





**SCC duo selected for All-State**

Yelena Lauchanka picked up most of the hardware, but 11 other members of the Seminole Community College basketball program were also recognized when the Florida Community College Activities (FCCAA) released the All-Conference and All-State teams recently. **Page 18**

**Sheriff's office investigating electrocution**

Investigators with the Seminole County Sheriff's Major Crimes Unit are investigating the death of a 20-year-old worker, who died of an apparent electrocution.

The incident was reported to the Seminole County Sheriff's Office at 11:38am Thursday. It happened on State Road 426 near the intersection of Seminole Woods Boulevard, near Geneva.

The victim, Benjamin Richard Buzz (dob 6-20-81) of Deland, worked for Red Simpson, Inc., which is a contractor for Florida Power and Light. He was a member of a crew that was laying down power poles along the roadway.

According to a witness, the boom of the truck came in contact with a power line. The victim, who was standing next to the truck, apparently came in contact with the electrical current. An EMS crew rushed him to Central Florida Regional Medical center in Sanford, where he was pronounced dead.



**Designing Women**

The terms "high-tech" and "landscaping company" don't often appear in the same sentence. A Sanford company is changing that. **Page 1C**

**Seminole Smile**



David Scott - Idyllwilde Elementary Principal

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**Abandoned baby found on restaurant's steps**

By Christopher Patton  
Staff Writer

**Police find teen-age mother after tracing 911 calls**

SANFORD — The fate of a 17-year-old mother and the baby she abandoned is now in the hands of the courts.

After two anonymous 911 calls placed by the mother Thursday morning, police quickly located the baby she left at the doorstep of the Proy Thai Cuisine restaurant at 2520 S. French Ave. Officer Tina Lehman found the baby at approximately 6:20 a.m. wearing a child sized T-shirt, said Capt. Darrel Presley.

"She immediately wrapped the baby in a blanket and called paramedics," said

Presley

With the baby in good condition resting at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford police investigators tracked down the mother's identity by tracing the 911 calls to a cell phone. The mother was located at Seminole High School as she apparently gave birth, dumped the child and phoned police all before shoving off to class.

Police transferred her to the hospital and was still recovering there as of Thursday evening. Meanwhile, at a cus-

tody hearing Thursday afternoon, Seminole County Juvenile Judge Nancy Alley ruled the child was to be placed in a Department of Children and Families shelter. The mother would be allowed supervised visitation rights and another hearing was set for April 15 at 9 a.m.

Under Florida law, the girl could have legally dropped the newborn boy off at a fire hall or hospital. Instead, she chose

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Sanford police and firefighters escort a teen-ager to a rescue vehicle. The Seminole High School student earlier in the morning abandoned her baby at a Sanford Thai restaurant.

**Bike Patrol**



The Sanford Fire Department recently purchased bicycles for its new bike patrol. Pictured, from left, are firefighter/paramedic Larry Piedscalzo, Out-Spoke'n owners Arden and Michael Cottle, and firefighter/paramedics Mike Salber and Jeff Orrange.

**Fire department finds solution for tight squeezes**

By Dan Ping  
Editor

Special events like festivals and parades provide unique obstacles for paramedics who have to provide emergency medical service, but a team of emergency personnel at the Sanford Fire Department appears to have found a solution: bike patrols.

Large crowds make it difficult for emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics to respond to a crisis. Precious seconds that could mean the difference between life and death are lost maneuvering large rescue vehicles through a crowd of pedestrians. Even golf carts are difficult to squeeze through tight spots.

"Bikes are idea for things like the Fourth of July down on Lake Monroe," said Mike Salber, a paramedic with the department.

Salber is the driving force behind the creation of the bike unit. Deputy Fire Chief Jerry Ransom said the idea had been kicked around for a couple of

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**City pulls permit for snake seller**

By Dan Ping  
Editor

SANFORD — City commissioners revoked a conditional use permit that gave a business owner permission to operate a wholesale reptile operation on Sanford Avenue.

In January, the Planning & Zoning Commission approved the permit despite complaints from nearby business owners and residents. The business, JP Pets located at 210 and 212 Sanford Avenue, houses thousands of non-venomous reptiles that are sold wholesale to other retailers.

Linda Kuhn, who lives about a block away at 313 Palmetto Avenue, appealed P&Z's decision to the city commission.

"The permit is not consistent

with the goals and objects of the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development

Regulations," Kuhn told commissioners. "It's also not compatible with the surrounding properties."

Mike Skat, chairman of the Planning Commission, was the lone dissenting vote when the conditional use was approved in January. He agreed

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**Heathrow residents object to plans for assisted-living facility**

By Christopher Patton  
Staff Writer

SANFORD — The night before Passover was to begin almost a hundred elderly Jews delayed their religious preparations to show their support for a proposed county comprehensive plan amendment.

The Jewish Senior Housing Council requested the amendment for a rezoning of a 20-acre parcel from agriculture to planned unit development. The site is located west of Interstate 4, east of the Seminole-Wekiva Trail and 3000 feet south of Lake Mary Boulevard.

Commissioners voted unanimously, absent Commissioner Randy Morris, to send the proposed comprehensive plan amendment to the Florida Department of Community Affairs for review. If approved by the state, the site would be utilized for a non-sectarian assisted and independent living facility.

The development would consist of 200 assisted-living units

near I-4 and 50 one-story units near the Markham Woods neighborhoods of Ravensbrook and Orange Ridge. Residents of those two neighborhoods pleaded with county commissioners to adhere to the comprehensive plan and deny the project.

"Approval of this plan would be hard to swallow," said Frank Shelton, vice president of the Markham Woods Association.

Shelton argued approval of the assisted living facility would be "setting a precedent for more high intense developments" in the area that are incompatible with the surrounding neighborhoods.

"Please continue to protect the integrity of our community and continue to honor the agreements made by those before you," he asked commissioners.

Joe Breig, a resident of Ravensbrook, would be the closest homeowner to the proposed development. He too asked commissioners to deny the project, calling an approval a "vio-

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**Substation proactive approach to policing**

By Christopher Patton  
Staff Writer

SANFORD — A new Sanford Police Department substation at Cowan Moughton Terrace and 5th Street may benefit local students as much as the officers who will use the facility.

The grand opening of the substation Tuesday was the result of an unique collaborative venture. The police department, city of Sanford, Seminole County Public Schools and Sanford Housing Authority all pitched in to help.

The unmanned substation will provide an added police presence in the area as officers will use the facility for shift changes, breaks and completing paperwork. The added presence is a more proactive approach to policing the area, said Officer Gary Johnson. Community policing coordinator Johnson will move his office from the 13th Street substation to the new facility.

In addition, the substation will be used as a tutoring center. The substation is located on an adjacent street to the literacy

center at Harbor II. Teachers will use the substation for more individualized tutoring, said Elizabeth Graham, Title I community educator and administrator.

"The extra quiet place gives them a chance to work one-on-one with teachers," she said. "We've had some great support from these collaborative agencies and the community."

Officers who use the new substation will also help in tutoring. According to Graham, the offi-

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Audris Billberry, executive director of Sanford Housing Authority, gives a speech during the grand-opening of the Sanford Police Department Community Services and Tutoring Center.



# Obituaries

**LUCY ANNE BASILE**  
Lucy Anne Basile, 69, of East Hornbeam Drive, Longwood, died Monday, March 25, 2002. Born in Bronx, N.Y., she moved to Central Florida in 1993. She was a retired teacher. She was a member of Church of The Annunciation of Altamonte Springs and Sabal Point Garden Club.  
Survivors include her husband, Peter Basile of Longwood; one daughter, Catherine Drohan of Altamonte Springs; one son, Frank Basile of New York City, N.Y.; one brother, Michael Pisano of Winter Park; two sisters, Marie Pisano of Winter Park and Joanne Zanfardino of Apopka; and two grandchildren.  
Woodlawn Carey Hand Funeral Home of Longwood is in charge of arrangements.

**RITA B. BLACK**  
Rita B. Black, 77, of Greyolds Street, Deltona, died Monday, March 25, 2002, in Florida Hospital Fish Memorial, Orange City.  
Born in Boise Idaho, she moved to Central Florida from Alba, Mo., in 1974. She was a homemaker. She was a member of River City Christian Church in DeBary, past matron of Order of Easter Star in Alba, Mo., and received a 50-year pin in 2000 for the VFW Women's Auxiliary Post No. 8093, DeBary. She also volunteered at Merrill Gardens in Orange City.  
Survivors include two sons, James N. Black Sr., of Deltona and Tom Black of Christman, Ill.; one daughter, Melissa S. Chambers of Davenport; two brothers, Jim Wisdom of Carl Junction, Mo., and Paul Wisdom of Deltona; two sisters, Lois Boan of Yoncalla, Ore., and Melba Ebright of Joplin, Mo.; nine grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren.  
Baldauff Family Funeral Home of Orange City is in charge of arrangements.

**ROMAINE V. CREBS**  
Romaine V. Crebs, 80, of Coleman Street, Edgewater, died Monday, March 25, 2002. Born in Silver Run, Md., he moved to Central Florida in 1968. He was a sauderling tech.  
Survivors include one daughter, Sylvia Follett of Edgewater; one son, Winfield W. Crebs of Edgewater; two sisters, Grace Stem of Boonsboro, Md., and Blanche Stonesifer of Westminster, Md.; three grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and four great grandchil-

dren.  
Balduwin-Fairchild Funeral Home Oaklawn Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

**AUDREY A. EVENSEN**  
Audrey A. Evensen, 78, of Palm Springs Drive, Longwood, died Tuesday, March 26, 2002. Born in Racine, Wis., she moved to Central Florida in 1985. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Atonement Lutheran in Racine, Wis. She was a member of the AMF Bowling Club.  
Survivors include three sons, Jeffrey J. and Eric L. Evensen of Longwood and Kai A. Evensen of Wisconsin; one brother, Wes Adrianson of Wisconsin; and four grandchildren.  
Woodlawn Carey Hand Funeral Home of Longwood is in charge of arrangements.

**THERESA SUSAN FORLANO**  
Theresa Susan Forlano, 77, of Sugar Land, Texas, died Monday, March 25, 2002, in Polly Ryan Hospital, Richmond, Texas.  
Born May 20, 1924, she moved to Texas from Orlando four years ago. She was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church.  
Survivors include two sons, Frederick Forlano of Sugar Land, Texas, and John Forlano of Long Island, N.Y.; one daughter, Holly Perkins of Massachusetts; and six grand-

children.  
Banfield Funeral Home of Winter Springs is in charge of the arrangements.

**PAULINE REYNOLDS**  
Pauline Reynolds, 62, of St. Johns Circle, Fern Park, died Sunday, March 24, 2002. Born in Kingston, Jamaica, she moved to Central Florida in 1990. She was a member of First Pentecostal Church of Longwood.  
Survivors include one daughter, Ann Marie Givans of Casselberry; one brother, Keith Tingle of Jamaica; one sister, Dorothy Sewell of Longwood; and three grandchildren.  
Woodlawn Carey Hand Funeral Home of Longwood is in charge of arrangements.

**HENRIETTE SLEDGE**  
Henriette "Penny" Sledge, 75, of Cleo Lane, Deltona, died Thursday, March 28, 2002, in Florida Hospital, Deltona.  
Born in Gundhaim, Germany, she moved to Deltona from Winter Park in 1985. She was retired as a customer service representative for Zayre Department Store. She was a member of VFW Auxilliary Post No. 8093 and an exercise instructor at Lake Sie Cono's in Deltona. She enjoyed gardening and cooking. She was of the Protestant faith.  
Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Elton Sledge

of Deltona; two sons, Elton Sledge Jr., of DeLand and Larry Sledge of Geneva; two sisters, Hella Ganss and Anita Vollhardt, both of Germany; six grandchildren; and one great grandchild.  
Baldauff Family Funeral Home of Orange City is in charge of arrangements.

**THOMAS A. WIXTED**  
Thomas A. Wixted, 69, of Casa Grande Drive, Winter Springs, died Tuesday, March 26, 2002, in his residence.  
Born in Danbury, Conn., he resided in Central Florida for 19 years. He was retired from real estate sales. He was Volunteer Fireman of the Year for the city of Danbury in 1966, and served as a volunteer fireman for 33 years. He was head usher for his church, St. Stephen Catholic Church, for 12 years.  
Survivors include his wife, Helen M. Wixted of Winter Springs; two sons, Timothy and James Wixted, both of Winter Springs; four daughters, Diane Wixted-Parrino and Kate Schimmel, both of Winter

Spring, Debora Ruggiero of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Beth Rubalcaba of Longwood; three brothers, John Wixted of Winter Springs, Raymond Wixted of Elkton and Jerome Wixted of

Las Vegas, Nev.; one sister, Michelle Howard of Laughlin, Nev.; and seven grandchildren.  
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# OPINION

## Our View

### Van der Weide Delivers

As the November election draws closer, signs promoting U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown will proclaim that "Corrine Delivers." The same could be said for Seminole County Commissioner Dick Van der Weide.

As chairman of the regional planning organization MetroPlan Orlando, Van der Weide pushed a common-sense proposal that would return a larger share of rental car taxes to Central Florida. Because the region is an attractive tourist destination, Central Florida rental car companies generate more rental taxes than any other part of the state. However, state legislators disproportionately doled out that revenue to other parts of the state.

Van der Weide was not alone in believing Central Florida should receive its fair share of those taxes, but it was his vision and leadership that created a consensus on the issue and prodded MetroPlan to aggressively lobby the state to change its distribution formulas.

By fairly redistributing the \$2 per car surcharge, Central Florida expects to gain about \$12 million annually for transportation projects. That's important because tourists not only generate healthy revenues through rental car, hotel and airline taxes, they also create a substantial burden on the transportation infrastructure for those of us who live here.

The revenue won't begin filling local coffers immediately. State legislators delayed fair-share distribution of these taxes for five years. While it would have been preferable that plan began next fiscal year, government officials in other parts of the state have already planned transportation improvements based on the old distribution system. That's fair.

As for Van der Weide, he's not up for election this year. But maybe he should consider a new slogan for 2004: "Dick 'The Mailman' Van der Weide — He Delivers."

### Firehouse Innovation

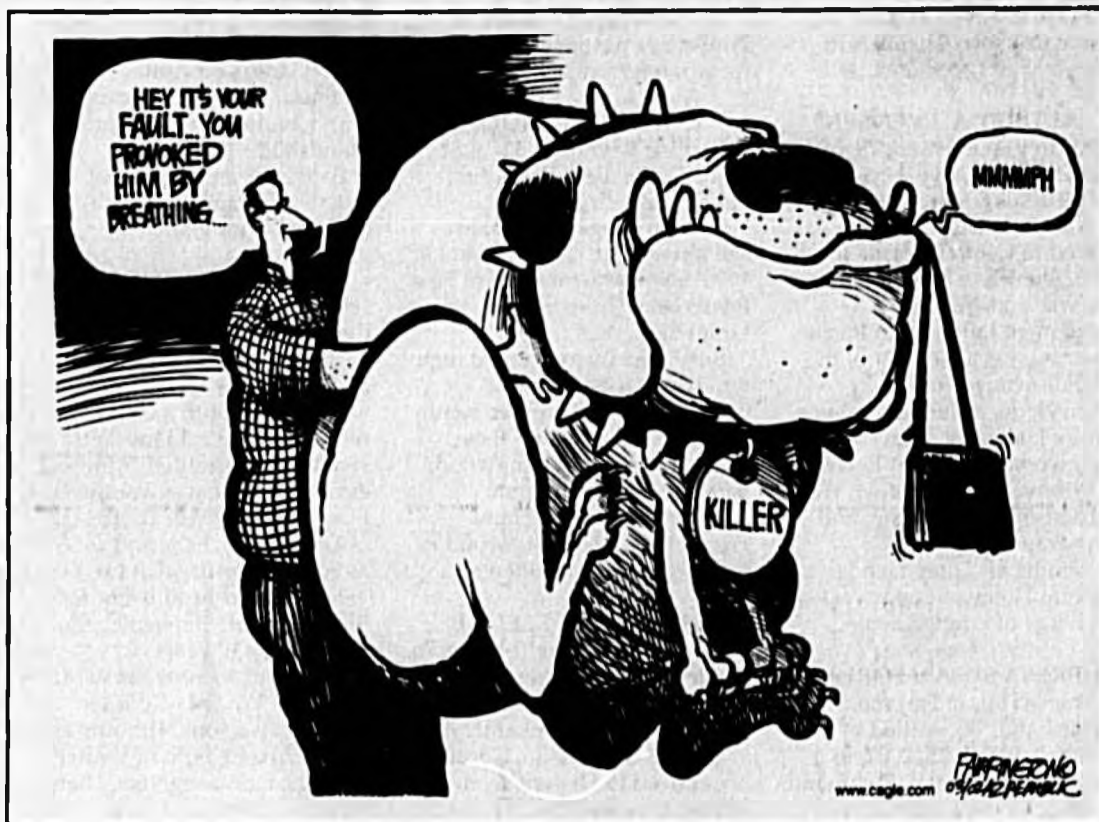
Paul "Bear" Bryant, the legendary football coach at the University of Alabama, explained his philosophy on hiring assistant coaches this way: "I don't hire anybody not brighter than I am. If they're not smarter than me, I don't need them."

That's a good philosophy for any human resource department, and it appears the leadership in the Sanford Fire Department has adopted it. The fire department brass is not lacking for smarts. They're also not afraid to pursue a good idea, even if it isn't their own. Case in point is the recent decision to start a bicycle unit to provide emergency medical services during special events.

The rank and file have kicked around the idea of a bike patrol for a couple of years. The units are becoming more common in other departments. With the increase in lake-front events, particularly the Fourth of July festival and recent parades, the men and women in the department realized they needed a better way to negotiate the crowds to provide life-saving services.

With support of Deputy Chief Jerry Ransom, Paramedic Mike Salber took the initiative to research the issue, formulate a budget and organize a well-trained 9-person unit. Salber jokes that "If I had known the amount of work I was getting myself into I might have had second thoughts." In reality, Salber's efforts are indicative of the department's "Can Do" attitude that continually searches for ways to better serve the community. The bike unit is a very public example of that.

Keep up the good ideas guys, and Chief Tom Hickson and Deputy Chief Ransom, keep hiring smart people.



## Your View

### Spring means the beginning of kitten season

**To the editor:**  
The flowers are blooming, the birds are singing, the bees are buzzing, that can only mean one thing: it's kitten season!

Yes, the long-awaited Spring brings not only the joy and warmth of this wonderful time of year, but thousands of unwanted kittens. Sure, they're cute, they're sweet, but unfortunately, because of extreme overpopulation, many will soon be dead.

During the peak of kitten season — from late April through September — shelters kill unwanted and abandoned cats and kittens at a rate of over 1 per minute. It is hard to believe, but two uncontrolled breeding cats, plus all of their kittens and their kittens' kittens, if none are spayed and neutered, could total over 80 million in just 10 years!

If you have a cat, I urge you to have your pet spayed or neutered. Altered pets are more content and live much longer, healthier lives. Spaying and neutering your cat is not expensive: usually between \$20-45. If you live in Seminole County, you are eligible to be reimbursed \$25 for your altered cat. Please ask your veterinarian about this program.

If you are thinking of getting a cat, please fight the urge to stop when you see a sign on the side of the road! Remember, there is no such thing as a "free kitten." Instead, visit Seminole County Animal Services. I went there recently and adopted a beautiful cat that was given all of its shots and was previously spayed. My cost? Just \$5. It is the best deal in Seminole County! (If you choose a cat that is intact, the cost is \$50. This includes all shots and you get a certificate that covers the cost of spaying or neutering your new pet.)

If your pet is already spayed or neutered, you're the cat's meow! If your pet is not altered, please call

your local veterinarian today to schedule an appointment. This Spring, spread the word. Be a responsible pet owner — have your pets spayed or neutered. Please help put a stop to kitten season.

Amy Turner Sanford

### City's incentive program large step backward

**To the editor:**  
I would like to respond to the article, "Sanford moves forward with incentive plan for police," written by Editor Dan Ping that appeared in the Wednesday, March 27, edition of the Seminole Herald.

City Commissioners approved Mayor Lessard's plan to offer a mortgage incentive to Sanford police officers to live in the city because the city benefits from having more officers live where they work and, the Mayor added, it would be an additional incentive in recruiting top officers to the department. Insofar as the Mayor's first assertion, I ask what benefits will the citizens of Sanford derive if Sanford police officers were to reside within the city limits? What is the likelihood crime will decline, even slightly? Will officers' response to calls be quicker? Will our streets be any safer? The Mayor's latter assertion that "... it would be an additional incentive in recruiting "top officers" to the department, thus, alluding to recruiting officers from other communities. I thought Chief Tooley said his troopers were the finest. Let the Mayor speak clearly to the citizens and more specifically, to this very bad proposal.

How do the City Commissioners plan to fiscally execute such a program? What goods and services the citizens of Sanford can expect not to receive or receive even less in order to fund this program?

I am sure, were one to ask Sanford police officers, why they live where they presently reside, a variety of reasons would be offered. One, most assuredly, would be

because of personal preferences. But, if one were to look more closely at the Mayor's idea, one can clearly see the flaw. For example, if the program is offered only to a first-time home buyer, how does that match-up to "recruiting top officers to the department," presupposing a "top officer" would be an otherwise career-status officer with some years under his or her belt? Chances are, such an officer would not necessarily be a first-time home-buyer. Then, what is the real intent of the Mayor's proposal? Who are the real benefactors here?

The Mayor goes on to suggest rental markets routinely provide incentives to officers to live in their facilities. However, the Mayor fails to further tell us that such rental markets are those markets whereby either the tax-base can support such a generous program or those facilities, such as an apartment complex, are the recipients of benefits from either local, state or federal incentives themselves for providing benefits to a special interest group.

Commissioners Williams and Eckstein are right on point when they question whether or not such a program would have the undesired effect of clustering police officers in one area or community. Evolving as a result of clustering, an evil and unintended effect is set-up of "us versus them" mentality between police and citizens in the community. Such an unintended effect defeats the common-sense notion of community-based policing.

Let's not fool the public, Mr. Mayor. What is really going on here? I am not knocking our police officers for I've been there. Regardless if the incentive for the proposed program is 2 percent, 20 percent or 200 percent, and regardless if the cost of the proposed program would cost 50 cents, \$50 or \$50,000, annually, it is, in the final analysis, not a sound idea at all. The only benefactors of such a program are the mortgage lenders and perhaps those that rub elbows with the power brokers in the community.

I am convinced the Mayor's pro-

posal, as approved by the City Commissioners, is neither nobly for Sanford, responsibly fiscal nor reasonably sound in principal. The citizens of Sanford do not benefit at all. The citizens are the ones who will be stuck with the Mayor's proposal and its regressive overtones.

This is not the way for Sanford to move forward.

Thank you for your time, attention and courtesy to my letter. I remain,

Sincerely yours,  
Ubangi E. S. Hajj-Mak Sanford

### 'Feed at the trough ... live on the farm'

**To the editor:**  
Mayor Lessard, I agree with your suggestions on living arrangements for certain employees (paying part of the mortgage for police officers who live in the city limits). If they feed at the trough, they should live on the farm. Keep these ideas coming.

Ellen Smith Sanford

### Incentive will be money well spent by city

**To the editor:**  
Mayor Lessard, in the March 10 *Seminole Herald*, I read about your proposal to pay 20 percent of the mortgage or rent for police officers that live in the city. What a unique and timely idea. The *Herald's* editorial neatly summed up all of the positive aspects of putting this program into effect. As hard as I tried, I couldn't think of any negatives. I believe this would be money well spent and would go a long way to benefiting not just Sanford's police officers, but all of the citizens of this city. Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Irene Paine Sanford

## We're making the world safe for gas-guzzling SUVs

The worst attack ever on the continental United States — the terrorist assault of Sept. 11 — supposedly changed the nation forever. But a mere six months later, the change is hard to see. Indeed, the landscape looks depressingly familiar.

Church attendance has settled back to usual levels. Travelers still smuggle dangerous objects past airport security guards. American culture remains superficial (celebrity boxing was a ratings smash!) and self-absorbed. And politicians continue their shortsighted quest for self-preservation.

With elections looming, Congress caved in to both Big Business and Big Labor (aligned on this issue) to resist raising the fuel-efficiency standards for automobiles. That means that Americans will continue to be overly dependent on petroleum flowing from dangerous parts of the world, and American soldiers

will continue to put their lives at risk to defend our right to drive inefficient vehicles.

So remind me again — what has changed?

The terrorist atrocities of Sept. 11 should have stunned Americans into acknowledging the price we pay for guzzling gas. While we constitute only 4.5 percent of the planet's population, we use 26 percent of its petroleum. The vast majority of that petroleum comes from foreign sources, including Saudi Arabia, a difficult ally whose Islamist culture produced 15 of the 19 hijackers.

The easiest way to lower our dependence on foreign petroleum is to require greater fuel efficiency in our vehicles. While President Bush and his oil buddies insist on drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, that won't help. According to a recent report from the Bush-led Energy Department, the United States will have to import 62 percent of its oil by the year 2020 if we don't drill in

ANWR. So what's the yield if we do drill? We'll import 60 percent, the report said.

That's hardly worth the damage to the Alaskan wilderness. Conservation is clearly the best way to approach the problem. American technology already has the means to raise fuel efficiency. All that's required is the will.

That, however, was sadly lacking last week, when the U.S. Senate fell for the misinformation spread by automobile manufacturers and their workers, who claim that greater fuel efficiency will raise the cost of cars and compromise safety. The increased cost would lead to fewer vehicles sold and, in turn, more workers laid off, they contend.

The Senate voted to give the Transportation Department two years to study whether safety and employment would be affected by raised Corporate Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards. That's a cop-out. There is already solid evidence the critics' claims are false: They made exactly the same claims in 1985, the last time CAFE standards were raised, and

their dire predictions never came true.

Road deaths and injuries per mile traveled have steadily declined, and jobs in the automobile industry hit their peak in 1999. (Admittedly, many of those jobs were in foreign-owned companies, such as Honda.) The American automobile industry simply doesn't want to change the way it has comfortably done things for decades.

Because GM and Ford won the debate last week, more young Americans will have to put their lives on the line to defend oil pipelines. The United States now imports about 25 percent of its oil from the tumultuous Persian Gulf region. By the year 2020, that is expected to increase to 40 percent.

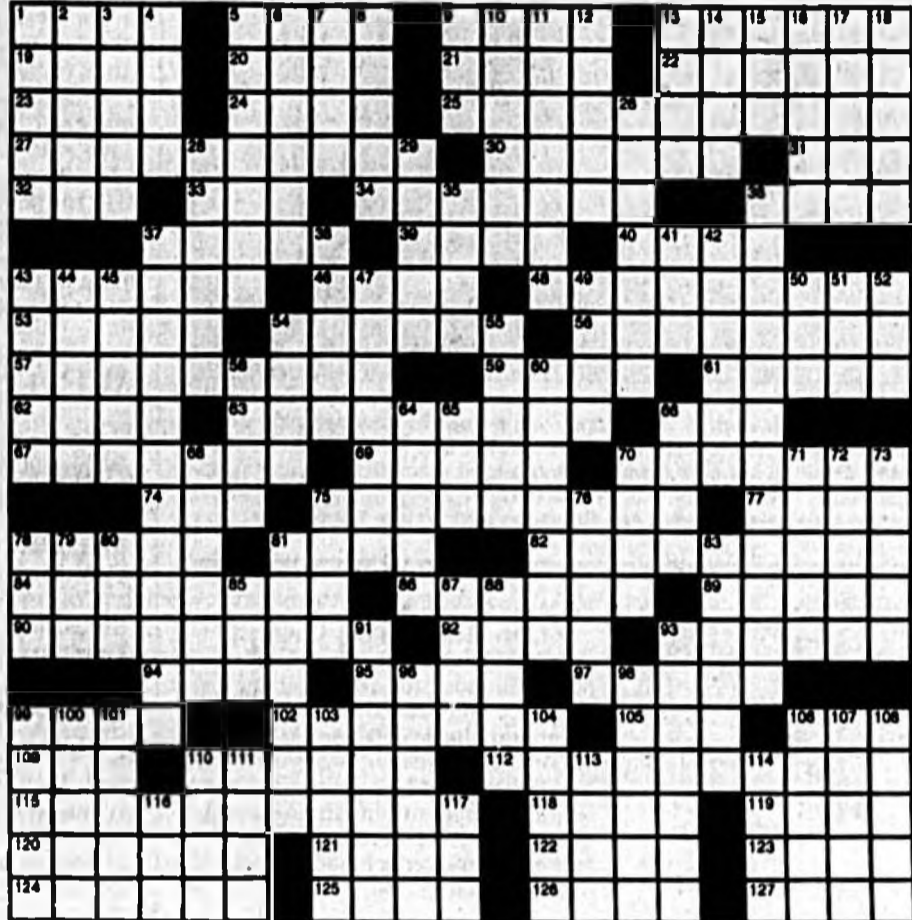
With a volunteer military, the burden of defending American's oil interests will be borne disproportionately by the working class, while the middle class continues to show its patriotism by plastering American flag decals all over its huge SUVs.

# Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- "MATERNAL WITNESSES" BY DAVE AND DIANE EPPERSON**
- ACROSS**
- 1 Saturn and Mercury
  - 5 Steam sound
  - 9 Stern's opposite
  - 13 Flowering shrub
  - 19 Melville work
  - 20 Rockers Jetfro
  - 21 Yeast's land
  - 22 "Algiers" costar
  - 23 Vincent Lopez's theme song
  - 24 Actor known as Gap-toothed British actor
  - 27 Fats flower medium
  - 30 Oscar hangout
  - 31 With 81 Across, Paul Anka tune
  - 32 Bad spell
  - 33 Dijon dental
  - 34 Spots from memory
  - 36 Small songbird
  - 37 Hoodwinked
  - 38 Hindu princess
  - 40 Old pump name
  - 43 Workout wear
  - 46 Closeout caveat
  - 48 Spotted pet
  - 53 Florida city
  - 54 bitored
  - 56 Obsolete
  - 57 Reverse directions
  - 59 Ending with med-
  - 61 Marsh of mystery
  - 62 Sacred chests
  - 63 Torment's sobriquet, with "The"
  - 66 Bull run?
  - 67 Exam takers
  - 69 Night stalker?
  - 70 Like the late '40s, say
  - 74 NBA tiebreakers
  - 75 Milk source
  - 77 Longing
  - 78 Clerical vestment
  - 81 See 31 Across
  - 82 X Games athlete
  - 84 Foot the bill for
  - 86 Mint again
  - 89 Castle of dance
  - 90 Ellington classic
  - 92 Cut close
  - 93 Get even for
  - 94 Composer Floren et al.
- DOWN**
- 1 Shell used as a hom
  - 2 Luigi's love
  - 3 Pricy watch
  - 4 It's found in bars
  - 5 Go to lunch, say
  - 8 "Once Is Not Enough" author
  - 7 Hit
  - 8 More evasive
  - 9 Match division
  - 10 Is connected
  - 11 Unpredictable
  - 12 Country star
  - 13 Chorus girl?
  - 14 TV host Paula
  - 15 Latin lover's word
  - 16 Less believable
  - 17 Expunge
  - 18 Illegal firing?
  - 25 Tyrolerina singer
  - 28 Catch in a sting
  - 29 Adjust, as sails
  - 35 Bulk buy
  - 36 Daydreaming sort
  - 37 Aristocrat
  - 38 Egypt's \_\_ Abdel Nasser
  - 41 Actor Alastair
  - 42 Tea biscuits
  - 43 Go \_\_ for: defend
  - 44 Spook
  - 46 Unrespected writers
  - 47 Volleys
  - 49 Work like \_\_
  - 50 "The Company" 51 " \_\_ recall..."
  - 52 How'er
  - 54 Caesar's last day
  - 55 Actor Willem
  - 58 Holiday thresholds
  - 60 Wally Cleaver portrayer
  - 64 Miscue
  - 65 " \_\_ the season..."
  - 66 Rob of "The West Wing"
  - 68 Endless, in verse
  - 70 Lewd literature
  - 71 Braided
  - 72 Mimic's forte
  - 73 U.S. Grant adversary
  - 75 Crystallize
  - 76 Queeg's command
  - 78 Peas' neighbors
  - 79 Barnyard bleat
  - 80 CD earnings
  - 81 Flourish
  - 83 Frogmen
  - 85 Curious
  - 87 Arab ruler
  - 88 Trig ratio
  - 91 Time off
  - 93 Driver's choice
  - 96 Wicker, essentially
  - 98 Its cost is often decreased
  - 99 Tailless rodents
  - 100 Greek mail
  - 101 Away from one's desk
  - 103 Mail stall
  - 104 Hitter of 755 homers
  - 106 Have a ball?
  - 107 Stage presence?
  - 108 "Laugh-In" bits
  - 110 From here to eternity
  - 111 Pury peat
  - 113 Verne captain
  - 114 Wingding
  - 116 \_\_ kwon do
  - 117 FDR's successor

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## Vintage View



Photo submitted by Grace Marie Stinescoper  
The Seminole High School Class of 1947 will hold its 55 year reunion on May 4. This is a picture of the 1947 band. The director was Miss Ollie Reese Whittle, who also directed the orchestra and the glee club. Pictured are, from left to right, (first row) Bobby Pullin, Kathleen Babcock, P. Johnson, Frances LeFila, Betty Ann Cagle, Jimmy Powell, Leland Rudd, (second) Donald Futrell, Mildred Mathieux, R. McMahon, Joe Wright, (third) June McGill, Donald Howard, Donald Ludwig, Mary Louise LeFila, (fourth) Huston Babcock, Walter Gardner, Eugene Kendall and Frank Cranston. The majorettes were Anita Aiken and E. Cook.

## Central Florida Red Cross celebrates Youth Sports Safety Month with training class

The American Red Cross of Central Florida encourages local coaches and instructors to celebrate "Youth Sports Safety Month" this April by registering for the Sports Safety Training course.

The course will be held Sunday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Seminole County Service Center located at 705-C West SR 434 in Longwood.

The American Red Cross and the United States Olympic Committee have joined forces to develop an exciting course

specifically for coaches who want to keep their athletes safe. Sports Safety Training provides coaches with the basic first aid skills and knowledge needed to care for athletic injuries.

The 7-hour course will feature video and classroom instruction, plus a handy reference book to use and keep for future use during competitions and practices. Course content will include sports-related injury prevention, first aid, and CPR. This comprehensive course is based on the

Emergency Cardiac Care (ECC) 2000 guidelines for CPR. Upon successful completion, students will receive a Sports Safety Training certificate valid for three years. They will also receive an Adult and Child CPR certificate valid for one year.

Future dates include May 6 and June 8. Space is limited. Those interested must register prior to the class and can do so online at <http://cfl-redcross.safeshopper.com/10/cat10.htm?218> or by calling the Red Cross at (407) 332-8200.

## SEMINOLE COUNTY FLORIDA FULL COST ACCOUNTING FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2001

### RESIDENTIAL

Collection	\$ 99.06 (1)
Disposal	36.49 (2)
Recycling	20.68 (3)
Average Total Cost per Unit for the Year Referenced	\$156.23

### NON-RESIDENTIAL

Collection	\$0.00 (4)
Disposal	33.17 (5)
Recycling	0.00 (4)
Average Total Cost per Unit for the Year Referenced	\$33.17

(1) Represents an average cost to residential customers within unincorporated Seminole County for solid waste collection service.

(2) Represents the cost for disposal of 1.1 tons (at \$33.17 per ton, see note (5) below) of municipal solid waste at Seminole County's Class I landfill.

(3) Represents an approximate average cost per residential unit within unincorporated Seminole County for recycling efforts including indirect costs funded from State of Florida grants administered through the Department of Environmental Protection.

(4) Seminole County did not regulate non-residential collection or recycling rates for the year reported.

(5) Represents the average cost per ton for disposal of municipal solid waste at Seminole County's waste management facilities for the fiscal year.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

The St. Johns River Water Management District has received an application for Consumptive Water Use from:

City of Longwood, 180 East Warren Ave., Longwood, FL 32750, application #8274. The applicant proposes to withdraw 2.485 million gallons per day of ground water for public supply use, commercial/industrial, and landscape irrigation uses within the City of Longwood's 3560 acres service area. The withdrawals used by this proposed project will consist of ground water from Floridan aquifer via 5 active wells in Seminole County, located in Section(s): 31, 32; Township: 20 South; Range: 30 East known as CITY OF LONGWOOD.

The file(s) containing each of the above-listed application(s) are available for inspection Monday through Friday except for legal holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the St. Johns River Water Management District Headquarters or the appropriate service center. Written objections to the application may be made, but should be filed with (received by) the District Clerk, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, Florida 32177-1429, no later than 21 days from the date of publication. Written objections should identify the objector by name and address, and fully describe the objection to the application. Filing a written objection does not entitle you to a Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Administrative Hearing. Only those persons whose substantial interests are affected by the application and who file a petition meeting the requirements of Sections 120.596 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, may obtain an Administrative hearing. All timely filed written objections will be presented to the Board for consideration in its deliberations on application prior to the Board taking action on the application.

Gloria Lewis, Director, Division of Permit Data Services  
St. Johns River Water Management District



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### Bicycles

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years and Salber decided to make it a reality.

"The guys are the ones who came up with this," Ransom said. "It's really been a grassroots effort that Mike has led to create the bike unit. I think it's great."

Ransom and Salber said the idea of bike units is not new. Altamonte Springs, Orange County and Orlando all have bike units providing early intervention medical service.

"It's not really a trend anymore," Ransom said. "It's become more of a standard, particularly for special events."

Salber said unlike ambulances or even golf carts, bikes can maneuver through gates and turnstiles, can roll down steps and slice through dense crowds quickly. In addition, event organizers don't ask to borrow bikes, like they do with golf carts, to run unrelated activ-

ities.

"Usually we're stationed on the fringes of an event, and if an emergency happens, we have to go into the crowd," Ransom said. "The bikes can go back and forth through the crowd during the entire event. It doesn't disrupt the crowds and puts them in a better position to respond."

The bikes also provide a secondary benefit.

"It's not only a way to provide emergency medical service, it provides our guys a chance to meet and greet the public," Salber said. "From the public's standpoint, the guys will be a lot more approachable on the bikes than they are standing around the big trucks."

Salber has selected a 9-man team to staff the bike unit at special events. The team must complete an intense training course and become certified through the National EMS Bicycle Training Association.

The bike unit will not eliminate the need for traditional emergency service at special events. Patients must still be transported to hospitals and some will require treatment with equipment that's not portable on bicycles.

"While the rescue is trying to wiggle its way through the crowd, the bike unit will already be on the scene stabilizing the situation," Ransom said. "Early intervention is the key in this business. If you can get someone basic life support a few minutes sooner, that person will have a much greater chance of living."

The bike units will not carry as much equipment as the Advanced Life Support rescue vehicles, but Salber said the bikes will be outfitted with more equipment that you might expect.

"We'll fully stock the bikes," Salber said. "We'll carry all the bandages, have oxygen capabili-

ties, splint capabilities. In fact, we'll also have an automatic external defibrillator and we're looking to have some cardiac drugs, as well."

The bike unit could eventually evolve into a certified Advance Life Support Unit, Salber said.

"We want to take baby steps at first," he explained. "First we need to see what things we encounter in the field and adapt how the team operators from that point. At some point, the team may want to go ALS, but that will be in the future."

Response within the departments has been good. Twenty-four firefighters applied for the bike unit. Salber expects the public to react positively, as well, and he's making plans to expand the unit next year.

"We want to provide the best service possible to the people of Sanford," Salber said. "The bike team will help us do that."

### Facility

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lation of trust" that commissioners made 13 years ago when the comprehensive plan was developed.

"I understand there is a lot of support for this, but none of these people live as close to this as I do," Breig said.

Although the comprehensive plan calls for at least 900 feet of buffer from the nearby neighborhoods to new developments along I-4, commissioners pointed out that the nearest assisted facility building would be approximately 550 feet from the neighborhoods. The facilities property

line would be about 300 feet from residents.

Residents also urged commissioners not to play the popularity game as many more people in favor of the amendment attended the meeting than those opposed. Residents even accused the applicant of busing, Jewish community members in for the hearing.

Ken Wright, the attorney for The Jewish Senior Housing Council, took exception to the comment. He said many of the elderly people rode buses because they can not drive at night.

"That's their mode of transportation," he said referring to

the two buses parked in front of the commission chambers.

"Those who wanted to come, signed up with the Jewish community."

After the meeting, Jewish Senior Housing Council president Rhonda Pearlman said the approval would help end a 15-year search for an assisted living facility site.

"It's certainly a desirable location for the children of the seniors," Pearlman said about the importance of the Markham Woods site. "They would like to have their parents nearby. This is what makes this better than per-

fect."

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cers' participation in tutoring is not only good in helping the children read, but also culling their fears of police officers.

"Things have really changed," she said.

In 1998, officers began helping the Harbors at Castle Brewer Court and Lidward Higgins Terrace. She remembers a girl that started crying when officers walked in the door.

To reverse that negative image, officers are being asked to participate more in the children's tutoring. It helps show officers are a friendly people the kids can reach out to, Graham said. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office also assists in the tutoring.

"It helps by seeing them in a different light," she said.

### Substation

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Picnic Romano slated for April 7

Safehouse of Seminole announced Enzo's will be holding its eighth annual "Picnic Romano" 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 7.

Tickets are \$45 for individuals, corporate tables are available and children 12 and under are free. The Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra, Jazz combo and Symphonic Orchestra will provide entertainment.

A silent auction, clowns and other attractions will be provided.

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## Military News

Air Force Airman Jason Trawick has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Trawick is the son of Michael Trawick of Orlando and Carol Stevens of Chuluota.

He is a 2000 graduate of Oak Ridge High School, Orlando.

Air Force Airman Michael J. Carroll has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received

physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Carroll is the son of Michael J. Carroll Sr. of Oviedo and Alvin Gibbons Sr. of Maitland.

He is a 2001 graduate of Oviedo High School.

Air Force Airman Heather L. Little has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Little is the daughter of Tracey Schoen of Oviedo.

The airman is a 1999 graduate

of Oviedo High School.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Joseph M. Harris has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



Harris

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Donnetta Hill and nephew of Gretchen Hill,

both of Sanford.

Harris is a 2001 graduate of Seminole High School.

Army National Guard Pfc. Kathy S. Iglesias has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Iglesias is the daughter of Ana L. and Roberto W. Iglesias of Sanford.

She is a 2001 graduate of Lake Mary High School.

Army Sgt. 1st Class James W. Townsend is one of more than 100 soldiers, airmen, and sailors who participated in a flag-raising tribute to the 50 states of the United States of America.

The tribute took place at Eagle Base, Tuzla, Bosnia, on New Year's Day to welcome in the year 2002.

The flags for freedom event was organized and directed by the commander of the Multi-National Division, North, to demonstrate the solidarity, strength, resolve, and pride of the American peacekeeping ser-

vicemembers in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Each state flag had been flown over the state capital or military headquarters prior to being sent to Eagle Base.

One by one, the 50 state flags were proudly raised up flagpoles, including the U.S. flag while a spirited rendition of the Star Spangled Banner was played by an Army band before a host of cheering servicemembers.

The event demonstrated and produced a deep sense of patriotism and unity in the U.S. military stabilization forces, the best of our great nation, in Bosnia.

The flags and the names of the servicemembers will become

part of the 29th Infantry Division's (Light) permanent history, and the flags will be used to fly at future division changes of command and other military ceremonies.

Townsend, the chief wardmaster for the medical task force at Eagle Base, is normally assigned to Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C. He has 20 years of military service.

He is the son of James Townsend of Sanford and Bobbie W. Townsend of Winter Park.

The sergeant first class graduated in 1976 from Winter Park High School, and received a bachelor's degree in 1982 from University of Central Florida.



Photo submitted to the Herald. From left to right, Specialist Scott Linkus, Sgt. 1st Class David Demias, Sgt. 1st Class James Townsend, Sgt. Kristopher Staffen and Technical Sgt. Carlos Marrero.

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**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to teach boating safety class**

The USCG Auxiliary will teach a Boating Safety class in Sanford on Saturday, April 27. Subjects to be covered in this one-day course will include: boating law, personal safety equipment, safe boat handling, navigation, water skiing and trailering your boat.

Successful graduates of the course will be awarded a certificate of completion, oftentimes useful in reducing insurance costs.

Cost of the course, paid at the door on the day of presentation, is \$35, which includes the course manual and a light lunch. (Couples, or an additional family member, sharing one course manual, may attend for \$50.)

The course is taught by experienced US Coast Guard Auxiliary Coxswains and instructors, who volunteer their time and talents for the benefit of the boating public.

Early online registrants will be granted one five-dollar discount per family, and may accomplish this at: [www.uscgaux.org/~0700405](http://www.uscgaux.org/~0700405)

On site registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the course, to be held in the Seminole County Sheriff's Building, 100 Bush Boulevard in Sanford.

Instruction will begin promptly at 9 a.m. The course examination will be completed by 5 p.m.

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# Sports

## Freshwater free fishing Weekend

Special to the Herald

**OCALA** — The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission established April 6 and 7 as Free Freshwater Fishing Weekend in Florida, the Fishing Capital of the World, and to celebrate the FWC is holding several free fishing events around Central Florida.

Free fishing days means anyone, including non-residents, can sport-fish in any public freshwater lake or river in Florida without a fishing license during this special weekend. However, you will still need a license to fish in saltwater.

"The FWC is proud of our state's fishing heritage and designation as Fishing Capital of the World," Moyer said. "We want residents and visitors to enjoy our bountiful and well-managed fisheries during this free fishing period."

In an effort to promote the enjoyment of freshwater fishing and give anglers the chance to take advantage of the peak fishing season, the FWC moved free fishing weekend from the first week of June, which is National Fishing Week, to the first weekend in April. "We hope Free Fishing Weekend will remind those anglers who haven't fished in awhile how fun and relaxing a day of fishing can be," said Joy Hill, public information coordinator for the FWC.

The FWC will host a number of free fishing events statewide. These events are tailored to the novice angler and to families. Many events include free bait, some loaner fishing rods, refreshments and basic training to get new anglers started. Locally, the FWC is holding six free fishing events in convenient Central Florida areas on Saturday, April 6 at the following locations:

- \* Jacksonville (Duval Co.) - Ronnie Van Zant Derby, (904) 573-4918.
- \* Eustis (Lake Co.) - Ferran Park Derby, (352) 742-6438.
- \* Ocala (Marion Co.) - Free Family Fishing Day at Tusawilla Park, (352) 732-1225.
- \* Orlando (Orange Co.) - Turkey Lake Family Fishing Day, (407) 317-7329.
- Webster (Sumter Co.) - Richloom Fish Hatchery Derby, (352) 583-3545.
- St. Cloud (Osceola Co.) - Chisolm Park Pond Derby, (407) 846-5300.

"If, after trying it out, you decide, like millions of others, that fishing is a great way to relax, reconnect with family and friends and enjoy yourself, now is a great time to buy a 5-year resident freshwater fishing license," said Bob Wattendorf, Division of Freshwater Fisheries marketing coordinator.

Five-year licenses are available at county tax collector's offices for \$61.50 (or online at eAngler.com for an extra \$1.95 convenience fee, or via the FWC's toll free line at 1-888-FISH-FLORIDA for an extra \$3.95 convenience fee). Anglers who purchase 5-year fishing licenses during April and May 2002, will receive a free bonus package of more than \$60 worth of lures, hooks, fishing line, magazines and other fishing premiums from the See Outdoors, Page 2B

# Gibson, Harris honored

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

**LAKE MARY** — They were there when cross country and girls track got their starts in the county and have become institutions in running circles over the years.

Now veteran coaches Mike Gibson and Charlie Harris will be known for their accomplishments forever as they have been inducted into two different Halls-of-Fame.

Harris, who has been at Lake Brantley High School since the late 1970's, was elected to the Florida Track and Field Hall of Fame by the Florida Track Coaches Association.

The ceremony took place at the Adams

## Veteran running coaches enshrined in Hall-of-Fame

Mark Hotel in Daytona Beach on January 11th and Harris, who is a member of the Executive Committee of the Florida Association of USA Track and Field, was inducted along with Bob Harris, Willie McDonald, Sue Overby, John Webb and the late Cheryl Wilson. Other members of the Florida Track and Field Hall of Fame with Seminole County ties include Terry Long, who counted Harris among his charges while coaching track and cross country at

Seminole Community College in 60's and 70's, Don Merrick, the former DeLand High star who ran for SCC and now lives in Sanford, Ken Brauman, the boys track and cross country coach at Seminole High School, Schowanda Williams, the former Lyman High School star and current girls coach at Winter Springs High School, and Octavius "Ocky" Clark, a former Seminole High School star and Olympian.

Gibson, who was a star track athlete

himself at Seminole High School in the 1960's, has been an outstanding cross country and track coach as well as one of the top promoters for his sport since starting the track program at Lake Brantley in 1972.

"Hoot" was selected to the Florida Athletic Coaches Association (FACA) Hall of Fame for his efforts in cross country and joined six others in being enshrined at the Florida Sports Writers Hall of Fame Complex in Lake City on February 8th.

Also going in with Gibson were Steve Hardin, football coach at Rutherford High School in Springfield, Cooper Means, retired Athletic Director for Orange County Schools, Jim Sauls,

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# SCC duo makes All-State

## Leuchanka, Davis lead basketball honorees

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

**SANFORD** — Yelena Leuchanka picked up most of the hardware, but 11 other members of the Seminole Community College basketball program were also recognized when the Florida Community College Activities (FCCAA) released the All-Conference and All-State teams recently.

Leuchanka, a 6-foot-5 freshman center from Gomel, Belarus, has won everything she could win, she is still awaiting word on All-America honors, except for the FCCAA and NJCAA Region VIII Player of the Year.

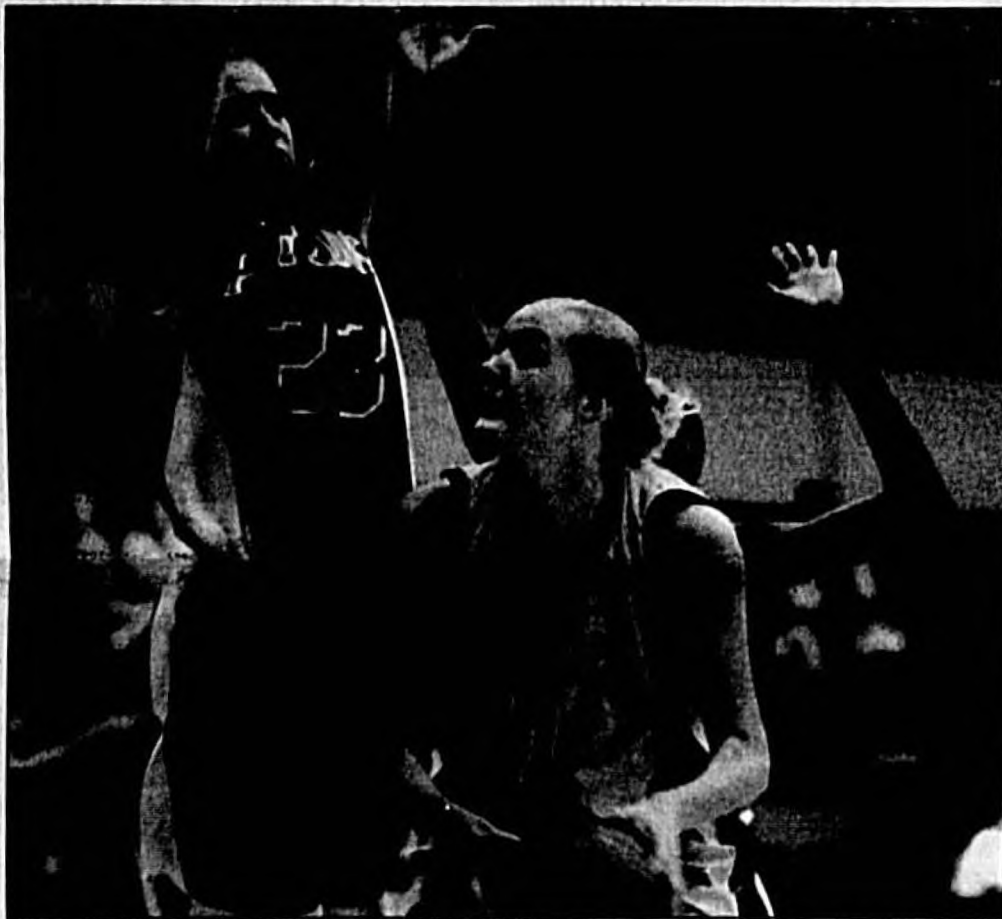
After a season in which she averaged over 20 points per game, over 15 rebounds per game and nearly 10 blocked shots per game, not to mention almost five assists per contest, Leuchanka was picked to the All-Conference and All-Freshman teams as well as being tabbed as the Mid-Florida Conference Player of the Year by a vote of the other M-FC coaches.

She also had an outstanding State Tournament in leading the Raiders to a tie for third place and was the only SCC player to make the All-Tournament Team.

It was also announced during the State Tournament that Leuchanka and fellow Raider Brandi Davis had made the All-State and All-Region VIII team.

Davis, a 6-foot sophomore center/power forward from Bushnell, missed the first half of the season with a shoulder injury, but impressed the conference coaches, especially her offensive rebounding, during the M-FC season to be one of the top four All-Conference picks, which warranted the

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Herald photos by Jim Wentz



Seminole Community College freshman Yelena Leuchanka (No. 51, above) has made quite a haul of postseason awards as the 6-foot-5 center has been named the Mid-Florida Conference Player of the Year, First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Freshman, FCCAA State & NJCAA Region VIII First Team and is up for NJCAA All-America. She also was named to the State All-Tournament Team. A surprise, however, was that sophomore Brandi Davis (left) was named to the All-State and All-Region Team despite missing the first half of the season. She was also a First Team All-Mid-Florida Conference pick.

# Special contests on Prep schedule

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

**SANFORD** — With April upon us and the stretch run for the High School Spring Sports Season coming up fast, several county teams will be hosting or playing special fun games this week.

The top event on the schedule will be on Saturday (April 6) when the Seminole High School softball team will be holding its 5th annual BBQ. This fundraiser has grown to be a day of great fun and fellowship for the whole family.

Coach Dave Rogers said the team will be serving up some ribs and chicken with a full slab of ribs going for just \$15 and a chicken dinner with beans and slaw costing a paltry \$5.

Rogers said he and his crew will be doing the smokin' all night and that, "This food will be so good your tongue will slap your brain silly wantin' more."

The food will be available beginning at 10 a.m. The games will begin at noon with the Tribe JV's taking on the Oviedo junior varsity. At 2 p.m., the Fighting Seminoles and Lions varsity teams will take to the field in an important Class 6A-District 3 game.

All members of the junior varsity and varsity team's will be selling tickets until April 2nd and the player who sells the most will win a brand new Mizuno glove worth \$60. Tickets and food will be available at the event.

Rogers is also asking for volunteers to help make this event a success. All proceeds will go to the building fund.

Call Rogers' voice mail at 407-320-5260 and he will return the call, or call the Athletic Secretary at 407-320-5057 for information.

With Volusia County schools being on Spring Break next week, the Seminole High baseball team will have an interesting week.

Tomorrow (Monday) the Fighting Seminoles will face an annual out of state foe when they play Hopkinsville High School from Kentucky. The game will be played on Melching Field at Conrad Park in DeLand starting at 1 p.m.

The Tribe will also play an afternoon game on Wednesday, hosting New Smyrna Beach at Alumni Field starting at 3 p.m.

Coach Mike Powers' charges have saved the biggest surprise for last as they will host neighborhood-rival Lake Mary at Historic Sanford Memorial

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# Rams, Sebastian River top Lake Mary Relays

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

**LAKE MARY** — The Lake Mary Relays turned into a dual meet between the host Rams and Sebastian River Friday night at Don T. Reynolds Stadium.

The Sharks nipped Lake Mary, 110-to-109, in the girls' events, while the Rams boys topped Sebastian River, 95-93, to give the hosts a one-point overall victory, 204-to-203.

Bayside High School from Palm Bay was distant third with 133 points, with Seminole (122) and Oviedo (121) rounding out the Top Five.

Lake Highland Prep (61), Winter Springs (58) and Oviedo (57) trailed the Sharks and Rams in the girls meet, and Bayside (83), Lyman (82) and Seminole (75) rounding out the Top Five in the boys.

Also in the field were Bishop Moore, DeLand, Father Lopez, Mainland, and Spruce Creek. University sent its girls team only.

Between the Field and Running events, a ceremony was held to enshrine nine new members into the Lake Mary Relays Hall of Fame.

Coaches, who were selected for their support of the event, inducted this year were

Oviedo's Alice Roseum, Seminole's Ken Brauman and Lyman's Fred Finke.

Former Lake Mary track athletes garnering the honors this year were 1987 graduates Jason Likens and Tonya McCrae, 1992 grad Aimee Tharp, 1998 grads Chris Fronck and Brandy (Aldred) Parker, and 2000 graduate David Quinones.

Also on the weekend track schedule was the Disney Invitational at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex.

This upcoming week will see several top meets.

On Wednesday, the Henry Williams See Track, Page 2B

Track

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Memorial Invitational track at Seminole High School...

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400 Yards - 1. Sebastian River, 1:48.8; Lake Highland Prep, 1:48.8;...

400 Meters - 1. Sebastian River, 3:18.8; Lake Highland Prep, 3:18.8;...

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800 Meters - 1. Sebastian River, 5:48.8; Lake Highland Prep, 5:48.8;...

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12800 Meters - 1. Sebastian River, 55:48.8; Lake Highland Prep, 55:48.8;...

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Headed photos by Tommy Viscardi and Jim Viscardi

Seminole Community College
Head Patrick (shown at left) coach
Ken Patrick (shown at left) coach
Patrick is the head coach of the
Seminole Community College
basketball team...

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home on Tuesday April 9th to
host North Cobb High School
at Atlanta starting at 7:30
p.m.

Preps

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The Lions will also host a
team from Kentucky, welcoming
Knox County to Milledgeville on
Tuesday beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Lyman's baseball team will
host teams from Kentucky on
Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Lake Brainerd's basketball
team will be on the road tomorrow
(Monday) to tackle a very good
Arlington Country Day School
team in Jacksonville starting at 7
p.m.

Coaches

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Athletic Director and former football coach at
Lynchburg, Va., Ed Walters,
retired basketball coach at
High School on R. Lindbergh, Walters, the
late football coach at Orange Park High School,
and Marilyn Willis, cross country coach at Leon
High School.

After eight years with the Patriots, Gibson
moved over to Lake Mary High School where he
also started that school's program in 1981 and has
been for the last 21 years.

Gibson received the bachelor in Arts degree from
Florida State University (FSU) and his
Master's in Arts (M.A.) from the University of
Central Florida (UCF).

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## Florida store offers online bridal registry

Time-challenged, Internet-savvy brides and grooms can take advantage of a new era in bridal registry when Burdines launches the ultimate combination of one-stop convenience, in-depth personal service and high-tech efficiency.

On Thursday, April 4, the store will introduce the first of its regional concepts in Bridal Registries at Burdines Altamonte during a grand opening celebration. Offering an extensive array of products for the home, this latest creation provides shopping ease for engaged couples who are choosing a registry and wedding gifts who are purchasing gifts from their selections.

"We chose the Orlando market to introduce our new design because it is a young, growing population. We feel it provides us with one of the best opportunities to help new brides and grooms as they begin creating a home together," said Carey Watson, Burdines senior vice president.

To accommodate the rising need of home décor expertise, Burdines has created a "one-stop registry" for engaged couples, even tripling its staff to ensure every customer receives quality service.

The bridal consultants have received extensive training in all product areas, said Bridal Director Elaine Karnisky.

The new department features a full assortment of serveware including Waterford, Wedgwood, Villeroy & Boch, Royal Doulton and Lenox.

Burdines also carries Donna Karan, Ralph Lauren and Calvin Klein linens as well as cooking accessories such as All-Clad and Tools of the Trade.

Located in a separate area on the second level, the room has been given a "home-like" ambiance with a lowered ceiling, comfortable furnishings and accessories. The registry is equipped with three demonstration tables giving the consultants room to arrange the engaged couples' dining selections, so they can see how their choices will look before entering them in their computerized list. Once completed, the list goes online.

To mark the launch of this new addition, customers are invited to an open house showcasing the latest in a full line of products and services from 6 until 8 p.m., Thursday, April 4.

Guests can enter to win an assortment of door prizes, such as a pair of round-trip tickets on Spirit Airlines, His/Her Spa/Gym memberships, House of Blues dinner and concert and a \$500 gift certificate to the Loews Hotel, Miami Beach. Entrants must be present to win.

## Designing

Continued from Page 1C would be a popular tool for other landscape designers, but Susan says they don't have immediate plans to license and market the program.

"Maybe at a later date," she says.

"We're too busy doing everything else," Linda adds.

The company's market is primarily the region where Seminole, Lake and Volusia counties meet.

"We'd like to be able to stay in our own backyard," Linda says. "We don't want to stretch this too thin, and goodness knows this area is grow-

ing so rapidly. We think there is plenty of work right here."

The company may remain local, but its designs can be seen across the nation thanks to a contract with Darden Restaurants, the largest casual dining restaurant company in the world with 1,100 locations that include Red Lobster and Olive Garden.

"We do some of the installations for the restaurants here in Central Florida," Susan says, "but for the rest of the country we just do the designs."

Designing Women's work also received a lot of attention

at last week's Central Florida Home & Garden show. A panel of master gardeners awarded the company a first-place blue ribbon and \$3,000 in the landscaping competition.

Susan, a former physical education teacher, said she has seen numerous changes in the landscaping industry. There is her computer, of course, and advances in horticulture. The biggest change, however, is the importance people place on landscaping. For years the backbone of Susan's business was standard lawn and garden main-

tenance. Today, the vast majority of her jobs are design and installation.

"Twenty years ago, landscaping was not a priority," Susan says. "And if you did anything, you just did the front yard, not the sides or the back."

That's changed for a number of reasons. One explanation is that good landscaping adds value to a home. For example, \$5,000 of landscaping can add \$10,000 to the value of a home.

"If that design has a water feature, the value is tripled," Susan says.

However, Susan thinks the importance of landscaping is a

result of the fast-paced lifestyle most people lead.

"Everyone is so stressed nowadays," she explains. "Being outdoors, especially in this part of the country, is one way to relieve that stress."

A desire to be outdoors doesn't mean people want more yard work, though. Low-maintenance landscaping is the feature most of Designing Women's customers ask for. Susan likens it to creating an 'outdoor room' for the customer.

"It's an extension of their house and they want to be able to enjoy it," she says.

One of the most popular features of these outdoor rooms are water designs, from tiny ponds to elaborate waterfalls.

"The sound of water running is very soothing, plus there's no maintenance," Susan says. "It's not like a pool where you have to add chemicals or clean it all the time."

Rivers End Nursery, which is open to the public, is located at 6275 West State Road 46, just west of Orange Boulevard. To set up an appointment for a design, call 407-324-2377 or visit the company's Web site at [www.landscap3d.com](http://www.landscap3d.com).

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Designing Women

## Honoring heroes



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent  
Sanford Firefighter/EMT Stacey Livingston, center, recently read during a Sanford Rotary Club meeting a poem she wrote in tribute to those who lost their lives during the Sept. 11 tragedy. Pictured with Livingston are, left, Rotary Past President Paul Osborne and Sanford Fire Marshall Mike McGibeny.

## Hawkins

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For information, call 407-428-1799.

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Crooms Academy Classes of the '50s will meet 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 6, in St. Paul Baptist Church Education Building, located at 813 Pine Ave.

All Crooms Academy graduates and former students are invited to attend if you wish to be part of the 2002 reunion.

For information, call Richard "Dick" Evans, chairperson, at 407-323-1802.

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City of Sanford Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Steering Committee is calling for golfers to play in the second tournament that will benefit the MLK Scholarship Fund. The event will be held Saturday, April 10, at Sanford's Mayfair Country Club.

It will be an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, two-person scramble limited to 100 golfers. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Deadline to make reservations is April 12. Call Carlton Edge at 407-316-9918, Melvin Philpot at 407-496-3173 or Evola Frye at 407-322-8945 to make reservations.

Fees are \$70, which includes cart and green fees, beverages, lunch and door prizes. The sponsors fee is \$125, which includes a sign on a reserved hole with the company's name. A lunch buffet will follow the play. Golf attire only.

Prizes include two airline flights.

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Kappa Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., recently began a reading partnership adventure with New Life Christian Academy.

AKA's donated books to help build the school's library collection. The books will enhance the reading ability of the students.

The chapter chose the students at New Life to implement their national "On Track" program. "On Track," (organization, nurturing, team building, respecting, achieving, character building and knowledge) is a skills development and nurturing program targeting children in grades 3 to 6.

In addition to donating books to the library, Kappa Sigma Omega members are committed to assisting the classroom teachers by providing reading guidance in the

library through individual and small group reading and listening activities.

AKA members presenting books were Myrtle Brown, Dorethea Fogle and Lila Ross.



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The New Life Christian Academy class

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# Designing women



Linda Shays, Beth Best and Susan Hallett display the award they won at the Central Florida Home & Garden show.

*Landscape artists use computers to create masterpieces*

By Dan Ping  
Editor

SANFORD — The terms "high-tech" and "landscaping company" don't often appear in the same sentence. A Sanford company is changing that.

Out State Road 46, just a couple miles west of Interstate 4 and the high-tech corridor, a trio of women have formed a cutting-edge landscaping firm where microchips and processors are as important as rakes and shovels.

They call themselves Designing Women Landscaping at Rivers End Nursery and they're proving that a green thumb and some computer savvy can make their company grow.

Susan Hallett is the founder of company, having spent almost 30 years in the business. She coaxed her sister, Linda Shays, out of retirement to assist with the nursery when it opened 18 months ago. Linda's daughter, Beth Best, is vice president of operations.

"It's a family affair," Linda said.

"At first when Susan mentioned me

joining the company, I wasn't very enthusiastic because we were enjoying our retirement," Linda confides. "The more I thought about it the more it seemed like it was a good opportunity."

Susan and Linda readily admit that Designing Women is not a typical landscaping company. By using technology to design landscapes, the company is setting itself apart from its competitors.

Susan uses custom-designed software to create a life-like, three-dimensional picture of what a landscaped project will look like when it's complete. The process starts with a digital picture of the home or area to be landscaped. Using an electronic photo library of plants, trees, flowers, benches, man-made ponds and waterfalls and other landscaping features, Susan creates a design of what the finished product will look like.

The concept of creating visual plans is not new.

"Years ago I would do everything free-hand and take samples of a few of the plant leaves to the customer," said Susan. "There's nothing better than visuals, but

that two dimensional drawing couldn't capture everything I was trying to show."

As computer software became more sophisticated, Susan put several products through the paces. None of the software precisely fit her needs.

"I must have tried 50 different programs," Susan said.

With the help of her brother-in-law, Linda's husband Joe, Susan adapted several software packages to create a custom program for the business. Don't bother asking her which programs she adapted, however. Like the formula for Coca-Cola or the ingredients in Colonel Sanders' Original Recipe, Susan's software is a trade secret.

"Her competitors would love to know what programs she has," crows Linda. "The designs are very realistic, not cartoonish."

That realistic photo is invaluable for customers, Susan said, because they can make changes before the first spade of dirt is ever turned.

"If they want a different type of tree or more color, all we have to do is change it on the computer," Susan says.

It costs \$75 per picture to have a design done, but if a customer decides to have Designing Women install the landscape the price is deducted from the price of installation. Most jobs can be installed within three weeks of the initial meeting, in part because the company has all the products it needs on its 8-acre retail nursery.

"The nursery is a great tool for our clients," Susan said. "After we show them the design on the computer, then we go into the nursery and show them the actual plants. They see exactly what kind of characteristics — leaves, texture, color — the plants have. Basically it's our showroom."

The women realize their customized software



Photos by Tommy Vincent

Susan and Linda demonstrate the software they use to design landscapes.

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# Central Florida Zoo offering various teacher workshops

The Central Florida Zoo wants to team up with instructors to help teach children about wildlife, ecosystems, and conservation. Teacher workshops are being held this spring at little to no expense for participants.

For teachers of grades K-8, Project Wet will introduce interdisciplinary instruction models focusing on wetlands

and water issues while Biodiversity: The Florida Story, takes an inquiry-based approach to teaching and learning the goals of protecting Florida's ecosystems.

The Wetlands are Wild workshop is offered for 6th through 8th grade teachers and incorporates many hands-on activities, that easily convert to classroom activities,

and close-up visits with native animals.

Teachers of all grades can participate in Project Wild, an internationally acclaimed workshop that introduces new approaches to the education of wildlife and conservation. Project Wild also features two activity guides.

Wild About Florida is also offered to teachers of all ages

showing how to incorporate and protect our native wildlife both on campus and at home.

"These workshops offer teachers creative ways to enhance their curriculum on wildlife topics while saving them time and money," said Sandi Linn, director of education. Biodiversity: The Florida Story and the Wetlands are Wild workshops are free.

Project Wet and Project Wild are \$7, and Wild About Florida is \$4.

For reservations or more information, contact Sandi Linn, Director of Education at 407-323-4450, extension 122 or visit [www.centralfloridazoo.org](http://www.centralfloridazoo.org). The Zoo is located at 3755 NW Highway 17-92 in Sanford.

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## Pennies from heaven keep falling into grateful hands

**DEAR READERS:** Much to my delight, pennies-from-heaven letters continue to pour in. Read on:

week." Sheepishly, she left the house, walked down the front path and opened the

**DEAR ABBY:** Your letters about "pennies from heaven" have touched my heart more than words can express. At the time that the letters first appeared in your column, my father was losing his battle with cancer. He died peacefully at home last month with his loving family by his side.



Dear Abby

The morning of his funeral, I asked the funeral director to place 11 pennies in his pocket. Each penny represents a member of our immediate family. You can be sure that all of us will be looking for those pennies to fall from heaven!

**DIANNE RICHARDSON-CONDA, MOUNT LAUREL, N.J.**

**DEAR DIANNE:** Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your father. Keep your eyes peeled for those pennies. They're sure to come back to you.

**DEAR ABBY:** Seven years ago my husband had a stroke. The first day I walked out of the hospital, I picked up three pennies and put them in my pocket. His condition was touch-and-go.

Every day walking out of the hospital, I would find a penny or two and add them to the others in my pocket. When I changed clothes, I would transfer the pennies to the pocket of what I was wearing. It seems unbelievable, but every single day I would find more pennies. In a strange way, I found it comforting because I felt reassured my husband would pull through — and he did!

To this day, every time I pick up a penny on the street, I add it to the pennies I saved from the hospital. I will never spend them because they brought my husband and me good luck when we most needed it.

**LENA KATZ, WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.**

**DEAR LENA:** Those pennies are a tangible reminder of your good fortune. And that alone makes them priceless.

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother had a favorite penny story from when she was a little girl in Farmville, Va., in the 1890s. She died in 1983 at the age of 93.

Times were tough and there was no money in the house. So my grandmother sent my mother to the store to buy a penny's worth of oil for their lamp — with the promise to pay the stern general store owner "next

gate. Lo and behold! There was a penny lying on the street. Mother always called it a miracle.

**MARTHA IN CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO**

**DEAR MARTHA:** I don't blame her. That penny saved your mother a world of embarrassment, and that's worth more than money can buy.

**DEAR ABBY:** Three years ago, my father passed away in upstate New York. We traveled to his funeral from our home in North Carolina. Within two weeks we sold the home and moved Mom back to North Carolina with us. They had been married for 58 years.

My mother passed away last year. Before her casket was closed, one of my relatives approached me and asked if I had put three pennies in my mother's pocket. I was confused and asked what she was talking about. She told me there were three bridges Mother would have to cross to get to heaven.

I immediately placed six pennies in my mother's pocket to pay the toll — I knew my dad was waiting patiently for her at the first bridge.

**MISSING MOM AND DAD IN GODWIN, N.C.**

**DEAR MISSING:** How touching. It's nice to know you can "take it with you."

Pauline Phillips and her daughter, Jeanne Phillips, share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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## FAMU chapter holds annual banquet

The Seminole County Chapter of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Alumni Association presented its annual scholarship banquet Saturday, March 16, in the Sanford Civic Center.

Master of ceremonies for the occasion was Ronald McCoy. The pre-banquet and dinner music was by Gloria Williams at the console.

The begin the entertainment for the evening, the graceful praise dancers of St. John Met Baptist Church presented a rendition of "America The Beautiful." The audience joined in singing the Negro national anthem, "Life Every Voice and Sing." The Rev. Kelvin Simms, pastor of Grant Chapel AME Church, Oviedo, gave the prayer and blessing.

Ingrid Neal of the Seminole County chapter extended words of welcome to the quests. Chapter Secretary Jeanette Williams introduced the dais guests.

"Charity," a group of lovely, talented lady singers from New Life Word Center Church entertained. After a delicious dinner, the evening's speaker was introduced by Daryl Mobley, vice president of the Seminole County chapter.

After Lynn Deese, a talented soloist, sang a beautiful rendition of "Summertime," the audience was prepared for the speaker, Carolyn Hepburn Collins, national president of the Florida A and M University Alumni Association.

Collins is a 1973 graduate of FAMU and has received a master's of education from FAMU. She is a life member and immediate past first FAMU NAA Student Prospect Group, having recruited thousands of



Herald photo by Marva Hawkins

Daryl Mobley, left, stands with banquet quest speaker Carolyn H. Collins. Pictured with the pair, from left are scholarship winner Amon' Blair Bryant, Gina Joseph and scholarship winner Darius Jackson.

students for FAMU. She is presently a registered and licensed clinical dietitian nutrition specialist at Tampa General Hospital.

Collins encouraged the audience to wake up early running, be fast and out run others to achieve your goal. She reminded the alumni to look for victory, not defeat and to believe in FAMU forever. It is the leading college and is 114 years old, with an alumni association that is 100 years old.

After the informative message, alumnus Raymond Gaines presented the FAMU scholarship recipients, who are all top scholars in Seminole County schools.

• First-place — Amon' Blair Bryant, a senior at Winter Springs High School. He has a 3.5 GPA.

• Second-place — LaTonya Coffie, a student at Oviedo

High School. She has a 3.3 GPA.

• Third-place — Darius T. Jackson, a senior at Lake Mary High School. He has a 3.2 GPA.

All of these seniors will attend FAMU this fall. A total of \$3,000 was given to the scholarship recipients.

Closing remarks were given by Gina Joseph, president of the Seminole County chapter. A vote of thanks goes to the chapter, alumni, friends and well wishers.

"Sisters Take Charge of Your Health," will be held 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 6, in the Orange County Convention Center. Guest speaker is "The Energizer," Dr. Gwendolyn Goldsby Grant of "Essence"

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## Rowell

Continued from Page 6C clubs various projects, including Special Olympics. The hours were earned beginning July 1, 2001. Randy and Nick each received a letter of congratulations from the International President of the Lions Club.

For those who are unfamiliar with the organization, Lion's Club International is the world's largest service organization. For 85 years, the Lion's Club has been committed to making a difference in the world through service. They are recognized worldwide for their service to the blind and visually impaired. This service began when Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become her "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" during the association's 1925 international convention. It was a challenge that the

Lions accepted and have focused on intently for 77 years.

The Lion's Club is also committed to working with young people, teaching them the value

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# King Sago: A modern day fossil

The King Sago, often referred to as a palm, is really a Cycad, a remnant of the distant dinosaur age when Cycads were a dominant form of vegetation. The King Sago is perhaps the most commonly cultivated species in Florida.

Most Cycads unfurl fernlike leaves that gradually stiffen to resemble palm foliage. Sometimes they are also called seed-ferns. Other common Cycads are the native Coontie, the Queen Sago, Prince Sago, and the Cardboard Palm.

Cycads are slow growing plants usually under 10 feet tall that can be used in the landscape as a specimen, accent, and border planting.

### Reproduction

Cycads are dioecious, male flowers and female flowers occur in different plants. They do not produce flowers typical of many garden plants.

The male plant produces the pollen in tall, pale cone-like structures. The female plant produces a flattened, wide-spreading, brown and fuzzy structure where the seeds are borne. After pollination, the seeds ripen to a bright orange-red color and enlarge to the size of golf balls.

Mature Sagos produce new offshoots (called pups) at the base of the trunk. These can be removed with a smooth cut at the base of the pup to produce a new plant. Pups removed from a plant will always be of the same sex as the parent plant.

Treat the cut end with a copper fungicide, and let the

new plant sit for a week before planting so the wound can heal. Use a potting mix to grow the new plants.



Al Ferrer

### Plants From Seeds

Collect seeds from female plants in late summer or early fall. Place them in a plastic bag with air holes in the vegetable drawer of your fridge for 3-4 months.

After this cold treatment, remove the outer seed-coat that has likely turned brown.

Rub this coat off or soak in water till it softens and can be peeled away.

Place the seeds flat side down in a potting soil mix, pushing each seed into the soil so half of the seed is exposed.

Keep moist and germination should occur in 2 to 4 weeks, though some seeds may take several months to germinate.

### Culture

Cycads are slow growers that like a slightly acid and well-drained soil. They grow well in full sun or partial shade. Fertilize lightly several times a year with a palm fertilizer.

The fertilizer must contain magnesium and manganese to avoid common deficiency problems.

Manganese deficiency appears in the new leaves as yellow spots that can progress to a browning of leaf sections and eventual death of the leaves. This deficiency can kill a plant. Magnesium deficiency appears as yellowing of the border of the older leaves.

Plants are draught tolerant once established.

The King Sago is the most cold tolerant of this group of plants.

### Toxicity

This plant is known to contain several toxic glycosides, the principal one being cycasin. The seeds have been found to be highly carcinogenic when fed to rats and other animals. Other Cycads have similar toxic compounds.

### Native Zamia

The common native plant known as coontie can be found in the state's pinelands and coastal regions forming clumps of vegetation to three feet in height.

Their stocky roots have been an important source of "arrow-root starch", a yellowish-white flour utilized by early Florida inhabitants. Fresh harvested Zamia roots are poisonous containing the toxin cycasin also found in the seeds and foliage.

Processed coontie starch was one of the staples of the Seminole Indians diet.

It was an excellent substitute for wheat flour and a product the pioneers used for trading.

### Pest Problems

Scale insects and mealybugs can occasionally damage the leaves. Use a combination of insecticidal oil and soap to control them.

Al Ferrer is Seminole County Urban Horticulturist. Inquiries may be directed to him at the Cooperative Extension service, 250 W. County Home Road, Sanford, FL 32773 or phone 645-5558. All Seminole County Cooperative Extension services are open to all regardless of race, color, sex, handicap or national origin.

# Lake Mary church expanding its school

Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Lake Mary started a preschool almost as soon as they started the church. As the church expanded, so did the preschool. Soon, the church was offering half-day and full-day Kindergarten.

Mary Rowell

Holy Cross Academy now goes up to third grade. But beginning in the fall, Holy Cross Academy's new school building will be open and they'll be offering classes up to fifth grade.

Almost one year ago, Holy Cross opened the doors to their new daycare and preschool facility. The daycare/preschool is located at 130 Henderson Lane, just off 46A. The full time daycare, which takes children as young as six weeks, has 90 children enrolled.

They have the capacity for 170. The daycare has a full commercial kitchen. The kitchen is larger than is needed for 170 because when the Academy opens in the fall, it will be on the same property as the daycare. And the kitchen will be used for both. There will, of course, be separate playgrounds for the academy and the daycare.

The growth of the Academy has been in answer to the parishioners of the church. Many are already asking the church to offer middle school. Offering a middle school is a much more expensive proposition than elementary school. But Holy Cross has not ruled out building a middle school sometime in the future.

The daycare has also been a response to the needs of the parishioners and the community. Holy Cross Daycare offers

childcare beginning at 6 weeks because so few daycare facilities offer care at that age. Pastor Paul Hoyer said that they are also discussing the possibility of offering daycare during off hours. There are several businesses in the area that have overnight shifts. Currently, many of those people rely on neighbors to look after their children.

If you're interested in Holy Cross Daycare or Academy, you can call the church office for more information at 407-333-0797. You can also stop by the property for a tour. The current address is 130 Henderson Lane, but soon the name of the road will change to Holy Cross



Herald photo by Mary Rowell  
Pastor Paul Hoyer at the site of the new Holy Cross Academy with the Holy Cross Daycare in the background.

Court. It's the first left turn on 46A past the Lake Forest Public.

### Youth Receive Awards

If you only get your news from television, you very seldom hear anything good about today's youth. The truth is that there are lots of teenagers who volunteer their time for good causes. At their recent meeting, the Longwood/Lake Mary Lion's Club recognized two teenagers for their hours of service. Randy Senus received the Gold Seal Award for 100 hours of community service and Nick Taylor received the Silver Seal Award for 50 hours of community service.

The boys earned their hours by helping out with the local

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Herald photo by Mary Rowell  
Randy Senus and Nick Taylor receiving their Gold Seal and Silver Seal Awards for community service

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## Burkhardt receives top honor at bus safety competition

Debbie Burkhardt, a twenty-nine-year veteran bus driver for Seminole County Public schools, placed first in the Seminole County Bus Safety Competition that was held Saturday, March 23, in Winter Springs.

Burkhardt, along with Trish Keefer and the Rookie of the Year, Nelson Reynolds, will go to Tampa in April to represent the district at the State Championship Competition. RuthAnn Pamer will be the team alternate.

Although this is the first time Burkhardt has won the local competition, she has been a member of Seminole County's State Championship Team four out of the six times they have won.

She has also been a member of the teams that have finished second in the state three times and third in the state once. This was Burkhardt's nineteenth competition.

Seminole County's school bus drivers have placed first in the state six times and took first place in the nationals once.

# Literary Group reviews Newman's walk around world

Vivian Buck and Zelda Siskind were hostesses for the March meeting of the Literary Group held at the Siskind home. The co-hostesses served a variety of sandwiches, sweets and deviled eggs.

According to Mindy Tooley, Vivian Buck presented an "excellent report" on "World Walk" by Steven Newman. The young author, from Bethel, Ohio, loved people and decided to walk as far as he could and meet as many people as possible. His trip was financed with money he earned while working in the Wyoming oil fields.

During the 15,000 miles he traveled, Newman visited five continents and 20 countries. When he had to cross an ocean, Newman paid his air or boat fare. When he reached his destination, the only thing Newman asked for was water. The only place he refused water was in Washington State.

Many people along his route offered him food and lodging and he shared that in many countries, he was the first American the natives had met. He was arrested three times and in Turkey, he was forced to break out of jail. Throughout his travels, Newman continued to send his travel stories to an Ohio newspaper.

When he finally returned back to his Bethel home, the town honored him with a parade. The children of the community carried flags representing the countries their home-town hero had visited.

After the interesting book review, members shared many of their personal travel experiences.

Chair Charlotte Knowles conducted a brief business meeting and advised the women that election of officers will be held soon. She closed the meeting by reading two inspirational works.

## Laurie Visits Home

Laurie Hartson has returned to her home in Germany after spending a week enjoying the sites and sights of God's Country USA. After living in Germany for more than a year where her husband, Lt. Michael "Mike" Hartson is stationed with the United States Air Force, Laurie couldn't wait for a visit back to her hometown, Sanford.

What a contrast. When

Laurie flew out of Frankfurt, she left behind snow, rain and extremely cold weather to bask in 80-degree weather in Central Florida. This was home. But not quite the same as when she moved to the Deutchland. She was amazed, as well as lost, with all the construction going on everywhere. New neighborhoods have sprung up and roadways have

taken on new curves since she moved.

Before leaving Germany, Laurie called her parents, Mary and Barry Hilliman, to inform them of her itinerary. She also gave them a list of the favorite eateries she wanted to visit since she had a passionate craving for American food. Although she shops at the base exchange where American brands are plentiful, natives shop daily for foods, using only fresh products.

So after eating at several restaurants as well as her mom's gourmet cooking, Laurie concluded that the food didn't quite taste like she remembered to emphasize the veracity of the famous old words, "You can't go back."

Although Laurie had a blast shopping and visiting old haunts, she was ready to go back to Germany. When she arrived in the USA, Mike had already departed for St. Louis to brush up on the techniques to fly a new plane. He also spent a weekend with his parents, Dr. Dave and Nancy Hartson of Longwood, who were visiting their New Mexico home.

Before Leaving Germany, Laurie put their three dachshunds in a kennel and was anxious to get back to them. She is studying German in

order to communicate with her German-born dog, Dixie. Her German neighbors and friends don't speak English, so it was her move to learn their language.

Laurie marvels at the fresh flowers in Germany and the bargain price of \$2 for a large bouquet of tulips. She admires the frugality of Germans whose dish water runs into a container under the sink to be used for watering plants. The country offers many modern conveniences, but automatic dishwashers are few and far between.

The young couple lives southwest of Frankfurt at Melbach, near Ramstein, where Mike is stationed in Air Rescue at NATO Headquarters. While Mike is off to the wild blue yonder on one of his missions, Laurie is busy decorating their five-bedroom apartment and learning about German culture. She is active in the Officers' Wives Club and has taken some extensive tours. Their next holiday will be a Mediterranean cruise with her parents in August.

The worst part of the trip for Laurie was airport screening and the long wait at the airports. But she was happy to submit to a thorough searching. She wore thick-soled shoes and said she was asked to remove them several times.



Doris Dietrich



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent  
Vivian Buck and Zelda Siskind were hostesses for the Literary Group's March meeting. Buck is holding the book the group reviewed, "World Walk" by Steven Newman.

She's back in Germany safe and sound, and is already talking about "my next trip home."

## Bridge Social

Mary Dale Jones has been under the weather for quite some time, but is back on the social scene again. She and Carol Dennison served as hostesses at the Jones' Park Avenue home to the March gathering of the Bridge Social of the Sanford Woman's Club.

A St. Patrick's Day motif was carried out in the décor, right down to the green punch. The hostesses served a variety of finger foods.

Scoring high for the day was Shirley Milis with Mary Dale as second high.

Other players included: Rose Edith Jacobson, Betty Bruestle, Jimmy Sokol, Zelda Siskind, Carolyn Cornelius, Frances Mitchell, Terri Millikan, Libby Prevatt and Marion Smith.

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# Lake Mary: State Champs!

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

The improbable happened. The Lake Mary girls' soccer team — a team with just two returning seniors, a sophomore goalkeeper and three freshman providing the offensive firepower — wasn't expected to win a

state championship. But the Rams ignored the doubters and brought home the Class 4A State Championship trophy. With freshmen Jaclyn Wenaas and Keilee Rush getting one goal and one assist each, and sophomore goalie Natalie Haerens recording the Rams' 19th shutout of the season — six in the last seven

games — Lake Mary blanked Parkland Douglas 2-0 Feb. 23 at Pepin/Rood Stadium in Tampa. The championship is the third for Lake Mary, the other two coming in 1989 and 1998. Rush put the Rams (27-6-1) ahead 1-0 in the final minute of the first half when she took a  
See Champs, Page 5.

## New officers

The Lake Mary Police Department recently recruited two new officers. To see who they are, see Page 10

## Relay For Life Luminary ceremony begins April 5

Luminaries will light the way for Relayers at the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life," April 5 through April 6, at Colonial TownPark in Lake Mary. The Luminary Ceremony — the lighting of candles in memory of those who lost their battle with cancer and to honor those who have survived — is one of the main highlights of the evening.

During the ceremony, members of the community can purchase a luminary. The luminaries will be displayed along the length of the relay track throughout the nightlong event.

Relay For Life is a way to increase cancer awareness while raising much-needed funds for the American Cancer Society. For more information about the sixth annual Relay For Life, call 1-800-ACS-2345.

## Living through history



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent  
Watson Reel, who turns 100 Sunday, receives a kiss from his granddaughter, Donna Grezikowski.

## Reels celebrates 100th birthday

By Jennalyn Raver  
Special to the Herald

Watson Reel is no stranger to Seminole County. In fact, as he celebrates his 100th birthday on Sunday, Reel can proudly boast that more than 75 of those years have been spent living right here in Seminole County.

Since moving to Sanford in the mid 1920s, Reel has yet to find a reason to leave Seminole County's boundaries. Reel and his wife Olga raised two sons, Ramon and Gwynn, in Sanford and worked in the city for 30 years. As a Sanford resident in the twenties, thirties, and forties, Reel counts himself lucky to have witnessed

See Reel, Page 2

## Board approves plans for city's skate board park

Michelle Jeria  
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — Skateboarders may have a place of their own by late summer.

The city's Planning and Zoning Board earlier this month approved the site plan for the proposed skateboard park. City Commission is expected to give final approval to the plan Thursday during its regular meeting.

"Everybody seems satisfied with the product," City Manager John Litton said. "Once complete, this should be something that will be utilized on a regular basis."

The park has been almost two years in the making. Following 1999 state legislation encouraging local municipalities to make land available for skateboarding, in-line skating and bicycles, the city applied for a grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection. The legislation stated no government or employee would be liable to a person who is injured during an activity at such a facility.

In July 2000, the city received and accepted a \$112,000 state grant and agreed to match it by \$37,500. Terms of the grant included constructing the park by November 2002.

Initial plans for the park, which will be located in the Lake Mary Sports Complex on Rantoul Lane, include a concrete modified bowl and connecting obstacle course for skateboarders, lighting and a pavilion. Estimated total cost for the facility is around

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## Lake Mary Smile



Debbie Lee — Seminole/Lake Mary Chamber of Commerce

## Golf Invitational set for May 20

By Michelle Jeria  
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — Golfers are encouraged to take to the greens at Timacuan Golf and Country Club in May, all in the name of beautification.

The Lake Mary Invitational Golf Tournament, sponsored by the city of Lake Mary and the Lake Mary Rotary Club, is scheduled for Monday, May 20. Partial proceeds from the tournament will go toward beautifying the Rinehart Road section of the Crossings Trail.

"This is an opportunity for people to participate in the beautification of

our city," Lake Mary City Manager John Litton said. "This year, the city's portion of the funds raised during the tournament will be used to build a rest station on the Rinehart Road Trail."

Last year, the city used money raised from the tournament — about \$14,000 — for landscaping around the new tennis courts.

"The projects we choose for the money are the finishing touches," Litton said. "It's above and beyond what we do in the budget process."

The Rotary Club's portion of the

See Golf, Page 11



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent  
PLAY BALL: Lake Mary Little League earlier this month kicked off its 2002 season with an opening day ceremony at the Lake Mary Sports Complex. For more photos, see Pages 8 and 9.

## Reel

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many of the city's milestones.

Standing out in Reel's mind is the Sanford Naval Air Station. In 1942 the city of Sanford deeded land to the U.S. Navy to build the Sanford Naval Air Station. From 1942 to 1968, NAS Sanford fueled the local economy and was used as a training base for carrier pilots. Reel was a lead man in the base's garage during World War II, and is extremely proud of his accomplishments.

"I worked with both Army men and civilian mechanics," Reel recalls. "We made many memories."

Reel has ties to other Seminole County areas as well.

In 1952, he bought a piece of property "out in the country" just west of Sanford. Here, he built a house, planted an orange grove, raised chickens, and eventually retired. The property was a great investment—20 acres for \$3,000. Reel described it as a "country town with a lake running through it." Little did he know, he and his wife would

one day become residents of a boom city called Lake Mary.

Reel was a resident of the area for 21 years before it was officially incorporated as Lake Mary on Aug. 7, 1973. Beginning primarily as an agriculture community, the town underwent a growth spurt in the 1980s as development pushed northward from Orlando.

Donna Reel Grezlikowski, Watson Reel's granddaughter, can remember the long rides to her grandfather's house. Since Interstate 4 was not yet built, she remembers traveling up U.S. Highway 17/92 until reaching a bumpy dirt road. That road is now four-laned and known as Lake Mary Boulevard.

Watson recently sold his Lake Mary property, but he recalls "lots of land and no neighbors for miles." Today, this description seems unbelievable; Lake Mary's population now exceeds 10,000 residents, with three or four times that many people working and shopping within the city limits.

"I remember," Reel said recalling the town's early



Watson Reel

business community, "two filling stations and Gleason's Store, a grocery near Country Club Road."

These three establishments were once the bulk of the Lake Mary commercial district. Today, the constantly growing city is home to hundreds of offices and retail outlets.

Incidentally, other members of the Reel family have made their mark on Seminole County history as well. Watson's father, Rolla

J. Reel, owned Sanford's Dodge dealership Reel & Sons. The dealership was located at 301 West 1st Street and closed in 1942. Watson Reel and his five brothers all worked with their father for many years.

Building upon the knowledge Reel gained while working at his father's dealership, he opened his own auto parts/repair business in Sanford several years later. He worked there until his retirement.

As this life-long Central Florida resident reflects on his life, he reminisces about the countless changes that have occurred in his lifetime. He has gone from driving a horse and buggy delivery truck on the dirt streets of Orlando to watching, from his backyard, the space shuttle blast off toward the heavens.

"An amazing thing about my grandfather," says Grezlikowski, "is that he doesn't wish for the good ol' days to return."

"I wouldn't swap back," Reel says about the past. He places great value on progress and technology.

"Even though his

advanced years have limited his physical abilities," Grezlikowski confides, "he still believes that complaining only irritates others and a smile will get you much further. He has lived his whole life with this philosophy and it seems to have gotten him quite far."

"Everybody I've ever met likes me," Reel states matter-of-factly.

And why wouldn't they? Watson Reel is a fun-loving man who enjoys life with each passing day. Even after his arrival several years ago at Mariner Health of Tuskawilla, Reel still continues to take his life in stride.

One of his favorite pastimes is recording his family history in what he has cleverly titled "The Reel Book." This brown tattered notebook, with worn pages overflowing the binding, is filled with countless Reel family achievements and memories. Although it's a work in progress, Reel hopes to one day share the book with family and friends.

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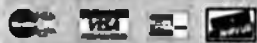
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### Youth steal the show at Olde Lake Mary Days

Pictured above, members of S.O.D.A Pops from Miriam and Valerie's School of Dance Arts perform a patriotic number during Olde Lake Mary Days, which was held earlier this month. At right, Jessica Alexandra sings a song during the event. Other performers, including Homer Stiles, Lake Mary Line Dancers, Silver Bullet Cloggers, Sunshine Generation and members of Celebration Church, fought the windy weather to perform on the main stage at the annual festival. Organizers are already planning for next

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## Beautification priority for Lake Mary ...

This is the first of, hopefully, many opportunities to write this column. The press is often criticized for printing only bad or negative news. One exception is the Seminole Herald. This newspaper has consistently printed positive and uplifting news. Thank you, also, to Michelle Jerla, editor of the Lake Mary edition. Her generosity has provided me this opportunity to share news of interest with the citizens of Lake Mary.

### Beautification

The Lake Mary City Commission has made the beautification of our City a priority. Fertilization and maintenance has been stepped up on the medians of Lake Mary Boulevard and Rinehart Road. In addition, the county is allocating \$50,000 to further enhance beautification along Rinehart Road. Citizens can assist in this endeavor by not driving on the medians and obeying the recently installed "No Cigarette Butts," signs.



### Mayor's Message

By Lake Mary Mayor  
Thom Greene

### Rinehart Road Trail

Interested citizens from Manderley, Woodbridge, Timacuan and Hills of Lake Mary communities have been meeting for several months. One of the priorities of these meetings is to improve the Rinehart Road Trail.

One suggestion to accomplish this is the creation of rest areas along the trail. These communities are looking at ways to raise money for this suggestion, including donations.

If you are interested in making a donation or desire information regarding this project, call Darrel Jarvis at 407-302-0059.

The city of Lake Mary has agreed to give our portion of the proceeds raised at our City/Rotary Golf Tournament to this project.

For further information regarding the City/Rotary Golf Tournament, please call City Hall at 407-585-1419.

### Access

Your elected officials are always available. If you have any questions regarding the city of Lake Mary, you may contact us by either calling City Hall or at our website.

If you need any further information on how to contact us, call City Hall at 407-585-1419. If you would like to attend a City Commission meeting, they are held on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., and televised on SGTV.

If you need to contact me about any city matter, including suggestions about this column, I can be reached at 407-585-1419 or [greenel@lakemaryfl.com](mailto:greenel@lakemaryfl.com)

## Rotary makes donation to SCC



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

The Rotary Club of Lake Mary presented Seminole Community College President E. Ann McGee with a \$5,000 check earlier this year during a Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting. The funds were raised through the organization's Classic Car Show held during the annual Lake Mary/Heathrow Festival of the Arts and will be used for student scholarships. For a summary of President McGee's Chamber presentation, see Page 12. For further information about the Rotary Club of Lake Mary, call the organization's president, Sharon Singleton, at 407-280-6259.

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in June and July. This class meets for three consecutive days from 9 a.m. to noon and children receive a t-shirt and a snack each day.

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## President McGee addresses LM Chamber members

Citing Seminole Community College's dilemma of dealing with a 22 percent enrollment increase in the face of potential state funding cutbacks, SCC President E. Ann McGee is urging Seminole County business leaders to become advocates for SCC and other Florida community colleges via a grassroots campaign directed at state legislators.

islaters immediately and urge support of four legislative priorities currently under consideration.



SCC President  
E. Ann McGee

"Seminole Community College's mission to change lives for the better may be in jeopardy," McGee said during a "State Of The College" address in February to several hundred Seminole County / Lake Mary Chamber of Commerce members.

The first is Senate Bill No. 1542 — a move to recapture funds cut during the 2001 Special Sessions, gain additional funds, and create a predictable funding formula that funds enrollment growth and performance.

The second is Senate Bill No. 1914 — a proposal to remove financial barriers and increase financial aid allocations to part-time students.

The third is an amendment to Senate Bill 128 that would reverse the Legislature's elimination of money for matching grants that occurred last year.

Finally, McGee urged citizens to advocate to their representatives that community college funding be separated from K-12 workforce funding.

"Although our representatives in Tallahassee are acutely aware of the increasingly vital role community colleges play in Florida's educational system, they have yet to address a truly equitable funding formula for Florida's 28 community colleges" McGee said. "They love us \* they just don't fund us."

"This will improve performance funding, and will provide incentive funding for key occupational areas such as nursing and teaching," McGee said.

McGee encouraged the audience to contact state leg-

## Park

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\$250,000, said Parks and Recreation Director Bill Carrico.

Last year, public hearings were held by both the Parks and Recreation Board and City Commission to gather input from residents. After hearing concerns by citizens living in the neighborhood adjacent to the park, initial plans were modified, including moving the facility further north in the sports complex, and both groups gave their approval to continue with the facility.

Following in-depth research, the Parks and Recreation Department decided to contract with Tim Payne of Winter Springs' Team Pain to design and build the park. Team Pain is the only concrete skate park designer on the East Coast recognized by the Skate Park Association of the United States.

According to Litton, the city will use Deltona's contract with Team Pain to build the facility. The "piggy-backing" will allow Lake Mary to establish the

same terms, agreements and costs as Deltona, which recently completed a skateboard park.

When City Commission gives final approval to the skateboard park's site plan, Carrico said construction could begin as soon as a few weeks. Once started, an estimated completion date is in nine weeks.

"Now, it finally looks like it is going to happen," Carrico said. "I'm anxious to get started, and it will be exciting to see it finished."

## LM manager receives Ray Kroc

By Michelle Jorin  
Managing Editor

Holly Fazeli started working at a Boston area McDonald's restaurant 16 years ago. She never thought the part-time job would lead to a full-time career.

"I thought it would be temporary," Fazeli said. "I was working there until I got my driver's license, and then I thought I would work farther away from home."

Today, she has not only climbed up the corporation's employment ladder, she was recently selected to receive the Ray Kroc award — one of the most prestigious honors bestowed upon managers in the McDonald's chain.

When she was 16, Fazeli entered the fast food business as a crew member, and a year later, she was promoted to swing manager. After high

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## Champs

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crossing pass from Wenaas and pushed it past the Eagles' keeper.

Midway through the second half, Rush returned the favor, finding Wenaas with a cross for the score.

Despite the Rams' attacking offense that normally keeps their foes on their heels, Haerens was busier than normal, facing seven shots and making four saves to get the shutout of Douglas (25-2-1).

The win also served as

revenge for Lake Mary as Douglas had beaten the Rams 4-2 back on Jan. 5.

Lake Mary advanced to the championship game with a 2-1 victory over Hiialeah-American (20-5-1) on Friday. Junior Jessica Zabel scored on a breakaway with less than two minutes to play to break a 1-1 tie and put the Rams in the finale. After the two teams battled to a 0-0 first-half tie in sloppy conditions, Lake Mary finally broke through 14 minutes into the second half when

Lauren McIntosh, the lone senior starter for the Rams, hit Zabel with a perfect corner kick right in front of the net.

That score looked like it would be enough as Lake Mary outshot the Patriots 16-3.

But American's Monique Davis rolled a shot past a diving Haerens to tie the score with under four minutes remaining, setting the stage for Zabel's heroics. The goal was the first allowed by the Rams in the playoffs since

Seminole scored in a 5-1 loss to Lake Mary in the first game of the district tournament. Head coach Bill Eissele now has an overall record of 349-125-56 and three state championships in 19 years with the Rams.

Assisting Eissele were Tammy Scott Campbell, Howard Hawkins, Sarah Canatsey, Nicole Roberts and strength and conditioning coach Steve Slain. John Halsey is the student trainer.

Members of the 2002 Class

4A State Championship team are seniors Lauren McIntosh (Captain), and Jacquelynn Nicosia; juniors Alison Tradd (Captain), Judith Claessens (Captain), Molly McClure, Camille Hanson, Jessica Zabel and McKenna Keenan; sophomores Natalie Haerens, Jill Beary, Jessica Echlerling, Jamie Dillon, Katy Bockstall and Jennifer Ferguson; and freshmen Elena Mlotkowski, Jaclyn Wenaas, Nicole Haves, Keilee Rush and Paige Murray.



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**BRYAN CHAD BARKS**  
Bryan Chad Barks, 29, of Cypress, Texas, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002.

Born in Sanford, he was a real estate salesman. He was a member of North Woods Presbyterian Church of Houston, Texas.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Thomas J. and Deborah A. Barks of Sanford; his mother and stepfather, Claudia and Joseph Davis of Cypress, Texas; grandparents, Georgia J. Barks of Sanford and Dorothy Smith-Fox of Lake Mary; two brothers, Wayne Davis of Cypress, Texas, and Zachary J. Barks of Sanford; and two sisters, Kristen D. Barks of Sanford and Jennifer Mitchell of Mount Dora.

Brisson Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

**LOU DECICCO**  
Lou DeCicco, 83, of Kelso Court, Lake Mary, died

Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002.  
Born in Chicago, Ill., he moved to Central Florida in 2001. He was a retired liquor store manager. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was awarded two Bronze Stars. He was a hospice volunteer and a former member of the Alabama Alcoholic Beverages Commission. He was of the Roman Catholic faith.

Survivors include his wife, Shirli; one daughter, Rita Allen of Lake Mary; one brother, Bernard DeCicco of California; one sister, Florence Smith of California; and four grandchildren.

Woodlawn Carey Hand Funeral Home of Longwood is in charge of arrangements.

**PAULINE E. LAKE**  
Pauline E. Lake, 85, of Stillwood Lane, Lake Mary, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2002.

Born in Harrisburg, Pa., she was a registered nurse at Central

Florida Regional Hospital.  
Survivors include her husband, Bernard Lake; four sons, Kelly Lake of Deltona, John and Chris Lake, both of Sanford and Thomas Lake of Lake Mary; two daughters, Cindy Anderson of Lake Mary and Mary Beth of Sanford; eight grandchildren; and seven great grand children.

Gramkow Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

**EUNICE T. MARTIN**  
Eunice T. "Aunt Eunice" Martin, 101, of Country Club Road, Sanford, died Sunday, March 3, 2002.

Born in Sanford, she worked as a citrus packer for Chase and Co. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Sanford and the Swedish Historical Society.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews, including Barbara and David Sherman,

with whom she lived.  
Funeral service was held 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 6, in Brisson Funeral Home.

Brisson Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

**CARLOS ABNER MCWHORTER**

Carlos Abner McWhorter, 86, of Kaywood Drive, Sanford, died Thursday, March 14, 2002, in Lake Mary.

Born in Eatonton, Ga., he was a self-employed citrus care taker. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Sanford, the Masonic Lodge and of the Shriners. He served in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Mary McWhorter of Sanford; one daughter, Deborah M. Rogers of Sanford; two brothers, Luther McWhorter of Sanford and Doyle McWhorter of Carolton, Texas; two sisters, Doris Jones and Elsie Mero, both of Sanford; and two grandchildren.

Funeral service were held 10 a.m. Monday, March 18, in the

Oaklawn Chapel of Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home.  
Baldwin Fairchild Oaklawn Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

**NED STEPHENS SR.**

Ned Stephens Sr., 78, of Water Street, Sanford, died Monday, March 18, 2002, in Central Florida Regional Hospital.

Born Dec. 23, 1923, in Marianna, he was a retired foreman. He was a member of New Zion Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Joeweze Stephens of Sanford; two sons, Michel Stephens of Worms, Germany, and Ned Stephens Jr., of Landstuhe, Germany; four daughters, Beverly S. Wright, Winnola Johnson and Dorothy Brown, all of Sanford, and Rita Reynolds of Lake Mary; three sisters, Flozell Williams of Miami and Willie Bell McGriff and Mozell Johnson, both of Sanford; 16 grandchildren; and a host of great grandchildren.

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school graduation, she continued to work at the restaurant while attending college in the Boston area.

Following college graduation, Fazeli moved to Central Florida and worked at McDonald's restaurants in Altamonte Springs and

Sanford, where she continued to be promoted. In 1996, she became a store manager, and in 2000 relocated to the Lake Mary Boulevard McDonald's.

"When I started working for McDonald's, I didn't think 16 years later I would still be working at the restaurant," Fazeli said. "But, the people

are friendly, and the training is good. It's a good company to work for."

McDonald's management has mutual feelings when it comes to Fazeli. Last year, Larry Harrison, owner/operator of the Lake Mary restaurant, nominated Fazeli for the Ray Kroc award — named after the founder of the McDonald's chain. The award recognizes the top 1 percent of McDonald's restaurant managers across the United States.

Only about 140 managers are chosen each year to receive the honor, which includes a \$2,500 cash award, a Ray Kroc trophy and pin and a trip to Chicago, Ill., for an awards banquet with Jack Greenberg, the president of the McDonald's corporation.

"I knew I was a good manager — I was getting good results out of the store," Fazeli said. "But, I didn't expect to receive the award. It's a very prestigious award to receive."

The Ray Kroc award is based upon achieving superior results in selected area of performance, including operational excellence, people skills and building the business.

The recent honor isn't the only performance-based recognition Fazeli has received during the last few months. As part of a new program, area store managers receive a company car and reimbursed auto insurance. In January, she was also promoted to area manager and now has three stores under her supervision.

A career at McDonald's has also benefited Fazeli's personal life.

"I met my husband at the McDonald's restaurant in Sanford," she said. "We will be married six years next month."

As for any regrets, Fazeli doesn't have any when it comes to working under the Golden Arches.

"I've met a lot of really good people and made a lot of really good friends," she said. "Just being able to see results with someone you are training, it is very fulfilling."

## Golf

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funds raised will go toward its local High School Scholarship Program. The club has awarded tuition assistance for college to deserving students since 1973.

Registration for the tournament begins at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. A shotgun start is planned for 1 p.m., and dinner and awards is at 5:30 p.m.

The tournament's format is a four-person scramble. A box lunch and beverages will be provided to all participants, and refreshments will be served on the course.

Cost is \$1,000 for a corporate sponsor, which includes the company's name inscribed on a plaque near the rest station and a photograph of each individual team player. Cost for an individual is \$300 and includes a photograph and the awards banquet dinner.

Sponsoring a hole or a tee is \$300 and \$200, respectively and includes the company's

name on the flag or tee box and two tickets to the awards banquet dinner.

For those who don't want to play golf but want to attend the dinner, the cost is \$100.

City officials, employees and business leaders are expected to participate in this year's tournament.

"It gives the city employees a day to get out of the office and ride a golf cart," Litton said. "Last year, the police chief had a cart with a red light on it."

Less than two months until the event, the city manager is already planning his strategy — intimidate the opponent.

"I know I will play better than the mayor," Litton said. "Right now, he is taking very ineffective golf lessons, so I know I will beat him."

The deadline to register is May 6, and space is limited to the first 30 teams. For more information, call Sue Thorne at 407-585-1419 or Gunnar Smith at 407-324-3097.



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## Lake Mary CERT course begins April 3

The next course of the Lake Mary CERT (Community Response Team) will begin 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, and will be held each Wednesday at the same time until May 22.

The seven-week basic (CERT) course helps train local residents on how to react and perform in disaster situations.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and several California agencies created the class years ago after devastating earthquakes in the Bay area. It was discovered hurt and trapped residents would go unattended for hours and sometimes even days.

Authorities learned from the earthquake disasters that properly trained citizens can become a tremendous resource in providing disaster relief, especially when emergency crews are quickly overwhelmed, said Rick Moore, public safety operations coordinator and CERT organizer.

Classes are generally three hours long. Attendance is mandatory to receive the CERT certificate of completion.

For more information about the Lake Mary CERT program, call Wendy Benton at 407-333-8207.



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent

Pictured above, Lake Mary Police Chief Richard Beary swears in police candidates Sean J. Coyle, left, and Carlos M. Morales. The ceremony was held earlier this month. At right, Coyle and Morales show off their new Lake Mary Police Department badges.



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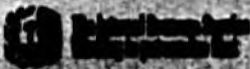



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• The Lake Mary Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, April 1, in Lake Mary City Commission Chambers, 100 N. Country Club Road.

Agenda items include election of officers, a basketball tournament, parks and recreation survey, skateboard park and expansion of summer camp.

• The Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce's Good Morning Seminole Breakfast Meeting will be held 7:30 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 3, in Heathrow Country Club, 1200 Bridgewater Road. Sponsor is Administaff and the speaker is to be announced.

Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

• The Lake Mary City Commission's regular meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 4, in Lake Mary City Commission Chambers, 100 N. Country Club Road.

• The Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce's Experts for Free will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 10. Presenter will be WFTV- Channel 9, and a box lunch will be provided by Virelli Catering.

You must be a chamber member to attend, and reservations are required. There is no charge to members.

For information, call Debbie Lee at 407-333-4748.

• The Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce's Business & Economic Development Committee (BEDC) will meet 8 to 9 a.m. Thursday, April 11, in Regus, 801 International Parkway, Lake Mary.

Speaker is Rob Nixon from Seminole County Economic Development and Larry Dale, president of Orlando Sanford International Airport.

Call Debbie Lee for more information at 407-333-4748 or dllee@seminolebusiness.org

• The Lake Mary Elders Affairs Commission meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday, April 11, in the Lake Mary Community Building, 260 N. Country Club Road.

Agenda items include senior activities and general discussion.

• The Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce's Seminole Survivor Golf Tournament will be held 1 to 6 p.m. Monday, April 15, at Alaquia Country Club.

The event is an 18-hole scramble, and cost is \$450 for a foursome, \$350 with hole sponsor, and \$125 for individuals. Cost includes range balls, box lunch, golf, dinner and awards ceremony.

Contact Debbie Lee at 407-333-4748 for more information. The tournament is sponsored by CW Construction & PCS.

• The Lake Mary Historical Commission will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, in the Frank Evans Center, 158 N. Country Club Road.

The speaker will be an Oviedo cabinetmaker.

• The Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce's New Member Reception will be held 8 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 17, at 610 Crescent Executive Court, Lake Mary, at Perot Systems Corp on the fourth floor.

Sponsor is Nationwide Insurance — Mike McLean Agency. New and existing members are welcome.

Contact Linda Reynolds at 407-333-4748 or lreynolds@seminolebusiness.org for more information.

• The Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce's Sprint Business After-Hours will be 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at 107 Commerce St. Lake Mary. The event will be hosted by Florida Business Interiors.

• The Lake Mary City Commission's regular meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 18, in Lake Mary City Commission Chambers, 100 N. Country Club Road.

• The AARP Driver Safety Program Course will be held Wednesday, April 24, and Thursday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Holy Cross Church, 760 Sun Drive, Lake Mary.

The program is an eight-hour course designed for motorist's age 50 and older. The program addresses the physical changes that can affect older drivers and presents ways to compensate for those changes.

In Florida, drivers who graduate from the course may be eligible for auto insurance discounts. Advance registration is required.

Tuition is \$10, and should be paid at the first class. For more information, call 407-444-6339.

• "Celebration of Cultures ... A Talent Production," presented by Lake Mary Elementary and Greenwood Lakes Middle schools will be held 6 p.m. Friday, April 26, in the Lake Mary High School multipurpose room.

Tickets for the event are \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door. For more information, call Joan Toro at 407-320-5667.

To have an event placed in the monthly Lake Mary Herald community events calendar, e-mail [dllee@seminolebusiness.org](mailto:dllee@seminolebusiness.org)



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# Little League's Opening Day



The Seminole High School Air Force Junior ROTC stands at attention during the opening day ceremony.



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Pictured above, the girl's softball team, Fire Stix, walk onto the field during the opening day ceremony, which was held earlier this month at the Lake Mary Sports Complex. At left, the field was ready for the players on opening day.

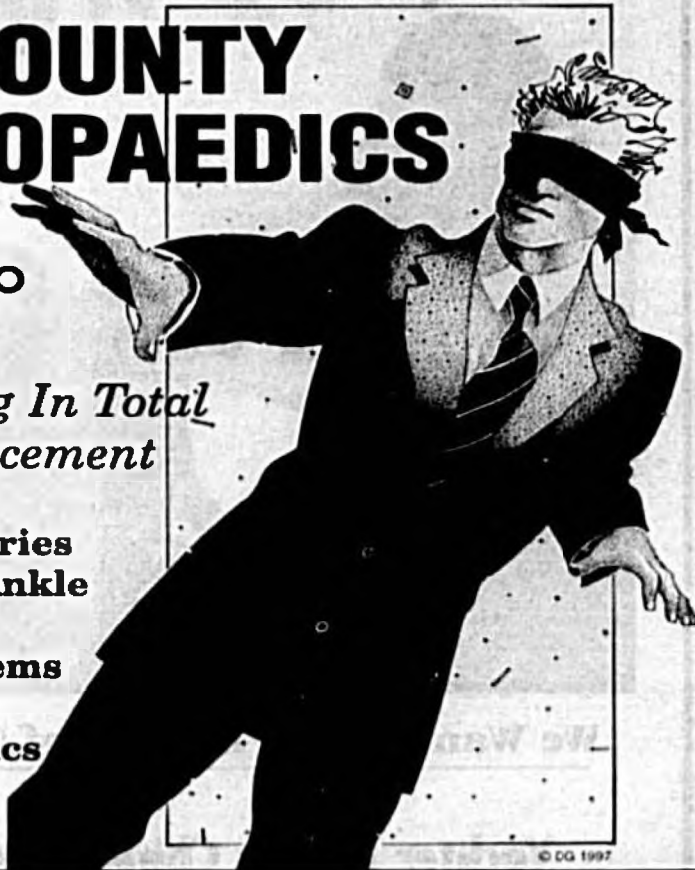
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Red Sox Coach Noel O'Brien ties Danny Higgins shoe during the opening day ceremonies for Lake Mary Little League.



Lake Mary Mayor Thom Greene, left, and Lake Mary City Manager John Litton were asked to throw out the first pitch during opening day.



Lake Mary Little League President Brian Sykes, left, presents Scott Williams with a plaque of appreciation for years of service to Lake Mary Little League. Williams is a coach of two teams and has been a board member for Lake Mary Little League since 1992.



One of the many Little League teams enter the sports complex during the ceremony.

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