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MIDWEEK

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Big games coming

Patrick Cubi and Winter Springs host Lyman in just one of many big district games on this week's high school football schedule. See Sports, Page 8

Scouting for Food Day is Nov. 8

The Boy Scouts of America expect to collect more than 500,000 pounds of food in a single day as part of the annual "Scouting for Food" event on Saturday, Nov. 8. "Scouting for Food" is the largest service project done by the Boy Scouts of America in Central Florida. "Scouting for Food" will provide more than 370,000 meals for needy Central Floridians during the winter months. For some food pantries, "Scouting for Food" is the primary source of their food stock from November through March.

"The demand for food remains high — about 40 percent — with people out of work or with reduced hours," said Margaret S. Linne, executive director of Second Harvest Food Bank. "Scouting for Food is the most important food drive because it can bring in the most food in one day and provide happiness and relief for families at holiday time."

"Scouting for Food" began as a National Good Turn in 1988 and has remained a local Good Turn ever since. On Saturday, Nov. 1, Boy Scouts will go door to door in neighborhoods and leave food collection bags for canned and non-perishable food. On Saturday, Nov. 8, Scouts will return to the neighborhoods and collect the bags of food. Families are asked to leave the bags outside their door for pick up by 9 a.m. Scouts will deliver the food collected to one of the collection sites.

Seminole Smile



Lisa Jones — City of Sanford Recreation Department Manager

Artillery, bombs found at suspicious death site

By Jamie J. Anderson-Potter
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Police remain tight-lipped regarding the cause of death of a Sanford man murdered in his home early Sunday morning.

Scott Quinn's body was discovered by his girlfriend at approximately 4:30 a.m. Sunday inside his home, located

in the Flacid Woods subdivision in Sanford at 316 Lake Flacid. The 37-year-old man was a firearms dealer and a bail bondsman in Seminole County, operating A-1 Bonding, near the Seminole County Jail. Born in Daytona Beach, he was raised in Sanford by his grandmother.

Police have ruled his death a homicide, but aren't releasing any specifics on the case or the

cause of death. No arrests have been made, and an investigation and autopsy are ongoing.

Crime scene investigators from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, along with Sanford homicide investigators, discovered massive amounts of firearms and weapons inside the home during their investigation. However, they worked

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Staff photo by Tammy Vincent
City Manager Al Grieshaber, a former Lt. Col. in the U.S. Marines, stands and watches as the U.S. Army Bomb Squad deploys for action near a cache of weapons found at a Sanford home.

A 'tasty' occasion



Staff photo by Tammy Vincent



The First Annual Taste of Seminole County was held outdoors at the Seminole Towne Center Mall last weekend (above) Bruno Panot, chef-owner of Bruno's Gourmet Kitchens Inc. of Sanford, shows off some of European cakes and pastries. Tim (Louie) Camer (above left) of Louie's Bar-B-Q, 3755 S. Orlando Drive in Sanford, cooks up some specialties. The food wasn't the only hot item at the event as James Rowe's (owner of Direct Furnishings) Monte Carlo Super Late Model asphalt race car was on display. The car is sponsored by BankFIRST and McKee Construction.



City applauds work of Good Samaritan Home

By Marva Hawkins
Herald Correspondent

Good Samaritan Home's First Annual Appreciation Luncheon held Thursday, Oct. 9, was a special occasion to say "thank you" to its many supporters.

Robert Parsell, of the Good Samaritan board of directors, presided with more than 100 Sanford and Seminole County officials and community partners present. Bishop Hezekiah Rose gave the meditation of the morning. Greetings from the city of Sanford were given by Mayor Brady Lessard. Vice Mayor Velma H. Williams presented a proclamation from the city naming Oct. 9 as "Good Samaritan Home Day." In recognition of their contributions to elderly, disadvantaged, homeless and those in need of help.

The Good Samaritan Home was founded by the late

Timothy and Ruby Wilson, affectionately called "Papa and Mother" Wilson.

Good Samaritan continues to serve the community under the leadership of Thelma Wilson Mike. The home provides services and loving care to our citizens despite the challenges, financial needs, health issues, and regardless of race, national origin or age. The primary needs of food, shelter, care and companionship in a home-like environment in accordance with government regulations is provided.

Further greetings and the invocation were given by Mark Yahn of the Good Samaritan Advisory Board.

Chairwoman of the Good Samaritan Board Dorothea W. Fogle introduced the devoted volunteers of the board, those who serve the community

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Christmas lights debated at Sanford

By Jamie J. Anderson-Potter
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Sanford commissioners will meet today to decide the fate of Christmas in the friendly city.

During Monday's commission meeting, elected officials attempted to negotiate a plan with the Downtown Business Association (DBA) to install Christmas lights on First Street, as they have done in previous years. When a compromise wasn't met, commissioners opted to pick up

Jacobson, DBA chairman, and City Manager Al Grieshaber were scheduled to meet to hash out a few details beforehand.

For the past two years the DBA, headed by Jacobson, has raised the funds needed to install the Christmas lights in a six-block area from First Street east to Oak Avenue. The \$15,000 worth of DBA-owned static and animated lights are placed on shrubs, trees, canopies and building facades.

"They are pretty complicated to install," Jacobson said. "It negotiations again today."

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County squashes gas tax increase for Lynx

By Christopher Patten
Managing Editor

Five years ago, transit costs began to exceed revenues from the county's gas tax, therefore it was County Manager Kevin Grace's determination Tuesday to find an alternative funding source by suggesting the county commission consider a one-cent gas tax increase.

The commission, however, balked at the idea of raising taxes but did offer other possible alternatives, including a boost in

parking fines. "I certainly couldn't be supportive of this," Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide said. "Frankly, I've talked to the county manager and I know how it

(proposal to raise gas tax) got here, but I'm kind of surprised it did get here with the economy being the way it is. Obviously, we've got to fund Lynx."

At the source of the increasing transit operating costs, is the paratransit service under

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Gator delays riverwalk work

Crews putting the final panels in the new seawall around Memorial Park were delayed until a 12-foot-4-inch, 650-pound alligator was removed and killed Monday by state officials. "We've been here working 10 months," said Rick Kubizne, project superintendent for Wharton-Smith Inc. "and we've never had a problem with an alligator like we had with this one." Kubizne said the gator approached rapidly, covering about 40 yards in three seconds. "We had two crews in different parts of the water," Kubizne said. "The alligator would come within a couple of feet of one group. Once they got out of the water, he'd go after our other crew." The gator delayed work on the seawall for about five hours until a trapper called in by the state killed the 12-foot beast. At one point, the trapper had chased the alligator away from Memorial Park to the northeast side of the Marina Island. He returned within 30 minutes. "He wasn't going to leave," Kubizne said. Work on the seawall will be completed Thursday when crews will install the last panel — number 1,666 — Thursday at 3 p.m.



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SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

IN BRIEF

Students win poster, essay contests
Twenty-six Seminole County students were selected as winners in the Ninth Annual Drug-Free Poster and Essay Contest sponsored by the Seminole County State Attorney's Office and the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

The children, all in grades fifth through eighth, have been working on the posters and essays during school as part of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools program. More than 3,000 children participated in the contest, said contest coordinator Audrey Skidmore who is head of the Victim Services Division for State Attorney Norm Wolfinger.

"This is an opportunity for kids to educate other kids through their artwork and words," Skidmore said.

The grand prize poster will appear on the cover of the 2004 Drug-Free Calendar and each of the other 12 finalists will grace a month on the inside pages. The grand prize winning essay, by Amanda Robinson also of Rock Lake Middle, will also be included in the calendar.

About 25,000 of the calendars will be produced, enough for all fifth- through eighth-grade students in public and private schools in Seminole County. The calendars and the monetary prizes awarded to the winning students are funded through drug forfeiture monies and community support, Skidmore said.

The Poster Contest winners will have their pictures taken on Oct. 23 at the Park on Park with Sheriff Don Ealinger and Wolfinger and they and their families will be honored at a banquet in December.

"This contest is part of one of the most important functions of our office—preventing crime," said Wolfinger. "We attack drug problems on a number of fronts, but prevention is key to the effort. Activities like these ultimately help protect our citizenry and our youth. It warms my heart to walk these hallways and see all of these bright colors and sincere messages on these posters. We have a great future ahead of us."

Poster winners include: grand prize, Jordan Williams in 8th grade at Rock Lake Middle School; other winners: 5th grade: 1st place—Emily Boyd, Red Bug Elementary, 2nd place—Jessica McKory, Midway Elementary, 3rd place—Evan Terwilliger, Wilson Elementary. 6th grade: 1st place—Cassandra Loria, Milwee Middle School, 2nd place—Shauna Deans, Milwee Middle School, 3rd place—Katie Jones, Milwee Middle School. 7th grade: 1st place—James Mayer, Double R Private School, 2nd place—Jackie Vincent, Rock Lake Middle School, 3rd place—James Laughridge, Sanford Middle School. 8th grade: 1st place—Laney Cummings, Rock Lake Middle School, 2nd place—Derek Delgado, Millennium Middle School, 3rd place—Gabrielle Khachikian, Millennium Middle School.

Essay winners include: grand prize: Amanda Robinson in 8th grade at Rock Lake Middle School; other winners: 5th grade: 1st place—Paula Uribe, Bear Lake Elementary, 2nd place—Khrystopher Brown, Idyllwilde Elementary, 3rd place—Emilee Wilson, John Evans Elementary. 6th grade: 1st place—Tyler Parker, Teague Middle School, 2nd place—Brandi Welch, Rock Lake Middle School, 3rd place—Mackenna Bowles, Rock Lake Middle School. 7th grade: 1st place—Molly Johnson, All Souls Catholic School, 2nd place—Kristine Gu, Rock Lake Middle School, 3rd place—Meghan McCaskill, Rock Lake Middle School. 8th grade: 1st place—Laura Suddes, All Souls Catholic School, 2nd place—Ben Joseph, Sanford Middle School, 3rd place—Shamarah Hernandez, Millennium Middle School.

Public servant spotlight

Name: Scott Bears
Professional title: Police officer

Department: Sanford Police Department
Years on the job: 1 year
Born: New York City, N.Y.
Age: 24
Education: Associates of arts degree
Special education/training:

Law Enforcement Academy
Why did you choose your current profession: Like to help people.



Electrical highway



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Looking up from the bottom of a huge power pole in the Burdines parking lot at Seminole Towne Center in Sanford, you get a different view of the electrical transmission lines that run through Sanford and Seminole County. This picture is an unusual view of power lines that are usually viewed from afar.

Multiple charges

•Michelle Lynn Klotz, 21, Gallaway Terrace, Deltona, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at a restaurant located on the 50th block of Towne Center Circle in Sanford. She was charged with trespassing after being issued a warning and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

•Nicole Lowery, 23, West Fifth Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday on Mulberry Avenue in Sanford. She was charged with battery (touch or strike), resisting officers without violence and assault with the intent threat to do violence.

•Theodore L. Mack, 29, Hartwell Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Friday on West 13th Street in Sanford. He was charged with loitering or prowling and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana.

•Edward Leonard Blake, 22, Cory Lane, Winter Springs, Walter Torroano Batton, 26, Iroquois Avenue, Sanford, and Demetrius Dushun Batton, 19, Lake Jennie Drive, Sanford, were arrested by Sanford police Sunday on Georgia Avenue in Sanford. Blake was charged with trespassing of a structure or conveyance, possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana with the intent to distribute, and opium trafficking. Walter Batton was charged with trafficking of opium and trespassing of a structure or conveyance. Demetrius Batton was charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle worth less than \$20,000, trafficking of opium and a non-moving traffic violation for operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license.

•Tomas Santiago, 31, East Airport Boulevard, Sanford, was arrested Friday at home by Sanford police. He was charged with kidnapping for false imprisonment of an adult and battery (touch or strike, domestic violence).

•Erica Gonzalez, 27, Needles Drive, Orlando, and Fabian E. Melendez, 24, North Aberdeen Circle, Sanford, were arrested by Sanford police Friday at Melendez's home on North Aberdeen Circle in Sanford. Gonzalez was charged with battery (touch or strike, domestic violence). Melendez was charged with resisting officers without violence, and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

•Robert Anton Boettner, 45,



Penfield Avenue, Deltona, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Saturday. He was charged with possession of cocaine and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

•John Edward Houston, 19, Windward Way, Winter Park, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Saturday. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance, fraud and selling or giving alcohol to a minor.

DUIs

•Roger Dale Halliburton, 26, Squirrel Run, Geneva, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Sunday. He was charged with driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol or drugs.

•Terry Craig Knox, 53, Winbrook Lane, Orlando, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Saturday. He was charged with DUI.

Battery

•Alfred Perkins, 31, Locust Avenue, Sanford, and Shermaine V. Knight, 30, Roosevelt Avenue, Sanford, were arrested by Sanford police Sunday at Knight's home on Roosevelt Avenue in Sanford. Perkins was charged with battery (touch or strike). Knight was charged with battery causing bodily harm (domestic violence).

•Deandre Dwane Ware, 28, Laurel Drive, Sanford, was arrested Sunday at home by Sanford police. He was charged with battery (touch or strike, domestic violence).

•Enrique Garcia, 18, Fellowship Drive, Fern Park, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Friday. He was charged with battery (touch or strike, domestic violence).

Burglary

Jamey Lee Johnson, 28, homeless of Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Monday on East Airport Boulevard in Sanford. He was charged with possession of burglary tools with the intent to use and armed burglary of a dwelling or structure.

Drugs

•Tremayne M. Flatta, 27, West Stoneway, Kissimmee, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday at the intersection of 25th Street and Old Lake Mary Boulevard in Sanford. He was charged with possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana.

•Amber E. Cavasino, 20, Main Street, Townsends, Mass., was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Monday. She was charged with possession of drugs, less than 20 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

•Michael Dwayne Hugley, 37, Sunnutt Avenue, Lake Helen, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Saturday. He was charged with possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Other

•Terrance Eugene Prude, 45, East 15th Avenue, Tampa, was arrested by Sanford police Friday on West 13th Street in Sanford. He was charged with possession of an open container of alcohol.

•Kathryn Lynn Erwin-Deters, 49, Cidermill Place, Lake Mary, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Friday. She was charged with cruelty toward a child for abuse.

•Rodney Gelin, 42, Woodstream Lane, Casselberry, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Monday. He was charged with aggravated, malicious stalking.

•Donnie Fay Gillis, 20, Whispering Creek Way, Osteen, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Saturday. He was charged with firing a weapon.

•Stephanie Leann Jackson, 18, Hays Drive, Sanford, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Saturday. She was charged with fraud for giving false identification to a law enforcement officer.

Theft

•Cornell Lorenzo Williams, 20, West Ninth Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Friday at a department store located on the 3000 block of Orlando Drive in Sanford. He was charged with petty shoplifting from a merchant.

•James Fitzgerald, 49, East Triangle Drive, Longwood, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Saturday. He was charged with petty larceny. According to police reports, this is his first such offense.

OUT & ABOUT

WED 15

The Casselberry Parks and Recreation Department offers a **Wirz on Wednesdays** program from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Wirz Park Recreation Center, 806 Mark David Blvd., in Casselberry. The program, for children 5 to 13 years old, includes sports, games, arts and crafts, and a snack. The cost is free. For more information, call 407-262-7720, ext. 1307.

Talk Theater will present **"The Laramie Project"** at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the Sands Theater Center, 600 N. Woodland Blvd., in DeLand. Tickets are \$12 general, \$6 students. For more information, call 386-736-7456.

The Welcome Wagon Club of Seminole County, a social club for women new to the area, will host a **get-acquainted coffee meeting** at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Sweetwater Country Club, 2700 Sweetwater Country Club Drive, in Longwood. For more information, call 386-753-0853.

A fall carnival will be held Wednesday through Sunday in the Burdines parking lot at Seminole Towne Center Mall, off State Road 46 in Sanford. For more information, call 407-323-2262.

THUR 16

In observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Safehouse of Seminole will host a memorial service honoring victims and survivors of domestic violence at 6 p.m. Thursday at Crane's Roost Park in Altamonte Springs. For more information, call 407-302-5220.

FRI 17

The city of Casselberry will host a children's fall camp Friday. The camp features crafts, games, movies, sports and field trips. Cost is \$15 per day. For more information, call 407-262-7720, ext. 1307.

"Hubbard Street 2" will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday and 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday at Annie Russell Theatre, Rollins College, 1000 Holt Ave., in Winter Park. Tickets range from \$12 to \$30. For more information, call 407-646-2145.

SAT 18

The Dublin City Ramblers and guest dancers Tir Na Greine School of Irish Dance, will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday at Helen Stairs Theatre for the Performing Arts, 203 S. Magnolia Ave., in Sanford. Tickets are \$20 and \$25. For more information, call 407-321-8111.

The American Legion Auxiliary, 2874 S. Sanford Ave., Sanford, will host its 15th annual Craft Show and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 407-322-1652.

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Iraqi Diary: Breaking bread with Ahmed, the interpreter

Editor's note: Staff Sgt. Charles C. Carlson III, son of Sanford historian Charles C. Carlson II, is deployed in Baghdad as part of the 549th Military Police Company. He is providing the Herald with a journal of his experiences.

22 Sept 2003 We were on midshift patrol the other night and were sitting static at Regiment HQ. While the rest of the patrol watched the radio and stayed with the vehicles, I went with my interpreter, Ahmed, inside the chow hall at Regiment to see if I could get some fruit or a drink. I was half starving as the chow at Camp Mariboro is still lacking and usually consists of MREs. I was looking for anything that would stop my belly from growling.

Ahmed brought his own dinner which his mother had prepared for him before he came to work. He offered me some of his dinner. I did not want to intrude on his meal, but he insisted that I try some. It was a pita-type bread-thing with beef and diced potatoes mixed with some French fried potatoes on the inside. It was a little on the strong side but was very good tasting. Then he offered me tea which was already sweetened and still hot. I asked the interpreters if they liked iced tea, but they all prefer hot tea. The tea is usually from Ceylon or Sri Lanka and is quite strong.

SFC Williams will be leaving our platoon next Monday and will go to work at Operations to await his retirement from the Army. SFC Goldberg will replace him as platoon sergeant, I get along well with Goldberg as we were both suppose to go to Fort Leonard Wood for BNOG and ANOC [Non-commissioned officer courses] before we got messed up by this war. Now it is doubtful that either of us will get to attend those courses, so we have a lot in common.

The first Gulf War messed up my college, and now this one messed up a school that I

really needed for promotion. It is the same for the whole army. Our units don't even have time to train anymore between deployments. An army must have time to train its elements. There is no way that an army can be kept constantly in the field without unit training, but we have no replacements.

They started a 15-day rotational leave program here. A soldier can go home for 15 days of leave, as long as he pays his own way from the port of entry in the states. Actually it sounds better than it really is. You have to put your name on a waiting list and pray to be selected for a 15-day leave. But do the math: they are sending about 700 or 800 a week on leave, there is 52 weeks in a year and there are some 140,000 soldiers in Iraq. Now how in the world will everybody get to go on a 15-day leave? It's mathematically impossible, but it makes great eyewash for the news media. At this rate, I figure I will be redeployed to the states and then deployed to Afghanistan or some place else before my name gets on the leave roster.

We are doing nightly patrols again, pulling cars over at night or anytime they violate curfew. I hate pulling over vehicles at night or anytime. I just imagine that we are bandits or outlaws stopping people and searching their cars and taking their weapons. Usually if it is a weapon that is anything other than a pistol or AK47, we will arrest them, too.

I took my pistol and holster and put it on my right side, then took SPC Finnell's pistol and switched her holster for left-handed people, and put that on my left side to see what I looked like, I looked like Billy the Kid. I should have got somebody to take a picture of me. We are a rag tag bunch, so it don't take



Carlson

much to make us look like we are out of the Old West, except each one of us carry more firepower than Jesse James ever dreamed about.

I have noticed that our interpreters get scared when we go into the city at night under that tunnel bridge. This is because of all the attacks that have happened there. I'm sure you have read about some of them. We are a harder target because of the armor on our humvees as opposed to the soft-skinned support vehicles and the cavalry humvees. I think a good portion of our

casualties have been because of having the wrong kind of equipment for urban warfare. I would gladly invite any supporter of this war to come ride on patrol through the dark, dusty streets of Baghdad in a canvas-sided vehicle. I bet I wouldn't get any takers. Automatic fire rips canvas to shreds in a flash, yet that is exactly what some of our soldiers have to ride in on patrol.

After my A-team helped apprehend two Iraqis that were trying to blow up our front gate with their BMW, I put them in for an award but the first sergeant said "Gone are the days when everyone gets an award for everything they do." So, the best I can do is just give them a little praise for a job well-done. My A-

team consists of Sgt. Buckley, PFC Raymaker, and SPC Finnell and they have put their lives at risk several times. I'd like to see them get some award but doubt that they will.

For myself, I'll have six rows of ribbons after this deployment, but none of those medals would get me a cup of coffee. I bet I could auction them on eBay to a collector. Now they are talking about a "Global War on Terrorism Medal" and an "Iraq Occupation Medal," which I doubt they will ever authorize since they don't like the word "occupation."

Personally, I'd trade all my medals from all my combat deployments for one good civilian law enforcement job that can use my experience

and schooling. I've pretty much made up my mind to get out. 14 years of this is too much. I've got plenty of company too. A lot of good NCOs are saying they are fed-up with all the back-to-back deployments. They are even turning down cash re-enlistment bonuses and taking discharges instead. Of all the soldiers that we had who were due to re-enlist, only one committed. Retention of trained soldiers is starting to suffer. Those close enough to retirement are sticking it out, but most of the first-termers are leaving at the first opportunity. In the place of experience, we get green recruits right out of basic.

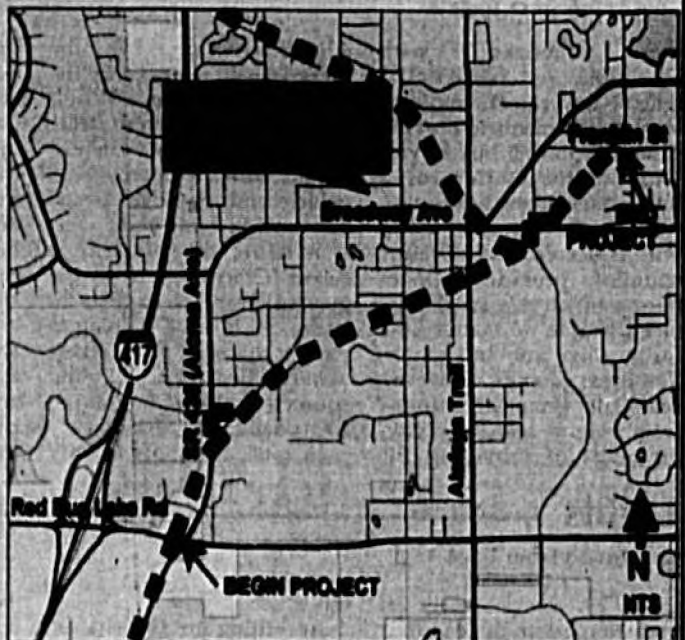
Next issue: Car bombs, king beds and funny money.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Cross Seminole Trail South Phase III

Seminole County invites you to a **Public Information Meeting** for the design of the Cross Seminole Trail South Phase III. The trail will be located within the former railroad right-of-way from Red Bug Lake Road to Franklin Street.

Seminole County staff as well as the design consultant will be available to discuss the project and answer your questions beginning at the 6:00 PM open house session. The formal presentation will start at 6:30 PM. Please refer to the map for the project limits and meeting location.

Wednesday, October 22, 2003
6:00 PM - Open House
6:30 PM - Formal Presentation
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County approves fire training center

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

The county commission unanimously approved Tuesday that the fire department could purchase an existing 15-acre industrial site at 201 Valentine Way for a Fire/Rescue Emergency Training Center.

Despite concerns from the Natural Lands Committee that the intended use of the training facility may be too intense for the nearby environmental sensitive lands and the Environmental Studies Center on State Road 419, commissioners voted in favor of the \$2.4 million expenditure.

According to fire safety officials, Diane Kramer deputy superintendent of county schools, was comfort-

able with the introduction of the training facility near the Environmental Studies Center, which is a resource for students to receive a hands-on learning experience as they view displays and live wildlife specimens located at the center.

"I certainly think this facility in the hands of our public safety department will be much better than a commercial development out there," Commission Chairman Daryl McLain.

Commissioners did, however, request that the site plan of the added \$900,000 burn building be brought back for review. Seminole Community College is expected to fund the \$900,000 burn building that wouldn't actually burn or set smoke into the air. But, it would be equipped with

propane burners to emulate the high heat in a fire and would produce a 'fake' smoke that dissipates quickly. The burn building is scheduled to be constructed on the portion of undeveloped land the Natural Lands Committee tried to purchase in the past, which fronts State Road 419.

Commissioners also discussed the possibility of the practice driving course proposed for the site to be located at another site with more land.

There will be a 100-foot buffer between the training facility and the Environmental Studies Center, and about a 500-foot between the center and burn building, said Fire Chief Terry Schenk.

"The input I've been getting is some people are confused about the use of this

facility," said Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide. "They're thinking HAZMAT issues, terrorists and all this. We're not burning hazardous chemicals."

In the past, the county fire department often has to travel to Daytona Beach or Orange County to train, but this new facility will give all firefighters in the county — including municipal departments — a training center closer to home.

"After Sept. 11, we learned how vulnerable our country and first responders are to attack," Schenk said in a statement. "This training center marks a commitment by Seminole County Board of County Commissioners and SCC to better train and protect Central Florida's emergency workers."

SHS reunion parties slated for Oct. 17, 18

The Seminole High School Class of 1973 is planning two events for its 30-year reunion.

"Don't miss out it's going to be great fun," says Lori Morrison-Robbins, reunion committee chairperson.

On Friday, Oct. 17, a reunion mixer is planned from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Mayfair Country Club, 3536 Country Club in Sanford. And on Saturday,

Oct. 18, a more formal dinner and dance reunion is scheduled from 7 to 12 p.m. at the Rosen Centre, 9840 International Dr., in Orlando.

For questions and directions, log on to the Web site, www.reunions-to-remember.com, e-mail info@reunions-to-remember.com, or call (352) 867-1922 in Ocala, or toll free at (877) 787-1922.

Buses

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the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). The federal government requires local governments to provide disabled citizens bus service within three-quarters of a mile from existing bus routes.

Seminole County, along with Osceola and Orange counties, provide door-to-door van service to all disabled people no matter how far they live from bus routes. The three counties, however, see little financial support from federal and state governments in providing the

ADA bus service as Lynx, the mass transit operator in the area, lost more than a \$1 million of funding from the state last year. Rising cost can also be attributed to increases in vehicle and employee insurance and gasoline costs.

"I know the problem is Kevin (Grace) has to go the general fund every year to figure out how he is going to pay for this stuff and it's best to have a dedicated funding source," said Commission Chairman Daryl McLain.

In total, Seminole County

provides 322 disabled residents transportation services at a cost of nearly \$700,000 per year. Less than one-third of them live outside the three-quarter mile requirement. Although commissioners said they didn't want to burden taxpayers further, they did agree the funding shortfall needs a fix.

"Some of the other counties are using some really interesting ways to fund this and one of those is going to right to the issue of parking in a handicapped zone,"

McLain said. "We only charge \$125 and the state's rate for that is \$250."

Seminole County could control the destiny of how the under funded paratransit service is worked out. Commissioners Carlton Henley and Randy Morris both sit on various Lynx leadership boards. According to Henley, who sits on a newly formed Lynx advisory committee that oversees board policies, Lynx is improving financially in all of its services, except paratransit, which

lost more than \$6 million last year.

"That one-cent (gas tax increase) is not the ultimate answer, even if we adopted it," he said. "No business can continue by losing \$6 million a year."

Where costs can be trimmed, Henley said, are by instituting policy changes. One example he cited, was a dialysis patient that uses Lynx's paratransit service and passes two other dialysis centers on the way to her preferred clinic.

In addition, "We're looking at the current agreed funding formula that hasn't been lived up to," Henley said. "One of our partners has not met their obligation on the formula. They have been reluctant to address that, but that is going to be addressed."

Henley would not disclose the funding partner that is sharing the burden of cost of the paratransit service, but did elude that it wasn't a city but "one of the biggest" contributors.

Lights

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takes 10 weeks worth of operations, with three to four weeks of solid installation."

According to Jacobson, it will cost the DBA \$11,000 to install the lights. In the past, the organization has raised the funds to cover the costs, but during Monday's meeting, Jacobson asked commissioners to spend the money. This increase in city funding is up from last year's assistance of \$2,000 for the project.

"I don't have the energy or willingness, frankly [to raise the funds]," she said. "I'm hoping the city will take over [the Christmas display] in coming years."

Commissioners weren't willing to approve \$11,000 for this item since it wasn't considered as part of the budget, which went into effect earlier this month. There is also some question from Sanford residents and commissioners as to why the installation should cost

this much.

According to Grieshaber, the city's options are to pay the \$11,000 for the installation which would place the DBA under contract with the city, for the city to purchase its own lights or to refrain from doing anything in which case the city wouldn't have a light display in downtown.

"If we pay the money, we will be in the same position next year," said Grieshaber. "If we purchase our own lights, it may not be as grandiose. We'd have to start somewhere."

"The question is does the city want to get into the business of putting up Christmas lights?" he added. "If so, we're better off starting from ground zero and doing the best we can this year. It would be the year to take the hit, if we're going to take the hit."

However, city staff may be under a time crunch and

'behind the power curve' to purchase the lights.

Commissioner Kevin Hipes proposed an alternative plan in which the city would give the DBA \$11,000 with the condition that Jacobson and the DBA raise a matching amount to use for marketing the Christmas lights.

"From a marketing point of view, the light display gives a spirit of the city moving forward," said Jacobson. "And, that it's a great place to live."

Jacobson went on to say that she saw no need to spend \$11,000 to market the Christmas lights and that it would be nearly impossible to do so. However, Hipes said he wouldn't vote for the money to be used in a general marketing fashion.

Jacobson refused to give an answer to this proposal Monday evening, but should respond during today's meeting.

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Samaritan

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and those who show their unyielding commitment to keeping the mission alive. These people show their love, unity and devotion for such an assisting living facility licensed and regulated by the state of Florida.

Vice Chairwoman Phyllis Conklin, a longtime contributor and supporter of the home, continued the highlights of Good Samaritan. Her brief history spoke of the founders, of how the home began and how it was constructed by members and

friends of the Freewill Holiness Church in 1948. It was built with a desire to feed the hungry who came to their door, and with little more than a will to work and an even greater desire to help others.

Victoria Murphy, community outreach coordinator, gave a brief history and informed the luncheon guests of an upcoming fund-raiser on behalf of the home.

As Mike stood to give her remarks of thanks and appreciation to sponsors of the luncheon, including CPH

Engineers, Inc., and Ace Hardware, both of Sanford, she was given a standing ovation by the luncheoners.

Mike thanked the supporters, volunteers, board citizens, businesses, community leaders, clubs, churches and organizations for their long-term financial support for the residents and staff of the home. The home is a 501(c)(3) corporation. Those who have an income are asked to contribute, those without are never refused.

The home is licensed to provide 24-hour nursing care, and residents are provided assistance with day-to-day health care, personal hygiene and assistance in transportation to their health care appointments.

The staff is genuinely devoted to the residents who occupy the dormitory-style rooms, and use the restrooms, kitchen, family dining, laundry and a business office where administrators Ruby Nathan Daniels greets the many people and agencies who do business with the home.

A United Way agency, Good Samaritan Home is "reaching out to others" at 1704 W. Ninth St., in Sanford. For more information, call 407-322-3321.



Herald photos by Marva Hawkins

Sanford Vice Mayor Velma Williams (left) presents a proclamation to Theima Wilson Mike naming Thursday, Oct. 9 as "Good Samaritan Day." Among the guests who attend the luncheon were (pictured above) Sanford Mayor Brady Lessard, Andrew Van Gaale, City Manager Al Grieshaber, Phyllis Conklin, Bishop Hezkiah and Mrs. Ross, Mark Yaku and Vice Mayor Velma Williams.



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Weapons

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inside the house for several hours before realizing the magnitude of the weapons they were dealing with.

The two groups soon left the home at which time the Seminole County and U.S. Army bomb squads took over the scene. Among the approximately 400 weapons discovered, police investigators found rocket-propelled grenades, World War II machine guns and live Bouncing Betties. Many of the weapons were active.

With a fear that the bombs or artillery might explode, at approximately noon Sunday four homes near Quinn's residence were placed under a mandatory evacuation.

Nearly two dozen nearby residents were also encouraged to leave.

Residents were allowed back into their homes at 5 p.m. Monday, after the items had been removed. Although some items are needed for evidence, the most dangerous pieces were taken to the Seminole County landfill near Geneva and later detonated.

According to authorities, it was legal for Quinn to possess most of the items because of his license to manufacture weapons. However, there were several items that were illegal and several others that are currently under question.



Herald photo by Tommy Vinson

The U.S. Army bomb squad arrives at the Sanford home Monday with a trailer to cart away the arms cache.

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- Wear light-colored or reflective clothing, so you'll be visible in the dark.
- Stay away from open flames or candles, like those in luminaries and jack-o-lanterns.
- Avoid approaching homes that aren't well-lit.
- Never enter a stranger's house for candy.
- Be careful around animals who may be frightened by your unfamiliar costume.
- Have an adult inspect your candy before eating it.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Always accompany young children trick-or-treating.
- Older children should be given a curfew and stick to a pre-planned route.
- When buying a costume for your child, look for something made of flame-retardant material and use non-toxic face paints instead of masks.
- Make sure your trick-or-treaters know how to reach you at all times.
- Inspect all candy for tampering or torn wrappers before allowing your children to eat it.
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Sports

Raiders, Dolphins top Flag standings

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

One of the best seasons in recent memory in the City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department Youth Flag Football League has reached the mid-point with the undefeated Dolphins and Raiders leading their respective divisions.

The Dolphins are a perfect 3-0 in the Minor Division (7-to-9 year olds) having defeated the Vikings, 14-8, the Cowboys, 20-0, and the previously unbeaten Buccaneers, 20-14.

The win over the Bucs (2-1) was a barnburner.

With the game tied at 14-14 late in the game, both teams had scoring chances thwarted as a Buccaneers runner was stopped short on fourth-and-goal and the Dolphins had a runner caught at the 8-yard line, forcing an overtime.

The Fins claimed the victory when Thomas Kearney broke through for a 30-yard touchdown run.

The other Minor game last Saturday at Fort Mellon Park was also decided in overtime.

The Vikings scored on a three-yard run by Sean Espinal and the Cowboys countered with a 28-yard gallop by Calvin Mills, sending the game to halftime tied at 6-6.

Neither team could get anything going until late in the game when the Vikings' Curtis broke loose and appeared headed for a game-winning touchdown.

But after running for 20 yards, the Cowboys' Brian Lacey caught Curtis at the eight.

The Cowboys defense then stiffened and denied the Vikings any points, forcing overtime.

But the Vikings (1-2) still got the victory as the ball was on the Cowboys (0-3) side of the 50-yard line after both teams ran four plays.

The Major Division (10-to-12 year olds) only had one game scheduled this week, but it was another nail-biter.

The first half was dominated by the defense in the first half with the Buccaneers being led by Neil Platt's great flag pulling and the Raiders getting an interception from J.J. Roberts to stop a drive at the end of the half.

The Buccaneers had another drive going in the second half, but once again Roberts came up with a pick.

The Raiders then raced down the field on a 15-yard pass from George Smith to Marquis Jones and a 28-yard run to the eight by Earl McKinnon.

The Raiders then took the lead when Darryl Collins Jr. snuck over from the one.

The Buccaneers (1-2), who are sponsored by Sobiks, tried to answer with good runs from Michael Johnson and Dylan Campbell but the third interception of the game for the Raiders (3-
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Liberty Christian teams stay unbeaten

By Shelle Knowles
Special to the Herald

SANFORD — Two-time defending Florida Christian Athletic League state football champion Liberty Christian School of Sanford shut out Bear Lake Christian School 72-0 in its home

opener Friday. It was the Patriots' 24th consecutive win.

The Liberty Christian girls' volleyball team won two matches last week. In their home opener Oct. 7, the Lady Patriots beat Praise Temple 25-10, 15-25, 25-21 and 25-9. The girls pulled off a sweep of the Bear Lake Lady Crusaders Friday, winning 25-6, 25-10 and 25-11.

Football team wins 24th in a row; volleyball team now 3-0

The football team's performance showed the Patriots have their sights set on a third consecutive state title.

Bear Lake had control of the ball first, but the Patriots quickly shut them down and gained possession. Wasting no time, Dave Barnes caught a pass in the end zone early in the first quarter to put the Patriots on the scoreboard.

Quarterback Jason Williams led the offense with four touchdown runs, one in each quarter. Mark Tavanyar proved to be valuable to the offense,

scoring two touchdowns and a two-point conversion.

Bear Lake couldn't catch a break on Friday as Liberty's defense shut them down. Defensive end Jason Jenkins led the defense with 12 tackles and nine sacks, while tackle Lincoln Gager recorded five tackles, three sacks and a safety.

The Patriots' had four interceptions, including one that sophomore Austin Gager returned for a touchdown late in the second quarter.

"We came out strong on offense and defense just like we wanted to," said senior quarterback Jason Williams. "Jason Jenkins played a phenomenal game on defense getting nine sacks. We really rallied behind him and held the shut out."

"Our offense did a great job coming out and setting the pace we wanted, scoring quickly and frequently," Williams added.

With wins in both its matches, the volleyball team remained undefeated this season.

In the first game of the week, the Lady Patriots edged out Praise Temple 3-1. The girls came out strong in their first game of the
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Rams rule in SAC swimming

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

Lake Mary swept the Swimming and Diving Championships at the Larry A. Dale Aquatics Center at Seminole High School last Thursday.

The boys won five individual events and had three runner-up finishes to outscore Oviedo, 423-399. The Lions had four individual winners, while Lyman, which finished fourth behind third place Lake Brantley, claimed the other three events.

The Rams girls, meanwhile, won four individual titles and also had three runner-up finishes to top Lake Brantley, 493-456.

The Patriots actually dominated the event individually, winning seven titles, six in swimming, plus the diving. Third place Oviedo had the other individual winner.

The Class 3A-District 2 Meet will be held at the Lake Brantley Aquatics Center with the diving taking place on Thursday, Oct. 23 and the swimming on Friday, Oct. 24.

Making up the 12-team field will be the host Patriots, SAC teams Lake Mary, Lyman, Oviedo, Seminole and Winter Springs, plus Apopka, Colonial, Edgewater, Timber Creek, University
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Ride 'em Cowboy



Photos courtesy of Reinhold Matzy and Garry Shorter

They were riding, roping and bulldogging this past weekend in Kissimmee as the 111th Silver Spurs Rodeo was held at the all-new Silver Spurs Arena at Osceola Heritage Park.

Bears, Hounds survive in SAC

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

One man's luck ended up being another man's tragedy at the Seminole Athletic Conference Cross Country Championships at Central Winds Park last Thursday in Winter Springs.

Lyman appeared to dominate the boys' race, outscoring runner-up Oviedo, 36-58, with senior Bryan Christian topping Winter Springs junior Chris Gregory, 16:44.70-to-17:08.04, for individual hon-

ors. But things could have been much different if the No. 2 and No. 3 runners for the Lions had not missed a turn within 200 yards of the finish line and had to retrace their steps and go around the turn before finishing the course or if the No. 1 runner for third place Lake Mary (83 points) had been able to finish the race and not dropped out while running in the Top 5 because of illness.

The girls' race had a familiar winner as amazing junior Jennifer Barringer from Oviedo won by over a minute over Winter Springs senior Oumama Hallel, 18:35.37-to-19:42.63.

But the Bears of coach Ocky Clark gave new Athletic Director Kenne Brown his first SAC trophy, 30-42, over the Lions with it runners placing second, third, fifth, ninth and 12th.

The Lyman Postal Race has been canceled, so the next action for most runners will be the district meets which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25th.

Lake Brantley will host Class 4A-District 1. Also in the 15-team field will be Buchholz (Gainesville), DeLand, Deltona, Fletcher (Neptune Beach), Lake Mary, Lyman, Mandarin (Jacksonville), Orange Park, Oviedo, Pine Ridge (Deltona), Sandalwood
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Ohio earns 28-0 shutout victory over UCF

Special to the Herald

True freshman quarterback Austin Everson had a memorable first career start in leading Ohio (2-4, 1-2 MAC) to a 28-0 homecoming victory over UCF (2-4, 1-2 MAC) Saturday afternoon at Peden Stadium in Athens, Ohio.

Everson was responsible for all four of Ohio's touchdowns, including three rushing scores, to lead the Bobcats to their first MAC win of the season.

For the first time since Nov. 3, 1984, UCF failed to score in a game, snapping a string of 209 consecutive games. The last time UCF was shutout was vs. Indiana State (38-0).

UCF's first quarter blues continued Saturday as the Bobcats started the game firing on all cylinders. Ohio rolled up 173 yards of total offense in

the opening period, led by Everson. The Tennessee native accounted for 148 yards of total offense, including a 57-yard touchdown pass and a 57-yard touchdown run.

Everson and the Bobcats scored on their first drive of the game when the quarterback found Brad Young on a 57-yard touchdown pass. Young caught the swing pass from Everson and raced down the sideline for the six points.

On Ohio's next drive, Everson scored from one-yard out to give OU a 14-0 lead. Everson finished the quarter with OU's third touchdown, as he raced 57 yards and broke several tackles for the touchdown. The score gave OU a 21-0 lead.

UCF could only muster 29 yards of total offense on 10 plays in the first quarter. All 29 yards came on one play

when quarterback Jon Rivera found Alex Haynes on a 29-yard screen pass.

After a scoreless second quarter, the Bobcats scored again at the 7:17 mark in the third quarter. Everson scored his third rushing touchdown of the game with a one-yard score to give the Bobcats a 28-0 advantage.

Matt Prater set a new school record with an average of 57.6 yards per punt and broke his own school record of 55.7 in the season opener vs. Virginia Tech. Prater also kicked a 74-yard punt in the second quarter, the second longest punt in school history. Glenn McCombs nailed a 77-yard punt vs. Austin Peay (10/29/83). The punt was the second for Prater this season over 70 yards. The sophomore also punted a 71-yarder in the season opener at Virginia
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Herald photo by Jim Wentz

Lyman quarterback Kyle Harris should have running mates C.J. Walker and J.J. Bass in the backfield with him for this Friday's district showdown with Winter Springs.

Football hits the stretch run

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

So much for this being a week of rest and relaxation for local high school students.

The Fall Break is supposed to be reserved for students to recharge their batteries after nine tough weeks of study and a week of Nine Weeks Exams.

But with football teams facing three weeks of district games, and virtually all of them having a bearing on the postseason, the kids are liable to be even more tense and uptight.

The first of the really big games is this Friday at the A.W. Epps Sports Complex where the homestanding Winter Springs Bears will battle the Lyman Greyhounds for sole leadership in Class 5A-District 5.

Winter Springs (3-3 overall, 2-0 in 5A-5) is coming off a big 32-17 road win over

Seminole with Kevin Harris rushing for 143 yards and two touchdowns and Pat Cucci also scoring two running touchdowns.

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The outcome of the game will have considerable bearing on the district race as a win by Lyman would all but wrap up the 5A-5 title as the Greyhounds will only have home games left with winless Freedom and Lake Howell, which has only one victory this season and that is over Freedom.

If The Bears pull off the upset, the race will
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