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## Bringing business home

Economic Development Manager Bob Turk and Division Planner John Jones strategize on bringing business to Seminole County. Their task was to jump start a viable program, according to county commission Chairman Randy Morris.



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

## Economic development funds boost county school board revenues

By RUSS WHITE  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD - The arguments about economic development programs seemingly will be debated to doomsday. What role - if any - should a local government assume?

Three years ago, Seminole County made a decision to get involved.

It hired Bob Turk as Economic Development Manager, and said "Go get 'em - Bring Business to Seminole."

"The whole idea was to jump start a viable program," said Seminole County Commission Chairman Randy Morris. "There was an opportunity to bring a corporate tax base to what had been a sleepy bedroom community."

"What we have is a very conservative program that is being recognized nationally. We're not giving anything away. The program has had some fantastic results and will build on itself. I believe there will be a steady growth."

Turk and Economic Development Division planner John Jones - are getting daily inquiries into the county's program, and are ready to enter the next round of action.

Their efforts are bolstered by very impressive numbers appearing on a new "Schoolgraph" prepared by the Seminole County Office of Management and Budget.

The graph shows a dramatic jump in School Board Revenue from Economic Development Projects from zero dollars in 1996-97 to an anticipated \$1.4 million this year and more than \$2.1 million in each of the next six years.

"There's money there for new teachers, new equipment, whatever needs the school board has," Turk said.

Capital investment from recently relocated businesses in the county exceeded \$238,000,000.

Seminole's Jobs Growth Incentive Program aided in the relocation of 17 businesses in two years. These relocations created 3,072 jobs and saved 2,319 jobs in the community.

The county's strategic program was designed to attract, re-  
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## Homeowners out in the cold?

Olympia Homes closes doors in Lake Mary, elsewhere

By SHARI BRODIE  
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY - The American dream has become a nightmare for some homeowners in four Central Florida communities.

Olympia Homes Inc., a homebuilder based in Altamonte Springs, has closed its doors and stopped construction on homes in up to 10 subdivisions, including one in Lake Mary and three in Orange and Osceola counties.

Zane Zulywitz was awaiting permitting on the Lake Mary home he had hoped to build in Woodbridge Lakes. When he went to the Rinehart Road subdivision on Friday, he was greeted with a hand-written notice taped to the front door of the model home sales office.

"Dear Friends," the notice reads. "The sales office will be



Homeowners in Woodbridge Lakes, a community on Rinehart Road, don't know what will happen to their homes currently under construction since Olympia Homes closed its doors on Friday.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

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## Exploring the world of law enforcement... and way beyond!

By SHARI BRODIE  
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY -- Two Lake Mary Police Department detectives are searching for clues to solve the "Case of the Missing Explorers."

Membership in an active group of Police Explorers, sponsored by the LMPD, has recently dropped and Det. Camiel Long and Det. Todd Moderson are investigating the reasons. They are also looking for ways to rebuild numbers.

"It's more eye opening than TV and movies," said Long of all of the things a member can learn by being active in the group.

Police Explorers are affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America and is open to young men and women, ages 14 to 21. Long has concluded the age spread has something to do with the drop in membership; many of the former members graduated from high school last year and went on to college.

Members of the group wear uniforms that identify them as Explorers, but set them apart from the regular force. They are involved in running meetings as well as learning from experienced law enforcement officers who offer training classes in all aspects of law enforcement. Police Explorers can be involved in crime scene

processing, traffic control and even ride along with patrol officers. Moderson said that members will also be allowed to participate in exercises at the shooting range.

"It's not just work and learning stuff," Moderson said. "It's fun."

Police Explorers from the Seminole County Sheriff's Office have assisted with parking for the Lake Mary Heathrow Festival of the Arts and Sanford's Explorers helped with traffic control at Seminole Towne Center mall during the holidays. Long said he hopes to recruit Explorers to assist with paperwork on DUI road blocks on Lake Mary Boulevard.

A field trip to the Orange County Medical Examiner's office is planned for the future.

"It's a way to come out and be involved in the community," Moderson said.

Moderson is a former Eagle Scout who earned his award by creating a bulletin board for the police campground in his home state of Wisconsin.

"We're going to give these kids fun, leadership skills, community service and self-esteem," said Moderson.

Long was a Police Explorer in Deland for four years. He joined the Lake Mary Police

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Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Lake Mary Police Detective Camiel Long wants you to join the Police Explorers if you are between 14 and 21 years old.

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Justice is the firm and continuous desire to render to everyone that which is his due.  
-Justinian

## Elderly driver stable after train slams into car

By MARIA OREM  
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY - A Sanford woman, who drove her car into the path of a train Monday, apparently ignored the warnings of witnesses to move out of the way.

Jean Heavey, 73, was listed in serious but stable condition after an Amtrak train slammed into her Oldsmobile at about 5:45 p.m. near the railroad crossing at the intersection of Palmetto Street and Old Lake Mary Road, police said.

Sanford resident Doreen Cline, 33, who was driving with her daughter, Stephanie, 11, said as the crossing gates came down she witnessed Heavey drive up over the train tracks and stop.

"I saw that she was elderly and thought that she was stuck so I waived to her to get off," Cline said. "She lifted her hands up and shook her head no."

Lake Mary Police Cpl. Picklesimer, who worked the crash scene, said several witnesses reported Heavey appeared to be waiting for the

train. "She went around the barricade and stopped," he said.

Cline said before the train hit, Heavey put her hands on her head. The witness said she started dialing 911 on her cellular phone before the train hit the car.

The train sounded its horn and slowed down but couldn't stop fast enough, Cline said. "I feel bad for the driver of the train."

Picklesimer said, "The train engineer apparently did the best he could." The investigator said the engineer used full emergency procedures to stop the train within 800 feet of the intersection. "He wasn't going very fast when he hit her." Picklesimer said the train was doing the speed limit for the populated area, about 45 miles per hour. He said that if the accident had occurred in a rural area, where the speed might have been around 75 m.p.h., the force of the impact could have thrown the car into the nearby cemetery, instead

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Herald Photo by Arch Booth

A 73-year-old woman drove her car onto the railroad tracks before it was hit by a train.

## Heralding a new year



Residents of Renaissance of Sanford, a retirement community, said goodbye to the old year with a holiday bash complete with a country band, Henry Wise, Dora Ewell and Alice Towne pose one last time before the Christmas tree comes down.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

# Florida Film Critics' Circle picks

BY DAVID FRAZIER  
Herald Staff Writer

WINNER EARLY — The Florida Film Critics Circle recently convened to deliberate the awards to be issued for the best of the 1997 film year. The Circle, made up of 12 newspapers within the state including the Sanford Herald, elected *Titanic* an epic romance aboard the doomed voyage as best picture of the year.

The 12-member board also chose Robert Downey Jr. as best actor in a leading role for his portrayal of a preacher in *The Apostle* (soon to open in Central Florida). Helen

Hunt was chosen as best actress in a leading role for *As Good As It Gets*.

For best actor in a supporting role, the circle picked Rupert Everett of *My Best Friend's Wedding*. Julianne Moore scored for best actress in a supporting role for her performance in *Boys n' Girls*.

Best Foreign Language Film went to the Japanese serio-comedy *Shall We Dance?* And Best Documentary went to *First, Cheap and Out of Control*, another film that has not opened locally.

*L.A. Confidential*, a film noir crime drama set in 50s Los Angeles, was honored for best director (Wurtz Hanson), best

screenplay (Hanson) and Brian Koppelman and best cinematography (Dante Spinotti).

The group also gave away three special awards: best newcomer, best ensemble and an outstanding contribution to film. Ben Affleck and Matt Damon, who have newcomers for their screenwriting, of the film *Good Will Hunting*. The cast of *Boys n' Girls* got best ensemble. And director Victor Nunez (*Boys n' Girls*) won an award for Outstanding Contribution to Film for his consistent and consistently intelligent approach to Florida themes for nearly two decades.

## Builder

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Zulwitz placed a deposit on his homestead on Oct. 8 and was told construction would begin by early November. As of Friday, Zulwitz said there was only dirt and "four sticks" on his lot.

Another prospective homeowner, Troy and Traci Olson, said their Woodbridge Lakes home is little more than a shell. It has been under construction since July 31, while the couple is living with her parents in Longwood. Zulwitz, who is renting an apartment in Heathrow, said his lease will expire in six months and he doesn't know what he will do then.

Olson said, from his investigation into the situation, that the staff of Olympia was fired on Friday. This affected 30 to 40 people, including supervisors and sales staff.

There are approximately 80 homes or lots in Woodbridge Lakes that are owned or for sale by one division of the company owned by Joe Kantor, his wife and Steve Merdinger. The construction company is a separate entity. The Kantors control 50 percent of the company.

General Homes is also building at Woodbridge Lakes but those homes are not affected by Olympia's shutdown.

The homeowners' problems are three-fold. Besides the predicament of prospective owners, who could possibly lose deposits, current homeowners face liens on their homes, placed there by subcontractors who have not been paid. Other homeowners have experienced problems getting warranty repairs done on their homes.

Janet Everett, who moved into Woodbridge Lakes in September got notice last week of \$25,000 in liens against her home, which include work done by the insulation, stucco and

rigation contractors. Everett said she spent her last dollars to buy the home for herself and her two children after a difficult divorce. Everett said she had placed calls continuously to the warranty department for work she needed done on her home. "They've been assuring me," Everett said, that the work would be done. Work continued on new construction last week, then, Everett said, "All of a sudden the place was dead."

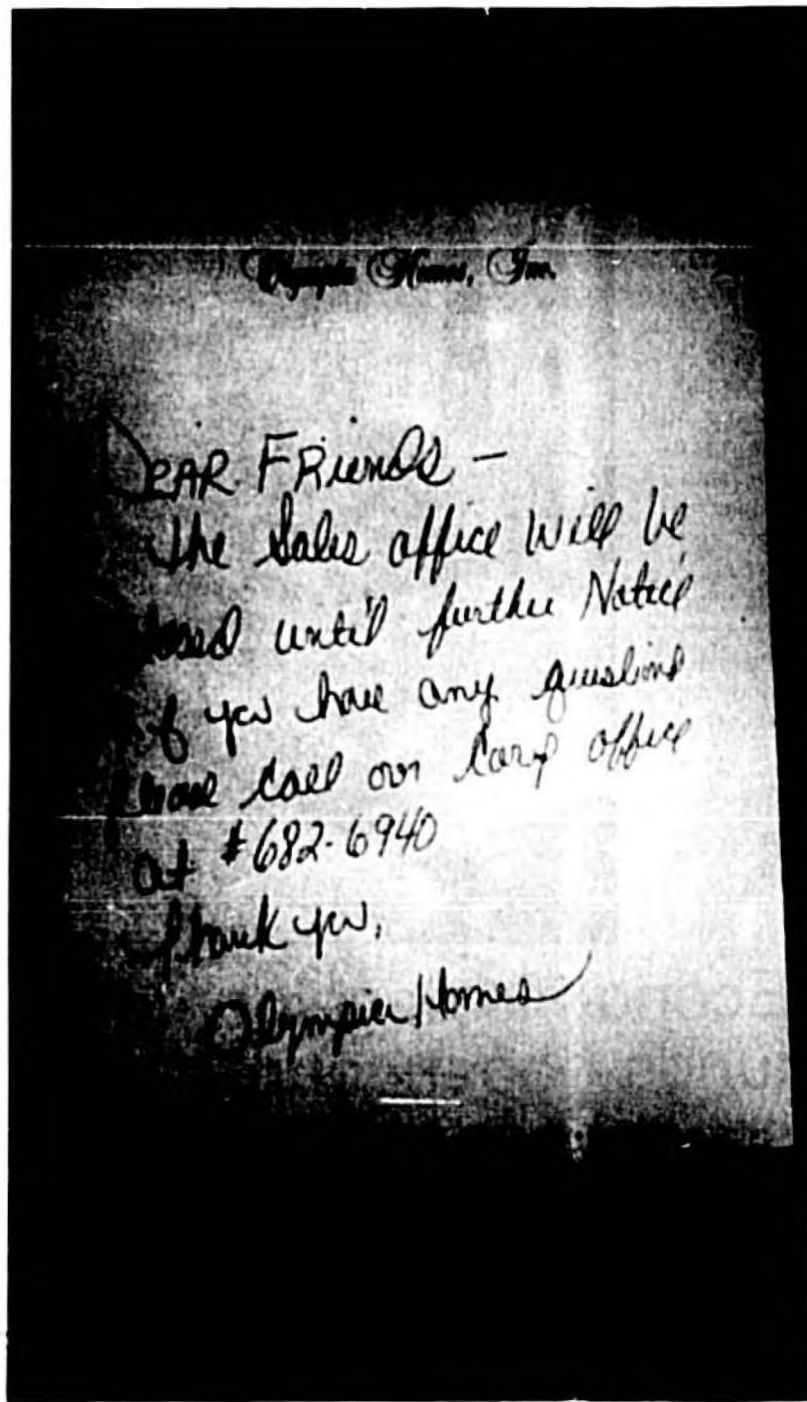
In the notice at the sales office, customers have been instructed to call the corporate office for more information, but Kantor could not be reached at that number on Monday. Zulwitz has called Kantor at home and he said while his calls were being returned, "I don't get answers."

Homeowners from the four Central Florida communities met at the Rosemont home of Jayne Anders Marshall Monday night. Attorney Vnette Morris Hudson was present at the meeting and has offered to handle the legal work at no charge.

"Right now we don't have a lot of time," Hudson said. She said she had heard that Kantor or Olympia Homes might file bankruptcy, possibly Chapter 11 for protection and reorganization of assets. "I need to see exactly what is involved."

The homeowners want to move for a class action suit. "My first focus is to see what we can do as a group," she said she would review the multitude of problems faced by the homeowners and report back at a meeting planned for this evening. "What I'm hearing is that there may be some criminal activity," Hudson encouraged all affected parties to file a report with the state attorney's office. Some of the homeowners have been told that Olympia is looking to sell its interest to another company.

Art Robin Darenay is a re-



turned minister on disability. He moved into his house in August and recently received notice of liens that include \$15,000 for the pool he had built.

He knew very well I was sick," Darenay said at the homeowners' meeting. "That's why I think Joe Kantor is a criminal."

### LOCAL FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs in the upper 60s. Lows in the upper 40s. Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs in the lower 70s. Lows in the upper 40s. Thursday: Partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs near 80. Lows in the mid 60s.

### TIDES

TUESDAY:  
SOLUNAR TABLE: mtn. 11:55 a.m., maj. 5:45 a.m., min. 5:55 p.m., maj. 6:10 p.m.  
TIDES: Daytona Beach: high: 1:54 a.m., 2:19 p.m., low: 8:12 a.m., 8:36 p.m. New Smyrna Beach: high: 1:59 a.m., 2:24 p.m., low: 8:17 a.m., 8:41 p.m. Cocoa Beach: high: 2:14 a.m., 2:39 p.m., low: 8:32 a.m., 8:56 p.m.

### EXTENDED OUTLOOK

TUESDAY WEDNESDAY  
Pctly 79 69 Pctly 83 69

THURSDAY FRIDAY  
Pctly 80 63 Pctly 79 58

### BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach & New Smyrna Beach: Seas are 4-6 feet with a moderate chop. Water temperature at Daytona is 61 degrees and at New Smyrna, 61 degrees. Winds are from the southeast at 15-20 m.p.h.

### LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected on Monday in the Florida Lottery.  
Fantasy 5  
6-11-18-22-24  
Lotto (Jan. 3)  
9-22-24-31-38-42



Play 4  
4-9-6-8  
Cash 3  
0-6-1

### STATISTICS

The high temperature in Sanford Monday was 80 degrees and the overnight low was 63.  
Recorded rainfall for the period ending at 10 a.m., Tuesday totaled .00 inches.  
•Sunrise.....7:18 a.m.  
•Sunset.....8:44 p.m.

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## Accident

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the 33 feet it traveled.

"I told my daughter not to look but she looked anyway," Cline said. "I'm glad I didn't have my first grader with me."

After the collision, Cline said she ran to the car and tried to unlock both the front and rear doors because Heavey was thrown to the back after the impact.

"I talked to her until help came but she wasn't responding," she said.

Lake Mary Fire Rescue extricated the victim by cutting the top off of the car. Following the accident, Heavey was airlifted to Orlando Regional Medical Center.

Cline said she has called the hospital for information and plans to follow up on Heavey's condition.

"I want to know why she did it," Cline said. "It bothers me."

Staff Writer Shari Brodie contributed to this report.

## Explorers

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Department in December of 1991 and was promoted to detective in July of 1996. His partner joined the force in June of 1994 and became a detective in February of 1998.

Long serves as president for the Police Explorer group. Lori Vangilder is vice president. Kimberly Vandegrift is secretary and Moderson is the treasurer. Other members of the force contribute to the programs as needed. The meetings are run by the members. "It's their organization," said Long. "We're just the advisors."

The Lake Mary Police Explorers meet the first Tuesday of every month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Public Safety building on Rinehart Road. For more information on how to join, call Det. Camiel Long or Det. Todd Moderson at 33-8262. The next meeting is scheduled for tonight and a canoe trip at Wekiva Springs is planned for Saturday, Jan. 10.

## ELLEN GOODMAN

# Let's start thinking about tomorrow

BOSTON--What a perfect way to end 1997: the year when apologizing meant never having to say you're sorry.

All across the world, we watched leaders perform acts of contrition for things that happened long before their time. In London, Prime Minister Tony Blair, circa 1997, apologized for the Irish potato famine, circa 1845. In Washington, some members of the 105th Congress urged an apology for slavery that ended during the 38th Congress.

Meanwhile those folks who were actually, personally guilty continued the current tradition of the Un-apologetic apology. The 1997 Classic was Marv Albert, who threw himself on the mercy of the court with this wrenching rhetoric of regret for dental assault: "I did not realize until her testimony that she felt she was harmed by this and I am sorry." Hold the hankies.

Against that dubious background, I have nevertheless determined to continue my own tradition of cleaning the calendar, the plate and the slate by taking personal responsibility for the mistakes and journalistic malfeasance that appeared over the past year on my own small piece of turf. Once again, my annual Media Culpa.

Allow me to begin with the prediction I made last month that bill Lann Lee, the nominee for the top civil rights post, was "a goner." It turns out that my rumors of his political death were premature. He was recast by the president from "goner" to actor, as the "acting" head of the office. Long may he keep his starring role.

Speaking of bad predictions, during the same infamous Albert trial noted above, I questioned why the media was protecting the identity of the assaulted woman. "By the time this column is printed," I wrote, the victim herself "may have put her name and face out on the airwaves." Good point, bad timing. In fact, I had barely gotten that thought on the wire before Vanessa Perhach showed up, name and all, on the tube.

Indeed, the only wholly discreet celebrity of the year was a Scottish clone named Dolly. But when this sheep arrived on the scene, I blithely repeated assurances that cloning people would remain an ethical no-no. Faster than you can say "Baa, baa," we now have folks at fertility centers condoning experiments and looking forward to reproductive immortality. Out with Dolly, in with Folly?

What's in a name? Last summer, in writing about the travails of island postal service, I referred to Cliff Island's "Postmistress." It turns out that the official title for either gender



It was the year when apologizing meant never having to say you're sorry.

is postmaster. As an Illinois employer wrote without going postal, "She is nobody's mistress."

I also described Sheila Widnall, the first female secretary of the Air Force, as the only woman in her MIT class to go to graduate school. Wrong. She was just the first to go for an MIT Ph.D., a different kettle of degrees.

While we were talking gender, last summer I wrote about the statue of suffragists Lurena Mott, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton—aka "Three Ladies in a Bathub"—that was moved from the Capitol basement to the Capitol Rotunda. I said two of those ladies met as delegates to an abolition convention. Well, picky picky. I stand corrected. For the record, Mott was a delegate but Stanton was there as a spouse.

The historians were after me again when I referred to FDR's Kitchen Cabinet in a piece about Clinton sleepovers in the Lincoln Bedroom. It turns out that Andrew Jackson had the Kitchen Cabinet, FDR had the Brain Trust. OK, but they probably met in the kitchen.

If you think the history police are tough, try the grammar police. Once again, I used the word "disinterested" when I meant "uninterested." Or did I mis-use it? Abuse it?

Math police also abound. Criticizing the judge who let Louise Woodward go free, I said that Matthew Eappen lived 262 days, while the nanny responsible for his death served 270 days. Someone actually complained. It seems he lived 278 days. I had the numbers wrong, but it's the judge who made the real mistake.

Finally, when I criticized the president on land mines, I reminded him of the Clinton theme song, "Let's Start Thinking About Tomorrow." Yipes. The title is "Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow."

And now with my deep apologies to Fleetwood Mac and fond farewells to 1997, let's start thinking about tomorrow.

# POLICE BRIEFS

## DUI charged

John McGowen, 32, of 2309 E. Lasa Ct., Sanford, was arrested Saturday by Oviedo police. McGowen was charged with DUI and no vehicle registration. He was arrested on State Road 434.

## Resisting without violence arrest

Kathleen Herrera, 35, of 2437 S. Chase Ave., Sanford, was arrested Sunday by Seminole County deputies. Herrera was charged with resisting without violence. Herrera was arrested at the corner of 12th Street and State Road 600.

## Fight with officer

Erin Session, 27, of 2580 Ridgewood Ave., Sanford, was arrested Sunday by Sanford police. Session was charged with battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting with violence. Report said that Session allegedly fought officer as he was being apprehended.

## Girlfriend allegedly punched

Glenn McDonald, 48, of 2526 S. Oak Ave., Sanford, was arrested Sunday by Sanford police. McDonald was charged with battery and arrested in the 2500 block of South Park Drive. Report said that McDonald allegedly punched his girlfriend in the face, dragged her by the hair and put her in a headlock.

## Assault charged

Albert Sontag, 48, of 669 Remington Oaks Dr., Lake Mary, was arrested Saturday by Seminole County deputies. Sontag was charged with assault and arrested at the above address. Sontag allegedly threatened his girlfriend's son.

## Battery arrest

Donald Campbell, 41, of 2471 Greenway St., Sanford, was arrested Saturday by Sanford police. Campbell was charged with battery and arrested in the 1000 block of West 10th Street. Campbell allegedly punched his girlfriend several times in the head.

## Incidents

A wallet containing a check book, an ATM card and \$432 in

cash were stolen Sunday in the 3600 block of South Orlando Drive.

A Honda CR125 motorcycle worth \$800 was stolen Saturday in the 1900 block of Holly Avenue.

A 35mm camera, a telephone, a BB gun, a Magnavox camcorder and a small knife were stolen Friday in the 2300 block of Narcissus Avenue. Total amount of property stolen was \$1,000.

An Emerson equalizer, a Kraco AM/FM CD ready stereo and other items were stolen Saturday in the 100 block of Towne Center Boulevard. Total amount of property stolen was \$750.

A black clock radio worth \$25 was stolen Friday in the 1000 block of West Seventh Street.

A brown 86 Buick Century four door, license plate number WKS62V, was stolen Friday in the 1000 block of Rosehill Circle.

A purse with numerous items including \$35 cash was stolen Friday in the 1500 block of South French Avenue.

A white 79 Cadillac Sedan DeVille four door, license plate number SWR70W, was stolen Thursday in the 400 block of Locust Avenue.

A red 90 Pontiac Sunbird four door, license plate number UZ1781, was stolen Friday in the 400 block of Locust Avenue.

Sixteen hundred 16 ounce cups were stolen Friday in the 1000 block of French Avenue.

A Sears Craftsman 11 horsepower riding mower worth \$1,695 was stolen Sunday in the 2200 block of Community Way.

An EAA 9mm Starfire hand gun and a Beretta 9mm hand gun were stolen Saturday in the 1400 block of South French Avenue. Total amount of property stolen was \$700.

A dark blue 85 Buick LeSabre four door, license plate number NE 2812, was stolen Friday in the 100 block of East First Street.

Currency totaling \$675.18 was stolen Saturday in the 200 block of Town Center Circle.

## School Board Revenue Generated by Economic Development Programs

Name of Company	First Year to Receive Payback	School Board Revenue Generated	FY 96/97	FY 97/98	FY 98/99	FY 99/00	FY 00/01	FY 01/02	FY 02/03	FY 03/04
Reconco	96/97	\$180,648	\$180,648	\$180,648	\$180,648	\$180,648	\$180,648	\$180,648	\$180,648	\$180,648
AT&T (BCS)	97/98	\$55,198	\$55,198	\$55,198	\$55,198	\$55,198	\$55,198	\$55,198	\$55,198	\$55,198
AT&T (CITS)	97/98	\$223,358	\$223,358	\$223,358	\$223,358	\$223,358	\$223,358	\$223,358	\$223,358	\$223,358
Cincinnati Bell	97/98	\$770,435	\$770,435	\$770,435	\$770,435	\$770,435	\$770,435	\$770,435	\$770,435	\$770,435
Dixon Ticonderoga	97/98	\$35,544	\$35,544	\$35,544	\$35,544	\$35,544	\$35,544	\$35,544	\$35,544	\$35,544
Software Support, Inc.	97/98	\$26,880	\$26,880	\$26,880	\$26,880	\$26,880	\$26,880	\$26,880	\$26,880	\$26,880
Bellsouth Mobility	98/99	\$325,668	\$325,668	\$325,668	\$325,668	\$325,668	\$325,668	\$325,668	\$325,668	\$325,668
Brite	98/99	\$115,414	\$115,414	\$115,414	\$115,414	\$115,414	\$115,414	\$115,414	\$115,414	\$115,414
Conveyor Systems	98/99	\$24,331	\$24,331	\$24,331	\$24,331	\$24,331	\$24,331	\$24,331	\$24,331	\$24,331
HTE	98/99	\$119,428	\$119,428	\$119,428	\$119,428	\$119,428	\$119,428	\$119,428	\$119,428	\$119,428
Mobilite	98/99	\$33,595	\$33,595	\$33,595	\$33,595	\$33,595	\$33,595	\$33,595	\$33,595	\$33,595
Phoenix International	98/99	\$87,913	\$87,913	\$87,913	\$87,913	\$87,913	\$87,913	\$87,913	\$87,913	\$87,913
Seagate Software	98/99	\$130,468	\$130,468	\$130,468	\$130,468	\$130,468	\$130,468	\$130,468	\$130,468	\$130,468
Harvestlife Insurance	99/00	\$172,619	\$172,619	\$172,619	\$172,619	\$172,619	\$172,619	\$172,619	\$172,619	\$172,619
Florida Extruders	pending	\$65,234								
Southeast Services, Inc.	pending	\$27,599								
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$2,394,332</b>	<b>\$1,800,648</b>	<b>\$1,407,477</b>	<b>\$2,128,880</b>	<b>\$2,301,499</b>	<b>\$2,301,499</b>	<b>\$2,301,499</b>	<b>\$2,301,499</b>

# Develop

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tain and assist targeted industries. The primary goals were to shift the tax burden from residential to commercial land uses while making the county's economy less responsive to cyclical downturns in the national economy.

The Jobs Growth Incentive Program (JGIP) means that the county offers financial incentives to targeted businesses which choose to relocate or expand within Seminole County.

Awards are determined on a case-by-case basis with an emphasis on brick and mortar projects. The agreement details proposed performance parameters for the firm and provides the county with a surety/recovery mechanism.

New jobs for which trust funds awards are made must be permanent, full-time jobs paying a minimum of 80 percent the average annual wage of \$21,000.

Jobs must be created within two years of the award of funds and must be retained during a two-year period from the date of job creation and hire.

"We get requests everyday from the U.S. and businesses in other countries," said Turk, 49. "Some will come to us and some won't. They're obviously looking for the best deal they can get. They play one area against another."

"It's been proven that incentives have a lot to do with the decisions these companies make.

In the next few years, Turk is going to be a key player in developments made by the county to improve businesses along U.S. Highway 17/92. His experience in landscape architecture, urban design and project planning should prove to be invaluable.

"We're going to do whatever we can to revitalize the 17/92 corridor," he said. "Public-private partnerships are ex-

remely important. We want to provide all the help we can to the businesses on 17/92.

Seminole County is also an active participant in the growing global market through its membership and participation in the Metro Orlando International Affairs Commission and the Economic Development Commission of Mid-Florida and the International Council of Central Florida.

The county has been a host to representatives of Wicklow

County, Ireland, the Ivory Coast, the Navarre Region, Spain, the Basque Autonomous Community, Spain, South Korea, Serbia and the city of Rotterdam, Netherlands.

Last October, the county's Economic Development website went on line in the Internet. Since going on-line the county has received more than 4,520 visits on the E. D. site.



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**Sonny Bono dies in accident**

Salvatore "Sonny" Bono, 62, died Monday in a skiing accident. Bono was famous as part of the singing duo with his wife Cher in the 1970s. He also was heavily involved in politics. He was the mayor of Palm Springs, California, and he was currently serving as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives (R-CA).

# OBITUARIES

## JESSIE PEARL DILLON-GAINES

Jessie Pearl Dillon Gaines, 65, Elliott Street, Sanford, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 1998. Born Nov. 11, 1932 in Dunellon, Fla., she moved to this area in 1937. Mrs. Dillon-Gaines was a homemaker. She was a member of the Springfield M.B. Church.

Survivors include husband, Roosevelt Gaines, Sanford; sons, Albert Dillon, Vernon Dillon, Roosevelt Gaines, Jr., all of Sanford; daughter, Corolla L. Gaines, Sanford; Ester Clark, Betty Wesley, both of Sanford; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

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

## MARY A. DI LORENZO

Mary A. Di Lorenzo, 81, Candlewick Court, Sanford, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 1998. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she moved to Central Florida in 1989 from Sarasota. Mrs. Di Lorenzo was a homemaker. She was a member of Nativity Catholic Church.

Survivors include husband, Frank, Sanford; daughters, Eleanor Uliano, Longwood, and Bernadette Ortega, Queens, N.Y.; four grandchildren.

## ESTHER E. LEGGORE

Esther E. Leggore, 73, 20th Street, Sanford, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 1998. Born in Lancaster, Pa., she moved to Central Florida in 1961 from New Jersey. Mrs. Leggore was a nurse. She was a member of the First United Methodist.

Survivors include husband, Ira, Sanford; son, Leslie, Sanford; daughters, Linda Metzger, Lora Bayles, North Carolina; brother, Casper Dagen, Pennsylvania; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild Oaklawn Park Cemetery and Funeral Home, Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

## GLADYS JOY MOORE

Gladys Joy Moore, 95, East Second Street, Sanford, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 1998. Born in Hot Springs, Ark., she

moved to Central Florida in 1980. Ms. Moore was a secretary. She was a Protestant.

Survivors include daughter, Bobbie Thomas, Lake Mary; sister, Doris Osman, Canoga Park, Ca.

Baldwin-Fairchild Oaklawn Park Cemetery and Funeral Home, Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

## ALICE J. PATINGALE

Alice J. Patingale, 66, Snowbird Circle, Sanford, died Friday, Jan. 2, 1998. Born in Miami, Fla., she moved to Central Florida from Winter Haven in 1960. Ms. Patingale was a homemaker. She was a Seven Day Adventist. She was a member of the D.A.V. Lodge and the V.F.W. Ladies Auxillary.

Survivors include fiancé, Bobby Bryant, Sanford; sons, Larry Procter, Deltona, James Stickland, Orlando, Jim Patingale, Sanford, David Stickland, Deltona, Keith Patingale, Sorrento, Fla.; daughters, Debbie Kaiser, Renee Josilyn Teresa Flowers, all of Sanford, Becky Patingale, Middletown, Ohio; sister, Betty Lasseter, Dothan, Ala.; brothers, Bobby Williams, Houston, Texas, J.R. Williams, Alabama; 17 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild Oaklawn Park Cemetery and Funeral Home, Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

## ZORAH NEISWANDER

Zorah Madge Neiswander, 87, Hawthorne Avenue, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 1998. Born in Bear Creek, Ala., she was retired. Mrs. Neiswander was a member of Church of Christ.

Survivors include daughter, Rose Sellers, Athens, Ga.; son, Drennen Neiswander, Athens, Ga.; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Lord and Stephen Funeral Home East, Athens, Ga., in charge of arrangements.

## JEAN L. NOLL

Jean L. Noll, 72, Lemon Bluff Road, Osteen, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 1998. Born July 26, 1925 in Wilkinsburg, Pa., she moved to Central Florida in 1952. Mrs. Noll was a retired electronics worker for the Department of Defense. She was a Presbyterian.

Survivors include husband, Jack Noll, Osteen; mother, Esther Wynkoop, Winter Park; daughters, Penny Crull, Kan-

sas City, Judy Garapic, Orlando, Kim Garapic Heaton, Stuart, Fla., step-daughters, Jane Cooper, Sanford, Jeanne Pittenger, Portland, Pa., sister, Barbara Furman, Wichita Falls, Texas; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

## LUCILLE B. SMITH STONE

Lucille B. Smith Stone, 96, Cook Hill Road, Cheshire, Conn., died Sunday, Dec. 28, 1997 at Elm Park Baptist Home, born Aug. 19, 1901 in Georgia. She moved to Cheshire in 1989, and previously resided in Sanford for many years.

Survivors include son, Gerald L. Smith, Avon, Conn., sister, Verne Smith, Sanford, two grandsons; two great-grandchildren.

The Alderson Funeral Home, Cheshire, Conn., in charge of arrangements.

## FUNERAL

**NOLL, JEAN L.**  
Memorial funeral services for Mrs. Jean L. Noll, 72, of Osteen, who died Saturday will be at 2

p.m. this afternoon at the Gramkow Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dr. Dale L. Heaton officiating. Interment will be private. Mrs. Noll was predeceased by her son Robert Alan Garapic. In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, Sun Bank Building 200 W. First St., P.O. Box 95, Sanford, Fla. 32772-0095.

Gramkow Funeral Home, 500 E. Airport Blvd., Sanford, in charge of arrangements. (407) 322-3213.

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# Cops seek clues in bank heist

From Staff Reports

WINTER SPRINGS - The Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Section is investigating the armed robbery of the Great Western Bank, 5601 Red Bug Lake Road, Winter Springs.

The robbery occurred shortly before 3 p.m. Monday. The suspect walked up to the teller and passed her a note. The note implied that he had a gun and ordered her to give him the money from the cash drawer. The teller complied. The suspect then fled on foot.

The suspect is a white male, early 20's, five-foot 10-inches, 170 pounds. He had a mustache and several days growth of beard. The suspect was wearing a white Green Bay Packers cap, striped shirt and blue jeans. No vehicle was seen.

The suspect never showed a weapon during the robbery. No one was injured. This was the first bank robbery in unincorporated Seminole County in 1998.

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# Sports

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## IN BRIEF

### PONY Baseball registration

**FIVE POINTS** - With the Spring Baseball season ready to get started, Seminole PONY Baseball will hold Spring Registration over the next three Saturdays at the Seminole PONY Baseball Complex on County Road 419, one mile east of highway 17-92 near Winter Springs.

All boys and girls ages five to 16 are encouraged to sign up in the upstairs office of the Seminole PONY Clubhouse from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday.

If you are new to PONY Baseball you will need a copy of your birth certificate to register. Some registration fees have been reduced in the younger age groups.

Call 323-5570 for more information.

### Spring Turkey Quota Permit applications available now

**OCALA** - Turkey hunter prepare: spring turkey quota hunt permit applications are available right now at the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission's (GFC) regional offices or from the GFC's Quota Hunt Office in Tallahassee.

Sportmen can also request that an application be sent by mail by calling either the Ocala regional office at (352) 732-1225, or the Quota Hunt Office in Tallahassee at (850) 488-8573.

The applications must be completed and submitted by mail to the GFC's quota hunt office in Tallahassee before January 14 in order to be eligible for the random drawing.

After the random drawing the GFC will issue any remaining permits on a first-come, first-served basis.

Turkey hunters on most public wildlife management areas (WMAs), and private lands do not need a spring turkey quota hunt permit. However you will need one if you plan to hunt any of the following management areas located in the GFC's Central Region: Caravelle Ranch in Marion and Putnam counties; Flying Eagle in Citrus County; Half Moon in Sumter County; Ocala-Lake Delancy Unit in Marion and Putnam counties; Richloam in Sumter, Lake, Pasco and Hernando counties; Seminole Forest in Lake County; Seminole Ranch in Orange County; Prairie Lakes Unit of Three Lakes in Osceola County; and Tosohatchee in Orange County.

In order to turkey hunt on any of these areas you must possess a valid Florida hunting license, a spring turkey quota hunt permit, a wild turkey stamp and a wildlife management area stamp.

### Recreation volleyball meeting

**SANFORD** - The Sanford Recreation Department will hold an organizational meeting for Polar Bear Recreational and Power Volleyball Leagues next Wednesday, January 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown Youth Center, lower level of Sanford City Hall.

The Recreational (No Spike) League plays on Monday nights and the Power League plays on Wednesday nights. All games are played at Sanford Middle School.

Call 330-5697 for more information.

### Church Basketball meeting

**SANFORD** - The Sanford Recreation Department will hold an organizational meeting for an Adult Church Polar Bear Basketball League on Thursday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown Youth Center, lower level of Sanford City Hall.

Fellowship, either a no fast break or a slow break league, and Competitive leagues are being planned.

Call 330-5697 for more information.

### Lake Mary softball

**LAKE MARY** - The City of Lake Mary Department of Parks and Recreation will be conducting a Polar Bear Softball season at the Lake Mary Sports Complex.

The 10-week leagues will begin play the week of January 19th.

Women's Fast Pitch will be offered on Monday night's and Men's C Leagues will be played on Wednesday and Friday night's.

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

The City of Lake Mary provides balls, umpires and scorekeepers for all games. First place teams in each league receive a championship team trophy and championship T-shirts for each player.

Call 324-3097 for more information.

### WCW in Daytona

**DAYTONA BEACH** - Thursday Night Thunder, at the Daytona Beach Ocean Center on Thursday, January 8th at 7:30 p.m., has just become electrifying with the announcement of the main event!!!

It's Hollywood Hulk Hogan versus Diamond Dallas Page in a grudge match that will tear the roof down!!! Plus it's the WCW debut of Bret Hart!!!

Also on the great nationally televised first time ever event will be the Nature Boy Rick Flair, Curt Hennig, Scott Hall, The Giant and the Macho Man Randy Savage.

There are still some tickets left, so hurry over to the Ocean Center Box Office or your local Ticketmaster outlet.

### Altamonte Springs Babe Ruth

**ALTAMONTE SPRINGS** - Altamonte Springs Babe Ruth Baseball spring registration will be held on Saturday, January 10th, at Eastmonte Park from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost is \$70. Our program includes ages 5 to 18 years of age.

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# Quality not quantity

## Only three SAC football players earn All-State honors, but two make First Team

By DEAN SMITH  
Herald Sports Editor

**SANFORD** - The Seminole Athletic Conference was not exactly overwhelmed with the number of football players recognized by the FSWA (Florida Sports Writers Association) for All-State honors, but you sure couldn't argue with the quality.

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Seminole junior offensive lineman Jeff Fain (left) was honored earlier this season as the Sanford Optimist Club Seminole High School Player-of-the-Week. This past weekend he and Lake Howell High School senior linebacker Kawicks Mitchell (above) received an even bigger honor when they were named to the First Team All-State Football Team in Class 5A and Class 6A, respectively, by the Florida Sports Writers Association.



File Photo

Head coach Carl Brown (left) and junior superstar Lauren Bradley have led the Lake Mary girls' basketball team to the

top of the state's Class 6A rankings, but the Rams are still being snubbed by national voters despite an 18-0 record.

## Rams girls honored, slighted

By JEFF BERLINICK  
Herald Staff Writer

**LAKE MARY** - There is one person who has an idea on how to stop the Lake Mary girls basketball team.

"I wouldn't want to get into a running game with them," Carl Brown said. "You need to get a shot off every time you move down court. You need team speed and a strong inside and outside game and play strong defense to alter their shots."

Unfortunately for Lake Mary's opponents and the

rest of the Seminole Athletic Conference, Brown is the Lake Mary coach and he is doing everything he can to prevent that from happening.

As a matter of fact, he is doing such a good job that the Lady Rams are the Number One in the Number One.

Lake Mary, after a loss by Pensacola last week, took over the number one ranking in the state's highest classification, Class 6A. Pensacola beat the Lady

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## Labonte posts fast lap on last day of GM test

Special to the Herald

**DAYTONA BEACH** - 1998 NASCAR Winston Cup champion Terry Labonte posted the quickest lap for the third consecutive day as General Motors NASCAR Winston Cup testing concluded Monday at Daytona International Speedway.

Labonte was clocked at 47.853 seconds, for an average speed of 186,080 miles per hour, which was just shy of the test season's best lap of 188.139 mph which Labonte posted on Sunday.

Bobby Hamilton, now driving the No. 4 Kodak Film Chevrolet after leaving the STP Pontiac Team of Richard Petty in the off-season, ended up with the fourth quickest time Monday with a run of 47.973 seconds, for an average speed of 187,606 mph.

Hamilton finds himself in an enviable position as the 1998 Daytona 500 approaches, driving for Morgan-McClure Motorsports. Morgan-McClure has prepared three of the last seven cars to visit Daytona's Victory Lane following a Daytona 500.

"The first time I pulled onto the racetrack, I went up through the gearbox, and I thought to

myself what have I been missing," said Hamilton. "I'm looking forward to the Daytona 500. I already told this team, anything to do with Daytona and Talladega, I wasn't going to open my mouth. I'll start talking at the intermediate tracks."

"There is a little added pressure being in this car, but the pressure just comes from the magnitude of the Daytona 500 itself, not necessarily because of the car I'm in. I know they run good here, and I draft good, so hopefully good things will happen. Every time this car comes down here, it has a shot at winning. I feel like there might be a little added pressure there just because they had such a bad season last year, they want to perform in 1998."

Ford's NASCAR Winston Cup teams begin the first of two three-day January test seasons today and the public will get the first real look at the Taurus body-style they will run this season, replacing the discontinued Thunderbird.

Following the Ford test, Sports Car Testing (for the Rolex 24 At Daytona) will take place on January 9-11. General Motors will return on January 12-14. NASCAR Busch Series Testing is January 15-16. NASCAR Goody's Dash Series Testing is January 17-18, and Ford will return

to end winter testing at Daytona on January 19-21.

A section of the Oldfield Grandstand is open daily at no charge from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with access through DAYTONA USA. "The Ultimate Motorsports Attraction."

Guided tours of the Speedway are also available from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a nominal fee.

### GENERAL MOTORS TEST SPEEDS

January 8

- (5) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 188.080; 2. (5a) Jack Sprague, Chevrolet, 188.029; 3. (33) Ken Schrader, Chevrolet, 187.715; 4. (4) Bobby Hamilton, Chevrolet, 187.606; 5. (31) Mike Skinner, Chevrolet, 187.006; 6. (17) Darrell Waltrip, Chevrolet, 186.918; 7. (33a) Andy Hillenburg, Chevrolet, 186.858; 8. (41) Steve Grissom, Chevrolet, 186.831; 9. (31a) Mike Dillon, Chevrolet, 186.800; 10. (8) Pat Stricklin, Chevrolet, 186.748; 11. (91) Kevin Lepage, Chevrolet, 186.054; 12. (40) Sterling Marlin, Chevrolet, 186.045; 13. (18) Bobby Labonte, Pontiac, 185.308; 14. (40a) Elton Sawyer, Chevrolet, 184.508; 15. (18a) Tony Stewart, Pontiac, 184.019; 16. (71) Dave Marcia, Chevrolet, 183.631; 17. (17a) Phil Parsons, Chevrolet, 183.567; 18. (98) David Green, Chevrolet, 183.090; 19. (03) Dan Pardus, Chevrolet, 181.818.

## Winning weekend for local prep teams

By DEAN SMITH  
Herald Sports Editor

**OVIDO** - The Oviedo boys' basketball team got the weekend off to a good start for the county's high school athletic teams with a 61-53 victory over DeLand in a Class 6A District 3 game Friday night.

Lake Howell's girls' basketball team then followed suit on Saturday night, knocking off the Bulldogs, 62-54, in a 6A-3 contest.

Oviedo's girls' soccer team also got its post-holiday schedule started on a high note, thumping homestanding Edgewater, 10-0, in Orlando on Saturday.

Finally, the Lake Brantley wrestling team gained a split, dropping a 44-22 decision to LaRue High School from Kentucky and thumping Winter Springs in a Seminole Athletic Conference match, 60-9.

### FRIDAY BASKETBALL BOYS

**LIONS 61, BULLDOGS 53**  
DeLand (63)  
Jackson 16, Hooker 5, Milne 2, Cummings 17, Walker 13. Totals: 21 11-19 63.

**Oviedo (61)**  
Cullen 8, Fowler 12, Combes 12, Schell 3, Pickett 2, Register 15, Harper 10, Howell 2. Totals: 24 11-21 61.

**DeLand** 10 19 19 5 - 53  
**Oviedo** 18 15 17 11 - 61

Three-point field goals - Oviedo 2 (Fowler 2). Team fouls - DeLand 19; Oviedo 23. Fouled out - none. Technicals - none. Records - DeLand 3-7; Oviedo 14-2. Junior varsity - DeLand 78, Oviedo 68.

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# Lake Mary

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Rams in the state finals last season, 61-58, but, despite four underclassmen in the starting lineup, Lake Mary is now the team to beat.

However, despite the undefeated record (18-0) in the largest state in the south, Lake Mary still hasn't gotten the national notice a team in their position might deserve. When the USA Today came out with its Top 25 last week, the Lady Rams were nowhere to be found.

Even more, Lake Mary wasn't ranked in the Top-10 of the newspaper's South rankings.

Despite maintaining that his team was playing every game one at a time, Brown said it was frustrating that his girls weren't getting the notice he feels they deserve.

"It's frustrating," Brown said, "I don't know how they come up with those rankings but we let the polls take care of themselves. We get frustrated but we have to play the games one at a time."

If the nation hasn't noticed, at least the state of Florida has.

When Pensacola suffered its first loss last week, Brown walked into the Lake Mary locker room just prior to its game in Sarasota and simply drew a big "1" on the chalk board. He told the girls of the Pensacola loss and the Lady Rams went out and took the finals of the tour-

namment in which they were playing, featuring some of the top teams in the state.

Forward Mary Leah Sutton was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament and joined point guard Ashlee Ballance and forward Lauren Bradley on the all-tournament team.

Tonight, the Lady Rams take on their strongest conference rival, Lyman, at home. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Greyhounds under Bruce Bonaventure, have already beaten Oviedo and gave Lake Mary a tough game earlier this season at the Dr. Phillips Classic when they slowed the pace down the entire game and made Lake Mary make a strong fourth quarter run.

After the first Lyman game this season, many of Lake Mary's other opponents have taken on a similar offensive scheme, slowing the ball down and hoping to win in the fourth quarter. Like the rankings, Brown said it gets frustrating sometimes.

"We're not playing against other teams," Brown said. "We're playing against Lake Mary and that's our challenge. It's tough to keep playing against slowdowns but that just means they respect our game."

Maybe, if Lake Mary can run the rest of the table, and there's no reason to see why not, some national voters may respect their game too.

# Preps

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## SATURDAY GIRLS SILVER HAWKS 63 BULLDOGS 54

DeLand (54) Chonan 10, Moll 3, Jackson 15, Midland 14, Smith 2, Dea 2, Brown 8. Totals: 20 12-20 54.

Lake Howell (63) Means 5, Kane 8, Gilleon 5, Pizan 11, Head 22, Daus 11. Totals: 18 23-37 62.

DeLand 10 15 10 19 54 Lake Howell 11 21 18 15 62

Three-point field goals - DeLand 2 (Moll 1, Jackson 1); Lake Howell 3 (Pizan 2, Kane 1). Total fouls - DeLand 24; Lake Howell 18. Fouled out - DeLand: Chonan. Technicals - none. Records - DeLand 7-7; Lake Howell 12-9. Junior varsity - Lake Howell 41; DeLand 27.

## SOCCER GIRLS LIONS 10, EAGLES 0 Oviedo 6 4-10 Edgewater 0 0-0

Goals - Oviedo 10 (Hall 2, Castro 2, Aaby 2, Chapman 1, Watts 1, Dube 1, Christiana 1), Assista - Oviedo 4 (Castro 1, Hall 1, Cline 1, Christiana 1). Shots on goal - Oviedo 32; Edgewater 1. Saves - Oviedo 1; Edgewater 22. Records - Oviedo 3-2; Edgewater 3-3-2. Junior varsity - Oviedo 2; Edgewater 1.

## WRESTLING LARUE (KY.) 44 LAKE BRANTLEY 22

103 - Romano (Lake Brantley) won by forfeit; 112 - Martin (Lake Brantley) defeated Thompson, 16-2; 119 - Hill (Lake Brantley) pinned Fox, 0-31; 126 - Bateson (Lake Brantley) defeated McCoy, 7-5; 130 - Payne (LaRue) defeated Hogan, 9-7; 135 - Pearson (LaRue) pinned Davis, 0-41; 140 - Cooper (LaRue) defeated Kitchen, 10-4; 145 - Banks (LaRue) defeated Kensi, 10-6; 152 - Shaw (LaRue) pinned Joyce, 1-15; 160 - LaRue (LaRue) technical fall over Richards, 17-1; 171 - O'Loughlin (Lake Brantley) defeated Meredith, 11-

5, 189 - Detre (LaRue) pinned Fusco, 1-43; 215 - Despain (LaRue) won by forfeit; Hwt - Rineer (LaRue) won by forfeit.

## LAKE BRANTLEY 60 WINTER SPRINGS 9

103 - Romano (Lake Brantley) pinned Zukowch, 1-10; 112 - Martin (Lake Brantley) pinned Godkin, 1-59; 119 - Hill (Lake Brantley) pinned Lallehin, 2-51; 125 - Cuzzo (Winter Springs) defeated Bateson, 7-1; 130 - Hogan (Lake Brantley) defeated Webber, 13-8; 135 - Davis (Lake Brantley) pinned Groom, 0-59; 140 - Kitchen (Lake Brantley) pinned Santoro, 0-28; 145 - Kinski (Lake Brantley) pinned Dosa, 2-11; 152 - Joyce (Lake Brantley) defeated Gurst, 8-1; 160 - Richards (Lake Brantley) pinned Malice, 0-37; 171 - O'Loughlin (Lake Brantley) pinned Haytopa, 4-15; 189 - Fusco (Lake Brantley) pinned Smars, 2-36; 215 - double forfeit; Hwt - Good (Winter Springs) won by forfeit. Records - Lake Brantley 2-3.

# All-State

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The six Seminole County football teams only had three players make any of the teams, but two were named to the First Team in their respective classes.

Seminole High School offensive lineman Jeff Fain was named to the First Team in Class 5A.

The 6-foot-3, 300-pound junior helped the Fighting Seminoles to a 9-2 record, a co-championship in the SAC and a spot in the State Playoffs this season under first-year head coach Jim Worthington.

Lake Howell linebacker Kawicka Mitchell was picked for the Class 6A First Team.

The 6-foot-2, 235-pound senior was the leader of one of the top defenses in the county and was named to the first team despite the injury-plagued Silver Hawks of coach Mike Blacaglia only going 3-7 this year.

The only other SAC athlete honored was Oviedo defensive back Leroy Jackson, who was tabbed for Honorable Mention in Class 6A.

The 5-foot-7, 165-pound senior helped the Lions, under first-year head coach Greg Register, go 8-4, the Seminole for the SAC championship, and make it to the second round of the state playoffs.

# Spurs rally past Magic; Maxwell signs

From Staff Reports

ORLANDO - The Orlando appeared headed for a much needed victory Monday night, holding a two-point lead over San Antonio heading into the final period, but the Spurs rallied with a 10-3 surge to hand the Magic a 74-69 defeat at the Orlando Arena.

The loss was the ninth in 10 games for Orlando, while the victory was 11th in 12 starts for San Antonio.

Darrell Armstrong got his second career start in the place of injured point guard Mark Price, who sat out his second straight game with a strained hamstring.

Armstrong responded with a team-high 21 points and also had a career-high nine rebounds and six assists.

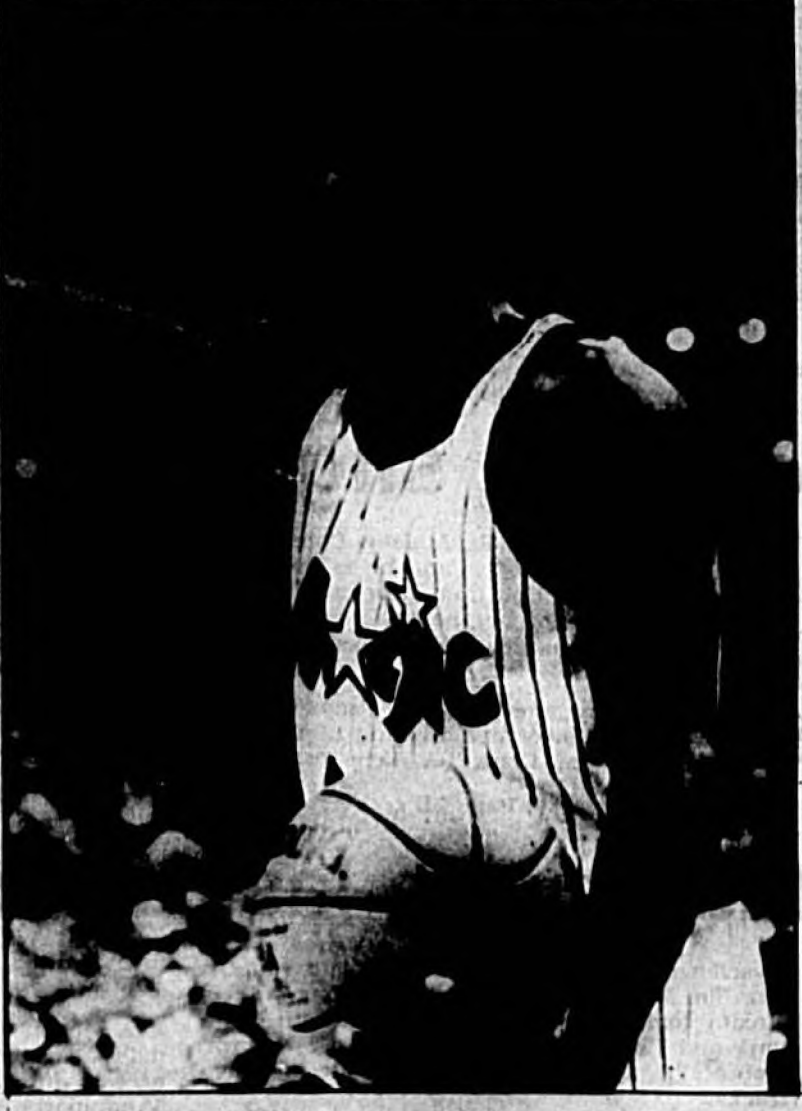
The Magic will now play back-to-back games on the road at Toronto on Wednesday and Philadelphia on Thursday, before returning home to host Boston at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

## MAGIC INK MAXWELL

Orlando General Manager John Gabriel announced prior to the game the signing of veteran 6-foot-4 guard Vernon Maxwell to a 10-day contract.

Gabriel also announced that Donald Royal had been waived.

"Vernon is an outstanding talent," said Gabriel. "With our rash of injuries, we need to address our scoring needs. Vernon's proven throughout his career that he has the ability to score, while also being a solid defensive player."



Darrell Armstrong scored 21 points, pulled down nine rebounds and had six assists in his second career start Monday night.

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For more information, please call our message line at 263-7910.

## Lake Mary Little League

LAKE MARY - Lake Mary Little League will offer a full range of baseball and softball programs for boys and girls, ages 5-15.

Registration will be held at the Lake Mary K-Mart on Saturday, January 17th and 24th from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, January 18th and 25th from noon to 5:30 p.m.

Registration fee is \$35 (includes MLB jersey and cap, pants and socks).

Also, the annual membership meeting will be held on Friday, January 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Lake Mary Community Center on Country Club Road.

All 1997 regular members are invited to attend and will be eligible to vote at the meeting.

If you can't attend please be sure to call Carmen Moorhouse, League Secretary, at 324-8917 to arrange for an absentee ballot.

## SHS alumni baseball

SANFORD - Seminole High School is looking for alumni to attend the annual baseball game and cookout to be held on Saturday, January 24, 1998.

Please call Mike Powers at 320-5058 and leave your name and number and someone will return call with information.

## Girls' wrestling tournaments

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS - Lake Brantley High School and coach Kevin Carpenger are pleased to announce a series of Women's Invitational Wrestling Tournaments in association with the Seminole County Women's Wrestling Program.

The final two tournaments will take place at Lake Brantley High School on January 10th and February 20th.

Women are eligible under FHSAA (Florida High School Activities Association) rules and it will cost \$30 as a team or \$5 as an individual. Tentative weight classes are 94, 101, 110, 119, 127, 136, 149 and 165 pounds.

Each tournament will be double elimination, feature folkstyle rules and there will be individual awards.

## Sanford Adult Softball

SANFORD - The Sanford Recreation Department is taking registrations for the Adult Softball Leagues at the Downtown Recreation Center on the first floor of Sanford City Hall on the corner of Seminole Boulevard and Park Avenue.

The slowpitch leagues to be offered for the Polar Bear Leagues starting in January are men's, women's, Co-Ed, church and a new industrial division for company teams only.

For more information please call 330-5697.

## SCC women at home

SANFORD - The Seminole Community College women's basketball team opens Mid-Florida Conference play on Wednesday night, hosting defending state champion Central Florida Community College from Ocala at 6 p.m. at the SCC Health and Physical Education Center. Admission is free.

The Raiders, led by newcomers 7-foot Jaana Kotova from Estonia and long-range shooter Daria Kudryuytseva from Russia, are looking for a return to the state tournament under head coach Ken Patrick and new assistant Tony Mandeville.

## Waterfowl rule change

ORLANDO - To comply with changes in the statewide waterfowl rules and eliminate confusion in the hunting brochure, the rule for hunting in the Emeralda Marsh Type II Wildlife Management Area has been revised.

Hunters who possess a special hunting permit for the Emeralda Marsh Type II WMA can hunt on the first and last day, every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday of the season. The permits are available through the Tax Collector Offices of Lake, Orange, Marion and Volusia counties.

The duck and cool season at the Emeralda Marsh Type II WMA will end on January 20th, with a youth hunt scheduled for January 24th.

## Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO: 97-2264-CA-14-K COWEN FEDERAL BANK, FSB

PLAINTIFF VS. THOMAS J. GARVER, ET AL DEFENDANT(S)

NOTICE OF ACTION OBSTRUCTIVE SERVICE TO: THOMAS J. GARVER AND MARIA B. GARVER who reside at 11111 11th Avenue, Sanford, Florida.

Notice of Foreclosure Sale NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure dated 12/19/97 and entered in Case No. 97-1900-CA-14A of the Circuit Court of the 18th Judicial Circuit, in and for Seminole County, Florida.

DEA The Money Store, Inc., a New Jersey corporation, is the plaintiff, and Ricardo Vazquez, et al, the defendant(s). I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the west front door of the Seminole County Courthouse, 201 N. Park Ave., Sanford, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on January 29th, 1998, the following described property as set forth in said judgment, to wit:

Lot 126, Autumn Glen Phase II, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 37, Pages 75, 76 and 77, inclusive, Public Records of Seminole County, Florida.

Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, rights, appurtenances and rents, all of which shall be deemed to be and remain a part of the property covered by this mortgage; and all of the foregoing, together with said property for the leasehold estate if this mortgage is on a leasehold are hereinafter referred to as the "Property."

DATED on December 22nd, 1997.

Maryanne Morse, Clerk of Court By: Jane E. Jewawic As Deputy Clerk

ALV: 97-1484

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration at 301 North Park Avenue, Suite N301, Sanford, Florida 32771, Telephone: (407) 322-4336, extension 4227, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice Relay Service, Public: January 6, 1998 DEL-266

## Legal Notices

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## Legal Notices

IN THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 97-951-CP IN RE: ESTATE OF AUDREY HARRIDGE DOBYS, Deceased

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of AUDREY HARRIDGE DOBYS, deceased. File Number 97-951-CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Seminole County, Florida.

The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All claims, demands and objections NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this notice is December 30th, 1997.

Personal Representative: Stephen M. Coover R.O. Box 1149 Sanford, FL 32772

Attorney for Personal Representative: Stephen M. Coover, Nicholas, Mamola & Coover, P.A. R.O. Box 1149 Sanford, FL 32772 (407) 322-4051 Florida Bar No. 0314000

Public: December 30, 1997 and January 6, 1998 DEL-213

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION FILE NUMBER 97-1900-CP IN RE: ESTATE OF LUTHER C. ESSEX a/k/a LUTHER CLEVE ESSEX Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of LUTHER C. ESSEX a/k/a LUTHER CLEVE ESSEX deceased. File Number 97-1900-CP is pending in the Circuit Court for SEMINOLE County, Florida.

The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All interested persons are required to file with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE:

(1) all claims against the estate and (2) any objection by an interested person to whom this notice was mailed that challenges the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of the court.

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against

## Legal Notices

decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

The date of the first publication of this notice is December 30th, 1997.

Personal Representative: LULA M. ESSEX 1819 West Barton Street Longwood, FL 32760

Attorney for Personal Representative: MACK CLEVELAND, JR. Florida Bar No. 014122 206 North Oak Avenue Sanford, FL 32771 Telephone: (407) 322-1314 Public: December 30, 1997 and January 6, 1998 DEL-262

NOTICE OF FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice is given that we are engaged in business at 1632 N. County Road 437, Longwood, FL 32760, Seminole County, Florida, under the fictitious name of ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY, and that we intend to register said name with the Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida, in accordance with the provisions of the Fictitious Name Act, Chapter 885.09, Florida Statutes 1991.

Accurate Management Systems, Inc. Daniel G. Delgado, Pres. Public: January 6, 1998 DEL-80

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 97-1917-CP IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTINA NICKERSON, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of BETTINA NICKERSON, deceased. File Number 97-1917-CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Seminole County, Florida.

The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All interested persons are required to file with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE:

(1) all claims against the estate and (2) any objection by an interested person to whom this notice was mailed that challenges the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of the court.

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All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against

William H. Morrison, Esquire 7100 South U.S. Highway 17-06 Fern Park, Florida 32730 Telephone: (407) 855-1454

Attorney for Personal Representative: Public: December 28, 1997 and January 6, 1998 DEL-263

**You can help:**

- Wear polarized sunglasses.
- Stay in deep water channels. Avoid running your motor over seagrass beds.
- Look for the manatee's snout, back, tail, or flipper in the water. A snail or flat spot signals a manatee may be swimming below.
- Watch for posted speed zones and sanctuary signs.
- Don't discard fishing line, hooks, or trash into the water.
- Look, but don't touch. Resist the urge to feed manatees or give them water.
- Call 1-800-DIAL-FMP or 6FMP, or use VHF Channel 16 if you spot an injured manatee.

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# People

## CALENDAR

**Nar-Anon**  
Nar-Anon, a self-help group for relatives and friends of addicts, will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Orlando General Hospital. For more information, call 869-8364.

**TOPS**  
Member of Take Off Pounds Sensibly, TOPS, invite the public to join them on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 1607 Sanford Ave., Sanford. For more information about the club, call 321-4464.

**Toastmasters**  
Night Owls Toastmasters meet every Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 p.m., at the Lake Mary Community Building, 280 N. Country Club Road in Lake Mary. Contact Rosella Bonham at 323-8284 for information.

**Lions Club**  
The Longwood-Lake Mary Lions Club meets the first and third Tuesday of every month, at 7 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, S.R. 434 in Longwood. Visitors and prospective members are welcome to attend.

**Pilot Club**  
The Sanford Pilot Club meets the first and third Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the RSVF building on the campus at Seminole Community College. All interested are welcome to attend.

**Blood Bank**  
Central Florida Blood Bank is asking donors of all types blood - especially O-type donors - to donate at its Sanford branch, 1302 E. Second St. For information, call 322-0822.

**Optimist Club**  
The Sanford Optimist Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the colonial Room in downtown Sanford. Visitors are welcome. Call 323-2194 or 322-0298.

**Kiwanis Club**  
Effective Oct. 1, the Kiwanis Club of Sanford is moving the weekly Wednesday noon uncheon meeting from the Sanford Civic Center to the Lakeside Landing at the Marina Motel on Lake Monroe. Visiting Kiwanians are welcome. For information call Walt Smith, 323-5088.

**Dancing for Seniors**  
The Over 50 Dance Club dance is held every Wednesday, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Sanford Civic Center. Live music by the Deltonians 13-piece band. Donation \$3.00.

**Al-Anon**  
A support group for friends or relatives of alcoholics (Al-Anon) meets every Wednesday, at 8 p.m., at 111 E. 27th St., just west of Sanford Avenue in Sanford. New visitors or members are welcome to this 12-step group.

**Coastliners**  
Sanford-The Coastliners meetings are held at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Sanford Senior Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd. All interested railroaders, both active and retired, are invited to attend. For information, call Horace Green, 322-5493.

**Alzheimer's Support**  
The Alzheimer's Support Group for Caregivers meets the fourth Wednesday, at 10 a.m., at the Frank Evans Center in Lake Mary. All interested are invited to attend. Shelly Braasler, a licensed Alzheimer therapist, leads the discussion and answers questions. For information, call 323-4838 or 324-3060.

**EVENINGS**  
**Recovery Inc**  
Recovery Inc., is a self-help mental health organization for people who suffer from panic attacks, depression, fears and general nervous symptoms. For information, call 860-2003, or 890-5906.

**TOPS**  
A local chapter of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of South Seminole Hospital, 555 W. S.R. 434, Longwood. Weighing begins at 5:30 p.m. The first meeting is held every Wednesday, at 9:30, at Lakeview Christian Church, 1400 Bear Lake Road Apopka. For information, call 293-5048.

**Al-Anon**  
If you know, or live with an alcoholic, there is help. Al-Anon is an anonymous, non-profit organization, open to anyone who is a relative or friend of an alcoholic. Serenity Won Al-Anon meets each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. (Thursday non-smoking) evening at 8 p.m. Meetings are held in the back room of the Sahara Club, 2587 South Sanford Ave., Sanford. For information and locations in the Central Florida area, or for more information, call 321-9122.

**Nar-Anon**  
Nar-Anon meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. at South Seminole Hospital, 555 West State Road 434, Longwood. Nar-Anon is a support group open to families and friends of addicts. Daily living with an addict is more turmoil than you can handle by yourself. Join for support in coping with your addict; gain serenity to make decisions and put our lives back in focus. Call 261-1900 for more information.

**Film Series**  
The West Volusia Holocaust Memorial Council presents the 1995-96 film series the first Wednesday of every month through March, at 7:30 p.m., at the Temple Shalom of Deltona, 1785 Elkcom Blvd., Deltona. Phone: (904)798-2303.

## Help needed to keep teens in school

Crooms Academy is asking for your help in keeping our young people in school by offering a helping hand, a listening ear and a caring attitude.

Job responsibilities may include encouraging students to maintain their grades, making sure their school attendance is good, helping fill out SAT and ACT application forms, helping students make post-high school plans, and filling out applications for community college. The hours are flexible and the pay is non-existent in dollars but incalculable in the rewards of sharing your experience and knowledge with a young person.

We need caring people who will work one-on-one with our students for approximately one hour a week. You will need to



**FAMILY COUNSELOR**  
**MARY BALK**

do a lot of listening, you may be asked to help with projects or assignments that your student doesn't understand. You may need to help a student find resources available in the school system or community.

The students at Crooms Academy have experienced difficulty in other educational settings and found themselves either disinterested or unac-

cessful. The program goal at Crooms is to provide an opportunity for these students to complete high school. Sometimes students leave school because they get discouraged or feel no one cares. You can become that needed friend, role model or listener that just might make a difference.

Additionally, Crooms has the Teenage Parent Program (TAPP) for Seminole County Public Schools. While the moms are in chemistry, English, or algebra class, the little ones are learning age-appropriate skills in their nursery classes to give them a good start toward their own education. Teenage moms face all the usual challenges of adolescence, plus the additional responsibilities of par-

enting. To mentor one of these young ladies involves both a double blessing and a double challenge.

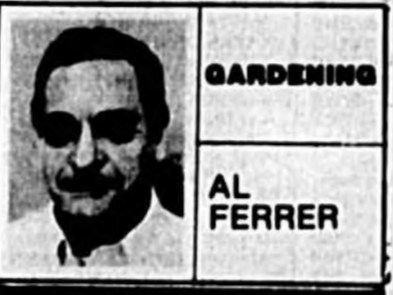
All mentors must attend an initial 2 hour training session. These training sessions can be scheduled for daytime or evenings. Arrangements can be made to present the training at your workplace, organization or club meeting. You will receive the information and assistance you need throughout the year.

Please call either the Dividends office at Seminole County Public Schools, 320-0178, or the guidance office at Crooms, 320-5742, and make a difference in a young person's life.

## Araucarias are pines from the south

The Norfolk Island pine and the Monkey Puzzle tree are only two of a small group of pine trees whose origin is the southern hemisphere, where pines are rare. Some retail garden stores sometimes offer one of these pine trees in containers during the Christmas season. These pines belong to the genus Araucaria, a name derived from the word Arauca, which is a name given to a region in Chile, South America. Other pines in this group, the Hoop pine and the Bunya Bunya tree, are native to Australia. The Monkey Puzzle tree, native to Chile, is the hardest of all Araucarias. The Norfolk Island pine, native to that island in the south pacific ocean and Australia, is by far the most popular of these trees in Florida. This tree is sometimes called the Star pine because of the regular star shapes formed by its horizontal layers or branchlets. The Norfolk Island pine is somewhat hardy but will freeze at about 24 degrees F.

The trees: The trees can



**GARDENING**  
**AL FERRER**

grow up to 80 ft. tall and could grow taller, but lightning frequently limits the height growth. The evergreen trees develop a single trunk and have a pyramidal crown shape. Leaves are dark green and modified into overlapping scales, needle-like in appearance, less than 2 inches long, arranged in a spiral around the branches. The flowers are small and now showy. The fruits are oval cones that look like a pineapple, green in color, about 6-12 inches in diameter, and can weigh between 10 to 15 pounds. Fruits are not considered edibles but Australian aborigines eat the scarlet seeds of the Bunya Bunya tree

which they consider a great delicacy. Fruits are rarely found in cultivation.

**Landscape uses:** These trees can be used as a strong, single accent tree. They can be an attractive, novelty specimen for a large, open yard or commercial landscape. Small trees are admired as urn subjects for patios, terraces, and Florida rooms. They can live for a long time as a house plant if not over watered or over fertilized.

**Culture:** Trees grow well in full sun but can also grow indoors. Plants tolerate a wide range of soil types and pH with good drainage. An acid, fertile mixture should be used during transplanting. A mulch can be used to reduce water loss around the root area. Pruning is not required except to keep one central leader. Young plants should be watered well, especially during periods of drought. Because of their salt tolerance they are ideal for planting along beachfront properties. Trees are medium to fast growers and should be fertilized at least twice a year.

Potted plants should be fertilized at normal strength once every two weeks. Potted plants may drop the lower foliage if overwatered or from excessive dry air caused by indoor central heating. Same symptoms may be present in outdoor-grown plants due to the same factors.

**Replanting:** Do not plant the trees too deeply, otherwise the plants will develop root or stem rots. Use a mixture of vermiculite and potting soil to grow the plants. Repot every two or three years to prevent the plant from growing too rapidly.

**Pests and diseases:** Scale insects are considered to be the main pests of these trees. Leaf spots and mushroom root rot are the main diseases of these trees, which usually do not have any pest or disease problems of major concern.

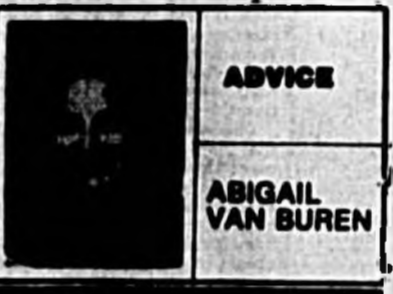
**Propagation:** Propagation is by seeds or cuttings of mature terminal shoot tips only. Soft wood cuttings can be propagated under mist in summer.

## Lawyer lauds 'real parents'

**DEAR ABBY:** I am adopted, and my heart goes out to "Still Wounded by Adoption," who said adoptees search for their "real" parents because they need a sense of connection to the universe, and branded adoption as "barbaric."

Abby, I have never searched for my birth parents. My "real" parents are the mom and dad who raised me, stayed up with me when I was sick, taught me to read and write, and worried about me when I stayed out past my curfew. They are the couple who attended my football games and involved themselves in everything that was important to me, who scrimped and saved to send me to college and help me through law school, and are still there for me. I have two parents who love me, and that's all I could ever ask for.

I can't comprehend "Wounded's" idea that adoption is barbaric. What is barbaric about a couple, who couldn't biologically create a child, wanting to love and raise one in a stable home? It wasn't barbaric for my birth parents to demonstrate



**ADVICE**  
**ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**

their love by placing me for adoption by a wonderful, loving couple who could provide what they couldn't. My biological parents allowed someone who desperately wanted a child to have the chance to be a parent, and I'm grateful for the generosity and maturity that went into that decision.

**MICHAEL H. MOHLMAN, LAWRENCE, KAN.**

**DEAR MICHAEL:** Your letter shows the sentiments of most adoptees. Thank you for re-emphasizing that adoption was an act of love on the part of your birth parents, as well as your adoptive parents.

and challenged some of the most inquiring minds. Abby, this connection isn't found in someone else, nor is it found in wealth, beauty, fame or power. It's found within ourselves.

"Wounded" stated that human beings are the only species that willingly give away their offspring. Wrong! I'm not trained in biology, but I know that the female cowbird places its eggs in the nests of other birds, thereby allowing her offspring to be adopted by the nest owners. A quick reference check found that the Old World common cuckoo also exhibits this behavior.

"Wounded's" bottom line for the "adoption problem" is that "men should do a better job of guarding their sperm." The implication is that men are solely responsible for all unwanted pregnancies. Well, the last time I checked, it still takes two to tango. Women should take responsibility for their actions also.

"Wounded" seems to be deeply wounded, all right, but I'm not sure that adoption is the root of the problem.

**FRANKLY FRANK IN MILWAUKEE**

**DEAR ABBY:** I must respond to "Still Wounded by Adoption" who complained bitterly about adoption, stating that many adoptees want to locate their birth parents to find a genetic connection from their roots to the rest of the universe.

I've got news for "Wounded": All of us, adopted or not, are searching for our connection to the universe. This search has spawned our reli-

**"Wounded," you stand almost alone. I urge you to rethink your mistaken beliefs about adoption - it is an act of kindness, and it's done with love.**

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I are senior citizens, living on a fixed income. My husband has been sick for several years, so it takes every cent to make ends meet.

Friends of ours who are young and make a good living keep asking to borrow our pickup truck. This is OK with us. However, when they return it, the gas tank is always empty. The least they could do is fill the tank. My husband tells me to be patient, but what has patience got to do with it?

I don't know how much longer I can hold my tongue. What should I do?

**DISGUSTED IN DEMING, N.M.**

**DEAR DISGUSTED:** Don't hold your tongue - put it to good use. The next time these friends ask to borrow your pickup, tell them only on the condition that they return it with a full tank. You might even go a bit further and suggest that an occasional wash job would be appreciated.

## TUESDAY PRIME TIME

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**TITANS**  
12:30-1:30 (P)

**SCREAM 2**  
7-11 (P)

**MOLDSMUT**  
1:30-2:30 (P)

**FOR RICHIE ON FOOTER**  
1:30-2:30 (P)

**THE PORTMAN**  
12:30-1:30 (P)

**AS GOOD AS IT GETS**  
1:30-2:30 (P)

**MIL MARGO**  
1:30-2:30 (P)

**AN AMERICAN WEREWOLF**  
1:30-2:30 (P)

**TOMORROW NEVER DIES**  
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by Jim Meddick



# Water doesn't cure hiatal hernia

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Nowhere in your articles on hiatal hernia have I seen a simple approach to treatment that I have successfully used for years. At the earliest sign of heartburn or indigestion, I drink a large glass of water without stopping, and the force of the water pushes the hernia back into place. I never leave home without a bottle of water, and I have not needed surgery or medications.

DEAR READER: Hiatal hernia is a weakness of the valve where the esophagus joins the stomach; at times, this weakness will permit gastric acid to backwash into the esophagus. The water antidote may be effective, but not for the reason you mention. Water will not correct the hernia. Here is what I believe is happening.

Hiatal hernia often — but not always — leads to reflux, the backwash of concentrated, irritating gastric acid up into the esophagus. Because the esophagus, unlike the stomach, is not lined with a protective barrier, the acid literally begins to digest the esophagus, leading to heartburn, gas, cough, chest pain and other symptoms.

Nonsurgical remedies for this common condition include antacids and drugs to reduce the production of gastric acid. Surgery may be necessary for large hernias that do not respond to this therapy.

Water affects the concentration of acid by diluting it and washing it back down into the stomach, where it belongs. For obvious reasons, very dilute gastric acid is far less irritating than undiluted acid. Thus, I believe that your technique, although appropriate, is effective only in relieving symptoms temporarily. The other methods I described give more long-lasting effects. However, if it works for you, fine. Other readers with reflux would, in my opinion, enjoy better results using therapy other than simple dilution. Remember, too, that hiatal hernia and reflux can, if not treated vigorously, lead to a pre-malignant affliction called Barrett's esophagus. Therefore, if your symptoms occur with some regularity over a long period of time, you should be examined by a gastroenterologist to make sure that you are not sitting on a time bomb.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A local TV station recently carried a story about how high doses of vitamin A can help patients with emphysema by improving lung structure. Is this correct?

## DR. GOTT

PETER GOTT, M.D.



DEAR READER: Although a scientific study has reported that all-trans retinoic acid, a vitamin A-like substance, may reverse some abnormalities in animal lungs, no research has yet been done on humans and no similar substances to or derivatives of this

class of compounds have been examined. To my knowledge, vitamin A does not help patients with emphysema, a chronic pulmonary disorder marked by overexpansion of the lungs and trapping of stale air. More appropriate therapy includes oxygen, respiratory exercises, antibiotics when necessary, and the prudent use of cortisone drugs.

More important, large doses (above 5,000 International Units) of the vitamin can lead to serious toxicity: Loss of appetite and hair, anemia, retinal bleeding, skin irritation, bone tenderness, mouth ulcers, headache, birth defects, and many others. I advise my patients to shun excessive doses of vitamin A.

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## ACROSS

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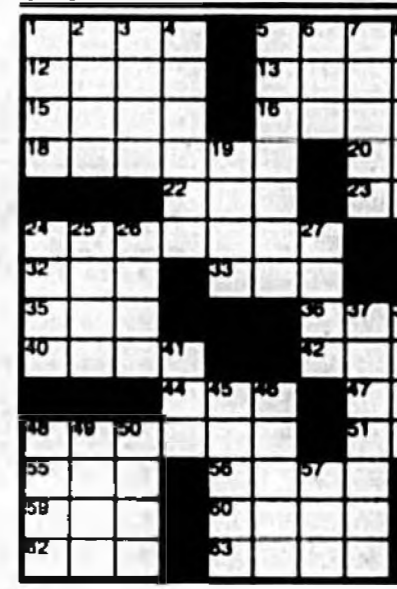
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- 15 Absolutely!
- 16 Small duck
- 17 Tennis player
- 18 Arthur —
- 19 Sweaty heavily
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- 21 Hurried
- 22 Mischievous boys
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- 31 Dill sandwich
- 32 Columnist
- 33 Bombard
- 34 Clock face
- 35 Forbid

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## WIN AT BRIDGE

### Another anonymous adept

By Phillip Alder

I was shown today's deal by Michael Prahrin, a Russian who has lived in the New York area for some years. It was sent to him by Yuri Bolotin from Kharkov, Ukraine. To follow the deal fully, you need to know about Russian leads. At trick one, you lead the second-highest of touching honors (e.g., queen from K-Q-x). However, when leading a suit bid by partner or when leading from two touching honors doubleton, you lead the higher, not the lower, honor. North's three spades was pre-emptive, showing a weak hand with at least four spades. East's double promised length in the red suits. Against four spades doubled, West, using Russian leads, led the diamond

jack. South, a young Ukrainian, seemed destined to lose four tricks (one spade, one diamond and two clubs), but he found a great ruse. East, thinking his partner was leading from a diamond holding headed by the queen-jack, played the nine at trick one. South ducked! Suitably duped, West continued with the diamond 10. And equally fooled, East played low, allowing South to scoop up the trick with his queen. Now came the two top hearts and a heart ruff in the dummy. Back to hand with a spade to the ace, declarer led his last heart. When West discarded a club, declarer ruffed in the dummy, trumped the diamond king (just in case) and, after West discarded once more, exited with a trump. Having only clubs remaining, West had to open up the suit, allowing South's king to score a trick. Declarer had lost only one spade, one diamond and one club. Who was this masked marvel?

North		01-06-98	
♠ 10 8 7 5 4			
♥ 7 3			
♦ K 6 5			
♣ 8 4 3			
West	East	South	North
♠ K Q	♠ 3	♠ A J 9 8 2	♠ A K 5 4
♥ 10 8 3	♥ Q J 9 6	♥ 3	♥ K 2
♦ J 10	♦ A 8 7 4 3		
♣ A Q 10 9 7 6	♣ J 5		
Vulnerable: Neither			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♠	3 ♠	Dbl.
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
4 ♠	Dbl.	All pass	
Opening lead: ♠ J			

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## HOROSCOPE



Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1998

You have acquired some valuable friends over the past few years. In the months ahead, they'll reveal just how much you mean to them both socially and personally. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Grab the reins today in an endeavor you think you can steer better than your peers. You can handle this transition without offending others. CAPRICORN, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and BASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to state your zodiac sign. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be realistic regarding the objectives you set for yourself today. Do not establish goals

your common sense tells you are out of reach at this time. PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions that are out of your control might cause you to alter your plans today. If you keep cool, things will sort themselves out. ARIES (March 21-April 19) Joint endeavors must be consistently monitored and evaluated today or else you might come out on the short end. Move cautiously. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Strive to be self-reliant today. If you depend too heavily upon others and they can't assist you, retracing your steps could be an awkward move. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are more likely to help others today if you feel you are doing so of your own volition. When demands are made on you, you'll renege the bidder. CANCER (June 21-July 23) Generally you enjoy social events, but today you might attend a gathering where someone you don't like is present, and this could put a damper on your fun.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Although you are capable of outstanding achievement today, you might be plagued with self-doubts. When the going gets tough, you could lose in the long run. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are likely to hold strong opinions today, and this is OK if your purpose is constructive. If not, don't try to force your views on the unresponsive. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you are called upon to help another today, try to do so with his or her resources. Do not get in a position where you're expected to pay the freight. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not anticipate the actions of others in a negative manner today. This could create complications that are totally unnecessary and avoidable. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Spend time today involved in activities that provide you with gratification, but don't neglect your duties where others are depending upon you. © 1998 by NEA, Inc.

by Leonard Starr

