

## Sanford Chamber standing on firm ground

By Dan Ping  
Editor

### Executive director reports organization now has money in bank and 81 new members

SANFORD — The last time Angelia Gordon addressed the city commission, she desperately needed funds to keep the Sanford Chamber of Commerce afloat. Six months later, the chamber has money in the bank and almost 100 new members. "The Chamber is in a lot different position than the last time I was before you," Gordon told city commissioners in early June. "We've got a lot of good news."

On Dec. 15, Gordon reported the chamber had just \$382 in the bank and asked the city to provide a \$25,000 loan. Commissioners agreed but required Gordon to produce a business plan that would put the organization on sound financial footing. In her June report to the city, Gordon said the chamber has just over \$40,000 in the bank. "All the bills are paid," Gordon said,

including the first of five annual installments due in December to repay the loan from the city. "That money is in a separate savings account." Part of the turn-around is a higher percentage of businesses, about 70 percent, are renewing their memberships, Gordon said. Eighty-one new members have also helped swell the chamber's finances and con-

stituency. "It was really a three-step process," Gordon said. First, the chamber established a more professional billing process, including computerizing its membership lists, Gordon said. Second, the chamber staff created a retention book. "We don't wait until 90 days after someone's membership has lapsed before we send them a reminder," Gordon said. "Ninety days before their bill is due, we

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## Delegation heads to Washington with \$6 million request

By Michelle Jeria  
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — A delegation is currently in the nation's capital in hopes of luring federal dollars to the city. Mayor Thom Greene and City Manager John Litton Tuesday traveled to Washington, D.C., to lobby for federal community-development money for a variety of city projects. The pair plan to meet with U.S. Rep. John Mica and other Washington bureaucrats during their two-day junket. "There are a lot of little pockets of federal money that have gone unreturned," Litton said. "We believe some of our projects may be fundable through this money."

In total, the two Lake Mary officials are asking for \$6 million in federal funding, including a \$2.5 million request for the proposed downtown fire sub-station. Other projects include a downtown bypass road linking Lake Mary Boulevard with Old Lake Mary Road, sewer system construction for the Lake Mary Woods area, and surveillance equipment for the city's water plant. This week's trip is a result of a recommendation made by consultant Skip Bafalis, who was hired by the city last year to lobby for the municipality's interests in Washington. "Our consultant had me write a letter to Sens. Graham and Nelson and to Rep. Mica outlining what

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## Bracelets will help keep track of county's criminals

By Nick Pfeiffert  
Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Seminole County Sheriff's Office, with the cooperation of local judges, will soon be utilizing new technology to modernize law enforcement. Sheriff Don Eslinger brought the project to light during last week's Seminole County Commission budget hearings. He discussed plans to inaugurate an electronic tracking system. Certain people who would normally be housed in the jail, as well as some others who may be out of

jail but scheduled to appear in court or required to keep in touch with law enforcement or the courts, will soon be wearing electronic ankle bracelets. "It will serve a double purpose," said Chief Deputy Steve Harriett. "It will not only assist in our jail overcrowding problems, but improve safety in our community." "In order to qualify," he said, "these persons will have to fit in a certain criteria. First of all, they must be Seminole County resi-

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Herald photo by Tommy Vincent  
A touring class Sikorski helicopter crashed shortly after liftoff Tuesday afternoon at Orlando Sanford International Airport. The aircraft is owned by Whisper Jet, said Larry Dale, president of the Sanford Airport Authority. Dale said the pilot was just a few feet off the ground during a routine flight exercise when he heard a loud pop from the rear tail rotor, which provides stabilization for the helicopter. No one was injured in the crash, and Haz-Mat teams were called in to contain about 25 gallons of diesel fuel.

## Class action



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent  
Georgia Dunston of Oviedo Tuesday signs a petition in support of a state amendment requiring a reduction in class size. More than 500,000 signatures have been gathered in support of the action.

## NAACP heads campaign to place limits on class size

By Michelle Jeria  
Managing Editor

Georgia Dunston wants the number of children in Florida's classrooms to be reduced, and she isn't alone. More than 500,000 people have signed petitions calling for smaller class sizes in Florida. On Tuesday, the Seminole County chapter of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) helped add signatures to the growing list when the NAACP Partners In Education bus rolled into Sanford. Dunston, an Oviedo resident, has several grandchildren in the Seminole County school system. She also works for the School Board and has seen firsthand the increase in the number of students in classrooms. "I feel children can get a better education if there is a smaller class size," Dunston said. "I came out here today to give my support. I will do whatever needs to be done to help reduce class size." According to Turner Clayton Jr., president of Seminole County's NAACP chapter, reducing class size reaps educational gains for economically disadvantaged stu-



Turner Clayton Jr., president of the Seminole chapter of the NAACP, stands in front of the organization's Partners In Education bus. Local members of the NAACP Tuesday helped gather names on petitions supporting a class reduction amendment.

dents. Smaller class size narrows the achievement gap, and gains are highest for blacks and students receiving free lunch. "We've got a pretty good school system in Seminole County," Clayton said. "But,

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## Crowds gather to watch manatees frolic

### More than a dozen sea cows sighted near sea wall

By Michelle Jeria  
Managing Editor

SANFORD — Things got a little frisky in Lake Monroe over the weekend. It's manatee mating season, and more than a dozen sea cows were seen Saturday and Sunday frolicking near the sea wall across from City Hall. Several smaller groups were still gathered Monday in the deeper waters of the lake. Wicklow Elementary School

art teacher Gay Bess decided Monday a visit to Lake Monroe would be a perfect educational side trip for her grandchildren before heading to the Central Florida Zoo. It was the first time 9-year-old Johnny and 13-year-old Jessa Bess of South Carolina had the opportunity to see manatees not in captivity. "When I heard about the manatees, I thought it would be nice to let the grandchildren see them," Gay Bess said. "Plus, I had to compete with the other

grandmother who recently took them to the Grand Cypress Hotel." Although it is not unusual to find manatees in Lake Monroe during mating season, their close proximity to shore and the large number in the herd made this weekend's sighting rather unique. Manatees are generally solitary animals, but, when a female is ready to mate, several males will gather around her

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Photo submitted by Rob Crews  
More than a dozen manatees were spotted in Lake Monroe during the weekend, much to the amusement of many residents and tourists.

## Miller's maulers

The Seminole Community College softball team has been richly rewarded for yet another super season. Page 1B

## Mims to be first assistant chief in Seminole

Leearna R. Mims will become the first female in the history of the Seminole County EMS/Fire/Rescue division promoted to the rank of assistant chief. Mims, who currently serves as a battalion chief, will be "pinned" with another bugle during a ceremony on Friday, June 28. She began in the fire service as a volunteer with the city of Lake Mary in the early 1980s. She was hired by the city of Longwood

as a firefighter/EMT in October 1984. She moved up through the ranks as a firefighter/paramedic, firefighter, lieutenant, and as a Battalion Chief during her tenure with the City of Longwood.

In March 1999, she began her employment with Seminole County EMS/Fire/Rescue as a Battalion Chief of Planning. "During her tenure with us, Leearna has been instrumental in securing grant funding for several projects, has taken a lead role in the development of our firefighter wellness program and has served as a successful incident commander on a number of alarms," said Fire Chief Terry L. Schenk. She is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program, completed her Associates of Science degree in both Emergency Medical Services and Fire Science and completed the one year "Leadership Seminole" Class.

The promotional ceremony that will take place at Seminole County Fire Station No. 35 located at 201 W. County Home Road in Sanford. Those wishing to attend the ceremony should arrive at 10:45 a.m. and the "Bugle Pinning Ceremony" will be at 11 a.m.

## Seminole Smile



Johnny Bess — South Carolina resident on summer vacation in Seminole County

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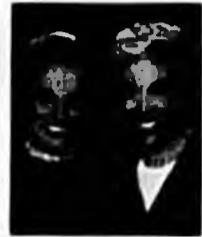
# SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

## Treatment for woman's ear aims a little too low

**DEAR ABBY:** I had an ear infection while my regular doctor was out of town. The doctor I was referred to has practiced here for many years.

While I was seated in the examination room, the doctor stood behind me looking around the side into my ear. No nurse was present. Suddenly, without warning, I felt his hand go down my blouse and into my bra. I was so shocked I stood up and walked out.



**Dear Abby**

I have since learned that this doctor does a "breast exam" on his female patients each time he sees them. I have talked with some of these women (my friends), and they see nothing wrong with this method of examination. In fact, they feel fortunate to be checked so often. I say this is not the way to do a breast exam. What do you think?

**NO DOCTOR'S PLAYMATE**

**DEAR NO PLAYMATE:** I think you need a second opinion, and it should come from the licensing committee of the state in which this doctor is playing doctor. The way he's doing breast exams is highly unusual and may even be sexual battery.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been a loyal employee working for the same company for nearly 40 years. Six months ago they switched to a new computer system. It has been very stressful for me and others in my age bracket to learn the new procedures. Younger people seem to grasp them more easily.

Management won't give me a buy-out package, and I am too young to retire. I was hoping my last seven years with the company would be pleasant. I hate going to work. I hate feeling ignorant. What should I do?

**BAYPORT BABY BOOMER**

**DEAR BAYPORT BABY BOOMER:** It's normal to feel unsure of things new and foreign to you. Since you can't avoid the changes that have occurred, change your attitude and join the computer evolution.

Because you and the other older workers are behind in the learning curve, ask your boss to provide extra computer classes and workshops for those of you who did not grow up with computers. It's cost-effective and will save the company time and money in the long run — as well as relieve the stress you and others are experiencing.

**DEAR ABBY:** Today many extended families use the word "step." After my mother died and Dad remarried, we didn't know how to address his new wife. She was quick to suggest "Bonus Mom." Since she and my father lost their spouses within days of each other, they consider this their "bonus time" together. Extended families should adopt the word "bonus" and dump the word "step." It's a great conversation starter, too.

**BONUS FAMILY IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR BONUS FAMILY:** I like the positive message that "bonus" conveys. It connotes something unexpected and desirable. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** In response to the woman in Canada who told her stepson to refer to her as his "Wicked Stepmother," my 13-year-old stepson and I have coined a new word for our relationship. He calls me "S Mom." It's an abbreviated version of "stepmom." It expresses the affection we have for each other and has become a term of endearment.

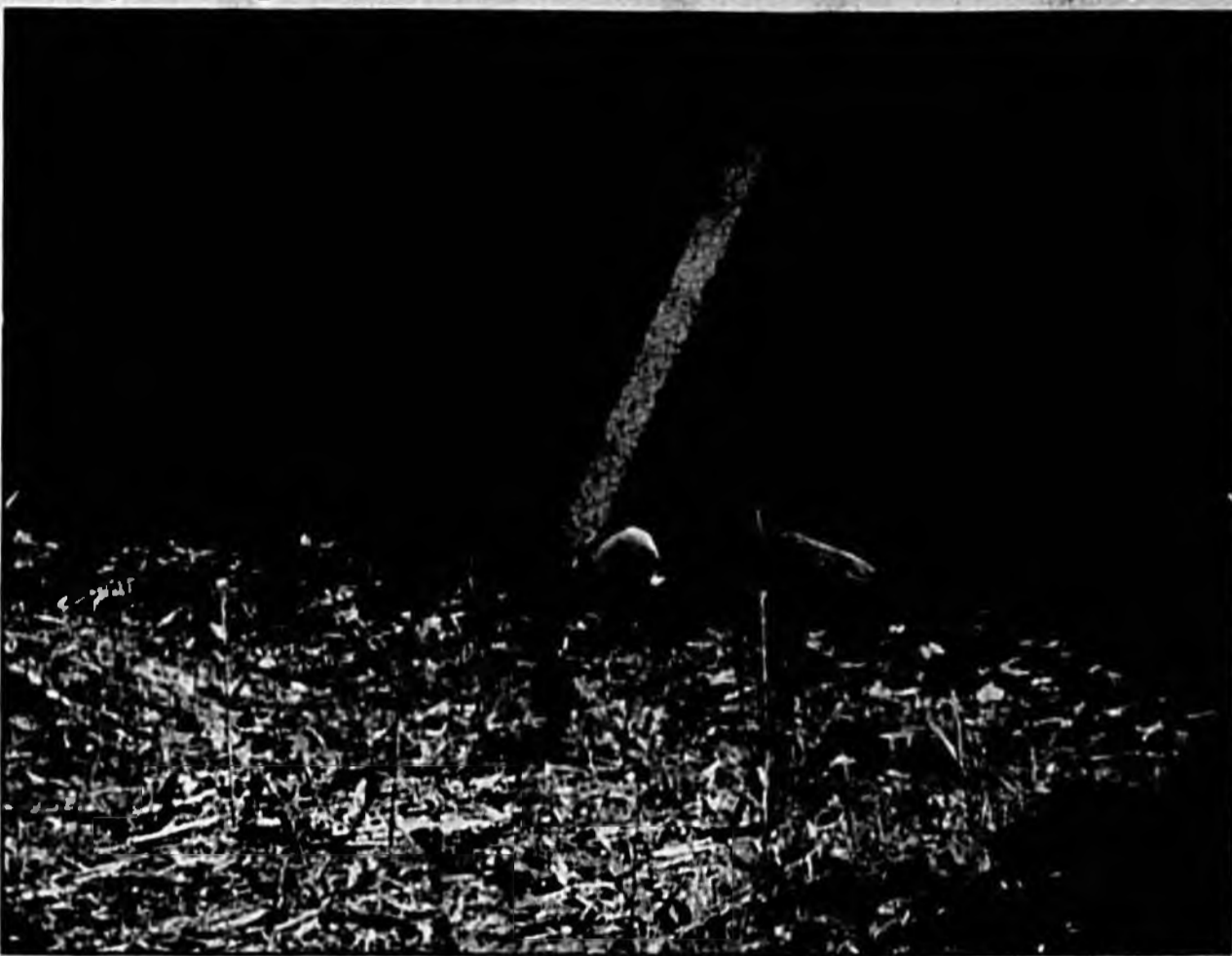
**GLAD TO BE A S'MOM IN VIRGINIA**

**DEAR GLAD:** S'marvelous idea! Thanks for sharing.

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

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## Early bird gets the eel



The early bird gets the worm — so to speak. A great blue heron is caught snacking on an eel it caught while fishing along the sea wall at Lake Monroe near the Monroe Harbor Marina.

### Loud Party

Seminole County Sheriff's deputies responded Tuesday to a call regarding a loud party in progress on Cherry Hill Circle in Longwood. Two persons were arrested, each charged with possession of alcohol by a person under 21 years of age. The two were identified as Brittany Lynn Crupe, 18, of Cumberland Circle in Longwood, and Michael J. Simmons, 20, of Winter Springs.

### Drug Possession

Robert William Stephen, 33, of Stevens Avenue, Sanford, was spotted running along a roadway Tuesday. He was apprehended and subsequently charged with possession of cocaine.

Terry Davis Murkey, 21, of West 6th Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police at 8th Street and Pine Avenue. He was charged with possession of crack cocaine and resisting an officer without violence.

Herbert Edgar, 55, of Harrison Street, Oviedo, was spotted by Oviedo police Friday, sitting with a group of men in front of a rooming house in Oviedo. He was arrested on a charge of possession of crack cocaine.

Olivia Marie Kafka, 30, of Longwood, was located by Sanford police Saturday in the 2600 block of Sanford Avenue. She was charged with possession of narcotics equipment and destroying/tampering with evidence.

Angela Mae Sorella, 21, of Celery Avenue, was stopped by sheriff's deputies Saturday at Country Club Road and Southwest Road. She was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana and having no valid Florida drivers license.



Members of the City/County Investigations Bureau (CCIB) served a search warrant Friday at a residence on Oakview Circle in Lake Mary. Joshua Alan Harper, 21, of that address was arrested on charges of possession of under 20 grams of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia.

### Vehicular Burglary

Saul Carmona, 20, of Lake Mary, was arrested by Altamonte Springs police Friday. An officer reported spotting Carmona at several vehicles in the parking lot of the Altamonte Mall. After removing a radio from one of the vehicles, Carmona is said to have spotted the officer and ran into the mall, where he was pursued by a number of officers before finally being apprehended. He was charged with burglary to a conveyance, petit theft, resisting an officer without violence, driving with a revoked license, and possession of burglary tools. After being taken to jail, it was also found that he was wanted on an outstanding Orange County warrant for Grand Theft Auto.

### Traffic Stops

Jacqueline O. Rowe, 50, Laurel Drive, was stopped by Sanford police Thursday at her residence. She was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, driving with a suspended license, and resisting an officer.

Woodrow John Rader, 42, of Orlando, was stopped by Sanford police Tuesday at East Airport Blvd. and CR-417. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs and reckless driving.

Troy Letray Dixon, 23, Broadway Street, Sanford, was stopped by Sanford police Monday at Cedar Creek Apartments. He was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of under 20 grams of marijuana, and driving with a suspended license. La-Deatrice September Hampton, 21, also of Broadway Street, a passenger in the vehicle, was charged with possession of cocaine.

Tenna Inez Proulx, 40, of West Airport Blvd., Sanford, was stopped by Sanford police Sunday at Highway 17-92 and Airport Blvd. She was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

### Domestic Cases

Thomas William Clerc, 32, of Magnolia Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police at his residence Monday, as the result of a dispute with his wife. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

Karen Yvonne Young, 48, Tall Maple Loop, Oviedo, was arrested by sheriff's deputies at her residence Monday following an altercation with a man. She was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (hammer), and battery, domestic violence.

Adrian Latrell James, 18, of Lake Monroe Terrace, was arrested by Sanford police Monday following a dispute in her vehicle in the 2200 block of South Orlando Drive. She was charged with battery and possession of a controlled substance.

## Oviedo's Citizen Police Academy begins in August

The Oviedo Police Department will conduct a Citizen Police Academy for interested members of the public beginning in August. The first class will be Tuesday, Aug. 13, from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. The class will meet every Tuesday evening at those same hours through Tuesday,

Oct. 15. A graduation is planned for Oct. 22. Instruction topics will include patrol, communications, criminal investigations, training, K-9, Internal investigations and more. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and pass a limited back-

ground investigation. Seats will be filled on a first-come basis. Deadline for applications is Aug. 2. Applications may be obtained at the Oviedo Police Department, 300 Alexandria Blvd., Oviedo. For additional information phone Ronald Jacobs at 407-977-6139.

## OUT & ABOUT

### SUN 30

Beverly Folter-Henderson, daughter of actor Sidney Poitier, will sign books 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 30, at the Cassadaga Book Store in Cassadaga. Her new book, "NANA," will be on sale.

### THUR 4

Good old-fashioned family fun is in-store as the Central Florida Zoo celebrates 27 wild years of serving the community during Red, White & Zoo on Thursday, July 4. For starters, visitors wearing red, white or blue will receive \$1 off admission to the zoo. The fun continues from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with games for kids, face painting, and a scavenger hunt. Other holiday programs are scheduled. For more information, call 407-323-4450, ext. 149, or visit [www.centralflorida-zoo.org](http://www.centralflorida-zoo.org). Admission is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children.

### SAT 6

Norma Solomon White, National President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., announced that the sorority will hold its national convention in Orlando, Florida from July 6-12. The theme of the event, which will be held in the Orange County Convention Center, is Blazing New Trails. The biennial meeting is expected to attract 10,000 African-American women from all over the world who are members of the sorority. In addition, a host of national leaders and celebrities will serve as speakers, honorees and seminar leaders including nationally acclaimed speaker/rapper/preacher the Rev. Michael Eric Dyson, motivational speaker Iyanla Vanzant, Patricia Russell McCloud and many others.

### MON 8

The Seminole for McBride Kick Off Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, July 8 at the Seminole County Public Library, 215 N. Oxford Road in Casselberry. Volunteers are needed to fill numerous vacancies in fundraising, publicity, events, phone bank, canvassing, veteran's outreach, Hispanic outreach and several other areas. The special guest speaker will be Shannon Collins, Central Florida coordinator for the McBride gubernatorial campaign. All Seminole County residents interested in becoming a grass-roots supporter of the Bill McBride Campaign for Governor of Florida are encouraged to attend. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Bumper stickers and information about McBride will be available. T-shirts will be on sale. For more information, contact Shari Rosefelt at 407-332-6157. For general questions about the McBride Campaign contact the Seminole County Steering Committee at 407-921-0601.

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Obituaries

**THOMAS M. ALVAREZ**  
Thomas M. Alvarez, 78, Randon Terrace, Lake Mary, died Friday, June 21, 2002. Born in Ponce, Puerto Rico, he moved to Central Florida in 1998. He was a district supervisor for ISS Building Maintenance. He was a Catholic and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. Survivors include wife, Margarita; sons, Thomas, Lake Mary, Ovidio, New York, John Pacheco, Ovidio; brothers, Claudio and Louis, both of New York; sister, Helen Watley, New York. Baldwin-Fairchild Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

**JAMES "HERB" BASKERVILLE, SR.**  
James "Herb" Baskerville, 68, West 11th Street, Sanford, died Thursday, June 20, 2002 at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. He was born Feb. 13, 1934 in Hopewell, Va. He was sales manager for Courtesy Ford and a member of Allen AME Church, Sanford. Survivors include wife, Bernice, Sanford; sons, James Jr. and Robert Davis, both of Sanford; daughters, Sharon D. Elbery, Phyllis Williams, Gloria Baskerville, Marthea Baskerville and Vernell H. McCloud, all of Sanford; Nina G. Davis, Jacksonville; brothers, Ernest Walker, Hopewell, Va., Raymond, Oceanside, Cal., Leon Green, Deltona, Jerry Leonard, Washington, D.C.; sister, Gloria Baldwin of Fayetteville, N.C.; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. Funeral Services will be held Thursday, June 27 at 11 a.m. at Allen AME Church, 1203 Olive Avenue, Sanford. Viewing will be Wednesday, June 26 from 4 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

**OLIVER LEO BUTNER JR.**  
Oliver Leo Butner, Jr., 77, Gainesville, died Saturday, June 22, 2002 at Shands at AHG in Gainesville. Born in Daytona Beach, he was raised in Sanford and graduated from Seminole High School. He was a 28 year veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He belonged to First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville, University City Kiwanis, and Athenium Club. Survivors include wife, Margaret "Mig", Gainesville; daughter Beth Radcliff, Charlotte, N.C.; son, James, Tampa; six grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to the Boy Scouts of America. Williams-Thomas Funeral Home, Gainesville, in charge of arrangements.

**CAROLYN L. CLARK**  
Carolyn L. Clark, 81, Grand Pines Drive, Decatur, Ga., died Thursday, June 20, 2002. She was born in Fruitland Park, Florida, and was a retired Orange County (Jones High School) teacher. She belonged to Patmos Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Winter Park. Survivors include sons, Carmichael and Clayton; daughters, Coleen Clark-Abidi, Cybil Neal; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Pauline Weaver. Golden's Funeral Home, Inc., Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

**LEMUEL DEBOSE**  
Lemuel Debose, 57, Cypress Avenue, Sanford, died Thursday, June 20, 2002 at his residence. Born July 29, 1944 in Sanford, he was a lifelong resident. He was former owner of Junk Exchange and was an antique dealer. Survivors include wife, Clyde Jones Debose, Sanford; son, Hubert Peterson, Rochester, N.Y.; father, Ernest; brothers, Ronald, Manhattan, N.Y., Calvin, Rochester, N.Y.; sister, Catherine, Alameda, Cal.; one grandson. Graveside services will be held Saturday, June 29 at 2 p.m., at Shiloh Cemetery on West 25th Street. Visitation will be Friday, June 28, from 5 until 9 p.m. at Sunrise Funeral Chapel, 900 Locust Avenue, Sanford. In lieu of flowers, the family requests you contact them and receive directions

concerning arrangements. Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

**ORPHA D. DRAKE**  
Orpha D. Drake, 75, Osteen, died Friday, June 21, 2002. Born July 12, 1926 in Fitchburg, Ma., she moved to Central Florida in 1957. She was a retired registered nurse at Sanford Memorial Hospital and a volunteer in the Kindergarten at Osteen Elementary School. She belonged to Osteen United Methodist Church. Survivors include sons, Stanley, Daytona Beach, William, League City, Tex.; daughters, Lisa Jett, Osteen, Kerrie Ortiz, Sanford; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be Wednesday, June 26, at 10 a.m. at Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

**ROBERT D. HARMAN**  
Robert D. Harman, 70, Voyager Street, Deltona, died Wednesday, June 19, 2002 at Florida Hospital Fish Memorial, Orange City. Born in South Bend, Ind., he moved to Central Florida from Edwardsburg, Mich. 32 years ago. He was co-owner/operator of Cross Roads Paint and Body Shop, Orange City. He was a published author and performing musician. He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Army. Survivors include step-sons, Lennie Bierwagen, Deltona, James Bierwagen, Decatur, Ga., John Bierwagen, Niles, Mich.; step-daughter, Beverly Bierwagen, Deltona; sister Evie Tiede, Costa Mesa, Cal.; six grandchildren. Baldauff Family Funeral

Home, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

**ARTHUR HAYES JR.**  
Arthur Hayes, Jr., 79, East 5th Street, Sanford, died Thursday, June 20, 2002 at Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Sanford. He was born Aug. 22, 1922 in Tallahassee. He was a construction laborer and a veteran of the U.S. Army. Survivors include wife, Louise; sons, Arthur III, Sanford, Carlton Edge, Lake Monroe; daughters, Velma H. Williams, Audrey H. Labon and Carmelita Bell, all of Sanford; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be Saturday, June 29, at 11 a.m. at Full Gospel House of Prayer, 1826 Jerry Avenue in Sanford with Elder Henry Bradley, Sr., officiating. Visitation will be Friday, June 28 at Sunrise Funeral Chapel from 5 until 9 p.m. Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.



**ROY EVERETT PENFIELD**  
Roy Everett Penfield, 77, N. Old Mill Drive, Deltona, died Sunday, June 23, 2002 at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. Born in DuBois, Penn., he moved to Central Florida in 1973. He was a purchasing agent for Stromberg-Carlson Telecommunications Company. He was Methodist by faith, a lifetime member of the Elks, Masonic Lodge, 32nd Degree, VFW, and the Deltona Hills Golf

and Country Club. Survivors include wife, Sue, Deltona; daughters, Cynthia Allen, Deltona, Deborah Park, Elizabethtown, Penn.; four grandchildren; one great-grandson. Baldauff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

**RESHONDA NICOLE RAWLINGS**  
Reshonda Nicole Rawlings, 16, McKay Blvd., Sanford, died Wednesday, June 19, 2002 at her residence. She was born May 27, 1986 in DeLand. She was a student and a member of Springfield M.B. Church. Survivors include father, Sylvester L. Rawlings; mother Rosa Rawlings, both of Sanford; brothers, Andre, Eatonville, Kevin Harden, Orlando, Kenneth Foster, Sanford; maternal grandmother Neta Mae Newsome, Sanford. Funeral services will be Saturday, June 29, at 11 a.m. at New Bethel M.B. Church. Viewing will be Friday at the funeral home from 4 until 8 p.m. Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

**EDNA MAY RUMMELL**  
Edna May Rummell, 79, Duncan Street, Deltona, died Thursday, June 20, 2002 at her residence. Born in Birmingham, England, she moved to Central Florida from Union, N.J. in 1974. She was a legal secretary for several large corporations. During World War II, she served in England as a WREN, (Womens' Royal English Navy) in

Birmingham, England. She was a member of St. Clare Catholic Church, and Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Orange City. Survivors include daughter, Carol Spillane, Stamford, Conn.; sister, Doris Syner, Sutton-Coldfield, England; five grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to St. Clare Catholic Church, 2961 Day Rd., Deltona, 32738. Baldauff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

**IRENE A. SHERWOOD**  
Irene A. Sherwood, 91, of 19th Street, Sanford, died Sunday, June 23, 2002 at her residence. She was born June 29, 1910 in Florida. She was a homemaker. Survivors include sister, Rose Long, Tampa, friend, Robert E. Nutting, Orlando. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 27, at Family of God Fellowship Church with Pastor Robert E. Nutting officiating. Visitation will be at 9:30 until funeral time. Burial will be in Mount Albion Cemetery, Albion, N.Y. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

**JUNE CARPENTER SLOAN**  
June Carpenter Sloan, 71, of Lake Mary, died Thursday, June 20, 2002. She was born Jan. 19, 1931 in Atlanta. Most of her career was with the Florida Department of Health and Human Services. She was a licensing specialist for childcare and residential services.

She devoted most of her life to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Survivors include husband, Rudy; sons Leon Bryant, San Antonio, Tex.; Walker Bryant, Lake Mary; daughters, Susan Bryant and Ruth Bryant, both of Atlanta, Ga.; brothers, Van Carpenter, Orlando, Tom Carpenter, Blowing Rock, N.C.; many grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rumples Presbyterian Church, Blowing Rock, N.C., or to Habitat for Humanity. Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

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# Business

## Stirling to broker space at new hanger facility at Sanford airport

Stirling International Realty, Inc. has been named exclusive sales and marketing representative for Golden Executive Aviation, a new hangar facility under development at Orlando/Sanford International Airport in Sanford that will include 34 hangars for private executive aircraft.

Stirling Founder and Owner Roger Soderstrom said the Golden Executive Aviation facility will offer executive and T-hangars ranging in size from 1,295-square feet to 3,600 square feet.

Soderstrom said construction of the facility will start in the next 30 days and will take about six

months to complete. The new hangar facility should open by the end of the year.

"Golden Executive Aviation is the first new hangar facility to be built at Orlando/Sanford International Airport in several years," said Soderstrom. "Most hangar facilities in the area are fully leased," he said.

Stirling commercial property specialists Pamela Middleburg and John McKinney are sales and marketing representatives for the facility. Soderstrom added the developers plan to sell the facility to an investor.

"As a long-term commercial property investment the Golden Executive Aviation facility offers

enormous value," said Soderstrom. "In a market of rapidly increasing demand at an airport that projects enormous growth over the next 10 years, quality executive hangar and maintenance facilities are in very limited supply and Golden Executive Aviation will be the premier facility in Seminole County," Soderstrom said.

Stirling operates Real Estate Showcase Centers in Alaquá, Heathrow, the Seminole Towne Center Mall, the Winter Park Village shopping center and in the Dr. Phillips area. The firm plans to open a real estate showcase center in downtown Orlando in this summer.

## Lisa Harr named sales manager at GMAC Real Estate's Lake Mary office

Signature GMAC Real Estate, Central Florida's largest locally owned and operated real estate company, has named longtime real estate executive and trainer Lisa Harr Branch Sales Manager for its Lake Mary office.

Harr, a 16-year veteran with extensive experience as a real estate trainer in North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Florida, will be responsible for day-to-day sales and administrative operations of the 12-person office that services the north Seminole and West Volusia county markets for Signature, says President and COO John Nadler in making the announcement.

Before relocating to Central Florida, Harr was affiliated for four years with Howard, Perry and Walston GMAC Real Estate in Raleigh, North Carolina, one of the top GMAC companies in the country. Prior to that, she owned and operated a real estate school in Raleigh for aspiring Realtors.

"Lisa Harr brings a different but extremely valuable perspective to her position - an insight that we believe will produce big dividends for our office down the road," says Nadler. "As an educator for some major companies, she knows first hand what it takes to be successful in

this industry and will impart that knowledge on her staff."

The Lake Mary office, which celebrates its first anniversary this month, is one of seven Signature GMAC offices with about 175 agents serving the Central Florida market. The company, which posted a record \$177 million in home sales and was recognized as the fastest-growing company in the GMAC national network, also has offices in Bay Hill, Windermere, Winter Park, Clermont, Oviedo and Kissimmee.

Harr is a resident of Lake Mary.

## Heathrow Land Co. names Larry Vershel Communications as public relations agency

Heathrow Land Co., developer of large-scale residential communities in Lake County and Sebring as well as commercial properties at Heathrow in north Seminole County, has named

Larry Vershel Communications, Inc. its public relations agency.

Michael Dick, chief information officer at Heathrow Land Co., said the Vershel group will coordinate a national

and regional public relations campaign to increase media visibility for Heathrow developments.

Dick also named Metropolis Advertising & Design as the

Orlando firm, as its marketing and advertising agency.

The Vershel group, which opened its doors in 1992, currently has more than 50 clients active in home-building

country club communities, information technology, land planning, engineering, manufacturing and residential and commercial real estate development.

## Muse named Sanford Employee of the Month



Sanford City Manager Tony VanDerworp, right, presents the June 2002 Employee of the Month award to Mary Muse, the administrative secretary for the Engineering and Planning Department. Eileen Hinson nominated Muse for the award and said, "Mary was transferred from the Building Division to the Planning and Engineering Division .... At that time she had no experience with the processes handed from our part of the department but was eager to learn and has adapted very quickly to the many daily tasks required of her. ... Mary goes out of her way to be courteous and attentive to the customers and citizens that enter our department and always wears a smile. A few weeks ago, she even received a dozen yellow roses from a business owner just to say thank you for all of her help in the process of establishing his business within the city. ... Mary has gone above and beyond her required duties on many occasions and has made the process of acquiring a new secretary an easy and pleasant transition."

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## Business Briefcases

**ICON works to develop lights that will last at least 20 years**

INCON Lighting, Inc., which manufactures high-tech and energy-efficient commercial lighting systems at facilities in Sanford, got rave reviews for eight new product lines the firm introduced at the recent Lightfair International 2002 expo in San Francisco - the industry's largest and most important international trade show.

INCON Chief Executive Officer Mark Hudson said orders for the new product lines were brisk, but a new technology Incon is developing now should stir even more interest.

"Ultimately, the future of the lighting industry lies in LED technology," said Hudson. And that future is very promising: low-energy illumination that offers a 20-year life span.

Hudson said INCON is currently prototyping its first LED lighting systems and hopes to begin test-marketing them this year.

"LED technology is already pervasive in the form of dials, switches and indicators," said Hudson. "The technology is extremely efficient - six or seven LEDs use a single watt of energy," he added, "and LED lighting systems offer a tremendous life-time. The key to commercial use is to produce enough 'white' light for satisfactory illumination," he said.

That technology is currently available but pricey, Hudson explained. "As demand rises costs will come down and we feel that over the next five years LED lighting systems could see significant growth in the U.S. and worldwide," Hudson said.

Hudson said he expects to produce good working prototypes before the end of the year. "We have not projected sales yet but the potential is significant."

**NAI Realvest inks deal on old furniture building in Sanford**

NAI Realvest Partners Inc. recently negotiated the sale of an 18,000 square foot retail building and a 1.5 acre site at 1100 French Ave. in Sanford.

George Livingston, president of NAI Realvest said Michael Heidrich, a principal in the firm

negotiated the sale representing Grier, Ltd., the seller. Jai Tanden, a furniture wholesale outlet, is the new buyer. The sale is valued at \$402,000.

Maitland based NAI Realvest Partners, Inc. is a fully integrated commercial real estate operating company specializing in brokerage, investment, leasing and management, consulting, research and development services in the U.S. and worldwide through NAI, a global real estate services network active in over 300 markets.

**Florida Solar promotes veteran Jack Kaplan to manager's spot**

Florida Solar Technology Inc. in Sanford has promoted veteran customer services manager Jack Kaplan to branch manager of the company's Olympian pool and pest control division, a subsidiary of Florida Solar Technology.

Florida Solar founder and president Skip West said Kaplan is "one of the most astute customer service managers we have and he will play an important role in the continued expansion of our pool and pest control division."

Florida Solar is the largest contractor of pool heating systems in the world. Last year the company opened its Olympian pool and

pest control division with regional offices in Tampa. The company also plans other offices this year.

**Encompass Electrical handles 3 projects worth \$52.5 million**

Altamonte Springs-based Encompass Electrical Technologies-Florida, LLC, handled \$52.5 million of electrical contracts for three Central Florida mega-projects including: a \$40 million contract at Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center with Perini/Suitt JV, a \$9.2 million contract for the Royal Pacific Resort at Universal Orlando with Hensel Phelps Construction Company and a \$3.3 million contract for the Ocean Walk Resort Shoppes and Theater with Foley & Associates in Daytona Beach.

Headed by Jack A. Olmstead, President, Encompass Electrical Technologies-Florida, LLC, is prominently ranked as the largest specialty contractor in Florida according to Southeast Construction - Florida Edition magazine based on reported revenues of \$200 million.

The company is part of U.S. market leader Encompass Services Corporation which is ranked No. 1 atop Engineering News-Record's annual Top 600 Specialty Contractors survey.

## AT&T Pioneers donate \$1,000 to Meals on Wheels



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

The Seminole County Meals on Wheels Congregate Program was presented a \$1,000 check from the AT&T Foundation. The grant was awarded based upon the 218 hours worked by volunteers of the Maitland Life Member Club of the AT&T Pioneers organization to hand sew "ditty bags," secure a variety of toilet articles, and fill and deliver the bags. The Maitland Club filled 160 bags. The ditty bags were given to those attending the countywide Christmas party for those receiving hot meals on a daily basis. Those attending the check presentation included, Pat McConnell, congregare program coordinator; Virginia Clark, president of the Maitland Life Member Club of the AT&T Pioneers; John Dorff, past president of the club; Sherry Fincher, executive director of Meals on Wheels, Etc.; and Kathy Lynch, member of the Meals on Wheels Board of Directors.

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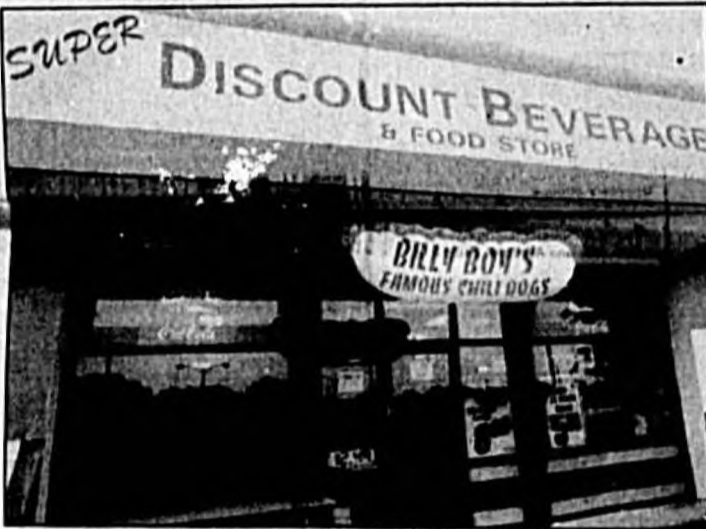
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SANFORD — Billy Boy's Famous Chili Dogs is staying in Sanford. Last Tuesday, the more than two-decade old business opened its doors at a new location a few miles down the road from its original downtown site. The eating establishment's new home is at 2473 S. Park Ave. "People seem to be really happy about our new location," said Billy Boy's Sanford Manager Michael A. Signorelli. "The people who live in this area seem happy we moved closer to them. "We were sad to leave downtown, but that happens." Although many people are pleased with Billy Boy's new location, the space he rented for Billy Boy's at the corner of Sanford Avenue and 1st Street. A few weeks later, the deal was signed between the property owner and the U.S. Postal Service, leaving Wells with few options — he could close the Sanford business or quickly relocate to another site within the city. Fate must like the famous chili dog recipe. In just a few weeks, Wells and Signorelli found the new site and have established the restaurant at the new location. Loyal customers will still find the same orange picnic tables inside the restaurant, along with a few new additions. Billy Boy's new location is the former Super Discount Beverage Store. Wells and Signorelli decided to combine the convenience of a local market with the tasty tradition of chili dogs and hamburgers. "This was originally a beverage store, so we decided to keep the convenience," Signorelli said. "If someone needs to pick up a six-pack of Coke, they can do it when they stop by to get a chili dog." Now that Billy Boy's has overcome the hassle of relocation, expansion is in its future. In just a few weeks, Billy Boy's Apopka will open at the corner of state roads 441 and 436. Signorelli said Port Orange might also one day be the home of another Billy Boy's. As the 20-year old business continues to expand into new markets, Signorelli hopes the original will continue to thrive in Sanford. He's even planning a celebration for the

Fourth of July to welcome new customers. "Everything happened so fast, we really didn't have time to do something about the new location," Signorelli said. "We want to try something for the Fourth. We would like to get with the city and have some kind of fireworks show in the parking lot. That would be great."



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Obituaries

JAMES PINK VEREEN JR. James Pink Vereen, Jr., 83, Dianjoy Drive, Orlando, died Saturday, June 22, 2002. He was born in Florida. He was a merchant, and a retired U.S. Army veteran.

born Nov. 28, 1912 in Scotland. She was a retired head nurse. Survivors include stepson, John Wales, South Pines, N.C.; stepdaughters, Betty W. Schardien, Casselberry, Janet VonOhlen, Parlin, N.J., Jean Hergert and Harriet Veals, both of Casselberry.

Cincinnati, Ohio; one grandson. Donations may be made to Hospice of Volusia/Flagler, 3800 Woodbriar Trail, Port Orange, 32119. Baldauff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

Society plans flint-knapping demonstration

By Mary Rowell Herald Correspondent Ever heard of flint-knapping? Few people have. Flint-knapping is the art of making stone tools (including arrowheads). Today, there are only about 200 flint-knappers in the United States.

meeting. David Wolfe has displayed his craft at the Orlando Museum of Art and many historical fairs, such as Pioneer Days and Olde Lake Mary Days. David will be demonstrating his art on Thursday, July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Lake Mary Historical Museum.

catcher, a handkerchief doll or a shell/bead necklace. The event is free and open to the public. Children are welcome. If you would like to participate in the make your own activities, the Society asks only that you pre-register so they can have enough supplies on hand for everyone.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 01-CA-2464-14-L.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO. 02-CA-819-14L. MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, Trustee for SECURITIZATION SERIES 1998-3, Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT ALLEN MOTT; JANE DOE, Unknown Spouse of ROBERT ALLEN MOTT; NATIONSBANK, N.A.; and UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

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### Amateur Radio Field Day 2002



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Mike Welch, president of the Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society, tests his equipment before last weekend's Amateur Radio Field Day 2002. Each year, radio enthusiasts gather at a particular place, and, along with other radio operators throughout North America, and other nations, go into competition to see who can receive various communications from others. In the past, local operators have been in contact with others in Canada, Mexico, and Russia, from set-ups in Sanford. The equipment must operate without the use of commercial electric power, which is the circumstance that could be expected during a national, weather, or other emergency when the operators will swing into action. Locally, the LMARS and ARES operators are recognized for their outstanding work during the tornado that devastated a portion of the Sanford area in February, 1998, as well as assisting through the nation in such emergencies as hurricanes, which prevent normal radio communications due to the loss of electrical power. LMARS and ARES swing into action with the portable equipment, and have been considered as a valuable asset to law enforcement, and emergency operations.

## Red Cross sets new standards for disaster fund-raising practices

The American Red Cross recently announced a series of changes in its disaster fund-raising practices that are designed to strengthen the bond between the organization and its donors who make its mission possible.

The reforms, which are part of a nationwide Red Cross initiative, will give contributors to the American Red Cross National Disaster Relief Fund a better understanding of how their donations will be used and allow them to confirm their intent to improve stewardship of their charitable gifts.

"We take very seriously our responsibility both to the donors that support our disaster relief efforts and the victims who depend on it," said David Hewitt, Director of Financial Development for the American Red Cross of Central Florida. "These new practices raise the standard for accountability to our donors on whose generosity we depend. We believe that these are the best fund-raising practices among charities and they are the right policies for the American Red Cross."

The National Disaster Relief Fund provides the financial sup-

port for the Red Cross response to more than 67,000 disasters each year - including floods, fires, hurricanes and more. The Fund operates as a revolving account, enabling the Red Cross to respond immediately to every disaster and ensuring that every victim gets comparable assistance regardless of the visibility of the disaster or the ability of the community to support Red Cross efforts.

Red Cross disaster assistance is free of charge and typically includes such essential services as food, shelter, mental health counseling and other basic relief services that will assist and lead to recovery.

There are four major changes in Red Cross fund-raising practices:

- The Red Cross will use specific language consistently across all disaster relief fund-raising channels including advertising, direct mailings, Web sites, telemarketing and all public communication. All solicitations will now include the following language: "You can help the victims of [this disaster] and thousands of other disasters across the country each year by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, which enables the Red Cross to provide shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to those in need."

- All donors who make undesignated contributions to the National Disaster Relief Fund will be asked to confirm that they understand the purpose for which their donations will be used before their donations are accepted.

- Donors will receive an acknowledgement after their contributions have been received that will re-confirm their intent and the purposes for which their contributions will be used. These acknowledgements also will instruct donors on what to do if they have any concerns about how their contributions will be used.

- The Red Cross will trigger a fund-raising transition policy in any disaster where it appears that contributions made around the time of the disaster may exceed the cost of the anticipated disaster assistance. The transition policy will explicitly inform potential donors that enough money has been received for the current disaster and encourage them to give to the chapter or to

the National Disaster Relief Fund to support the victims of future disasters. This policy is intended to avoid a situation, where too much money is raised around a disaster that, in turn, creates an expectation that more money will be spent on its victims than is normally the case under standard Red Cross protocols.

"We concluded that we could do a better job of communicating our needs to donors, listening to their desires and honoring their intent," said Hewitt. "We are confident that using consistent fundraising language will strengthen our disaster relief efforts in the Central Florida community by increasing donor trust in and loyalty to the Red Cross."

While the Red Cross will continue to honor all donor designations, the organization also will continue to promote undesignated giving to the National Disaster Relief Fund so that it can respond with equal speed and compassion to the victims of every disaster.

The Red Cross said the changes are a result of a six-month long process that included an examination of its current practices, consultation with experts in the field of charitable fund raising, and testing of various approaches with existing and potential donors. Donors and the public can expect the enhancements of fund raising practices in place by the end of June.

The American Red Cross is dedicated to saving lives, easing suffering and restoring hope at home and around the world. Currently operating on a budget of \$3 billion, the Red Cross annually mobilizes relief to the victims of more than 67,000 disasters nationwide and has been the primary supplier of lifesaving blood and blood products in the United States for more than 50 years.

In 2001, the Red Cross also trained almost 12 million people in vital lifesaving skills, provided direct health services to nearly 2.6 million people and delivered more than 21 million locally relevant community services. The organization also assisted international disaster and conflict victims in close to 40 locations around the globe, and its emergency communication centers processed 1.2 million calls in support of U.S. military families.

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**Bracelets**

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ants, and have a local telephone. Then there are other requirements, but that will be left up to a judge to decide at the time.

Such people might include those involved in domestic violence, stalking, repeated trespassing, falling to appear in court, some traffic or misdemeanor charge, and in certain cases, even drug or prostitution cases.

Monitors at the sheriff's department will keep track of where these people with the ankle bracelets are. For example, someone involved in a fight, will be watched to be sure he or she does not go to known drug areas. In the case of domestic violence cases, they will be monitored to be certain they do not return to the scene of the activities which put them in jail in the first place.

The operation is not expected to begin until after the new fiscal year starts on Oct. 1. Ealinger commented, "We'll be starting slowly at first with only a few of the ankle attachments, but within a year or so, we could have as many as 50 to 100 in operation."

The amount requested to begin this program is \$143,000, which includes one position for a monitor. In the first year, according to Penny Fleming with the sheriff's department, part of the expense will be absorbed by the Inmate Welfare Fund. The second year, by the Inmate Telephone communications revenue. Additionally, each person assigned one of the ankle bracelets will be required to pay \$6 per day for the use.

During the County Commission budget hearings, Ealinger gave an example of a case up north where an armed robbery was taking place. A monitor observer was immediately able to locate a person known as a robber, in the vicinity of the store being robbed. Additionally, he was able to come up with a photo of the suspect. Police were able to locate the robber within minutes after the crime was reported, because he was wearing an ankle bracelet which was tracked in the way similar to what the Seminole County Sheriff's Department plans to undertake.

The Probation Division has agreed to work in concert with the Intelligence Center and General Assignment Investigators to ensure compliance and initiate action for any non-compliance. Initially, passive electronic monitoring devices will be used (those checked daily). In the future, units with real-time capabilities and referred to as active electronic monitoring may also be used.

Last year, the John E. Polk Correctional Facility experienced a daily average population of 855 inmates, with 61 percent (522) awaiting trial. Not all offenders awaiting trial will be eligible for electronic monitoring, due to prior offenses and other strict criteria set forth in Florida Statutes. But with official approval, those qualified to wear the electronic monitoring devices will greatly help reduce the inmate population at the jail.

Ealinger and other officials have already met with the State Attorney's office and judges and Harriett said the judges appeared to be in favor of the project.

**Chamber**

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send out a coupon, and follow that up every 30 days until the due date.

Those members who have not renewed 30 to 45 days after their deadline receive a visit from Gordon.

The final step of Gordon's plan is to remove those members who have not renewed within 90 days.

"At some point we have to move on," Gordon said. "We need spend our energy attracting new members and providing services to those who renew."

While the chamber's financial position is much stronger, Gordon said a lot of work remains. For one, the pace has slowed for renewals and new member recruitment.

"Traditionally the summer is slower, so we have our work cut out for us," Gordon said.

The organization is also planning to change the billing cycle so that all memberships are renewed at the same time.

"That will allow us to concentrate our renewal efforts to one time period a year instead of every month," Gordon said. "That frees us up to recruit new members throughout the year."

Gordon said the chamber also is in the early stages of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce accreditation program and is researching a plan to offer affordable health insurance plans to chamber members.

"Those businesses that right now might not be able to provide insurance to their employees would be able to offer that benefit under this type of program," Gordon said.

The chamber is also planning a political hob-nob for Aug. 15, and Gordon hopes to keep up the pace of activities.

"Each month is a battle, but I have a tremendous board of directors that I'm very grateful for," Gordon said. "We know we're heading in the right direction."

**Request**

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we want to do with the \$6 million," Greene said. "After I wrote the letter, we were asked to make a personal pitch and meet with the powers that be."

According to Greene, the appropriations will come from various federal agencies, depending on the type of project. In the past, the city has received federal money through a police officer's grant program to cover the expense of additional officers.

On top of the city's list is the fire sub-station — a project Commission recently opted to delay due to funding concerns. Originally planned to coincide with City Hall's expansion, cost for the facility is estimated at \$380,000 with an additional \$1.1 million to staff it. Without alternative funding, such as the community-development money, the city would need to raise taxes almost 25 percent to pay for the added staff.

"The money for the fire station is needed to alleviate any tax increase

to our residents," Greene said.

The city is seeking funding for the bypass project to reduce traffic traveling through the old downtown area. Federal allocation for the Lake Mary Woods sewer system would also allow the city to avoid making it a future bond issue.

"As for the surveillance equipment, it's for the security and safety of our water supply," Greene said. "It would give our residents more confidence to know the city's water supply is continuously photographed."

City Manager Litton is looking for a positive outcome following the delegation's trip to Washington.

"I am hopeful and expect to be successful," Litton said. "We probably won't get everything we ask for, but we may get partial funding for some of the projects."

"Since we have a consultant, we have a heads up on others who don't," he said. "Hopefully, we will bring home the bacon."

**Teachers gain real world experience through Chamber internship program**

Seventeen Seminole County Public School educators are gaining real world experience of the new knowledge economy and the skills their students will need for this new economy.

Through the Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce's Business Internships for Educators, the teachers will be better able to prepare and graduate citizens with good social skills, good written and spoken English, and a broad education. The teachers will receive stipends sponsored by the participating businesses or grants.

The Chamber is also sponsoring Technology Workshops for educators. Four-hour workshops will be held at AT&T, Florida Power, Lucant Technologies, Perot Systems, and Seminole Community College. The workshops will be held on July 23 and 24. It is a joint project of the Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber and the University of Central Florida.

For more information on how your business can sponsor Business Internships for Educators, teacher workshops, or Success at Work, call the Chamber at 407-333-4748 or Seminole County Public Schools Community Involvement Department at 407-320-0178.

**Class Size**

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there still is overcrowding, and the portables at the schools are proof of that.

"By reducing class size, you give teachers more time to teach. It takes away from the time they spend on discipline issues within the classroom."

The campaign to decrease classroom numbers is headed by "The Coalition to Reduce Class Size." The group has drafted an amendment to Florida's constitution that requires the state to fund

all needed costs associated with lowering the number of students in classrooms.

The proposed amendment would limit pre-kindergarten through third-grade classes to 18 students. The maximum number of children in classrooms from fourth through eighth grade would be 22, while ninth-through 12th grade classroom sizes would not exceed 25 students.

The amendment would require all school systems in Florida to meet the standards by 2010 and

calls for phased-in state funding to achieve the goal.

The coalition needs almost 500,000 signatures by Aug. 5 for the amendment to get on the Nov. 5 ballot. Although the group expects to have 600,000 names on paper by the end of the month, only 125,874 signatures, so far, have been verified by elections supervisors.

There is a good reason why the coalition hasn't had problems gathering names on paper. Florida ranks 43rd in teacher-to-

student ratios. This fall, when students return to school, they will arrive in the most overcrowded classrooms in the state's history.

That's why Tuesday members of the community were helping the NAACP gather signatures in Sanford. They believe every name is one step closer to reducing class size.

"It's our children's future," Turner said. "We must build our future on a solid foundation and that means investing in education on the front end."



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## McLain qualifies to run for congressional seat

**SANFORD** — Seminole County Commission Chairman Daryl McLain announced Monday that his campaign for the newly created District 24 United States Congressional Seat had collected more than 3,200 citizen petitions to qualify as a candidate for that office.

McLain utilized unpaid citizen volunteers to collect the requisite 2,100 petitions needed to get on the ballot in less than two months. McLain's campaign volunteers collected more than 2,500 petitions in the last week, and 1,200 petitions in the last 36 hours prior to the Monday, June 24 deadline.

McLain said the volunteer effort is a clear indicator of the grassroots support he has among voters.

"I am honored that so many volunteers from all four counties in the district worked so diligently on my behalf," McLain said. "What these volunteers accomplished in the last week, often in monsoon-like conditions, is nothing short of amazing."

McLain said his opponent Tom Feeney initially sent out tens of thousands of petitions by direct mail, and after receiving a very modest response, hired a petition gathering firm to collect the balance of the signatures to get on the ballot. McLain commented that, "I



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent  
County Commission Chairman Daryl McLain hands Supervisor of Elections Sandy Gourd his petitions to qualify as a candidate for the newly created District 24 congressional seat.

have always preferred to use citizen volunteers who can have face to face interaction with the voters when asking them to sign petitions," McLain said. "I feel that direct contact with voters during campaigns and with constituents after an election is of paramount importance, its really what public service is all about."

The McLain campaign avoided having to approximately \$9,000 in filing fees and only expended \$450 in copying fees on the petition drive.

## Manatees

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forming a mating herd. After mating, they resume their solitary lives.

An exception is the strong bond between cow and calf. After birth — the gestation period is one year — calves stay close to their mothers for up to two years. Manatees give birth only once every three to five years.

The intriguing nature of manatees is what brought Bob Mills of Oviedo to the banks of Lake Monroe Monday. It was also his first time spotting the placid creatures swimming in the waters of Seminole County.

"They are such intriguing creatures," Mills said. "It's a shame the boats hurt them. They are such peaceful creatures."

In fact, many of the manatees swimming near the sea wall during the weekend had white scars on their backs — a result of collisions with motorboats. In 2001 alone, the Save the Manatee Club reported 81 manatee deaths as a result of watercraft collisions.

Mills remained on the sea



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent  
Jessa Bess of South Carolina Monday snaps a picture of manatees swimming in Lake Monroe. More than a dozen of the sea cows were spotted during the weekend near the sea wall across from Sanford City Hall.

wall for almost an hour Monday watching the manatees flip around in the water.

"I'm from Oklahoma, and you don't see many manatees in Oklahoma," he said.

As for Gay Bess' desire to impress her grandchildren — it worked. Her grandson, Johnny, agreed seeing the manatees was the best part of his summer vacation, so far.

## Community Notes

### Firematics competition

The Altamonte Springs Fire Rescue youth took second place recently in Firematics statewide competition.

The youth from the "Fire/Rescue Explorer Post" competed against paid and volunteer firefighters from around the state in Sebring.

The youth, ages 14-18 competed in events including the bunker gear race, which tests firefighters skills and speed in putting on firefighting protection gear. They also participated in busted fire hose replacement.

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# Sports

## UCF teams signs new athletes

Special to the Herald

ORLANDO — The University of Central Florida has added several new athletes for the 2002-2003 season.

The Golden Knight women's track and field team has signed Kworya Ferguson, Michelle Olandese, Rian Thomas and Raniyah Walker to national letters of intent, head coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth announced.

Ferguson, a product of Rockledge High School, was a state champion high jumper this past season, as well as a finalist in the long jump, 200 and 400 meters.

She also won the 2002 Golden South Championship in the high jump clearing a height of 5-8.

Olandese, a discus thrower from Johnsbury High School in Illinois, was ranked third in the state this past season and had a season-best throw of 131-8. She will add to the already strong contingent of UCF throwers.

Thomas, a throws specialist from Titusville High School, was the district champion and regional runner-up in the discus and shot put. She was also a state finalist in both events finishing seventh in the discus and eighth in the shot put.

A product of Camden (New Jersey) High School, Walker has a personal best of 56.20 in the 400 meters, an event in which she has won three conference and county championships. As a member of the 4x200 relay team, she placed sixth at indoor nationals and also ran with the 4x400m relay team that took sixth at the Penn Relays.

The new signees join a Golden Knights squad that has won three consecutive Atlantic Sun Championships.

The UCF softball team signed Taylor Sawyer to a national letter of intent, Head Coach Renee Luers-Gillispie announced.

Playing pitcher and first base for Sierra Community College, Sawyer had an 18-5-1 record and a 0.91 ERA in 142.33 innings pitched while she also had a .385 batting average with 25 RBIs. She received All-Bay Valley Conference honors as a pitcher while she also earned numerous all-tournament honors.

Sawyer graduated from Oakmont High School in 2000, where she twice earned all-conference honors and was the team's MVP her senior season. She was also on the honor roll.

In other Golden Knights athletic news, a pair of UCF freshmen outfielders, Dee Brown and Clay Timpner, have been named to the Collegiate Baseball News Freshmen All-American Team.

UCF was the only school to have two outfielders named to the freshmen All-American squad.

Brown was the Atlantic Sun Freshman of the Year and was a first-team all-conference team member. For the season, Brown hit .397 and led the Knights with 56 RBIs and 111 total bases. He was also the A-Sun's top hitter in conference games only with a remarkable .490 average.

Timpner was named to the Atlantic Sun All-Freshman team along with Brown after hitting .361 with five home runs and 47 RBIs. A midsea-

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## Umpires to get free education

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

SANFORD — Have you ever wanted to get behind the plate and call balls and strikes? Or maybe you just want to know more about how officiating a baseball game works.

Now is your chance and it won't cost you a thing but time.

It is also a good time to get into the profession as there is a shortage of officials and the pay has improved considerably over past years.

The City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department will be holding a free

## Sanford Rec. Department to offer Clinic for new 'blues'

one-day Baseball Umpires Clinic at the Chase Park Sports Complex on Saturday, July 13th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Under the auspices of the Babe Ruth Baseball National Umpires Association, this clinic is for those interested in beginning baseball umpiring or for anyone that just wants to know more about umpiring in general.

The Clinic actually will be in two parts

with the Morning Clinic being devoted to teaching the One- and Two-Man System and the Afternoon Clinic being set aside for rule interpretations.

Applications for becoming a Babe Ruth League Umpire will be given out at the end of the day.

Beverages will be provided, but attendees should bring a lunch.

The four-field Chase Park Sports

Complex is located near Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium at 1500 Celery Avenue behind the old Seminole County Schoolboard Complex, two blocks east of Mellonville Avenue.

Veteran umpire Duane J. LaFollette, now a Recreation Supervisor with the SRD, will head up the clinician team.

Clinic size is limited so you need to make reservations by calling LaFollette at 407-328-3732 (Chase Park Office) or the Sanford Recreation Department Downtown Youth Center at 407-330-5697. You can also contact LaFollette by Fax at 407-328-3731 or by email at dumpires@aol.com.

## Miller's maulers

### SCC has nine on All-MFC Softball

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

SANFORD — The Seminole Community College softball team has been richly rewarded for yet another super season.

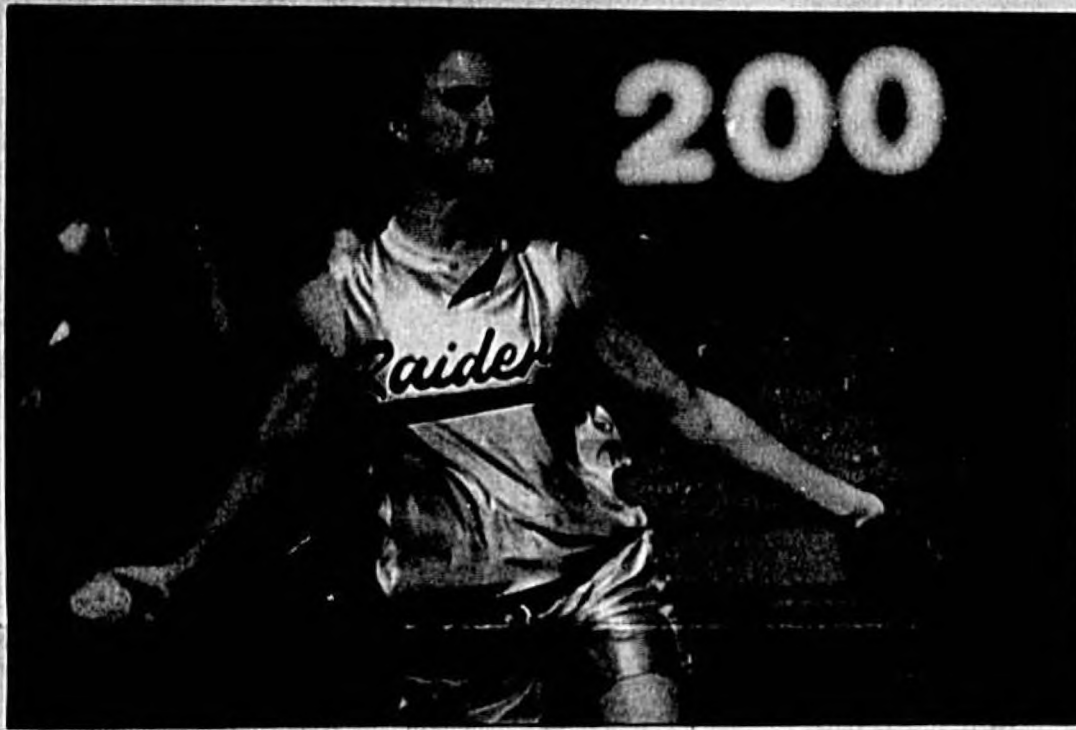
Despite struggling offensively virtually the whole season, coach Courtney Miller's Raiders still went 46-16 and carried a nine-game winning streak into the State Tournament to come within two victories of the school record of 48, which was set just last year.

They also finished fourth in the state tournament, losing only to No. 1 seeded Lake City Community College and eventual state and national champion Indian River Community College.

SCC had beaten the Pioneers all four times they met in the regular season.

For their efforts, the Raiders had nine players earn postseason honors, with two players, sophomore Blake Hoorebeke and freshman Lacey Swarouth, making First Team of the Mid-Florida Conference and FCCAA All-State and NJCAA All-Region VIII squads.

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Herald photos by Jim Wertz

Freshman sensation Lacey Swarouth (above) and sophomore all-around star Blake Hoorebeke (right) both had monster seasons for the Seminole Community College softball team this year and for their efforts were named to both the First Team of the Mid-Florida Conference and FCCAA All-State and NJCAA All-Region VIII squads. Swarouth, from Colonial, broke several single-season school records, while Hoorebeke, who will be going to Stetson University this fall, was the top RBI producer and No. 2 pitcher for coach Courtney Miller's Raiders. All told, nine different SCC players were named to All-Mid-Florida Conference teams in one capacity or another.



## Raiders rewarded for big season

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

SANFORD — A return to elite status not only in the Mid-Florida Conference but also in state circles is starting to pay off in the form of postseason honors for the Seminole Community College baseball team.

Led by Winter Springs High School graduate John Michael Howell, Coach Mike Nicholson's Raiders had eight players make either First or Second Team when the Mid-Florida Conference All-Star Teams were announced recently.

SCC had a breakout season under Nicholson. A strong finish in 2001 left the Raiders just a game away from making the State Tournament and a few games short of .500, giving the squad high hopes for this season.

But another slow start (6-11) in 2002 had many locals thinking this would be another frustrating year.

The cream (i.e.: talent), however, started to rise to the top as freshmen Howell and Donnie Burkhalter starting hitting the ball out of the park like they were going to make a run at Barry Bonds' record.

Sophomore Tommy Solitario bounced back from injuries to start pounding the ball and transfer John "J.T." Williamson, a Lyman graduate, and freshman Dan Quarataro came on to give SCC speed at the top of the order.

And freshman pitchers Zach McCamie and David Timm stepped out of the shadows of more heralded teammates to give Nicholson strong starting pitching.

The result was a 32-27 record, including finishing the season 26-16, and a Fifth Place finish at the State Tournament. Only an extra-inning loss in the Quarterfinals kept the Raiders out of the Top 4.

Howell, a lefthanded hitting third baseman, made the biggest impact, going from a player fighting for playing time at either third or first base heading into the spring, to making the All-Mid-Florida Conference First Team, All-Tournament at the FCCAA State & NJCAA District Tournament, and Second Team FCCAA All-State and NJCAA All-Region VIII.

The 6-foot-3, 200-pounder, who played for Jeff Perez at Winter Springs, hit .361 (69-191) with 20 doubles and 11 home runs, scored 35 runs and drove in 50 runs during the regular season.

In Mid-Florida Conference play, Howell hit .347 (35-101) with nine doubles and seven home runs, scored 21 runs and drove in 25.

Solitario, a 6-foot, 195-pound lefthanded hitting catcher from Staten Island, New York, was another First Team All-Conference selection, hitting .333 (29-87) with six doubles, two triples and six home

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## Project reaches milestone

Special to the Herald

OCALA — A young whooping crane survived dogs, eagles, cold temperatures and drought to become the first of its kind to fledge in the wild in the United States in 63 years.

The fledgling, dubbed "Lucky" by volunteers, made history on June 7 when it spread its mighty wings and flew effortlessly across the Leesburg marsh in which it was hatched and reared by first-time parents.

"There are fewer than 400 whooping cranes left in the world and this bird's history-making flight is a significant milestone in our efforts to

restore the whooping crane to its former range in the Southeastern United States," said Steve Nesbitt, non-migratory whooping crane project leader for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

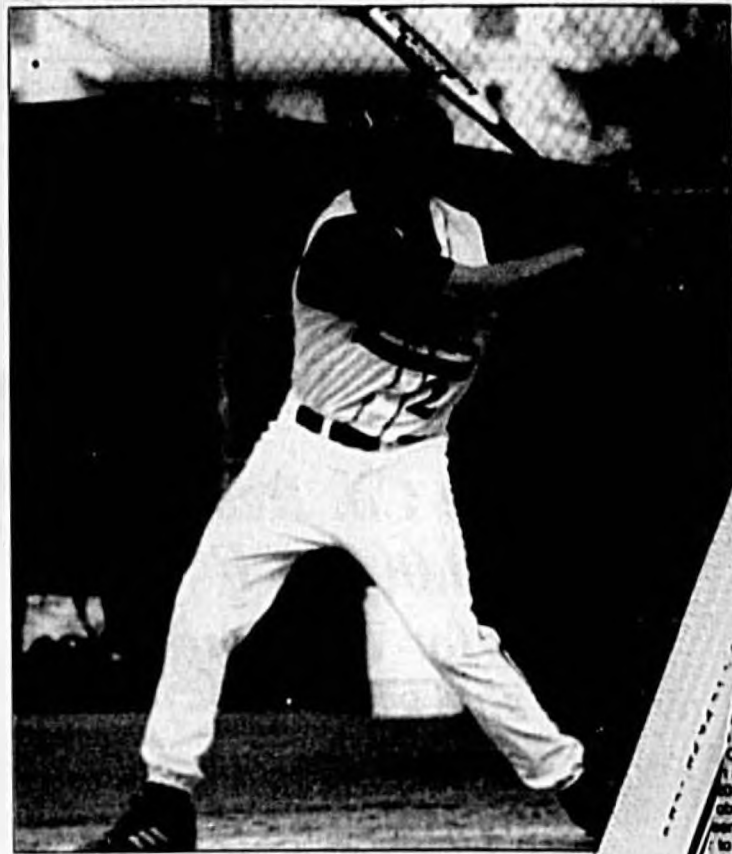
Biologists and volunteers have closely monitored the Leesburg whoopers since the pair arrived at the small wetland area last December and began showing an interest in nesting there. By mid-February the female was sitting on eggs and on March 12, Lucky, the first of two chicks, hatched.

Two days later the second chick hatched but survived only a few hours before it was taken by a bald eagle.

"While it's sad that the second chick was taken so quickly, it is normal for whooping cranes to hatch two chicks but raise only one," said Marty Folk, FWC biological field coordinator for the non-migratory whooping crane project.

The fact that Lucky has fledged, meaning it can fly on

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Herald photo

Freshman John Michael Howell from Winter Springs was super season, being named to the FCCAA All-State Second













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Baseball's best

The Seminole Athletic Conference was more than amply recognized when the FHSAA All-State Baseball Teams were announced recently. Page 1B



Night Safari

What happens when a kinkajou awakens from its daytime nap? And, what does an opossum do when many other animals are preparing for their nightly slumber? Page 1C

Stay cool on the Fourth

Celebrate the Fourth of July with a red, white and blue ice cream cone. Any celebration becomes "cool" when ice cream is served. As part of National Ice Cream month, don't hesitate to try a variety of cold treats including a peach sundae. Page 8C

Seminole Smile



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Sanford's ready to sparkle

By Dan Ping Editor

Sixth annual fireworks show expected to draw more than 60,000 people

SANFORD — The sixth annual Festival on the Fourth is expected to draw 65,000 people to one of Central Florida's biggest fireworks shows.

Sponsored by MDX105.1, 102 Jamz, Orock 105.9, the city of Sanford and Sanford Main Street Inc., the free family event will take place at Fort Mellon Park on Lake Monroe in historic downtown Sanford on Thursday, July 4.

The festivities start at 5 p.m. with the fireworks show exploding after sundown over Lake Monroe. The patriotic fireworks display will be choreographed with a live music simulcast on all three radio stations. Beer and concessions will be available from 5 to 10 p.m.

"The fireworks will be expanded this

year," said Linda Kuhn, chairwoman of the Sanford Main Street committee organizing the festival. "They'll be bigger and better and very patriotic."

One key aspect of this year's fireworks show is that the pyrotechnics will be launched from the marina point, allowing spectators all along Seminole Boulevard to

enjoy the show.

"We've been trying to do this for several years," Kuhn said. "It allows us to open up the entire park. Before we had to close off part of Seminole Boulevard and Ft. Mellon Park because you have to keep a 550 foot perimeter from the launch site. Everyone will have a much better view, including those who choose to watch from their boats on Lake Monroe."

Fireworks are the main attraction, of

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Community pride



Parent volunteer Chris Robidoux Thursday helps 4-year-old Shenelle Couch create a paper chain during Logan Heights Apartments' The Gator Club program.

Logan Heights offers children new program

By Michelle Jeria Managing Editor

Laura Reeves believes apartment complexes are receiving a bad rap in Sanford.

That's why the community manager for Logan Heights Apartments wants people to know there are a lot of good things happening at these multi-family residences — especially for children.

"I'm concerned about all the criticism apartments are getting lately," Reeves said. "There are a lot of positive things going on at our complex, and we aren't the only ones who are doing these types of things."

During the past few months, Sanford City Commission has discussed a possible freeze on new apartment complexes while the city tries to find a way to control the impact of rental housing. Officials are concerned about the impact on traffic, the environment and housing trends. Many city residents have also voiced their concerns about the number of rental complexes within Sanford.

Nevertheless, Reeves said existing complexes shouldn't be the recipients of disfavor. In fact, she wants people to realize apartment managers are trying to make life a little easier and better for their renters.

At Logan Heights, Reeves is very

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Yasmin Torres creates construction paper stars for a Fourth of July project. She is a member of The Gator Club.

Mims receives third bugle pin

Firefighter Seminole County's first female assistant chief

By Michelle Jeria Managing Editor

History was made in Seminole County Friday when a third bugle was placed on Leeanna R. Mims' collar.

Mims, who has moved up through the ranks in public service during the past two decades, is now the first female assistant chief for the county's EMS/Fire/Rescue Division. Current and former colleagues gathered to honor Mims during Friday's bugle pinning ceremony at Seminole County Fire Station No. 35.

"In the short time that she has been with us, she has excelled in everything she does," said

Seminole County Fire Chief Terry L. Schenk. "She has served with distinction. She was definitely the leading candidate to fill this position."

Mims is only the sixth person in the agency's 26-year history to be named assistant chief, Schenk said. It is a key position in the fire department, and she will now directly report to the fire chief.

"Since we hired her from Longwood in 1999, Leeanna has done a marvelous job for us," Schenk said. "And, this is an opportunity that doesn't come around too often."

According to Seminole Director of Public Safety Ken Roberts,

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Seminole County Fire Chief Terry L. Schenk, left, and Seminole Director of Public Safety Ken Roberts pins the third bugle on Leeanna Mims collar.

FDOT launches new 511 travel information service

By Nick Pfeiffer Staff Writer

area west of Orlando.

"For the first four hours and 20 minutes, we saw a total of 4,000 calls," said FDOT spokesman Steve Homan.

On Monday, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) officials launched a voice-activated 511 Travel Information Service which is now available to most Central Florida wireless telephone users.

By dialing 511, wireless customers of AT&T, Cingular, Nextel, and Sprint will be able to get around-the-clock, real-time traffic and road condition updates along the Interstate 4 corridor from Volusia County to the attractions

With the pothole problem on I-4 just north of the St. Johns River Bridge beginning at approximately 2 p.m. Tuesday, Homan said the number of calls increased. From noon Monday until 4 p.m. Tuesday (after the potholes had been reported) the number of calls had already reached 18,000.

Later, he said that during the

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Smith honored with department's first Medal of Merit

By Dan Ping Editor

Smith was honored for his work Friday morning by becoming the first Medal of Merit recipient in the history of the Sanford Police Department.

"I was surprised when I heard my name," Smith said. "I knew we were having an awards program, but I had no idea I'd win the medal."

The ceremony was the first formal awards presentation the department has held to recognize officers throughout the ranks for their dedication and hard work.

"Alan is a key player in our tactical unit," said Police Chief Brian Toohey.

The award may have been a surprise to

Smith, but considering his pedigree, it's no mystery. Law enforcement is the Smith family business. Smith's dad is a Florida State Trooper, his mom works for the Orange County Sheriff's Office, and his sister is employed by the Winter Springs Police Department.

"It seems like we're always going to each other's awards presentations," Smith said.

The Medal of Merit honors Smith's cumulative efforts as an officer, however, his supervisors said one incident epitomizes why Smith was

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Seminole County Police Officer Alan Smith holds up his Medal of Merit. Smith is the first recipient of the honor, which recognizes hard work and a job well done.