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Football playoffs begin

Lyman's David Muniz, above, and the rest of the Greyhounds went in search of their first playoff victory in history, while Lake Brantley and Winter Springs also opened the playoffs on Friday. Who survived?

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Man arrested on kidnapping charges

SANFORD — A Sanford man was charged with kidnapping a child under 13 when police say he grabbed the hand of a 5-year-old girl walking to school with her brother.

Robert Haworth of Plantation Lakes Circle in Sanford was arrested by the Sanford Police Department Thursday night.

An arrest report said the art broker was in the car wash area of Plantation Lakes apartments at 8 a.m. Thursday when he grabbed the girl's hand as she walked with her brother, 11.

The brother, in a sworn statement, stated he hit Haworth with a stick in order to get him to release his grasp on the girl.

The students reported what happened to school officials and Resource Officer Claudia Weber. Positive identifications were made by the children through photographic lineups, police said.

Haworth, who is 6-feet, 7-inches tall and 235 pounds, said he had seen the youngsters that morning, but he denied all criminal allegations.



Letter defends swim coach

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SEMINOLE SMILE



Harvey Massey — Owner of Massey Services Inc., pest control

Parade of Heroes



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Veteran's Day Parade Grand Marshal and U.S. Navy Seabee Ron Philpot rolls down the parade route Friday with a couple of patriotic helpers.

Speaker: Freedoms are gifts from those who wore uniform

By Steve Paradis
Herald Staff

SANFORD — The grand marshal of the Veteran's Day Parade here as well as the guest speaker were both wounded in May 2004 in Ramadi, Iraq.

U.S. Navy Seabees Ron Philpot, the grand marshal, and speaker David Vernaza served in Iraq last year and have received Purple Hearts.

Recognized for his role as parade marshal, Philpot said all he could think about were their seven comrades who couldn't be here because they died in Ramadi last year.

Vernaza has served in the military for 17 years. He is a construction mechanic second class and wounded May 2, 2004.

He told the 400 or so gathered around the flag pole on the RiverWalk that he recalled his great-great grandfather's coffin draped with an American flag when he was a child. He wondered about that and was told about the old man's service in World War I.

"What I see today concerns me," Vernaza said. Young people don't seem to know this history of people dying for their freedom. He blamed parents who haven't shared the tradition with upcoming generations.

"We must never forget that today's freedom came with a cost," Vernaza said. He was wounded defending the same principles as his great-great grandfather nearly 90 years before him.



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent
Sanford Mayor Linda Kuhn proclaims Friday Veteran's Day in the city. (See more photos, Page 6B.)

He urged people to teach young people about veterans and their contributions.

Sanford Mayor Linda Kuhn read a
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Mercer set example for involvement

By Nick Pfeiffauf
and Steve Paradis
Herald Staff

SANFORD — John Y. Mercer established a legacy of community involvement in Sanford that challenges those he left behind when he died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2005, at age 83.

Mercer, of Oaks Court in Sanford, died at Renaissance of Sanford, following a lengthy illness.

"If we remember John as he was we will gain from his involvement," said Tom Ball, a friend of Mercer's for at least 40 years. "He set the bar for those of us who knew him to follow in his legacy and to do great things for the community."

When Mercer first moved to Sanford he lived in the same home Ball grew up in as a boy. The two men once served together on the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Ball said Mercer was



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent
John Y. Mercer

instrumental in making sure the First Street improvements took place.

"He was certainly part of the revitalization of downtown," Ball said. "I think Sanford is evolving to be the city that John loved." He added that Mercer always admired the city's history, but above all else Mercer lived for

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Agents make arrests in murder-for-hire case

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — Deputies arrested a Seminole County jail inmate Thursday for attempting to have his girlfriend hire someone to murder a witness set to testify against him.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms arrested James Jamar Wilson, 21, and Vanessa Davis, 18, for solicitation to commit murder.

The arrests are the result of a criminal investigation by the three agencies. Investigators said Wilson attempted to have a victim of a previous crime murdered to prevent the victim from testifying in court.

Wilson was arrested in June for attempted murder, attempted carjacking, and aggravated battery and is scheduled to appear in Orange County Circuit Court

in January. He was incarcerated in the Seminole County jail on unrelated charges.

Wilson orchestrated the

solicitation to commit murder from the jail using Davis as his contact to the outside world, a Sheriff's Office spokesman said. He wanted to have the victim of his crimes murdered to prevent the victim from testifying or identifying him during the criminal proceedings.

Wilson worked in concert with Davis, his girlfriend, to solicit someone to murder the victim. The two arranged the delivery of a firearm to be

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Wilson

Pizza employees robbed, forced into store's cooler

From Staff Reports

CASSELBERRY — Two men locked Pizza Hut employees in the restaurant's refrigerator late Thursday while robbing the store on North Winter Park Drive, according to Casselberry police.

Casselberry police communications received a telephone report of a suspicious incident at a Pizza Hut at around 10:30 p.m. Nov. 10. The Pizza Hut is located at 130 N. Winter Park Drive in Casselberry.

A customer came to the store and found pizza boxes scattered on the floor. No employees were visible in the store.

The customer called the Casselberry Police, who found the store's employees locked in the cooler and learned that the business had been robbed at gunpoint.

One female employee had been struck on the forehead with a gun during the robbery, according to a

Casselberry Police report.

The initial investigation revealed that a black man wearing a dark black hoodie mask grabbed a female employee standing outside the business and dragged her inside at gunpoint.

He took the woman to the rear of the store where he ordered the store manager to open the cash register at gunpoint. A second black man, also wearing a black hoodie mask, entered the store and held the employees at bay.

The second subject ordered the employees to empty their pockets. The armed men ordered the manager to open the safe under a threat of death but the manager could not comply because of a time lock mechanism.

The subjects forced the employees into a cooler, police said. The employees barricaded themselves in the cool-

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Results are In



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Sara Roberts, front and center, of Lake Mary flips a pancake in the ever popular Pancake Flip Race, just one of dozens of events that are part of the annual Golden Age Games in Sanford. See results and more photos on Page 9A.

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SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

Update: A few weeks ago I wrote in this column about the lack of code enforcement in the 100 block of South Palmetto Avenue. Code enforcement officers began proceedings against the property owners of 3D's Bakery at 110 S. Palmetto and a vacant building across the street at 115 S. Palmetto. Both buildings have roofs that have collapsed.

Letters were sent in August, prior to the column in which I chastised the code enforcement department for not being on the ball. On this one they were. I wasn't. Officer Monica Anderson has jokingly threatened to cite me for violating the city's codes against impersonating an editor. At least I hope she was joking.

The folks in code enforcement have pushed the issue on these two properties and the City Commission will vote Monday night on whether to condemn the buildings. Pick up a copy of *The Herald* on

Wednesday to see of the commissioners have enough backbone to actually do it.

Correction: I misspelled former mayor Sonny Rayborn's name last week (don't tell Monica!). It's Rayborn, not Rayburn. Sorry about that Sonny.

Twice Is Nice: Sanford's new city manager, Sherman Yehl, confirmed a story I had heard several weeks ago.

You'll remember that the City Commission's first choice for city manager was Richard White. A copy of the city's pay and benefits plan for the manager's position was given to each finalist. White evidently didn't think the plan was generous enough once he was actually selected for the job. He rewrote the city's employment contract and demanded a substantially higher compensation package. Commission rescinded its job offer to White and hired Yehl.

The story I heard was that the exact same scenario occurred in *The Woodlands, Texas*, which is where Yehl served as city manager before coming to Sanford. Yehl said the story is basically true. Where it differs is that Yehl had not applied for *The Woodlands* position when White was selected. After rescinding their offer to White, *The Woodlands* board re-advertised the position, at which time Yehl applied and was eventually hired.

Yehl's career seems to benefit from White's missteps. Perhaps the City Commission should keep an eye on which city White next applies for a job.

Irish wake: Visit the Emerald Hen Irish Pub and chances are you'll find at least one of the regulars on all fours snuffing the floor for stray peanuts. It's not what you think - the Hen is a dog-friendly bar. On any given night patrons share the bar with at least a couple of dogs. Some times there are as many as a half dozen. One guy drives from DeLand a couple nights each week to sip \$5 pints of beer as his pint-sized Italian Greyhounds flutter around the bar. Heather Moore, the Hen's proprietor, loves that kind of dedicated customer.

No matter how many dogs were in the Hen, Riley ruled the roost. He was benevolent about it, though. Riley, a Labrador/Golden Retriever mix, knew it was his bar but didn't feel the need, as Heather might say, "to act all Alpha Male about it." At regular intervals Riley made his way around the bar, sniffed the new dogs, bunned a few peanuts from anyone willing to crack the shells for him and then shuffled back to center stage, literally. He loved lying on his back at the foot of the Hen's postage stamp-sized stage. Riley's leash hung on a post about halfway back into the bar and a couple times a night he would approach one of the Hen regulars - usually the one closest to the leash - and bark until the barfly was persuaded to take him for a walk.

Riley was Heather's dog, but he really belonged to everyone who entered the bar. It was no surprise, therefore, when customers began to inquire about Riley's absence last spring. He was diagnosed with Hip Dysplasia, a terminal orthopedic disease some large-boned dogs are born with. It can lead to certain kinds of bone cancer and unfortunately in Riley's case it did. Last Thursday he broke his right, rear leg and had to be put down Tuesday.

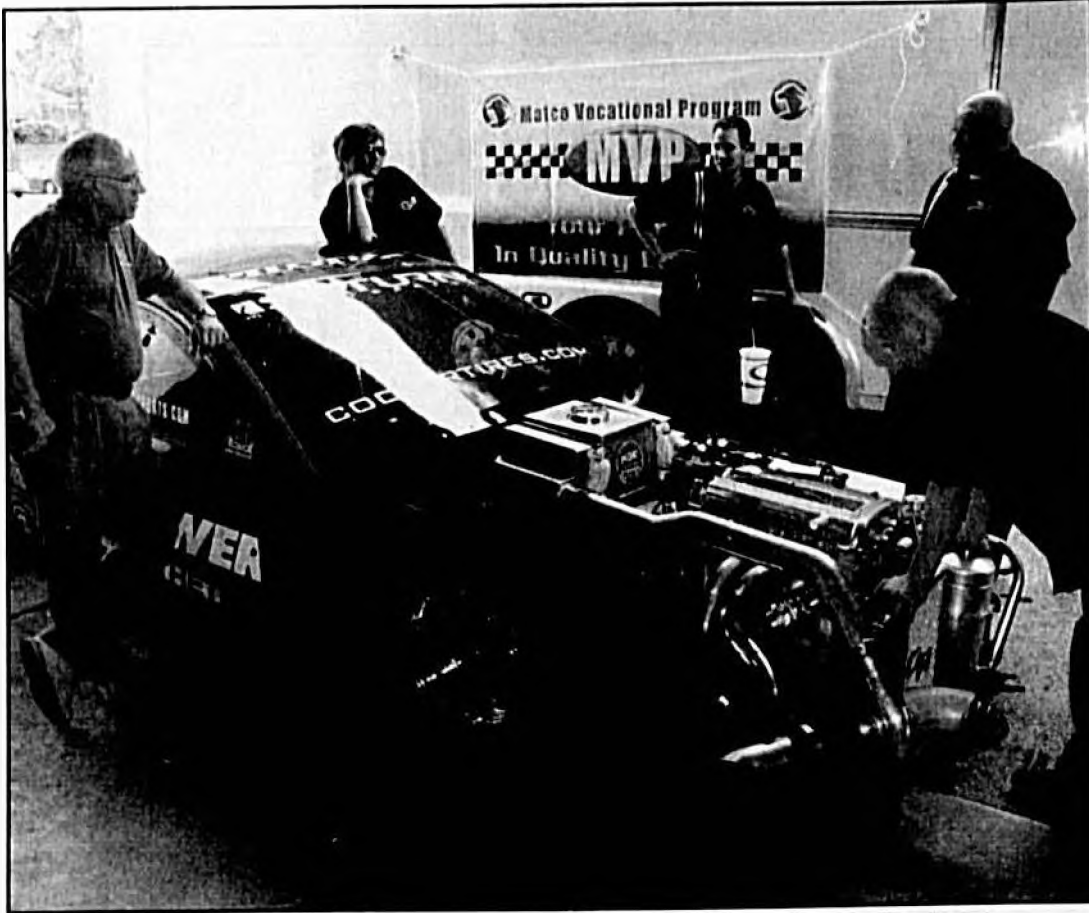
To mourn Riley's death, Heather is throwing an Irish wake Saturday, Nov. 19 beginning at 9 p.m. If you get a chance, stop by and tip a pint for Riley.

ATC Reader Forum: Long-time Sanford resident and Herald reader Mark Bolton is the lucky winner of a \$15 gift certificate to the Willow Tree Restaurant. Mark's name was drawn from all of the correct entries that identified J.C. Hutchinson was the Sanford resident who rose to the rank of brigadier general and accepted the Japanese surrender at Mindanao Island in the Philippines on Sept. 8, 1945. Congratulations Mark!

For this week's forum, I'd like to get our readers' feedback about the proposed condominium project on Lake Monroe. Developers initially proposed a 24-story building. They have since reduced that height by four floors. City ordinances restrict new buildings to 10 stories. What do you think? Should the city allow a 20-story building on the lake? If not, how tall should the building be and why?

There are no right or wrong answers on this one, so the winner of the \$15 certificate to Willow Tree will be selected by a random drawing from all entries submitted. Submit your entry by mail (P.O. Box 1667, Sanford, FL 32772), e-mail (dping@seminoleherald.com), subject line: "ATC Reader Forum" or stop by the offices at 300 N. French Ave. The deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17.

High Speed Teaching Tool



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Seminole Community College offers a wide variety of courses that include classroom studies and some hands on vocational courses. The Saturn race team visited SCC this summer to exhibit their world record holding drag race car sponsored by Matco tools. Crew members and SCC staff admire the engineering marvel along with driver Jason Hunt. Speeds approaching 200 mph are the norm for this high speed teaching tool.

Drug Related

• Burt Campbell, 19, of West Street, and Sylvester Simons, 19, of Crawford Avenue, were arrested by Sanford police Wednesday in Seminole Gardens, 1600 West 5th Street. The two were reportedly in a conflict with other men. Both men were charged with possession of cocaine within 1000 feet of a specified school area. Simons was also charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana.

• Willie Williams, Jr., 28, of West 4th Street, and Isiah Barnes, 29, of Hickory Avenue, were stopped by Sanford police on Oct. 29, at 7th Street and Cypress Avenue. Both men were charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana. Barnes was also charged with driving with a suspended license.

Assault - Battery

• Tanya Marie Pennington, 22, of Mellenville Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police on Nov. 2. On Oct. 29, a woman reported to police she had been attacked by three white females. On Nov. 1, Pennington was



picked out of a photo lineup and called to the Sanford police station, where she was interviewed and subsequently charged with aggravated battery. The other women said to be involved were not immediately identified. Pennington was also found to be wanted for violation of probation.

• Glenda Gilchrist, 21, of Lake Jennie Drive, was arrested by Sanford police early Thursday at her residence as the result of a family dispute. She was charged with battery - touch or strike (domestic violence).

• Daphne E. Williams, 37, of Castlebrewer Court, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday at her residence. She reportedly had attacked a woman with a knife. She was charged with aggravated battery with a dead-

ly weapon.

Thefts

• Deborah Ann Hache, 42, of Garrison Drive, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at a store in the 2500 block of French Avenue. She reportedly took \$31.01 in gin from the store without paying. She was charged with petty larceny.

Traffic Stops

Morgan Antone Crichfield, 26, of Airport Blvd. was stopped by Sanford police Tuesday near her residence.

She originally gave officers a false name. She was charged with giving a false ID to a law enforcement officer and driving with a suspended license.

Jeffrey Lynn Steele, 43, of Lake Ross Lane, was stopped by Sanford police early Friday at SR-46 and Myrtle Avenue. He was charged with driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol or drugs.

Donnie Shawndele Bell, 30, of Windchase Circle, was stopped by Sanford police early Friday at 3rd Street and Avacado Avenue. He was charged with DUI alcohol or drugs.

Wekiva Parkway hearing on Monday

SANFORD — The Wekiva Parkway, one of the key elements in the Western Connector Program, is moving forward through a Project Development and Environment Study.

The study, which the Expressway Authority and the Florida Department of Transportation — District 5 officially kicked off in January 2005, has yielded numerous alignment alternatives for the proposed 25-mile roadway.

The purpose of the study is to

determine the best alignment for the Wekiva Parkway, interchange locations, and roadway characteristics that minimize community and environmental impacts, while still meeting critical transportation needs.

Local governments and state agencies reviewed preliminary routes.

Based on government input and data analysis, the initial alignment alternatives are to be refined and ready for review and comment at Public Involvement Workshops in

November.

Public meetings have been held in Orange and Lake counties. The next meeting is in Seminole County, Monday, Nov. 14, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the Sanford Civic Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd., in Sanford.

For more information, check out www.wekivacommittee.org.

In addition to the Wekiva Parkway, the Western Connector Program includes the Maitland Boulevard Extension (Apopka Bypass) and the State Road 46 Bypass.

Public elementary school lunch menu

Nov. 14
Gianni's Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza
California Vegetable
Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie
Assortment of Fruit/
Fresh Baby Carrots
Choice of Milk

Nov. 15
All White Meat
Chicken Nuggets
w/ Dipping Sauce
Mashed Potatoes w/
Gravy
Dinner Roll
Fruit/ Baby Carrots
Choice of Milk

Nov. 16
Hot Dog
w/ Chili and Cheese
Jungle Animal
Crackers
Assortment of Fruit/
Fresh Baby Carrots
Choice of Milk

Nov. 17
Roasted Turkey
Mashed Potatoes w/
Gravy
or Sweet Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Dinner Roll
Assortment of Fruit
Choice of Milk

Nov. 18
Spaghetti w/ Prego
Sauce
(Marinara or Meat)
Garden Salad
Texas Garlic Toast
Assortment of Fruit/
Fresh Baby Carrots
Choice of Milk

OUT & ABOUT SAT 12

Flight Fest 2005 will be held at the Orlando Sanford International Airport from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ceremonies at 1 p.m., include the winners in the contest to name the airport alligator and a salute to veterans. On hand will be local veterans groups, Sanford police, Seminole County Sheriff's Office, Central Florida Zoo, Allegiant Airlines, Flight Schools, and much more.

Celery City Cruisers of Sanford present their 22nd annual car show at the Seminole County Historical Museum, 300 Bush Blvd., at Hwy. 17-92. Registration from 8 to 11 a.m. for 16 classes. Trophies awarded. Call 407-322-8844.

Crooms Classic 50th Reunion meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Elks on Seventh Street and Cypress Avenue, Richard Evans chairman.

It's a Great Day in the Country, the 32nd annual Arts and Crafts Festival at Lawton Elementary School in downtown Oviedo, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 300 exhibits with entertainment and food. Free parking.

Changes in Florida's Medicaid and Medipass programs for medically needy children will be Florida Rep. David Simmon's topic at the Seminole County League of Women Voters' Pancakes and Politics breakfast at Denny's restaurant, Oxford Road at SR-436 in Altamonte Springs. The event is from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 407-339-9266 for information or reservations.

TUE 15

Seminole Community College will present its Community chorus in concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Sanford/Lake Mary campus Fine Arts Concert Hall (Bldg. G). The chorus will perform Haydn's *Missa Sancti Nicolai* and other choral greats accompanied by organ, chamber orchestra and guest soloist. No admission charge.

The Seminole County Historical Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the County Ag Center Auditorium, 250 W. County Home Road. Speaker will be Robin Chapman.

THU 17

The Sanford Historical Society will meet at 4:45 p.m. at the Sanford Museum, 520 E. First Street in Sanford. Guest speaker will be Charlie Carlson, author of "Weird Florida".

SAT 19

The Deltona Woodcarvers Club will hold its annual Show and Competition from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at United Church of Christ, 1649 Providence Blvd., in Deltona. Admission charged.

Longwood Arts and Crafts Festival will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Call 407-3331-7354.

SUN 20

Pete Christlieb will appear at Lake Brantley Auditorium, 991 Sand Lake Road, Altamonte Springs at 7 p.m. \$5 at the door.

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Mercer

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his family. "When I think of John Mercer, I'll always remember a great family man," Ball said. "John loved Sanford and the people of Sanford, and he treated them like his family. I have a lot of love and respect and admiration for John."

Mercer was born in Litchfield, Ky., on Jan. 9, 1922, and graduated from Centre College in Danville, Ky. With a degree in education, he taught in Princeton, Ky., before entering into the banking field. He later obtained a degree in banking from Louisiana State University.

Mercer moved to Sanford in 1964 where he joined Bank of Seminole (later Flagship, then Sun Bank). He was president of that bank from 1964 to 1978. During that career, he served as president of the Flagship Bank in Sanford, president of the U.S. Bank of Seminole, chairman of Group V Florida Bankers Association, and later served on the board of directors of the Florida Bankers Association.

He served in both the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force during World War II, and received several medals including the Purple Heart. His most noted accomplishments include serving as supervising principal of Polk County Schools, and a 43-year banking career.

He was a member of the Sanford City Commission from 1984 until 1988.

Mercer was extremely prominent in Rotary, with 50 years of perfect attendance, and was elected governor of Rotary International following his retirement from banking.

In that capacity, he was responsible for leading 60 Rotary Clubs and 3,400 members in seven Florida counties. He was president of the Rotary Club in Bartow in 1950, and president of the Sanford Rotary Club in 1973.

He has also been president of the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce.

He was an avid supporter of Seminole High School, especially its football team

and is credited with promoting a number of banking activities which helped the team and the building of the football stadium at the school.

He was once named "Chief of the Tribe of Seminole High School" and had a football game dedicated in his honor.

During his many years of service to the community, Mercer served as secretary/treasurer of the Sanford Plaza Merchant's Association, member of Seminole County Prime Sponsor Advisory Committee, Seminole County U.S. Savings Bond chairman, treasurer of the BiCentennial Committee for Seminole County, adjunct professor at Seminole Community College, member of the Sanford Industrial Commission, Sanford Airport Authority member, Seminole High School Boosters Club president, Seminole County Cancer Crusade chairman, Board of Directors for United Fund, Honorary State Farmer degree, FFA, J.C. Boss of the Year, FFA Honorary Chapter Farmer, and many other organizations and positions of leadership.



Mercer

Mercer's late wife, Juanita, was also very involved in social, cultural and government activities in the Sanford area.

Long-time friend Clyde Long commented that Mercer never met a stranger.

"I told him that recently and he said he had never heard that before, but was delighted that I had that impression on him," Long said. He worked with Mercer at the State Bank of Forest City (now Fairwinds Credit Union), and helped him open American Pioneer Bank.

"John was proud of the fact that he helped open four banks during his lifetime," Long added. "My wife's parents were from Bartow where John lived years ago, and I recall he used to sing in the Baptist Church choir at that time."

Survivors include his son, Michael Mercer of Houston, Texas; daughters, Sara Mercer Tinnon of Atlanta and Margie Patchett of Royal Oak, Mich.; seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Nov. 12, at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Sanford, with Pastor Joe C. Douthitt officiating. Interment will follow at Oaklawn Memorial park, Lake Mary, with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, the fam-

ily requests donations be made in his name to the Foundation for Seminole County School, with reference to the John Mercer Scholarship, 400 E. Lake Mary Blvd., Sanford, 32773.

Jeffrey Triplett worked with Mercer at Huntington National and then Century National banks. He described Mercer's routine during the seven years the two worked together.

"Every Monday he'd come into the office, put his briefcase on the desk and start setting up sales calls for later that day," Triplett recalled. "We'd go to Rotary and immediately leave after lunch to call on 10 to 12 companies that afternoon."

"Everyone knew that if it was a Monday afternoon, John Mercer might be stopping in to talk about banking. Of course, he'd always squeeze into the sales call a, 'How's your great grandson like living in Toledo', or 'I remember when that guy's dad was a student of mine', or 'I made that guy's granddaddy his first business loan'. He knew everyone, their names and their family history and took pride in that fact. And that's what made John Mercer a great banker and a great person."

Collison Family Funeral Homes & Crematory, Gramkow Chapel, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

Hire

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used in the murder and actually spoke in code about the murder scheme, which needed to be concluded quickly to prevent the testimony, investigators said.

Davis was arrested by agents Thursday afternoon at her Orlando residence

and is currently being held in the Orange County jail with "No Bond".

Wilson remains in the Seminole County Jail where he was charged Thursday afternoon for solicitation to commit murder.

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OPINION

Veteran's Day Original 1918 event was called WWI Armistice Day

With all of the excitement about the start of the Golden Age Games in Sanford, I didn't get around to writing about Veteran's Day when I should have. Veteran's Day was this past Friday, Nov. 11. Hopefully, you attended the parade and ceremony at Sanford's Memorial Park on the RiverWalk lakefront.



Nick Pfeifauf

The event was originally named World War I Armistice Day. It was Nov. 11, 1918, that the armistice between Allied and Central Powers ended that war. Hostilities ceased at 11 a.m. Thus we have 11th day of the 11th month, at 11 o'clock. Hardly fewer and fewer veterans of that war remain with us, and over the years, the event has lost its original importance.

It is recognized in many nations as Armistice Day, Remembrance Day, Veterans Day, Victory Day or World War I Memorial Day. Tradition says there is to be a moment of silence at 11 a.m. on that day in memory of those who served in that war and especially those who gave their lives in battle.

Just to tell of the history of the day's name, it started as Veterans Day in 1919 and was such until 1970. With the "Monday Holiday Law", the event was changed to be held on the fourth Monday of October. Yet, state after state objected and (although sources disagree when it happened) somewhere in the late 1970's, Congress returned the date to Nov. 11, and officially called it Veterans Day.

People who are asked to address audiences for this event, used to list veterans of all our wars, to be honored. They would call out the names of the wars, even before World War I, and included the Revolutionary War, Civil War, and later, World War II, and the Korean, Viet Nam and Gulf Wars. Now, in order to be "politically correct", they usually say, "Veterans of all wars". One of the reasons for this is that folks over the years often objected to saying "Civil War" and preferred to call it the "War Between the States", or the "War of Northern (Yankee) Aggression". There were others who refused to accept the Viet Nam War, and often didn't include those veterans. Thankfully, that has now changed for the most part.

Now, to the point. We have a new slew of veterans, some who served, those still overseas, and over 2,000 service personnel who aren't coming back. They were involved in the Iraqi War.

I remember after World War II, many businesses paid honor to returning service personnel. They were admitted to movie theaters free of charge, attractions welcomed them with no charge or a large discount. Some restaurants even gave special rates for meals, and free drinks were often offered at some bars. Hardly any of that goes on these days for returning Iraqi War veterans.

Still going back in personal history, when I was in the high school band, we were called to march and play in many events. They included July 4th, a Christmas Parade, and every year, on Armistice Day. Usually we were only one of several bands in the parades, which had colorful floats, and on Armistice Day, representatives of all wars.

Now, we occasionally have parades for Armistice Day across the nation, (thankfully we DO HAVE one in Sanford), but only thanks to our veteran's organizations, American Legion, VFW, AmVets, Fleet Reserve and others, do we have our veterans turn out. There are seldom any marching bands to stir the crowd. The "floats" these days often consist of convertibles containing politicians. The spectators along a parade route have become fewer and fewer as years go by.

I hope you attended this year's parade and ceremony in Sanford, or if you live elsewhere, were able to attend some event nearby. I hope you took the children and told them about the sacrifice our troops have given in time and often of their lives.

As past readers know, I don't like Halloween, and I object to a few other so-called holidays, but as for Armistice Day or Veteran's Day, call it what you may, I believe this is an observance we MUST continue over the ages.



Your Views

Praise for police work during Hurricane Wilma

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to praise the Sanford Police Department for their caring work in our community. My husband is blind and has a guide dog, occasionally he will get lost and someone will call the SPD for their help. They always respond graciously and deliver my husband home.

During Hurricane Wilma, someone from the police department called my home to make sure that my husband had someone to be with him and that he was safe.

This call was unbelievable because as far as I know he has not been put on any "list" per say. It had to be someone in the department who remembered that a blind person lived in the area and wanted to make sure he was OK.

This commitment to excellence shows your love for your neighbor. We sincerely thank the men and women of the Sanford Police Department. You are truly heroes in our book!

Mary McNeal
Sanford

Alive After Five makes for a very nice evening

To the Editor:

This is my first Live After Five since I've been on the Live After Five committee. What a wonderful time and what a nice evening it was at Thursday's Live After Five. The artists really outdid themselves and did a lot of hard work setting up this event. They have taken a great deal of time to make this a success. I've never seen as many customers in the stores downtown. I am convinced Sanford is alive!

A special thanks to the different merchants who gave Live After Five committee a discount on merchandise needed for the Live After Five event. Thank you.

Lon Howell
Sanford

Putting in good word for pool's swimming coach

To the Editor:

Dear Mayor Kuhn, This letter is in support of keeping the current pool manager and Head Swim Coach, Tony Ackerson.

First let me say, that I do not know Coach Ackerson personally, but I have had the chance of observing his character and coaching skills at various swim meets over the past several years. My oldest daughter has been competitively swimming since she was 7 (now 14) and that is how we have been able to come into contact with Coach Ackerson and have always observed him as handling things in a fair and professional manner. He always has encouraging words for the children and, from what I have heard, he is well respected in the swimming community. Swimming is very much a family sport and I have also observed Coach Ackerson as being a father who cares deeply for his children, which only passes on to his swimmers in a positive way.

On another note, I personally feel that it was an absolute ambush full of unsubstantiated truths that was done by the Channel 9 news team recently.

They simply did not obtain all the facts and made this report solely based on one swimmer and her dad. They simply did not have all the facts and it was very one-sided. My daughter used to swim with the swimmer, Lauren Lundberg, who was mentioned in the Channel 9 report. Lauren Lundberg left

the team at the same time that the age group coach left because he wanted to start his own team. They have been swimming at the pool in Clermont and have even established their own team under the National Training Center there. They also are currently using the pool in Oviedo. When they began using the pool in Clermont, there was already an established team swimming there. They did not feel that it was beneficial to have two teams practicing at the same facility and have since had that coach fired and that team dissolved.

Now they want the pool in Sanford under the pretense that two teams can practice at the same pool when they were not willing to accept this in Clermont? Sounds like a double standard to me. In all of Central Florida there is not one facility that has two local USA Swimming Clubs training there. This would not only be chaotic to say the least but would be unproductive to the Seminole County team that is currently at the Sanford pool. When the Lundberg's as well as the other families left the team to follow the coach they should have realized the dilemmas that they would face.

There are always costs involved in the choices that we make and theirs was simply a choice. I think that they are sending a very bad message to the children by the example that they (the parents) are setting.

Nobody is denying the children to swim... they have a pool to swim in. By allowing something like this to happen would only send out the message that it is OK to do whatever you want even if it is at the expense of someone else.

I can tell you from personal experience that the coach they want to bring to the Sanford pool does not care about the children like he portrays. He is simply out for himself. In my opinion, and I know that I do not stand alone, he is a very poor coach. On a numerous occasions, he would tell my daughter that she had lost it

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Gas gone wild

As promised, *The Herald* is publishing the gas prices for the North Seminole County area. The following prices were gathered at noon Friday, Nov. 11 for 87 octane gasoline.

The lowest price is down 9 cents from last week. The difference this week is 22 cents per gallon compared with 23 cents per gallon last week.

• BJ's Wholesale, 4278 State Road 46, members	\$2.279
• Sam's Wholesale, 1101 Rinehart Road, members	\$2.299
• Sammy's, 2425 French Avenue	\$2.339
• Racetrac, 2780 U.S. 17-92	\$2.339
• Wal-Mart, 1661 Rinehart Road	\$2.349
• Mobil, 101 South Oregon Avenue	\$2.349
• Chevron, 4700 State Road 46	\$2.349
• Smokers Express, South French Avenue	\$2.359
• BP, 2500 French Avenue	\$2.359
• Mobil, 3795 South Orlando Drive	\$2.359
• Chevron, 3001 South Orlando Drive	\$2.359
• Sunoco, 110 French Avenue	\$2.359
• 7-11, 2989 South Orlando Drive	\$2.359
• Racetrac, 4530 State Road 46	\$2.369
• 7-11, Upsilon Road and State Road 46	\$2.369
• GT's Gas and Go, 801 Celery Avenue	\$2.399
• 7-11, 100 French Avenue	\$2.419
• Exxon, 101 French Avenue	\$2.439
• Valero, 217 South Park Avenue	\$2.459
• Kwik Stop, 2201 West First Avenue	\$2.499

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International Baccalaureate Program November 17 - 7:00 PM Seminole High School Auditorium	Guest Academy Please call 407-320-4790 for more information.

Seminole County Public Schools

Nursing program plans open house

SANFORD — Seminole Community College's Nursing Assistant Program will host an open house Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Sanford/Lake Mary Campus in Building V, room V-005.

Program professors and staff will be available to answer questions and provide information about admission requirements, financial aid and career opportunities.

SCC's Nursing Programs combine quality instruction with clinical experience in both hospital and community settings. Students also receive lab instruction in the newly renovated Nursing Skills Laboratory, comprised of two large classrooms equipped with the latest in multimedia technology, and faculty offices.

The open house is free and open to the public.

For more information call 407-708-2277.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"DAY AFTER DAY"
By LEE GLUCKSTEIN and NANCY SALOMON

ACROSS

- 1 "Drai"
- 7 Last words
- 13 River under the Peace Bridge
- 20 Intense, as competition
- 21 Try
- 22 19th-century humorist Ward
- 23 Raising a standard?
- 25 Piles
- 26 Sample
- 27 Approximately
- 28 Fictional Frome
- 30 Draped garment
- 31 The John B. for one
- 34 Bulging "rah"
- 36 Titanic, e.g.
- 38 Go for
- 39 Heart, typically?
- 43 Anger management number
- 44 Bunny makeup?
- 45 Kind of roast
- 46 Vaccination
- 47 "Chances Are" singer
- 49 Online greeting
- 52 Stuff to the girls
- 54 Part of a vise
- 55 Place for Bush's bushes?
- 61 Rumpie
- 63 "Spring ahead" abbr.
- 64 Dynamic opening?
- 65 Broniti heroine
- 68 Piece of work
- 69 Like an atrium
- 71 Cars on tracks
- 73 Go back
- 74 Gp. that produces "Mature Focus Radio"
- 76 Click-on item
- 77 Gaping hole
- 78 In a glass by itself
- 80 Woodchuck bout?
- 84 Ekkees
- 86 Sleep restlessly
- 89 Baja buddy
- 90 Pub-crawl
- 91 Drive away
- 93 Remove from text
- 95 Leader opposed by the Bolsheviks

DOWN

- 1 Not quite right
- 2 Nth degree
- 3 Wish-list opener
- 4 Historic Scottish county
- 5 Toshiba competitor
- 6 8-bit video game letters
- 7 Part of FEMA: Abr.
- 8 Attaches, as a corsage
- 9 Pump ped
- 10 French men's magazine
- 11 Plains native
- 12 Not so tough
- 13 1996 Winter Olympics site
- 14 One with pressing duties?
- 15 Off-road transp.
- 16 Bank heist units
- 17 Source of a lot of talk
- 18 Go wild
- 19 Give, as homework
- 24 Pope Shenouda III followers
- 29 Hayseed
- 32 Father of Antigone
- 33 Tactless task
- 35 Quick wit
- 37 Dreadlocks wearer
- 39 Osobuco meat
- 40 Pompey's way
- 41 Connecticut senator
- 42 Christopher
- 43 "What'd I tell you!"
- 44 HBO rival
- 48 "Very interesting..."
- 50 Giving up
- 51 Mgr.'s helper
- 52 Caf's cradle essential
- 53 Unanimously
- 55 Intimidates mentally, with "ou"
- 56 Insect with pincera
- 57 PBS benefactor
- 58 "Later!"
- 59 Globe
- 60 Yank's foe
- 62 Loses traction
- 66 Bender
- 67 Wake maker
- 68 Good buddy
- 70 Place to go in England?
- 71 Prepare to take off
- 72 John O'Hara's "Appointment in..."
- 75 Spool
- 77 Instant
- 79 Paving gunk
- 81 Cozy corners
- 82 Island on the Java Sea
- 83 Part of a melody
- 85 Cooks up grand plans
- 86 Years on end
- 87 Masseur's milk
- 90 Performer of many Dylan songs
- 91 Give an earful to
- 92 Highkutin
- 93 Flinstone pet
- 94 50-50 gamble
- 96 Pub perch
- 98 Oven
- 99 Braces
- 100 Braced (for)
- 101 On the house
- 102 One on a carousel
- 103 Military feet
- 109 "Is there any group I haven't offended?"
- 111 Garage activity
- 113 Answered a charge
- 115 Vanished
- 117 "There's ___ in team"
- 119 Michael, to milk
- 120 Capitals of Maryland and Michigan?
- 121 Film studio
- 122 Checkers color

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See crossword puzzle solutions on Page 8A

Obituaries

STEVEN G. DOMINIK
Steven G. Dominik, 34, of Lake Mary, died Monday, Nov. 7, 2005 at his residence. He was born Nov. 28, 1970 in Canton, Ohio. He was a chemical engineer for General Electric plastics division in New Smyrna Beach. He belonged to Nativity Catholic Church. Survivors include parents, Werner and Betty Dominik; wife, Allison Dominik; brother, David Dominik; sister, Kathleen Morohn. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Nov. 1, at 11 a.m. at Nativity Catholic Church. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

ROBERT A. HOUGHTON
Robert A. Houghton, 67, of Altamonte Springs, died Monday, Nov. 7, 2005. Born Oct. 14, 1938 in Erving, Mass., he moved to Central Florida in 1968 from Norwood, Ma. He was a warehouse supervisor for Eckerd's Drugs. He was a member of 1st Church of Christ Scientist of Longwood. Survivors include wife, Carol Houghton of Altamonte Springs; daughters, Karen Beaumont of Sanford and Susan Thompson of Seattle, Wash.; son, David Houghton of Ocoee; sister, Doris Springer of Oroville, Cal.; three grandchildren. Tri-County Cremation Service, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.



McCray

He was born Feb. 11, 1950 in Tallahassee and moved to Sanford from Greenville 30 years ago. He was employed as a handyman. Survivors include daughter, laurel McMillan of Sanford; mother, Hattie Mae Barkley-McCray of Madison, Fl.; sisters, Sally Mae Thomas of Tampa, Mary McCray of Monticello, Annet Arnold of Madison and Rosa L. Arnold of Greenville; brothers, Lester Moore of Melbourne, Jimmy McCray of Tampa, Eddie Dean McCray of Greenville and Ikelm McCray of Madison; two granddaughters. Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

MICHAEL FIL
Michael Fil, 95, of Winter Park, died Friday, Nov. 4, 2005 at Tuskawilla Health & Rehab Center, Winter Springs. Born in Lvuv, Ukraine, he moved to Central Florida from New York in 1976. He was an assembler and a member of St's Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Survivors include daughter, Brigitte Winburn of Winter Park; one granddaughter. Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 10, at Collison Family Funeral Homes Howell Branch Chapel with Father Joe Roberts officiating. Collison Family Funeral Homes & Crematory, Winter

DARYL LEE JOHNSON
Daryl Lee Johnson, 57, of Winter Park, died Monday, Nov. 7, 2005 in Orlando. He was born July 4, 1948 in Algona, Iowa. He was a salesman. Survivors include wife, Virginia K. Johnson; brother, David Johnson. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

DORIS L. NICHOLAS
Doris L. Nicholas, 76, of Kissimmee, died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2005 in Orlando. She was born Dec. 31, 1928, in Augusta, Me. She was a retired machinist. Survivors include daughters, Gale L. Bracken, Dale Bane, Joanna Nicholas, Barbara Maxon, Gloria LaBreck and Linda Lynch; son, Peter Nicholas; brother, Pearly Hathaway. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

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Helen Stairs plans holiday shows

SANFORD — Everyone is getting ready for this Holiday Season and to ensure that yours is a bright one, why not get a gift from the Helen Stairs Theatre for the Performing Arts in downtown Sanford. Gift Certificates can be made for any amount that you would like. Holiday shows coming up include:

- Elsbear Hobbs Drifters, "Christmas Concert", Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and \$25.
- Elizabeth Parsons School of Dance presents "The Nutcracker", Dec. 10 and 11. Tickets are \$30 and \$25.
- Helen Stairs Theatre Repertory Company, "Grandpa Hangs the Holly", Dec. 16 through 18. Tickets are

- \$15 and \$12.
- Toxic Audio, Dec. 28 and 29 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and \$30.

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LIFESTYLE

The Way We Were:

News from early history

The Florida Times Union newspaper in Jacksonville began in 1865 and was recognized as the official state newspaper circa 1865-1910.



Grace Marie Stineccher

There were some newspapers published on Sanford during the 1870s and 1880s but very few copies of these have survived. The Sanford Herald did not begin until 1908.

The Times Union printed news from most Florida towns during these early years and even through the 1940s as I recall my parents

subscribing to it instead of the Orlando Sentinel. The news about Seminole County towns that is printed in the Times Union has been transcribed by Karen Jacobs, coordinator of the Museum of Seminole County History, and her staff has placed the items into several books which are now available for purchase at the museum.

The proceeds from this project, spearheaded by the Seminole County Historical Society, will go directly to a building fund for construction of a building on the grounds of the museum complex.

The Times Union has given the Museum and Society permission to print this material one time only. In addition to Sanford, there are books on Altamonte Springs, Chuluota, Clay Springs, crows Bluff, Gabriella, Geneva, Enterprise, Lake Mary, Longwood, Osteen, Oviedo, Sorrento, Sylvan Lake and Wekiva. Fort Reid is included in three Sanford books.

For further information on these books and their cost, contact the Museum of Seminole County History at 40-665-2489.

I have found there is a wealth of information in the Sanford books in just the short time I've been able to peruse them at the Sanford Museum. For today, I have picked out several items from 1873-1877 and edited them. And I know that I will come back to these books often.

January 16, 1873

Miss Weister of Steubenville, Ohio came to Florida in August, 1871 and looked carefully at everything on the St. Johns and within her keen judgment, saw that people were growing orange trees too far out of their latitude.

She found that the freezes of 1868 and 1870 killed all the orange trees in the northern part of the state, among other evidence, and surmised that the true orange belt doesn't exist any further north than Lake Monroe and the upper Ocklawaha lakes and that the interior is better than the coast.

She gave several reasons why the coast was unsuitable including that oranges grown near salt water lacked that thickness of rind necessary in the transporting them long distances, terrific winds of the Atlantic damage the trees and insects were very annoying.

April 23, 1873

Mellonville and Sanford are separated by a narrow strip of woods. Soon they will probably come together. Both are improving - a new Episcopal Church graces the town of Sanford and the community of Mellonville is building a Methodist Church.

February 20, 1887

Shipped from Sanford last December were 6,500 oranges. Sheep are being imported into Orange County which is destined to be a great sheep-raising county. Only the guavas were seriously damaged in General Sanford's extensive gardens during the past cold weather.

March 25, 1887

Among a long list of arrivals at the Sanford House was the name Seth French of Orange City. He was listed twice.

April 1, 1877

F.A. Carrington, the old man who laid around Sanford and Mellonville wharves all last summer, was found dead in a shanty a mile south of Fort Reid on Tuesday morning.

The last grand hop at the Sanford House for the season will be Tuesday, April 3 and will be first class. Miller's superb band, now playing at Harkin House in Palatka, will furnish the music. No pains will be spared to make it the party of the season.

Jeff L. Shaw of Orlando absconded Monday night with \$120 from the post office according to postmaster E.W. Speir. Mr. Speir went to Enterprise Wednesday to get U.S. Commissioner Buckner to put detectives on his track.

April 15, 1877

The Jeff Shaw who was arrested because of stealing a registered pack from the post office was taken to Enterprise for identification. He proved to be the wrong man as it was a white man they wanted.

George Johnson, a colored preacher who was with two others engaged in clearing a piece of land for Charlie Beck near Sylvan Lake, was shot with two loads of buckshot while sleeping in his tent Wednesday morning.

June 30, 1877

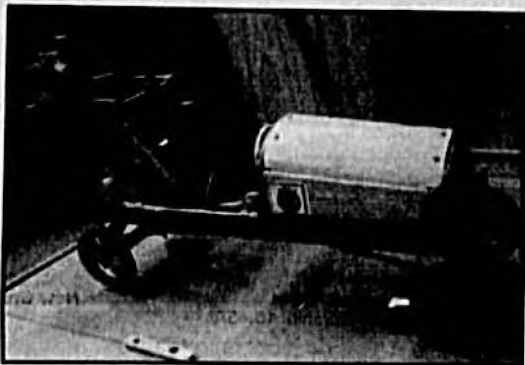
Fort Reid has organized a "Thespian Corps" which entertains the settlement with dramatic performances. The people of Fort Reid are building a new town hall and school house. W.R. Roberts of Mellonville has secured the contract.

The Fourth of July is to be celebrated at Sanford by a grand basket picnic, orations, fireworks and other amusements.

Wind Wagon



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent



Denzil Krick, 97, from Leesburg shows his work-reproduced of a Wind Wagon at the Golden Age Games in Sanford last week. Krick once piloted a lifesize wagon, which he built in 1928. He built the original out of Model T Ford parts. The engine came from an airplane and cost him \$35. He bought the engine from a man who had purchased 500 airplane engines after World War I. The original propeller on the real wagon was made of walnut tipped with metal. The smaller version was part of the competition at the annual games for seniors.

Stetson's Corner
Selling Geneva's soul

The Rural Lands Study looks good on slick paper, even better via the power point presentation. The third community meeting took place November 1, 2005 to nail down "what the community wants to see the rural character" of Geneva, Black Hammock, and

Chuluota look like. The nails, however, are being pounded into East Seminole County's coffin

accompanied by a funeral dirge of bulldozer engines revving and ready. It's not the consultants' fault, really-they're doing what they've been hired to do, gather data, present options, and "listen" to community feedback.

I attended this last meeting, took a lot of notes, and squinted at the various maps. It started with information about defining "transition zones", and was supposed to lead into group exercises defining what would we want- like curbing choices, median treatments, structured tree stands, and units per acre. The 70 or so attendees were respectful and listened and squinted like me. The small group exercises thankfully never happened because the consultant realized that "there was pent up feedback" needing to be aired.

This feedback revolved around whether the study and community meetings were really a waste of time, as land is already on the chopping block to be developed. How do you stop developers from building right up to the rural boundary edge? What laws will apply when push comes to shove? Aren't these meetings a kind of pat on the head, so the county can say 'Well we asked

for your feedback, you had your chance.'

My gut feeling is that residents of the "rural" areas of Seminole county aren't so concerned with curb width and median treatments, as much as the repeat performance of what happened in Chuluota and what appears to be happening at 415 and 46-the massive bulldozing of trees and land for new subdivisions. Our idea of "rural" is not a line of perfectly planted palms or magnolias, and a lushly landscaped gated community entrance.

I repeat my bewilderment that Seminole County's logo is "Florida's Natural Choice", yet it seems hell bent on destroying what little natural land is left. It feels like: Here is x amount of "at risk" land that will be developed one way or another, how do we want to "package" it so it doesn't look like a parking lot. And be happy, by the way, that 14,000 acres are considered natural lands-surely that's enough for all you pick-up driving, tree huggers out there.

The issue is complicated by the real estate boom, where existing homeowners are plunging For Sale signs in their front yards. Every week we receive phone calls and mail from investors offering to buy our property right now for cold cash. So the question is how much is Geneva's soul worth? If not for it's historical nature, wetlands adjacencies and the political will of old money landholders, we probably wouldn't have held off the bulldozers this long.

Last month County Commissioner Brenda Carey spoke to the Geneva Citizens Association about some of these issues. Her perception was that there were two distinct viewpoints on what should happen in Geneva. One view that wanted things to stick and stay as they are with absolutely no changes, and

another that welcomed "country estate" living with a few more amenities, like street lighting, sidewalks etc. If it was as simple as that, we wouldn't have so much to worry about.

The problem I see is that "past behavior is the best predictor of future events." Look toward Sanford where development around 415 and Celery Ave is circling tightly around historic Midway; then look to Chuluota, and it speaks for itself. The county's commission's historical performance shows that it is clearly more interested in tax money above all.

People move to Geneva for all sorts of reasons, but do we want it to be the "Gotha" of east Seminole County? Oh yes, historic, but surrounded by gated subdivisions? Cutting down the trees, paving and filling in our land will continue to cause flooding along the St. Johns. Is it a coincidence that four of the five flooding records have occurred in the last ten years? Where will the water and the wildlife go?

Why doesn't the county hold the developers to some sort of standard? Fine, you can build x number of units per acre but according to these guidelines.

If you've ever driven down Florida Avenue, you've no doubt seen the Scenic Drive signs. It is one of the prettiest drives around in my opinion. We should care about preserving it, not urbanizing it with some greenery around its perimeter. With Halloween in our recent past, Rural Lands feels like a wolf in sheep's clothing.

We need you to tell us what you know that is good about Geneva! Please share your information, ideas and comments by calling 407-221-7002, via e-mail at karenmphilips@bellsouth.net, (please put "Stetson's Corner" in the subject line), or with a fax to 407-349-2800. Thanks!

Renewing Minds holds yearly dinner

Women of Renewing Minds of Faith Bible Ministries, Inc., held its second annual banquet dinner and graduation Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Boys & Girls Club of West Sanford.

One hundred guests, citizens, and residents of the ministry gathered for the celebration.

Mistress of ceremonies for the occasion was Sylvia Bodison. Bishop Elijah June, of Faith Bible Ministries gave the opening prayer. Marcie Foster extended a hearty welcome to the guests and gave the purpose of the gathering.



Marva Hawkins

Tonie Walker, a former resident of the program gave a testimonial and her need to have the strength and support from the program to survive. Gloria Allen blesses our hearts with the selection, "When I Think about the Lord".

Trina Curry introduced the speaker of the hour, Charlene Sears-Tolbert, CEO and President of WRH Consultants, Inc. For 20 years, she has continued to work passionately as a counselor and educator, specializing in addictions, women's issues, cultural matters and relationships.

Our speaker talked about the elephant mortality. She told of the fact that the elephant has a rope around one leg, and there is always something holding him back. Sears-Tolbert reminded the audience that there is always something holding us back. We must renew our minds and don't stay in the elephant's mind. Ministry residents must think about what is holding them back. God is on our side. He is a respecter of person.

A solo rendition was given by Bacia Lovely, who sang "My Hero". After a delicious dinner, we were entertained by the Girls Praise Dancers of Macedonia Youth Group.

Rev. Ronald Critton, pastor of St. John Baptist church made a financial appeal for the Women of Renewing Minds of Faith Bible Ministries, Inc. Pastor Critton asked all to invest in people, always invest he says, one must invest in the things that are of God.

The graduation of two of the young women was held with Marcie Foster and CEO Stephanie McClain Littles. They presented the ladies with certificates of completion of the requirements to become a citizen who can become a person, who can play a role in their community safely by helping them discover that a personably and socially free society requires taking some responsibility for the financial and supportive services needed for the development of community based needs, especially faith-based prevention, intervention and diversionary programs.

This Renewing Minds Transitional Housing/Supportive Services for homeless women is designed to reduce crime, illicit drug use and abuse, violence and related problems in Seminole county. There are two sites of the program located at Pecan Avenue and in Midway.

The gathering closed with closing prayers by CEO Littles, co-chairman Rev. W. Frank Williams and chairwoman Linda Medlock.

For information phone CEO Littles at 407-314-3442.

Amvets and Amvets Auxiliary, Gaines Post # 17 will serve their annual community Thanksgiving dinner Sunday, Nov. 20, at 3:30 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club West Sanford, at 919 Persimmon Avenue.

Seniors needing transportation to the center for dinner can call 407-3223-7722 or 407-322-7419 before noon that day.

James Melton, Amvet commander, Patricia Andrews, Auxiliary president.

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 813 Pine Avenue will hold a Harvest meditation Hour, Sunday, Nov. 13, at 4:30 p.m.

The community is invited to worship in this annual spiritually enlightening service of praise, song, fellowship and talent from the community. Come and give thanks for your blessings.

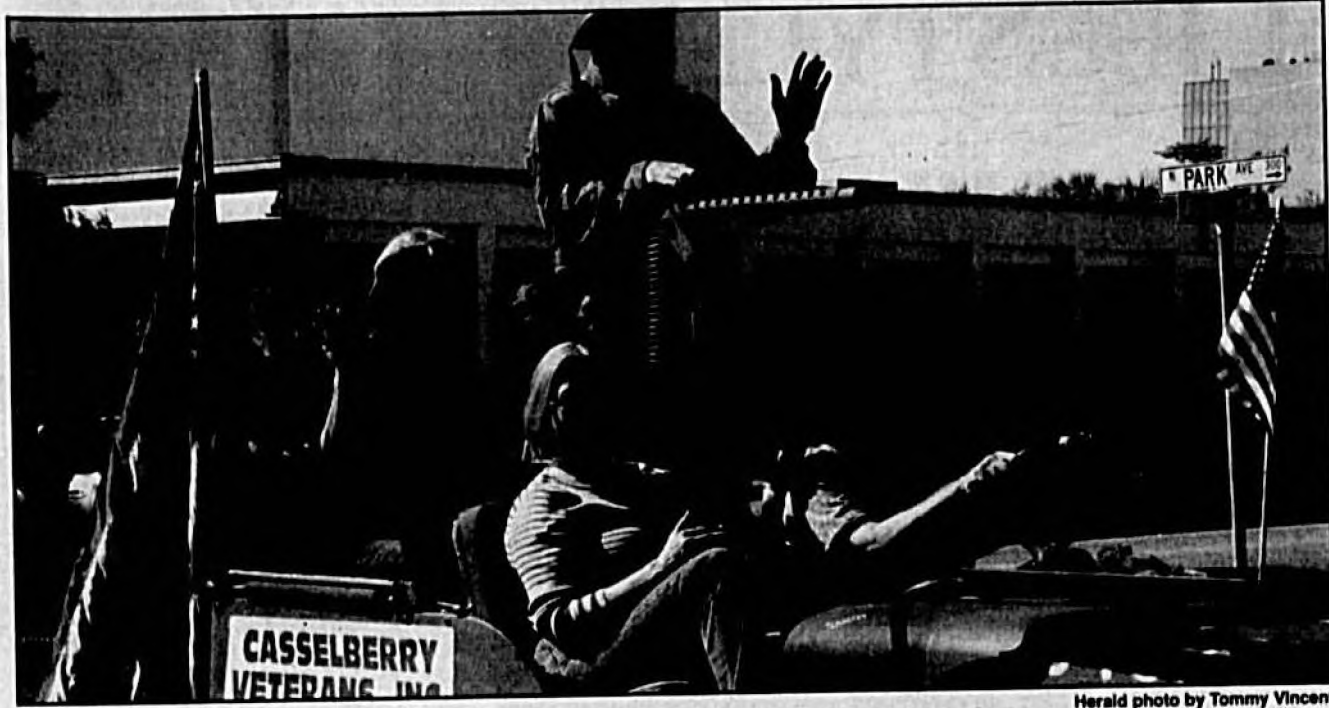
Trinity United Methodist Church, 6th Street at Sanford Avenue invites the community to the 12th anniversary of the church, Sunday, Nov. 13, at 3 p.m. Rev. Sammie Edward, Pastor of Bethlehem House of Prayer. Rev. Donna Latham, pastor.

Education Station, a free tutoring service, is offered under the No Child Left Behind initiative. Seminole County elementary school students academic support, Tajiri School of Performing Arts and Academics and Faith Bible Ministry Church are the community advocates.

Yafrica Tadessa, is the Community Development Manager for the Education Station.

Job opportunities are available to those interested in serving as a communi-

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A group of Casselberry Veterans waves to the crowd from their Army issue vintage jeep at the Sanford Veteran's Parade Friday.

Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Veterans

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proclamation in honor of Veteran's Day. As a former law enforcement officer, Kuhn noted her father's service.

"I am the daughter of a veteran of World War II, Korea and three tours of Vietnam," she said before reading the proclamation.

Jim Giberson served as master of ceremonies following the parade, which included nearly 40 entries. The Seminole High School Air Force JROTC posted the colors.

The two-bell ceremony was

performed by Dwight Vorhees and Bud Sampson of the Fleet Reserve Association.

Taps was played by Mike Taylor of the Sanford Police Department following rifle salutes by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office and the city police department.

Chaplain Diane Schmidt of American Legion Post 53 gave the benediction.

Flyovers were performed by the Sanford Aerobatics Team and the Sheriff's Office.

The event was organized by

the Submarine Veterans and the city of Sanford. Lunch followed at the Fleet Reserve on State Road 46.

Vernaza mentioned that he was a member of the funeral detail and honor guard locally. He often has to give flags to family members who loved one has died.

"It's not consoling to them, but it is a consolation to me," he said. He also told a story about running out of gas the day before after attending three such funerals.

He said because of his injury from the war on terror, he and the one man who stopped to help couldn't get the car into the gas station parking lot. The man said when he was a child, if anyone had seen a uniformed sailor pushing a car, 10 or 12 would have jumped out to help.

"Freedom as we know it is something taken for granted every day," Vernaza said. "Everything we have we owe to someone who wore a uniform."

Robbery

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er to prevent their assailants from getting to them again.

The employees were in the cooler for about 30 minutes. Arriving police units located the employees in the cooler and called for rescue units to treat minor injuries. Rescue 21 treated the employee who was struck in the head during the robbery. The victims did not require hospitalization.

It is unknown if the suspects had a vehicle or fled the scene on foot. Specific details of items stolen during the robbery are being withheld as a part of the investigation, police said. There was no in-

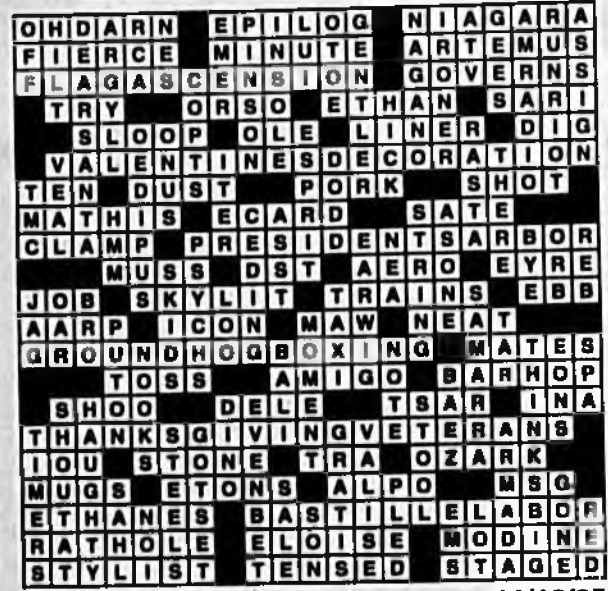
store video.

The robbers are described as black males in their early 20s wearing hoodie masks. One assailant is 5-feet, 10-inches tall. He has a goatee and wore dark jeans and a sweatshirt, white sneakers.

The second assailant is 6-feet, 1-inch and was clean shaven and wore dark jeans, a sweatshirt, and white sneakers.

Both subjects should be considered armed and dangerous, police said. Anyone with information about this robbery can call 407-262-7606.

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More results from Sanford's 23rd Annual Golden Age Games

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 Gold - Robert Borshay
 Silver - Barry Jackson
 Ages 60-64
 Gold - Steve Coester
 Silver - Charlie Evans
 Age 65-69
 Gold - John Hawthorne
 Silver - Jack Egan
 Bronze - Wayne Albert
 Age 70-74
 Gold - Al Oates
 Silver - Carl Crosslin
 Bronze - Dale Austin
 Age 75-79
 Gold - Thomas Juanico
 Age 85-89
 Gold - Don Bettinger

TENNIS - Men's Doubles

Age 55-59
 Gold (tie) - Jim Judd & Gary Haverdink
 Gold (tie) - Glenn Nolt & Frank Hill
 Silver - Charlie Evans & Barry Jackson
 Age 60-64
 Gold - Ralph Fausnaugh & Jim Merritt
 Silver - Tom Block & John Sullivan
 Bronze - Steve Coester & Peter Wincup
 Age 65-69
 Gold - Al Perry & Pete Fitzgerald
 Silver - Don Gasman & Chuck Bellavia
 Bronze - Roger Harding & Howard Ogburn
 Age 70-74
 Gold - Carl Crosslin & Jack Russell
 Silver - Al Oates & Don Parsons
 Age 75-79
 Gold - Ranbir Bhandari & Donald Bendoski
 Silver - Roy Sampley & Mike Grasso
 Age 80-84
 Gold - Irwin Suberman & Dominik Ferrarini

TENNIS - Women's Singles

Age 50-54
 Gold - Marcy Casp
 Age 55-59
 Gold - Gail Hughes
 Age 65-69
 Gold - Carolee Ogburn
TENNIS - Women's Doubles
 Age 55-59
 Gold - Gail Hughes & Valerie Peters
 Age 65-69
 Gold - Fran Allen & Mary Ellen Fendley
 Age 70-74
 Gold - Bettye Reagan & Norma Pedley

SCRATCH GOLF - Women's

Age 50-54
 Gold - Sue Severen
 Age 55-59
 Gold - Sharon Spencer
 Age 60-64
 Gold Martha Anderson
 Age 65-69
 Gold - Marion Bates
 Silver - Pat Gregory
 Bronze - Marie Delaney
 Age 70-74
 Gold - Bette Gramkow
 Age 75-79
 Gold - Dorothy Ramsdell
 Silver - Florence Moran
SCRATCH GOLF - Men's
 Age 50-54
 Gold - Art Severan
 Silver - Frank Norton
 Age 55-59
 Gold - Lewis E. Smith, Jr.
 Silver - Phillip Sokol
 Age 60-64
 Gold - Mike Mitchell
 Silver - Ronald Speer
 Bronze (tie) Jerry Bloom

SCRATCH GOLF - Men's

Age 65-69
 Gold - Bruce Elwell
 Bronze (tie) Ron Russi
 Age 65-69
 Gold (tie) - Ken Renner
 Gold (tie) - Roger Voigt
 Silver - Leonard Kaplin
 Bronze - Charles A. Zamett
 Age 70-74
 Gold (tie) - Joseph P. Bishop
 Gold (tie) - David Blackwell
 Silver (tie) - Ralph Montgomery
 Silver (tie) - John Elly
 Silver (tie) - Jim Hillery
 Bronze - Robert Henry
 Age 75-79
 Gold - Hans Lundquist
GOLF - LONG DRIVE - Men's
 Age 60-64
 Gold - Ross Roberts
 Age 65-69
 Gold - Ken Renner
 Silver - Jack Johnson
 Bronze Dave Dreifuest
 Age 70-74
 Gold - David Blackwell
 Silver - Norman Bottum
 Bronze Jerry Kantarjian
 Age 75-79
 Gold - Roy Sampley
 Silver - Frank Russin
 Age 80-84
 Gold - Charles Greene
 Silver - Don Dessert, Sr.
GOLF - LONG DRIVE - Women
 Age 60-64
 Gold - Bonnie Allen
 Age 65-69
 Gold - Marion Bates
 Silver - Pat Gregory
 Bronze - Donna Beeler
 Age 80-84
 Gold - Harriett Boyd

GOLF - CHIP 'N PUTT - Men's

Age 65-69
 Gold - Bob Hawkinson
 Silver - Jack Johnson
 Bronze - Ken Renner
 Age 70-74
 Gold - David Blackwell
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Ursula West takes part in the weightlifting events. Look for more results in the Wednesday edition. Herald photo by Tommy Vincent



Barry Burnett swims the backstroke during the games. Herald photo by Tommy Vincent



Rae Ellen Suttie fixes her goggles for the next race. Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

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From left are Gloria Allen, Stephanie Littles, Shariene Sears-Tolbert and Bacia Lovely. Herald photo by Marva Hawkins

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What to do with plants when the thermometer dips

Al Ferrer
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Many different tropical and subtropical plants are found in a typical Florida landscape. While tropical plants need to be protected from temperatures below 50 degrees F, subtropical plants can harden to withstand freezing temperatures. The ability of plants to tolerate freezing temperatures is influenced by temperature changes prior to a freeze. A gradual decrease in temperature over a relative long period of time prepares the plants to withstand cold temperatures. Plants normally tolerant to low temperatures may be injured if a sudden decrease in temperature occurs. Cold injury can occur to the entire plant or to plant parts such as buds, flowers,

fruits, trunks, stems or roots. Many plant parts can adapt to tolerate cold, but fruits and roots have little ability to develop cold tolerance.

Containers: Plant roots in small containers can be frozen by low temperatures, but under the same conditions, roots of plants in the landscape will escape cold injury. Roots of plants in exposed containers can be injured by low temperatures and show no apparent damage until the plants are stressed at higher temperatures.

Soil heat: Radiating heat from soil warms the air above ground and low-growing plants will greatly benefit from this source of heat. Soil heat is best preserved by mulches placed around plants to protect the roots. Organic mulches such as pine bark are recommended.

Fertilization: Most landscape plants are fertilized two or three

times a year. In Central Florida, usually one application is scheduled in March and another in September. Late fall applications should be avoided as it can promote untimely late flush of new growth. Fertilizer rates should be reduced in the fall because plant nutrient consumption declines during the colder months. Plants should receive in the fall about one third to one half the normal fertilizer rate.

Irrigation: Watering plants several hours before a freeze will protect plants because a wet soil will absorb more solar radiation than a dry soil. This heat will be released during the night thus helping to protect the roots of the plants. After a freeze, plants should be watered to provide water to the plants which may be losing water through transpiration and the water in the soil may not be available because it is frozen, this is espe-

cially true in container plants.

Coverings: Materials such as cloth sheets, quilts and plastics can be placed over plants to protect them from frost damage. Covers that extend to the ground and do not touch the plant tissues will protect plants by reducing radiant heat loss from the plants and the ground. A light bulb can be placed under the covers to provide heat to the plants when very low temperatures are expected. The covers must be removed as temperatures rise during a sunny day. Contact between the plant tissues and the coverings, may result in cold injury.

Pruning after a freeze: Pruning should be delayed until new growth is visible. Dead leaves may be removed as soon as they have turned brown. Cold damaged to woody tissues can be best determined by examining the food conducting tis-

ues under the bark. If scratching into the bark reveals black or brown tissues, continue the search until you find green tissues when scratched. Prune back to the live wood to promote healthy growth of the branches.

Cold injury to palms: Remove damaged portions of leaves but keep the green, not injured portions of the leaves to maintain a high level of photosynthetic area. Spray palms with a copper containing fungicide at the recommended rate. Repeat the spray 10 days after the first treatment with the copper fungicide or another broad spectrum fungicide. Palms growing in containers should receive a fungicide soil drench to suppress possible root infecting fungi from causing root rots. A monthly soluble nutrient solution containing minor elements can be applied to help palms recover from light freeze injuries.

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Briefs

BHS BBQ TODAY
The Seminole High School Boosters Club will be holding their annual Boosters BBQ today (Saturday) at the Seminole High School Courtyard.

Revenues from the BBQ will help support Seminole High School athletic programs as well as many extra-curricular activities. These programs are not financed by the School Board; therefore funds must be raised locally at each individual school.

The event will run from noon to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for a 1/2-chicken dinner, door prizes and the right to bid in the silent auction.

For more information please contact Marilyn Van Winkle, BBQ Chairperson, at 407-320-5014.

RACING TONIGHT

The 2005 FASCAR Points Season will end tonight (Saturday) at New Smyrna Speedway. On the program will be the Late Models, Modifies, Sportman, Super Stock, Mini Stock, Pro Trucks, and Strictly Stocks.

The pit gate will open at 4 p.m. and the grandstands will open at 6 p.m. with racing action starting at 7:30 p.m.

General admission will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, and free for children 11 and under.

For more information, please call 386-427-4129, or visit the website at www.fascar.org.

SCW WRESTLING

Southern Championship Wrestling (SCW) will be presenting "Uncommon Ground" this evening (Saturday) at the VFW Hall located at 351 South Highway 17-92 in DeBary.

In the Main Event, the SCW Southern Heavyweight Championship will be on the line as Chasyn Rance challenges current belt-holder "Heart Throb" Scott Davis.

In a "North versus South" battle, Hartford, Connecticut's Slyck Wagner Brown will be making his Florida debut against SCW's own "Shooter" Vordell Walker.

In a Battle Zone match-up, four tag teams, The Freak Foundation, Violence Club, Double Deuce and The Green Light District, will compete against one another for the right to later face the current SCW Champions, The Heartbreak Express."

Others scheduled to appear include Sederick Strong, Rip Malibu, Vito Denucci, "Rebel Rocker" Towns Ellis, and J.P. Ace.

Bell Time is set for 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$12 for Adults and \$8 for children under 12.

For more information please call 407-474-4453 or visit www.scwflorida.com.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

There will be a benefit Softball Tournament held at Pinchurst Park on Saturday, November 19th, with proceeds going to Operation Shoebox to benefit our American fighting men and women.

All teams are welcome, including co-ed teams, but they must conform to MFW rules.

The entry fee is \$125 per team and must be turned in by October 31st.

In case of rain, the tournament will finish on Sunday, Nov. 20.

For more information contact Tom Paladino (407-416-6205), Ann Paladino (407-417-1173), Javier Camacho (407-383-1736) or the Paladino home at 407-324-0587.

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Silver Hawks girls golfers soar at state

By Dean Smith
Herald Staff

The Lake Howell girls golf team won its first ever state title in dominating fashion, leading virtually from start to finish in the 2005 FHSAA Class 2A Girls Golf Finals at Pointe West Golf Course in Vero Beach.

Led by senior Jessica Yadloczky, the Silver Hawks had all five of its girls finish between third and 27th place, individually, and as a team they posted the two lowest round scores overall among the 16 teams.

Lake Howell opened the tournament on Tuesday with a 302 and led by seven strokes over Olympia. The Silver Hawks 'fell off' to a 307 on Wednesday to finish

Lake Howell linksters dominate Class 2A field

at 609, 12 strokes better than the runner-up Titans. Olympia's opening round of 309 was the best round score of the two days.

Jessica Yadloczky failed to repeat as individual state champion, but her team-best 144 was good for a tie for third.

Melissa Magdor was next for Lake Howell with a 150, good for a tie for eighth, followed by Jordyn Hage and Jordan Lazenby, who both shot 106's

which tied for 24th, and Carlie Yadloczky, whose 161 was good for a tie for 27th.

Lake Mary's Nicole Agnello, who qualified for state as an individual, finished tied for 15th with a two-day total of 154.

Two others with a chance to repeat from last year, the Lake Mary boys and Trinity Prep's Sam Saunders, also failed in their attempts, but they were close. The Rams shot a 298 Tuesday to lead

by three strokes over Olympia after the first round at Sandridge Golf Course in Vero Beach.

But the defending champs ballooned to a 307 on Day 2, while Sarasota came from eight strokes back with a tournament low round of 294 to edge Olympia by two strokes, 600-to-602, and five strikes over the Rams (605). Bloomingdale and Countryside tied for fourth with 616's.

Ji Moon posted an awesome 69 on Day 2 and finished with a tournament low 142, two strokes clear of Bloomindale's Robby Carl, but Lake Mary's junior star had not qualified for the individual championship because he did not compete in the district tournament.

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Patriots rope Mustangs

Lake Brantley to host Edgewater in second round

By Tony DeSormier
Special to the Herald

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS
— Nothing has come easy for the Lake Brantley Patriots this season.

To begin with, Lake Brantley played one of the toughest schedules in Central Florida — five of the Patriots' 10 regular season opponents were involved in playoff games Friday night and a sixth (Oviedo) was one of a handful of teams around the state to finish 8-2 and not make the playoffs.

On Oct. 21, the Patriots lost, 22-14, to Oviedo and were anticipating qualifying for the playoffs as a runner-up. With a little help from the Winter Springs Bears, however, the Patriots got a second chance and battled their way through a three-team shootout on Halloween to claim the 6A-District 2 title.

Four days later, Lake Brantley ended its regular season with a 32-7 loss to then-undefeated Clermont-East Ridge.

"We're used to facing better athletes every week," said Lake Brantley coach George Clayton. "Not that we don't have great athletes, but we have to win games with our heart and our head."

"To be the best, you have to beat the best. Our motto all year has been, 'To be the man, you have to beat the man.'"

On Friday night, the Patriots were the man — or men — but just barely. In the playoffs, that's enough.

Despite struggling offensively almost all night and having to rely mightily on their defense, the Patriots toughed out a 28-3 win over the Jacksonville-Mandarin Mustangs in a 6A-Region 1 quarterfinal contest that was much, much closer than the score suggests.

Next Friday night, the Patriots (7-4) will host

Orlando-Edgewater, which eliminated East Ridge 27-24 in overtime Friday night, in the 6A-Region 1 semifinals. Last year, Edgewater rallied in the final minutes to eliminate Lake Brantley, 36-33, in the first round of the playoffs.

"They're as talented a team as we've faced all year long," said Clayton of the Mandarin Mustangs. "They got off to a slow start this year (losing four of five), but Coach (J.D.) Hall turned them around. I wouldn't want to face them again."

Lake Brantley struck early, converting an interception and 45-yard return by Colin Newton into a one-yard touchdown drive by Bryan Bearden less than two minutes into the game.

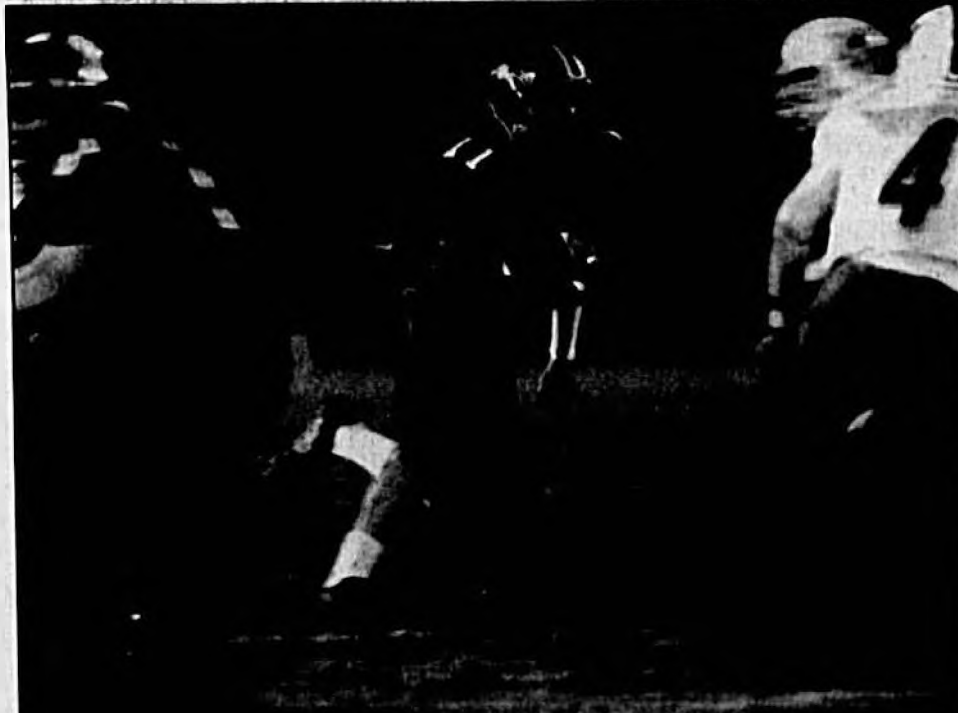
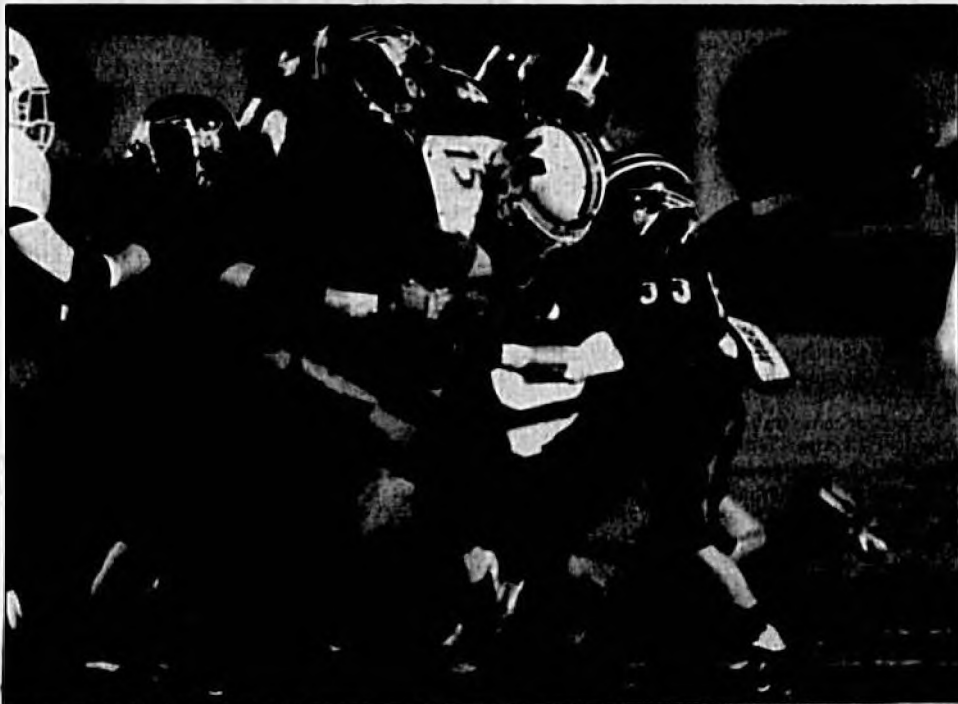
For the next 34 minutes, the Patriots dodged volley after volley of bullets, thanks partially to a half dozen dropped passes by Mandarin receivers and interceptions by Mitch McGrath, Ted Blackman, and Trey Blackman.

Just as they did after Newton's pick, the Patriots needed just one play to convert Trey Blackman's interception into points. The difference was that Adam Allegro had to cut back against the grain, pick his way through the Mandarin defense, and ramble 56 yards for the touchdown.

Any hopes of a comeback by Mandarin (5-6) were dashed by Dylan Livingston's 37-yard punt return for a touchdown (following a four-yard Mustang punt) and a 25-yard touchdown pass from Bearden to Rhett Hamrick.

Casey Eldemire added a pair of interceptions and McGrath had a second to help keep the Mustangs out of the end zone.

"Our defense played extremely well," said Clayton. "Our offense sputtered at best. But the playoffs are the playoffs and a win's a win."



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The Lake Brantley defense (top) hammered the Mandarin offense the whole game, intercepting three passes and holding the Mustangs to just three points, and the offense got just enough done, including a 56-yard touchdown run by Adam Allegro (No. 11, above) for the Patriots' second score as the hosts went on to win, 28-3, in a Class 6A-Region 1 Quarterfinal Football Game at Tom Storey Field Friday night. Lake Brantley will remain at home next Friday to host powerful Edgewater, which upset No. 1 state-ranked East Lake in overtime on Friday and is the team that knocked the Patriots out of the playoffs last year. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

Lyman gets first playoff win

By Dean Smith
Herald Staff

It took a long time, but it could not have been any sweeter for the Lyman High School football team.

After losing all four of their previous playoff games, including first round losses at home the past two seasons, the Greyhounds got to taste victory for the first time Friday night, rallying from a 14-0 deficit to defeat Melbourne High School in overtime, 21-14, in a Class 5A-Region 1 Quarterfinal game at the Carlton D. Henley Sports Complex.

Lyman did virtually nothing in the first and had two crucial interceptions to deny potential scoring opportunities.

But as they have done all season, the Greyhounds bowed their backs and came rallying back, tying the game on a pair of Chris Bridgman to Ryan Fleming touchdown passes of over 20 yards each.

With the victory, Lyman improves to 8-2 and moves on to the 5A-Region 1 Semifinals where they must go on the road to North Florida to face Niceville High School.

Niceville, the 5A-District 1 winner, is now 9-1

after whipping 5A-2 runner-up Jacksonville-Ed White (7-4), 31-7, Friday night.

Things did not go as well for Seminole County's other football playoff representative as Winter Springs dropped a tough, 22-13, decision to Flagler Palm Coast High School in Bunnell in a Class 6A-Region 1 Quarterfinal.

A complete recap of the Lyman and Winter Springs games will appear in the mid-week Sanford Herald.

In other sports news, Orangewood Christian capped off a great season by unseating two-time defending State Champion Bayshore Christian from Tampa in straight games, 26-24, 25-12 and 25-16, to win the Class 1A State Championship at the 2005 FHSAA Girls Volleyball Finals at The Lakeland Center Friday.

The Rams had advanced to the finals by surviving a rally by Ocala-St. John Lutheran on Thursday, winning in five games, 25-20, 25-13, 21-25, 21-25 and 15-9.

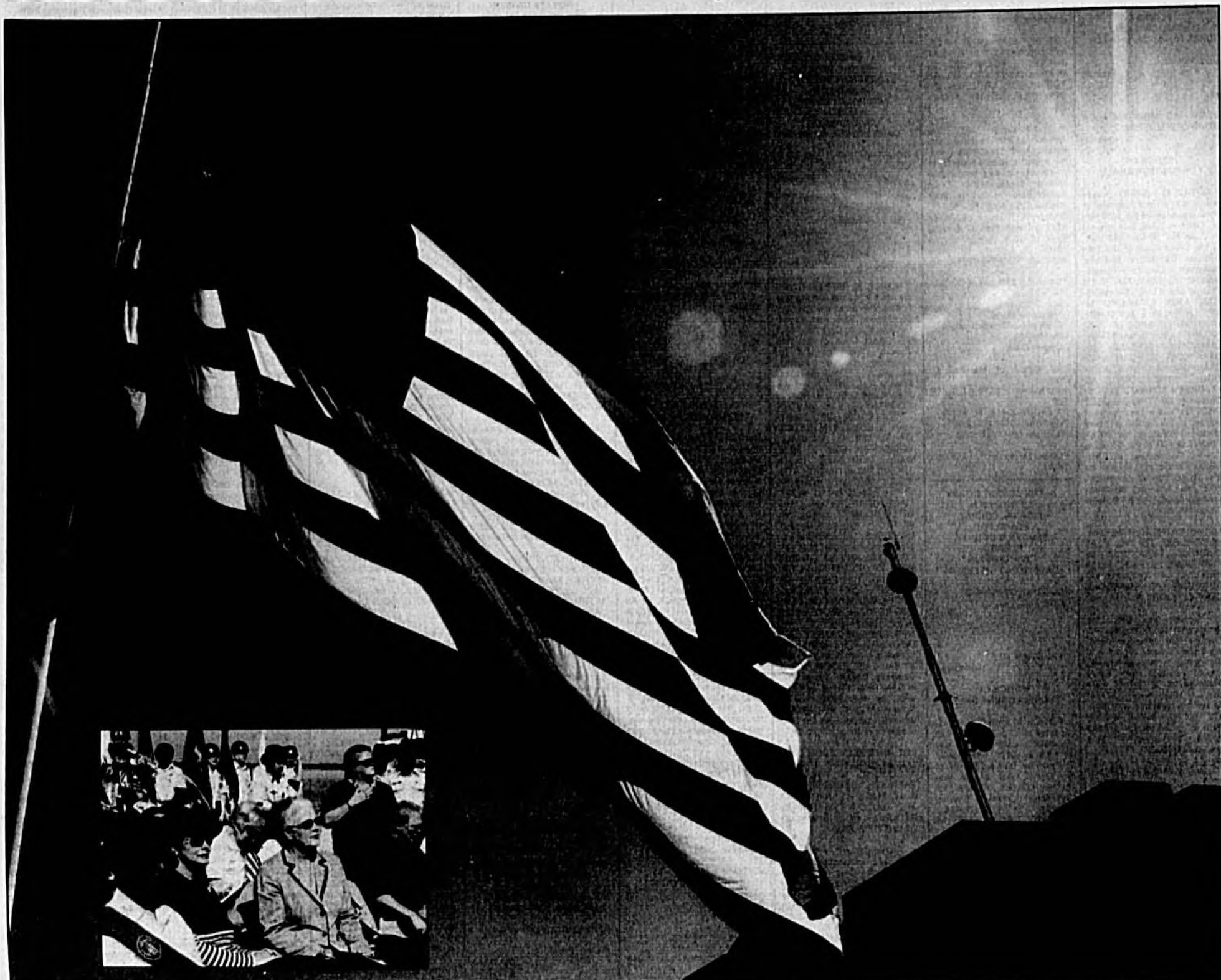
Lake Howell finished tied for third in the state in Class 5A after dropping a 25-22, 26-24 and 25-16 decision to Tallahassee-Lawton Chiles High School in the semifinals on Thursday.



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Senior quarterback Chris Bridgman threw two second half touchdown passes as host Lyman rallied to win its first ever playoff game in overtime, 21-14, Friday night.

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There were more than three cheers for Old Glory at the Veteran's Day Parade in Sanford on Friday. Beautiful sunshine, top photo, brought out the brightness in the large flag that drags the flagpole on the RiverWalk where the remembrance ceremony takes place following the parade. Dignitaries such as Seminole County Commissioner Brenda Carey, inset second from left, Sanford Mayor Linda Kuhn and State Rep. David Meador sat with area veterans for the ceremony. Along the parade route, groups like this one, above, from local veterans organizations waved flags to the parade watchers near Sanford City Hall. The left photos shows U.S. Marines leading the way of the parade as the Sanford Fire Department displays the Star-Spangled Banner high over Park Avenue.