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First baby of the New Year

Healthy boy is hospital's '97 first

By VICKI DeBORNIER
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — Kelly Griffin celebrated the new year at Columbia Medical Center.

Griffin wasn't sick. She was adding another voice to the holiday celebration.

At 8:36 a.m. on Jan. 1, Griffin gave birth to Jonathan Raymond Blankenship early on the morning of the first.

"I was hoping for Dec. 31," Griffin said.

She said she was in the hospital earlier that day, but they sent her home, saying it was too early for her to check in. She was back soon enough, however, and gave birth to Jonathan Raymond Blankenship early on the morning of the first.

Griffin said she was excited about having the first child in Sanford this year, but was even happier to have a healthy little boy.

Jonathan is a robust little boy who likes to sleep and is not easily awakened from his rest.

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Mom Kelly Griffin holds baby Jonathan while grandma Elaine Blankenship looks on.

Fired county official fights to get job back

By VICKI DeBORNIER
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SANFORD — It's the final countdown for Joyce Suber.

Suber, the embattled former Seminole County Land Acquisition Coordinator, will appear before a jury of her peers, not in court, but at her former place of employment.

An administrative hearing before a panel of Seminole County employees is Suber's last hope of clearing her name.

According to Mark Blechman, Suber's attorney, she was fired in August without proper cause after nine and a half years of employment.

Suber's termination came amid allegations that she had worked on her son's unsuccessful campaign for property appraiser in Gulf County when she was being paid as a county employee

here and that she had solicited vendors who work with the county to contribute to her son's campaign.

According to Blechman the allegations are not only untrue, they are also the only blemishes on her employment record with the county.

Blechman said Suber's termination was arbitrary and he will seek to have the board reinstate Suber to her job.

"This is our last administrative avenue before we are forced to file a lawsuit," the attorney explained.

Suber has said little since leaving her position. She is reserving comment until the end of her administrative options, perhaps for the civil case.

When Suber left the county a standard audit of her department was conducted and officials noted some improprieties in the way she handled

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Waterfront committee aim: Redefine role in development

By NICK PFEIFAU
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Formed to help guide waterfront development, the Waterfront Master Plan Steering Committee is redefining its role as it enters its fourth year.

"We don't have any specific goals at this time, said committee Chairman Larry Strickler. "Primarily, we need to

re-evaluate our role and purpose, so exactly what future plans may be made is still to be determined."

The Waterfront Master Plan Steering Committee was organized in early 1993 with its first official meeting on March 10. During the following two months, several additional meetings were held by the group in order to obtain citizen input on what the general public

would like to see in regard to waterfront developments and improvements.

Many plans and projects were determined, and extensive studies of the various concepts were undertaken, including obtaining the services of the University of Florida Research and Community Department.

While the committee has brought about several im-

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Start the year getting back to nature's best

By STEVE BARNES
Herald Staff Writer

Even at first glance, Gemini Springs reveals itself as an oasis. The 210 acres of lush green grass, majestic oaks and meandering trails are the perfect setting for the two crystal clear springs which spill 6.5 million gallons of fresh water daily into the DeBary Bayou which then winds gently into the St. Johns River.

This is a park that truly offers something for everyone. Avid paddlers and novices alike will enjoy the scenic marsh habitat along the DeBary Bayou, where a variety of local animals and migratory birds may be seen. The stream, which is broad and shallow, is clear for most of the one to two hours it takes to paddle to its confluence with the St. John's River at Lake Monroe.

Rental canoes are available at the park on weekends through a satellite of Katie's Landing, eliminating the hassles of loading and unloading your own. If you prefer, however, you may launch your own canoe or

kayak at no charge. More adventurous paddlers can rent a canoe at Katie's Landing, which is located on Highway 48, west of I-4, and paddle one way down the Wekiva River to Lake Monroe and then upstream to Gemini Springs, where a van will pick you up and return you to your car. The trip from Katie's to Gemini Springs is 25 miles long and takes about six to eight hours to paddle.

A wooden dock provides access for fishing. Bass, Speck, Catfish and a variety of other freshwater gamefish are plentiful. (A Florida freshwater fishing license is required.)

The spring itself offers swimming opportunities for nearly everyone. A floating dock provides a nice jump in point for experienced swimmers, while a small sandy beach area is roped off for the kids. While the current is not strong, swimmers should exercise caution as the park does not have lifeguards.

Parents will appreciate the fact that the large playground area is surrounded by shaded

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Gemini Springs offers a scenic route for both canoe enthusiasts and hikers.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Saluting some of our favorite people

By RUSS WHITE
Herald Staff Writer

Many Seminole County residents touch the lives of others in positive ways. Some receive recognition for their acts, and some do not. Today, we begin our series on special people. We know the 10 we have featured are a small representation of the many who perform selfless acts every day. You, our readers are invited to submit names of people you feel are making a difference in our city and county. We will share your choices in future stories, along with some more of our own. Some, but not all, of our favorite people are...

TIM RAINES

Hometown major-league baseball star Tim Raines earned his first World Series ring in 1996 as a member of the World Champion New York Yankees. A 1977 graduate of Seminole High School, Raines has remained

close to his school and the community. He and his wife, Virginia, have bought toys and organized an annual Christmas party the past four years for underprivileged children in the area. This year's party was held at Pine Crest Elementary. Tim and Virginia spent \$15,000 for the toys.

JEFF BLAKE

A graduate of Seminole High School and East Carolina University, Jeff Blake now stars for the Cincinnati Bengals. He's one of the most exciting quarterbacks in the NFL, possessing one of the strongest throwing arms in the game. Blake returned to Seminole High, where his No. 2 football jersey was retired, and where he addressed the student body and visited with the varsity football players. Retiring Sanford Mayor Betty Smith calls Blake a "fine role model" for the city's youth and hopes some day he might consider being a city official.

MOTHER BLANCHE BELL WEAVER

Mother Weaver was born in Atlanta, Ga. in 1923. Being raised in the Depression era, she quickly became aware of the hunger and suffering.

She moved to Sanford in 1965 and immediately saw a great need for day care for migrant children, and set out to establish such a facility. Because of the poverty of the people with whom she dealt, she spent much of her own money in handling costs of the center.

In 1986, she addressed members of Rescue Church of God regarding the need for a homeless shelter, and with agreement from the church, the Rescue Outreach Mission became a reality.

By 1991, Mother Weaver saw still another need. After much prayer and support, she was able to open a shelter for women and children. Ground breaking was on Dec. 28, 1992.

Mother Weaver is known and

loved by many. Her personal compassion for others has spread wider and wider through the local citizens. She has caused to happen, what many others may have seen as impossible.

COMMANDER RAY BRONSON

A 22-year veteran with the Sanford Police Department, Cmdr. Ray Bronson heads the Quick Uniform Attack on Drugs Squad. A Sanford native who attended Mt. Dora High School and Seminole Community College, Bronson and his five-member QUAD Squad have made a major contribution to the community as they decrease the use and sale of drugs. It's a continual battle, of course - dangerous and demanding. Commander Bronson also heads the Sanford Police Department's Special Investigations Division.

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There is only one success: to spend your life in your own way.

-Christopher Reeve



Today: Partly cloudy.
Highs in the lower 80s.
Wind variable 5 mph.

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Life after politics: Where are candidates now?

By **RUSS WHITE**
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD - Larry Dale wasn't the only winner in the Sanford mayoral race. Lyn Donato figures she was a winner, too. And so does Bob Thomas, who says "it was a great experience."

Former city Commissioner A.A. "Mac" McClanahan laughed about his 10th and final campaign and said, "I'm not all broken up about it...I ran for office 10 times - more than anyone in the history of this town. I won four times and lost six. I know how to do both."

Of the seven who were defeated in the mayoral race, Vern Spears expressed the deepest regret. "I

wouldn't do it again if I knew what I do now," he said. "I let a lot of people talk me into it."

Beginning a busy new year at Donato's Bible and Books, Inc. on Sanford Ave., peppery Lyn Donato said, "I actually miss the campaigning...it was fun meeting so many nice people. So, I'm not the new mayor, but I don't feel as if I lost anything."

Thomas said he was going to make the mayoral race "the final chapter" of the autobiography he hopes to finish this year. "I wasn't happy with the outcome (losing to Larry Dale in a runoff on Dec. 3) but I'm thrilled by the loyalty in my camp. We need to transfer some of this into something else."

Although he relinquished his city commissioner's seat after 12 years service, Thomas said he will serve the youth of the city in the role of a "mentor." Concerned about drug use, Thomas wants to meet and talk to those who are troubled.

McClanahan, who headed a Kiwanis Club effort that produced 125 Christmas bikes for needy children, said he'll continue to serve on the Planning and Zoning Committee and Main Street Committee. "Staying in the loop," he said.

He also looks forward to a vacation in Key West, where he served at the end of World War II as a Navy shore patrol man and returned in the late 60's. "I've two sets of friends and reunions," he said.

McClanahan said he expected Larry Dale will do a good job as mayor. "He was my second choice," McClanahan deadpanned.

As for the three other candidates: Dean Ray, the French Avenue appliance man, has been busy at his store and preparing for another race - a 1999 run at the District 3 Seminole County Commissioner's race.

Larry Blair continues to be heads and tails into his pet grooming business and growling at the city for a liquor license for his bar named Stoooges.

Sara Jacobson, antique business owner and an aspiring journalist, has had two columns published in this newspaper.

It's transition Tuesday for Sanford city commission

By **NICK PFEIFAU**
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD - January 7th will be transition Tuesday for the city of Sanford. Three-fifths of the Sanford City Commission will be replaced as the result of the December 1996 elections.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the commission chambers. Outgoing Mayor Bettye Smith will call the meeting to order, but incoming Mayor Larry Dale will adjourn the meeting.

After any remaining old or new business is handled by the outgoing commission, Mayor-elect Dale, and Commissioners-elect Brady Lessard and Velma H. Williams will take their oaths of office.

One of the first actions is consideration of

resolutions 1738, 1739 and 1740, to thank and commend Mayor Smith, Commissioners Lon Howell and Robert Thomas, "for their service to the City of Sanford and to the community."

Mayor Dale will then appoint members of the new commission to various boards and committees.

Also scheduled on the agenda is a discussion of work sessions for staff presentations, and goal setting for the new commission.

The following Monday, Jan. 13, the new commission will gather for its first official meeting of the year at which time regular city business will continue to be considered.

The meeting, open to the public, will be held Tuesday, 7 p.m., in the commission chambers of Sanford City Hall, 300 N. Park Avenue.



Oswald Skippings, minister of tourism, transportation and communications for the Turks and Caicos Islands, West Indies, center, discusses the possibility of flights from Sanford to the islands with Aviation Director Steven Cooke, left, and Gerald P. Burns, ambassador at large for the airport.

Travelers may soon reach West Indies from Sanford

By **NICK PFEIFAU**
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD - Travelers headed for the tropical West Indies may soon fly there from the Sanford airport.

Contrary to the flights from Great Britain which can only be utilized from overseas, these will originate from Orlando-Sanford Airport.

According to spokesman Gerald Bourne, the flights are planned from Sanford and other Florida cities to the Turks and

Caicos Islands in the West Indies, at the very southeastern tip of the Bahamas.

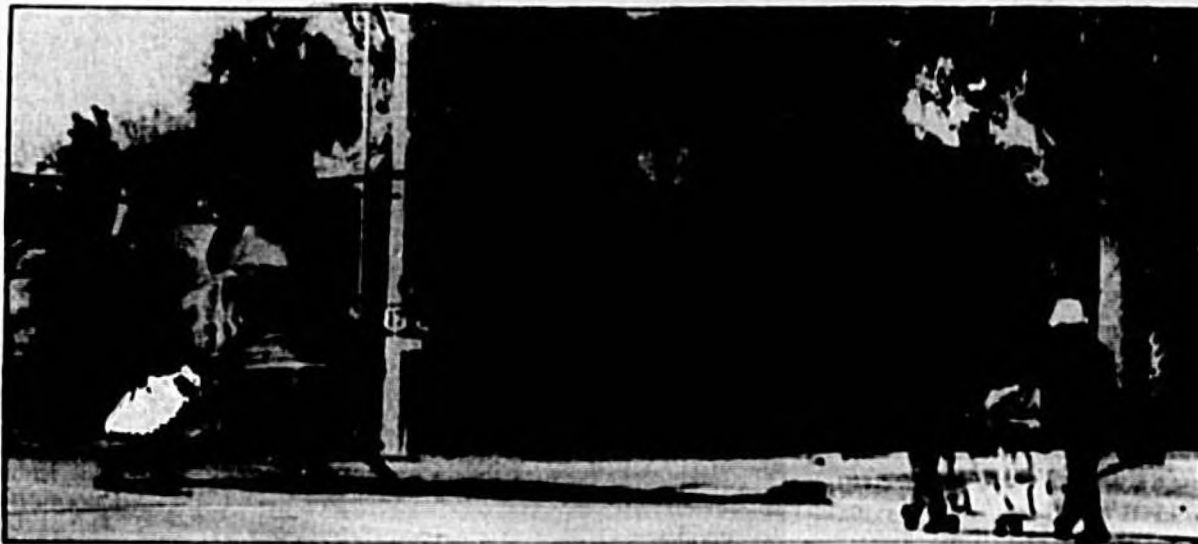
Bourne said these once-British isles are known for their pristine waters and beaches and the resorts of the rich and famous which have been listed as being among the best in the world.

Discussions on the proposal were held at the airport Friday afternoon, centered on a quick-start program, with an intended start planned for the first half of this year.

Appearing at the discussions

was the minister of tourism, transportation and communications for the Turks and Caicos, Oswald Skippings. He explained some of the desirable locations in the West Indies which he believes will attract many visitors from the Sanford location as soon as the flights become a reality.

There was no immediate indication regarding the number of flights per week, the cost of the round-trip, or what other amenities may be included in a flight package.



Rescue workers Friday rush Bernard Miller-Brown to the LifeFlight helicopter.

Boy, 11, hurt in accident

By **STEVE BARNES**
Herald Staff Writer

A boy riding his bicycle across a busy intersection Friday was seriously injured after being struck by an oncoming car.

At approximately 4pm Friday, 11-year-old Bernard S. Miller-Brown was struck while riding his bike across the crosswalk at the corner of Highway 46 and 17-92.

The boy smashed through the windshield of the blue Nissan Sentra. Rescue workers labored for about 25 minutes to free the boy, after which he was airlifted to Orlando Regional Medical Center for treatment.



Sanford Police officers on the scene of the accident mark the spot where the bicycle fell.

According to Officer Bill Crapps of the Sanford Police Department, the boy sustained a broken arm and abdominal lacerations. The exact condition of the boy could not be determined without further examination.

According to witness Donald Johnson, two boys, the victim and his 10-year-old brother, were crossing 17-92 from McDonald's when the car hit the older boy. Johnson said he doesn't think the boys saw the oncoming vehicle.

Johnson, who was in the truck directly behind the vehicle involved in the accident, pulled into the Exxon station on the corner and yelled for employees there to call 9-1-1. He then ran to the car and helped to hold the boy, who was still stuck in the

windshield of the car, until rescue workers arrived on the scene to relieve him.

According to Officer Crapps, the exact cause of the accident is still under investigation. The driver of the vehicle, whose name was not released because he is a minor, was not being charged with anything at the time. Crapps said alcohol was not a factor in the accident. No one else was reported injured in the accident.

Witnesses said the boys were not wearing bike helmets. Police officers, who examined the scene of the accident, said no sign of a bicycle helmet could be found. Florida state law requires children under 16 to wear helmets while riding their bikes as of January 1, 1997.

LOTTERY

MIAMI - Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Florida Lottery:

Fantasy 5
3-8-15-5-2

Cash 3
0-2-4

Play 4
4-9-6-3

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THE WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with late night and morning fog. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the low 80s. Monday: Partly cloudy with late night and morning fog. Lows in upper 50s. Highs in the upper 70s. Tuesday and Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. Highs in the mid to upper 70s.

EXTENDED OUTLOOK

SUNDAY Pty cldy 62-82	MONDAY Pty cldy 58-78	TUESDAY Pty cldy 59-79	WEDNESDAY Pty cldy 60-78	THURSDAY Pty cldy 60-78

MOON PHASES

New Jan. 8	First Jan. 18
Full Jan. 23	Last Jan. 31

TIDES

SUNDAY
SOLAR TABLE: min., 10:45 a.m.; 9:15 p.m.; maj., 4:30 a.m., 5:05 p.m. TIDES: Daytona Beach: high, 10:34 a.m., 10:59 p.m.; low, 4:17 a.m., 4:47 p.m.; New Smyrna Beach: high, 10:39 a.m., 11:04 p.m.; low, 4:22 a.m., 4:52 p.m.; Cocoa Beach: high, 10:54 a.m., 11:19 p.m.; low, 4:37 a.m., 5:07 p.m.

STATISTICS

Recorded rainfall for the 24-hour period, ending at 10 a.m. Saturday, totalled 0.0 inches

☐Sunset.....6:42 p.m.
☐Sunrise.....7:18 a.m.

The Ultra Violet Index (UVI) rating for Orlando is 9. Better wear hat and sunscreen.

The UVI exposure levels are rated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

FLORIDA TEMPS

City	H	L	Pct.
Daytona Beach	77	58	
Fort Lauderdale	84	64	
Fort Myers	84	59	
Gainesville			
Homestead	83	59	57
Jacksonville	77	55	
Key West	79	59	66
Lakeland	79	59	
Miami	79	59	66
Ocala	79	59	
Orlando	79	59	
Pensacola	79	59	
Sebring	79	59	
Tallahassee	79	59	
Tampa	79	59	
Vero Beach	80	60	
West Palm Beach	80	60	

BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 2 to 3 feet and glassy. Current is running to the north with a water temperature of 63 degrees.

New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 2 feet and glassy. Current is running to the north with a water temperature of 62 degrees.

BOATING

Not available at press time

NATIONAL TEMPS

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:30 a.m. EST.

City	H	L	Pct.	City
Atlanta	70	60		San Francisco
Boston	43	33		San Jose, P.R.
Chicago	43	33	10	Seattle
Columbus, Ohio	68	54		Shreveport
Dallas Ft Worth	78	68		Spokane
Denver	50	27		Syracuse
Des Moines	45	43	80	Tucson
Detroit	58	37	84	Tulsa
Fairbanks	34	24		Washington, D.C.
Helena	38	23		
Honolulu	77	73	3.17	
Jacksonville	78	12		
Jamaica City	65	45		
Las Vegas	66	48		
Little Rock	74	67		
Los Angeles	71	56		
Louisville	78	57		
Memphis	71	67		
Minneapolis	41	28		
Mobile	58	54		
New York City	78	59		
New Orleans	77	68		
North Platte	61	43		
Orlando	78	67		
Philadelphia	71	59		
Pittsburgh	59	50		
San Antonio	77	68		
San Diego	62	48		
San Francisco	57	46		
San Jose, P.R.	81	71		
Seattle	58	50		
St. Louis	65	50		
St. Paul	44	37		
St. Petersburg	76	69		
Spokane	58	50		
Syracuse	44	38		
Tampa	78	68		
Tucson	78	68		
Tulsa	78	68		
Washington, D.C.	65	59		

POLICE BRIEFS

QUAD-Squad case

Samuel Hillery, 23, of 2380 Sipes Avenue, Midway, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday. Officers of the QUAD-Squad were investigating an area known for drug dealing, when they said they saw a number of persons loitering in the 600 block of E. 11th Street. During questioning, an officer said Hillery attempted to strike the officer. He was arrested on charges of battery to a law enforcement officer and disorderly conduct.

Stolen and recovered vehicles

- A 1988 Oldsmobile, reported stolen Tuesday in the 700 block of S. Myrtle Avenue in Sanford, was recovered by Sanford police the same day, parked behind a structure in the 300 block of W. Eighth Street.
- A blue 1984 Ford pickup was reported stolen Tuesday in the 100 block of Kaywood Drive in Sanford.
- A red govt valued at \$450 was reported stolen Tuesday from a residence in the 100 block of Club Road in Sanford.

Drug arrest

Members of the Seminole County sheriff's department City/County Investigative Bureau (CCIB) conducted an undercover drug operation Thursday in the Hookertown area on Dunbar Avenue and McKay Street in Sanford. One arrest was reported, that of Dion Alfonso Edge, 23, who had no local address. He was charged with sale of a controlled substance.

Retail thefts

- Sandra Louise McFarlin, 53, 166 Twin Coach Court, Sanford, was arrested by Longwood police Thursday at a retail store on SR-434 in Longwood. She was accused of taking a \$4.17 bottle of sinus allergy tablets from the store without paying. She was charged with retail theft.
- Walton Lee Lewis, 69, 5158 Bryant Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday at a retail store in the 3600 block of S. Orlando Drive. He was accused of taking \$61.06 in merchandise from the store without paying. He was charged with retail theft.

Sheriff reports

- Deputies said attempts were made Thursday to possibly steal two vehicles at a dealership in the 2800 block of S. Sanford Avenue. Both attempts failed.
- Two weed eaters, a chain saw and hedge trimmer, with a total value of \$1,700 were reported stolen Thursday from a business in the 2600 block of S. Cameron Avenue in Sanford.

Sanford police reports

- Three men reportedly attacked a woman Thursday as she was at her vehicle at a business in the 1300 block of W. 25th Street in Sanford. One was reportedly armed with a short knife. They took her purse with contents valued at \$40 before running from the area.
- A \$300 cellular phone was said to have been stolen Wednesday from a residence in the 700 block of W. First Street in Sanford.
- A \$350 VCR was reported stolen Thursday from a residence in the 2200 block of Magnolia Avenue in Sanford.
- A VCR and other items valued at \$650, plus \$25 in candy and \$5 from the cash register were reported stolen Thursday from the Seminole County Mental Health Center, 2462 Park Avenue in Sanford.
- An item of jewelry valued at \$800 to \$1,000 was reported stolen Thursday from a residence in the 100 block of Sugar Maple Court in Hidden Lakes.
- A \$450 VCR was reported stolen Wednesday from a residence in the 100 block of W. 23rd Street in Sanford.

Lakefront

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improvements, no massive projects have been undertaken, mostly due to a lack of funding.

Because of no new agenda items, the committee has not met recently as a body. It does, however, maintain active participation in developmental affairs through representation in other meetings.

Wednesday, Jan. 8, the committee will give a report to the city's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). In cooperation with the CRA, plans are being formulated through the cooperation of Bruce Andersen regarding short-term projects which may be undertaken by the city.

"One of the things we really need to work on," Strickler said, "is the courthouse expansion, and determining where exactly it will be."

While it has been determined that the expanded Seminole County courthouse operations should remain in the downtown

area rather than having part of it moved to the Five Points area, exact plans have not been finalized.

It has not been officially determined if the courthouse on N. Park Avenue will be expanded to the east into the public parking area, to the south, or to the west toward the Sanford City Hall.

"I've been meeting with city Planner Jay Marder and (City Manager) Bill Simmons," Strickler said, "and I hope we will be able to come up with a new sense of direction for the committee."

"At our next meeting, I plan to ask the members of the committee what specific projects they want to work on in the immediate future," he added. "We have to start getting more things accomplished so that our membership won't lose faith in the purpose of the committee, and keep active in helping plan for the future of the waterfront area."

Canoe

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resting areas and barbecue grills, allowing the kids to play while parents cook or just relax. Those who prefer to put a little distance between themselves and the kids will be happy to know that grills and picnic areas are also located in quite areas throughout the park.

In addition, the park offers nearly a mile of nature trails for hiking and two miles of trails for horse back riding. A concessionaire rents horses on weekends, or you may bring your own.

Nearly a mile of sidewalk

provides ample opportunities for rollerblading, biking or just strolling through the picturesque park.

According to park management, primitive camping will be available sometime in early spring. A group campground is being planned and developed by a local boy scout troop.

To get to Gemini Springs Park from Sanford, follow 17-92 north to DeBary and turn right on DeBary Drive. The park is located about one mile east of 17-92 on the right. For more information, contact the park manager's office at (407) 668-3810.

Cops catch swimming man

By JACK PFEIFFER
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — Jerry Albert Burke, 22, of Casselberry tried to swim his way to safety Thursday, but Lake Mary police officers managed to apprehend him on the other shore.

According to Burke's arrest report, police were called Thursday to a residence in the 200 block of Evansdale Road in Lake Mary regarding a vehicular theft. The vehicle was described

to officers, and the information was dispatched to all officers.

One alert officer, patrolling on Country Club Road, thought he saw the vehicle coming at him. He turned around and gave chase. By that time, the vehicle had turned onto Lake Mary Boulevard.

The officer turned on his lights and the vehicle stopped near a lake on S. Palmetto Street.

The man, later identified as Burke, exited the vehicle and the

report said he immediately placed his hands on it, as if to indicate he was surrendering.

As the officer approached however, he said Burke suddenly began to run, and dived into a lake off Palmetto.

While the policeman called to the man to return to the shore, he continued attempting to swim to safety. Meanwhile, other officers were called to the area on the opposite side of the lake. During most of the swim, the

Seminole County sheriff's department helicopter flew overhead keeping Burke in view with its night lights.

Burke reportedly swam to the other shore but was immediately apprehended by awaiting officers.

He was immediately placed under arrest and has been charged with grand theft auto, resisting an officer without violence, fleeing/attempting to elude a law enforcement officer, and use of a vehicle in the commission of a felony.

He was taken to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility.

The way we were: Spring days of dance recitals

I was recently given programs from two dance recitals and thought you would enjoy reading about them since many of the participants in each continue to live in the area. Walter Smith gave me Mrs. Ruth Gordon Wright's 1939 program, and Sandra Dunn Parker gave me the 1947 program of the Cogburn School of Dancing.

Wright's Dance Revue

Mrs. Ruth Gordon Wright's Dance Revue and Style Show was presented on June 8, 1939, in the Sanford Junior High auditorium and was sponsored by the Sanford Kiwanis Club.

Grace Gillespie Dore was piano accompanist; she also designed and made all of the costumes. Talented lady!

Opening the program was "Waltz Clog" danced by Sophia McDougal, Bobby Johnson, Neil Powell, Nancy Jean Appleby and Gordon Wright with Mildred Robson leading.

Following this were several solos by Delores English, Barbara Ann Pearce, Beverly Rogers, and Patricia Bradham. "School Days" was interpreted by Charlene Caldwell assisted by Walter Smith, Bobby Johnson, Ralph Johnson, Gordon Wright, Neil Powell, and Robert Middleton.

"A Waltz Exhibition" was given by Mildred Robson and Herman Middleton followed by solos by Bobby Johnson and Beverly Rogers. (Beverly would have been about four years old.)

A Personality Act was presented by Nancy Pitts, Frances Cobb, Jean Spaulding, Ida Mae Edwards, Delores English, Barbara Ann Pearce, Kay Holtzclaw, Beatrice Bisbee, Bobby Nell North with Denise Stevens leading.

Mary Grace Dore presented a soft shoe routine: Sophia McDougal, a Rope Toe Dance; and Neil Powell, a solo and tap.

Guest artist, Charles Morrison, then made his appearance.

Distinguished guests at the Style Show were President and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt portrayed by Robert Middleton and Mary Carol West; Col. and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh, Joe Baker and Sophia McDougal; the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Walter Smith and Patsy Johnson.

Bobby Nell North introduced the Style Show by interpreting "The Butterfly."

Displaying Party Frocks were Louise Clark, Jean Varn, Barbara Rucker, Sarah Blount and Maureen Goolbsy.

Wearing Evening Gowns were Mildred Robson, Charlene Caldwell, Nancy Appleby, Frances Cobb, Barbara Ann Edenfield, Sue Cullum, Beverly Rogers, Patsy Stokes, and Joan Spaulding. Escorting these girls were several boys already mentioned plus Wiley Jarrell, Joe Hutchison, Leon Swain and Monroe Pearce.

Modeling Bridal Attire were Kay Holtzclaw, soloist; Denise Stevens, maid of honor; Lloyd Swain, best man; Nancy Williams, flower girl; Barbara Ann Pearce, bride; Malcolm Rutledge, groom.

The back of the program told of various classes in ballroom and tap dancing; calisthenics were included if desired. Beginners, intermediates and Advanced pupils were offered classes in ballet, character, acrobatics, toe, musical comedy and tap.



GRACE M. STINE-CIPHER

There were classes for babies ages two to six years old and classes in personality, singing and expression.

Home address was given as 205 E. 10th Street and the studio was the armory.

I entered Mrs. Wright's kindergarten and dancing school about two years after this when her studio was located on West Fourth Street. This house is next to the Womens Club and is now the property of the First Presbyterian Church.

Springtime gardens

The Cogburn School of Dancing's recital entitled "Springtime Gardens" was held on May 9, 1947. It was sponsored by the Dert Gardeners Club of the Sanford Garden Club and was held in the Seminole High School auditorium.

Marjorie Cogburn Tepasik was the director and her assistants were Doris Duxbury and Jean Sayer. Costumes were made by Mrs. V.G. Hasty Mrs. W.H. Stewart, Mrs. J. G. Hasty, Mrs. F.A. Hasty, Mrs. M. Hasty, Mrs. M. Hasty and Mrs. M. Hasty.

There were four gardens represented, and the first was entitled "In a Rustic Garden". Gardeners were Justin Lynch and Tommy Williams.

Representing flower baskets were Judy Brown, Sally Chase, Kay Ivey, Sandra McKinney, Jane Williams and Gwynn Yates. Johnny Jump ups were Janie Brown, Karen Carpenter, Joyce Cullum, Jeanette Bullard, Diana Fleisher, June Jennings, Nancy Richards, Joan Stafford, Ann Thurston

and Dottie Williams. (These two groups were probably the youngest pupils, ranging in age from four to eight years old.)

Zippadee doo dah dancers were Emily Bruton, Delores Cliburn, Rochelle Eubanks, Gladys Hasty, Kay Ratigan, Susan Shames, Grace Marie Stinecipher, Joni Saunders, Mary Rose Spear, Claudette Walts and Elizabeth Woodruff.

Picnickers were Anita Aiken, Eloise Cook, Phyllis Bach, and Earnline Jones. Portraying "a Gypsy Boy and Girl" were

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EDITORIAL

Outstanding citizens

In today's edition of the *Sanford Herald*, a number of people are listed as outstanding in the way they conduct their lives and perform their duties. Those who know these individuals and their accomplishments will hopefully agree that they deserve praise on the back.

There are however, many others who have helped the people of Sanford and Seminole County during 1996, and who also deserve appreciation. Some of them work in the open, calling on others for assistance in their endeavors. Others work behind the scenes, accomplishing deeds we may not even know about, but nonetheless, making our lives better.

We single out accomplishments in 1996 but every one we have mentioned didn't just begin their work during this past year. Every one of them has been active in helping and protecting others for many many years in the past.

Unfortunately, those who go the other way down the path of life's accomplishments, those who try the criminal trail, cause harm or danger to others, and get the majority of publicity.

But as we begin this brand new year, let's pause for a moment and think of the good folks in our community rather than the others. Give them a call if you know them personally. If you see them on the street, wish them well and let them know you appreciate the work they do.

Go even further. Offer support in their various activities and projects which they will undoubtedly continue through 1997. Support can be given financially or through volunteer assistance. Whatever, it will be greatly appreciated.

Some people are leaders. We've listed a few of them. Others are followers, but still deserving of our appreciation.

We commend these particular individuals we have singled out for today's publication. But we likewise give a hearty thank you to all others who have undertaken something which has benefitted others.

We've had problems in our local area, our neighborhoods, possibly our own homes during 1996. But all-in-all, looking at the overall picture, we believe it has been a good year. Working together, we can make 1997 even better.

Let's do it.

Poles apart?

Altamonte Springs resident Fletcher Baker has appealed to the county to have a 105-foot power pole moved away from his home. About six weeks ago, Florida Power Corp. crews installed the 105-foot giant about 90 feet from his house in a power company easement. The county says it can't do anything, because the utility easement is exempt from local rules. The pole was located here to accommodate a cellular phone company, Florida Power, in Mr. Baker's neighborhood, removed two 88-foot-poles and replaced them with the oversized one near his house. The rule that cellular phone tower poles must be at least 200 feet from homes does not apply to utility easements.

We feel that Mr. Baker is a part owner in that easement, since he is a taxpayer, as is everyone else in the county.

Florida Power is known for its exemplary service of its customers and we hope they will listen to Mr. Baker. We urge Florida Power to see the light on this one and move the pole.

Berry's World

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Basically, what happened was I went from paper to paperless — then from office to OFFICELESS.

WRITER'S BLOCK

Voting in the Hall of Fame elections

One of the perks of being an old baseball writer, is the privilege of voting in Hall of Fame elections.

A 35-year-member of the Baseball Writers Association of America, I cast my 25th ballot in December, and eagerly await the election results which will be announced at 6 p.m. Monday.

Having covered the Washington Senators in the 1960's, I not only survived this particular form of Capital Punishment but earned the right to vote in Hall of Fame elections.

There are 30 men on the 1997 Hall of Fame ballot, and according to the rules each voter can pick as many as 10 candidates. On a couple of occasions I checked off 10. This year I stopped at four - pitchers Phil Niekro and Don Sutton, first baseman Tony Perez and third baseman Ron Santo.

Needless to say, I'd like all four candidates to be elected. Niekro and Sutton were 300-game winners, Perez drove in 1,653 runs and Santo was a terrific power hitter and fielder. Each man also had character.

As much as I admire and appreciate Pete Rose's accomplishments, I am not as alarmed as many of my co-voters that his name is not on the ballot. On the day, Rose is eligible, I'll surely vote for him. I'm not qualified to judge Rose on what he did off the field, only what he did on it.

If I have a complaint about the Hall of Fame



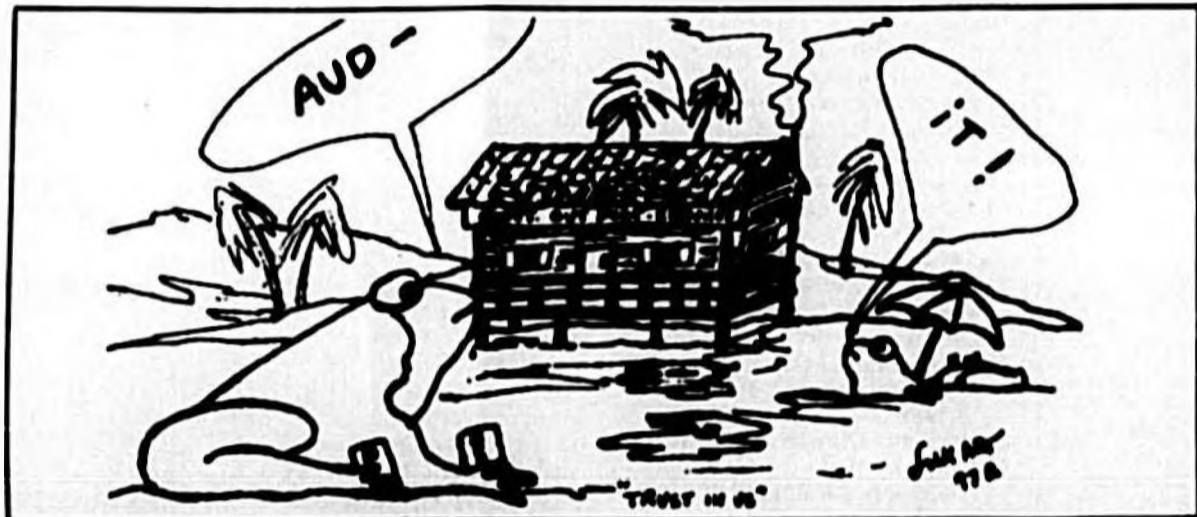
Russ White

STAFF WRITER

process it has to do with a man named Hodges not Rose. How in thunder Gil Hodges has been kept out of the Hall baffles me. Among the finest men I ever met, Hodges was a magnificent player for the Brooklyn Dodgers in the 1950's - marvelous first baseman and slugger.

Gil's Dodger buddies - PeeWee, Duke, Jackie and Campy - are in the Hall and he belongs in there with them. Hodges isn't on the regular ballot but he could be voted in by the Veterans Committee which meets in February. If these guys consider Hodges for what he did as a player, manager of the miracle Mets of 1969 and his character, he's a shoo-in.

There have been some baffling decisions made by the writers and the veterans committee through the years. Joe DiMaggio needed three years to be named by the writers. What were those guys thinking anyhow?



Schools in Seminole County

Think about this...Public schools, charter schools, school choice, private schools, school vouchers and home schooling all brought on by the failure of our public school system...Seminole County Schools.

The purpose of the public school system is to offer an opportunity for a public education. All taxpayers pay for public education, whether or not they have a child in a public school. Therefore, they have a right to question the expenditures of their school tax dollars and the right to see that these monies are being spent properly. They also have both an interest and a right to demand that the children of this nation are getting the best possible education. I think that we often forget that parents are not the only ones that have a vested interest in our public educational system.

There are several serious problems. The first is a steady lowering of standards because we did not want to face the problem of not promoting children to a higher grade because many could not meet the standards. This breakdown started in the 1950s, and now we are far behind. We also complicated the system by finding excuses as to why these students could not perform. As the years passed we found more and more excuses instead of facing the problem. We created a complicated system that has all but destroyed the public schools. It is time to face up to several problems.

We need to raise not only the standards, but the expectations, and the belief that our children can, and will, do better. This means that we will have children failing. It also means that we will have children dropping out of school. However, it means that we will, in time, have better students and schools, and in time fewer failing and dropping out.

We do this by placing a value on education. If we are not educating, there is no value.

The second problem that needs to be addressed is the role of the school and the role of the parents. School policy should be based on what are the responsibilities of the school, and what are the responsibilities of the parents. I should be stressed that the mission of the school is to educate our children and to create an environment that will enable our teachers to perform the task of teaching under the best conditions and to provide a safe environment for both teachers and students.

The public school system has assumed responsibilities that should be those of the parents. It is the responsibility of the parents, or parent, to see that the child attends school and is instructed to behave and dress properly. It also is the right of the parents to keep a child home without the need for a note from a doctor. A note from the parents should suffice up to the point where it may seem appropriate, based on many absences, to contact the parent.

Since a public education is an "opportunity," it is up to the schools to see that disruptive students are removed from classes so that the opportunity to learn by other students is not infringed upon.

The school system is but a mirror of our society today. We find excuses for failure.

ERNEST HATTON II

Getting to the root of the problem in Seminole County

In so doing, we promote more failure. We can only improve our society by setting goals, and those goals and standards should be adjusted upwards from time to time. Those who wish not to learn, will not be convinced to do so. We cannot afford to jeopardize, in any way, the opportunity for those students who want to learn to do so under the best of circumstances and not to be denied by those who, in fact, should probably not be attending school at all.

We need to face the facts. Tax dollars are being wasted both in government and in our public schools. The public needs to demand more from both.

I have little regard for those who do not fulfill their leadership role within our public educational system. When they have proven neglectful, I find it hard to understand why their pensions should not be adjusted to reflect that negligence. We are not only rewarding poor students by allowing them to continue, we continue to reward poor administrators as well. Unless there is a prudent effort by the public school system to correct itself, it will self destruct.

We cannot blame parents for looking at new possibilities in education. We also cannot expect that they will be willing to continue to support our present system. Our local school board can make a difference in this county. I do believe we have an excellent superintendent and some very good new school board members who will at least bring these issues to the fore front. We have many good teachers and many good administrators.

We have a lousy system that must be changed. As good as these people are, it will fail unless changed start to take place now. Teachers need to demand the proper atmosphere for teaching, even if it requires the removal of half of the class. We must stress that public education is an opportunity given to children by all taxpayers, and that they, the taxpayers, expect that the children of this nation are going to receive a proper education. If it is apparent that they are neither interested, nor care about learning, and are disruptive to those who do care, then they should not be in the classroom.

It is time to face up to reality: the system has failed. What are we going to do about it, if indeed we want to preserve it? My guess is that we have very little time to change the system. Parents are already looking at many other choices.

If changes are not made within the next few years, there will be far less students in public schools than would have been. This would be disgraceful. It will have been our fault for not acting to preserve the public school system.

WRITER'S BLOCK

JENNIFER EDWARDS

Staff Writer

On being naive

It finally happened to me. I am a crime victim.

I moved to Central Florida from southwest Ohio late last summer. From the serene, breezy cornfields of the midwest to the gritty, broad streets of the south, I came to this town with an open mind and an empty awareness. Once I arrived, it took me about five seconds to realize that Main Street in my small Ohio town was not exactly in the same neighborhood as Main Street in Sanford. I have struggled every single day to cope with the crazily congested traffic, the various sorts of people and the constant threat of danger common to this area.

Don't get me wrong. I chose to move here of my own free will. I love it here... halmy sunshine all year long and better career opportunities were among my incentives for leaving old, snowy Ohio. In the four months I have lived in Seminole County, I connected with several wonderful people, furthered my education at Seminole Community College, snagged my way into my first newspaper job and gotten one heck of a tan. In many ways, life here is just like a drive to the beach and back.

As long as I stay on the right side of town Recently, while I was taking an examination at my college, my wallet was stolen. Literally right underneath my nose, it was taken from me by someone in the classroom as I concentrated on my intense algebra final. By the time I turned in my paper, reached down for my books and discovered my address book containing my driver's license and other identification, cash, credit cards and other vital items was GONE, students had already left the room. It was too late to add up two and two, so to speak.

I was ordered to leave the classroom since I had already turned in my exam. Forced out into the hallway, I tried to calm myself. "Someone probably just picked it up by accident," I reasoned. "It's an honest mistake, and any minute now, someone will come up to me with my wallet."

Yeah, right. I asked every single one of my classmates still left in the classroom as they came out if they remembered seeing my black book. Several said sure...some even tried to peek back into the room for me, but no one had it in their possession. At least, that's what I was told. Three students left before I realized my wallet was gone, and I have not been able to track them down.

My math instructor refused to let me back into the classroom to look for my book until after she had finished grading the exams. Then, she searched the room also, saying, "I'm sure it was just an honest mistake. Someone probably picked it up by accident...I can't imagine anyone in the class doing it on purpose."

I could not, either, but my wallet was still GONE.

In a daze, I walked over to SCC's campus security office to fill out a crime report. I requested that security call a Sanford police officer, too. I canceled all of my credit cards. And, I admit, I cried as I carefully wrote out what had just occurred to me on the incident reports. The irony of it all killed me—I had just been in that very security office earlier in the week seeking statistics for an article I was writing about campus crime.

Of which I am now included.

So, I will ask myself the standard

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People

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He began his service as a patrolman in 1974.

JEAN METTS

The woman of 100 hats spends hundreds and hundreds of hours in a score of volunteer programs. Jean Metts is the current and founding executive director of Seminole Volunteer Enterprises, Inc., and chairman of the Code Enforcement Board. "She's a champion for the underdog," says Morris Metts, Jean's husband for 42 years. "If Jean sees that something isn't right, she changes it. She's a great motivator. She has always cared deeply for community." She was awarded the 1996 J. C. Penny Golden Rule Award for outstanding individual community service. Metts was unsuccessful in the race for Seminole County Commissioner District 5 - perhaps more of a loss for the county than the candidate.

LINDA MEYERS

Linda Meyers works with the Pine Crest Elementary School students who are in need, be it economic or emotional. Meyers has a genuine love for the young people at her school and is able to inspire those in the community to help "her" kids. At her request many Sanford businesses and individuals have begun to devote their time, their talent and their merchandise to the students at the school. Meyers does not wait until anyone among her students asks for help, she simply sees the needs and finds ways to address them. To Meyers, there are no

problems - there are only solutions. Her smile and cheery attitude make it impossible for anyone to turn her down when she comes to them for help for the children at Pine Crest. Meyers genuinely cares about people, especially children, and it shows.

LISA JONES

Lisa Jones serves as recreation supervisor for the City of Sanford Parks and Recreation Department. Although she was one of four department members who handled the 1996 Golden Age Games, her supervisor Mike Kirby says Lisa was the prime mover. The 1996 games were the most successful and had the largest turnout of participants in many years.

Her regular assignments include managing the recreation department's after-school program, summer playground program, and she handles the grant program which provides free food for summer program youngsters.

Jones began her work with the city on a part-time basis in March of 1989, and went into full-time work in October of 1990.

Her co-workers and people with whom she comes in contact say she always presents a sparkling personality and is friendly to everyone, making her an outstanding city employee and excellent representative of the city's parks and recreation activities.

IRENE BROWN

Every community should be

an blessed to have its own Irene Brown. For the last six years she has served as Volunteer Director of the Sanford Christian Sharing Center, supervising the efforts of more than 100 workers. She is also president of the Golden Rule Housing and Community Development Corporation, a non profit organization involved in providing housing for low-income residents of Seminole County. Brown is the secretary of the Board of Trustees and the organist at Congregational Christian Church of Sanford. She has performed with the Central Florida Chorale. Brown and her husband, Roy, have been married 54 years.

KAY BARTHOLOMEW

One of the most active and outstanding members of the Sanford community, Kay Bartholomew is the 1996 winner of the annual Warren E. "Pet" Knowles Service Award. She is the director of the Sanford Ritz Theatre Restoration Project Group, Inc., charter director of Sanford Main Street, Inc., director of the Seminole Arts Council and the initiator of the Light Up Sanford Christmas Program. Two years ago Kay was the George Touhy Rotarian Award. She is the director of the First Street Gallery. She is a member of the Salvation Army, Republican Party and Holy Cross Episcopal Church.

ERNIE MACPHERSON

Gone, but not forgotten. Vowing to always be a Seminole, Coach Ernie MacPherson resigned as the Seminole High School football coach after a

Coach Ernie MacPherson



Jean Metts

Coach Ernie MacPherson

dramatic season-ending win over Lake Mary. The win-loss record is insignificant. What matters is his academic success. Only one person in the three-team football program failed to qualify academically, a major improvement over past Seminole teams. Just as importantly, his concern and love for his players and the family atmosphere he created far outweighed the 'Noles 3-7 record. Coach Mac remains a fixture as a teacher at Seminole, and he'll continue to help out the baseball team this spring. Is winning everything? Coach Mac proved it doesn't have to be.

RUTH HAMILTON

What can you say about a woman about to be 99 who acts as if she were 29? Ruth Hamilton, is a blessing to the

community, a good citizen who cares about her neighbors, especially young people. She spends much of her time helping the Sanford Youth Museum. Ruth is an ambassador of good will at Bram Towers, retirement complex. She sets a fine example to the others with her cheerfulness and commitment to make each day of her life better than the last. Spend an hour

with Ruth Hamilton, and you'll realize just how good life really is.

Staff Writers Nick Pfeiffer and Vicki DeSorme contributed to this report.

Stinecpher

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Beverly Gray and Frank Stafford.

Participating in "The Race" as horses were Barbara Chapman, Rochelle Eubanks, Betty Anne Munson and Susan Shames. Drivers were Sylvia Hayes, Mollie Jo Morrison and Claudette Waits.

We then enter a Formal Garden where Sandra Dunn and Joni Saunders each had solo representing Rosa. Morning Glories were Barbara Chapman, Gail Morgan and Joan Stafford.

Cover Girls were: January - Jean Bayer; February - Jane Davis; March - Yvonne Cullen; April - Gretchen Kirchoff; May - Betty Anne Stiles; June - Phyllis Shames; July - Jackie MacDonald and Ann Whitaker; August - Dottie Williams; September - Dorothea Backett; October - Pat Raligan and Connie Ludwig; November - Ellen Driggers; December - Phyllis Bach and Shirley Morland.

Representing orchids were Gretchen Kirchoff, Jackie MacDonald, and Ann Whitaker while Jean Bayer and Simon

Dingfelder danced to "Anniversary Song".

In a Tropical Garden, Eloise Cook was a Night Blooming Cereus while Hibiscus were Patsy Collins, Ellen Lyon and Patricia Tooke. Representing Mexicana were Yvonne Cullen, Gladys Haast, Grace Marie Stinecpher and Sandra Dunn.

Ann Whitaker's solo was entitled "Maracas" while Marjorie Tepasik interpreted "Red Carnation".

The final garden was a Chinese one.

Baby

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quent naps.

"When he's awake, he's a happy little guy," said his grandmother Elaine Blankenship. "He doesn't cry much or fuss."

Griffin has a two-and-a-half year old daughter in addition to her newest youngster.

Columbia Medical Center presented Griffin and the boy's father, Stuart Blankenship III, with a custom crafted baby bottle filled with jellybeans to commemorate his status as Sanford's first born of this year. "It was nice," she said.

DEATHS

DAVID K. FORSTER

David K. Forster, 44, Overlook Drive, Mount Dora, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 1997. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he moved to Central Florida in 1971. He was a former investment advisor. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Mt. Dora. Survivors include wife, Dr. Agnoid C. Peterson, Mt. Dora; son, Axel David, Mt. Dora; daughter, Erin Marie, Mt. Dora; brother, Mark Edward, Franklin, N.C.; sister, Elizabeth, Atlanta;

father, Edward, mother, Patricia, both of Franklin, N.C.

Hamlin and Hilbish Funeral Directors, Rehbaum-Harden Chapel, Mount Dora, in charge of arrangements.

EDNA EARLE ABRAMS PARKER

Edna Earle Abrams Parker, 92, Ninth Avenue, Conway, N.C., died Friday, Jan. 3, 1997 at her residence. Born in Horry County, N.C., she was a 73-year member of the First United

Methodist Church where she participated in the Emma Thompson Service Class and the Spivey, Ward Circle. She was a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, a member of the Horry County Historical Society, the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Pilot Club. She was a retired purchasing and sales agent for Belk. Survivors include her son, William Edward "Bill" Parker.

Conway; daughters Doris P. Brumley, Sanford, Fla., Audrey P. Pratt, Lake Worth, Fla., and Sarah Frances Parker, Conway; sister Cecile B. Alexander, Charleston, 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, in charge of the arrangements.

FUNERAL

FORSTER, DAVID K.
A funeral mass for Mr. Forster will be held Monday, Jan. 6, 1997 at 11:30 a.m. from Saint Patrick's Catholic Church, Mount Dora. In honor of all those who served in World War II, a special Mass will be held at Pine Forest Cemetery in Mount Dora. Friends may visit at the funeral home Sunday, Jan. 5, from 4 until 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Habitat for Humanity of Lake County or the American Heart Association. Hamlin and Hilbish Funeral Directors, Rehbaum-Harden Chapel, 333 E. Fifth Avenue, Mount Dora, FL 32821 352-2624 in charge of arrangements.

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A public hearing on the ordinance will be held on Monday, January 13, 1997, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible, by the City Commission of Sanford, Florida, in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 300 North Park Avenue, Sanford, Florida.
Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard regarding the ordinance. Interested parties may also submit written comments regarding the ordinance to Janet R. Dougherty, City Clerk, Sanford City Hall.
Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for inspection by the public at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Sanford, Florida.
ADVICE TO THE PUBLIC: IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL A DECISION MADE WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THE ABOVE MEETING, OR HEARING, HE MAY NEED A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE, WHICH RECORD IS NOT PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF SANFORD. (FS 288.0105)
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Janet R. Dougherty
Janet R. Dougherty, CMC
City Clerk

Naive

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question: How does it feel?
No comment?

Okay, I know that will not work (the reporter writing this story is stronger than the scared little girl typing it up). One more time: how does it feel to have my personal property taken from me in what I considered a safe environment?

Not too good. In fact, I am infuriated that I allowed myself to be violated. I blame myself, of course. Leaving my black address book/wallet out in the open, underneath the desk in which I was sitting, was dumb. Had I not been so involved in my math exam, I probably would have noticed someone easing my book out and away from me. I also know that this was during the holiday season, and people with more gifts to buy than money may get desperate. Furthermore, wallets and other items disappearing at SCC is not unheard of, according to previous crime reports in *The Sanford Herald*, and recent conversations I have had with SCC campus security guard Jim Best.

On the other hand, as the Sanford officer who responded to my call kindly pointed out to calm me, "Look at it this way, nothing was taken that can't be replaced...driver's license, credit cards...you can get all those things back."

I know that, but what about my naiveté?

I rather prided myself on the fact that, being from a close-knit and relatively safe area in Ohio, I had an ingenuous view of life.

Relatively speaking, the most traumatic experience of my life was my parents' divorce. I never even received so much as a traffic ticket, let alone been victimized by crime. Now, I know my wallet was just stolen—hardly the end of the world. I also realize that, compared to other, more violent crimes such as rape or murder, having my wallet snatched may be perceived as getting off easy.

Oh, well.

This was the biased response from most people that heard about my situation, which included some family members, co-workers, friends and SCC personnel. I have not

heard from the Sanford officer who took my written statement, and I highly doubt he is staying up nights trying to solve the intriguing question of who took my wallet. Who can blame him? There are crack dealers all over the streets, prostitutes walking right behind them, and armed robberies occurring left and right. As a matter of importance and danger, I will be the first to admit my wallet completely falls off the critical list.

Probably even back home in Ohio, my wallet being stolen would not be a very shocking occurrence.

It had to be once upon a time, though, right?

I am sure, sometime in the very, very distant past, a stolen wallet was treated with the same regards as a bank robbery today. Maybe a composite sketch of the suspect was drawn up. Perhaps a state-wide search was formed to track down this culprit. People may have even locked their own wallet up in reaction to such an appalling event the same way people stop flying in airplanes after hearing of a high-fatality airplane crash.

Back to the reality of the nineties. Stolen wallets are considered as no big deal. Sure, it's an inconvenient and aggravating occurrence, but one that happens everyday. I am sure everyone knows someone who has had their wallet taken. Big deal.

I also am sure, eventually, anyone will know or hear of someone who has been murdered. Or raped. Or robbed at knife point in their own home. Push the clock up twenty years. Fifty, even. If a stolen wallet is no big deal right now, what will it be in the year 2050? A scrape on the knee?

What about rape?

At least you weren't killed.

What about armed robbery?

At least you weren't hurt.

What about murder?

At least you weren't raped first.

Oh, well.

When do violent acts such as the taking a human life or sexual abuse become the stolen wallet?

Don't mind me. I guess I'm just being naive.

Job

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her department.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and the state attorney's office is undertaking an independent investigation based on the internal investigation that was ordered by the county attorney's office. They will look into any possible criminal activity uncovered in the audit.

The county commission was deeply divided when it came to making a decision regarding expanding the scope of the investigation outside of the land acquisition department.

So far the investigation has focused only on Suber's former domain.

Blachman said he believes county officials are "nervous" about what might happen if the matter goes to trial, but doesn't believe they will

back down.

"The best we can hope for is that the panel will say 'There but for the grace of God go I,' and show her some mercy," he said.

The employee board will listen to evidence on both sides and then make a recommendation to acting county manager Gary Kaiser, who is expected to go with their suggestion whatever it might be.

The hearing is expected to last at least a day, if not two.

"I think it's a waste of everybody's time and money," Blachman said.

Blachman was not speculating on the outcome of the hearing, but said he was prepared for a lawsuit if that became necessary.

Business

IN BRIEF

New lease

LAKE MARY — Faison Orlando leasing specialist Jeff K. McFadden has negotiated a long-term lease with Custom Cable of Orlando, Inc., for a 12,150 square foot facility at Suntech Commerce Park in Lake Mary.

The company is reportedly relocating from Orlando to 37 Skyline Drive, Lake Mary. The move is to be accomplished during the first part of this new year.

Other major tenants at Suntech Commerce Park include Astronet, Seagate Software, 102 JAMZ and Arrow Electronics.

New communities

LAKE MARY — M/I Homes has started development of some 89 homesites in the community of Timacuan, off Rinehart Road in Lake Mary. Division President David Byrnes said the first model will be ready for viewing this summer. Homes will range in price from \$12,000 to \$235,000.

LAKE MARY — Lucia Custom Home Designers has been commissioned to design a model home for Kamenoff Associates in Heathrow Woods. The single story traditional house will have four bedrooms and five baths. The home will be located on lot 2 in Phase 2 of Heathrow Woods.

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Pre-sales are now underway at three new Calton Homes communities in Seminole and Orange Counties. According to Leigh Tarullo, sales and marketing director for the Altamonte Springs based company, pre-sales have been set in the Longwood Club with 78 homesites, with prices starting from \$180,000. The community is located off Rangeline Road and SR-434. The other two communities are in Orange County at Eastwood and Heather Glen.

Harper contract

SANFORD — Harper Mechanical Corporation is completing an \$850,000 contract awarded by Citrus Citrus Juices U.S.A. Inc., to install a water re-use system at its Leesburg facility. Harper's services involved installing mechanical equipment including stainless steel piping, installation of a new cooling tower, seven pumps, and two 25,000 gallon water storage tanks.

Harper is located at 5401 Benchmark Lane in Sanford.

New associates

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — James F. Meyers, president of Venture I Properties, Inc., Altamonte Springs, has announced three new associates have joined the firm. They were identified as Rick and Carolyn Evans, and Anna Van Der Hoef.

Success stories

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Olympia Homes of Altamonte Springs announced it has closed on 175 homes during the year 1986, more than double the number in the previous year. The announcement was made by Vice Chairman Joe Kantor who predicted that in 1987 the company could close on 208 homes.

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Calton Homes, headquartered in Altamonte Springs, closed out its fiscal year with a 56 percent jump in net sales of new homes over 1985. Calton reportedly posted net sales of 280 homes for the 12 months ending Nov. 30 for a record volume of \$42.2 million.

Florida Solar experiences a stellar year in Sanford

From staff reports

SANFORD — The year 1986 shaped up as a banner year for a Central Florida solar energy equipment company.

Florida Solar, headquartered in Sanford, has reported a 38 percent increase in solar energy product and equipment sales for the period ending Nov. 30. The company sold in excess of \$6 million worth of solar equipment, primarily swimming pool and hot water heaters.

In addition, Florida Solar President Skip West said the company created 22 new jobs in 1986 for an increase of just under 50 percent in employment.

"Solar energy technology has been available long enough that the essential education of the market has been done," West said. "We're still trying to make our equipment easier for customers to find and easier to purchase, and we work very hard to provide our customers

with a high grade, professional level of service."

Florida Solar specializes in solar-powered heaters for swimming pools and spas as well as solar energy hot water heaters.

West said the company's banner-year performance is the result of a new targeted marketing campaign instituted last year that includes a telemarketing component. "We developed a professional sales organization that actively participates in the marketing program," he said, "and they have been very effective in getting our message out to the general public."

West said that based on this year's performance he expects to further increase sales by as much as 40 percent. "The future of solar energy is brighter than we've seen in the past 10 years," he said.

Established in 1982, West said Florida Solar is the state's largest provider of solar energy technology.



Chairman named

Judy Harrick, GRI, CSP, vice president of New Homes Division for Higgins and Heath, Inc./Better Homes and Gardens, Lake Mary, has been appointed Chairman of the Sales and Marketing Council of the Home Builders Association of Mid-Florida. Harrick has headed the New Homes Division since 1986 and is credited with helping guide the company to a record \$246.5 million in home sales last year.

Harold Photo by Tommy Wood

It was a very good year

From staff reports

Faison Orlando, a real estate services company, says it is looking at 1986 as a banner calendar year.

Faison Orlando Partner Frank W. Herring, Jr., said the company's revenues and profits are the highest since it entered the Central Florida market.

The biggest single increase came in the investment sales sector, where several multi-million dollar sales have generated significant commissions, including the Gateway Center in Sanford, adjacent to the Seminole Towne Center regional mall.

Faison recently sold the Gateway Plaza to ZOM

Gateway, Ltd., for over \$18 million, the largest single retail property transaction of the year.

Among the company's most notable current projects is the 800,000 square foot Maitland Concourse upscale office campus at Interstate-4 and Maitland Boulevard.

Herring said leasing activity at all Faison developments has been exceptionally strong, generating additional revenues for the company.

Acquisition of Southland Management, which added 2.1 million square feet to Faison's leasing and management portfolio generated additional revenues, Herring said.

Food Lion merges with Kash n' Karry

By The Associated Press

SALISBURY, N.C. — Kash n' Karry Food Stores Inc. is now officially a wholly owned subsidiary of grocery chain giant Food Lion.

Food Lion said Wednesday that it had completed arrangements involved in the acquisition of Kash n' Karry.

The stores announced Oct. 31 that they had agreed to a \$341 million acquisition deal.

The only Kash n' Karry Food Store listed in Central Florida is in Kissimmee.

Food Lion stores are listed at 13 locations in Central Florida, including the one at 3121 Orlando Drive in Sanford.

Food Lion obtained 90 percent of Florida-based Kash n' Karry's shares, meaning the merger occurred without a vote by Kash n' Karry stockholders.

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IN BRIEF

LOCALLY

Men's, Church, Co-Ed softball

SANFORD — The Sanford Recreation Department is offering the following Adult Polar Bear Softball Leagues starting the week of Jan. 6, 1997: men's, women's, co-ed, and church. For more information please call 330-5696.

Sanford Little League sign-ups

SANFORD — Registration for the Spring 1997 leagues offered by the Sanford Little League, Incorporated will be held the next two Sundays (Jan. 5-12) and the following two Saturdays (Jan. 11 and 18). Sunday's times are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday's between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Sanford WalMart.

SHS alumni baseball players

SANFORD — Seminole High School is looking for former players to take part in the annual Alumni Baseball Game that will be held on Saturday, January 18th at 11 a.m.

Interested participants should call Mike Powers at 320-5187 and leave named and phone number on voice mail and he will return call with information.

Women's softball tournament

SANFORD — Dee & Danny's (Gracey) Concessions will be putting on a women's Class C slowpitch softball tournament the weekend of January 17-19 at Pinehurst and Chase parks.

Cost is \$125 per team and two ASA approved softballs. Deadline for entry is Thursday, January 16th at 5 p.m.

For more information please call 323-1090

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Lake Mary softball

LAKE MARY — The City of Lake Mary will be conducting a Polar Bear Softball season at the Lake Mary Sports Complex. The 10-week leagues will begin the week of Jan. 13, 1997.

All signups will be taken at Lake Mary City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration packets can be picked up at City Hall at any time.

Men's C Leagues will be offered on Wednesday and Friday nights. Cost is \$200 per team, plus a \$25 ASA fee for 1997 and a \$5 fee for non-Lake Mary resident players.

The City of Lake Mary provides balls for all games and first place teams in each league receive a championship team trophy and championship t-shirts for each team member.

For more information call 324-3097.

Tennis clinics offered

DeBARY — Glen Abbey Country and Golf Estates has started an innovative program of tennis clinics inviting different tennis professionals from various clubs in Central Florida participate as instructors. Sandra Lowe, developer of the community, said.

The first of a series of clinics will be conducted by Terry Copeland, tennis pro from the Sabal Point Tennis Club.

Please contact Gene Brannigan at (407) 668-4481 for more details.

BEST BETS ON TV

- COLLEGE BASKETBALL**
 9 a.m. — SUN, men, Bank One Fiesta Bowl Classic championship: Arizona vs. Penn
 noon — SUN, FSU at Wake Forest, (L)
 12:30 p.m. — ESPN 2, W. Ky. at Butler, (L)
 4 p.m. — WRBW 65, Arkansas at Florida, (L)
 5 p.m., 3 a.m. — SUN, Arizona at Stanford, (L)
 8 p.m. — ESPN 2, Memphis at Tulane, (L)
 7 p.m., 4:30 a.m. — ESPN 2, Cincinnati at St. Louis, (L)
BOWLING
 11 p.m. — SUN, ABC World Team Challenge
BOXING
 10 p.m. — ESPN 2, Dana Rosenblatt vs. Glenwood Brown, middleweights, (L)
FIGURE SKATING
 4 p.m. — WCPX 6, Canadian Professional Championships
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
 12:30 p.m. — WESH 2, AFC Divisional Playoff: Pittsburgh Steelers at New England Patriots, (L)
 4 p.m. — WOFL 35, NFC Divisional Playoff: Dallas Cowboys at Carolina Panthers, (L)
GOLF
 2 p.m. — WFTV 9, Anderson Consulting World Championship final, (L)
GYMNASTICS
 3 p.m. — ESPN, World Professional Team Championships
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
 8 p.m., 3:30 a.m. — ESPN, Detroit Red Wings at Chicago Blackhawks, (L)

Tribe gets new chief

Worthington named SHS football coach

By DEAN SMITH
Herald Sports Editor

SANFORD — Will some of Steve Spurrier's magic wear off on the Seminole High School football team?

The Fighting Seminoles have named former Deltona-Pine Ridge High School coach Jim Worthington to be the new head coach for the 1997 season.

Worthington was an All-State linebacker at T. DeWitt Taylor High School in Pierson before going to Duke University where he was a standout at linebacker for Spurrier's Blue Devils. During his senior year of 1988 at Duke Worthington helped lead the Blue Devils to their first winning season in six years.

After graduating from Duke, Worthington returned to Pierson and Taylor High School where he was an assistant for five years for the highly successful Wildcats program.

In 1994 Worthington with no seniors played an all-varsity schedule.

not a mixed varsity/junior varsity schedule like most new schools.

The Panthers went 1-9 that first year, but then went 8-2 in 1995 and 9-2 this past season, which was good enough for second place in the district and earned the Deltona squad a spot in the state playoffs.

Pine Ridge has become known for its aggressive defense and explosive Wing-T offense under Worthington.

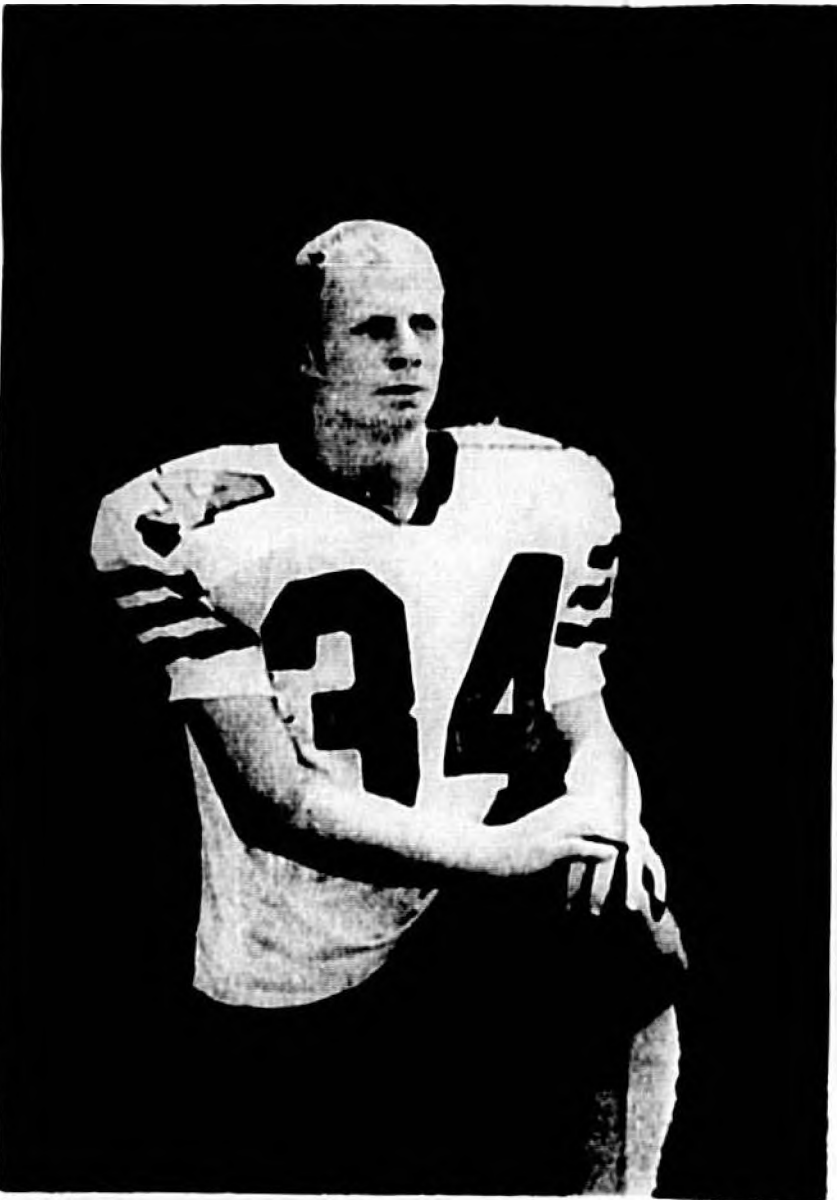
Worthington will replace Ernie McPherson who stepped down after leading the Tribe to a 3-7 season. He led the school for four years and posted a 20-23 record and a district championship in 1993. McPherson and will remain on the school's faculty while continuing as the assistant coach for the baseball team.

"We interviewed a lot of people for the job and had a lot of good applicants but he was our first choice and I guess we were his, too," said Seminole Athletic Director Jerry Posey.

Posey added that he was impressed with the way Worthington built the new Pine Ridge program from the ground up.



Former Deltona-Pine Ridge High School coach Jim Worthington (standing right) has been named the new head football coach at Seminole High School replacing Ernie McPherson.



File Photo



File Photo

Recently retired Oviedo head football coach Jack Blanton (above), who led the Lions to co-championship, was named the 1996 Seminole Athletic Conference Coach of the Year by a vote of the league's coaches. While Lake Mary running back Drew Young (left) was a first-team selection at running back.

SAC honors best in football

By DEAN SMITH
Herald Sports Editor

SANFORD — The three-headed monster that was the Seminole Athletic Conference football co-champions this past fall combined to place 15 players on the first team of the 1996 Seminole Athletic Conference Football Team.

Lake Howell, led by Ohio State signee Tamburo Hopkins, led the way with seven first team picks, while Oviedo and Lake Brantley each had four members honored by the SAC's head coaches.

Lake Mary, which tied for fourth in conference, had six players tabbed for first team honors, while Seminole had three picks and Lyman two, all on the defensive team.

Lake Howell (8-3 overall), Oviedo (8-2 overall) and Lake Brantley (8-4 overall) all tied for the conference championship with 4-1 league marks, while Lake Mary (5-5) **See SAC, Page 2B**

Friday night preps

From Staff Reports

MELBOURNE — The Lake Brantley Patriots kept the momentum going from their recent championship in the Florida Hospital Invitational boys' soccer tournament as they went on the road to edge the Melbourne High School Bulldogs 4-3 to highlight a light Friday night prep sports schedule.

Lake Brantley, which led 3-2 at halftime, got goals from Mirragui, Henry, Finnegan and Friedman, while Betancourt and Firdrich had the assists as the Patriots improved to 11-1-5 on the season.

Melbourne plays to 12-6-1. **See Preps, Page 2B**

SCC women open 1997 with win

Special to the Herald

OCALA — Danni Carter had a triple-double and three players scored in double figures as the Seminole Community College women's basketball team opened 1997 with a 57-40 thumping of Cleveland State College from Cleveland, Tennessee in the Central Florida Community College Classic in Ocala Friday afternoon.

Carter scored a game-high 14 points, pulled down 20 rebounds and blocked 10 shots as the Raiders of Ken Patrick improved to 13-5 on the season.

Also scoring in double figures were Charlotte Griffin, who hit a trio of three-pointers, with 13 points and center Sandra Draskovic with 10 points.

Seminole also got a lot of help from two newcomers who gained their eligibility during the holiday break. Angela Meiser started and poured in eight points, while Christy Bryant came off the bench to run the offense and net four points before fouling out.

Also scoring for the Raiders were Latoya Griffin with six points and Marja Kettinen with two points. Seminole hit 12 of 26 from the floor in the first half, while limiting Cleveland State to only five of 11 in doubling the score on the Tennessee squad 26-13.

Cleveland State tried to get back into the game in the second half by going to the three-pointer and was somewhat successful making four of the bombs, but it had no answer for the Raiders' inside game, as Draskovic scored all 10 of her points in the second half and Carter netted eight of her 14 points in the final 20 minutes.

Seminole won 26 for 55 (47.3-percent) from the floor for the game, but was only two-of-seven from the free throw line.

All four of Emily McNabb's field goals came on three

CENTRAL FLORIDA COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASSIC
 of Central Florida Community College, Ocala
RAIDERS 57, BABELS 40

Cleveland State College, Tennessee (40)
 McNabb 4 13 13, Horton 1 2 3, Housley 0 0 0, Becam 1 0 2, Gibson 4 0 4, Hately 0 2 2, McLaughlin 0 0 0, Collins 1 0 2, Jabaley 2 2 0 Totals 147 114

Seminole Community College (57)
 Bryant 2 0 4, C. Griffin 5 0 2 12, Meiser 4 0 1 8, L. Griffin 3 2 3 4, Carter 2 0 1 4, Draskovic 1 0 0 10, Kettinen 1 0 1 2 Totals 34 27 37

Halftime — Seminole Community College 26, Cleveland State College 13
 Three point field goals — Cleveland State College 3 (McNabb 4, Horton); Seminole Community College 2 (C. Griffin 2). Total fouls — Cleveland State College 13, Seminole Community College 17. Fouled out — Seminole Community College, Bryant; Technicals — none. Records — Cleveland State College N/A, Seminole Community College 13

pointers as she led Cleveland State with 13 points. Sabrina Gibson and Leslie Jabaley added eight points each for the Tennessee team.

The Raiders were to have played Indian River Community College at home on Saturday night before beginning their Mid-Florida Conference schedule at home on Wednesday.

Seminole's opening conference contest, which will be the second of a six-game homestand, will be against long-time MFC power Florida Community College at Jacksonville. The game will start at 6 p.m. as part of a doubleheader with head coach Rod Henderson's men's team, which will also host the Stars beginning at 8 p.m. at the SCC Health and Physical Education Center.

Next Saturday night, January 11th, there will be a special free admission doubleheader against backyard rival Valencia Community College from Orlando. Once again the women's game will start at 6 p.m., with the men set for an 8 p.m. tip-off at the beautiful air-conditioned on campus gymnasium.

What's Up in the NFL 1996...The Playoffs

Good morning my fellow football fans. I hope your New Year was as pleasant as mine, and I wish you a prosperous 1997.

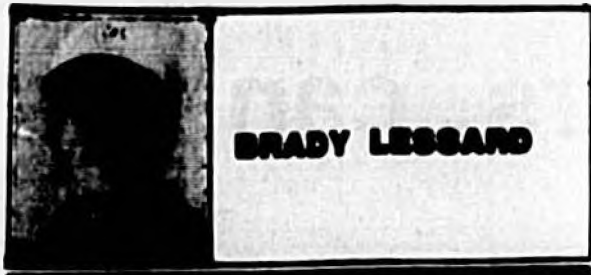
Speaking of prosperous, has anyone been making money on these Bowl games like I have? It is amazing, and I doubt some of you will believe this, but the only game I missed in college was Penn State over Texas.

When I returned from the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on Friday, there were three messages, from three different associates, informing me that I had won the football pools they were running. One of the pools was being run in the south side of Orlando (i.e. the Kissimmee area), one was downtown, and of course one was here in the Sanford/Lake Mary area.

My three victories represent what can only be labeled a total dominance in football handicapping. In the three pools, I defeated over 325 other players for total winnings of over \$1,250. Cash please. My point? You are in good hands as we begin the second round of the National Football League playoffs.

The game in New Orleans provided all of the excitement of a national championship, but I was surprised to see that Gator fans outnumbered the Seminole fans by at least five-to-one.

Whether this was because the Gators had never won a championship or not I don't know, but it



BRADY LESSARD

did affect the outcome of the game. The Superdome was deafening when the Oator defense was on the field, and the noise really hurt Florida State. It was nice to see the University of Florida finally win a championship, but I am sick of seeing that orange and blue all the time.

Finally, let's get to the N.F.L. Today's games promise one thing, the guaranteed elimination of two more teams.

The New England Patriots hit the field for the first time this year, and Bill Parcells feels like he has them ready. The Carolina Panthers, who surprised everyone but me, are at home against the drug infested Dallas Cowboys. Remember they have not lost a game at home this year. I can't wait until kickoff, but since we do have to wait, let's take a closer look at the games.

NEW ENGLAND (-3) VS. PITTSBURGH

Bill Parcells had an impressive season this year after a slow start. Not only has he earned the right to not be fired, he has earned my respect. He has taken a very young group of players, and developed them into one of the best teams in the league. He has been up and down with this team before, but many in the New England area think the Pats may be for real this year.

One concern for Parcells and his defense today looked to be Natrone Means, who has devastated defenses most of the year. Reports out of Pittsburgh say that he has a sprained ankle and may not play at all, which would be a blessing for New England.

If Natrone Means doesn't play, the Patriots should have an easy time sending the defending A.F.C. Champs home for the winter. It would be a mistake to count Pittsburgh out of this one. Bill Cowher is a great coach, but without a running game this team is a fish out of water. Patriots 27, Steelers 19.

DALLAS (-3) AT CAROLINA

I don't think this game will be as close as everyone thinks it will. These teams will play on a field that the Panthers have not lost on all season. They will be playing in front of a crowd that loves their new team, and really believes that

can win the Super Bowl.

The Cowboys on the other hand, come into town with more legal problems and a big target on their foreheads. I don't know one person in Sanford that likes the Cowgirls anymore, their fans have run for the hills, and I hope they stay there.

Today's battle will come down to two things: first can Emmitt run the ball, and second can Collins handle the pressure of an N.F.L. playoff game?

Depending on these answers, we may witness the end of a dynasty as Dallas will fall apart completely if they lose this one.

I would love to see it happen, and I really do believe that it will. Panthers 29, Cowboys 17

Each week I issue what I consider to be the best pick against the spread in the schedule. This is the game that after research and contemplation I feel most confident about releasing as my patented (on three continents) **LOCK OF THE WEEK**.

It's pretty obvious who I like today as the underdog Panthers stun America.

That's right, **CAROLINA (+3) OVER THE DALLAS COWBOYS**.

Good luck today, see you soon.

Successful saltwater fishing depends greatly on the tides

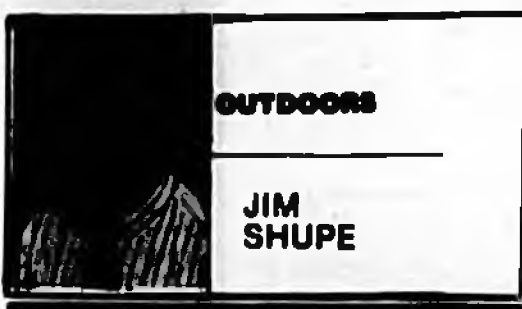
For success, saltwater anglers must know the stages of the tides, especially the amount of time between a high and low tide.

Fish are most active when the water is ebbing and flowing. The longer the time between tides, the longer the period of best fishing. Anglers may debate over whether the incoming or outgoing tide is better for fishing, but the important point is that fishing is better during the ebb and flow than during the slack times at high and low tide.

Experienced anglers also know that there are certain times each day when fishing activity reaches a peak. These times correspond to the times the moon is directly over or under the earth. For approximately one hour on either side of the moon over or moon under time, fishing should be the best for that part of the tidal cycle.

Every bait and tackle store that deals with saltwater anglers will have a tide chart for their area. Several companies publish yearly tide chart books, and charts are usually included in the saltwater fishing magazines. Florida Sportsman magazine provides detailed tide times for the entire state in each month's issue.

Much of the Florida coast experiences two



OUTDOORS

JIM SHUPE

high and two low tides per day. Remember that the times and actual levels of tides may vary due to winds and storms.

SHUPE'S SCOOP

SOME SPECIES OF FISH, SUCH AS SNOOK, ARE VERY PARTICULAR ABOUT FEEDING DURING CERTAIN TIDAL CONDITIONS. OTHER FISH, SUCH AS SHEEPSHEAD AND FLOUNDER, WILL BITE ALL DAY LONG.

FEEDING FORECAST

Lunker bass time is here! Large wild shiners will produce fish in the 8-12 pound range in local lakes and in the river. As it gets colder, some river fish will move into the Wekiva to winter and spawn.

Shiners are particularly effective this time of year because big bass would rather feed

on one large meal rather than spending a lot of energy chasing down a lot of tiny tidbits.

Huge winter flounder will dominate the action at Sebastian Inlet for the next month or so. Fish in the 6-13 pound range will strike finger mullet bounced slowly across the rocky bottom. Bluefish will also be thick this time of year.

Captain Jack at Port Canaveral reports that offshore action is dependant entirely on passing cold fronts. A few days before or a few days after the passage of a front will usually find the ocean calm enough to fish. Shrimpsboats anchored in 180-240 feet of water provide structure for schools of blackfin tuna this time of year.

Wahoo and dolphin tend to be scattered, while a few sailfish will be caught as they migrate south for the winter. Inside the Port, expect fair to good action with sheepshead and flounder. Trout and redfish will be very scattered in the Banana and Indian rivers.

Large sheepshead will top the action at Ponce Inlet until spring. The hole at the tip of the north jetty is the best spot for fish in the 6-10 pound class. Large live shrimp or fiddler crabs are the top baits for these crafty bait-stealers. Also expect drum, redfish and bluefish. Trout and redfish will be fair in Mosquito Lagoon.

WELL DONE



Photo by Ann McQuinn

Robert Hubler of Sanford had great success on a recent fishing trip to Key West. Angling the waters that Ernest Hemingway loved, Hubler earned a citation from the Key West Fishing Tournament for catching a 32-pound Dolphin using 30-pound tackle.

Captain Jake Ferguson of the charterboat Fish Check was the guide for this trophy catch.

The Key West Fishing Tournament is an annual event that runs from May through November, and offers hun-

dreds of Trophies, Citations and Plaques to anglers for their outstanding angling achievements and catches. There are also sportsmanship awards for those anglers choosing to release their catches.

For more information on the Key West Fishing Tournament, please contact Captain Linda Luizza at (305) 745-3332, long distance at 1-800-970-8086, or write to P.O. Box 2154, Key West, Florida 33045.

Free throws: The NBA's albatross

By HAL BOOK
AP Sports Writer

In their fancy Fifth Avenue offices, commissioner David Stern and his coterie of assistants study the NBA box scores every morning, scared silly at what they might find.

Scoring in a free fall all around the league and that's a problem for a sport that sells non-stop offense. Orlando tied a post-shot clock record with 57 points in one game. Atlanta scored 63 in another.

The spin from NBA Central is that defenses have never been better, that the technicians who draw all those X's and O's on dressing room blackboards have conquered the shooters at last. And no, they don't ever use those prohibited zones, either.

The fact is, what we have is an invasion of non-shooters, players who can run fast and jump high, but have a devil of a time put-

ting the ball in the basket, which is, after all, the whole idea.

No place is the problem more obvious than at the free-throw line, where the league is making just over 72 percent of its attempts. That's the lowest it's been since 1968-69 when, during the prime of champion clanker Wilt Chamberlain, the percentage was at .714.

Chamberlain shot 44 percent that season and 42 percent in 1971-72. For his career, he was just over 51 percent from the foul line. The Still had his moments, though. In the 1962 game when he scored 100 points against the New York Knicks, he connected on 28 of 32 free throws, and that remains the record for the most foul shots converted in a single game.

There has been a precipitous drop in foul shooting this decade. In 1990, it was .765 and, except for a brief recovery two years ago, it has dipped annually

ever since. This should not be all that complicated. A free throw, remember, is exactly that — free. There is no charge for it, no defender in the shooter's face, no hands slapping at the ball.

There is, instead, relative serenity, with players lined up on each side of the lane, waiting patiently for the attempt. The shooter may bounce the ball once, twice, three times, as often as he wants to within the 10-second limit. He may twist it in his hands until it feels completely comfortable. He can shoot underhanded or overhanded, one-handed or two-handed, any way he wishes. It's his call.

That said, it was almost embarrassing to watch Philadelphia's Derrick Coleman at the line for two shots against the New York Knicks a couple of weeks ago. His first attempt was an air ball.

No net. No rim. No backboard. Nothing.

Coleman was hardly mortified at the episode. He laughed at the inept attempt, then followed it with a no-chance brick that clanked off the backboard.

A couple of days later, the New Jersey Nets lost a two-point game to Toronto, converting 16 of 32 foul shots. That means they missed as many as they made. That's terrible.

Calvin Murphy once went two months without a miss, hitting 78 straight free throws from Dec. 27, 1980, to Feb. 18, 1981. That season, Murphy took 215 free throws and missed only nine. His .958 percentage remains the single-season record.

Murphy's consecutive free-throw record lasted 12 years, right through the era of Larry Bird, who led the league in

Big third quarter leads Bulls past Magic

By MIKE MAZEL
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Dennis Rodman tipped offensive rebounds to himself and tore defensive rebounds away from Orlando players. Six minutes into the game, the Chicago Bulls' forward had 10 of them.

"I looked up at the scoreboard late in the first quarter and he had 12," Michael Jordan said Friday night after Rodman's 22 rebounds led Chicago to a 110-89 victory over the injury-ravaged Magic. "He looked like a guy determined to lead the league again."

Rodman, going for his sixth consecutive NBA rebounding title, even helped the Bulls on offense. He scored nine of his 10 points in the third quarter when Chicago outscored Orlando 33-12 to break open a close game.

Rodman, who averages 5.5 points, sometimes scores in transition. But Friday, he even posted up, demanded the ball and scored twice on turnaround jumpers.

"If he's got a post-up move, he should take it," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said. "He was actively being a part of our offense, which is important to us."

"Besides," Scottie Pippen said, "Dennis deserves to pull the trigger a couple of times, the way he gets those rebounds and usually throws them back out to the rest of us."

Jordan scored 22 points, Toni Kukoc 18 and Pippen 16 for the Bulls, who

ORLANDO (89)
Scott 6-12 22 15, Strong 7-10 14 15, Seikaly 9-14 44 26, Shaw 2-10 8 8, Williams 6-12 1-1 14, Scheyer 2-8 1-1 5, Armstrong 2-4 8 5, Smith 2-4 8 8, Vaughn 0-0 0 0, McCaskey 1-2 0 2, Total: 27 89 14 20.

CHICAGO (110)
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won for the 11th time in 12 games and improved to an NBA-best 26-4. Kukoc had missed the previous three games with a sprained ankle.

Orlando, which won 60 games last season, is 11-17. Of course, this year's Magic bears little resemblance to the 1995-96 version. Starters Anfernee Hardaway, Nick Anderson and Horace Grant are out with injuries and Shaquille O'Neal jumped to the Los Angeles Lakers as a free agent.

"We'll walk out on the floor some day and, for the first time, we'll have all our pieces out there," Magic coach Brian Hill said.

"I think we'll be OK. A lot of people are writing us off, but we're going to be a playoff team. And if we don't win the Atlantic Division and we're one of the

lower seeds, one of these teams up above us is going to have a tough time playing us in the first round."

Despite being obviously overmatched by the defending NBA champions, the Magic trailed only 47-45 at halftime as Rony Seikaly scored 19 of his 20 points before the break.

But Chicago opened the third quarter with a 24-4 run — including six points by Rodman and five by Ron Harper — to open a 71-49 lead. The Bulls then coasted to their eighth straight home victory.

"We knew we were going to be able to dominate them," Pippen said. "It's not much of a rivalry now, not until they get their players back."

Rodman tied Clifford Ray's 1972 single-quarter team record with 14 rebounds in the first period as the Bulls went up 26-16. Jordan made the first two baskets of the second quarter, giving Chicago a 30-16 lead.

Orlando rallied behind Seikaly, who scored 14 points as the Magic outscored the Bulls 29-17 the rest of the half.

Notes: Pippen, preparing for a fastbreak "cradle dunk," lost possession of the ball out of bounds in the second quarter. He started laughing, as did his teammates and coaches. ... Late in the third quarter, as the Bulls started pulling away, the Bulls began taunting ex-Bull Grant with chants of "Ho-race! Ho-race! Ho-race!" ... With Kukoc back, center Luc Longley (separated shoulder) is the only injured Chicago player.

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People

Andersons wed 68 years, can't wait 'til 75th

Mary and LeRoy Anderson have always seemed like a gentle, happy couple.

That's because they are, always have been and always will be.

The Andersons were married Dec. 28, 1928 in Bradenton and just recently celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary.

"The nice part of it is, they have all been happy years," petite and vivacious Mary said.

She added, "We're plugging along and looking forward to our 75th."

The Andersons moved to Sanford in 1953. LeRoy was a superintendent for Atlantic Coastline Railroad for 20 years until his retirement. He later was employed for 15 years by the late Tom MacDonald at Lawyers Title and is a former member of the Sanford Rotary Club.

Mary said she had always been a homemaker and was kept busy playing golf, bridge and taking care of their only child, Linda Bowden of Sarasota.

The Andersons joined Mayfair Country Club soon after moving to Sanford and both have thoroughly enjoyed playing golf there through the years. They fondly recall celebrating their golden wedding anniversary at Mayfair in 1978.

They are seen on Sundays attending the First United Methodist Church where they are active and both are volunteers in the auxiliary of Columbia Medical Center Sanford.

In recent years, the couple has spent Christmas at the home of their daughter in Sarasota. Linda picks them up and drives them back home. They have a good time with their two grandsons and four active great grandchildren who are "from four months to six years," Mary says.

Since LeRoy's retirement, the Andersons have done a lot of traveling. For 14 summers, they spent the month of August at the mountains in North Carolina. They have also been to many points in the United States, including Branson, Mo., eastern and western Canada and Hawaii, among other points.

Mary said, "We sit in the den and watch sports and eat out a lot. We have had lots of great times."

What does Mary have to say about her 68-year marriage? "We have always been happy...it's all great," she beamed.

Sanford son home for holidays

One of Sanford's favorite sons, Hardy "Buddy" Rawls, always



Mary and LeRoy Anderson

returns to his roots during the holidays. Although he has lost his mother, Eva Belle Rawls, Hardy has kept the homeplace in Sanford where he returns several times a year from Manhattan.

The Sanford actor has held his own in the Big Apple. Starting out with television commercials, Hardy graduated to the silver screen and has been cast in D.A.R.Y.L. and other movies. Perhaps his biggest hit was "See No Evil, Hear No Evil" with Gene Wilder and Richard Pryor. He has been cast in numerous plays and recently played the father in Nickelodeon's "Pete and Pete."

Hardy is a 1970 graduate of Seminole High School, went on to Seminole Community College and graduated from Florida Atlantic University in 1978.

It has not always been a bed of roses for the struggling actor, but he has stuck to his guns to pursue his career. Fortunately, during the lean years, Hardy was always able to locate work in his career.

Hardy is still active in the the Manhattan Bible Church where he teaches Bible study. The church has a membership of about 40 nationalities and features a soup kitchen and drug rehabilitation program. He is proud of his involvement with the church. "It helps me keep a good balance," he said.

When Hardy is in town, he visits longtime friends and family. His aunt, Inez Rose, lives in Sanford, and he has two sisters, Dee Enright and Cecelia Dawson, and a brother, Terry.

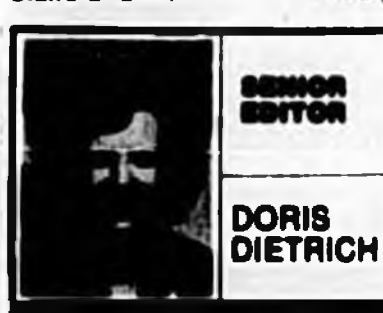
Margarita Ball

Annually, the Orlando Margarita Society Inc. throws a big formal Margarita Ball in December to collect toys for deserving children. Admittance is by invitation only and each couple is requested to bring two unwrapped toys, one for a boy and one for a girl. Since its inception 14 years ago, the revelers have provided thousands of toys for Central Florida children.

This year's ball was held at the Clarion in Orlando. Since the Margarita Society was founded, Dennis Dolgner has been on the board. He and his wife Irene



Claire and Horace Paul at Margarita Ball.



SENIOR EDITOR

DORIS DIETRICH

south-of-the-border staple? Horace will never tell.

Who will be queen?

On Saturday, Jan. 18, the Valentine Girls of the Sanford Beta Sigma Phi chapters will meet at the home of Linda Keeling for a coffee when one of the contingent will be judged Valentine Queen by representatives of the Daytona Beach Beta Sigma Phi City Council.

The queen's identity will be kept a secret until the Valentine dinner dance to be held Feb. 8 at Glen Abbey Country Club.

Herman puny

One of the Herald's bustling correspondents and photographers, Herman Schroeder, has been under the weather for several weeks now. He is sorely missed by those in the various areas he covers so diligently.

Cheers, Herman. We miss you.

Lodge installs

P.D.D.O.M. David Brown installed the following officers of Sanford Lodge #62 F&AM for 1997 on Friday, Dec. 27: W.M. Floyd Stage, S.W.J. Michael Hartman, J.W. Larry Brucker, S.D. Scotty Haws, J.D. Bill Ervin, S.S. Michael

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Sanford actor Hardy 'Buddy' Rawls



Sanford Lodge No. 62 Free Accepted Masons has installed the following officers for 1997: William Ervin, Scotty Haws, Larry Brucker, Floyd

Stage, J. Michael Hartman, William Lizen, Rodney Bullard, Michael Warman, Samuel Ashley and Steven Myers.



Sheralyn Jackson Brinson (from left), chairman of Crooms class' 1963 reunion, former principal Edward Blackhears and Nathalie Crooms Jenkins, former teacher, take part in reunion festivities.

Holidays herald Crooms reunions

Outstanding institution of higher learning, Crooms Academy, has impacted the lives of many youth. Crooms graduates joined in fellowship with old friends, classmates, teachers and principals in four days of class reunions.

Crooms Classic Years-The 50s Reunion Worship Service began the celebration. Chairman Richard Dick Evans expressed his joy at the success of this celebration. In his message, he



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MARVA HAWKINS

asked that the reunion would be like a melody sung by

classmates, family and friends, knowing that everyone would continue to be blessed, to reunite, bound by the love for Crooms Academy and all fellow men.

The reunion worship was highlighted by the Rev. Dr. Niles O. Austin, who has spent 30 years in corrections as an educator, administrator and psychotherapist in Florida, Washington and New Jersey. His message of the true

meaning of Christmas is: Yes, there is a Santa Claus, but to Christians, the Lord is the giver of all needs.

Crooms Academy/Crooms High School Reunion, the extraordinary class of 1963, Chairman Sheralyn Jackson Brinson welcomed fellow classmates of the class of 1963. She reminded her classmates that the four days of the reunion were for sharing and reminiscing over the years spent at dear, old Crooms High. And the time spent together was an extraordinary happy one for all attendees.

The Crooms Academy Parade was the highlight of the reunion activities, with all alumni part of the morning of history-making and rejoicing. The class of 1963 and 1966 joined hands in Christian fellowship and worshipped together. The message of the hour was delivered by Evangelist Mary Stringer Harkness. Her message to the gathering of worshippers was, "Down through the years, the Lord has been good to me."

Closing celebration was the honoring of various educators--the support staff of the schools throughout the community.

Crooms 30th reunion

Crooms High School class of 1966 celebrated its 30-year reunion with Chairman Ruth

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Participating in Crooms Classes of 1960s religion service are (from left): Richard Evans, Dr.

Niles Austin, Doroth Brown, Rev. Amos Jones and W.C. Cummings.

Butler-Renfro

Sharon and Dennis Butler of Sanford, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gwen Megan, to Ryan Edward Renfro of Sanford, son of Dona Good of DeBary and David Ryan Renfro of Sanford.

Born in Knoxville, Tenn., the bride-elect is the maternal granddaughter of Carol and Jas Brown of Sanford, and the paternal granddaughter of Roberta Butler of Knoxville. Ms. Butler is a senior at Seminole High school where she is a member of Fantasy chorus and Dazzlers dance team.

Her fiancé, born in Sanford, is the paternal grandson of Evelyn Renfro of Sanford. He attended Seminole High School where he was a member of Fantasy chorus and is a December 1996 graduate of Seminole Community College Adult High School. Renfro will enter the



Gwen Megan Butler
U.S. Navy on Jan. 28.
The wedding will be an event of Jan. 18, at 7 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, Sanford.

Hobbyist of the Week

Home: Museum of country collectibles

By **SUSAN WOODMAN**
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — One feels right at home as if it's time to kick off the shoes and let the hair down after a visit to the country-style home of Linda Tittle. Her hobby of country collectibles has spanned some 12 years now and began in Ohio and followed in even greater magnitude to Florida.

The front yard begins one trip down memory lane with an old pump and an old whiskey barrel turned on its side decorating a flower bed. Up the small walkway and a large goose greets visitors and Tittle mentioned that she is dressed for every occasion and holiday with a new outfit for the season.

A small park bench and a milk jug accent the area. An American flag flies proudly over the garage door.

By the front door, two wooden plaques house a country welcome and Merry Christmas bid greetings to on-lookers. A small rag rug holds a bit of dust from the feet upon stepping into her Sanford country museum that she calls home.

In the foyer, Tittle proudly displays a "hutch that is a reproduction" which her husband refinished for her. Numerous wooden plaques, shelves and candles fill the house with a warm glow of love.

A quick look to the right and a kitchen full of baskets and utensils brighten up the room. "I have gray granite pie pans for burner covers," she said. "I have shelves above the windows with old mason jars filled with dried corn and beans. I actually got them at a grainery in Indiana."

Round ice cream parlor tables sit in the corner by the window. "I collect old-type coffee pots and I have a few on the table," she added. "There is also blue



Linda Tittle shows some of the interesting collectibles on display in her Sanford home.

sparterware tin cups on the table. I have it set all the time."

A brief look around also reveals a tin chandelier in the kitchen and dining room and tin switch plates on every lightswitch. Her windows are beautifully tailored with pricillas or lace curtains.

The living room is the next stop down this memory lane with several shelves. "On one I have a candle box, bird house and a rooster," she said. "I have a pitchfork, hay hook on the wall. On the other long, blue shelf I have a basket, pictures and a mirror made from an old window frame. They took the glass out of the frame and put a mirror in it. I just love Ameri-

cana." The dining room houses an old radio that plays modern day cassettes. A tiny, red, radio flyer wagon and a radio flyer wheelbarrow decorate the floor and a pie safe blends beautifully with the decor, although Tittle mentioned, "It has never seen a pie."

A quick turn to the guest room has one ready for a short nap on the big, mauve bed. Surrounding the large dream maker are two mauve shelves on the wall with pegs and hearts cut. A bench with numerous dolls and rabbits, "cats meow houses," cross-stitch made by a friend and a jelly cabinet top off the charm. "The jelly cabinet doesn't hold

jelly," she shared. "I just keep my extra candles in it."

The next room was cited as Tittle's "second childhood room." Throughout, dolls and teddy bears smile at guests. An original printer's drawer "wall-papered inside" by her husband holds many country collectibles and knick-knacks. A curio table holds collectibles of old Santas, figurines and gifts from others. A large Hoocher cabinet brings the eyes toward the center of the room. "I have gray granite utensils in it," she said. "I use the inside for storage. I have a glass rolling pin in it. A small rocker also sits on the floor with a stuffed doll."

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Ten Commandments: Words to live by

DEAR ABBY: I read in a newspaper that a poll was taken in which 1,500 people were asked if they could quote the Ten Commandments. Only a few could come up with three, or four at the most. Many of those questioned said there was no way they could remember all of them.

Abby, will you please print the Ten Commandments? You may use my name.

LINDEL SEXTON,
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Read on:

DEAR LINDEL: According to the Book of Exodus in the Old Testament, the Ten Commandments were given to the Israelite leader Moses on Mount Sinai. They are as follows:

1. I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God, in vain.
4. Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.
5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

DEAR ABBY: I read with interest the letter from Mr. Harry C. Williams Jr. of Nashville, Tenn., who refuses to shake hands with people he visits in the hospital for fear of transmitting germs.

As a professional health-care chaplain in a hospital setting, I too am very conscious of the spread of infection through person-to-person contact. However, studies have shown that people are starving for the caring touch of another human being. An appropriate touch such as a gentle handshake, or holding the hand of someone who is ill can be healing to that person.

Frequent hand washing is a must for anyone who touches others, especially in a hospital or other health-care facility, but to forgo all contact of skin with skin is not conducive to the healing of the spirit, which is vital to overall good health.

So let's continue touching as appropriate, and practice good hand-washing techniques.

CHAPLAIN BOB BURNS, FLORIDA HOSPITAL WATERMAN, EUBTIS, FLA.

Dietrich

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Warman, J.S. Sam Ashley, Chaplain Bill Litzten and Tyler Steven Myers.

Treasurer Chuck Valerius and secretary Rod Bullard were re-elected from the prior year and were not reinstated.

Unable to attend were the appointed officers, Marshall George Russel, Organist Larry Freude and Historian Warren Lunsford.

The installed officers were escorted to their stations through an honor guard of Knights Templar from Taylor

Commandry #38, Sanford, by Illustrious Brother Woodrow Cash, P.D.D.M., installing Marshall.

Honoring the installation with his presence was R.W. Jacque Couture, Senior Grand Warden of Masons of Florida.

Family, friends and brethren of the lodge were in attendance, and all joined together for a dinner at the lodge following the installation. Sanford Lodge #62 F&AM will be celebrating its 125th anniversary in 1997, and has met at its present location on Park Avenue since 1921.

DEAR ABBY: While it may be true that inadequate hand-washing is a common cause of spreading infection, this should not prevent visitors or doctors from shaking or holding a patient's hand.

Most patients feel isolated, and denying them what little physical contact they receive is not the answer. A far better solution would be to touch the patient, then wash your hands before touching your face, or another patient.

Patients would rather see you wash your hands after a visit than be treated as an untouchable.

A HEALTH-CARE WORKER
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DEAR ABBY: "Wally" and I have been married for 15 years. We've had our ups and have been through some difficult situations. We support each other and care deeply, but there's one problem we cannot agree on.

Wally loves our house and has decided that all the walls should be painted white. We don't paint that often, but now that we've made some improvements to our home, it's time to paint again.

I would like to get away from the all-white look and consider using wallpaper. I've brought home wallpaper sample books and paint color charts, but all he'll say is that white looks best. He refuses to look through the books or compromise in any way.

We have lived in this white house for 12 years, and I think it's time I had my way. I could wait until he goes on a business trip and redecorate while he's gone, but that would be dishonest. I'm home more than he is since our children have come along. What should I do?

COLORLESS IN
NEWBURYPORT, MASS.

DEAR COLORLESS: An interior decorator who is used to sales resistance may help you convince Wally that a dash of color will liven up the place. Keep in mind that it doesn't have to be all or nothing. A decorator can help you "accessorize" your home with accents of color and texture, making it more visually interesting and less sterile. The bathrooms and kitchens would be the least threatening places to begin.

DEAR READERS: Your checks for today! I learned everything I know at my mother's knee. It was heavily tattooed."

WOODY ALLEN

Girl Scouts plan 85th birthday celebration

The 85th birthday of Girl Scouting in the United States is March 12, 1997. Celebrations are planned nationwide. The Stardust Service Unit of Girl Scouts in Lake Mary will be participating in a county wide event. On March 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Girl Scouts from all over the county will gather at Crane's Room in Altamonte Springs for Seminole County Girl Scout's 85th Birthday Celebration. This event, which is open to the public, will feature refreshments, local celebrities, Girl Scout ceremonies, crafts and skills.

Part of the theme for the 85th is the Girl Scout Reunion. Former Girl Scouts are being invited to attend the birthday celebration. There will be a Girl Scout Reunion Museum and coordinators are looking for former Girl Scouts willing to loan pictures, old uniforms and equipment or other memorabilia to display for the occasion. If you can loan something for the display, please call Mary Rowell at 321-1498.

For the birthday celebration, participants will be able to journey through the different Worlds of Girl Scouting. Stardust will be responsible for the World of the People. Troops will take turns presenting their worlds and taking other Girl Scouts through them. Participants will take passports through the Worlds as an indication of the things they have experienced during the celebration.

The event, which is expected to attract 3,000 girls and their families from Seminole County alone, also is looking for sponsors. This is not a fundraiser. Sponsorship money will be used to cover costs. Coordinators also need businesses willing to donate services, such as printing for



Margaret Wesley stands by boxes of her memorabilia and possessions which been transported to her new home in Pensacola.

the passports. If you would like to be a sponsor or would like more information, call Bev Marubbie at 788-3039.

Gone but not forgotten

Moving day for Margaret Wesley has come and gone. By now she should be settled in her new home in Pensacola. But a flurry of activity preceded the packing of boxes and the loading of the moving van that could hardly be missed by passers-by, parked in front of Margaret's former West Wilbur Avenue home.

Honored at luncheons and dinners, hosted by Lake Mary residents Pat Fox, Claire O'Connor, Alta Ombres, Mary C. Williams, Pat Dennis and Helen Glatt, Margaret received a life membership pin from the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church of Lake Mary at their luncheon.



For her numerous contributions to the community, by preserving and documenting Lake Mary's history, the mayor and the city commissioners signed a resolution, proclaiming Friday, Dec. 20, "Margaret Green Wesley Day." Margaret was also presented with at plaque at the Dec. 19 city commission meeting.

Cookie sales begin

It is that time of year again. Time to order your Girl Scout cookies. Girl Scouts all over Lake Mary will begin selling cookies on Friday, Jan. 10. Troops will continue to take orders through Jan. 26. Cookie delivery will begin Feb. 14 with booth sales beginning

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IN BRIEF

Quit smoking

SANFORD — Columbia Medical Center-Sanford will present their Wellness Seminar for smoking cessation on Saturday, Jan. 11 from 10 a.m. until noon.

The two-hour session combines the power of hypnosis with behavior modification. Participants learn to stop smoking without weight gain or withdrawal.

The first 45 minutes of the class is a free orientation. If the participant feels comfortable with the program, then they pay a one-time fee of \$50.

The program includes a powerful hypnotic session, a behavior modification booklet, a home reinforcement audio cassette tape and an unlimited number of free repetitions of the seminar of needed.

For more information, call 1-800-848-2822.

Blood Bank seeks donors

SANFORD — Central Florida Blood Bank is asking donors of all types of blood — especially O-type donors — to donate at its Sanford branch, 1302 E. Second St.

This is an on-going need. The blood bank needs a constant flow of donors to keep up with the demand for blood that comes from local hospitals and emergency rooms.

For information, call 322-0822.

CPR for the professional review

ORLANDO — The American Red Cross is offering a review course for the professional rescuer who needs a refresher.

Students enrolled in the class need to have a personal pocket mask and hold a current CPR for the Professional Rescuer certificate.

This advanced course is designed for health care professionals and first responders.

The course is held at the American Red Cross of Central Florida's headquarters, 5 N. Bumby Ave. in Orlando.

The hours of the class are from 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 6.

The cost is \$20 per person per class.

For more information, call 894-4141.

Living rationally

LONGWOOD — A self-help group using scientifically-based clinical techniques to help people learn to live rationally will meet on Thursday evenings at 7.

The Longwood Help Yourself to Happiness group meets every week at 465 W. Warren Avenue in Longwood.

The group helps people deal with problems with stress, depression, anxiety, anger, alcohol, drugs and eating, as well as self-growth through self-discipline and emotional control.

There is no cost for participation in the group.

For more information, call 262-4623.

Community First Aid and Safety

LONGWOOD — The American Red Cross will be presenting a comprehensive course which has three components: Adult CPR, Infant and Child CPR and First Aid.

Participants will learn CPR for various age groups, lifesaving first aid skills and skills needed to care for sudden illness or injury.

The course is held at the American Red Cross of Central Florida's Seminole County Service Center, 705 W. State Road 434, in Longwood.

The classes will be on Saturday and Tuesday, Jan. 18 and 21. Saturday's session is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The other session is from 6 to 9 p.m.

The classes are occasionally also offered elsewhere in central Florida.

The cost of the class is \$40.

For more information, call 894-4141.

Hope for the holidays

WINTER PARK — Healing and Hope for the Holidays is a special presentation to help those who are grieving the death of a loved one.

The course teaches practical and inspirational ways to help those who are dealing with this special problem through this often difficult time of year.

The class is presented through the shared effort of Baldwin-Fairchild Cemeteries and Funeral Homes, Central Florida Center for Grieving Children, New Hope Counseling Center, Vita Healthcare Corporation of Central Florida and Woodlawn/Carey Hand LIFT program.

You must make reservations to attend the class by calling 629-7119, ext. 222.

Understanding HIV/AIDS

LONGWOOD — On Saturday, Jan. 11, the Red Cross will be offering a class for those who want to learn more about HIV and AIDS.

The course covers information on all facets of HIV/AIDS from transmission and prevention to the legal aspects of the disease.

The course has been approved to meet the licensing requirements of barbers, cosmetologists, manicurists, massage therapists, CNA's and others.

The class will be held at the American Red Cross of Central Florida's Seminole County Service Center at 705 W. State Road 434 in Longwood.

The course will last from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The cost is \$20.

For more information about the class or other course offerings by the American Red Cross, call 332-8200.

Yoga class

LAKE MARY — The Seminole County Family YMCA is offering a class in yoga for the adult who is interested in improving their flexibility and their breathing.

Yoga also promotes physical stability, energy and relaxation. Classes are offered every Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. and every Thursday from 7 to 8 a.m.

The cost is \$28 a month for members and \$42 a month for non-members.

The Seminole County Family YMCA is located at 665 Longwood-Lake Mary Rd. in Lake Mary.

Midwife in Florida Hall of Fame overcame fires and bureaucracy

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FLOWERSVIEW, Fla. — As an 8-year-old, Gladys Milton thought the answer to where babies really came from had to be in the True Stories magazines that her aunt, a midwife, wouldn't let her read.

At 72, she's in the Florida Women's Hall of Fame, after birthing more than 2,000 babies.

Milton is one of Florida's few remaining "granny midwives."

Along the way, from a curious childhood to the Hall of Fame, she has overcome the grief of losing two of her seven children to a drunken driver, fires that twice destroyed her birthing center and state bureaucrats who tried to put her out of business.

She traces her interest in delivering babies to her childhood curiosity about "the birds and the bees and all that stuff."

"I wanted to know about this baby business," she recalls.

While her aunt was out fishing, she says, she would read her confession magazines.

"I look back to then as the beginning point," she says, though she did not start practicing midwifery until she was 35.

Gov. Lawton Chiles inducted her into the Hall of Fame two years ago. She is regarded "with utmost reverence and awe," says Beth Swisher, legislative liaison for the Midwives Association of Florida.

Milton still maintains her certification, primarily to serve as a backup to her youngest daughter at the Milton Memorial Birthing Center connected to the rear of her home.

Maria Milton is carrying on her mother's legacy in this tiny Panhandle community nestled among the pine forests and fields of cotton and peanuts near the Florida-Alabama state line, about 20 miles northeast of Crestview.

Patients come from throughout Walton and Okaloosa counties in Florida and Covington County, Ala. Many come, as they always have, because hospitals are too far away or too expensive.

But an increasing number are coming even though they have hospitals nearby or health insurance to pay the bills. Many want natural births, free of drugs to numb pain or induce delivery, and some are afraid of unnecessary Caesarean sections.

Karen Smith drove about an hour from her Santa Rosa Beach home for a prenatal exam and plans to use the birthing center for her second child, due in February. Her first baby, 11-month-old Jerod, was born in a hospital.

"I just had a real bad experience," Smith says. The doctor arrived late, leaving the delivery to an inexperienced nurse, and then her husband was not allowed to spend the night with her, she says.

Smith finds the birthing center more comfortable. "I just feel the treatment's a lot more personal," she says. "And you have a lot more say in the way you want the baby to be delivered."

Milton herself had questioned the need for midwives when public health officials recruited her in 1958. But her oldest son, Henry, then a high school senior, encouraged her. He is now Dr. Tariq Abdullah, a physician.

After a year of training under doctors in nearby Florida, Ala., she was licensed and spent the next 17 years traveling from home to home delivering babies, often in squalid circumstances.

To help support her large family, she also worked days as a housekeeper for Niceville artist Emil Holzhauer and his wife, Marion, and nights as a licensed

practical nurse at hospitals in Florida and Opp, Ala. Her husband, Huey Milton, who died in 1993, had worked in construction and later drove a school bus.

Milton also had studied to become a registered nurse but was too shaken to return for her final year after the deaths of two children, Kent and Eleanor, in a 1972 car crash caused by a drunken motorist.

Both had been students at Florida A&M University. Eleanor, whose twin sister is named Elinor, had been interested in midwifery and often helped her mother.

The Miltons used \$5,000 in insurance benefits remaining after funeral and hospital expenses and a \$3,000 inheritance from one of Huey Milton's brothers to build a midwifery clinic in Eleanor's memory.

It opened in April 1976, but four months later lightning caused a fire that destroyed the clinic and house. Both were rebuilt. A second fire, which may have been caused by an electrical short, closed the clinic again in 1979.

It was rebuilt a second time with help from friends and neighbors and reopened in 1980. Hospitals donated a surplus incubator and two beds.

Five years later, the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services shut down the clinic for violating ventilation and paperwork requirements. The community again pitched in and the clinic reopened 20 months later, renamed as a birthing center.

HRS, however, was not finished. In 1988, the agency suspended Milton's license. Officials blamed her for a stillbirth and accused her of violating regulations by taking patients with high-risk pregnancies.

It took more than two years, but Milton got her license back after an administrative hearing and court appeal.

"I didn't know people would stand right to your face and look in your eyes and tell you you did something that you didn't do," she says. "I was unprepared for that."

Midwifery itself was under attack as being unsafe.

The Florida Legislature passed a law in 1984 to limit midwifery to registered nurses, known as nurse midwives. Milton and others without nursing degrees are licensed midwives. Those already licensed could continue but no others, except those already in school, would be licensed.

Milton believes that doctors, afraid of losing patients, were behind the law and the effort to revoke her license. After years of debate, the Legislature reversed itself in 1992 and again per-

mitted licensing new non-nurse midwives. But there are still only 41 in the state.

Milton recalls her struggles in "Why Not Me?" published in 1993 and her second book is awaiting publication.

She believes God destined her to be a midwife.

"I was born to be one," she says. "Nothing I tried to do succeeded when I wanted to waiver away from midwifery. Everything went to pot."

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