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MIDWEEK

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## World Champions!

The Altamonte Patriots bounced back from their first loss of the postseason with a 5-2 victory over three-time defending champion Tri-County, Texas to win the Babe Ruth 16-and-Under Softball World Championship in Louisville, Ken.

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## UN bombing hits close for Sanford soldier

Herald readers following the ongoing Iraqi Diary series may be interested to know that the author, Staff Sergeant Charlie C. Carlson III, is involved in the aftermath of the bombing of the United Nations Headquarters in Baghdad.

Carlson's father, Charlie C. Carlson II, sent the following e-mail:

"The blast at the UN Headquarters in Baghdad today has involved the 549th MP company in the aftermath," Carlson II wrote. "The wives at Fort Stewart were notified this morning of the 549th MP involvement by their FRG [family support group leader] and have identified several soldiers of Charlie III's teams on CNN news. They believe they saw Charlie in the background showing a soldier something in the rubble.

"They have identified, by bumper numbers, vehicles belonging to the 1st Platoon 'Nightstalkers' and to the 3rd Platoon 'Ghostriders,' along with two vehicles of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment. CNN showed two 'Nightstalkers' hauling out a casualty on a stretcher, while others were digging through the mess.

"It appears that the 549th with the 2nd Cavalry Regiment is providing the main security and evacuation," Carlson II added. "No U.S. casualties were reported by the Ft Stewart FRG, and we assume this involved only civilian casualties. I guess we'll get some news of this from Charlie when he has a chance to email."

For today's installment of Iraqi Diary, see Page 4.

## Seminole Smile



Rev. Bryan Wenger —  
Pastor at Upsala  
Community Church

## SHA Savior?

Mel Martinez appoints Larry Knightner to oversee housing authority improvement

By Jamle J. Anderson-Potter  
Staff Writer

U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Mel Martinez met with residents of the Sanford Housing Authority (SHA) Tuesday.

Martinez, during his trip to Lake Monroe Terrace Apartments just off Fifth Street in Sanford, guaranteed residents that living conditions within the SHA will improve. He has appointed Larry Knightner, HUD receiver, to oversee the SHA and the improvement process.

"I have great confidence in him," said Martinez, who was in town to witness the demolition of the Parramore Village community Monday. "Focus will be on people's lives and on improving things immediately as well as long term."

Two years ago, HUD rated the SHA as a "troubled agency" due to financial, operational and structural facility issues. The authority was placed under the watchful eye of HUD's Troubled Agency Recover Center (TARC).

In mid July, after SHA failed an annual evaluation, the federal government took over the responsibility of the organization.

According to published reports, during a July 2001 inspection, 260 deficiencies were discovered throughout SHA's facilities. As of early July 2003, almost 60 percent — 152 — of those deficiencies remained.

"Sanford reported things were great," explained Martinez. "What frustrates me is that mayors — and I'm not just speaking of the mayor in Sanford, but I'm talking across the country — need to take a serious look at who they appoint to oversee the housing authority. The people they appoint need to have a clue of how to run a housing authority and have social sensitivity of the people they are dealing with."

"We definitely made the right decision [in taking over the SHA]," he added. "I think any time you see conditions like this it's a disap-

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Herald photo by Tommy Vincent  
Larry Knightner, U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) receiver (left), and Mel Martinez, secretary of HUD, discuss plans to improve the living conditions for residents of the Sanford Housing Authority during a press conference Tuesday.

## The Power of the Lonely

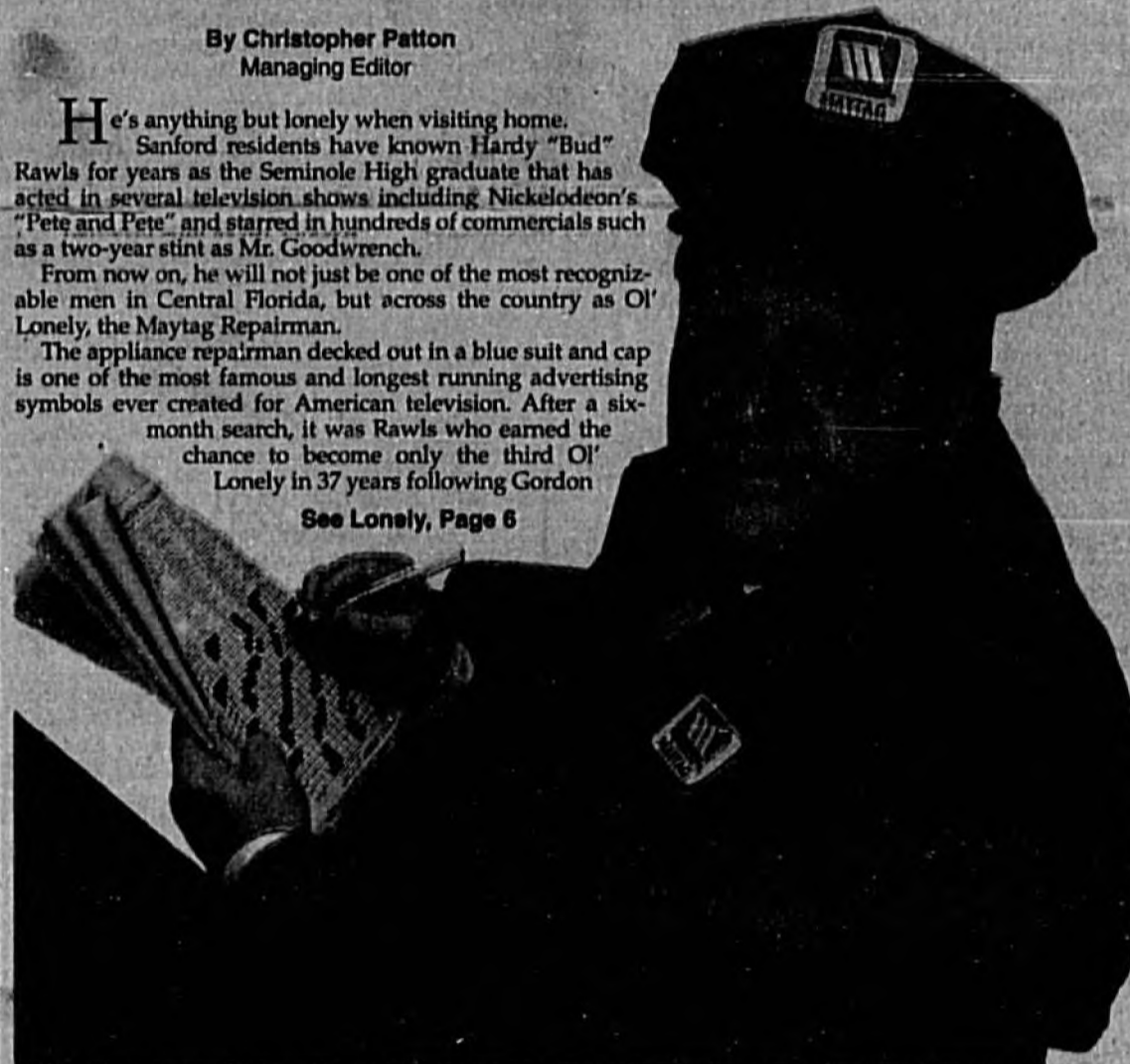
By Christopher Patton  
Managing Editor

He's anything but lonely when visiting home. Sanford residents have known Hardy "Bud" Rawls for years as the Seminole High graduate that has acted in several television shows including Nickelodeon's "Pete and Pete" and starred in hundreds of commercials such as a two-year stint as Mr. Goodwrench.

From now on, he will not just be one of the most recognizable men in Central Florida, but across the country as Ol' Lonely, the Maytag Repairman.

The appliance repairman decked out in a blue suit and cap is one of the most famous and longest running advertising symbols ever created for American television. After a six-month search, it was Rawls who earned the chance to become only the third Ol' Lonely in 37 years following Gordon

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Herald photo by Tommy Vincent  
Sanford native Hardy "Bud" Rawls was announced last month as the new Ol' Lonely, Maytag repairman, replacing the retiring 15-year veteran Jump Gordon.

## Split decision: Debate over Banana Lake lot

By Christopher Patton  
Managing Editor

A measure to rezone 26-acres near Banana Lake from agriculture to planned unit development narrowly passed the Seminole County Commission by a 3-2 margin.

The property, owned by Carmen and Fred Edwards, is one of the few undeveloped tracts between the gated community of Heathrow and the growing Lake Mary area near Business Center Drive and International Parkway.

The property is sandwiched between long-time residents of Banana Lake Road, Wendell and Janice Springfield, to the north;

Lake Mary's Heathrow International Business Center to the east; Colonial Properties apartments to the south; and the single-family homes of Heathrow to the west. In addition, the plot of land has about 15 acres of wetlands on it as it abuts Banana and Island lakes.

For some nearby residents, as well as one commissioner, the possible disturbance of these ecologically sensitive areas was the sticking point with the proposed development of about 29 homes.

However, the Springfields and John Simes, co-chair of the Heathrow Government Affairs Committee, were able successfully lobby for several development

concessions before the board ultimately approved the property rezoning.

A half dozen conditions were added to the development order after comments from residents including no access allowed to Banana Lake, a wall separating it from the Springfields' property, all single-story homes facing Heathrow and a 75-foot buffer between the two developments with no wall.

According to Simes, a wall near Heathrow would destroy the 'habitat corridor' between the two lakes. Members of the Seminole

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## Political parties put city in bind

By Christopher Patton  
Managing Editor

LONGWOOD — A scheduling snafu with Longwood's year-old community center may produce a more defined rental code.

With two candidates laying claim to reservations for post-election parties at the center, the commission settled the difference Monday night by overturning the city administrator's decision and siding with the individual who reserved the building "the proper way." The commission also unanimously decided not to let a similar incident occur again by seeking to solidify the reservation policy and fee schedule into an ordinance.

According to Commissioner Butch Bundy, his wife had reserved the community center shortly after he was re-elected in November 2002. However, she did not follow rental guidelines or, as Bundy said, she wasn't instructed by city staff to pay a deposit and sign a contract.

He said he wanted to reserve the center for the candidate he could

support in the upcoming election, which turned out to be Mike Holt. Holt along with George McKenzie are challenging District III incumbent, and Longwood Vice Mayor, Steve Miller. McKenzie's campaign manager, JoAnne Rebello, recently inquired about the Nov. 4 availability of the community center — signing the contract and paying the necessary deposit — before learning another party was "penciled in" for that same night.

"I wasn't privy to any conversation that took place between the person who wanted to rent it and the staff person responsible," said John Drago, city administrator.

"The reason for my ruling was that this particular staff person that was in charge of community building at the time had refused — I was told and I don't know how many other times —

“It's an item of insignificance that rest of you all need to vote on.”

Butch Bundy  
City of Longwood  
Commissioner

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# SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

## Teens racing to be parents should shift to slower gear

DEAR ABBY: I am 14 and ready to have a baby. My boyfriend, "Matt," is 16 and says he is ready, too. You should see how sweet and considerate he is around children.



Dear Abby

As soon as Matt gets his car fixed, we are leaving New Jersey and not looking back. Before we go, I'd like to know what you think, Abby. Do you think I am ready to have a baby and raise it?

A.M.  
IN N.J.

DEAR A.M.: Babies are a full-time job because they are completely dependent. You and Matt would be doing your future children a huge favor if you both complete your education and become financially stable before embarking on this "project."

I have long urged women to be financially independent before having children. Matt may be a terrific young man, but what would happen to you and the baby if something were to happen to him? Before leaving New Jersey and not looking back, please read the next letter:

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 years old and have a 5-month-old daughter. I thought her father and I would be together forever, but I was wrong. I was in love with him for more than two years.

My problem is, I can't seem to find a boyfriend who is right for me. Some boys don't mind that I have a baby, but all they want to do is go out with their friends. After a long day of feeding, changing and taking care of my daughter, I want someone at home to comfort ME. Is there anything wrong with that?

LOVESICK  
IN NEW YORK

DEAR LOVESICK: Of course not. It's understandable. Mothers need nurturing, too. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am 19 and more mature than many teenagers my age. I have to be, since I am more than eight months pregnant. The baby's father, "Rob," and I are engaged and have been since before we conceived. Rob is also 19, but not as mature as I am. He still wants to go out with his friends, which is fine because we are both young. However, he doesn't understand that we must find free or inexpensive activities because our money needs to go toward baby things -- clothes, blankets, diaper service, etc. I think Rob neglects me emotionally because he is scared of growing up. I think he may even be in denial that I am pregnant.

Abby, I have prayed about this and believe that Rob and I are meant to be together. I know he loves me, but sometimes I wonder if we met too soon in life.

Do you think we should take a short break from each other? I can't ask my family because they don't like Rob, and Rob's parents don't like me. Any suggestions?

E.W.  
IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR E.W.: Before "taking a break" from your boyfriend, consult a lawyer regarding child support and custody issues. A short break could become a long one if the father of this child is deeply enough into denial. Please don't wait. You're already eight months along. Make that call today.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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## Up for grabs



Young basketball players go up to retrieve a rebound at a recent game at Coastline Park in Sanford. The games were part of the Goldsboro Front Porch FCAT Youth Tournament held at the park.

Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

### Drugs

• Jimmie Lee Hart, 54, Lake Monroe Terrace, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Friday at the intersection of West 11th Street and Maple Avenue in Sanford. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) without a prescription and possession of narcotic equipment.

• William Christopher Wiggins, 19, North Goldenrod Road, Winter Park, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Sunday. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession and/or use of narcotic equipment.

### Battery

• Terrance Levor Daniels, 22, East Fifth Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Friday at the intersection of Lake Mary Boulevard and U.S. Highway 17-92 in Sanford. He was charged with aggravated battery on a known pregnant person.

• Aric Onieal Peterson, 24, Gardens Drive, Sanford, was arrested at home Saturday by Sanford police. He was charged with battery (touch or strike, domestic violence).

• John William Hall, 18, Pecan Avenue, Sanford, was arrested at home Friday by Sanford police. He was charged with aggravated battery causing bodily harm or disability.

• Roxroy Vivian Wiggins, 23, Windcrest Boulevard, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Monday near his home. He was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill. A co-defendant, Adam A. Allen, 22, was also charged in this case.

• Wayne Edwin Walker, 24, South Locust Avenue, Sanford, was arrested at home Sunday by Sanford police. He was charged with battery causing bodily harm.

• Curtis Benson, 40, Anna Drive, Apopka, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Monday. He was charged with aggravated battery. According to police reports, this is his first such offense.

• Rene Stewart, 40, Leon Street, Altamonte Springs, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Monday. He was charged with battery (touch or strike).



• Cheri Michelle Baker, 31, Salem Street, Altamonte Springs, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Sunday. She was charged with battery (touch or strike).

• Geoffrey Peter Gelland, 24, Sun Lake Loop, Lake Mary, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Friday. He was charged with aggravated battery causing bodily harm.

### Other

• Raynard Scott, 36, West 14th Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Friday in front of a bar located on the 1400 block of West 13th Street in Sanford. He was charged with disorderly intoxication. He was also arrested by Sanford police Sunday on West 13th Street in Sanford. He was then charged with violating a Sanford ordinance for possession of an open container of alcohol.

• William Livdahl Kraw, 56, Cherrywood Gardens Drive, Maitland, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at the intersection of Lake Mary Boulevard and Orlando Drive in Sanford. He was charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

• Andres Restrepo, 19, Winding Creek Place, Longwood, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Monday. He was charged with possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under the age of 21.

• Shane Ivan Agrue, 26, Fifth Street, Sanford, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Sunday. He was charged with disorderly intoxication.

### Multiple charges

• Kurt M. Winans, 51, Virginia Terrace, West Palm Beach, was arrested by Sanford police Friday in a parking lot on North French Avenue in Sanford. He was charged with assault on a public servant and drinking intoxicating liquor on a curbside.

• Timothy Ian McLaughlin, 21,

Heather Lane Drive, Deltona, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at the intersection of State Road 600 and Lake Mary Boulevard in Sanford. He was charged with driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol/drugs and a moving traffic violation for reckless driving. According to police reports, this is his fourth or subsequent DUI and first reckless driving violation.

• Lloyd Jeffrey Agrue, 33, North Sunland Drive, Sanford, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Monday. He was charged with a DUI of alcohol/drugs, refusal to submit to a breath test, disorderly intoxication and resisting officers.

• David Nieves, 41, La Mesa Avenue, Winter Springs, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Monday. He was charged with DUI and resisting officers.

### Traffic

• Willy Bravo, 18, Hartwell Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday near his home. He was charged with a non-moving traffic violation for driving with a suspended license.

• Brian Nathaniel Bagomolny, 21, Shadowpine Court, Oviedo, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Tuesday. He was charged with two counts of non-moving traffic violations for driving with a suspended license and driving with an expired tag.

• Roy Eugene Dukes, 34, West 18th Street, Sanford, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Monday. He was charged with a non-moving traffic violation for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

• Agustin Sanchez, 39, Alabama Street, DeLand, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Monday. He was charged with a non-moving traffic violation for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

### Theft

• Robert J. Camacho, Jr., 23, and Israel DeJesus Perez, 18, both of Old England Loop, Sanford, were arrested by Sanford police Saturday at a department store located on the 3000 block of Orlando Drive in Sanford. They were charged with shoplifting from a merchant.

## OUT & ABOUT

WED 20

Mark Two Dinner Theater presents "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," the musical comedy based on Charles Schulz's "Peanuts" comic strip, at 1:15 and 8 p.m. today, Thursday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Friday, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, at the Mark Two Dinner Theater, located at 3376 Edgewater Drive, in College Park. Tickets range from \$35.65 to \$49.25 (with discounts for groups of 20 or more people). For more information or to reserve tickets, call 407-843-6275.

After Hours Golf, a nine-hole golf event with networking, will be held at 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday at Magnolia Plantation Golf Club, 600 Shadowmoose Circle, in Lake Mary. The event is sponsored by the Seminole County Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce and the cost is \$16.05 (includes green fees, cart and tax). For more information or to reserve a spot, call 407-788-7300.

THUR 21

The Orlando Theatre Project in Sanford presents "Boston Marriage," written by David Mamet and directed by Chris Jorie, at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Lowndes Shakespeare Center, Goldman Theatre, located at 812 E. Rollins St., in Orlando. For reservations, call 407-328-2040.

Newcomers of Central Florida invites women to join them during membership luncheons at area restaurants and country clubs the third Thursday of each month. For further information, call our president, Lynne @ 407-696-2886.

FRI 22

Make your own delicious ice cream sundae during an ice cream social at 1 p.m. Friday at Casselberry Senior Center, 200 N. Triple Lake Drive, in Casselberry. Entertainment provided. For more information, call 407-696-5122.

The Florida Trail Association will host a three-mile hike at Econ River Wilderness at 6 p.m. Friday. Hikers will meet at the intersection of McCulloch and Old Lockwood roads, near the University of Central Florida. Bring water, a flashlight and bug spray. No pets allowed. The group will meet for dinner at a local restaurant after the hike. For more information, call 407-365-6036.

SAT 23

The Mid-Florida Millers present a walk through the shopping district of Winter Park Village beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday. Walkers should meet behind Albertson's at the corner of Demming and Canton streets in Winter Park. For more information, call 407-695-9181 or e-mail at [mlanpher@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mlanpher@cfl.rr.com)

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Obituaries

**S.J. "JITTERBUG" DUPREE**  
S.J. "Jitterbug" Dupree, 65, Locust Avenue, Sanford, died Sunday, Aug. 17, 2003, at home.



Dupree

Born May 17, 1938, in Montrose, Ga., he moved to Sanford in 1959. He was a mason in the construction industry.

He was a member of Morning Glory Missionary Baptist Church in Sanford.

Survivors include sons, Richard Dupree, Andrew Dupree, both of Sanford; daughters, Constance Hughes, Jacksonville, Betsy Bradley, Francina Dubose, Debra Dupree, all of Sanford; brothers, Johnnie B. Rozier, Sanford, King Rozier, Unadilla, Ga., Richard Rozier, Macon, Ga.; sisters, Shirley Jones, Dudley, Ga., Hennie Patton, St. Augustine, Betty

McGhee, Lula Rozier, both of Macon, Ga.; Patricia Dupree, Sanford; 11 grandchildren.

Visitation will be held 5-9 p.m. Friday at Sunrise Funeral Home Chapel, 900 Locust Ave., in Sanford.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Morning Glory Missionary Baptist Church in Sanford. Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

**SPENCER D. CREWS**

Spencer D. Crews, 62, Park Drive, Sanford, died Sunday, Aug. 17, 2003, at Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford.

He was born Sept. 28, 1940, in Tavares. He was a plumber. He was an U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of Lake Monroe Baptist Church in Lake Monroe. He enjoyed fishing and was an auto racing fan.

Survivors include mother, Tressie Crews, DeBary; son, David Crews, Avondale, Ariz.; sisters, Gloria Crossman, DeLand, Linda

Blaha, Sanford; three grandchildren.

Altman-Long Funeral Home, DeBary, in charge of arrangements.

**ANA D. GALINDEZ**

Ana D. Galindez, 73, of Winter Springs, died Sunday, Aug. 17, 2003, in Winter Springs.

She was born Dec. 29, 1929, in Manati, Puerto Rico. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include husband, Carlos C. Beltran, Winter Springs; daughters, Leonor Miranda, Ana Miranda; brothers, Angel Galindez, Luis Galindez, Ethelwoldo Galindez; sister, Carmen Galindez; five grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. today at Banfield Funeral Home, 420 W. S.R. 434, in Winter Springs.

Interment will follow at Longwood Memorial Gardens in Longwood.

Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge

of arrangements.

**HAILEY OLIVIA HARVEY**

Hailey Olivia Harvey, newborn, Autumn Chase Circle, Sanford, died Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003, at South Seminole Community Hospital in Longwood.

Survivors include mother, Stephanie Harvey, Sanford; father, Stephen Harvey, Sanford; brother, Zachary D. Harvey, Sanford; maternal grandfather, Jerry Volkman, DeBary; maternal grandmother, LaVonne Volkman, DeBary; paternal grandmother, Diana Hughes, Mangum, Okla.; paternal grandfather, Donald Harvey, Port Orange.

Altman-Long Funeral Home, DeBary, in charge of arrangements.

**JANIE JAMES**

Janie James, 97, West 11th Street, Sanford, died Sunday, Aug. 17, 2003, at home.

She was born July 7, 1906, in Monticello. She was a



James

homemaker. She was a member of First Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Sanford.

Survivors include son, Edward Miller Jackson, Miami; niece, Cella Mae Townsend, Sanford; three grandchildren.

A viewing will be held 4-8 p.m. today at Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, 1110 Pine Avenue, in Sanford.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at First Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 700 Elm Ave., in Sanford, with Rev. Dr. Harry D. Rucker, Sr., officiating.

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

**SHERRY LEE JOHNSON**

Sherry Lee Johnson, 59, Egrets Landing Drive, Lake Mary, died Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003, at home. Born in Roanoke, Va., she moved to

the area in 1987 from Virginia. She was a legal secretary. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include husband, David Johnson, Lake Mary; daughter, Jennifer Papiomatas, Roanoke, Va.; son-in-law, James Papiomatas, Roanoke, Va.; brothers, Richard Scaggs, Michael Scaggs, both of Roanoke, Va.; three grandchildren; four stepchildren; six stepgrandchildren.

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

**CYRIL J. RUTH**

Cyril J. Ruth, 91, of Casselberry, died Monday, Aug. 18, 2003, in Casselberry. He was born March 28, 1912, in Springfield, Ohio. He was a retired tool and die maker.

Survivors include daughter, Joann S. Lohnes; brother, Neil C. Ruth; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

Community Notes

**Art exhibit**

The Volusia County Art Teachers Exhibit daily through Aug. 29 at the Art League of Daytona Beach, 433 S. Palmetto Ave., in Daytona Beach. For more information, call 386-258-3856.

**Hands-on exhibit**

"In Touch with Knowledge: Hands-on Reading and Writing," an exhibit tracing the educational history of people who are blind, is currently on exhibit at the Bureau of Braille and Talking Book Library Services, 420 Platt St., in Daytona Beach. The free exhibit will remain on display from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, through Sept. 19.

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Iraqi Diary: Ambushes are too routine UCF scientists' research to extend age expectancy

*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 15, 2003 Last night we went out patrolling in Saddam City. The 307th MP's control the Al Thaura Police Station in Saddam City. They sent my patrol with the Iraqi Police Force [IPF] to arrest a guy for domestic violence.

Having limited seating we put the non-English speaking complainant (one of the subject's brothers who tied the subject up and told the police) in my vehicle which was in the lead. The IPF was in the last two trucks with our interpreter in the second truck with an empty seat for our subject.

The complainant directed us to his house which was a one-way narrow alley. We stopped and set-up security because at night everyone likes to come outside. The alley was five or less feet on each side of the HUMVEE and that is too much of a squeeze. I went in with SGT Mann, SPC Guillory, two IPF, the complainant and my interpreter.

The door of the house was right off the alley, a very narrow doorway with only a curtain for a door. We went inside and got the subject and as we are walking to the door to go out, gunfire erupted and my security yelled loudly "Shots fired at 12 o'clock."

This door was the only way to get out. Some of the rounds started clipping the edge of the door, we were trapped while trying to contain this guy we had in custody. You know how you run to a car in the rain? Well we ran out of the house with bullets zinging through the air. As our vehicles moved up, we threw the subject into the second truck.

To get out of there, we had to drive out of the alley right toward the gunfire. We made it out and headed back to the police station.



Carlson

SGT Mann won't let me ride in his truck because his truck gets shot at every time I am in it. Before I go on a mission as the Nightstalker patrol leader, I always ask whose vehicle has not been shot, or shot at, so I can "share the wealth" and ride with them.

I can't even guess at how many times I've been shot at while patrolling the worse parts of Baghdad at night and pulling bad guys, usually Baath party members, out of their homes and getting out of there before their buddies decided to retaliate. I hear AK-47 gunfire every single day both on and off patrol.

We had one WIA [Wounded in Action] and CPL Ponce was shot in the chest but he had his vest with armor plates on and was just knocked down. The plate still has the bullet in it. I don't know how many times I've come close to taking a round.

I have my patrol to pull cars over on the streets so we can search them. Usually the cars have tinted windows, sometimes very expensive cars, but in bad areas of the city. I'm just an average guy in an "unaverage" environment. I'm not gung-ho or anything, just scared like everybody else if they'd admit it. This is why I deserve more Atlanta canned Cokes.

I want to get another Coke, but I want to save them and savor them. Bottled Cokes bot-

led in Atlanta are the best. My Cokes have "CCC" and a number on the top of each can. I already had #1 Coke and really want the other ones, such as #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6 but then I won't have any good Cokes left.

Is there anyone still watching us on the news? Does the President ever say anything on the news about us? Seems like we've been abandoned over here. Do they say anything about all the KIA's over here?

June 20, 2003 What is squalor? I think I'm living in it. I'm fed up with no showers, trying to sleep in this heat, sweating all night, in a greasy machine shop of an old cigarette factory. I'm a bit more hardened, but getting tired of sporadic gunfire at night. If I don't hear it then I think something is wrong. It is like a bad dream become reality.

I was asked by a soldier from another unit that is living in "luxury" at one of Saddam's old palace compounds, about our living conditions in this godforsaken Iraqi factory. I tried to explain it to him, I don't think he got the picture, though. When you live in "luxury" squalor is a far cry from reality. Why is it that you seldom see politicians' sons and daughters in a mess like this. I'm firmly convinced that you can start a war without a good reason if you have a good promotion campaign.

We got shot up again last night on patrol, no casualties, but there's no use in telling about it, same old stuff, its become almost routine. Now the word is that when we get back to the states we'll be deployed to Afghanistan or Bosnia. It's hard to keep up with the rumors anymore. We are worn-out.

Next Issue: Crime scene investigation, or CSI - Baghdad.

A molecular biologist and a nanoscientist at UCF have found that nanomaterials developed for industry have an unexpected and potentially revolutionary side effect.

The result is people could live longer with fewer age-related health problems. Beverly Rzigalinski, assistant professor in the Department of Molecular Biology and Microbiology and at the Biomolecular Sciences Center, and Sudipta Seal, associate engineering professor at the Advanced Materials Processing and Analysis Center and the Department of Mechanical, Materials and Aerospace Engineering, will receive \$1.4 million from the National Institute of Health, National Institute on Aging to study the reasons behind the reaction and possible future applications.

Rzigalinski has spent the bulk of her career on NIH-funded research from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke studying how brain cells "talk" to each other, most recently focusing on the microglia—a specialized cell that responds to brain injury and initiates the response to either repair or destroy the damaged neuron. Seal creates nanostructure materials and recently developed a process for engineering particles on a nanoscale—so they might have more efficient industrial applications.

Because of the current flurry of publicity that anti-oxidants have received for their potential anti-aging properties, Rzigalinski decided to explore introducing the miniaturized particles to the brain cells of rats.

"In culture, rat brain cells usually live about three weeks," Rzigalinski said. "The cells exposed to the engineering nanoparticles lived three to four times longer."

To confirm the results, Rzigalinski, the grant's principal investigators, repeated the process multiple times and found that cells exposed to a single dose of engineered nano-oxide particles routinely outlived the untreated cells by three- to four-fold, with the longest living cell lasting 123 days.

Rzigalinski then explored the quality of the aged neurons and found they were signaling or "talking" to each other in the same manner as their youthful

counterparts. "This shows there is a potential not just to extend the life span but to preserve function."

Seal has worked on developing oxide particles for high temperature production since his undergraduate days. In 2000, as he took over the coordination of UCF's nanotechnology initiative, he and a student developed ultrafine nano-sized powders and solutions. The particles, less than 10 nanometers (about 30 atoms across) in size, opened the door for biological studies in collaboration with Rzigalinski.

When a university research administrator aware of the work of Rzigalinski and Seal and introduced the two, the possibilities immediately began forming.

A regenerative nanoparticle, such as the one developed by Rzigalinski and Seal, offers promise of negating the problems of damage to cells and could be helpful in treatment of certain age-related disorders—such as Alzheimer's disease—as well as arthritis and other joint-related problems.

Most recently, the Rzigalinski lab has found that the nanoparticles have potent anti-inflammatory properties. The investigators plan to explore the possibility of creating a coating on the particles that could be used for vascular and orthopedic implants, stents and other devices that are prone to inflammatory reactions.

Initial tests show that the nanoparticle anti-oxidants regenerate once they penetrate the cell—meaning one does could conceivably continue its therapeutic effects indefinitely.

Rzigalinski introduced the collaboration to her colleagues at the NATURE biotechnology symposium in Miami earlier this year. She has also submitted an abstract on the project to the National and International Neurotrauma Symposium, and Society for Neuroscience.

Vial Desai, director of AMPAC, said that nanomaterials are currently considered highly strategic for important applications ranging from homeland security to just plan good health.

"It is so good to be able to build bridges for an interdisciplinary effort through competent and dynamic researchers at UCF," Desai said.

SHA

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pointment. It's not letting down HUD or the federal government, but letting down the people who live here, who expect better. And, who need a better place to live. We are talking about people who are not here by choice, but this is where they have to live. To provide them with safe and decent housing is the responsibility of the housing authority.

Since the HUD takeover,

which Martinez calls the "last resort caused by local failures," a noticeable difference has been made within the community. Of the 93 units involved, 21 of the units will be back "online" and ready for occupancy within the next 30 days. The remaining units will be assessed and undergo renovations as quickly as possible.

"The mission of our department is to provide

decent, safe and sanitary housing and that is our goal here in Sanford," said Knightner. "We will improve living conditions for the residents who are here."

"We have a team in place from HUD that will be able to turn this place around," he added.

Since the federal take over, Martinez and Knightner have met with the elderly residents living under SHA rule and

thanked them for their perseverance. According to Martinez, 95 percent of their concerns have already been addressed.

The security lighting at Lake Monroe Terrace Apartments, which has been inoperable for nearly two years due to faulty bulbs and electrical problems, has also been resolved.

"If nothing else this will provide a certain measure of pride and public safety to

this neighborhood," said Martinez.

According to Knightner, HUD's primary focus will be on the safety of the housing. However, the plan set in place to bring the SHA up to speed also includes the assessment of the fiscal issues and staffing of the SHA.

Knightner said, at this point there is no evidence that Audris Billberry, director of SHA, or other staff

members have done anything illegal, but an investigation is ongoing.

Although HUD is using available SHA funds for the renovations at this time, Knightner says that after the needs assessment is complete there may be a necessity for additional funds.

However, Martinez stresses that SHA problems are "not caused by a budget issue, but rather by a management issue."

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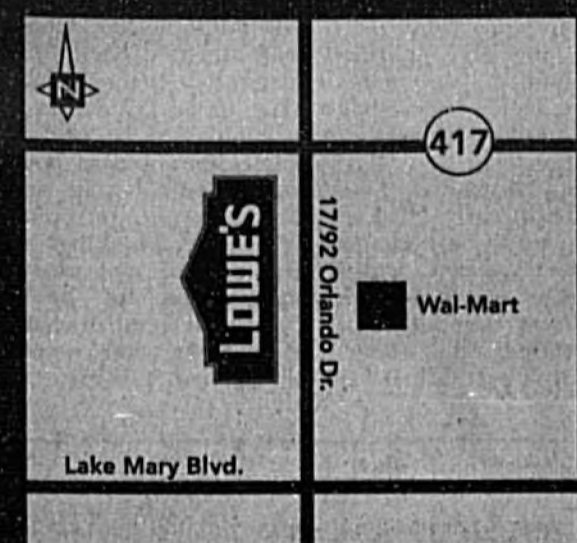
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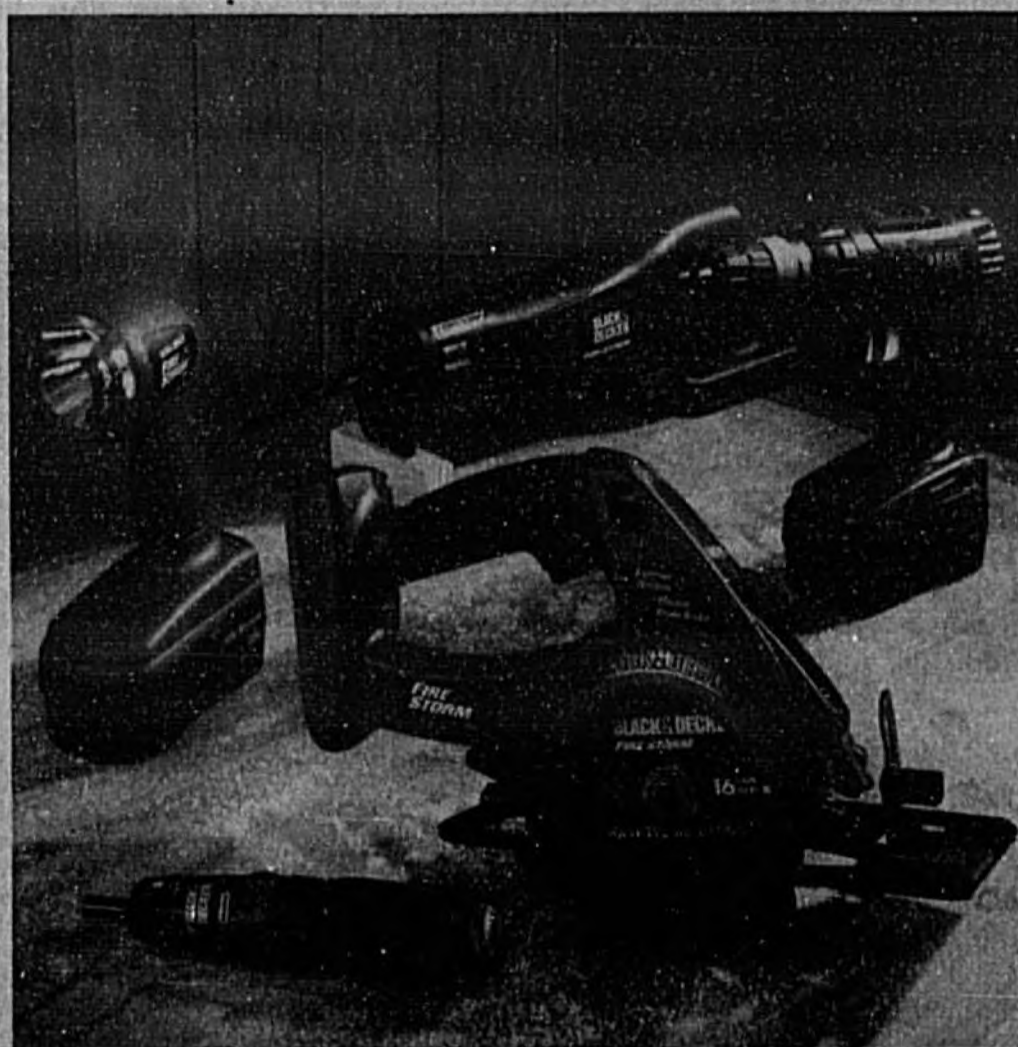
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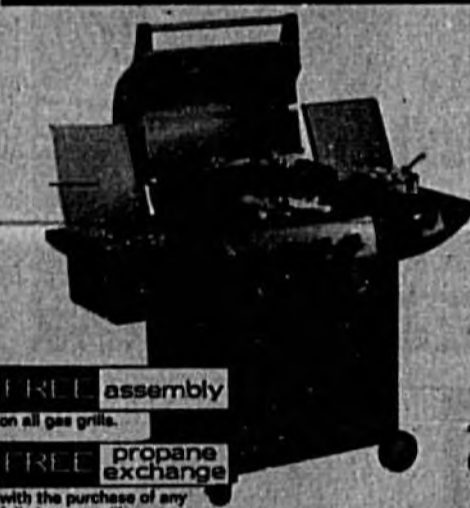
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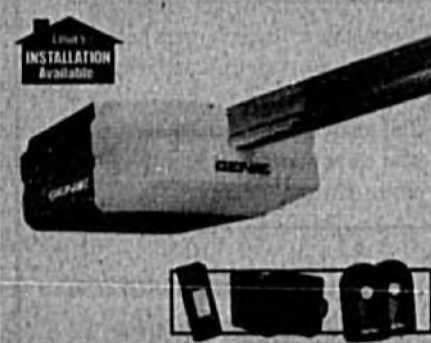
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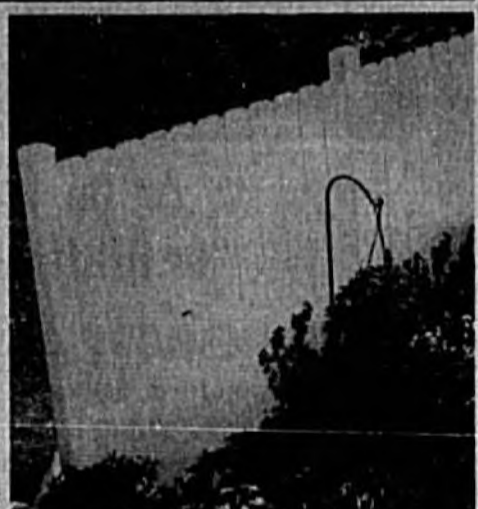
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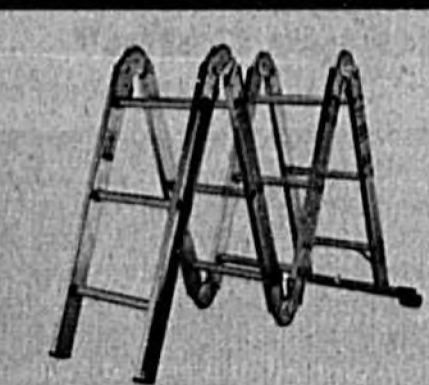
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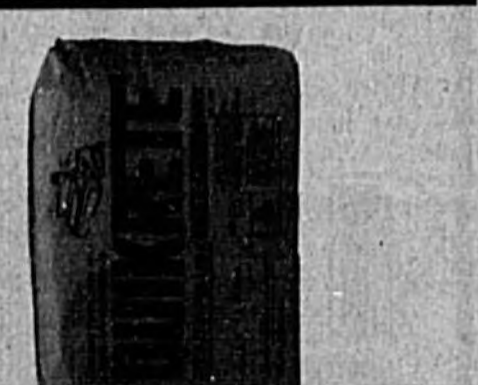
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## Lonely

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Jump and the late Jesse White. Jump, a former "WKRP" actor and Maytag Repairman since 1988, will retire his role at the end of this year as the old reliable character that is often depicted waiting an eternity for a service call that never seems to come.

"It's an incredible honor," Rawls said. "It's an icon - an opportunity of a lifetime."

Born in Jacksonville, Rawls moved to the naval town of Sanford in 1955. He attended elementary, junior and high schools in the area. After a stint in the Navy as an electrician, he enrolled into Seminole Community College and auditioned for a college play at the urging of a friend.

From SCC, Rawls pursued acting and theater at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton and then earned a master's degree at the University of California in Los Angeles. In 1978, he journeyed to New York City and has since appeared in movies, the theater and more than 300 commercials.

Rawls was in New York playing a redneck sheriff part in a play entitled "Lesson Before Dying" when he found out he had become the next Ol' Lonely. It took some time for it to set in, including a month of Maytag training, but it hit last month when a

neighbor pointed out a big color picture in the New York Post of him as the Maytag Repairman.

"I'll tell you, I've never been so excited about something," said Rawls who rents an apartment in NYC, but also owns a home in Sanford.

Suspending all his other acting ventures, Rawls is actually embarking on a role that is anything but lonely. The Maytag spokesperson attends dozens of trade shows and promotional events a year and is featured on just about every advertising medium imaginable from life-size cutouts to new television spots periodically. The first round of commercials with Rawls as Ol' Lonely will probably air early next year.

Next week's TV Guide is featuring the new repairman and a nationally televised morning show is to run a piece in the future about the Sanford man in blue, Rawls said. Future engagements also include announcing the Maytag "Soccer Mom of the Year" at the Founders Cup in San Diego and a visit to plant operations in Newton, Iowa.

Although he admits Jump "will be a hard act to follow," don't let him fool you - this Celery City man was born to be Mr. Maytag. As Rawls returned time and time again for repeated auditions and interviews during the charac-

ter search, several noticed his knowledge of the company.

"When you get into the history of this company you find it's an amazing American company," he said, noting that during World War II the appliance producer suspended manufacturing to produce bomber airplane parts.

Rawls ability to work alongside the newest addition to the Maytag one-man repair team, the Apprentice, also reportedly won him the role.

"I'm so excited about this young guy. He is a funny guy," Rawls said about actor Mark Devine who exemplifies the innovative and fresh approach of Maytag while Ol' Lonely is the steady and reliable.

"Thanks to a career that includes playing a variety of blue-collar characters and an excellent rapport with Devine during casting, Rawls is expected to be a natural fit for the role of Ol' Lonely," said Jill Spiekerman, public relations manager for Maytag Appliances.

Rawls has two brothers, two sisters and four nieces in Florida. His brother, Terry, and sister, Dee Enright, both work for Seminole County Schools. His other brother, Joe, resides in Miami and other sister, Cecille, lives in New Smyrna.

## Party

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anybody else who wanted it Nov. 4."

Commissioner Paul Lovestrand, who is also up for re-election in November, offered a motion stating the center space should be McKenzie's because "he did it the proper way."

"I really think there should be an ordinance because if there was, people would follow it to the letter," he added.

McKenzie, who lost by less than 70 votes to Miller in the 2000 city election, also voiced his right to rent the community center on Nov. 4.

"Your rules do not permit preferential treatment for some and not for others," he said. "The rules are quite simple - it requires a deposit and an executed

contract. I have met the conditions for a contract."

Bundy insisted he didn't care who won the center reservation and said an alternative could be that all three District III candidates could share the space.

"Everybody talks about building bridges after an election what greater opportunity would there be to re-build bridges after the election than with all the parties there and the opponents shaking hands and saying let's move forward," he said.

Miller responded, "Mr. McKenzie clearly went in and signed the contract as the rule is stated, and I don't see any reason to delay their occupation of the building. And it doesn't appear by the look on

Mr. McKenzie's face that he wants to share with me or anyone else."

Lovestrand's motion to award the center reservation to McKenzie was approved unanimously with Bundy excluding himself from the vote.

"It's an item of insignificance that the rest of you all need to vote on," he said.

Bundy, however, did add that the new community center has become somewhat of an oxymoron as it tends to be unavailable with weekend bookings running well into next year.

"One of the things we need to look at is do we want this to be a Longwood wedding chapel or the Longwood community center," he said.

## Lake

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Audubon Society recently visited the subject area and viewed "Sandhill Cranes tending young chicks." He asked commissioners to double the proposed 50-foot buffer to Heathrow, but settled for 75-feet.

"We are not asking to get any of the applicants' land, we just want to share the

boundary and not have our neighborhood destroyed," Simes said noting that Heathrow also has no access to Banana Lake.

On the other side of the lake from Heathrow are about 15 suburban estates with lots larger than an acre. Most of the homes have been in the community for 40 years. Earlier this year as the proposed development won approval from the county to be transmitted to the state for consideration, the commission favored a concern of the residents not to have the development traffic dump onto to rural Banana Lake Road. Access for the development will reportedly be through the Heathrow International Business Center.

"We've come from being surrendered by cows to people," said Wendell Springfield.

In 1998, the commission

approved another controversial development to the south of Banana Lake.

A 252-unit apartment structure for Colonial Realty was approved, but the Edwards initiated proceedings which resulted in an agreement that restricted development rights on a 200-foot strip of land between the Edwards' property and the apartments. A little more than one acre of that buffer is now being considered for development along with the Edwards' property.

"The original Colonial (Realty) apartments were very controversial and the lay out of buffering was my issue," said Commissioner Randy Morris who along with Commissioner Carlton Henley voted against the Edwards' property rezoning.

"It's a complicated nature with the two little lakes, and there's a little uncertainty in the end of how that development should be approved," he said adding that he thought the wetland delineation between the lakes was too unclear.

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All perspective RAGE Players must pay a \$50 registration fee and be prepared to perform a series of speed, strength, agility and endurance tests.

For more information contact Chris at CMorrison@OrlandoStarFootball.com or Randy at 407-325-1436 or check the website at www.OrlandoRage.com.

**SANFORD YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL**

Player Placement Day for the Sanford Recreation Department Youth Flag Football League will be held Saturday, Aug. 23, across from Sanford Middle School on 17-92.

Ages 7-to-9 will work-out at 9 a.m.; the 10-to-12 year olds at 10:30 a.m.; and the 13-to-15 year olds at noon.

Games will begin in September and the cost is \$40 per player.

Signups are being held at the Downtown Youth Center, 300 N. Park Ave., during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

For more information, please contact Jim Schaefer at 407-330-5695 or email at schefej@ci.sanford.fl.us.

**HEALTHY HEARTS IN OUR PARKS - COOL SNACKS**

According to the American Heart Association, cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the number one killer in America and lack of physical activity is clearly to be a risk factor for coronary heart disease.

That is why the City of Casselberry Parks and Recreation Department and the American Heart Association are teaming up and presenting the Healthy Hearts in our Parks program. Together, the two organizations will host monthly activities that promote healthy living in outdoor venues such as Secret Lake Park, Wirz Park and other Casselberry locations.

On Saturday, August 23rd, join the City of Casselberry Parks and Recreation Department and the American Heart Association at Secret Lake Park from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cool off this summer with cool and healthy snacks such as fruit freezes, frozen treats and more! Snacks and recipes will be provided. While you're there, learn about how eating healthy can save your life with tips from the American Heart Association.

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## Cranes Roost to host World Championships

Special to the Herald

The 2003 Disabled Water Ski World Championships will be held August 28th through August 31st at Cranes Roost in Altamonte Springs and is a free event that is open to the public.

Hosted by Altamonte Sports and sanctioned by the International Water Ski Federation, the sixth biennial event will feature more than 70 athletes from over 15 countries. Among the competing countries are Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Great

## Over 70 of the top disabled water skiers set to attend

Britain, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Switzerland and the United States. Argentina & Sweden are also expected to enter into the competition.

Competition at the Disabled Worlds includes slalom, tricks and jumping events. Within each event, skiers who are partially (VHB2,

VHB3) or totally blind (VHB1), paraplegics or quadriplegics (MP1, MP2, MP3), and arm or leg amputees (with or without prostheses) will compete against athletes with the same disabilities.

Opening ceremonies for the Disabled Water Ski World Championships will be held on

Wednesday, August 27th at the Cranes Roost Amphitheater at 7 p.m. The preliminary rounds of competition will be held on August 28th and 29th, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The final rounds of competition will be held on August 30th and 31st, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. On the days of final competition, awards will be presented after each event in each category.

The closing ceremonies of the competition will be held on August 31st at 7 p.m. in the Regency Ball Room at the Embassy Suites Orlando-North.

# Almost perfect

## Patriots crowned World champs

By Dean Smith  
 Sports Editor

The Altamonte Patriots were not perfect at the World Series. But they came awfully close.

The Patriots bounced back from their first loss in the postseason to defeat three-time defending champion Tri-County, Texas, 5-2, to claim the Babe Ruth 16-and-under girls' softball World Series title in Louisville, Kentucky this past Saturday.

Not only was this the first World Championship for an Altamonte Springs team, it was also the first Babe Ruth World Series title, ever, for a Florida team.

Altamonte Springs had carried a perfect 18-0 post-season record into the championship game, but Tri-County blanked the Patriots 5-0 in the afternoon to force the deciding game in the double-elimination tournament at the University of Louisville's Ulmer Stadium.

The Patriots finished the all-star season by winning 19 of its final 20 games in a stretch that took them through district, state and regional tournaments en route to the World Series.

Altamonte Springs, which only had three hits in the loss, quickly bounced back, taking a 1-0 lead in the top of the first on an RBI groundout by Sanford's Ashley Tabor after a Lake Brantley's Nikki Hall had reached on three-base error.

The Patriots increased the lead to 3-0 in the fourth inning as Hall opened the inning by singling through the right side. Tabor followed with a single down the leftfield line. One out



Herald photos by Jim Wentz  
 Jessie Sadlowsky (top) was named the Most Outstanding Outfielder for her perfect fielding; Natalie Ruff (above) drove in two runs in the Championship Game; and All-Tournament pick Nikki Hall (right) batted .344 as the Altamonte Patriots won the Babe Ruth 16-and-Under World Series.



later, Lake Mary's Andrea Wain advanced the runners with a ground out to first and Lake Brantley's Natalie Ruff picked up the runners with a single.

Tri-County made it 3-2 in the bottom of the fourth

and advanced to third on a throwing error by the catcher. After a pop up, Lake Brantley's Alex Lofton singled up the middle to score Wain. Lake Mary's Lauren Bennett then laid

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## NO RAIN - racing action returns

From Staff Reports

It was clear skies and a moon overhead for Orlando SpeedWorld last Friday night. This year Mother Nature has been the biggest winner with weekly rain-outs but finally the Racing Gods shown down on Orlando SpeedWorld.

With heats and features plus the rained out feature of the Open Wheel Modifieds from several weeks ago, fans and drivers got rid of some of the racing blues. Shane Held had the pole for the rained out Modified feature and quickly jumped to the point over Dave Riley, Matt Wheeler, Jason Boyd, and Lynn Dicandio.

But it was Matt Wheeler who passed Riley and took the checkered followed by Dave Riley, Lynn Dicandio, Jason Boyd and Shane Held.

Ray Sasser had the pole for the Legends but it was Patrick Conrad who jumped to the point on the green followed by Sasser, Jason Reisman, Kevin Abbott, and Sam Watts. Jason Reisman quickly took over second from Sasser and aimed for Conrad. Reisman took the point from Conrad just as the caution came out for Kevin Abbott and Sam Watts who spun on the frontstretch. Both cars were sent to the rear of the field for the restart.

Reisman held the point on the restart but Patrick Conrad came back and took over the point only to see Reisman fight back hard and retake the lead. Reisman crossed the checkered taking the win followed by Patrick Conrad, Ray Sasser, Nick Keeling, and Jeremy Colangelo.

It was time for the "Big Boys" to come. Rusty Ebersole had the pole for the Super Late Models and quickly took the lead on the green, but after numerous cautions it was Robble Storer leading to the checkered followed by Chad Ashely, Dick Laszlo, Jerry 10, and Tim "Missileman" McPhall.

This Friday night (August 22nd) Orlando Speedworld will be holding a 'double points night' for all of the regular FASCAR classes of Super Late Model, Modified, Mini-Stock, Sportsman, Super Stock and Strictly Stock.

Gates open a 6 p.m. and racing begins at 8 p.m. every Friday night at the track located 17 miles east of Orlando between Orlando and Titusville on Highway 50 at the 520 Cocoa Cutoff.

**BOYD WINS GOODYEAR CHALLENGE**

Twenty four of the best Late Models in the state See Racing, Page 8

## Defense shines in first UCF scrimmage

Special to the Herald

The defense got the best of the offense Saturday as the UCF football team held its first scrimmage of fall camp.

The 100-play scrimmage saw the offense score just three field goals and one touchdown.

"Overall, I thought the kids came out here and did fairly well," UCF head coach Mike Kruczek said after the scrimmage. "We obviously have a long way to get better and to get to where we want to get to. I think these kids will come out here and continue to work hard and improve."

The lone touchdown was scored on a 75-yard run by tailback Alex Haynes as the first team offense faced the second team defense.

Ryan Feely connected on field goals from 35 and 23 yards while Matt Prater added a 23-yard field goal.

The offense looked out of sync at

times by committing four turnovers including three on botched quarterback-center exchanges.

The running backs performed well led by Haynes and Gabby Torres. Torres carried the ball nine times for 49 yards while Keith Williams had a 43-yard run before leaving the game with a lower body injury. Freshman fullback Evandall Williams ran extremely hard, carrying the ball four times for 34 yards. Lake Howell redshirt freshman receiver Brandon Marshall caught two passes for 26 yards.

The first team offensive line also made a move by switching David Ashkinaz to left guard and placing Dan Veenstra at left tackle. Cedric Gagne-Marcoux was the starting center while Adam Toeniskoetter was at right guard and Kyle Watkins got the start at right tackle.

On defense, Rovel Hamilton recorded the only interception off the day as he

picked off a pass by Ryan Schneider. Schneider ended the scrimmage 10 of 16 for 108 yards. The defense also sacked Schneider four times (the quarterbacks were not allowed to be hit) including one by Paul Carrington. The 6-foot-6 defensive end also accounted for a tackle-for-loss and a pass deflection.

Antoine Poe, Gerren Bray, Brent Bolar and Mike Lynche each had a sack also.

On the injury front, wide receiver Mike Walker re-aggravated an upper body injury and is listed as questionable for the Virginia Tech game. Ashkinaz also sustained a lower body injury and is also questionable for Virginia Tech. Second-string quarterback Jon Rivera left the scrimmage early with a lower body injury and is questionable for Virginia Tech. Keith Williams is the only player listed as doubtful after Saturday's scrimmage for the season-opener.















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