

Local troops ship out for conflict

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SEMINOLE COUNTY — Members of the 101st Air Assault Division (Light Infantry) are preparing for deployment as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Following a deployment ceremony on Feb. 1, approximately 50 mobilized

guaranties from Detachment 1, 3rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC) will travel to Fort Benning, Ga. While at Fort Benning, the group will receive additional training, inoculations and medical screenings at an undisclosed time, the group will join the rest of their units already on active duty in Southwest Asia.

The Detachment 1 soldiers are from throughout Central Florida, including Seminole, Brevard, Lake and De Soto counties. Although the largest percentage

of four battalions from Seminole County are from the Leonidas Covey Detachment, Sgt. James Brown of Winter Springs, Pic Shave, brother of Oviedo Sgt. Mat Keith Hinchey of Sanford, Sgt. Charles Wallace of Oviedo and Sgt. 1st Class Johnnie O'Brien of Altamonte Springs.

"We're not actually nervous about the deployment," said Brown, who lives at Oviedo with his wife, Janis. "Our biggest concern is leaving our families behind and hoping they will be OK. My 2-year-old daughter and I have a really close

relationship, so we're really nervous. Otherwise we're ready."

"We are going out to protect our country," he added.

According to reports, while in Southwest Asia, the unit will provide critical war zone air and missile defense against hostile aircraft, ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles.

"We shoot up the patriot missile to

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County ponders restaurant proposal

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SANFORD — The Seminole County Board of County Commissioners will vote Wednesday on whether to allow the development of property located at State Road 46 on North Elder Road in Seminole County.

The owner of the property, Michael E. Myers of Lake Wales, is requesting a rezoning to allow the property to be used for the planning and development department. If granted, the rezoning would allow a three-building to be constructed on the property.

If the rezoning is approved, Myers plans to build a restaurant, Cloney Jack's, on the site. The restaurant will consist of 40,000 square feet of building area.

This is the second such rezoning requested on this property. The previous rezoning, in 1991, in which the commission approved a plan to allow the conversion of an existing residence into an office. Under the details of the 1991 rezoning, the site could include up to 16,000 square feet of retail space, 1,000 square feet of office space, 1,200 square feet of storage space and 1,500 square feet for a convenience store with a car wash and gas pumps.

The property, which is zoned for high-intensity planned development, is approximately 3.51 acres. The site is currently home to a 22,105 square foot main building as well as a 3,474 square foot cabin and pavilion.

Myers purchased the property

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Comix underground

Unique American art form earns show at UCF

By Chris Barnhart
Herald Staff

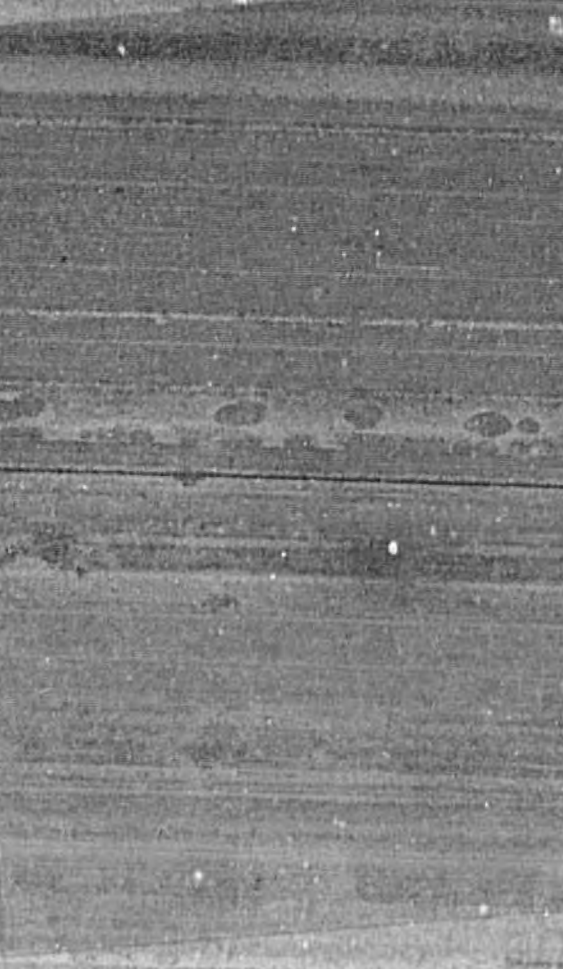
It was 1970, a time symbolized by social uprisings. Less than a year earlier, Jack Webb had returned home with a lot of questions and a new education. With the spring semester nearly over, he decided to go visit an old Army friend in New York City.

Webb happened all the way there and during his visit happened to meet a "beatnik" and catch a glimpse of a copy of Zap, an underground comic book by R. Crumb. He went in the store to check it out and changed his life forever.

"I went in and looked at it and my 30 cents, read the whole thing and said, 'I've got to have more of these,'" Webb said. "They were so unique that I held on to that point. I want to try to get as many of these as I possibly can."

Now, Webb, 55, works in the inter-library loan and reference departments at the University of Central Florida. Now he's sitting in an office on the top floor of the library and looking at the moment he first came in contact with the world of Underground Comix. Over 20 years and 1,000 comic book pages later, he'll give the Central Florida area the chance to see what so captivated him.

Starting Feb. 3 and running through April 23, the UCF Library Special Collections Department will put Webb's collection on display. But this collection won't include the likes of Spiderman or Batman. Instead of comic superheroes saving the day, these comic books provide commentaries on issues such as radical politics, gay or lesbian lifestyles, feminism, eco-



The Zap comic book by R. Crumb is one of hundreds of Underground Comix that will be on display at the University of Central Florida.

logy, and the like. "The collection is so large that Webb won't include them by the count," he said.

Still, the exhibit will provide plenty of information on a movement started by people like Crumb back in the late 1950s in a market dominated by comic book superheroes Marvel and DC. Some people turned to making their own books as a means of self-expression.

"DC and Marvel both had it broken down so

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Greyhound bus service returns to Sanford

By Addison Greene
Herald Staff

SANFORD — It looks like a normal market. The convenience store stands in the background, awaiting people to come in to pay for their gas or purchase snacks and beverages.

Nothing noteworthy stands out about this particular station, but something different makes it to the bus agency for Greyhound buses.

The major bus company has returned to Sanford after a hiatus of over 10 years. The Sanford station was located at 1301 W. Ave. and closed in 1991 when the station was demolished.

The Sanford station is located at 1301 W. Ave. and will be open daily from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. The station will be open daily from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Greyhound does not own the station, but they are picked to sell Greyhound tickets in smaller communities. The places where services are located are picked by Greyhound to give their passengers as many amenities as possible.

"We place agencies in as a matter of convenience," said Tom Hancock, Senior Manager of Corporate Communications.

"We look at locations that offer amenities to our customers like good service, good value, a 24-hour Bell Express. Convenience stores have extended hours, which is a safety concern for passengers. We also look for well lit places, good parking lots, restrooms. We look for places that have the amenities our passengers need."

Ticket prices vary depending on the destination and how far

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Officials unveil 'Safe Baby Station' campaign in Seminole

By Jason J. Anderson
Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Seminole County Community Alliance for Children and Families held a campaign kickoff Wednesday to begin educating the general public on Florida's Abandon Newborn Law.

The Abandon Baby Foster Committee, under the umbrella of the Alliance, unveiled its new awareness campaign during the campaign kickoff held at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office in Sanford.

"Seminole County is the first in the tri-county area to develop a poster and be in compliance with the law," said Diane Bauer, chairperson of the committee and a member of the Seminole County Public School Board. "It is important to get the information out and to block off Seminole County with the knowledge that there is an option for mothers."

"Orange and Clark will follow suit shortly," she added.

The Florida Abandon Newborn Law was adopted in July of 2000. The law states that mothers can "abandon" their newborn within 72 hours of birth at any Safe Baby Station, including fire stations, hospital emergency rooms or ambulance stations, without criminal action being taken.

When the newborn is dropped off at a Safe Baby Station, no questions will be asked of the mother and she is not required to give her name or any other information regarding her or the baby.

The law was devised to help deter desperate mothers from leaving their babies in unsafe places, such as boats, dumpsters and restaurants. As previously seen in Central Florida.

"It's a blessing that the law is here to protect newborn babies," said Wayne Martin,

the system the woman protected and the baby is alive."

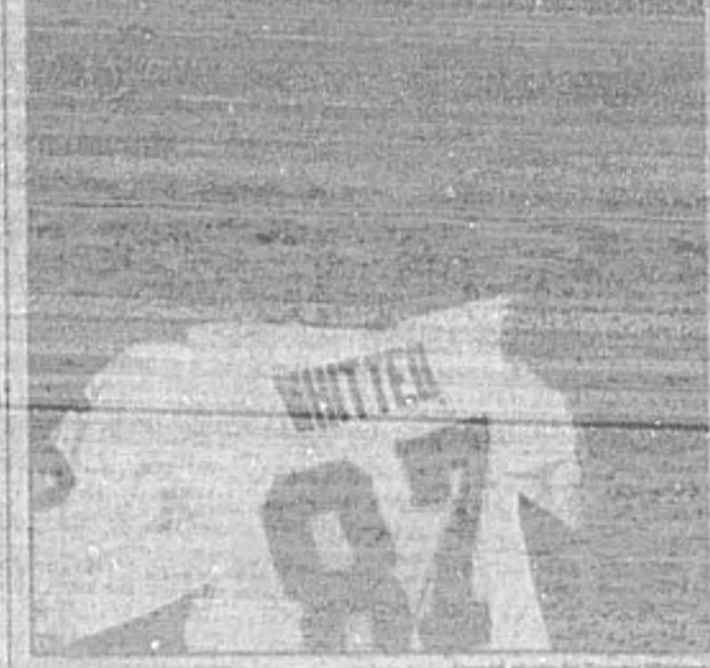
The Oviedo Fire Department has firsthand knowledge of the positive outcome when mothers follow the Abandon Newborn Law. In October 2002, a baby was dropped off at the station, making it the eighth baby in Florida delivered to a safe haven since the law's inception in 2000.

According to Bauer, the baby is doing well and is in the final stages of the adoption process.

"This is just another way we can serve our community," Terry Schenk, chief fire administrator of Seminole County, said. "Our people have gone through extensive training and we're here 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year to accept

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Sanford linked to Super Bowl



Handed photo by Tommy Stroger

This may be Duane's territory, but there will be at least one Oakland Raiders fan locally for the Super Bowl. Longtime Sanford resident Alvin Wright will be rooting for the Raiders and his grandson, also named Alvin Wright, who wears No. 87 and is a special teams member and backup wide receiver for Dallas. Young Alvin lived in Sanford early in his life before moving to North Carolina, where he became a football and track star and was a member of the 1996 US Olympic team as a sprinter before making it to the NFL with the Jacksonville Jaguars and now the Raiders.

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SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

All Arts, All Free

When Arts Festival presents free performances of the musical "Phantom of the Opera" at the Seminole County Convention Center, Feb. 1, as part of...

Arts Festival is a weekend of 50+ free performances, exhibits and shows. The festival, Feb. 1 & 2, is Central Florida's first community-wide celebration of the area. Artsfest has taken place in Seminole, Orange, Osceola and Lake Counties. Come and enjoy plays, concerts, puppet shows, art exhibits, dance performances, films and more... ALL FREE.

Artsfest is sponsored by Bank of America, Orlando Sentinel and United Arts of Central Florida. For the first time, United Arts is kicking off its annual fundraising campaign with this huge entertainment offering. The first weekend is February, make Artsfest your leading lady.

For show times and venues, visit www.artsfest.com or call 407-363-5872.

Night work continues as part on SR 434

From Staff Reports

OVIEDO - Motorists should expect nighttime lane closures and traffic shifts on State Road 434 in Oviedo beginning Monday.

Construction crews are scheduled to place utility lines across State Road 434 (also known as Alanya Trail) in the area of Chaparral Road beginning Monday and continuing through Wednesday. Work will be done by evening hours, but crossing State Road 434 with water pipes at various other locations.

Southern Construction Inc. is also scheduled to begin work on State Road 434 with sewer force main near Lake Hayes Road Monday.

Crews will also begin installing a concrete curb along the north side of the bank at Alanya Woods Boulevard, Backwoods or other undeveloped areas, which could delay or postpone construction activities.

Crews are expected to continue installing guardrails at signalized intersections through the end of January. Paving projects and other night work continues in progress at the Little Econohatchee River.

Also this week, crews began modeling the protective berm at Lake Hayes. Crews have nearly finished excavating ponds at Exit River Parkway and Regington Park, and are well into digging out the large pond north of Chipmunk Road. The construction hopes to finish these ponds, and the one planned for Lake Hayes Road, in four to five months.

Residents and business owners should be aware that in another month or two crews are to begin tying services to the new water line, which will require a water outage.

This is part of the \$19.3 million widening project from south of McCulluch Road to Mitchell Hammock Road, which began June 3, 2002, and is scheduled to take 23 months. The project includes installing a concrete and grass median throughout the corridor, as well as streetlights between Chapman and Mitchell Hammock roads.

So beautiful in spacious skies



The stars and stripes of Old Glory were hoisted above the entrance at the Seminole County Public Safety Complex, located at the intersection of State Road 434 and 17-82. They are a colorful reminder of the great country in which we live.

Murder
• Mark Anthony Lombardi, 40, Silver Spring, Md., was charged by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Thursday at his apartment in Oviedo with the murder of a woman.

The 40-year-old man was charged with the murder of a woman who was found in a wooded area near his apartment. He was charged with first-degree murder and possession of a firearm.

• Robert Douglas, 37, Oviedo, was charged by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Thursday at his apartment in Oviedo with the murder of a woman. He was charged with first-degree murder and possession of a firearm.

• Nicholas Anthony Padgett, 27, Oviedo, was charged by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Thursday at his apartment in Oviedo with the murder of a woman. He was charged with first-degree murder and possession of a firearm.

• Robbie Allen Olson, 44, Oak Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at South Tenth Avenue. He was charged with petty theft and battery.

• Michael Denver Dinger, 26, Plantation Drive, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at the intersection of 2nd Street and Summerlin Avenue in Sanford. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs and reckless driving.

• Regina Pardue, 37, Oak Street, Altamonte Springs, was arrested by Casselberry police Thursday at Lake of the Woods Boulevard in Casselberry. She was charged with uttering forged checks and criminal use of a personal ID.

• Dale Owen Benitez, 46, South West Road, Winter Springs, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Thursday at a gas station at the intersection of Fernwood Boulevard and 17-82 Road in Fern Park. He was charged with possession of narcotic substances and possession of an open container in a public parking lot.

• James Davis Parker, 33, South Weymouth Road, Altamonte Springs, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Thursday at the intersection of 2nd Street and West State Road 434 in Altamonte Springs. He was charged with driving with a suspended license.

• Elizabeth D. Vogel, 28, North County Road 127, Longwood, was stopped by Altamonte Springs police Thursday at the intersection of State Road 434 and Bards Del Campo in Altamonte Springs. She was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

• Lisa Lynn Asbell, 30, Hartwood Street, Deltona, was arrested by Sanford police Friday at South Orlando Drive in Sanford. She was charged with DUI and parking illegally.

Police Blotter
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Other
• Elva Lee Perez, 25, South Weymouth Road, Altamonte Springs, was stopped by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Wednesday at the intersection of Northwestern Avenue and Grandford Drive in Altamonte Springs. He was charged with driving with a suspended license.

• Jimmy Francis Eubank, 19, Andie Drive, Winter Springs, was arrested by Winter Springs police Wednesday at the intersection of Ironwood Boulevard and 2nd Northern Way. He was charged with driving with a license either suspended or revoked.

• Carmela Nicole Miller, 26, Depugh Street, Altamonte Springs, was stopped by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Wednesday at the intersection of Lake of the Woods Boulevard and Oxford Road in Fern Park. She was charged with driving with a suspended license.

• Kern Sterling Montgomery, 39, Clark Street, Eastonville, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Thursday at Durn Drive in Altamonte Springs. He was charged with discharging a firearm.

• Wilfredo Payer, 22, Southwest 14th Street, Altamonte Springs, was arrested by Casselberry police Friday at State Road 600 in Casselberry. He was charged with leaving a child in a vehicle.

• Elaine Frances Maddox, 42, home-

less of Winter Park, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Friday at the intersection of Utopian Street and Jackson Street in Altamonte Springs. She was charged with possessing a firearm.

Drug Charges
• Dorinda Beth Morrow, 41, and James Andrew Morrow, 47, Ferro Drive, Winter Park, were arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Wednesday at their home. They were charged with possession of heroin, possession of a controlled substance (methadone), possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone) and possession of narcotic equipment.

• Daniel D. Miller, 26, Del and was arrested by Altamonte Springs police Thursday at East Capital Parkway in Altamonte Springs. He was charged with possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana.

• Kyung Ho So, 36, East Wekiya Trail, Longwood, was stopped by Altamonte Springs police Thursday at the intersection of State Road 434 and Renaissance Center in Altamonte Springs. He was charged with possession of or 20 grams of marijuana.

• Anita El Kramer, 46, and John Theodore Krueger, 43, Dunn Drive, Altamonte Springs, were arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Thursday at their home. They were charged with cultivation of cannabis, possession of or 20 grams of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Christopher C. Benson, 19, Gwyn Circle, Oviedo, and two co-defendants who were minors were arrested by Oviedo police Thursday at Shinnecock Hills Drive in Oviedo. Benson was charged with possession of under 20 grams of cannabis and possession of drug equipment.

Battery
• Lester Earl Hope, 37, Clinton Drive, Palm Bay, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at Orlando Drive in Sanford. He was charged with battery.

• Wendy Castilla, 23, McNeil Road, Altamonte Springs, was arrested by Altamonte Springs police Thursday at a house on East Altamonte Springs Drive in Altamonte Springs. She was charged with aggravated battery and giving a false name.

OUT & ABOUT

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The Oviedo Art Association presents the...

SUN
A staged out party will be held at the Seminole County Convention Center, 619 Cypress Avenue in Sanford at 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25.

MON
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Obituaries

S. EDWARD WOOD

S. EDWARD WOOD, 82, of Sanford, died Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2003 at his residence. He was born Oct. 30, 1920 in Washington, D.C. He attended the First United Methodist Church of Sanford and was the owner of Barbour Motor Sales Inc. in Sanford.

Survivors include wife, Mary Jane Barbour; sons, Helen Barbour, son, Michael Barbour; daughters, Kay Barbour and Teri Quinn; brothers, Robert Barbour and Berrie Barbour; grandchildren, Jeff, Stephen Barbour.

Visitation for the public was held Tuesday Jan. 21 and a graveside service was held Wednesday, Jan. 22.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. at the Alhambra Funeral Home, 4077 S.W. 86th Ave., Gainesville, Fla. in charge of arrangements.

ERIC D. BENCE

Eric D. Bence, 65, of Sanford, died Monday, Jan. 20, 2003 in Daytona. Born in Kokomo, Ind., he moved to Daytona from Sanford in 1990. He was a car modeler, artist and author of a children's book which is published. He was interested in auto. He owned and operated Eric and Nancy's Lawn Care Services in Daytona.

Survivors include wife, Nancy; daughters, Debra Jean DeBeno, Susan Bence, Tina Rivers, Michelle, son, Austin Bence; Debra's father, Ralph; three Rivers' brothers, Brent, three Bence's.

The family requests memorial donations be made to American Heart Association, Volusia/Palmer 305 West Granada Blvd., Orlando Fla. 32711.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. at the Alhambra Funeral Home, 4077 S.W. 86th Ave., Gainesville, Fla. in charge of arrangements.

LEWIS FLUMBERG

Lewis Flumberg, 87, E. SR-136, Winter Springs, died Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2003. He was born March 11, 1915 in Rockport, Mass. He was retired owner/operator of Acme Glass Company and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include wife, Juanita D. Flumberg; son, David Michael Flumberg, 54; daughter, Victoria Flumberg, 50; stepsons, Richard Flumberg, Castle Creek, N.Y. and Ronald Flumberg, Stamford, Conn.; three grandchildren.

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

JOHN MARSHALL FRANK

John Marshall Frank, 37, Newmark Drive, Daytona, died Thursday, Jan. 23, 2003 at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. Born in South Laguna Beach, Calif., he moved to Central Florida in 1990. He was a phlebotomist and a member of Daytona Church of Christ.

Survivors include wife, Cheryl Frank; parents, Gary and Cheryl Frank, Ocala.

Balduff Family Funeral Home and Crematory, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

MARIE L. GREENE

Marie L. Greene, 87, of Sanford, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003 in Sanford. Born Oct. 22, 1916 in Newark, N.J., she lived in Sanford for most of her adult life.

Survivors include sons, David Wilkin, Orange Park; Harry Wilkin, Sanford; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. at the Lake Jessup Retirement Home in Sanford.

Grainbow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

HOMER HEDGES, III

Homer Hedges, III, 60, LeCobby Street, Daytona, died Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003 at his residence. Born in South Creek, Mich., he moved to Central Florida 18 years ago. He was an independent contractor of industrial machine repair. He was a member of the Daytona landmark Lodge of P.E.A.M. and a Degree Master of the Scottish Rite Lodge at the Valley of Columbia.

Survivors include wife, Nancy; son, Cameron, Daytona; daughters, Catherine Nyland, Orono, Cal.; Patricia Hedges, Orono, Calif.; Elizabeth Barnes, Battle Creek, Mich.; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren.

Fourtowers Cremation, Inc., Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

BETTY LOU IRON

Betty Lou Iron, 73, Alpine Street, Altamonte Springs, died Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003. She was born July 7, 1929 in Wadsworth, Ohio. She was a decorator.

Survivors include husband, Bill; Altamonte Springs son, Steven A.; Statesville, N.C., Michael J.; Appleton, Wis., Linda G.; Alhambra, Fla., brother, Russell; Altamonte Springs daughter, Elizabeth; Clermont, Fla., five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

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

MINISTER JOHN A. KNIGHT

Minister John A. Knight, 57, Harding Avenue, Sanford, died Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2003 at his residence. He was born Sept. 27, 1945 in Sanford. He was an educator and belonged to the International Pentecostal Baptist Church.

Survivors include wife, Brenda J.; Sanford son, Ray; Patrick Miller, Sanford; daughter, Elizabeth Williams; West Columbia, S.C., Elizabeth Williams; Charlotte, N.C., Dawnita Knight; Taziki Williams and Phoebe Graham, all of Sanford; brothers, Arthur G.

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Sanford, Ray Paul, Rochester, N.Y.; sisters, Minister Lucille Kelley, Rochester, Minn.; Mary Knight, Rochester, Minn.; Mary Knight, Rochester, Minn.; and Glenn Fulmer, Hayward, Cal. 11 grandchildren.

Wilson Funeral Home, Mortuary Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

AGNES BERWALDE

Agnes Berwalde, 86, of Casselberry, died Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2003 at Orlando Regional Medical Center. She was born May 12, 1917 in Allquippa Pennsylvania. She was a retired press operator.

Survivors include, Gerald W., Laurain, Chicago, Ill.; daughter, Marla Eshamaria, Escotdale, Ark.; two grandchildren.

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

NOEL, DI

Di Bernita Valera B. Noel, 34, Captain Drive, Daytona, died Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003 in an automobile accident in Jacksonville. She was born Aug. 23, 1968 in Manassas, Va. She moved to the area nine years ago from Virginia.

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He was a project superintendent for a mechanical and plumbing company and a coach for Pop Warner football.

Survivors include wife, Phyllis K. Noel; Daytona son, Duak Noel; Daytona daughter, Kayla Noel; Daytona sister, Buddy Valera; Daytona brother, Lynde Jackson; Madalena, Va., stepfather, Robert Jackson.

Sanford Noel, Daytona; brother, William Noel, Noxville, Va.; sisters, Christy Fousley, Abila, Va. and Donyl Henderson, Manassas, Va.

Balduff Family Funeral Home/Crematory, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

MAE BROWN PAULSON

Mae Brown Paulson, 85, of Sanford, died Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003 in Sanford. Born Nov. 1, 1917 in Northfield, Penn., she moved to Sanford in 1970. She was a teacher and partner in the family's

bakery business. She was a member of Holy Cross Episcopal Church where she was a member of the Altar Guild.

Survivors include son, Donald Noel; Daytona daughter, Kayla Noel; Daytona sister, Buddy Valera; Daytona brother, Lynde Jackson; Madalena, Va., stepfather, Robert Jackson.

Sanford Noel, Daytona; brother, William Noel, Noxville, Va.; sisters, Christy Fousley, Abila, Va. and Donyl Henderson, Manassas, Va.

Balduff Family Funeral Home/Crematory, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

BEATRICE V. STOKES

Beatrice V. Stokes, 93, of Sanford, died Monday, Jan. 20, 2003 at her residence. She was born in Sanford, N.C. She worked as a hospital nurse at First Memorial Hospital, then as a teaching nurse at John Knox College. She was a member of several civic organizations in the Daytona area.

Survivors include daughter, Margaret Beuster, Orange; sister, Marion Gray, Orange City; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

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OPINION

We've killed our swimming holes

One of several reasons I elected to remain in Sanford after my discharge from the Navy in 1934 was the number of things to do for relaxation. Even while stationed at the Sanford Naval Air Station, my buddies and I spent most of our weekends at Crystal Lake in Lake Mary, swimming and enjoying the sun. This was certainly something I couldn't do back in Michigan.

Then, I found Dixon Lake in Otter - another fine lake for swimming and families would flock out there every weekend. The lakes were free - everyone could afford it.

Even though Central Florida is blessed with hundreds of natural and man-made lakes, it is now practically impossible to find one where swimming is still allowed. Signs are generally posted that swimming is prohibited by the Health Department.

The real pin-pointers will even tell you that - at one time - there was a swimming beach on Lake Monroe, east of the present marina and in the area where Fort Mellon is located. Can you imagine, in this day-and-age, swimming in the waters of Lake Monroe? I think not.

I presently live on Lake Hutchinson. When I first moved there, I was in one or only two houses on the lake. I could ride out in a canoe and look down into 10, 20 or more feet of water and see the bottom. Now, I can't even see the bottom in six inches of water.

What happened? How did we lose this beautiful area? We did it ourselves. Now, we're not swimming in any of our lakes. Hutchinson - People establish a lawn between their houses and the lakefront. They fertilize the lawn, and the rain washes the fertilizer down into the lake. While fertilizer is good for the lawn, it's a disaster for the lakes. Algae is growing. Seeds are thriving, and some are only to have their heads resting on the bottom. Septic tanks are draining into the soil, and being washed, underground, into the nearby lakes.

Even fish are affected. Years ago, Lake Hutchinson (and other lakes) had at least six different kinds of fish. I could catch catfish, bream, and others. Now there is nothing left but bass, a very hardy fish, and folks who catch them generally toss them back - fishing only for sport, not food.

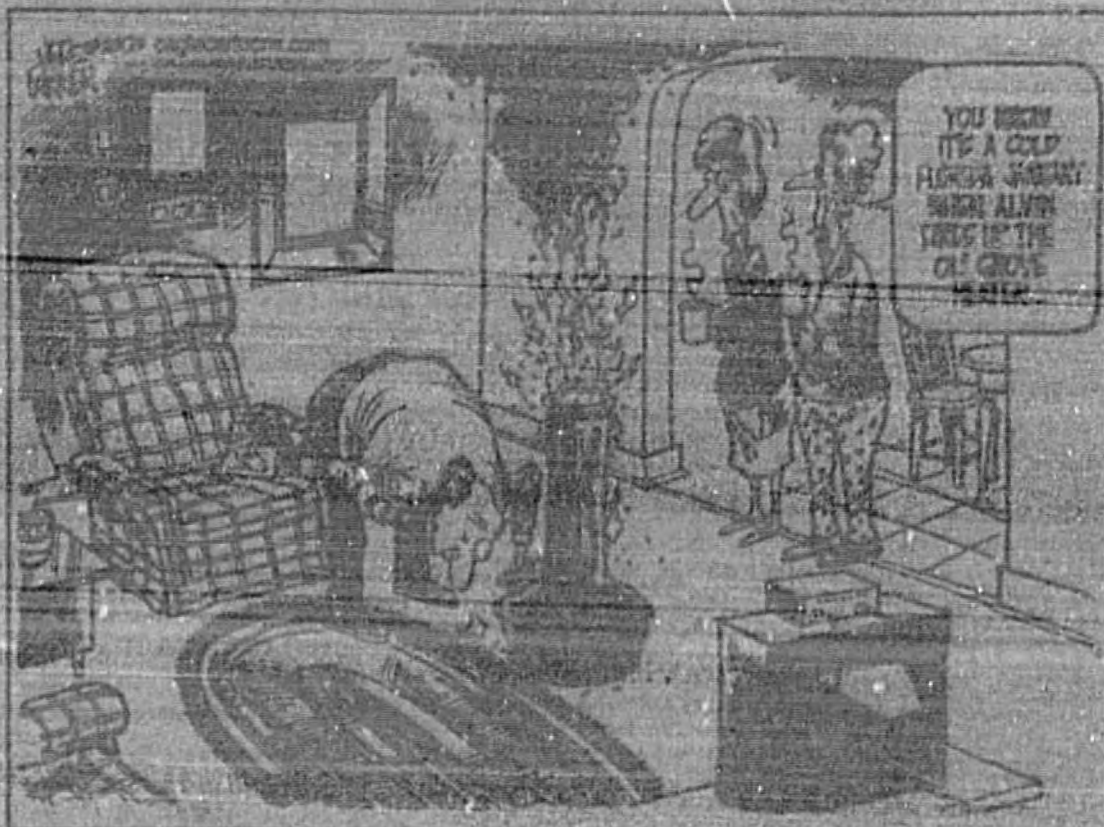
It used to be wonderful to be able to take a family to Crystal Lake, Dixon Lake, Lake Hutchinson, or many others, for a Sunday picnic, but those days have ended, and there is nothing we can do to bring them back. We can be more conservation cautious, but the damage has been done, and that's that.

If any wonder our City Planning Departments have dozens of applications every month for swimming pool permits? Look around - we have thousands of pools. But not everyone can afford one or have the property on which to build one. In the old days, we didn't need one. There was always a lake nearby for swimming.

I know, folks of the older generation, such as I, are constantly lamenting about the "good old days," but this area of Central Florida used to be much more beautiful. If we, there are plenty of reasons to build swimming pools - the YMCA, theme parks, and public swimming pools - but why not build a few of our own lake pools still with these?

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Your View

Reader resents 'Clock' comments

To the Editor:
Usually I enjoy reading your article "Around the Clock" but as a former Postmaster in New York State, I resent your reference of mail in the construction of the new home for the U.S. Postal Service.

The Postal Service is not the problem, and the topic is not being done by the Postal Service. It is not the fault of the Postal Service for your article. It is the fault of the Postal Service for not being able to schedule the mail.

Evola Erye

VanDerworp earns praise

To the Editor:
Sanford City Manager Tony VanDerworp, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and thanks to you and the City of Sanford Parks Department for allowing me to hold a picnic at the Port Mellon Park Pavilion. This was a "surprise" thanks to my commitment staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the last fiscal year.

It was a great day and a wonderful time. I hope we can do this again some time.

Don Fisher, Director
Planning and Development
Seminole County

Church thanks code enforcer

To the Editor:
Arline Gibson, Code Enforcement Officer, for the city of Sanford, has been so effective in enforcing the code that we have been able to complete the job you accomplished with the for the city of Sanford.

The vagrants that were living in the woods in the lot next to ours were increasingly becoming a danger to our congregation. You can imagine our shock to learn that one of the people living in the woods had been the person who cut our chain link fence and stole our riding mower out of our back yard. That same person, according to the investigating officers, broke the informant's jaw in three places for billing him. Naturally, our desire to have the lot cleaned up became more important.

What a major relief and joy it was to come in to church and have one of our members overturn. Look! The lot next door has been not only cleaned up, but the vagrants can't live there anymore because the trees have been trimmed down.

The church back yard has always been off limits due to this problem. Now, however, we shall be able to have many activities in the back yard.

Thank you again for a job well done.

Tammy G. Abramson, Pastor
Lion of Judah House of Worship

Johnson makes case for local funeral homes

Over the past twenty years, many of Florida's family operated funeral homes and crematories have been acquired by a small number of corporate consolidation companies. These companies represent the largest operation of funeral homes and crematories in the world. Along with the general decline in the stock market over the past two years, Corporate Funeral Service companies have seen the value of their stock decline as much as 85 percent.

There are many possible reasons why the stock of these corporate giants has decreased so

much so quickly. Interest rates, the terrorist attacks of September 11, failed efforts to run the acquired funeral homes more effectively. Perhaps the true reason can be found in the pages of Florida's newspapers.

In the summer of 1999, the media reported the brutal murder by a Funeral Director at the Deltona Funeral Home and Crematory. The Funeral Director murdered his wife, hid her in a closet along with the body of a young girl being buried by the funeral home and crematory at the home. The Deltona Funeral Home and Crematory are owned and operated by Service Corp. International, the world's largest operator of funeral homes and crematories. SCI and Deltona Funeral Home/Crematory are presently being sued by the victim's family.

Service Corp. is in the news again with the grisly discovery of body parts in a wooded area adjacent to the Menomah Memory Gardens in Ft. Lauderdale. News stories of the Ft. Lauderdale case suggest burial vaults were broken as graves were dug in adjacent plots. Instead of repairing the burial vaults, the exposed body parts were collected and discarded in the wooded area. An SCI Funeral Home Manager and Licensed Funeral Director committed suicide shortly after the story broke. Whether or not the suicide is connected to the scandal at the cemetery is yet to be determined. The Florida Attorney General recently announced a suit against SCI relative to this case.

The work of a Funeral Director is very demanding. Providing a meaningful service while keeping costs within the family's budget is a challenge. The greatest advantage independent funeral homes have in their competition with the large corporations is their singular focus on the best interests of the families they serve. Family

owned and operated funeral homes do not have stockholders or Board of Directors or Corporate Officers. We are simply small businesses that serve families on a "one on one" basis. Our greatest satisfaction comes from a letter of gratitude received from a family following a service.

Truly our level of service to families is our source of pride. Perhaps that is why the Chairman and Founder of SCI recently selected an Independent Funeral Director in Spearman, Texas to maintain the funeral of his mother. His own company operates 3,000 funeral homes, but only an Independent Funeral Home was good enough to serve his family.

Could this be a factor in his company's declining fortunes?

David Johnson, Owner
Baldwin Family Funeral Home & Crematory

To the Editor:

Chief Tooley earns kudos

Sanford Police Chief Brian Tooley, on behalf of Wekiva Assembly and the Central Florida Dream Center, I extend a hearty thanks to you and your organization for your generous support of our recent event "Merry Christmas Sanford" was a huge success. We had Christmas dinner to an estimated 750 people on December 18th from the 6th and 7th neighborhood. Kids and parents alike enjoyed having their pictures taken with Santa, playing games and winning prizes, witnessing a live nativity, as well as eating a hot nutritious meal.

The evening passed without incident and we were so thankful to have a police presence there. Thanks for joining hands with us as we all seek to make a difference in the lives of others.

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On the Street

The Herald asks people what they think ...

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Oakland Raiders have come to Sanford. On Sunday, one of the teams will become the Super Bowl champs. We didn't win the Super Bowl, but we did win the Super Bowl.

I think Tampa Bay will win because they are the Super Bowl champs. We didn't win the Super Bowl, but we did win the Super Bowl.

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The Way We Were: SHS Glee Club director documents school events

The club director for many years, Larry Gilstrap, has documented the way we were at SHS from 1952 and 1992.

Accompanists were Pam Jones, Mary Helen Washburn, Sandy Roberts and Kenny McLean.

Christmas Concert
The Freshman Glee Club stood before a background designed to depict five stained glass windows, with indirect lighting making the stage curtain appear in a rich purple hue. The effect made the choir appear to be standing in a cathedral choir.

Helen Washburn and Sandy Richards played a piano duet entitled "Christmas Fantasy".

A procession followed with members of the Glee Club carrying glowing candles and singing "O Come All Ye Faithful". Following the reading of the Christmas Story from the gospel of Luke by Rev. Gaver Sewell, the mixed choir sang "Oh, How Joyfully" and "Hasten, Hasten Softly". The double quartets sang "We Three Kings" and "God

Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen". The triple trio sang "Kiss Me, Kiss Me, Kiss Me" and "Follow Me".

A living tableau was created by Michelle Jones portraying Mary with the babe, while Marian and Marilyn Hays, Sylvia Robinson, Cindy Galt and Dina Hickson were featured as angels watching over them. The girls Glee Club sang "Little Drummer Boy" and the Girls Glee Club sang "Shepherd".

Solo numbers were sung by Lynn McCord, Patty Glen Johnson and Debra Bost.

Closing the concert was "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" with a solo by Lynn McCord and "Ave Maria" featuring a solo by Miss Johnson.

Left an abode during the football season was the talent of music surrounding a candle.

Glee Club News
The Glee Club presented an annual ball for many years with over 2000 guests in attendance in 1992. It was called the "Glee Club Winter Ball".

Glee Club presents Christmas Dinner
The SHS Glee Club called forth the spirit of Christmas as they presented a program of Christmas Carols at their annual Christmas Dinner.

The costume stage set was designed and built by Larry Gilstrap and Larry Collins.

Following several selections by the Freshman Glee Club, Mary

The 1992-1993 SHS Glee Club presented an annual ball for many years with over 2000 guests in attendance in 1992. It was called the "Glee Club Winter Ball".

Guest artists, songs were played by the Glee Club. The piece was decorated with Christmas trees, balls and music was a dance program.

Dancing began at nine o'clock with Pat Burns and the Populists forming the music. Later, Debra Cowley, SHS band director, directed a promenade with all dancers participating.

Miss Johnson was on the dance floor. The title of the ball was announced. Acting as master of ceremonies was Gary Johnson, glee club president.

Ray Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee, was crowned the queen. Her runners up were Helen Hanson and Audrey Baker. Linda Yeakle, both of the year, presented her with a bouquet of carnations and white pom-poms. The two runners up also received gifts.

An special committee of student activities were selected to oversee the winter ball during the student's during the evening.

Miss Tracy was escorted by John Mason, Miss Hanson's escort was Larry Elbert, and Miss Baker was escorted by Henry Cason.

Following the crowning, a floor show was presented. Art Pickett, member of the faculty, sang "Selections" and the Deanna School of Dance presented "Famous Dances".

General chairman of the event was Linda Yeakle, assisted by Chairman Miller, vice chairman, Cheryl Benson, David Stanley and Duke Schirard.

Cooperatives were Miss Platt, David Cowley, Bill and Jerry Hill, Fitcher, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Allen, and Catherine White.

Medical Showboat Presented
A musical showboat traveling down the Mississippi comprised the setting for the fall of 1991 cabaret performance presented by the SHS Chorus group.

The musical began with a minuet show and the singing of "Dixie" by the Boy's Chorus.

Musics of Communities Fall Program, then went on to feature some musical acts and dance numbers as "Gypsy" by the Madcaps, a routine by the Twirling Squabblers, "Not at all in Love" by Linda Baker, and "Ball of the North Star" by Priscilla Jones.

One of the most acts of the show was a duet "Let's Get Together" by Allison and Debbie Blake who added to the scene with their strumming guitars.

A waltz mood spread over the showboat as Patty Glen Johnson's lovely voice sang "Johnny" followed by Lynn McCord's variation of "Hello, Young Lovers".

Completing the continental scene, charming comedienne Carol Sue Eggendorfer, Vicki Sue Smith, Allison Baker and Marvitt Phillips in pastel formal joined their partners for dancing under soft lights.


The Chancellors then held a waltz including "Let it be" and "Waltz you're dancing".

In a sparkling finale, the students sang "Hail to Our Flag" in charge of stage setting and

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Public Meetings

HEALTHY START COALITION

The STEP (Seminole Team Enrichment Partnership) will hold a committee meeting Wednesday, Jan. 29, beginning at 8 p.m. at the Seminole County Health Department, 400 W. Airport Blvd. For information, please call 322-7255.

WINTER SPRINGS

The Winter Springs City Commission will hold a workshop Monday, Jan. 27, beginning at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers of city hall. The agenda of the agenda is a discussion of a recommendation from the City of Winter Springs Park Citizens Advisory Committee.

The Winter Springs City Commission will hold its regular commission meeting Monday, Jan. 27, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Items on the agenda include additional park screening at Miller Park, boat dock regulation, and matters pertaining to the Town Center Building.

SEMINOLE COUNTY

The Seminole County Commission will meet Tuesday, Jan. 28, in the County Services Center, 1000 North Mission. The morning session will begin at 9 a.m. The afternoon session will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the agenda including a request for a lease extension on a borrow pit on SR-46 at Mission Avenue. Will begin at 7 p.m.

Tuesday crash slows traffic

Evening commuters without major delay caused by a wreck on 25th Street Tuesday. According to Officer 2232 of the Sanford Police Department, at approximately 4:15 p.m. Tuesday a wreck occurred involving two cars and two tractor trailers on 25th Street from U.S. Highway 17-40 to Park Avenue to all traffic. According to Stead, the driver of one of the cars was air lifted to Orlando Regional Medical Center with possible head injuries. Everyone else involved in the crash seems to be doing fine. "There were no witnesses other than the drivers," Stead said.



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Comics

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 when one man would write, another man would pencil it and another man would ink," Webb said. "These guys did not want to do that sort of thing. They wanted to put out their own books and they wanted to make their own personal statements."

Instead of confining themselves to one task, these artists would perform the entire process themselves, find someone to help them financially, and print off 1,000 copies on a cheap offset press.

"Chris was one of the first to succeed at doing this with Zap 1 and Zap 2, and inspired several other artists to do the same. Unlike DC or Marvel, Chris allowed anyone who contributed to all successful issues of Zap to maintain individual rights to their work. He also split the profits evenly."

The Underground Comic movement began to die out in the late 1960s after most head shops got shut down. With that, Webb stopped collecting, but not before he had purchased 1,000 of them from various artists such as Gianni, William Peter Walker, Art Spiegelman, Bill Griffith, Robert Williams, Tom Roberts, Gilbert Shelton, Shary Flinn, and R. Clay Wilson. Rick Warren was also there.

The exhibit will include works from all these artists as well as "zines," or self-made comics, from Publishers Kristin Corporation Theory and Callahan at the Visual Arts and Graphics class at UCF.

"We're expecting a good

turnout," said Danie Helms, Senior LTA of Special Collections at the UCF Library. "I think it's something that's really going to appeal the student body."

Webb will speak about his collection at the exhibit on March 19 between noon and 1 p.m. For anyone that does come to view this exhibit over the next few months, Webb just hopes they'll take away the same appreciation for these comic books as he has all these years.

"We had a limited American form, the comic books we put in the late '60s where there was lots of social revolution going on," Webb said. "And we brought some alienated people in to express their own opinions and created a truly unique item, the underground comic book."

Greyhound

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 in advance, the ticket was booked. A roundtrip ticket bought seven days in advance to Milan costs \$40. Since Greyhound is a national company, tickets can be purchased to travel almost anywhere. A roundtrip ticket to Washington D.C. bought seven days in advance costs \$59.

The agency also benefits in new location.

"It has helped with business a little bit," said Ned Patel, manager at the station. "It's a good thing to have Greyhound as your partner because it brings people in here."

Sheriff searches for owners of stolen goods

From Staff Reports

OVIDEO - The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is trying to locate victims who have lost property in car burglaries near Oviedo. Some of the items have been recovered and is in the possession of Seminole and Orange county authorities.

The burglaries began in September and continued through Dec. 19, 2002 in the area of Fox Chase near Oviedo in Seminole County, and in the areas of Death's Landing and Water Mill in Orange County.

On Dec. 19, 25-year old James Lorrison, 25, was arrested. Investigators believe he was breaking into vehicles mainly for cash and credit cards, but allegedly took personal property from his vic-

tims as well.

When a search warrant was served on his home on Dec. 24, authorities recovered merchandise, exceeded \$6,000. The items included purses, cell phones, computer bags, day planners, leather attache cases, cameras, CD players, watches, calculators and a variety of other items.

Investigators believe Lorrison is tied to at least 15 burglaries in the area. He is being held in the Seminole County Jail while awaiting arraignment on Feb. 4 on charges of fraudulent use of a credit card.

Victims of vehicle burglaries, which occurred in these specific areas of Orange and Seminole counties, should contact Investigator Peter Harrison of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office at (407) 977-6383.

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TROOPS

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 knock down sends launched by the enemy before it hits our troops," said Hatcher, a 25-year military veteran with four children living in Sanford.

More than 20 members of 1st Air Assault are already serving on active duty. In fact, since Sept. 11, 2001, Detachment 1 has deployed members to various areas within the United States as well as locations in Southwest Asia and 13th Force.

According to Sgt. 1st Class Alan Mitchell, a portion of the 1st Air Assault was previously deployed to Southwest Asia in late November for training and are staying pending what may or may not develop.

"We maintain some form of presence over there all the time," said Mitchell.

A departure ceremony to honor the guardsmen will be held at the Orlando Armory at 9:30 p.m. Saturday. Featured events include music by the Shenandoah Elementary School Chorus, who has "adopted" the guardsmen, as well as remarks by the Detachment 2 commander, Brig. Gen. Stephen Villacorta.

"I'm very excited about the deployment," said Sailer, who parents, Sabrina and Ali, also live in Oviedo. "We're going to the other side of the world, to do what we do best."

According to Brown, there is no indication as to how long the unit will be on active duty.

County

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 by from Sanford in April of 2000. The current mortgage on the property is more than \$2 million.

At press time, Myers was unavailable for comment.

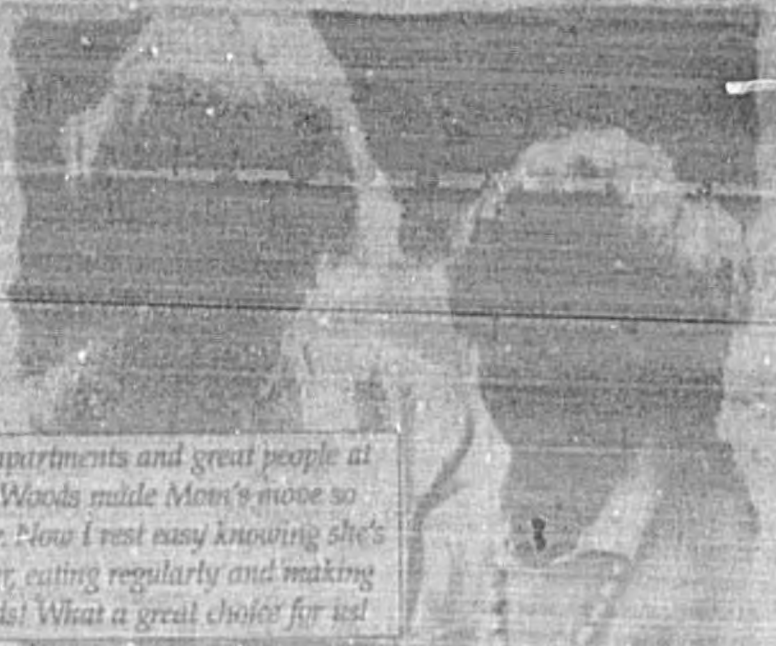
Other issues of note:

- The Commission will present a resolution placing in contemplation with Gov. Jeb Bush a declaration that February 2009 is "Library Appreciation Month."
- The Commission will vote on additional funding in the amount of \$15,000 for Keweenaw Park. The funds will be used to install lighting and boardwalk restoration.
- Commissioners will vote on whether to accept the city of Sanford's bid of \$3.8 million to purchase the former FPL parcel located on the waterfront of Lake Monroe, immediately west of City Hall. The market value of the land is estimated at \$240,975.
- The Commission will vote to approve a two-year extension for the Bishop and Butney 20-acre expansion of the City-11 housing lot located at the northwest corner of State Road 36 and Bishop Avenue.

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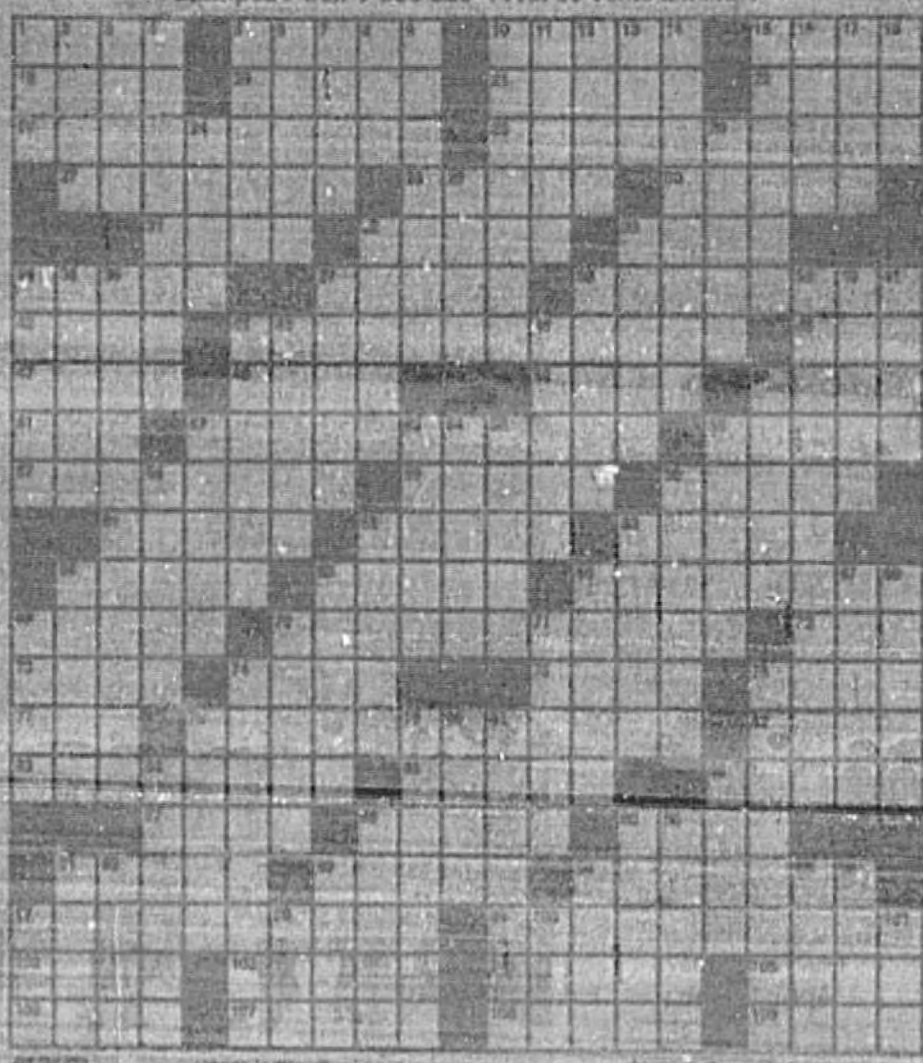
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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Clued by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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| *SUPER BOWL CHAMPS" by RICHARD THOMAS | 77 Brite blue | DOWN | 84 Sign in math class | 82 "Vandy Fair" editorial slogan | 74 Series of mixed conditions |
| 1 He decided in "Elephant Boy" | 86 Reused | 1 Close to | 85 Friday before | 87 It has arms and waves | 78 Galls |
| 5 Seat | 87 Solitary | 2 Part of LIGULA | 29 Nike's swoosh, S.C. | 84 Vain class | 79 Legit experts |
| 10 Slogan capital | 88 Expensive | 3 Laxative | 30 Kind of antibiotic acid | 85 Pull out of work, as a strike | 80 Very soon after |
| 15 CEO's expense | 89 Maximilian | 4 It colored | 33 Like Chester on "Gunsmoke" | 86 Composer had | 81-1974 Flaccid |
| 18 Murder charge | 91 70s Italian | 5 Wrote 50- | 34 Accord or "Gunsmoke" | 88 "Tune" group, with "The" | 84 Boppers, e.g. |
| 20 Hoodlum | 92 Sign up | 6 Strip off | 35 16th century painter | 89 Put (down) hastily | 85 Cartel |
| 21 Boy | 94 Lower dappers | 7 Bore a price | 8 Fr. holy woman | 82 Waste land | 89 Put (down) hastily |
| 22 Bore | 97 They got around | 8 Fr. holy woman | 9 Rattle near | 83 Kind of acid | 90 Wind-blown dust amount |
| 23 One on a roll | 98 Gun promoter | 9 Rattle near | 10 Least leahargh | 84 Regional winner | 91 Day on the air |
| 25 Disappointed | 102 Just this time | 10 Least leahargh | 11 Car owner's | 85 Director | 92 Outline jewelry |
| 27 Heavens | 103 we are | 11 Car owner's | 12 Car owner's | 86 Jacket or cypoid | 93 Character or |
| 28 "I Fear to Frown" singer | 104 Old Tater rulers | 12 Car owner's | 13 Car owner's | 87 Champ on TV | 94 Fresh again |
| 30 Aoyagi's Uchi | 105 Old Russian | 13 Car owner's | 14 Some letter recipients | 88 "The Cuban" actor | 95 Went higher |
| 31 "Lines of the Field" church | 106 Not a physicist | 14 Some letter recipients | 15 Joel of "Dead End" | 89 It may be followed | 97 4000 cap |
| 32 Razzed | 107 Opens wide | 15 Joel of "Dead End" | 16 Feet the bear | 90 Outward aspect | 98 Choral syllable |
| 33 Wider in film | 108 Boxer rivals | 16 Feet the bear | 17 Over or cover ending | 91 Sealed with cement | 100 "Gothic" |
| 34 Vagabond in a rack | 109 First opening? | 17 Over or cover ending | 18 Metal ball | 92 Lowest point | 101 Prints with rope |
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| 38 Not overbearing | | | | | |
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| 43 Tom Clancy novel | | | | | |
| 45 Knock over | | | | | |
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WHAT: Kindergarten information night
WHO: Kindergarten Parents for 2003-2004, Community Members, Church Leaders, PTA Members, SAC Members, Readers and New Families
WHEN: Thursday, January 9, 2003, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: Educational Support Center, 400 East Lake Mary Blvd., Sanford, Florida

WHY: This will be an opportunity for parents to meet school principals, learn about cluster schools, hear about magnet school opportunities, understand the application process and registration requirements.

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Sanford City Commission Agenda for 1-27-03

- Sanford City Hall
300 North Park Avenue
Sanford, FL 32759
706 PM in the City Manager's Conference Room, Second Floor
- WORK SESSION**
1. Briefing of proposed board appointments (PH-1)
 - A. District Prosecutors Board: Lisa Owens, Stephen Hovick, and Dr. Eric Zentke
 - B. Planning & Zoning Commission: Anthony W. Brown, Eddie R. Green, and Richard F. Huber
 - C. Directorial Staff: Mayor-Commissioner Charter, ISSA (see Regular Meeting)
 - D. Presentation of 2001-2002 Unaudited Financial Report
 - E. Discussion of proposed land use changes with Seminole County Public Safety for relocation of Public Works parking
 - F. Discussion of Budget Agency items, Adm. Serv. items, and other items
 - G. Mayor's Meeting
 - H. City Manager's Staffing
 - I. Overview of Success Development Agreement (PH-4)
 - J. Property Agreement (PH-4)
 - K. Discussion of Proposed neighborhood improvements (D-12)
 - L. Discussion of tree trimming and removal safety programs (C-0, C-10)
- REGULAR MEETING**
7:00 PM, City Commission Chambers, First Floor
- Mayor-Commissioner Charter Opening
 - Official City Commission Email Page (PH-4)
 - Approval of Minutes

- West Sanford Regular Meeting of December 22, 2002. Town Hall, Public Meeting of January 7, 2003 and West Sanford Regular Meeting of January 13, 2003. Recommended by the City Clerk and the City Manager.
- Open Agenda**
1. Approval of the monthly utility rate schedule. Recommended by the City Manager.
 2. Approval of payment of City Attorney's Statement for the month of December 2002. Recommended by the City Manager.
 3. Approval of proposed team agreement and agreement for a pool contract and payment for pool at Art Lane (same in an account not to exceed \$20,000). Recommended by the City Manager.
 4. Approval of letter of agreement with City of Sanford, Inc. by Robert construction and repair of sidewalks and ramps on streets in the neighborhood. Recommended by the City Manager.
 5. Approval of J. T. Allen Cemetery (trust fund of J. T. Allen) at relocation and final deed to proceed with transfer of ownership. Recommended by the City Manager.
 6. Approval agreement with Seminole County Community Services Department by City use of Community Center Workers to enhance the Public Works Department work effort. Recommended by the City Manager.
 7. Approval letter with First Government Company for financial advisor services regarding potential bond issue. Recommended by the

- City Manager**
1. Authorize contract increasing the Sanford Disposition Plan 598 Group's agreement with Inmate Workforce Company by \$120,577. City share is \$17,286.36. Recommended by the City Manager.
 2. Approve playback on an existing Seminole County tree trimming contract for tree work on streets along designated emergency response streets within the City. Recommended by the City Manager. (WS-7C)
 3. Approve request for \$10,000 from the Neighborhood Improvement Fund for several requested sidewalk safety improvements. Recommended by the City Manager. (WS-7C)
 4. Approve E-GP award in the amount of \$11,353 (9% of grant award). Recommended by the City Manager.
 5. Approve expenditure of Neighborhood Improvement Funds in the amount of \$18,200 for special improvements in the Precast neighborhood. Recommended by the City Manager.
 6. Establish settlement authority between the City and Mr. James High in the amount of \$23,000 (\$13,788 in salaries account balance remaining in 1% performance bonus for FY 02/03 and \$9,212 from risk insurance account for FY 02/03) inclusive of compensation payment, retirement contribution, and attorney fees. Recommended by the City Manager.
- Public Hearings**
1. The 1151/2 lots of property line between Smith Canal Road and St.

- John Parkway and between Central Post Drive and Uptown Road 1114. Applicant: Robert J. Malenkowski, James N. Figueroa, and Marie T. Popalado, owner applicants.
1. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 3707 to revise 8.3.3.10 of the property. Recommended by the City Manager. Adopted January 15 and 22, 2003. Recommended by the City Manager.
 2. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 3708 to rezone the property from AG, Agriculture, and Planned Development, to PD, Planned Development, and approve Development Order No. 02-0034. Adopted January 15 and 22, 2003. Recommended by the City Manager.

- revising Schedule K, Sign Regulations, and Schedule L, Nonconforming Land Use Provisions, of the Land Development Regulations. Adopted January 15, 2003. Recommended by the City Manager.
1. First reading of a development agreement with Burt Properties, Inc. and approval of a deed and purchase agreement with Seminole County for property located on the old FPL Building (vacant property lying between US 1792 and Park Avenue and between Seminole Boulevard and Fulton Street). Adopted January 19, 2003. Recommended by the City Manager. (WC-7A)
- Regular Items**
1. Board appointments (MS-1)
 2. Historic Preservation Board. There is one vacancy (Mary Williams has resigned). Applicants are from Linda Dreblett, P. Douglas Grottschka, Julie Overstreet, Stephen Hovick, and Dr. Eric Zentke. **NEED TO APPOINT REPLACEMENT.**
 3. Planning & Zoning Commission. There is one vacancy (Tom Vaughn has resigned). Applicant:

are on file from Anthony W. Brown, Eddie R. Green, and Richard F. Huber. **NEED TO APPOINT REPLACEMENT.**

- C. Police Officer Retirement System Board of Trustees: Mark Kachala was selected by the other four trustees as the first trustee on November 14, 2002. **NEED TO APPOINT.** In addition, Gary Brown was unopposed for re-election as member-at-large trustee. **BOARD REQUESTS ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF HIS RE-ELECTION.**
- D. Firefighters Retirement System Board of Trustees: Ron Royal was selected by the other two trustees as the first trustee on November 14, 2002. **NEED TO APPOINT.** In addition, Peter Vaughn was unopposed for re-election as member-at-large trustee. **BOARD REQUESTS ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF HIS RE-ELECTION.**

- Add-on items
- Information
- City Attorney's Report
- City Clerk's Report
- City Manager's Report
- Citizen Participation
- City Commission's Records

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Safehouse of Seminole names Gold as director

Safehouse of Seminole has named Jeanne Gold as Executive Director. She is former Division Chief Prosecutor for domestic violence at the Seminole County State Attorney's office.

Gold joined the Safehouse Board of Directors in 1996 and served as president of the board from 1997-1999 and 2001. The former Executive Director, Dr. Karen Larky, recently left Safehouse to continue and develop her private practice. Dr. Larky is continuing her involvement with Safehouse as supervisor of interns.

Safehouse is a domestic violence center providing comprehensive victim services in Seminole County. Safehouse is dedicated to seeking an end to the cycle of violence.

In addition to providing emergency shelter, Safehouse provides 24-hour crisis hotline with immediate police response to 911 calls, teen and young adult programs, children's outreach programs, court advocacy, professional training and community education.

The Safehouse hotline is (407) 330-3333.

Babies

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As part of the campaign, about 2,000 posters, printed in English and Spanish, will be displayed throughout Seminole County at Safe Baby Stations as well as other local business with high visibility. The posters have already been placed in guidance offices throughout Seminole County to inform young women of the law.

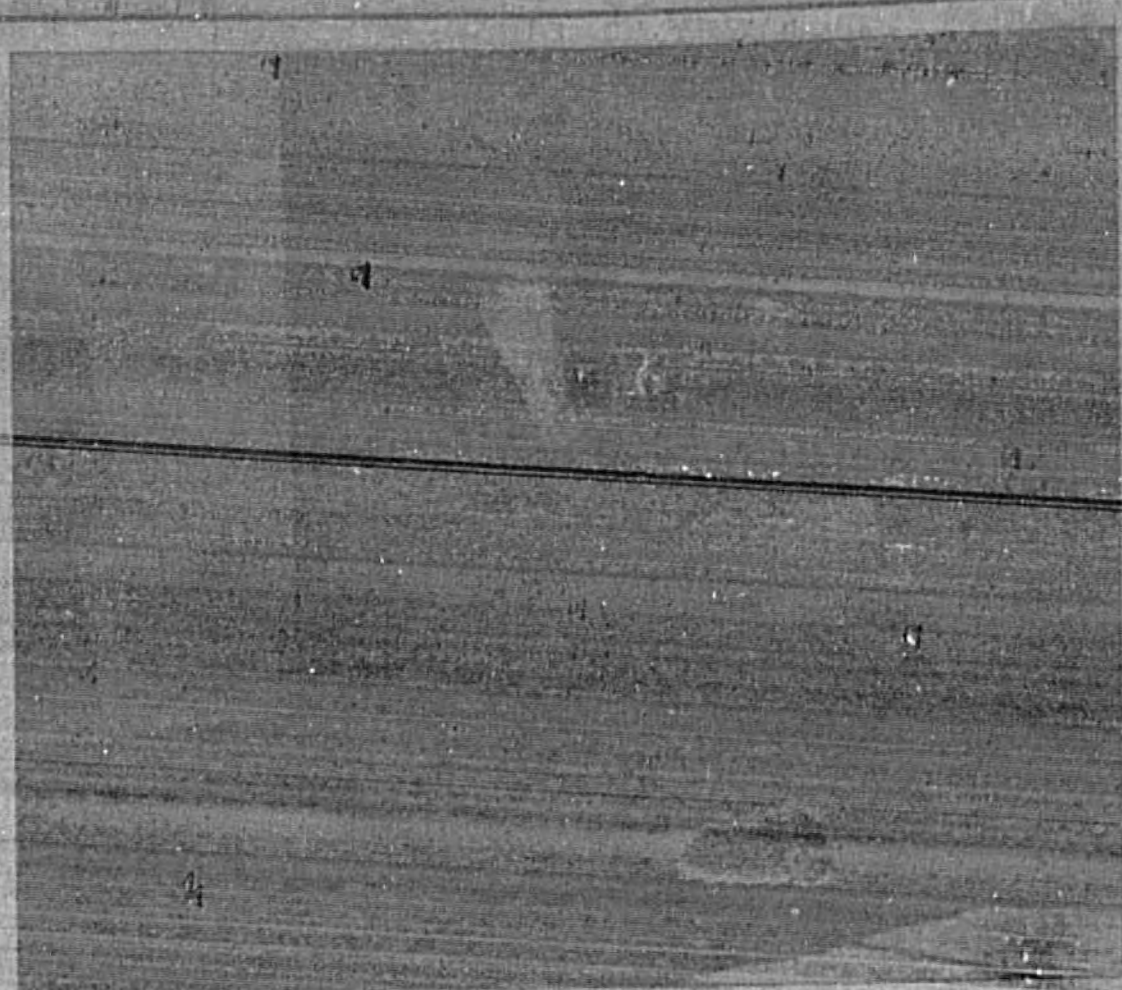
Although most Floridians agree that the law provides a much needed community service, national controversy does surround the safe abandonment of babies.

According to records, adoption of abandoned infants may be jeopardized by the lack of information, especially the infant's medical history. With the lack of information, officials are also unable to contact the fathers, which poses questions regarding the father's rights.

Although the law requires officials to advertise the abandonment and pending adoption in local papers, judges in Michigan refuse to terminate the rights of the absentee fathers in fear they will return years later.

"My heart goes out to any father in that situation, but the concern of the law doesn't deal with future legalities, such as a mother's remorse, the father's whereabouts or the adoption process," said Bauer. "What we're dealing with is safe abandonment. What we want after that is subsequent events."

"It's a new life and it becomes



Diane Bauer is the chairwoman of the Abandon Baby Foster Committee, an organization designed to promote the Florida Abandon Newborn Law.

the responsibility, whether we want it to or not of the community," Bauer added.

Because there is not a national database of baby abandonment information, it's difficult to mea-

sure the effectiveness of the law, which has been adopted in nearly three dozen states. However, Seminole County officials conclude that a safe baby with no medical records and absentee

fathers is better than an unsafe abandonment resulting in injury or death.

"If we save one infant, it's worth it," said Bauer. "We are all God's children."

Solution for Today's Puzzle

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Sports

Happy Birthday

Merthie nets 38 on his mom's 38th

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

ALFAMONTE SPRINGS — It's not every mother who wants her son to be known, but that was not the case for Darryl Merthie Jr.'s mom. Wednesday night the Lake Mary High School star sophomore poured in 38 points on his mom's birthday, which just happened to be her 38th, as his Rams

picked up a big, 74-70, win over Lake Branley.

For good measure, the 6-foot-1 guard also handed out six assists and got some help from Keith Wright, who pulled down 10 rebounds.

The sophomore trio of Kyle Fowler (31 points), Marques Johnson (11 rebounds) and Jade Stamp (four assists) led the way for the Patriots.

Merthie and the Rams have been on quite a roll over the past couple of weeks as he had 26 points and six assists in a 77-66 victory over Spruce Creek, 19 points in a 55-49 triumph over Lyman and 24 points in a 57-51 win over Seminoles.

Darryl's cousin, Lyndon, also had a couple of nice games with 11 points against Spruce Creek and 11 rebounds against Seminoles.

Other top performers for Lake Mary

have been Wright, eight rebounds against Spruce Creek, Eddie Willingham, eight rebounds against Lyman, and Larry Smith, six assists against Lyman and four against Seminoles.

For Lyman, Matthew Hall scored 19 points, Mark Robinson pulled down seven rebounds and Litar Wilson handed out three assists.

For Seminoles, it was Robert Freston leading the way with 14 points.

RAMS 74, PATRIOTS 70

Lake Mary 70: Smith 11, Johnson 11, Fowler 31, Merthie 38, Wright 10, Willingham 8, Whizard 1, Taylor 28, 15-20-24.

Spruce Creek 66: Stamp 4, Johnson 11, Boudry 2, Merthie 7, Lasky 5, Foster 17, Freston 17, 22-18-44.

Lyman 51: Hall 19, Robinson 19, Wilson 3, Smith 4, Freston 11, 20-19-24.

Seminole 55: Hall 11, Robinson 11, Wilson 3, Smith 4, Freston 11, 20-19-24.

Three-point field goals: Lake Mary 7 (J. Merthie 4, Boudry 2, Whizard 1); Spruce Creek 4 (Foster 3, Stamp 1); Lyman 3 (Hall 2, Robinson 1); Seminole 2 (Hall 1, Robinson 1). Fouled out: Lake Mary 16, Spruce Creek 17, fouled out once, Seminoles, Spruce Creek, four.

Women to battle for A-Sun lead

Special to the Herald

ORLANDO — The UCF women's basketball team knows that there are a few key aspects to earning a victory and moving into first place in the Atlantic Sun South Division as they host their premier Florida A&M game today (Saturday) at 3 p.m. at UCF Arena (Live WORL 660 AM).

The game caps a three-game homestand for the Golden Knights (7-3, 3-1). On Jan. 18, UCF lost its first conference game of the season, dropping a 67-56 decision to Troy State before defeating Mercer, 78-59, two days later. Last weekend, the Owls (5-9, 4-0) slipped past Mercer, 77-76, and Troy State, 73-68. FAU is currently on top of South Division, with UCF one game back.

UCF MEN WIN GAME AT THE WIRE TO START ROAD TRIP

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Ray Abellard hit a pair of free throws with just four seconds remaining and it proved to be the difference as UCF (13-6, 5-1) was able to hold on for a 66-66 win over Jacksonville State (10-6, 4-3) picking up an important road win in the Atlantic Sun at Paley Matthews Coliseum on Thursday evening.

Abellard and Roberto Morentin combined for 37 points, including 22 in the second half, to lead the UCF offense in a second stanza that saw 15 lead changes. It was a tightly contested half where neither team was able to build a lead of more than four points and the score was tied on nine occasions.

Following a pair of free throws by Ponce Richardson, the Gamecocks held a 62-61 advantage with only 1:27 remaining until Abellard drained a three-pointer from well beyond the arc with the shot clock winding down to give UCF back the lead at 64-62. The Knight's Dexter Lyons came up with a steal on the Gamecocks next possession and was able to push the ball up to Abellard who took the ball to the hoop where galloping was called on Omar Espirt, putting UCF on top 66-62.

Jacksonville State would not go quietly as Jay Heard hit his second 3-pointer of the game to draw the Gamecocks to within one at 66-65 with only 39 ticks left. Heard would later tie the game after hitting one of two free throws with just 13 seconds left before Abellard was fouled setting up the final sequence. Abellard finished with 21.

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Rams return favor

Lake Mary girls even series with Oviedo

By Chris Bernhard
Herald correspondent

OVIEDO — An almost capacity crowd showed up at the Oviedo High School gym Thursday night to see the Rams battle Lake Mary for a meeting of two of Central Florida and Class 6A's top girls' teams.

And they got more than their money's worth as the Rams avenged an earlier home loss to Oviedo, squeaking out a thrilling 54-52 victory.

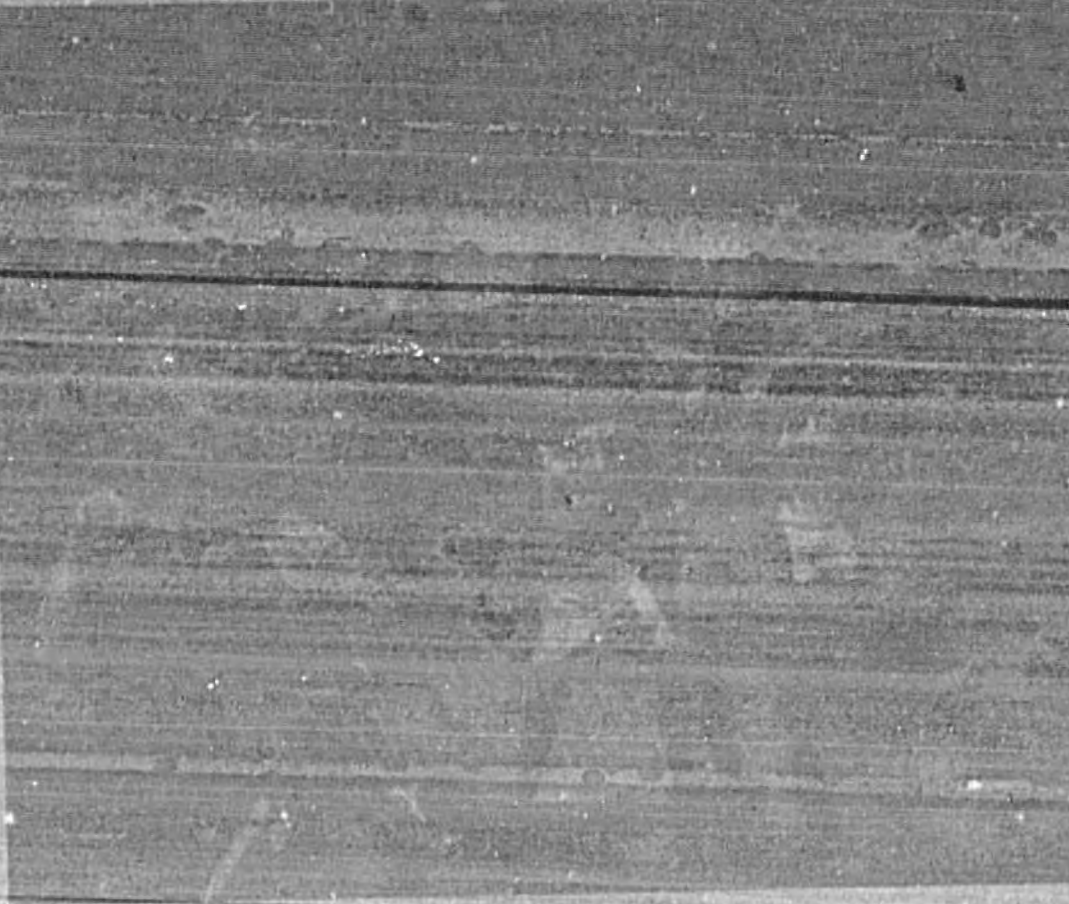
"I think both teams came out there and competed and I think that's what it's all about," Lake Mary head coach Carl Brown said. "He (Oviedo head coach Brad Specht) did a real good job getting his kids ready to play and our kids came out just as ready to go out there and compete with them."

Not only did the game pit two great teams against one another, with Oviedo ranked number one in this week's 6A poll and Lake Mary ranked fourth, but also featured a match-up of two of the area's top players: Sir LaSaura of Oviedo and Angie Preecey of Lake Mary. (The two didn't disappoint, each scoring double figures in a hotly contested first half that ended tied at 24-24.)

Lake Mary came out of half-time hot, opening up a 40-33 lead as Meghan Chamberlain hit a lay-up as time expired in the third quarter. She had six points in the period.

"They came out the second half, they hit a couple of quick

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Herald photo by ...



Lake Mary's ability to get inside Oviedo's zone defense was the difference as the No. 4 state-ranked Rams upset the No. 1 ranked Lions, 54-52, Thursday night at Oviedo High School. Lake Mary senior leader Alexa Kang (No. 34 above), who would hit the two free throws that sealed the win with 12 seconds left, goes up shoos over a quartet of Oviedo defenders, while junior star Angie Preecey (No. 11, left) displays what she did all night, penetrate the zone for a layup. The Lions powering over the Lions' Justin Elmiric Preecey, the daughter of Magic assistant and former NBA star Paul Preecey, led the Rams with 17 points and seven rebounds as Lake Mary (21-2) avenged an early season home loss to the Lions, who fell to 20-2.

SCC benefits from Bracy's revitalization

By Craig Johnson
Herald correspondent

SANFORD — When J.D. Bracy left Florida State for Seminole Community College last summer big things were expected.

Head coach Stan Czumak knew the signing of a player the caliber of Bracy was a big feather in his cap as he continued to try to return the Raiders program to the prominence it enjoyed in the 60's, 70's and 80's, but even he could not have foreseen how much of an impact the 6-foot-3 shooting guard would make.

SCC is currently ranked No. 4 in the state and is 17-5 overall and 2-0 in conference play. For the first time in a decade the Raiders are on the brink of a 20-win season

and have a good shot at making the playoffs for the first time since 1989. And most of the credit has to go to Bracy's play and leadership.

Bracy has got it all, the experience, the knowledge and the love of the game. Born to Nina Bracy in Kissimmee on October 1, 1981, JD got his competitive desire from his older brother Cory Glee, who he claims could have been the best ball player that ever chased the dream of being a football player.

"A young JD, who very well could have followed Cory into football, recalls at the tender age of two picking up a basketball, which has seldom left his hand since. Instead of watching TV, JD concentrated on working on basketball and gives a lot of the credit for his desire to be the best to

University of Florida running back Willie Green and UCF linebacker Chad Mascoe, whom he played football with at Osceola High School.

It was those two who helped him develop his agility that turned him into the above the rim, off (a as) e, layer he now is.

After excelling on the court for the Kowboys and being chosen as runner-up for Florida Mr. Basketball his senior year, Bracy accepted a full-ride scholarship to FSU.

After sitting out what should have been his freshman year with a knee injury and seeing limited playing time last year, Bracy met with new head coach Leonard Hamilton, who advised him to transfer to a two year program and find a new start. See Bracy, Page 17

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SANFORD LITTLE LEAGUE/SOFTBALL

Registration for the Spring Season Sanford Little League Baseball/Softball will be held outside of the Walmart store on Highway 17-92 in Sanford on Saturday and Sunday, January 25th & 26th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Boys and Girls who are between the league ages of 5 and 16 are eligible to participate in Little League Baseball/Softball. A number of umpire, manager, and coach positions are available.

Tryouts will be held Saturday February 1st at Fort Mellon Park, Roy Hollar Field, in Dunwoody Sanford from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information, please call Sanford Little League at 407-435-0237.

SEMINOLE BASEBALL

Seminole Baseball, located at the Five Point Complex, is taking whole team registration for 9-Under-through-14-Under teams.

For more information call 407-379-5735.

The league will also be holding signups for individuals on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for players ages 5-and-up.

For more information call 407-379-5735 or check the website at www.seminolebaseball.com

NIKE GOLF PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION

This Sunday, January 26, they will be at Celebration Golf Club in Orlando from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Instructional hourly giveaways, and a cookout will be held. This will be the only Orlando demo and new club intro for the general public.

SANFORD BABE RUTH

The Sanford Recreation Department is offering Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken Division Baseball Leagues and girls' 12-and-Under fast pitch softball.

Player Placement Day is Saturday, February 1st, at the Chase Youth Sports Complex for Rookie League Baseball (ages 7-9) and girls softball at 9 a.m. and Minor (9-10) and Major (11-12) League Baseball at 11 a.m., and for Babe Ruth Prep (13) and Juniors (14-15) at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium at 9 a.m. Leagues are also offered for Tee Ball (ages 5-6) and Seniors (16-19), but those players only need to register.

Registration is in progress and the fee is \$35 per player.

For more information call the SRD Office at 407-330-5697, Chase Park at 407-328-2732, or Sanford Stadium at 407-328-3773.

LAKE MARY GAMES

The Lake Mary High School Track Club will be hosting the Lake Mary Games 2003 for High School Age Division athletes on Saturday, February 8.

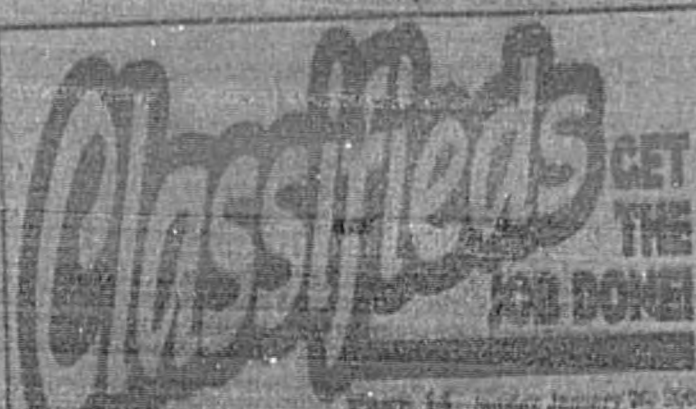
Each athlete is limited to three events, counting relays, and the cost is \$3 per person if paid by Feb. 5. Late registration, the day of the event, will cost \$5 per person. Proceeds will benefit the CMHS track program.

Field events are (boys and girls): long jump, high jump, and shot put.

Running events are (boys and girls): 100/110 high hurdles, 100-meter dash, 1,400-meter run, 4 X 100-meter relay, 500-meter run and 4 X 400-meter relay.

Late registration begins at 8 a.m. with the field events starting at 9 a.m. and the running events beginning at 10 a.m.

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to See Briefs, Page 12



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Sanford resident Bill Belleville explores ...

DEEP CUBA

By Michelle Jarla
Managing Editor

More than 100 feet under the sea and a little disoriented, Bill Belleville realized right diving with his light turned off was not one of his more enjoyable diving experiences. Past the point when he should have reached an underwater reef, he was still dropping into darkness. When he finally turned on his light to search for his diving partner, all he saw was darkness outside the light's glow.

The nocturnal dive, which occurred in the winter of 1997, was part of a rare researching expedition in Cuban waters led by a group of American and Cuban scientists. The perilous nighttime dive was scheduled in order to find and document *Kryptopterus burtoni* — the flashlight fish — that only swims close to the water's surface when it is dark.

"When I turned on my light, I realized I was separated from the biologist I was diving with," Belleville said. "I had been swept by the current and I didn't know what direction I was heading."

Belleville, who lives in Sanford when he's not exploring and researching the far corners of the world, eventually found a way out of his murky predicament. He made it back to the diving boat and found his fellow divers. The only thing

missing was the all-glass flashlight fish. Even though Belleville and his research team did not find the night-loving fish, they did make history during their month-long exploration of Cuba — sponsored by the Discovery Channel. And a few years later, Belleville has created his own documentation of the event with his book, "Deep Cuba."

Beginning in December 1997, the Discovery Channel "battled a Madras Beach, Christy's Marine Institute and, ultimately, the Federal and organized a group of researchers to explore and create a documentary about Cuba's coastal waters. Belleville, an experienced marine environmental writer and documentary filmmaker, had worked with the group before and was asked to join the project as its field producer.

"I didn't see it as only an adventure," Belleville said. "I was going to the opportunity to see a rare place very few people will ever see."

In the only major American expedition of the waters surrounding Cuba, Belleville and the scientists have discovered coral reefs, sunken ships and exotic sea life. Members of the team even found diving gear hundreds of feet below the safe diving range in a place where divers were known to have disappeared.

The expedition's result was a two-hour documentary, titled "Cuba: Forbidden Depths," which aired on the Discovery

Channel. However, Belleville, not it only scratched the surface of the ocean trip, so he decided to write his own narrative about what he saw during the journey.

"So much went on that was not addressed in the documentary. I felt I deserved a book," Belleville said. "During the month, and a half that we were there, we didn't just say on the spot, 'We went to villages that seemed to appear as they would have during the time of the conquistadors. There was so much to see and explore.'"

One event curiously missing from the documentary was Fidel Castro's visit to the research ship. According to Belleville, executives at Discovery felt it was too politically risky to air the segments with the Cuban leader — even though Castro said nothing political while aboard the ship.

"Meeting Castro was an honor," Belleville said. "That is the guy you see all your life on television and in photographs. When I met him, I got a sense of his great curiosity about what we were doing and about life. He was very well informed. And, while our own politicians, there was no grandstanding."

Like Castro, Belleville seems guided by his curious nature. As a child, his curiosity led him to explore the

around his home in Maryland. As he grew older, he ventured further and traveled to places such as the Great Barrier Reef of Australia, the Amazon, the White Sea of Russia and the Galapagos Islands.

"Most places I go, I have a strong curiosity about them," he said. "And, since this is Cuba, I find diving a way of better understanding things."

Belleville has documented many of his journeys. He has published more than 1,000 articles in national and international publications. Along with "Deep Cuba," he has also published "River of Light: A Journey on Florida's St. Johns River" and has recently completed a deal for his most

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At right, Sanford resident Bill Belleville. Belleville is a professional diver for his return book, "Deep Cuba." Belleville is shown with his dog, Deep, at his Florida Coastline home in Sanford.

Michelle Jarla

Belleville

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 recent book, "Wayward Traveler: Journeys to Sunken Cities, Sacred Centers and Golden Shores." He is currently working on a coffee table book that will focus on St. Johns River art and history.

The Sanford resident is also the co-founder of Equinox Documentaries Inc., and has co-produced several documentaries for Public Television, including "Searching for Aardvark" and "Women: Legacy or Loss?" He has received

numerous awards for his work, including a Suncoast Emmy in 2001 and Aurora Award Platinum Best of Show in 2002.

No matter where he travels, however, Belleville said he will always call Florida home.

"I've always been fascinated by Florida," he said. "I've lived in my Florida Cracker house in Sanford for the past 10 years. I've got my barbecue, my fish pond and my dog, Shep, what else do I need?"



Photo submitted by Bill Belleville

Sanford resident Bill Belleville recalls Fidel Castro during his month-long imprisonment of Cuba. The photograph was taken in Havana in January 1960, and Castro paid a visit to the jail that day.

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Community gathers to honor Martin Luther King Jr.

Why we should celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day?

It's a day that is a federal holiday, recognized by most states. No, it's not a day to sleep late, do a little shopping or catch that movie.

A relatively new holiday, it has been celebrated in Sanford since 1985 in honor of the leadership of former Mayor Betsy D. Smith. A group of citizens organized

by the mayor was named the City of Sanford Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Steering Committee. They worked to plan and host events commemorating the contributions of the slain civil rights leader made to our world.

The city of Sanford was selected in 1993 as the site of the commemorative celebration held by the Florida Commemorative Commission under the leadership of Gov. Lawton Chiles.

The City of Sanford Steering Committee graciously welcomed and worked with the citizens from around the state in observing the celebration.

The third Monday of

every January is celebrated as the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday.

The vision continues to make the younger generation and our citizens aware of our community, of what Dr. King's vision was and still is for this world, to make and keep our generations better aware of our world and the Sanford community.

Chairman Bernard D. Mitchell and the City of Sanford Steering Committee plan the celebration not only to remember and commemorate Dr. King, but also to pay tribute as a community as a day of interfaith and intercultural sharing and the desire for all to be able to work together.

It is a day to embrace the unity of all faiths in love and truth. It is a day to commemorate the life, legacy of a man whose life is still a great part of our life as we practice humility, dignity, compassion, courage and truth, with plenty of love.

We continue to help educate our youth as they begin the four-day celebration with the various elementary schools entering the poster contest. High school seniors compete for scholarships as they participate in the oratorical contest, to receive financial aid to attend the college of their choice.

Four young seniors will

receive this year's 2003 scholarships. Thanks to Nicki Castorino's first and fifth grade chorus and to the young people who entertained the guests in attendance at the youth night program.

Saturday at 9:30 a.m., 60 golfers took off at the third annual tournament at Sabal Point Country Club. We salute our sponsors and the Sabal Point Country Club.

Awards ceremony for the top honorees for 2003 are Estel (Est) and Phyllis Conklin, community leader, home maker, founder of Conklin, Porter and Holmes Engineers. They have been active in this community for 39 years and are recipients of the 2003 Humanitarian Award.

Community Service Award 2003 recipients were Dr. Calvin and Lottie Collins, founder, publisher and manager of the Orlando Times, an African-American weekly newspaper. A dedicated doctor, community servant, medical leader in the Central Florida area.

The recipients of the 2003 Brotherhood Award were Richard L. Evans, retired principal/educator who has served his community through his knowledge, skill, service and character. A role model for all citizens.

Sunday's Inter-Faith observance was held at the Sanford Civic Center. The 2:30 p.m. proclamation featured Commissioner Randy Jones, Chairman Mitchell, pastors and ministers of the community, led the MLK Jr. Celebration Choir singing. We stood as they took their places for the 18th session of service in Dr. King's honor.

Pastor Volusia J. Henry of the Allen AME Church provided. The Rev. Michael Griffin gave the invocation, and special tribute was given two of the MLK Jr. Choir members for their service, namely Carlene Anderson and Earline Williams.

Greetings were extended by Commissioner Randy Jones on behalf of the city. He presented a proclamation to Chairman Mitchell and pastors Henry and Scott from the mayor and city commission.

Daryl Mobley brought greetings from the community. Alisha Brown gave greetings from the youth. Reading from the Holy Scripture of Psalm 7 - Gloria Lewis and Rev. William Lewis read the Christian Scripture.

Musical renditions of praise were given by the MLK Jr. Choir under the direction of Andrea Hayes, Sylvia Stafford and



Children Edna present golfer Norris Horton a magic baseball signed by Tracy McQuay.



Participants of the Martin Luther King Jr. Inter-Faith observance receive a pin for a photograph.



Commissioner Randy Jones and other participants during the Martin Luther King Jr. Inter-Faith observance.



Martin Luther King Jr. Choir members Carlene Anderson and Earline Williams are honored for their service by Daryl Mobley.

Gloria B.H. Williams at the console. After a spirit filled medley of old fashion gospel songs with the singing of "Down by the River" the Rev. Michael Price, pastor of the New Bethel AME Church of Midway (East Sanford) rose to deliver the historical message of the hour. Genesis 39, 40, 41, chapters speaking of the "Dreamer I Hear Comes that dreamer, with God, nothing is impossible. He reminded us that the difference between the dreamer and those who dream is you have to love one another.

Are you a dreamer or a doer? This message will remain in the hearts and minds of those in attendance as we give thanks for what the Lord has done for America.

To continue the hour of praise, the St. John Baptist Metropolitan Praise Dancers presented their rendition of "His Eye is on the Sparrow".

We continue to recognize why we celebrate. America was founded on the principles that suggest

everyone within our borders should have equal chances for success, that they should be judged by their efforts, accomplishments and character, not by their professions or their lineages.

Dr. King worked, fought and died to bring America closer to its stated ideals. We are still not the America or Sanford of King's dream, but we are much closer than we were 50 years ago, and all of America is better for it. There is no question that Dr. King stands among the greatest Americans. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is not an African-American holiday. It's an American holiday and all Americans should celebrate what ever you decide to do to celebrate, include people of all ethnic backgrounds, have fun as King loved to laugh, teach King's legacy of freedom and justice for all.

The City of Sanford Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Steering Committee chooses to carry the spirit of "The Dreamer" throughout the year.

Church Notes

Wailing Wall
 Citizens are invited to hear the "Liberated Wailing Wall" at Jews for Jesus, Sunday Jan. 26, at 7 p.m., at Community United Methodist Church. It is the story of Jews coming to believe in Jesus through music, drama and personal testimony. For additional information, please call 407-331-3777.

Community United Methodist Church is located 1/2 mile north of Highway 436 on U.S. 17-92 in Cape Canaveral.

Leadership Conference
 On Sunday, Jan. 26 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Dr. Robert Matthews, noted author from Upper Marlboro, Md. will speak during House of Prayer's annual Leadership Conference. The conference will culminate Jan. 27 with Dr. Matthews speaking at the 7:30 p.m. service. The theme is "Let the Church be the Church." Services will be held at 1001 Celery Ave. in Seaford. For additional information, call 407-324-4731.

Concert Series
 The first St. Luke's concert will be performed on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7:30pm, featuring the University of Central Florida Orchestra, performing Florida's New World Symphony and guest artist, Ayako Tomeland performing Beethoven's Concerto for Violin and Orchestra, Op. 61. St. Luke's Concert Series is free and hospice care for small children is also available. In keeping with our Concert Series goals, families with school-age children and music students are especially encouraged to enjoy this opportunity to hear quality musical performances.

Kindergarten Registration
 St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 700 Bluffport Road, Lake Mary, will hold registration for the Christian Education and Development Center March 6 beginning at 9:30 a.m. **This is an accredited half-day kindergarten.** For additional information, phone 407-333-1707.



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Violence in children can be bred by neglect and abuse

The human neurological apparatus is bombarded with chemicals that should be there in a child that age. The result is impairment of the boy's or girl's thinking, judgment and emotional development.

What I'm saying is that many of today's abused kids can fill and empty without being of consequence because they're literally brain damaged. They don't feel what you and I feel. They can't be responsible with judgment because the way they think, because the erosion of conscience flows from chemical functions that no longer

officers who work every day in the streets of large cities.

What does it do to a child to experience intense pain, fear and depression in a very early age? The answers are beginning to come in. What has been learned is that kids who go through these traumas in the first year of their life produce high levels of stress hormones — probably cortisol and adrenaline. These hormones put the body in an "alarm reaction state." In order to cope with the crisis at hand, but in a small child, the brain is a vacuum cleaner for stress-related hormones

my parents, have been subjected to unacceptable experiences. They were left in care for days with dirty diapers burning their buttocks and legs. Some were hit repeatedly, or they were scolded or spanked from their earliest days — some over in infancy.

If they were loved, they grew up on the streets with an adult girl, one and one. At night, they slept in bedrooms with bunk beds, but they were from abusive backgrounds. If you describe words like "neglect," "abuse," and "alcohol-dependency," talk to social workers or police

QUESTIONS: How and why? Keep hearing about children and teens being involved in drug usage, substance and sex abuse. What has caused many millions of the youngest generation to be involved?

DR. DOBSON: The brains of millions of children have been involved in research to answer that question. The findings are startling in children who were violence children. In addition to the violence children have seen on television and in the movies, and apart from the drug wars they have witnessed, the ap-



Dr. James Dobson

Focus on Family

Church Notes

12-Week Study
 "Covenant: A Six Promises Made to the Broken" dealing with the historical tradition as well as the biblical and cultural background for government begins Monday, Jan. 22, with evening classes beginning at 7 p.m. Day classes start Thursday, Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 4400 Markham Woods Road, Lake Mary. For more information phone 407-355-2855.

CHIPS

Next session, the Winter Springs SDA Church will play host to the Corporate Health Improvement Project. Designed to help participants reduce their risk of heart attack, reverse or retardate diabetes and hypertension, and lose weight, CHIP features a four-week program of diet and cardiovascular exercise supported by Dr. Bruce Diehl.

During the program, participants will receive vision in which Diehl, a past director of research at the Prietkin-Korvenyt Center and a post-doctoral scholar at the UCLA Center for Health Enhancement, speaks and also presents state-of-the-art research on health in western societies. He also gives instructions on how to go about his program.

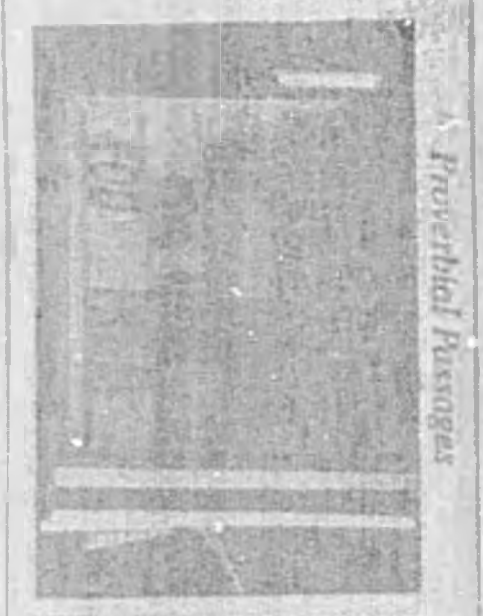
In addition, the program offers cooking demos and keeps track of diet, as well as lectures in nutrition and exercise. The program uses a plant-based diet and promotes activities such as walking.

Diehl has more than 5,000 graduates around the world, in countries such as Canada, India and Australia. The cost is \$300.

To participate those interested much sign-up for a free information session. These sessions are scheduled for Feb. 16, 19 and 23 at Winter Springs SDA Church, 50 Mena Rd., Winter Springs.

Though things seem to be moving in the right direction, going to them will not mean enrollment into the program.

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Proverbial Passages
 The cover of the book 'Proverbial Passages' is shown. The title is clearly visible at the top of the cover.

QUESTIONS: Our pastor highlights in the most disadvantaged but the Bible is a source of enlightening and relevant information. What can I do to help them?

ANSWERS: Our pastor highlights in the most disadvantaged but the Bible is a source of enlightening and relevant information. What can I do to help them?

Swamp Maple offers an array of landscape options

Red Maple, also known as Swamp Maple, is one of four native maple trees that can be found in Florida. It is a tree of swamps, hammocks, and floodplain woodlands across the state.

The red maple is the most interesting of them for its showy leaf colors in the fall and their beautiful red flowers and fruit colors in early spring.

The newly emerging leaves, red flowers and fruits signal the arrival of the spring. They appear in November and January in Florida. Blooming is short lived, followed by masses of beehive-like shaped fruits known as keys.

The fruits contain two seeds or samaras, each with a single wing.

The seeds of the red maple are popular with squirrels and birds.

The buds and fruits are a primary source of food for gray squirrels in late winter and early spring.

Seedlings are a favorite food for deer.

Uses
Can be used as a Bonai, wide low lawn, medians, road tree lawn, for buffer strips around parking lots or for median strip plantings in the highway, near a deck or patio, reclamation plant, screen, shade tree, or residential street tree.



At Ferrer

The Tree
The red maple is a fast growing tree, reaching a height of 60 to 75 feet. Leaves are ovate and simple with serrate margins. Leaves are deciduous, 2 to 4 inches long. Their color in fall varies from orange, red and yellow, very showy.

Flower color is red and showy in the winter and spring. Fruit have elongated wings, from 1 to 3 inches long, red and showy. The winged fruits can fly a long distance.

The bark is thin and easily damaged from mechanical impact. The tree requires pruning to develop a strong structure. It is susceptible to borers. Surface roots can lift sidewalks or interfere with mowing.

Light Requirement
The tree grows well in partial shade, partial sun, or in full sun.

Soil Tolerances
Red maples grow well in clay, loam or slightly acidic sandy soils.

They tolerate well drained soils or those with extended periods of flooding.

Irrigation is often needed to support street tree plantings in well-drained soils.

The tree makes the best growth in wet places and has no other particular soil preference except for chlorosis or yellowing may develop on alkaline soils where it grows poorly.

Varieties
Due to graft-incompatibility problems which cause the tree to break apart, preference should be given to plants produced on their own roots.

Common varieties with regional adaptability: Armstrong, Autumn Flame, Bowhall, Coaling, October Glory, Red Sunset, Seaside and Telford, are some of the best known varieties.

Pests
Leaf stalk borer and petiole-borer cause the same type of injury. Both insects bore into the leaf stalk just below the leaf blade. The leaf stalk shrivels, turns black, and the leaf blade falls off. The leaf drop may appear heavy but serious injury to a healthy tree is rare. Gall mites stimulate the formation of growths or galls on the leaves.

The galls are small but can be so numerous that individual leaves curl up. Galls are not serious and usually chemical controls are not needed. If borers become a problem it is an indication that the tree is not growing well. Controlling borers involves keeping trees healthy.

Chemical control of existing infestations are more difficult.

Diseases
Anthracnose is a fungus problem in rainy seasons. The disease resembles, and may be confused with, a physiological problem called "scorch". The disease causes light brown or tan areas on the leaves.

Anthracnose can be controlled with fungicide sprays as the leaves open in the spring. Scorch may occur during periods of high temperatures accompanied by wind.

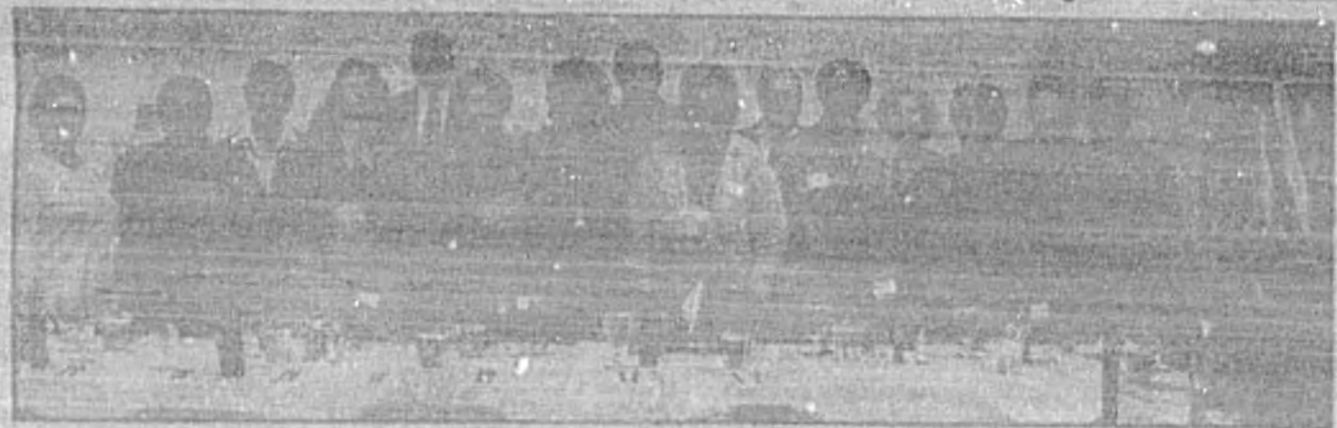
Trees with diseased or inadequate root systems or trees that do not get enough water, will also show scorching. Scorch symptoms are light brown or tan dead areas between leaf veins.

Tar spot and other leaf spots may cause some concern among homeowners but rarely require control.

Nutrient Deficiencies
Manganese deficiency is the most common nutrient deficiency found on maple trees. Symptoms of this problem are yellow or yellowish-green leaves with darker green veins. Plants exposed to weed killers may also show similar symptoms.

At Ferrer is Seminole County Urban Horticulturist, he can be directed to him at the Cooperative Extension Service, 315 W. Cass St., Sanford, FL 32773 or phone 904-709-2100. At Seminole County Cooperative Extension Service are open to all regardless of race, color, sex, handicap or national origin.

Retired educators gather for the holidays



The Seminole County Retired Educators Association held its annual Winter Holiday Social last month. The event included a luncheon, with a cultural presentation by Stan Martin of the Cherokee Nation and remarks by the organization's president, Queen Palmer Jones.

Are Ivory-Billed Woodpeckers really extinct?

"Evolution, Ivory-bills, and Extinction" will be subjects addressed by Mary Scott, the speaker for Seminole Audubon Society's meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, at the North Branch of the Seminole County Library, 150 N. Palmetto Ave., Sanford.

Mary Scott has participated in searches for the Ivory-bill, long thought extinct, at various locations whenever "sightings" or glimpses have been reported in Louisiana and Arkansas in recent years. She is the binder, photographer and webmaster of BirdingAmerica.com.

Since the summer of 1999 she has traveled to over 185 birding hotspots in North America and has created photo-essays about the places and the birds she has seen.

Her presentation will focus on the causes of extinction, rarity, specialization, habitat loss, ecological isolation, hunting and collecting as they relate to the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, and will feature stories of her experiences searching for the bird.

Mary worked in corporate America as an attorney and lobbyist in New York City and Washington, DC, before becoming a full-time birder.

Door prizes and refreshments will be served. Public is invited; no cost. For more information, call 407-977-4389.

THE SEMINOLE HERALD'S ...

Pet of the Week
Baby Girl



Baby Girl, a Beagle- and spaniel-mix puppy, is looking for a good home. Although Baby Girl's home at the office of Central Florida in Seminole County — where she's lived since November — will miss her, the canine is looking for a new home where she can get lots of love. She especially likes chicken, cats, fish, and other dogs. Her favorite toy is a tennis racket, and she's obedient. She also knows commands, such as "sit."

To adopt Baby Girl, call the Humane Society of Seminole County at

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Husband is cold to wife who ended her one time hot affair

DEAR ABBY: I ended my husband's "one time" affair by a year. My job involves a lot of traveling, so it wasn't difficult to pull off my double life. I finally realized how bad I felt about myself because of the cheating and decided to reevaluate myself in 1999. Since he had no clue about the affair, I wasn't going to tell him.

At the time I ended the affair, my lover's wife found out and told my husband. I begged for forgiveness and implied I was going to give me another chance. We had been happily married for 15 years. I was only cheating because I was lonely.

My husband is cold to me now.

the affair, and understood how sorry I was, he seemed willing to work it through. Then, all of a sudden, he became depressed and moved out. He said he "couldn't" do it anymore. He couldn't see me, and I got out of his house.

Abby

My husband is cold to me now. I still love him, but he's cold to me.

Please don't suggest counseling. Abby, nothing in this world would persuade him to just say "I'm sorry" and move on.

WAKE UP YOU LATE IN LITTLE ROCK

DEAR TONK UP TOO LATE: I'm sorry, but there are no magic wands that can turn back the clock. The only staple I can see is that in your fingers for excitement, you are just waiting for the opportunity in a puff of smoke. I hope your next story serves as a cautionary example to others who are contemplating an affair. There is no such thing as free love. What you're paying now is the "consequence" of it.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 14-year-old girl with an embarrassing problem. I can't walk my pants. It's caused many arguments between my parents and me.

I'm not sure if I should tell my parents and I'm not sure if I should tell my friends. I'm not sure if I should tell my parents and I'm not sure if I should tell my friends.

making some flavor on my thumb, etc. to no avail. Can you help me?

STILL A BABY IN THE SOUTH

DEAR BABY: Try this: it's a form of behavior modification. Place a rubber band loosely around your wrist. When the urge to suck your thumb arises, snap the rubber band hard enough to remind you to resist the habit. Even you may associate the "sting" with the urge to suck your thumb and, because of the discomfort, you'll reject the urge.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I went to a restaurant where you have the option of ordering something off the menu or selecting from the buffet. I don't know if I have wait-

ed to fill his plate until my food arrived. My answer is: it was OK to go ahead and start eating from the buffet while I sat there waiting for my food. Who's right?

MIFFED IN IRVING, TEXAS

DEAR MIFFED: You ask for your husband to have filled a plate and begun eating while you sat waiting for your menu order to be incorporated. (The least he could have done was to offer you a morsel.) Clip this column and let him chew on that.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and now furnished by her daughter, Pauline Phillips. Write a letter to Abby at pro in Dear Abby, c/o P.O. Box 61850, Los Angeles, CA 90061.

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Students deliver award-winning speeches during annual program

More than 3,700 students from 14 Seminole County schools participated in the annual 4-H Home and Public Speaking Contest.

The program culminated in a countywide public speaking contest where the first place winners from each school compete for top honors. Thirty-one classroom teachers worked to teach students the basics of public speaking as part of the program.

At Sanford Middle School, delivered this year's first place winning speech, "The Speech of the Future," was given by the first place winner, plus a

full acknowledgment to 4-H Summer Camp. Second place went to the winner of Middlewood Middle School. Her speech was titled "The Future is Now."

Second place at Teague Middle School, was given by the first place winner, "The Future is Now." Fourth place honor went to Correy Johnson of South Seminole Middle School, for her speech titled, "My Rabbit Renter."

This is the 19th year Seminole County 4-H has sponsored the 4-H Enrichment Program in Seminole County Middle Schools.



The winner of the 2002 4-H Home and Public Speaking Contest, first place winner, Correy Johnson, and second place winner, Correy Johnson, at the 4-H Home and Public Speaking Contest.

Last Burger King Night Wednesday

Sanford Middle School will be having Burger King Nights during the month of January.

Each Wednesday night at the two Burger King locations on Highway 17-92 (Jed Street & 17-92) and (17-92 & Lake Mary Boulevard) in Sanford, Sanford Middle School PTSA has hosted a community get together

with games, prizes, balloons for the students and children, and a prize drawing to be held at each location.

Twenty-percent of the proceeds will go directly back to Sanford Middle School. The last date for the Burger King Night is Wednesday, Jan. 27. Activities start at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m.

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FOOD

Spice up seafood with delicate flavor of tea

When it's cold outside, the first thing many reach for is a warming hot soup of tea to chase the chills away. However, tea flavored broths or soups can also bring "heat" and "heat" them. Try your hand at this "tea-based scallops with Orange Sauce and Honey" variation of "Cooking with Tea: Techniques and Recipes for All Seasons" by Robert Wernicke and Diana Reiss.

Tea-Steamed Scallops with Orange Sauce and Honey

Yield: 4 servings

- 2 1/2 cups dry tea leaves
- 1 cup water
- 1 pint of tea
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup rice wine
- 1/4 cup sesame oil
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
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For the Garnish

- Fresh calamari tentacles or fishy steamed green peas
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
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Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic and stir briefly. Next add the scallops and cook for 2-3 minutes on each side, turning once to brown evenly. Remove the scallops and set aside in a small bowl. Cover to keep warm while making the sauce.

Reduce the heat to low and add the tea leaves, stirring to coat. Let the tea steep for 5-10 minutes. Strain the tea into a bowl and discard the leaves. Add the honey, orange juice, soy sauce, rice wine, and sesame oil. Stir well. Bring the sauce to a boil and reduce the heat to low. Add the scallops and simmer for 2-3 minutes. Garnish with calamari or scallops as desired.

A culinary tradition

Alexis is a Chinese tradition

Many people are familiar with the traditional Chinese dish of Alexis. It is a traditional Chinese dish that is made with a variety of ingredients. The dish is made with a variety of ingredients, including...



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Time for Tea



Tea is a traditional Chinese beverage that is enjoyed by millions of people around the world. It is a healthy and delicious drink that can be enjoyed at any time of the day.

Recipe helps 'tea' off any celebration

Wrapping tea

- 1 cup water
- 2 small, loose-leaf tea bags
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup rice wine
- 1/4 cup sesame oil
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Prepare the filling in a large heavy pot. Add the oil, water, sugar, and honey. Bring to a boil and reduce the heat to low. Add the tea bags and simmer for 10 minutes. Strain the filling and set aside.

Prepare the tea sauce. In a small bowl, combine the soy sauce, rice wine, and sesame oil. Stir well and set aside.

When ready to serve, remove the filling from the pot and add the tea sauce. Stir well and serve. Alexis is a traditional Chinese dish that is made with a variety of ingredients...

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