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WEEKEND

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One win away from being World Champions

The Altamonte Patriots improved to 18-0 overall and 8-0 in the Babe Ruth 18-and-Under fastpitch softball World Series to move to within one victory of claiming the title.

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State Road 434 construction continues

OVIEDO — Crews widening State Road 434 (Alafaya Trail) will begin paving the newly widened southbound lanes from Econ River Place to near Chapman Road Tuesday.

Continued wet weather could affect the paving schedule. However, if the paving takes place during the next couple of weeks, the contractor, Southland Construction Inc., plans to shift traffic in both directions onto the new lanes along that stretch by mid- to late September. Road building would then begin in earnest on the northbound lanes between Econ River Place and Chapman Road, and other locations.

Crews continue to install Oviedo water mains, including a section north of Mitchell Hammock Road scheduled for next week. Crews will also cross Clonts Street during this work, but some access will be maintained.

Residents and businesspeople should be aware that roadwork will affect side streets and their driveways at times.

Seminole Smile



Diana Muniz — Sanford Airport Authority Records Manager

Seminole to douse high water users

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

Seminole County water bills for typical residential users are among the lowest in Central Florida, and county commissioners expect them to remain that way even as they consider rate increases for the first time in eight years.

A single-family Seminole home using about 10,000 gallons of potable water a month registers a

County commissioners eye double rate hikes for those using more than average

water bill of about \$13. That rate is cheaper than six cities in the county — Lake Mary, Longwood, Sanford, Altamonte Springs, Oviedo and Casselberry.

If the rate adjustments are approved at the Aug. 26 county commissioner's board meeting, the

increase is expected to be less than \$50 for the average household. However, it will be the high-end water users that will see the biggest changes.

The county's utility rate consultant, Public Resources Management Group, on Tuesday reviewed with

commissioners the first phase of the rate adjustment analysis that includes residential and commercial rates for water and sewer. The proposed new rate structure includes adjusted pricing and more usage categories.

According to Bob Adolphe, county director of environmental services, changes are necessary to meet St. Johns River Water

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Changes ahead for license office



On any given morning a long line forms at the Airport Boulevard driver's license office while cars stack up along the roadway leading to the Orlando Sanford International Airport.

State searches for new digs; county tax collector seeks control

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

SANFORD — Obtaining a driver's license is hard to come by in Seminole County.

Drive by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles driver's license office at 1701 E. Airport Blvd. on any Tuesday through Friday morning and cars are stacked up along the roadway. It's a growing problem and one

that officials at Orlando Sanford International Airport are not happy about.

According to Larry Dale, airport authority president, congestion of the road puts the airport in a bind, but he sees a light at the end of the tunnel. The department is currently on a month-to-month lease with the airport authority board, and it may not be long before a new

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Natural Lands program gaining support

Barah Scoles
Herald Intern

SANFORD — There is a difference between natural land and Natural Lands. A big difference.

The Natural Lands program, based in the Seminole County government building in Sanford, was created in November 1990 through a voter referendum, and it has steadily gained momentum since then.

The official mission statement

of the program is "The preservation and management of natural areas within Seminole County to enhance or promote bio-diversity, corridors, water resources and passive resource based recreation for existing and future generations," and its primary purpose is to assess, rank and purchase environmentally significant land in Seminole County. Basically, Natural Lands protects natural land.

So far, Seminole County

has purchased 6,500 acres and dedicated five sites — Geneva, Chuluota, Econ River, Lake Proctor and Lake Jesup Wilderness Areas — to the public.

Are there any requirements for using the Natural Lands areas? "Take nothing but pictures, kill nothing but time, and leave nothing but footprints." All who obey are welcome.

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Iraqi Diary: Nothing like the 'Real Thing'

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

June 6, 2003 I was on patrol last night and responded to a couple of Iraqi guys who fired on and were shot by the 2nd Cavalry. We arrived and found one Iraqi guy uninjured but bound and blindfolded and the other guy was killed.

I rolled the dead guy over to have

a better look at any tattoos or whatever, on his arms and body. I felt like I was at another autopsy like when I was a CID agent at a homicide scene. Anyway, we took the live guy into custody. We heard automatic gunfire real close, but they were not shooting at us.

I came back in close to 4 in the morning to find two letters from you and one from dad. I have a box I want to mail out but have no



Carlson

way to mail it out.

June 8, 2003 Today is 8 Jun 03. I think it's mom's birthday.

We found out that we will be attached to the 2nd Cavalry. This means we are here forever. Our higher up chain of command said our mission will not be complete until the Iraqi police start working on their own. This may not be for a very long time.

I hope the Navy and Air Force are

having fun at all the theme parks. Meanwhile we have Army personnel who have been over here since September of last year.

I really, really, really, really, really, really hope that the Iraqi Police can start working on their own or we get relieved by another MP Company in August or September. This is worse than doing a life hitch in Alcatraz, no supplies plus somebody is always trying to kill you.

Can you get a deck of those play-

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Police to add second officer to Seminole High

By Jamie J. Anderson-Potter
Staff Writer

The Sanford Police Department Youth Services Team will unveil a revised School Resource Officer Program at Seminole High School in October.

Although the department has assigned resource officers to area schools since 1986, the new pilot program will be the first time more than one officer has been assigned to the same school. The need for two officers became apparent after the Youth Services Team decided to expand its role at the high school.

"We are striking out into a whole different area," said Sanford Police Chief Brian Tooley. "Students face many challenges today and if there is anything we can do to help them, we will."

According to Tooley, the department has designed the pilot program as a way to bring community policing back to its roots. The intent of the program is to have the officers on campus in a positive and helpful capacity — not to monitor criminal mischief — although the officers will handle any criminal activities that arise.

Officer Shawn Kelley, who is assigned to Seminole High School, will expand his role as school resource officer to include aspects of a counselor, teacher, friend and mentor. Officer Rebecca Wixson will join Kelley in these roles when she returns from maternity leave in the beginning of October.

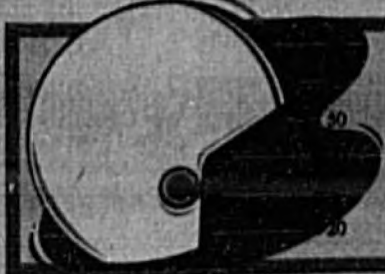
"I think she will do a great job," said Tooley. "They will make a wonderful team. Young adult females will have an opportunity to better relate to her when it comes to certain things."

The two officers will also add home visits to their responsibilities to help diminish the number of high school dropouts and students with poor attendance.

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Officer Shawn Kelley of the Sanford Police Department Youth Services Team talks with Seminole High School students during their lunch in Senior Park.



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SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

Pepsi generation: If you have doubts about whether Sanford's new city manager is afraid to take a stand, consider his soft drink of choice: Diet Pepsi. That might not seem like a bold choice, especially 30 minutes from Daytona International Speedway where the old Firecracker 400 has been replaced by the Pepsi 400.

But City Manager Al Grieshaber spent more than a decade in Georgia, the state famous for Billy Beer and Coca-Cola. Billy Carter drank most of the Billy Beer by the time Grieshaber arrived but not the Coke. Grieshaber said on one of his first visits to Atlanta he learned that Coke is the Real Thing in Georgia. After searching several floors of the hotel for a

Around the Clock



by Dan Ping

Pepsi vending machine, Grieshaber went to the clerk's desk for direction. "Sir, this is Atlanta," Grieshaber recalled the clerk saying, "we don't sell Pepsis in Atlanta." To guard against any future Georgia induced shortages, Grieshaber began carrying a cooler full of Diet Pepsis with him. Still does. In fact, city commissioners would be wise to check the city manager's cooler before every meeting. During Monday's work session, Grieshaber warned commissioners that the length of the meeting would directly correlate to the number of Diet Pepsis he had available.

Tick tock watch the clock: Members of the public who attend Sanford City Commission work sessions and meetings usually arrive a few minutes before the designated time from meetings, only to wait while commissioners lollygag into the room sometimes as much as 15 minutes late. Expect that to change.

Whether it's the presence of Grieshaber and his military background or the commissioners' desire to run a tighter ship, Mayor Brady Lessard reminded his colleagues that meetings would start promptly at appointed time. "We'll see how long that lasts," smirked an audience member under his breath.

Patton's back: General Douglas McArthur said, "I shall return." He did. So did Patton — Chris Patton.

Long-time readers of the Seminole Herald will remember Patton from his previous tenure with the newspaper. He left about 14 months ago to take the editor's job at one of our sister newspapers in Tennessee. He returned last week to fill the managing editor's position left vacant by Michelle Jerla.

Patton will pick-up the county commission beat he covered during his early tour of duty. He'll also cover the sheriff's department and oversee the production side of the new pages. We're glad to have Chris back on our staff. If you have news tips, don't hesitate to give Chris a call.

Hop to it: Several months ago The Herald ran a picture announcing that the International House of Pancakes (IHOP) would open in the old Shoney's/Amigos facility next to the Budget Inn on U.S. Highway 17/92.

The banner on the building announcing the new business came down for a few weeks. It's now back up, and Mahmood Shairi says it's there to stay.

Shairi is a Lake Mary resident and owns the IHOP on SR 436 in Casselberry. Negotiations for the Sanford property hit a snag, and Shairi said he was ready to walk away from the deal. A compromise was reached, and the project is back on track. Work should begin this month, and Shairi hopes to have the place open in October.

The power of prayer



First grade students at All Souls Catholic School in Sanford recently started their school year. Each day begins with a morning devotional before classes, and the power of prayer starts the day in the righteous direction.

Traffic

•Elton Efraime Bello, 39, Nelson Park Drive, Clermont, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Wednesday at the intersection of Central Parkway and Douglas Avenue in Altamonte Springs. He was charged with a non-moving traffic violation for driving with a suspended license.

•Richard Enkins, 31, Needles Drive, Orlando, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Wednesday at the intersection of State Road 436 and Westmore Drive in Altamonte Springs. He was charged with a non-moving traffic violation for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

•Terence Ladon Ware, 31, Jackson Court, Casselberry, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Thursday. He was charged with a non-moving traffic violation for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Drugs

•Holly Lynn Quigley, 22, Llama Court, Apopka, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Friday at the intersection of Sanford and Wylly avenues in Sanford. She was charged with possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana.

DUI

•William Christopher Hurt, 35, Palm Park Circle, Longwood, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday. He was charged with driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol/drugs.

Battery

•William Marshall Conway, 25, Beth Drive, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday at the intersection of North French Avenue and West Fulton Street in Sanford. He was charged with domestic battery (touch or strike).

•Wendell Kelly Barnett, 21, Fernhill Road, Orlando, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Wednesday at the Red Lion Square in Maitland. He was charged with domestic battery.

•Brenda Alyne McDehall, 21, Garden Grove Circle, Winter Park, was arrested at home Friday by Seminole County sheriff's deputies. She was charged with



domestic battery (touch or strike).

•Surine Ann Barnes, 21, Sheppard Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday. She was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

•Ladasha Beasley, 20, Old England Loop, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday. She was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Theft

•Darrell Ashley, 26, Autumn Breeze Way, Winter Park, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Thursday on Interstate 4 in Longwood. He was charged with theft of a vehicle worth more than \$20,000.

Multiple charges

•William Smith Christopher, 42, Lake Cypress Circle, Orlando, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday at Seminole Towne Center in Sanford. He was charged with larceny of more than \$300, but less than \$20,000, and obtaining funds from an employer under false pretenses.

•Christopher David Tison, 19, Tinley Terrace, Sanford, was arrested at home Tuesday by Sanford police. He was charged with domestic violence (touch or strike) and obstruction of justice through hindering, delaying or preventing communication to law enforcement.

•Jessup Edwardo Morales, 22, Windchime Circle West, Apopka, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Wednesday at the intersection of West Lake Brantley Road and State Road 436 in Altamonte Springs. He was charged with aggravated assault with a motor vehicle and a non-moving traffic violation for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

•Robert Leroy Barrett, 18, 44th Street, West Palm Beach, was arrested by Altamonte Springs

police Thursday at the intersection of East Lake Mary Boulevard and Rolling Hills Boulevard in Sanford. He was charged with possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and a non-moving traffic violation for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

•Alexander Tony Farris, 20, Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Friday at the intersection of Gladiolas Drive and Hawthorne in Winter Park. He was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and possession and/or use of narcotic equipment.

•Raymond Thomas King, 20, Beardall Avenue, Sanford, was arrested at home Friday by Seminole County sheriff's deputies. He was charged with more than \$200 of damage to property, battery on an officer and resisting an officer with violence.

•Paul David McLean, 34, Montfort Lane, Deltona, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Thursday at the intersection of East 25th Street and Mellonville Avenue in Sanford. He was charged with possession and/or use of narcotic equipment, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and a non-moving traffic violation for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Other

•Milton Peoples, 18, William Clark Court, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday while riding his bicycle down Lake Monroe Terrace in Sanford. He was charged with resisting an officer.

•Charlestina Jamillah Eddy, 13th Street, Apopka was arrested by Altamonte Springs police Wednesday on Busn Boulevard in Sanford. She was charged with fraud.

•Tom Benjamin Lucas, 23, South Rio Grande Avenue, Orlando was arrested by Seminole County Sheriff's deputies Wednesday on Business Center Drive. He was charged with fraud for writing a check with insufficient funds.

•Tonie Kay Brewster, 22, Homeless, Daytona Beach was arrested by Sanford police Thursday. She was charged with prostitution.

OUT & ABOUT

SAT 16

The Seminole Bromeliad Society Sale and Display will be held from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. today and Sunday at the Sanford Garden Club, located at 100 Fairmont Drive, in Sanford. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 407-321-0838 or 407-328-8231.

The National Reptile Breeders' Expo will be held from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. today and Sunday at the Ocean Center, located at 101 N. Atlantic Ave., in Daytona Beach. The cost is \$10 per person, with children 6 years old and younger free with paying adult. For more information, log on at www.reptilebreedersexpo.com

A bluegrass pick-in, sponsored by the city of Longwood, will be held from 6 until 10 p.m. today at the Longwood Community Building, 200 W. Warren Ave., in Longwood. Bring a lawn chair and come enjoy the music. Bring a string instrument and join in. Refreshments available, but no alcoholic beverages allowed. For more information on this free event, call 407-260-3447.

A candlelight service for shelter animals who have been euthanized because of overpopulation will be held at 7 p.m. today at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, 100 Bush Blvd., in Sanford. The service will act as a reminder to spay and neuter all pets to help reduce the number of unwanted animals, to adopt from shelters and to encourage pet owners to view their animals as a companion who deserves a lifelong commitment. For more information, call 407-327-2814.

SUN 17

The Adventure and 5K Charity Run will begin at 8 a.m. Sunday at Fort Mellon Park, located at 600 E. First St., in Sanford. The entry fee is \$20 per person, with proceeds benefiting Canine Companions for Independence. Entry forms are available at Travel Country Outdoors, David's World of Cycle and online at www.x-tremechallenge.com. For more information, call 407-760-0028.

JCPenney will hold a bra-fitting event in its stores nationwide Sunday through Saturday. During this event, certified bra-fit specialists will provide expert measurements and consultations in private, discrete settings as well as recommended styles that best suit particular fashions and body types.

TUES 19

The AARP Chapter No. 4878 of Lake Mary will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Community Building, 260 N. Country Club Road, in Lake Mary. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 407-324-3060 or 407-323-9249.

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Military briefs

Civilian training

Civilian Tyler A. Powell, son of Denise D. and Edward E. Powell of Lake Mary, recently participated in the U.S. Naval Academy's week-long summer seminar program in Annapolis, Md.

During the program, Powell was introduced to academy life through a regimen of academics, physical training, intramural sports, sailing and seamanship, as well as leadership training and social activities.

The summer seminar program was designed by the U.S. Naval Academy's office of admissions to give students a taste of the challenges and benefits of a Naval Academy education.

Powell is currently attending Lake Mary High School in Lake Mary.

Recruit

Navy Seaman Kendrick L. Silva, a 1996 graduate of Seminole High School in Sanford, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Silva completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the key skills and confidence they need to graduate and take to the fleet. "Battle Stations" has been designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into

account what it means to be a Sailor.

Military awards

Army Spec. Derek K. Roberts, son of Jennifer P. Roberts of Oviedo, and Daniel K. Roberts of Palm Beach Gardens, has graduated from the U.S. Army Ranger School at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga., with authorization to wear the distinctive Ranger Tab. A graduate of the Ranger course is the epitome of the U.S. infantryman.

During the 61-day course, the Ranger proved that he could successfully accomplish all required tasks during the three phases of training. The course is designed to assess and develop military skills, physical and mental endurance, stamina, and confidence of the soldier to successfully accomplish small unit combat missions. The training is tough, rugged, strenuous, and realistic, and is conducted in three terrains, including wooded, mountainous and jungle-swamp. The soldier is trained to withstand the stresses of combat and overcome all obstacles to accomplish the mission under any circumstance or situation. The Ranger is trained to properly sustain himself and his subordinates, and maintain equipment under difficult field conditions during simulated combat operations; develop combat functional skills for planning and conducting ground, airborne, airborne and waterborne patrolling and survival operations.

Roberts, an infantryman, is assigned to the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield in Hinesville, Ga.

In 1996, Roberts graduated from William T. Dwyer High School in Palm Beach Gardens, and in 2001, received a bachelor's degree from Florida State University

in Tallahassee.

Navy Lt. j. g. Nate R. Hemphill, a 1996 graduate of Oviedo High School in Oviedo, recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal while assigned to the dock landing ship USS Comstock, homeported in San Diego, Calif.

While serving as division officer, Hemphill stood many watches during Operation Iraqi Freedom and coordinated an aggressive space assessment and preservation plan in preparation for ship inspections. He updated all records, ensured training, tracked swimmer qualifications and trained the deck and boat recovery crews, which greatly enhanced his ship's search and rescue program. Hemphill filled a critical rescue swimmer shortage and quickly became the primary rescue swimmer aboard.

Promotions

Marine Corps Pfc. Eric D. Davis, son of Anne E. Dechello of Winter Springs, and Jeff J. Davis of Sanford, was recently promoted to his current rank while serving with Assault Amphibian School Battalion, Marine Corps Base in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Davis was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

Davis is a 2002 graduate of Seminole High School in Sanford.

Marine Corps Pfc. Matthew T. Dobbs, nephew of Pamela Murdock of Longwood, recently completed the Basic Assault Amphibian Vehicle Crewman's Course and was promoted to his current rank.

Dobbs is a 1999 graduate of Leesburg High School in Leesburg. He joined the Marine Corps in December 2002.

Obituaries

FRED THOMAS ANGLE
Fred Thomas Angle, 59, Park Avenue, Sanford, died Friday, Aug. 8, 2003, at home.

He was born in Charleston, W.Va., and moved to the area in 1969 from Newark, Ohio. He was a carpenter. He was a Protestant.

Survivors include sons, Terry Angle, Ronnie Angle; daughters-in-law, Melissa Angle, Theresa Angle; brother, Everett Angle; sister-in-law, Sharon Angle; two grand-children.

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

Alexander; sons, Rudolf Dumas, James Dumas, Victor Dumas, Jimmie Lowman; sisters, Martha Bennett, Minnie Willis, Sofenia Clark; brothers, Johnny Dumas, Aaron Dumas; 19 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today at Redeeming Light Center Church, 109 Washington St., in Eatonville, with Pastor Thomas Brown officiating. Interment will follow at Boston Cemetery in Oviedo.

Postell's Mortuary Chapel, Pine Hills, in charge of arrangements.

GEORGE R. HAYNES

George R. Haynes, 41, Pine Avenue, Sanford, died Saturday, Aug. 9, 2003, at home.

He was born July 19, 1962, in Palatka. He was a truck driver.

Survivors include mother, Ruby Major, Sanford; brothers, Bobby Dumas, Gail Dumas, Fleming, Patsy Dumas, Robin Yvette Dumas, Christa

Sanford; sisters, Wanda Salinas, Kissimmee, Lisa Wilson, Sanford.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at Wilson-Eichelberger Memorial Chapel, 1110 Pine St., in Sanford.

Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

NANCY S. WILLIAMSON

Nancy S. Williamson, 45, Lake Drive, Sanford, died Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003.

Born in Danville, Ill., she moved to the area 20 years ago. She was a bookkeeper for Home Depot in Casselberry.

Survivors include husband, Troy Williamson, Sanford; sons, Joshua Edwards, Debary, Justin Williamson, Sanford; father, Edward Dugan, Sr., Dana, Ind.; brother, Edward Dugan, Jr., Dana, Ind.; sisters, Gloria Dugan, Wanda English, both of Dana, Ind., Brenda Sprall, Alabama. Tri-County Cremation Service, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.

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OPINION

'Convention' al Wisdom

Don't be turkeys Seminole County, give Sanford a hand

I'll admit — I have a problem getting Chicken Little and Henny Penny in the proper perspective. Unless I'm completely wrong, the Chicken Little story had to do with the sky falling, while Henny Penny pertained to planting, harvesting and eventually eating some corn.

Well, let's just say that I am aiming this at Henny Penny and the corn. Henny I think, can be compared to the city of Sanford. The corn is the convention center.

And so the story goes — "Who will help me plant the corn?" (Henny Penny talking here). "Not I" (this was the response from several people including Goosey Loosey, Ducky Lucky, Turkey Lurkey and a few others).

Or, in modern terms, "Who will help me design the convention center?" (city of Sanford speaking). "Not I," was the response from Seminole County Wounty and a number of others.

Then, if you remember the story better than I, after the original corn had been planted, fertilized, watered, harvested, ground into corn meal, and prepared eating, Henny Penny asked "Who will help me eat the food?" "I will," said Goosey Loosey and all the others. "Nope," replied Henny Penny, "you didn't help me grow it and you don't deserve to benefit from it."

In our situation, "Who wants to help me use our new convention center asked City Whitley. "I will," said County Wounty and all of the others. "Nope," said City Whitley, "you didn't want to help me pay for it, to nurture the project, or a number of other requirements, and I don't believe you deserve the right to use the convention center, now that it's completed".

You can't tell me that our county commissioners and the various boards and committees who are or should be involved in this, don't realize how important a convention center will be to Sanford and all of Seminole County.

Aren't we all getting sick and tired of seeing important gatherings such as high school graduations, conventions, major events and others being moved out of the area because there simply is not enough room in Sanford or Seminole County.

No, that sentence doesn't end in a question mark. It isn't intended as a question, rather than an observation which each resident needs to take into consideration.

If the county doesn't want to take part in this creation, then let them keep their noses out of everything connected with it. Do we want that?

No, we don't. C'mon Seminole County, put on your thinking caps and give this your blessing and assistance. Don't be a Goosey Loosey or a Turkey Lurkey. The sky isn't falling, but your popularity could be if you don't do something to help this.



Pesky southerners need to leave the Constitution alone

This was as unnecessary as it was utterly predictable: Shoring up his appeal among ultraconservative constituents,



Cynthia Tucker

President Bush recently dismissed gay marriage, saying his administration is moving to "codify" a legal definition of marriage as restricted to a man and a woman.

That prejudice has already been enshrined in law, in former Georgia congressman Bob Barr's odious Defense of Marriage Act. So what is the president talking about? A constitutional amendment?

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., has endorsed an amendment banning same-sex unions, and a Colorado legislator has reintroduced a marriage amendment bill in the House.

Let's hope this is just political

blather for the campaign trail. The last thing the nation needs is for its religious conservatives to hijack the U.S. Constitution.

Among the fundamental differences between the United States and Iran is the separation of church and state that allows people of different religious views to live together in peace. How is America to denounce the theocracy of the Taliban and Iran's mullahs, who dictate what citizens wear, read and watch, if we allow our own mullahs to dictate our civil code?

No matter how you feel about the subject of gay marriage, you ought to be disturbed by the prospect of amending the Constitution to suit a particular theological point of view. There are some Christians who would be offended and whose religious views would be restricted by a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

As a member of the United Church of Christ, I would find my own religious views unfairly

maligned by a constitutional prohibition against gay marriage. The UCC, which has struggled with issues of sexuality for decades, has gone further than many denominations in welcoming openly gay and lesbian church members and clergy. While the issue remains contentious inside the UCC, some individual pastors have performed marriage (or commitment) ceremonies for gay members. (The UCC has no governing hierarchy, leaving such matters to individual congregations.)

By contrast, conservative denominations such as the Southern Baptist Convention are adamantly opposed to gay marriage. At its annual meeting in June, the convention passed a resolution not only denouncing same-sex marriage but also pledging to campaign against attempts to legalize them.

What business does the Constitution have deciding that one church is right while the other is wrong? Where would that end?

Should the Constitution also ban the ordination of women? Should it decree that all shops should close on the Sabbath and that the Sabbath be observed only on Sundays? Absolutely not.

Nor is the Constitution going to order any church to accept gay marriage if that violates its doctrine. No priest or preacher ever has to marry a couple he objects to. Ministers currently make those distinctions. Priests frequently deny the sacrament of marriage to divorced Catholics, and conservative Protestant ministers sometimes refuse to marry couples who have lived together before marriage or who have already conceived a child.

That's as it should be. The promise and the dilemma presented by the Bible both lie in its openness to myriad interpretations. The nation's founding document should not be used on behalf of any theological or sectarian view. Instead, it should defend the right of each person to interpret the Bible as he or she wishes. Or to

ignore the Bible altogether.

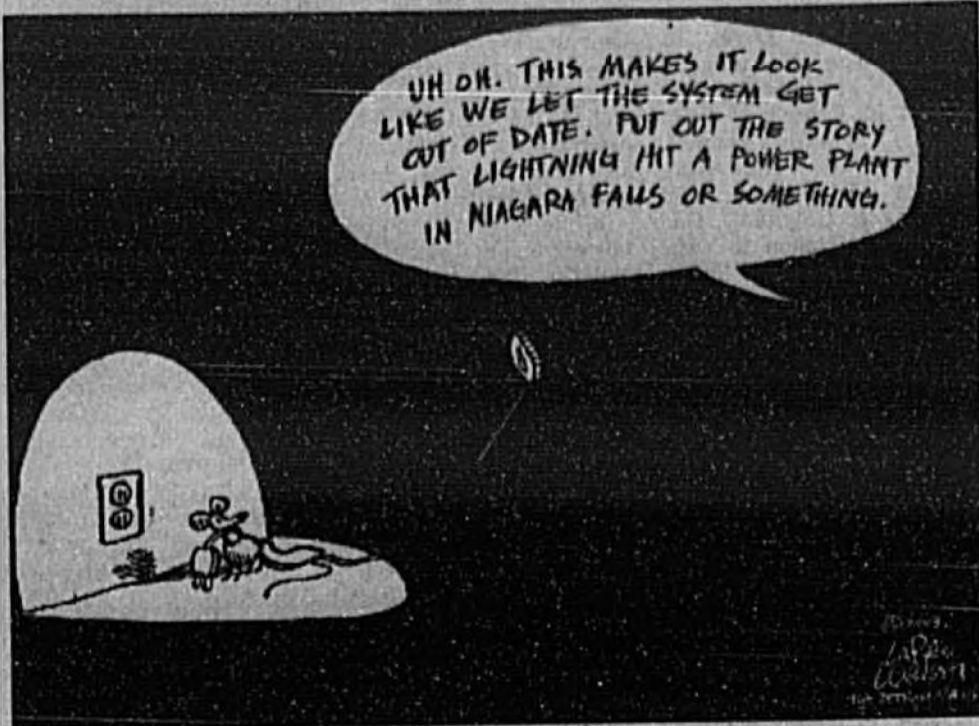
Countless agnostics and atheists marry without benefit of religious authority. Wiccans marry, as do Druids, Raellans, Rastafarians and Hare Krishnas. Why shouldn't gays be allowed to marry in civil ceremonies as well? Or in churches that welcome them?

Granted, the nation is probably a generation away from general acceptance of that notion. The culture wars are heating up instead of cooling.

Meanwhile, the nation need not be torn asunder by an inflammatory debate over the U.S. Constitution. Let the pope and the preachers, the bishops, the rabbis and the imams slug it out. Leave the Constitution alone.

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Your Views

Forestry division: Tree topping is a harmful practice

To the editor:

This letter is in response to an uninformed article by Nick Pfeifauf on Sunday, Aug. 10, concerning topping of trees. The Florida Division of Forestry is against all topping. In fact, if a tree expert recommends this harmful practice, we do not recommend using them.

What Mr. Pfeifauf should have recommended was proper pruning. Topping is the indiscriminate cutting back of limbs to stubs. Those stubs then sprout and make a bad situation worse. By properly trimming back your tree to the nearest large branch or trunk, you can help prevent storm damage.

Most of the oaks that Mr. Pfeifauf referred to are laurel and water oaks which are past their life expectancies. These trees rot from the inside and break

easily in high winds. Telling people to top their oaks is an uneducated, uninformed, and harmful statement to make.

Finding a reputable tree expert may be difficult. Anyone with a pickup and a chainsaw can claim to be an expert. Try and find a certified arborist that knows the difference between proper maintenance and harmful practices such as topping. The International Society of Arboriculture lists certified arborists on their Web site at www.isa-arbor.com. The

National Arbor Day Foundation contains valuable tree information at www.arborday.org.

Contact your local Division of Forestry for information on proper tree care and brochures concerning topping. Mr. Pfeifauf should have researched his topic before putting out such misleading beliefs.

Feel free to contact me with questions at 352-360-6676.

Chris Otremba
Lake County Forester

Foreign worker visa policy harms tech industry

By Matt Moore
Special to The Herald

A controversial U.S. policy is severely hurting the U.S. economy and putting thousands of American technology workers out of a job.

Now, more than 500 technology companies have banded together to try to put a stop to it. Every American has a stake in the outcome.

In July, the National Association of Computer Consultant Businesses (NACCB) — the only national trade association exclusively representing IT services firms, with more than 300 member companies and 22 chapters — testified before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. What these businesses are asking for is a level playing field.

In the early 1990s, at the start of the dot-com revolution, the United States faced a shortage of technology workers. While American schools and universities kicked their technology training programs into high gear, Congress established a special H-1B visa pro-

gram to make it easier for technology companies to import foreign workers.

To prevent abuse, Congress wisely included stop-gaps in the H-1B program: companies importing foreign workers to America were required to pay American wages, and to offer available jobs to qualified Americans before importing temporary workers; the number of workers was limited; and H-1B workers were required to renew their visas, with one extension limited to a total of six years.

Now, foreign-owned companies have found a loophole: the L-1 visa program.

Under L-1, there are no prevailing wage rules. Visas are more easily extended. And foreign-owned companies that pay an Oracle developer, for example, \$10,000 per year are competing with American companies that pay prevailing wages — \$90,000 per year. The vast sucking sound you hear is the flow of paychecks out of this country.

The L-1 visa was created to make it easier for European engineers and

executives to open automobile manufacturing plants that would employ American workers in Alabama and Tennessee.

Using L-1 to import cheap foreign labor — and using cheap foreign labor as a competitive edge to win American contracts away from American companies — is directly opposed to American interests.

Government has made a severe oversight with the L-1 visa program. That oversight is ruining our industry. When we can't compete, that means a lot of American technology workers are out of a job.

Sometimes America's foreign worker policies result in U.S. layoffs so that French and German workers can keep their jobs.

In America, layoffs are regarded as sound economic strategy. In Europe, layoffs are evidence of a severe loss of faith and confidence.

A poorly-performing company with operations in Germany and the U.S. would rather cut costs by laying off American workers than workers in Germany. That's fair.

But if we are providing economic incentives to make that easier to do, by anyone's book, that's bad policy.

The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security is now studying the abuse of L-1 visas by foreign-owned companies doing business in the U.S. That's a start. But every day the problem persists, more Americans lose their jobs.

All we want is a level playing field. We want it to be fair for everybody.

Most of our senators and representatives seem to feel that this problem is a minor one that will eventually sort itself out. But that sort of attitude is destroying a very big part of the American economy.

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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HIDDEN BALL TRICK By FRED PISCOP

ACROSS

1 Box office smash
5 Big fights
9 Writes hurriedly
13 They may be checked
17 On ... with:
18 Himalayan land
19 Garfield's toil
20 Like some alarms
21 It may be double-edged
23 Put up with
24 Schindler with a list
25 Incriminating evidence
26 1905 Show play
29 Clients' homes
31 Agent Scully of "The X-Files"
32 Debussy's "La ..."
33 What "there is nothin' like"
35 Duke of earl
37 Decorative urn
41 Short-lived particle
42 Curaçao neighbor
44 Square things
46 Having four sharps
47 Curved shape
48 "Cockfighter" actress
51 Johnny Reb's gp.
52 "Yamoose!"
53 Out of which
54 Walking ...
55 41-Across's place
56 "Raging Bull" director
58 Mythological trio
60 Cooks' covers
62 TV exec
63 Ariadne
63 Given the sack
64 Topps rival
65 Saint ...
65 Historic English city
67 Taro, for one
68 Easily ripped off
71 Word on a sample check
72 "You bet!"
73 "Understand?"
74 Iraq resource
75 Turner Field team, on scoreboards
76 "Les Troyens" composer
80 Wrennabags, briefly
81 Rains' home: Abbr.

DOWN

1 Frisco train system
2 Colorful fish
3 Shaka up
4 He'll take a dive
5 Desolate areas
6 Put down
7 Blushing
8 Quarter-note line
9 Chore assignment convenience
10 Cinema name
11 Gittery topper
12 Novi Sad native
13 Company that makes Monopoly
14 Seltzer type?
15 Winter Palace ruler
16 Blood components
18 Beef cut
20 Courtroom spokespersons
22 Go from pillar to post
27 Words spoken with a handshake
28 Range maker
30 Boot add-ons
33 Fleming's Goldfinger
34 HMOs may cover them
36 Flow's partner
37 A handful of
38 Zany Danish pianist
39 Baseball Hall of Famer Cap
40 Paper purchases
41 SI and GQ
42 Cordial favoring
43 "Titanic" heroine
44 Needed Tylenol, say
45 Bout ends, in brief
48 Sports
49 Straws in the wind
50 Late bloomer?
55 Vicinity
57 Fork site
58 Shred of evidence, maybe
59 "You ... here"
60 Battle site of 1836
61 Former UN Secy-General Javier ... de Cuelar
63 Public commotion
64 Nasty-smelling
65 Call to a swab
66 Gambling game
67 Layered skirt
68 Marketing head?
69 Kind of pâté
70 Last word in a threat
72 Nae sayer
73 Pam of "Jackie Brown"
76 Goes down, so to speak
77 Atlanta campus
78 Theodore of "The African Queen"
79 "Boola Boola" singer
84 Lee who lived "in a kingdom by the sea"
86 Far from civilized
87 Tiana's king
88 Ohio rubber center
89 Transvaal settler
91 Part of a liquid diet
92 Die down
94 "Christ Stopped at ..."
95 Shows up
96 Jaguars, e.g.
97 Female gamete
98 When many doors open
99 Last words?
100 Skier's way up
102 Long-necked instrument
103 Analogy words
104 Getz of jazz
105 "Ball" hidden in this puzzle's longest answers

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See crossword puzzle answers on page 8

Community Notes

Orlando Science Center looks for volunteers

The Orlando Science Center is looking for 50 volunteers to assist with its "Touch the Sky" action science exhibit opening Sept. 7. This 7,000 square foot exhibit will commemorate the 100th anniversary of powered flight.

Volunteers will demonstrate how airplanes fly, assist guests during a flight simulator, greet guests and role-play in a children's airport.

Orientation and training will be provided. For more information, call 407-514-2223 or email at volunteers@osc.org

SCC offers adult education Seminole Community College is offering Adult Education Programs beginning Aug. 25.

This program provides free adult basic education and GED test prep classes.

Prospective students may enroll at the Sanford/Lake Mary campus between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

There are also nine adult learning centers located throughout the county that offer these classes.

To find the center closest to you, log on at www.scc.edu. For more information about the free classes, call Seminole Community College at 407-328-2153.

Recreation guide available to the public

The St. Johns River Water Management District's new recreation guide is now available.

The updated, easy-to-use edition is a source of information on the Sunshine State's natural attractions available to both Florida residents and guests. To receive a copy of the guide, call 1-800-725-5922. For more information, log on at www.sjrwm.com

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LifeStyle

The Way We Were: Add another name to the soldiers lost in World War II

Add the name Walter Shoeneman to the roster of those who were killed during World War II. Charles A. Vining of Lake City wrote to tell me that Shoeneman had dropped out of school to enlist in the Navy and died as a torpedo struck his destroyer in the South Pacific.

Charles, also named Adwin Branan, whose name was misspelled in a previous column, had enlisted with Edwin in December 1942. Ed was killed by a kamikaze attack off Okinawa in 1945.

A couple of people called me about the Pig 'n' Whistle Barbeque sauce recipe. The numbers before the ingredients are the proportions to be used. And it should be 6 oz. ratio instead of 6 percent ratio. I checked with Billy Robinson on this.

Jay and Vi Jacobs made some of the sauce for a recent Sunday School Class party at their home, and most of us pronounced it delicious on the grilled chicken. The Pig 'n' Whistle picture will be in the Sanford Historical Society's 2004 calendar.

The following information comes from the January 12, 1961 edition of *The Sanford Herald*.

Swope re-elected chairman

New members of the Casselberry Board of Aldermen were sworn into office Jan. 9 at a meeting held at the Woman's Club.

Presiding Mayor was William M. Benson who officiated at the ceremonies which seated Joseph L. Laird, mayor, and Rohn Lady, Mrs. Hope Bennett and Myron Jacobs as aldermen. Mrs. Lillian Beisel, town clerk, Gus Sawyer, marshall, were returned to their posts on the board. Continuing on the board for one year were Lytle Swope and Ben Evans.

The first action of the new board was to elect a chairman. Lady nominated Swope to continue in that office; the motion was approved unanimously.

Business actions of the board included the following: to withhold salary payment of Frank Hooper, former assistant marshall, until he recently returned two traffic tickets in his possession and to advise the clerk to seek information on installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Highway 17-92 and State Road 436.

Announcements included: a request for residents using the town hall to check lights to reduce utility bill and a notice that the night policeman, barring duties elsewhere, was at the town station each hour for a 10-minute period. At other times a call to the Seminole County Sheriff's Office could relay a message to the Casselberry officer in three minutes.

Lake Monroe jottings

Bubba Hittell had returned to Fort Dix, N.J., to await orders to Germany. He was to be gone 30 months.

Murdock Matheson was in Seminole Memorial Hospital with an injured leg following an accident at the local ice plant.

The Lake Monroe PTO was sponsoring a variety show on Feb. 10-11. Included in the cast were Morris Ruby, principal; Virginia Frederick; Tommy Thompson; Herbert Thurston; Herbert Muse; Bob Byrd; Claude Hittell and Kenneth Echols.

The Home Demonstration Club had met the previous week at the home of Rena Hawkins. Cecil Tucker, county agriculture agent, gave an interesting talk on landscaping. Also attending was Miss Myrtle Wilson, home demonstration agent.

Oviedo personals

T.L. Ling, Sr., was out and about again after being confined to his home with a virus.

Also the victim of a virus was Elsie Fleming, who had been absent several days from the Oviedo Drug store.

Mrs. Jim Dingman, Sanford, was the new lunchroom supervisor at Oviedo High School.

Jack King was back on the job at his TV repair shop after being hospitalized in Winter Park Memorial Hospital.

County nurses elect officers

Seminole County Registered Professional Nurses elected officers at a recent meeting in the Health Center Auditorium.

Mrs. Cecilia Spinner of Sanford was named to lead the group for 1961. Other officers included Mrs. Maude Miller, Sanford, vice president; Mrs. Grace Fisher, Fern Park, secretary; and Mrs. Miriam Jenkins, Lake Mary, treasurer. On the board of directors were Mrs. Pat McCoy and Miss Mildred Turner, both of Sanford.

Geneva reports new projects

W.F. Dibble, president of the Geneva Citizen's Committee, reported installation of a new oak floor in the community hall had been completed by H.M. Gleason of Lake Mary. Present projects included the building of a two-lane shuffle board court which should be in operation in the near future.

Promoting literacy under the 'big top'

By Dan Ping
Editor



Soul Man Dwight Smith (above) kicks it while impersonating James Brown. He incorporates a few 'soul tunes' with a magic act.

EATONVILLE — About 30 kids and their families boarded the "FCAT Bus" for a trip to see the UniverSoul Circus, the world's only black owned and operated circus.

The event was sponsored by the Goldsboro Front Porch Family Literacy program and was designed to be a "time for family bonding."

"We wanted to have a family event that was fun and reinforced the idea that you can be whatever you want to be as long as you work hard," said Vernon McQueen, one of the mentors in the literacy program. "This circus provides a positive message for kids."

While enjoying the show was the primary goal, organizers emphasized time and again the importance of improving reading and writing skills that are key to passing the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT).

"The family literacy program wants to make that (FCAT) the fore-

front of everything we do," said Sanford City Commissioner Velma Williams, who came up with the "FCAT Bus" nickname. "To be successful on the FCAT, children need the help and support of their parents. We want to stress the importance of parents bonding with their children, whether it's to have fun or to study."

Williams said Wednesday night's circus performance was the third trip the literacy program has sponsored. Two earlier trips were made to St. Augustine and Busch Gardens.

To be eligible for any of the trips, students must be enrolled in the Family Literacy Reading Club, and parents must accompany their children on each trip.

As for the show, kids and parents alike were dazzled by the two-hour performance.

The UniverSoul Circus is the first and only African American owned and operated circus in more than 100 years. It has been nicknamed "Hip Hop Under the Big Top" and "Cirque du Soul," by the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Atlanta Constitution*. The *New Orleans Times Picayune* called it, "The most soulful show on earth."

Founded in 1994 by Cedric Walker, the Atlanta-based circus has performed in front of 2 million people. In 2002, the circus traveled 20,000 miles to perform 800 shows in 46 cities.

Walker's vision was to create a circus that takes traditional circus acts and surround them with '70s Rhythm & Blues, '90s Hip-Hop and Urban music, Salsa, Gospel and Jazz.

UniverSoul Circus is made up of international performers of African descent, recruited by Walker from some of the world's best-known circuses. Furthermore, Walker is committed to placing his circus in African-American communities.



The Caribbean Flava circus troupe (right) of stilt walkers and limbo mamas from Trinidad, Jamaica show off their skills with a little flaming limbo.

Herald photos by Dan Ping

GeoCaching in greater Geneva

Welcome to Stetson's Corner, where weekly we hope to share a bit of what is good about the town of Geneva. This column is dedicated to a man who did the same — Deputy Sheriff Gene "Stetson" Gregory, who was killed in the line of duty July 8, 1998 in the place he was sworn to protect, but which could not protect him. Geneva will never be the same because of Deputy Gregory... it will be better.

May 1, 2000 ... GPS (Global Positioning System) signal degradation called Select Availability (SA) was removed by the Clinton Administration, opening up the possibility ...

May 3, 2000 ... A container of goodies (AKA: a cache) was hidden by someone outside of Portland, Ore. — in celebration

of the removing of Select Availability.

By May 6, 2000 ... the cache was visited twice, and logged into a logbook once.

Mike Teague was the first to find the container, and built his personal Web page to document such containers and their locations that were posted originally to the [sce.geo.satellite-nav](http://www.sce.geo.satellite-nav.newsgroup) newsgroup.

July 2000 ... Jeremy Irish found Mike Teague's Web site and found his first cache out-

side of Seattle. Recognizing the potential of the game, Jeremy approached Teague with a new site design, using the name GeoCaching, and developed a new Web site adding virtual logos, maps, and a way to make it easier to maintain caches as the sport grew. Since the launch of the Web site, the GeoCaching sport has grown to caches in all 50 states and more than 100 countries. Who knows where it will go next?

June 21, 2003 ... I know! GeoCaching is here in Geneva! Recently I received an e-mail from a couple who stumbled upon a GeoCache hidden in the Geneva area. They wrote: "We found it by accident while walking the trail. GeoCache is a

worldwide game where players hide a cache and place the GPS coordinates on a Web site. People who find the cache can take an item from the canister and place an item in the canister. Since we are not GPS players, we took a toy horse and put in three Geneva postcards and sent 'McFurby' an e-mail telling him we had found it, but without a GPS device."

June 22, 2003 ... 'McFurby' (AKA Tom Walker, the GeoCacher team member who placed the GeoCache in Geneva) had this to say in return: "Thank you for your nice letter about finding the cache known as 'McFurby Lane.' I

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Darla Scores

Johnson-Clark family celebrates reunion

Five generations of the Johnson-Clark family gathered at the Reunion Celebration, which was held July 11-13. The theme: Family, Love and Unity — Still Growing Strong.

The family members from

Sanford hosted the celebration, and welcome committee members Lella Clark Fields, Irene Delvira Fields Johnson, Deloris Victoria Fields Williams and Ron Clark, Sr., planned the "keep it alive"

family reunion, which continues to keep the ideals of family love, unity and Christian character, loyalty and the bond of friendship in every family member.

More than 200 family members registered at the opening host sit, at the Marriott/Springhill Suites, where the evening was spent getting reacquainted and meeting new family.

Saturday the guests boarded the Sanford Scenic Rivershore Romance Cruise down the beautiful St. Johns. For more than three hours, the guests enjoyed a delicious luncheon and lots of fun and chit chat. After the cruise it was sight-seeing and

relaxing time.

The Johnson-Clark Family Reunion Banquet was held at the Sanford Garden Club, where family members gathered in lovely attire and enjoyed an evening of fun, music and great food.

James "Pete" Perkins was the great master of ceremonies for the occasion. He kept the guests on their feet with the latest in jokes that were great for the hearing and entertainment.

Serinda Brenson extended the welcome of the evening, with the Rev. Dr. W. Frank Williams giving the invocation.

Deloris Fields Williams presented the host members for recognition. They were given a standing ovation for a successful reunion being held.

Awards were given to family members who were the oldest, had the most grandchildren or great-grandchildren, and were the furthest away. This award went to members from the Virgin Islands and New York.

A delicious dinner was served to the more than 250 guests by the caterer a "A Folk N Spoon Production." Music was rendered by DJ Michael Dillon.

Sunday, the Johnson-Clark Family Reunion worshipped with the St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church.

The history of the Johnson-Clark Family Reunion began in



The Johnson-Clark Family Reunion was a big hit as more than 200 family members attended.

1978 where more than 50 members gathered for the first official reunion held in Miami.

For years, the tradition has continued with family members attending from Monticello, San Mateo, Tallahassee, Miami, Sanford, Winter Haven, Palmetto, Ft. Meade, Orlando, Jacksonville, Gainesville, Lake Wales, Bradenton, Valrico, Green Cove Springs, St. Petersburg, New York, Georgia, South Carolina and Michigan.

St. John Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, 920 Cypress Ave., Choir No. One

will observe their anniversary Sunday, Aug. 17 at 4 p.m. Bishop Paul P. Wright and Calvary Temple of Praise Church will render the worship service for the anniversary along with Deacon Leroy Cody, president of Choir One and Dr. Joseph D. Martin, pastor.

Calling all veterans and their families to enjoy a day of food, fun and entertainment. Amvets Post/Amvets Auxiliary invites you to the Annual Labor Day Celebration Monday, Sept. 1, at noon at Coastline Park, W. Eighth St., in Goldsboro (Sanford).



Grace Marie Stinecipher

Scoles

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hope that we can form a kind of symbiotic relationship. [This location] is perhaps the single most perfect place for hiding a cache, and the hole where the cache is has been

cited by other GeoCachers as one of the most perfect hiding places in Central Florida. One of the things that makes it so good is that [this location] is small, out of the way

and still fairly unknown. As a GeoCacher, my aim is to share the beauty of these 'secret' places with others. The problem arises when too many people trample the beauty in an effort to enjoy it. Therefore, I have the obligation to help protect your wonderful little [location]. If ever GeoCaching becomes a problem for [the location] I will disable my site and the flow of human traffic will diminish immediately."

August 3, 2003 ... Since its placement Dec. 28, 2002, the Geneva GeoCache has logged 35 visitors. Today's visit was logged by 'campkid' (with seven finds so far) who commented: "Found it. This was the toughest one so far for me. Excellent spot for stashing caches. Only problem I had was waiting for a thunderstorm to pass by. Took Pinocchio and Travel Bug Orlando Velma. Uploaded a pic of Velma to her bug page." (Cache items are often 'named' Travel Bugs, whose whereabouts are also tracked.)

Traveling back in time ... other visitors logged interesting statements as well ...

July 10, 2003 ... by 'Adventuring Lovers' with 276 finds ... "What an interesting hiding spot!! Took a plastic dragon, left a box of crayons. Thanks for a great hunt!"

July 6, 2003 ... by 'over-rover' with 153 finds ... "This was my first of six for the day. Decided to pick up a friend after this one and do a few over in the Little Big Econ area. Found this about 8:30 a.m. with my trusty geodog, 'Dagger'. Took the

Chick-fil-A minute timer, left swivel flashlight and a smiley squish toy. Also took the two Travel Bugs there as I am heading up to Georgia and North Carolina this week. Back under the tree cover my GPS was telling me I was 80' away when I was signing the log! Thanks."

February 9, 2003 ... by 'moochie' with 87 finds ... "Almost stopped looking for this one!!! Was kicking up dirt and stuff everywhere. One more good look and I finally found it. Good Hunt. Left Easter Bunny thing and took stars and stripes bandanna. Have it tied to my car visor - a trophy of GeoCache!!! Thanks for the hunt."

February 2, 2003 ... by 'VistaLover' with five finds ... "This was our family's first real GeoCache find and it was tough to locate. We might have quit if my 7-year-old had not decrypted the clue for us. I think the family is officially hooked on GeoCaching. Took a small skateboard toy and left a cool red pen with a U.S. dollar attached."

February 1, 2003 ... by 'TitusvilleTom' with 25 finds ... "This was the hardest that I have encountered so far. Our GPS was correct - our eyes weren't working as well though. Well Hidden - had to use the clue. While looking, I got a call from my father telling me about

Shuttle Columbia. I am sure that this cache will remain in my memory for a long time."

January 22, 2003 ... by 'ChinCache' with 66 finds ... "A good hide. There was a frog next to the cache keeping watch. Thanks."

January 18, 2003 ... by 'theboonieman' with 431 finds ... "Wow! This was one tough cache to locate. I found the decoy. It looked just like the actual hiding place except it was an oak tree. Boy was that thing deep. Just glad nothing was living in there. Nice cache! I took the miniature lion and left an American bandanna."

Now ... if all this has given you the GeoCaching bug, the coordinates for this GeoCache are N 28° 43.982 W 081° 04.522 (WGS84) UTM: 17R E 492641 N 3178411 (Waypoint GCB9D2). And please don't write or call and ask me what any of that means. I'm still trying to figure out how to use a compass.

Help can be found at www.geocaching.com where you will find (at the McFurby Lane by Dark River Rangers profile) a hint in encrypted code, a map, and other details that I have purposely left out, since they might give it away to us locals. But - even if you find the location - you still have to pinpoint the cache. Happy Hunting! Thinking back ... to last

week's column, I couldn't help but see the parallels between these GeoCaching words and the plight of rural Geneva. Just for fun I 'tweaked' them a bit and ...

"I hope that we can form a kind of symbiotic relationship. Geneva is perhaps the single most perfect place for living, and ... has been cited by other commissioners as one of the most perfect ... places in Central Florida. One of the things that makes it so good is that Geneva is small, out of the way and still fairly unknown. As a Seminole County commissioner, my aim is to share the beauty of these 'secret' places with others. The problem arises when too many people trample the beauty in an effort to enjoy it. Therefore I have the obligation to help protect your wonderful little community. If ever detrimental growth becomes a problem for Geneva I will disable the detrimental growth and the flow of human traffic will diminish immediately."

We need you to tell us what you know that is good about Geneva! Please share your information, ideas and comments by calling 407-349-2140, writing to Stetson's Corner c/o The Seminole Herald, via e-mail at darlas@mpinet.net, (please put "Stetson's Corner" in the subject line), or with a fax to 407-349-1311. Thanks!

Ropkes celebrate 50 years of wedding bliss



Photo submitted

Rev. and Mrs. F.W. Carl Ropke, III, of Dawson Lane, Punta Gorda, Fla., celebrated their 50th wedding reception July 26 at Lighthouse Baptist Church, located on Markham Road in Sanford. The couple has four children: Bill of Englewood; Renee of Pensacola; Lena of Alaska and Peggy of Longwood. They also have seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Rev. Ropke is a former pastor of Casselberry Baptist Church in Casselberry. Guests attended from Georgia, Alaska, Tennessee and other states. The couple's secret for a long marriage is their love for each other and the Lord.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, August 26, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, the Seminole County Port Authority and the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing upon the budget of the Seminole County Port Authority in Room 1028, Seminole County Services Building, 1101 E. First Street, Sanford, Florida. A summary of said budget being as follows:

RECEIPTS AND REVENUES:

Cash Carried Forward	924,303	
Anticipated Port Revenues	1,620,380	
Anticipated Intercat Income	8,655	\$2,553,538

EXPENDITURES:

Regular Salaries	175,392	
Social Security Matching	8,391	
Medicare	2,544	
Retirement Contributions	10,488	
Live & Health Insurance	7,956	
Legal	9,000	
Consultants	1,800	
Commissions	7,236	
Miscellaneous	2,520	
Accounting/Auditing	11,830	
Arthropod Control	594	
Cleaning	10,080	
Travel Expense	600	
Communications	2,712	
Postage	840	
Utilities	26,844	
Equipment Rental	300	
Clifton Buildings	55,722	
Insurance & Bonds	68,836	
Equipment Service Contracts	2,706	
Maintenance & Repair-property	154,520	
Printing & Binding	600	
Advertising/Marketing	1,500	
Public Relations	1,500	
Minor Tools & Supplies	2,400	
Contingency	2,000	
Office Supplies	6,480	
Auto Expense	1,200	
Gas & Lubricants	840	
Janitorial Supplies	2,580	
Dues & Subscriptions	1,659	
Improvements	5,000	
Reserve Capital	1,771,272	
Construct. Debt Service-Principal	141,347	
Construct. Debt Service-Interest	54,249	\$2,553,538

Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in these proceedings should contact the Seminole County Port Authority 48 hours in advance of the meeting, at (407) 322-4798. Persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decisions made at this hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purposes, they may need to insure a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based; Section 286.0105 Florida Statutes.

Dated at Sanford, Seminole County, Florida this 11th day of August, 2003 A.D.

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Attest: Ben Tucker, Secretary



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Crooms is only local high school to meet federal standards

By Nathan DeVault
Special to The Herald

Results from the FCAT (Florida's Comprehensive Assessment Test) reveal that Crooms Academy of Information Technology in Sanford is the only high school in Orange, Seminole and Volusia counties to meet the federal requirements of the "No Child Left Behind Act" (NCLBA). The NCLBA went into effect during the 2002-2003 school year and implemented changes aimed at substantially improving academic programs, raising student achievement levels and reprioritizing education investments. "We were so pleased when our school earned an 'A' grade through Florida's School

Recognition Program," said Dr. Connie Collins, principal of Crooms. "But, for Crooms to earn 'Adequate Yearly Progress' status through No Child Left Behind — that validates the extraordinary commitment of our teachers to academic success for every student." The FCATs were the most recent validation of the concept of Crooms, an information technology magnet school. Crooms students have also received top honors in several regional and statewide competitions, including the Business Professionals of America competition and the SECME (Southeastern Consortium for Minorities in Engineering) competition. More than 70 percent of Crooms sopho-

mores have earned at least 15 hours of college credits from Seminole Community College through their Crooms coursework, as well. Crooms Academy of Information Technology is a two-year-old magnet school in the Seminole County Public Schools system. Crooms AOIT offers a nontraditional curriculum that enables students to take part in integrated projects. Designed to develop essential workplace skills — with an emphasis on information technology — the school's IT courses include networking, keyboarding, computer programming and business systems and technology. Students can earn college credit and industry certifications as well.



An overview of Crooms Academy as it was being built two years ago.

Water

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Management District requirements for a more aggressive rate structure that promotes water conservation. Currently the county has five blocks for residential consumption charges: 0-10,000 gallons is \$.65 per 1,000 gallons; 10,001-15,000 is \$.95; 15,001-20,000 is \$1.25; 20,001-30,000 is \$1.50; and 30,000 and above is \$1.75. The consultant proposed the addition of one block and rate increases of more than double for customers using more than 30,000 gallons of water a month. Residential consumers of more than 30,000 gallons can expect rates to jump from \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons to about \$3.50, and for those using more than 50,000 gallons a new block is expected to be established at a rate of \$4.75. Rates for commercial

customers using more than 30,000 gallons of water a month will jump from \$1.75 to \$3. Commissioners accepted the high end changes, but balked at a decrease in the average residential consumer block. The consultant group proposed to change the initial rate block from 0-10,000 to 0-8,000 gallons. "We consider an efficient user at 10,500 gallons (or 350 gallons a day for 30 days)," said Commissioner Randy Morris. Board Chairman Daryl McLain concurred stating that "we should not penalize people that are that level." According to Robert Ori, president of the Maitland-based consultant group, the change in the initial block would only reflect a slight difference in consumer bills.

Customers using just above the 8,000 gallons a month mark, or 270 gallons per day, would see less than \$1 increase on their monthly bill. Lowering the accepted monthly average of water consumption is a direction other Florida water providers are taking, he said. "What the districts are trying to do is to get that standard down from 350 (gallons a day)," Ori said. "For example in Hillsborough County, the standard is 300 gallons per day and in Sarasota it is 250 — they got that much conservation going on." The Seminole County Board of County Commissioners is expected to vote on the new rate structures during the Aug. 26 meeting, and according to Adolphe, the new rates would then be enacted.

Answer key to today's puzzle

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"We're there to make sure all the students succeed," said Sgt. Mike Taylor, supervisor of the Youth Services Team. "If the students are not coming to school, they can't succeed. There is a reason they aren't going to school. If we solve the problem and get them back in school we are doing our jobs."



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The officers will also teach students about drug and alcohol awareness and how to avoid defensive driving.

"They [the officers] are so much more efficient than text book education," said Karen W. Coleman, principal of Seminole High School.

The new program, which

will use a split shift to allow the two officers to be on the school campus from 6:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and during after school functions, is a collaborative effort between Seminole High School and the police department.

According to Coleman, it is important for the community to understand that the increase in manpower is not a direct link to the number of incidents at the school. Instead, it is related to an all-time high enrollment of students and the need for better role models for today's youth.

"We have very little problems at the school," explained Tooley. "If the

intention of this was to provide traditional law enforcement I wouldn't be doing it. One officer can more than handle the incidents we have at the school.

"The idea is not to have another officer to watch kids to catch them doing something wrong," he added. "The intent is to have a positive impact on the children. We are really excited about the program. This is a great opportunity to make a difference in students' lives and is a long term investment in the community."

According to Tooley, the assignment of Seminole High School's second officer will not cost the taxpayers additional funds. The department has reallocated personnel and funding to provide the officer.

License

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home is found for the overcrowded public service.

According to Robert Sanchez, Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles spokesperson, officials are in "the early stages" of searching for a new location for the Sanford driver's license office.

"We will want to get this done as expeditiously as possible," he said.

In the meantime, the office is expanding its hours to alleviate overcrowding. Beginning in September, the Sanford driver's license office will change its hours from Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. to Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Finding a new location, however, will not be an easy task. Officials must find a spot that has adequate parking, good access and that is in the same general geographical location as the current Sanford office. Finding a secure location is also important because an office should not be vulnerable to burglary or "other acts of God," Sanchez said.

In all probability, a new driver's license office will be located within the Sanford and Lake Mary area. But it is too early in the search to exactly pinpoint where a new office may eventually be located, he said.

Parking is of the utmost importance as during peak hours many driver's license office customers park along side Airport Boulevard, according to Dale.

"As it was described to me, there is sometimes more cars than parking spaces," Sanchez said.

"It is important to have a location that serves our customers well," he added.

Better serving the drivers of Seminole County has always been the focus of Seminole County Tax Collector Ray Valdes.

Along with State Sen. Lee Constantine (R-Altamonte Springs), Valdes has pushed for legislation that would allow him to offer the driver's license service through his county offices. For eight straight years, Constantine has introduced bills that would give Valdes the opportunity, but they've all failed.

County tax collectors are allowed to provide the driver's license service such as in Orange County, which boasts six driver's license offices. Seminole County has just the one

office in Sanford. "The current statute says that I could agree to offer services if I charge anyone coming into my offices \$5.25 above what they're charging at the driver's license office, and then I have to pay \$1 back to the department," Valdes said.

About 20 counties are currently providing additional driver's license services beyond the state department.

"They've all found, since they've been doing it, that they're losing money," Valdes said. "They're having to subsidize the driver's license funding because they're not getting enough from it."

"I just hate to get into a situation where the user doesn't pay for its own services."

Natural

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The rapid development of both urban and rural areas has increased the importance of the Natural Land program in Seminole County. Subprograms help monitor the management

and maintenance of Natural Lands areas, especially those parts which are exotic or endangered.

"Partners in Preservation" is one such program. Composed of citizens, students, homeowners, and civic and business groups concerned about the future of flora and fauna, this committee supports activities and participates in projects to improve wildlife habitats.

They also connect the public to the parks via a network of trails and organize community service. By increasing support for greenway and trail projects, "Partners in Preservation" makes the environment accessible to everyone.

Additionally, the Natural Lands Advisory Committee is diverse coalition of locals who meet to "discuss and provide direction to County staff and the Board of County Commissioners on acquisition issues related to the Seminole County Natural Lands Program," according to the Natural Lands Web site. The committee meets on the first Monday of each month, and the public is always invited to attend.

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Longwood officials approve new franchise agreement with Progress

LONGWOOD — The city commission of Longwood has formally approved a new 30-year electric utility franchise with Progress Energy Florida.

Progress Energy has signed new franchise agreements with more than 29 cities and towns since 2001, including new agreements with the cities of Oviedo, Lake Mary and Casselberry in the past year.

"Our new franchise agreement with Progress Energy is what's best for this community," said Longwood Deputy Mayor Steve Miller. "Private industry has historically done things better than government. In order to have an electric utility we'd have to create a new bureaucracy. It is time to move forward and focus our efforts on pressing issues like reducing property taxes, paving our streets, redeveloping major arteries, and eliminating our stormwater problems."

Longwood City Commissioner Butch Bundy added, "We're pleased to have a new agreement with Progress Energy. For two years we have worked to negotiate a franchise that benefits the residents of Longwood, and we're confident that we have achieved that objective."

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Steve Miller
Longwood Vice Mayor

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"We worked very hard with the city commission for more than two years to negotiate a fair agreement,"

said Billy Raley, vice president of Progress Energy Florida's North Central Region that includes Longwood. "We respect the commission's efforts to negotiate the best possible terms and are pleased to continue our partnership with Longwood for another 30 years."

In February 2002, Progress Energy Florida launched a three-year plan to reduce rates, increase customer satisfaction, improve reliability and increase generating capacity. The company has since instituted a \$500 million rate reduction to cut customer bills 9 percent.

The company is also half-way through its Commitment to Excellence program designed to improve customer service and system reliability, and has a new generation unit under construction with another one planned in Polk County.

Chick-fil-A awards area students

Fourteen Orlando-area high school graduates have been awarded a \$1,000 Chick-fil-A Leadership Scholarship as the program marks 30 years of recognizing restaurant employees who excel in the areas of leadership, academics and community involvement.

Jason James, Michael Tier and Andrea Hughes work for Robert Kramer at the Chick-fil-A restaurant at Oviedo Marketplace, where they are fourth, fifth and sixth scholarship recipients since the unit opened in September 1998.

James, of Altamonte Springs, is studying psychology at the University of Central Florida. He is the son of Malvin and Hazel James. Tier, of Oviedo, is majoring in film technology at Valencia Community College. He is the son of Martin Tier of Orlando and Lynne Tier of Oviedo. Hughes, of Winter Springs, is the daughter of Scott Hughes of Ashland, Mass. and Nancy Farina of Apopka. She is studying

communications at the University of Central Florida.

Employed by Bob Kyle at the Chick-fil-A on Tuskawilla Road, Kelly Kamus of Casselberry and Matt Scott of Oviedo are the 26th and 27th scholarship recipients since the unit opened in December 1997.

Kamus, the daughter of Tony and Linda Kamus, is studying radiological science at the University of Central Florida.

Scott, an electrical engineering major at the University of Central Florida, is the son of Bruce and Holly Scott.

Eviz Jo Davis-Knowles of Sanford works for James Young at the Chick-fil-A at Seminole Towne Center, where she is the sixth scholarship recipient since the unit opened in 1995. The daughter of Dennis and

Pam Knowles, she is majoring in communications at Seminole Community College.

Employed by Dennis Kramer at the Chick-fil-A on Lake Mary Boulevard, Julie Sabol of Sanford is the unit's 22nd scholarship recipient since it opened in December 1993. Sabol, who is studying medical assisting at Florida Metropolitan University, is the daughter of Robert and Susan Sabol.

Since its inception in 1973, the Chick-fil-A Leadership Scholarship program has awarded more than \$18 million in scholarships nationwide. In 2002, 102 Chick-fil-A Leadership Scholarships were awarded to Florida Chick-fil-A restaurant employees, bringing the total to more than \$1.6 million awarded in Florida since the program began.

Diary

Continued from Page 1

ing cards with the most wanted Iraqi officers on them. People back home are always asking us if we have captured anybody on those playing cards. We have never seen those playing cards that you hear about on the news. I've asked every MP unit in Baghdad and the 2nd Cavalry guys too, but nobody has ever seen one of these decks, most guys don't even know what I'm talking about. I didn't know either until Dad told me to get him a pack. We are the ones who do the work and we don't have these cards. It's probably something else used to promote the war to civilians.

June 13, 2003 I got the box Dad sent with the snacks and... (a drum roll please!!!) a six pack of Cokes canned in Atlanta! Totally a different taste than these Iraqi cokes. We have a large box we keep ice and drinks in. My Cokes are numbered with "CCC" on them. Just like collecting evidence, I put time, date and initials on each of my Cokes. I verbally threatened anyone who watched me put those Cokes in the box with the hatchet we use to break up the ice blocks. These Cokes are amazing. I miss the Cokes in the U.S. I had my first one today, 13 June. Even though it is Friday the 13th, my Coke I had was great. I will know who steals my Cokes because they will be at the medics getting stitched up.

I made \$10 today from SFC Williams and SSG McDavid. I sold cherry Kool Aid to Williams and orange Kool Aid to SSG McDavid. I donated the thing of these crackers and peanut butter crackers to the charity box we are taking to the kids and orphanage run by a Catholic priest and a bunch of nuns.

I won't donate my Cokes. I will give my boots first and go barefooted, but not my Cokes or ammo. One guy offered me ten bucks for just one of my Cokes, but I wouldn't take it.

Iraqis love their kids as we do ours, but their kids never act disrespectful to their elders. Something a lot of American kids need to learn. I have not seen any signs of child abuse in this society. Men do not sit with women but the women are not strictly regulated like they are in Saudi Arabia. They only cover their hair, some of the older ones have the "line tattoo" on their chin and face. The older women keep the old tradition. Very rarely do I see a

woman totally covered with the burkha.

Anyway, about those Cokes, I saw the 1st Sgt digging in the box where I keep my Cokes. I watched how close his hand got to my Cokes. There's only five Atlanta-canned Cokes in Iraq, and I own all of them.

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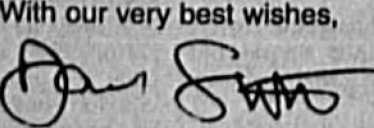
The Seminole Herald will publish a directory of worship for the area. This Publication will have profiles on area churches. Each church that chooses to participate will need to provide a written profile highlighting its history, worship schedule, pastor or other pertinent information. The Herald will take a photograph of each church.

This special publication "Come Worship with Us" will publish in the Seminole Herald on Wednesday, September 10, 2003. The Deadline for copy is Monday, August 18, 2003.

The costs to publish your church's profile are as follows:
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Weekly stats for
 Seminole County's Major
 League Baseball players

Oviedo High School's

**MARK
 BELLHORN**
 2B

Colorado Rockies	ab	h	r	HR	rbi	avg.
	214	46	25	2	24	.215

• Hitting .391 (9-for-23) with a double, triple, three home runs, four runs scored and 11 RBI during a rehab assignment at Triple-A Colorado Springs.

Seminole High School's

**DAVID
 ECKSTEIN**
 SS

Anaheim Angels	ab	h	r	HR	rbi	avg.
	400	102	53	3	27	.255

• Continues to recover from a tough first half of the season, collecting his 100th hit of the season this week. However, the Angels will have to get to work quick if they want a shot to defend their World title.

Lake Mary's

**DANNY
 GRAVES**
 P

Cincinnati Reds	w	l	sv	so	bb	era
	4	13	1	49	35	5.25

• Was trying to break a log losing streak with start against Houston Astros on Friday. However, it will be tough as he is 0-3 with a 9.28 ERA against the Astros this season.

Lake Brantley High School's

**FELIPE
 LOPEZ**
 SS

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

• Is battling .280 (41-for-144) with 27 runs scored, 11 doubles, two home runs and 18 RBI in 35 games at Triple-A. Still striking out a lot, 38 punch outs in 35 games.

Sanford Middle School's

**COREY
 PATTERSON**
 CF

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

• Cubs seem to have finally come to grip with Patterson's season-ending knee injury, as his replacement, Kenny Lofton, is doing well as Cubs have climbed back into race.

Lake Brantley High School's

**JASON
 VARITEK**
 C

Boston Red Sox	ab	h	r	HR	rbi	avg.
	291	95	48	20	72	.291

• Continues to swing a steady bat as Red Sox continue to pursue the Yankees' heels in the race for the American League Eastern Division title and are in a tie with the Oakland Athletics for the AL Wild Card lead.

Lee headed to World Championship

Special to the Herald

Gerry Lee of Sanford will participate in the 20th anniversary DuPont™ Coolmax® World Amateur Handicap Championship Aug. 25 through Aug. 29, 2003 in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The DuPont™ Coolmax® World Amateur Handicap Championship, the world's largest single-site golf tournament, annually attracts 4,000 golfers from all 50 states and numerous foreign countries to the Grand Strand. The tournament is played on more than 70 Myrtle Beach area courses and is open to any amateur golfer with a verified United States Golf Association handicap or the foreign equivalent

Sanford golfer to try for Amateur Handicap title

for international players.

Players are sighted according to their handicap. Nearly 100 golfers play in each of the tournament's approximately 50 flights, with the flight winners advancing to compete in the 18-hole world championship playoff.

"We are thrilled that Gerry will be joining us for 20th anniversary DuPont™ Coolmax® World Amateur Handicap Championship," said tournament

director Steve Mays. "This is the world's greatest and most inclusive amateur golf tournament, and we are proud to host it here in Myrtle Beach, the Golf Capital of the World."

Entry into the 72-hole tournament includes four rounds of golf, a gift bag with more than \$150 worth of merchandise, and access to the World's Largest 19th Hole, the tournament's nightly party that features free food, an open bar, live enter-

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One win away

Unbeaten Altamonte advances to finals

By Dean Smith
 Sports Editor

Behind outstanding pitching, awesome defense and the timely hitting of Ashley Tabor, the Altamonte Patriots stand one victory away from winning the Babe Ruth 16-and-under girls' softball World Series.

Tabor, who plays at Seminole High School, drove home the game-winner with a one-out double to left-center field with one out in the bottom of the sixth inning to give Altamonte a 2-1 victory over host Fern Creek Thursday night at the University of Louisville's Ulmer Stadium.

With the win, the Patriots advanced to the Championship Game and earned a day of rest as the other three remaining teams squared off Friday for the right to challenge the Patriots.

East Central, Colo., and Tri-County, Texas, were to have met in elimination game with the winner to face Fern Creek in the losers'-bracket final.

The survivor will have to beat Altamonte Springs twice today (Saturday) to win the title. The first game is set to begin at 1 p.m. If the Patriots win, they get the trophy, but if they lose, the two teams will square off in a 'winner-take-all' game later today.

Altamonte's record is now 15-0 in the postseason, covering the regional, state and district tournaments.

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Herald photos by Jim Wanta

Seminole High School's Ashley Tabor (above) and Lake Brantley's Nikki Hall (left), along with Lake Mary's Daniella Valentino, have emerged as the offensive stars for the Altamonte Patriots as they have marched into the Championship Game of the Babe Ruth 16-and-under girls' softball World Series. Tabor doubled, singled, scored a run and drove in two as the Patriots bested host Fern Creek, 4-0, in the final game of Pool Play, then doubled in Valentino with the game-winning run in a 2-1 victory over Fern Creek in the Winner's Bracket final on Thursday. Hall doubled in a run in the win over the hosts on Tuesday, then plated Valentino with game's first run on Thursday. The Patriots will play the survivor of the Loser's Bracket at 1 p.m. today (Saturday) at Ulmer Field on the University of Louisville campus and must lose twice to not take the title.

Tackle and rigs for inshore fishing

From Staff Reports

In the past few weeks you have seen several pictures of huge inshore fish. How does an angler rig for these fish?

Think of all the options that are available. All you have to do is visit your local tackle store, such as Bitter's Bait and Tackle in Longwood, or the mega store Bass Pro Shops on I-Drive. I usually choose for Bitter's because it is close and the prices are very competitive. Another reason I select Bitter's is the knowledge owner John Bitter has about fishing.

First, you must choose the correct rod and reel. It sounds simple, but there is much more to it than just buying a rod and reel.

It is important that the two are properly balanced. Are you going to use the rod for trout, redfish, tarpon or snook? All of these factors should be considered. I usually look for a rod with a quick tip, medium-heavy action

and a strong back bone. Most of the redfish rods I use are made to hold 8-to-15 pound test line. With trout rods I will drop to a light-medium rod that is rated for 6-to-12 pound test. As for tarpon and snook I will go to a heavier rod. Usually on a typical trip I will rig several rods for different applications and different types of fish.

The reels I choose are usually Shimano or Fin-Nor. I have had great success with both brands. I use a 2000 series for trout and 4000 series for redfish due to the extra line capacity. The key to choosing a proper rod and reel is knowledge of the product, quality, performance and price. You do get what you pay for, so be selective. No, you don't have to buy the most expensive product, but research the quality.

Second, what type of line should you use? I choose Ande Backcountry for my reels. I like this line because it has low memory, very little line twist and it casts great. There are many choices

of lines. Some people swear by Power Pro and other braids. I use braids for top water plugs, but I like the Ande monofilament for jigs and live baits. Stay away from the cheap lines because you will have nothing but problems.

I usually rig with 10 pound test line and 20 pound fluorocarbon leader. I think that Triple Fish and Seaguar make the best fluorocarbon. The fluorocarbon is usually more expensive, but it is invisible in the water. The best way to tie the two lines together is to use a Bimini Twist to a Double Surgeon Knot. Those are knots of choice, because there are many different and effective knots. When tying the leader to the hook a polymer knot is best for cut bait, live bait or frozen mullet. A loop knot is best for jigs, jerk baits and plugs.

The third item is the hook selection. For live bait or cut bait the circle hook See Outdoors, Page 13

UCF Football to air on Sunshine Network

Special to the Herald

As UCF enters its second season in the Mid-American Conference, Sunshine Network Thursday announced that four UCF college football games will be televised live this season on Florida's largest regional sports network.

Additional UCF games may be added to Sunshine's schedule pending determination of the conference-produced "MAC Game of the Week" telecast schedule. Action kicks off with UCF taking on Syracuse live on September 20, at noon (repeats at 11 p.m.).

Other UCF games on Sunshine's schedule include: at Kent State on Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. (repeats Oct. 1, at 10 a.m.); at Ohio on Oct. 11 at 2 p.m. (repeats at 11 p.m.); and at West Virginia on Nov. 1 at 1 p.m. (repeats at 11 p.m.).

Play-by-play announcer Rick Peckham will be alongside analyst Brady Ackerman for UCF's games against Syracuse, Kent State and West Virginia.

In addition, Sunshine Network will give fans the opportunity to see other MAC teams in action as the network airs select MAC-produced "Game of the Week" telecasts live.

The "MAC Preseason Special" premieres Aug. 17, at 3 p.m.

Sunshine will also air the "UCF Sports Today with Mike Kruczek" Wednesdays at 6 p.m. beginning Sept. 3.

New this fall, Sunshine will present a Saturday line-up focused on the day's college football action entitled TAILGATE SATURDAY. Coverage kicks off Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. with the hour-long live BUBBA BURGER COLLEGE KICK-OFF.

Hosts Frank Frangie, Terry Norvelle and Ackerman preview all of Florida's major football programs and will provide gameday insight and analysis to each UCF game.

Fans can re-cap all the day's action from around the state and the MAC with TAILGATE SATURDAY FOOTBALL WRAP airing at 10 p.m., a one-hour live show breaking down all the day's games from the Sunshine State.

FOOTBALL CONTINUES PREPARATIONS

The UCF football team completed its 10th practice of fall camp under the lights Thursday evening. The Golden Knights donned just helmets and shoulder pads for the two-hour workout.

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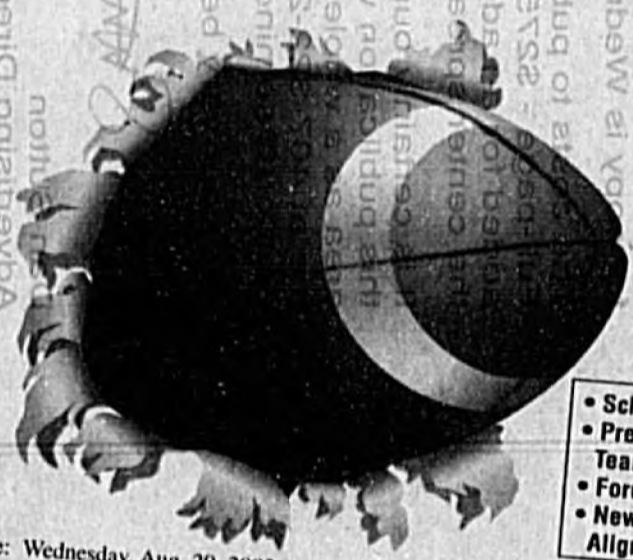


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The Seminole Herald will publish a directory of worship for the area. This Publication will have profiles on area churches. Each church that chooses to participate will need to provide a written profile highlighting its history, worship schedule, pastor or other pertinent information. The Herald will take a photograph of each church.

This special publication "Come Worship with Us" will publish in the Seminole Herald on Wednesday, September 10, 2003. The Deadline for copy is Wednesday, August 20, 2003.

The costs to publish your church's profile are as follows:
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