wanted to trade off a truck for another one because of concern over this, but to my knowledge, no one ever came in to take advantage of it," he said. Sintron commented, "With some of the vehicu-

lar collisions we see these days, it's no wonder the damages appear to be more serious than before, but I don't believe this latest thing about the fuel tanks is the problem."

General Motors Corp. has attacked Transportation Secretary Pena's decision that millions of GM pickup trucks are unsafe. GM has promised a court battle if the government orders a recall.

"There is simply no legal or scientific basis on which to seek a recall of these trucks," GM vice president said. See Truck, Page 5A

Going a little batty



Herald Photos by April Hamilton



Youngsters at the Seminole County Agricultural Center recently learned about the benefits and the idiosyncrasies of bats. The creatures of the night have often gotten a bad rap in horror flicks and other media. In truth they can be a great help to people. The young people learned quite a bit about the flying mammals. Above, urban horticulturalist Trish Thomas, eight-year-old Sarah Karl and master gardener Harlan Wood demonstrated the size of the European Fox Bat. At the other end of the size chart, at left, the tiny Evening Bat is the most common species found in Florida.

Teachers honored; Who's who Former students tap adults who inspired them

By VICKI BOGGS
Herald Staff Writer

A select group of local teachers are joining their counterparts in being honored by their toughest critics: their former students.

The teachers have been named to the third edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

All of the teachers being honored were selected by their former students who are themselves currently listed in *Who's Who Among High School Students* or *The National Dean's List*.

Those publications recognize those students ranked in the top five percent of the nation's high school and college students.

"There is no greater honor teachers can receive than to be recognized by former students for their excellence and dedication," said Paul Krouse, publisher of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. "In this publication we clearly have the best teachers in America selected by their best students."

The teachers were those who "made a difference" in the lives of the best students by helping to shape their values, inspiring interest in a particular subject and challenging them to strive for excellence.

Many students lauded the teachers they selected for their enthusiasm and their knowledge in the classroom.

The local winners were:
Altamonte Springs:
Karlin Fayne Gasthoff, Spring Lake Elementary
See Teachers, Page 5A

Longwood, union workers in agreement

By SANDRA ELLIOTT
Herald Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — City commissioners dispatched a lengthy agenda in near record time Monday night with acceptance of agreements with the city's unionized workers topping the list.

Following an executive session to iron out some last minute points, the commissioners OK'd resolutions with the firefighters, police and public works employees represented by unions.

The International Union of Operating Engineers proposed the wording for Section 10.5 in the city personnel regulations be changed from "In filling vacancies within city services, the hiring authority will utilize qualified employees currently employed by the City before seeking applicants from the outside." to "In filling department vacancies, the hiring authority will utilize qualified employees currently employed in the department before seeking applicants from the outside."

As a counter proposal, the commissioners changed Section 10.4 to read "All internal applicants, and eligible veterans, who are determined to be qualified (meet the minimum qualifications of related education/training/experience) for the position in their department shall be forwarded to the hiring authority prior to any external applicants for the position in their departments."

In other business, the commissioners agreed to meet as an Equalization Board Nov. 7 at 6:30

p.m. for residents or property owners on Bistline and Georgia avenues. Bistline Avenue from Oxford Street to East Street and Georgia Avenue from North Credo Street to Wayman Street are scheduled to be paved through an assessment levied abutting property owners. Sitting as the Equalization Board, the commissioners will hear and consider complaints about the proposed special assessments and can adjust or equalize them.

The commissioners also approved
See Longwood, Page 5A

Stop, look and listen

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole County is changing a four way stop intersection to a two way stop at Airport Boulevard and Country Club Road beginning Thursday.

"We checked the level of service on Airport," said County Traffic Operations Engineer John Brown, "and found the level dropped off considerably at that area. So to increase the traffic it was determined best to make Airport a through street with the stops on Country Club Road."

Some area residents driving east from Ravena Park and Idyllwilde subdivisions using Country Club Road, believe it is going to cause extensive delays in making turns onto Airport.

Sanford police Commander Dennis Whitmire said however, that
See Stop, Page 5A



Herald Photo by Tommy Watson

The sign at the intersection of Country Club Road and Airport Boulevard indicates change coming.

Healthy states: Florida ranks low

By The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS - New Hampshire's environment, along with the nation's lowest premature death rate and low crime rates, made it the healthiest state in an annual survey. Louisiana was the least healthiest.

Northwestern National Life Insurance Co., which computes the list every year based on 17 different health measures, said Monday that Minnesota had dropped into second place, largely because it has more smokers.

Utah and Connecticut were tied for third, followed by Hawaii, Vermont, Massachusetts, Iowa, and Virginia. Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska tied for tenth in the ranking.

Louisiana was ranked the least healthiest state, followed by Mississippi and West Virginia.

The report says Louisiana has a low high school graduation rate, a high number of motor vehicle deaths, high violent crime, poor access to primary care, high heart disease and a high total mortality rate. It's infant mortality rate of 8.8 deaths per 1,000 births is slightly better than the national average.

Researchers rated measures of disease, lifestyle, access to health care, occupational safety and disability and mortality.

Arlene Wheaton, project manager for the Minneapolis-based insurance company, said the overall health of Americans has improved since 1990, largely due to a decline in smoking, fewer traffic accident deaths, greater state support for health care for low-income people and lower infant mortality.

"People are smoking less and making safer driving choices, such as wearing seat belts and not drinking and driving," Wheaton said. "They've improved diet and exercise and are experiencing lower heart disease. And now more women are seeking prenatal care in the early stages of pregnancy."

In Minnesota, however, the smoking rate is now 23.3 percent, up from 21.4 percent last year, causing the state to drop one slot in the rankings.

"The key culprit is an increase in the smoking rate," Wheaton said.

The national average smoking rate is 23 percent, Wheaton said, and the percentage of people who smoke dropped 6.5 percent since 1990.

The report said 29 states

At a glance

A list of 1994 state health rankings as provided by Northwestern National Life Insurance Co. of Minneapolis. A state's score is equal to the percent above or below the average health of all states in 1994.

Rank	State	Score
1.	New Hampshire	31
2.	Minnesota	28
3.	Utah	19
4.	Connecticut	19
5.	Hawaii	18
6.	Vermont	16
7.	Massachusetts	15
8.	Iowa	14
9.	Virginia	13
10.	Kansas	12
11.	Colorado	12
12.	Nebraska	12
13.	Wisconsin	11
14.	Illinois	10
15.	New Jersey	9
16.	North Dakota	8
17.	Washington	8
18.	Maryland	8
19.	Rhode Island	7
20.	Ohio	7
21.	Pennsylvania	5
22.	Indiana	4
23.	Oregon	4
24.	Michigan	3
25.	Idaho	3
26.	Montana	1
27.	Arizona	1
28.	Delaware	0
29.	California	0
30.	North Carolina	-1
31.	Missouri	-2
32.	Oklahoma	-2
33.	South Dakota	-2
34.	Georgia	-4
35.	Wyoming	-4
36.	New York	-6
37.	Florida	-6
38.	Kentucky	-6
39.	Alaska	-6
40.	Tennessee	-6
41.	New Mexico	-10
42.	Nebraska	-10
43.	Alabama	-13
44.	South Carolina	-14
45.	Arkansas	-14
46.	West Virginia	-16
47.	Mississippi	-16
48.	Louisiana	-19

showed improvements in their overall health score from 1993, while 13 states dropped and nine states showed no change.

North Carolina had the most improved health score, moving from 37th last year to 30th in 1994. Contributing to the improvement was a 15 percent decrease in cigarette smoking, a

15 percent drop in motor vehicle deaths and a decrease in infant mortality from 10.3 to 9.3 deaths per 1,000 live births.

Northwestern National Life began compiling the rankings in 1989 as a way to raise public awareness about public health issues and in turn, help reduce health care costs.

POLICE NEWS

Outdoor arrest

Sanford police arrested Darryl Craig Tate, 36, of 1800 W. Fifth Street Sunday. Nearby residents reportedly told police he had been exposing himself to young children and offering them quarters to go into his apartment. Tate was charged with two counts of exposure of sexual organs, and two counts of lewd and lascivious acts in the presence of children under 16.

Vehicle thefts

● A red 1980 Toyota pickup truck, license number QXQ-708 was reported stolen from a driveway early Monday in the 200 block of St. Lawrence Drive in Sanford.

● A 1980 Oldsmobile was reportedly stolen Sunday from the 1400 block of W. 14th Street. Sanford firemen located the vehicle a short time later near 14th Street and Oleander Avenue. The vehicle had been set on fire.

● A 1986 Pontiac was reported stolen Friday from the 100 block of Castle Brewer Court. Police later found the vehicle at the dead end of W. Sixth Street. A .38 caliber handgun said to have been in the vehicle was not recovered.

● Sanford police found a 1989 Pontiac Friday, parked on Locust Avenue between First and Second Street. Police said the vehicle had been reported stolen out of Williston Township, Pennsylvania.

● A 1986 GMC mini van was reported stolen Friday from an auto dealership on W. 27th Street. Sanford police later recovered the vehicle.

Bingo money gone

Sanford police are investigating a reported theft of approximately \$1,241 in currency Friday, from the Elks Lodge, 1006 E. Seventh Street. Police said the money had been obtained as profits from recent bingo games.

Open container

Robert Leonard Bagley, 35, of 1204 Golden Gate Circle, Sanford, was arrested in front of a bar in the 1400 block of W. 13th Street by Sanford police Saturday. Officers said they found him outdoors drinking a can of beer. He was arrested on a charge of having an open container of alcohol.

Drug arrest

Scott Glen Owen, 24, of Winter Springs, was arrested by Lake Mary police Saturday. Officers said they saw him, and a woman, in a car parked in the 100 block of Middle Street. Owen was charged with possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. There was not arrest report made for the woman.

Warrants

● William C. Morgan, 28, 3170 S. Cameron Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Lake Mary police Saturday on Flagg Lane. He was found to be wanted on a warrant for robbing an officer without violence.

● Daniel W. High, 34, 1915 1/2 W. 15th Street, Sanford was located by deputies at his residence Sunday. He was wanted for violation of probation on a conviction of battery.

● Ralph I. Allen, 56, 1693 Torrington Circle, Longwood, was arrested by Longwood police at his residence Saturday. He was wanted for grand theft.

● Lawrence Gean Corna, 24, 1713 W. 14th Street, was arrested by Sanford police at his residence Saturday. He was wanted for aggravated battery.

Incidents reported to the sheriff

● A 1991 red Volvo at 8828 was reportedly stolen from a pickup truck Friday parked in an automotive parking lot in the 4000 block of S. U.S. Highway 17-92.

● A TV set valued at \$350 was reported stolen Friday from a residence in the 2400 block of W. 18th Street.

Domestic violence reports up among cops

By The Associated Press

TAMPA - Reported cases of domestic violence among law enforcement officers has jumped threefold since 1990, officials say.

A state task force examined 110 reported cases in the past four years.

"I would call the increase disturbing, but we haven't even begun to define the problem," said Florida Department of Law Enforcement Specialist Stewart Clendinen, adding the increase may be due in part to more strict reporting rules created in 1992.

Vince Skotko, a Tampa psychologist who specializes in law enforcement-related counseling, said domestic violence is the main reason officers are referred to him for fitness for duty evaluations.

Work on the street tends to breed violence at home, he said. "Police officers get socialized

into having power and winning conflicts. It's taught to them," Skotko said. "They learn not to back down during a confrontation. And they take that home with them."

An FDLE commission which handles police certification is vying for a \$55,000 federal grant for a yearlong study of abusers who wear badges.

The purpose is to determine whether the problem is endemic to the law enforcement profession - or is simply a case of better reporting of such incidents by police agencies.

"Domestic violence is no longer a back burner issue. It's on the front burner where it belongs," said Hillsborough County sheriff's Col. Ron Poindester.

He said reports of domestic violence among his deputies has increased over the years. He points to the stress of the job and an increasing willingness of victims to come forward.

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STATS & STANDINGS

Table of Sanford Greyhound Park Monday Afternoon results, including Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred races with horse names, owners, and odds.

Table of prep leaders for football, listing player names, teams (e.g., Lake Mary, Seminole), and their statistics.

PREP LEADERS: FOOTBALL

Comprehensive table of prep leaders for football, detailing player statistics for rushing, passing, receiving, scoring, and team defense across various teams.

PREP LEADERS

By SEAN SMITH
Herald Sports Writer
SANFORD - For the first time this season, a Seminole County volleyball team has earned its way into the state poll.

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BLONDIE

by Chis Young



BEETLE BAILEY

by Mort Walker



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by Art Saucier



PEANUTS

by Charles M. Schulz



EEK & MEK

by Howie Schneider



TUMBLEWEEDS

by T.K. Ryan



ARLO AND JANS

by Jimmy Johnson



FRANK AND ERNEST

by Bob Thaves



GARFIELD

by Jim Davis



ROBOTMAN

by Jim Meddick



Cracking bones suggest arthritis

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm in relatively good health at 61, but walk like I'm 100. My bones crack whenever I stand or get out of bed. It's not just my knees - it's my elbows, shoulders, ankles, everything. I'm so embarrassed by this that I've stopped going to church because of the noise I make. Am I showing early signs of trouble?

DEAR READER: Yes, you are. Your symptoms suggest that you are developing a form of arthritis. As you know, there are many types of arthritis, the most common being osteoarthritis. In this condition, the joint surfaces gradually wear down, causing pain and stiffness.

You should be examined by your family physician, who will be able to suggest therapy or medication to prevent further deterioration of your joints. Customarily, aspirin and similar drugs, in conjunction with physical therapy, should provide relief.

DEAR DR. GOTT: At the age of 34 I was diagnosed with pseudotumor cerebri. Over the course of three years, I've had numerous spinal taps to relieve the pressure that was affecting my eyesight. I've been told doctors don't know what causes the condition and that there is no known cure, but it eventually will go away. Can you elaborate?

DEAR READER: Pseudotumor cerebri (benign intracranial hypertension) means that there is an increase in the pressure of the spinal fluid that bathes your brain. Elevated spinal fluid pressure can result from tumors that block the flow of spinal fluid.

However, in patients with pseudotumor cerebri, no such growths are present, as judged by special testing, such as MRI or X-ray studies. The cause is unknown.

The condition, which develops slowly and causes headache and visual disturbances, is diagnosed by a lumbar puncture (spinal

tap), showing a high pressure. Treatment includes Diamox, a diuretic that lowers spinal fluid pressure, or - in resistant cases - neurosurgery (employing a type of shunt) to relieve the pressure. Repeated spinal taps are generally ineffective as therapy.

Because pseudotumor cerebri



PETER GOTT, M.D.

does tend to disappear with time, many authorities recommend "watchful waiting" and painkillers. However, if vision is severely affected, more aggressive treatment is warranted.

- ACROSS
1 Superlative ending
4 Swedish
6 In --
10 Compass pt.
13 Name
14 -- arms
15 Street
17 Not this
18 Chinese
19 Letter for each
21 Grand ridge
22 South across
23 Cloth measure
27 Coat --
28 Photograph
29 Without end (verb)
34 Hoop for hat (verb)
35 Descriptive suffix
37 Property claim
38 Writer follow
41 German one

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Down and Across words.

Bridge game board showing card positions and player hands.

WIN AT BRIDGE

By Phillip Alden: I am writing this column with our male cat, Max, sound asleep on my desk. His half-sister, 99, is asleep upstairs. Cats spend about two-thirds of each day dozing. And so far I have spent some 14 years asleep. Although it was mostly enjoyable, just think what I could have accomplished in that time. At the bridge table, it doesn't pay to fall asleep. You need to stay awake, because at any moment you might have to make the critical bid or play. East was visiting a slumber party at the wrong moment on today's deal. Against four spades, West opened with the heart two: five, ace, three. Knowing his partner had led a singleton, East returned the heart eight. He selected the middle card because he wasn't sure whether he

wanted partner to switch to a diamond or a club. But it didn't matter. South won West's return in hand and played a trump. He lost only three tricks: the spade ace, the heart ace and a heart ruff. East should have paused to assess the situation, trying to find the four tricks that were needed to defeat the contract. Then surely he would have noticed that a club switch at trick two could produce the necessary. Declarer wins with dummy's king and calls for the spade jack, trying to look like a man about to take a finesse. But East isn't fooled. He wins with the spade ace, gives his partner a heart ruff (leading the four as a suit-preference signal for clubs) and receives a club ruff in return. Keep your eyes and mind open at all times.

Bridge score table showing WEST, EAST, SOUTH, NORTH scores and opening lead.

HOROSCOPE

By Bernice Bode Cool YOUR BIRTHDAY OCT. 18, 1994 In the year ahead, you might fare better in enterprises or endeavors in which you are the middleman instead of a partner. Think twice before entering alliances. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In a situation today where you share a vested interest with someone, bend over backwards to be fair. Selfishness could ruin the relationship. Libra, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your peers won't appreciate it today if you behave like a self-appointed supervisor. Don't assume authority in areas where you have no clout. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Members of the opposite sex might not think you are as

charismatic and charming as you do today. Be careful that someone does not puncture your ego. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not stray from your sphere of influence today. If you try to project your authority into other areas, you're in danger of being out of bounds. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to be tolerant of persons not in accord with your ideas today. Someone important whose help you'll need later might be among this group. PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Instead of spending extravagantly, try to stash something away for a rainy day. If you don't, when you need funds later the only thing in your wallet might be faded memories. ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you might have to depend upon someone who, as you know from experience, doesn't always deal in facts. Take whatever he/she says with a grain of salt and make your own decisions. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Try not to permit others to put you in a position today of working under pressure. Keep them out of your affairs and regulate your own agenda. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An acquaintance might quote you out of context today to look good in the eyes of others. If you hear you've been maligned, defend yourself. CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not be the initiator of a domestic squabble today. If you are a s u m e a "do-as-I-say-not-as-I-do" posture, you will be tagged as the cause of friction. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This is not a good day to impose your ideas on others. A philosophy that has proven beneficial for you might not be effective in meeting their needs. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Business dealings could be much more complicated today than they appear. If you're not careful, you might have to switch from black to red ink.

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Annie comic strip panels showing a character with a speech bubble about a fountain pen.