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Shawn Green prepares to take a healthy swing at a pitch during a Little League game.

## It's A Girl Sanford Youngster Is Little League Standout

By SAM COOK  
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The batter casually walks to the plate and assumes a right-handed stance with the bat held low and the right elbow close to the body.

The count runs to 2-1 before the batter slaps a ground ball down the third base line. The third baseman fields it, throws to first, but to his surprise the batter has already crossed the bag.

The first baseman guns the ball back to the plate, trying to get another runner. On the throw, the batter highkicks it for second and beats the throw with a nice slide.

Two pitches later — one a passed ball and the other a wild pitch — the batter safely streaks across the plate with a run.

"That guy can really move, man," says a little girl on a bicycle.

"That isn't any guy, that's a girl," corrects her friend from the bleachers.

"No, it isn't. There aren't any girls that can run and slide like that in hardball," retorts the first girl.

"Oh, yeah? Well, look at her. She is a girl. That's Shawn Green, and she's good enough to play like a guy," counters the other.

After a little closer inspection, the young lady on the first bicycle is convinced. Shawn Green is definitely a girl. A 12-year-old first baseman, to be exact, and the Sanford resident is one of the two best players on coach Al Fryer's Cardinal Industries Little League team.

"She's the fastest player on my team whether she's a girl or not," said Fryer one night this week between innings. "And she can throw as far as anybody too."

"But I really like her speed. Why, one time she hit a triple and she got by me so fast at third base that I didn't have time to hold her up, and she got thrown out at home," he added.

Shawn, nevertheless, doesn't get thrown out very often.

Although Cardinal has won just once, Shawn is ripping the horsehide at a .432 clip, with 16 hits in 37 at bats. She has knocked out one home run, and Wednesday night she rapped two hits, including a double.

Fryer, though, wasn't exactly sold on his

speedy third-place hitter during the tryouts. "I saw her play softball last year and I thought she was pretty good, but in the tryouts this year she didn't do much. I think she was just scared," he said.

Despite the lackluster tryout performance, Fryer subdued his trepidation and selected Shawn in the second draft. He hasn't regretted it. "She always hustles," he said. "Just like that play she beat out. She has the heart and spirit to be a great player."

How great, however, is the question. Several girls have been able to compete on the Little League level only to fall by the wayside when the level got higher and the competition tougher.

Fryer doesn't see that as a problem for Shawn. "I'm going to nominate her for the All Stars," he said. "And I think she'll do just fine on the Junior League (the next level) team."

Shawn thinks she'll do just fine too. "The other coaches tell me to keep playing like I am and I can make the All Stars," says the easygoing infielder.

Like any other player, Shawn wasn't accepted by the boys until she proved herself worthy. "When I get a hit they're real nice," she says about her male opposition. "They say, 'Good hit, you really knocked that one.'"

Shawn credits her cousin, Darris Littles, as the motivator behind her success. Littles was an all-star catcher in the Little League last year. This year he is one of the top players on the Rotary entry in the Junior League.

"I've always played football and baseball with Darris," says Shawn. "Darris said, 'I just might as well keep on playing with the boys since I'm good enough.'"

While Shawn has conquered a lot during her first year in the Little National League and won the admiration of the boys, she does have one more thing she'd like to try.

"Coach (Fryer) said he was gonna let me pitch," she said. "But he hasn't let me out there yet. That's something I'd really like to try."

Don't bet against it, even though she is — a girl.

## Involving Sanford Drug Bust

# FBI Steps Into Probe Of Brooks' Allegations

By JOE DeSANTIS  
Herald Staff Writer

Repeated allegations by former Sanford Police Detective Tony Brooks about evidence tampering, conspiracy and payoffs to police officers involved in a drug task force in connection with a January drug bust in Sanford are being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

State Attorney Doug Cheshire said it is his understanding that Brooks has turned over all the information he has regarding the allegations to the FBI. Brooks has confirmed it.

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Cheshire said it's best if his office stays out of such a probe because if Brooks' charges are proved groundless, "We don't want anyone to claim there is a cover-up or whitewash."

Since his resignation from the Sanford police force in March, Brooks has made allegations against the Seminole County Sheriff's Department, the Sanford Police Department and the Longwood Police Department.

He repeated those allegations this week while giving a deposition before Assistant State Attorney Alan Robinson and Fort Lauderdale lawyer Alan Braverman, who is representing William Allmond and Paul Mann, co-defendants in January drug-trafficking charge.

Brooks' allegations include charges that: —The Sheriff's Department tampered with evidence, including \$10,000 of the cash involved in an alleged \$40,000 drug deal and a tape that reveals exactly what transpired between Allmond, Mann and drug task force detectives that January night in a Sanford motel room.

—A high-ranking Longwood police officer has taken kickbacks from known narcotics dealers in Longwood, according to an informant. Brooks also accused the officer of saying that he (Brooks) hired Braverman to

defend Allmond and Mann, though Brooks discovered the \$10,000 was missing from the drug-deal money.

—Members of the sheriff's office are criminally involved in drug dealings.

—The three law-enforcement departments conspired to have him and former Longwood Police Officer Daniele Dow fired after their investigations brought evidence that sheriff's deputies were criminally involved and that the three departments interfered with marital and employee relations and intentionally inflicted stress.

Following his initial allegations, Brooks filed suit against Sanford for \$150,000. The day after he filed suit, Ms. Dow filed a similar suit for \$150,000 against Longwood.

Brooks has since been employed by the Monroe County Sheriff's Department in the Florida Keys as a road patrolman.

Seminole County Sheriff John Polk, Sanford Police Chief Ben Butler and Longwood Police Chief Greg Manning have denied all of Brooks' allegations.

"To be honest with you, I talked to Polk about Brooks when he first started making these allegations," said Manning. "Then I conducted an informal investigation on it and I was satisfied there was nothing going on."

"But I'm tired of all this bull from Brooks," he added. "He has nothing to back his accusations up. He has no proof."

"If Brooks had proof of any of the allegations he's made, I'd be the first one to stand behind him," Manning said.

But after repeated allegations by Brooks, Manning says he's had enough.

"I'm not going to sit by and let him keep making false accusations," said the Longwood chief.

"Since this is continuing, I've got a call into James York. I want the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to come down from Tallahassee and conduct an investigation. I'm waiting to hear from York now."

Manning said that if an internal in-

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TONY BROOKS  
... goes to FBI



BEN BUTLER  
... didn't probe it



JOHN POLK  
... denied charges



GREG MANNING  
... 'I'll nail his hide'

## High Schoolers Learning To Save Lives

By TENI YARBOROUGH  
Herald Staff Writer

If the person sitting next to you in a restaurant suddenly began choking on food he had eaten, would you know what to do? If the neighbor's child fell into the family swimming pool and stopped breathing, would you know how to clear the child's air passageway and attempt to restore those precious breaths of life?

At least 200 Seminole High School students each year are taught what to do in both these situations and more, through emergency first aid courses offered at the school.

"We have about 100 students each semester enrolled in our standard first aid class," says Jim "Doc" Terwilliger, the school's athletic trainer and health instructor for the last nine years. "We also have about 10 students each semester who take our advanced life-saving course. Many of these students go on to take the EMT (emergency medical technician) course offered at SCC (Seminole Community College)."

But what do these students learn, and how and when is this new found knowledge put into action?

"In the first class, the standard first

aid course, which is approved by the Red Cross and American Heart Association, they learn how to administer CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), which includes mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, and the Heimlich maneuver for relieving choking victims, Terwilliger says. "They also learn the basics for extrication and emergency equipment use, such as applying splints to broken or injured limbs, administering oxygen, and transporting victims on stretchers."

Terwilliger says the advanced class goes into a little more detail than the

standard class, and also covers emergency childbirth.

"After seeing those films on childbirth, I don't know whether I could handle that," says Doug Hill, 18, of Sanford, who is enrolled in the advanced class during his senior year at the high school. Hill says he plans to attend SCC in the fall to pursue a career as a firefighter-paramedic.

"I would encourage anybody and everybody to take CPR training," Hill says. "There's always going to be accidents, and there will always be a

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## HOPING FOR ANOTHER 100

Jim Tesar (left), administrator of the Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford, accepts a Bible to be used in the new facility from First Presbyterian Church Elder Reg Howe and June Bryant, wife of church pastor Virgil Bryant. The presentation was part of the church's celebration of its 100th birthday. See pictures on page 7A

## Hospital Dedication Is Scheduled Sunday

A milestone in Central Florida history takes place Sunday (May 23) when the new Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford holds its dedication ceremony and a public tour. The event will be at 2 p.m. at the facility on the Lake Monroe lakefront at Mangoustine Avenue, fronting directly on U.S. Highway 17-82. The hospital, which replaces the present Seminole Memorial Hospital, is inviting everyone to attend the dedication and tour.

## Some Babies Have Tails

BOSTON (UPI) — One of every 100,000 infants is born with a tail, indicating humans are still genetically close to the animals they evolved from.

A baby — normal except for a 2-inch tail — was born two years ago and taken to Children's Hospital Medical Center, a doctor wrote in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The tail, covered with dark skin and containing only fatty tissue, was removed safely on the baby's second day of life. Dr. Fred Ledley, a fellow in clinical medicine at Children's, said in a telephone interview that babies with tails are interesting mainly for their historical value.

"There are a number of case reports; there always are. Many surgeons have seen one before," he said. "What's striking is there was a time when this was critical to scientists. Darwin spends a fair amount of time talking about it."

"What it does is it reminds you how close we are to the other primates."

Everyone starts out early in life with a tail, Ledley said. Six weeks after conception, the human embryo exhibits a tail indistinguishable from other species as its spine develops. The extension regresses as the fetus grows.

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