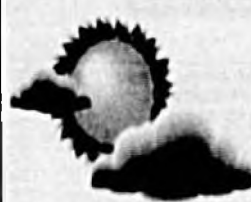




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Briefly

Cross-Seminole Trail Hike

The Florida Trail Association will lead a moderate hike at the Cross-Seminole Trail on Saturday, June 17. The group will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the Oviedo Shopping Center at the corner of Highway 434 and 426 in downtown Oviedo. The public is invited to join the group as it hikes the entire trail, approximately six miles. Participants should bring a snack and plenty of water. For more information call activity leader, Judy Minter, at (407) 365-1080.

Young Republicans

The Seminole County Young Republican Club will meet Tuesday, June 20, at 7 p.m. at the Seminole County Library, Central Branch. Guest speaker will be Seminole County Property Appraiser Bill Suber.

For additional information contact Jeffrey Bauer, 407-841-7698.

Today Is ...

Tuesday, June 13, 2000
Today is the 186th day of 2000 and the 86th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY:

On this day in 1910, Charles Keeney Hamilton, flying a Curtiss biplane, made the first round trip in one day by airplane between two major cities of the United States. He flew from Governor's Island (in the harbor of New York City) to Philadelphia and back.
• On this day in 1967, Thurgood Marshall was nominated by President Lyndon B. Johnson to the U.S. Supreme Court. He was the first African-American to be nominated to the Supreme Court.
• On this day in 1993, Kim Campbell became the first woman to serve as prime minister of Canada.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:

Winfield Scott (1786-1866), U.S. general; Basil Rathbone (1892-1967), actor; Dorothy L. Sayers (1893-1957), mystery writer; Red Grange (1903-1991), football great; Malcolm McDowell (1943-), actor, is 57; Richard Thomas (1951-), actor, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS:

On this day in 1987, 40-year-old third baseman Sachio Kinugasa, playing for the Hiroshima Carp, played his 2,131st consecutive game, breaking Lou Gehrig's consecutive-game record.

TODAY'S QUOTE:

"Trouble shared is trouble halved."
Dorothy L. Sayers

TODAY'S MOON:

Between first quarter (June 8) and full moon (June 16).

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Police search for Dr. J's son

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is leading a nationwide investigation into the disappearance of Corey Marvin Erving, the son of pro basketball legend Julius Erving. Corey Erving was last seen in the east Altamonte Springs area between 1 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 28.

Sheriff Don Eslinger said Erving was involved in some type of altercation in the area prior to May 28, but he did not elaborate about what the altercation may have involved.

Corey Erving does have a history of alcohol and drug abuse, but authorities did not say whether they believe drugs or alcohol were involved with the disappearance. Erving is being classified as an "endangered person."

"We believe his life may in danger," Eslinger said during a press conference

Tuesday morning with the Erving family. "There have been no sightings of Corey or his vehicle."

Julius Erving said he last spoke to his son about 1:20 p.m. on May 28. According to his father, Corey Erving was going to pick up some bread for a barbecue at NBA player Corey Magette's house.

Erving said he has never been out of touch with Corey for more than three days at a time.

"It's hard," Julius Erving said. "People across America are experiencing this situation. Until it happens to you, you never know what it is going to be like."

Erving was last seen driving a Volkswagen Passat, Florida license plate No. A67-LFE.

There is a \$25,000 reward for information relating to the whereabouts of Erving. Those with information are asked to call a special hotline the sheriff's office has established at 1-888-609-2529.

City rejects petition for firefighters' union

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Sanford City Commission on Monday by consensus agreed to reject a petition by a firefighters' union requesting recognition.

The union will now file for an election by a secret ballot. It could take up to 60 days before an election is held. The union has to be selected by a majority of the employees voting in an election.

"I just want to see the

results of the election," said Sanford Mayor Larry Dale. "They have the right to form a union. But, let's go through the election process."

The Sanford Professional Firefighters, Local 3986 applied to the city's Public Employees Relations Commission (PERC) for registration in May. On May 31, a petition was delivered to the city requesting recognition as the exclusive bargaining unit of the employees in the proposed unit.

The city had until June 20 to respond to the request.

According to David Frost, president of the firefighters' union, 25 out of a possible 42 Sanford firefighters voted in favor of joining the union when officers were chosen. The 42 firefighters who can be represented include Emergency Management Technicians (EMT) and paramedics.

The firefighters are forming

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Commuter rail project receives key endorsement

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

Plans for commuter rail in Central Florida received a boost Monday, as a key railroad announced its endorsement of the plan.

Florida Central Railroad has endorsed the commuter rail route proposed by US Congressman John Mica (R-Winter Park). The commuter rail route would run on 52 miles of CSX track from Deland to Orlando and Kissimmee.

A commuter route

between Eustice, Apopka and Orlando operated by Florida Central Railroad could also become part of the commuter rail route, according to Florida Central Railroad Vice President and General Manager Bennett Biscan.

"We believe our best chance for success is to help achieve the consensus needed on the CSX route to secure federal funds, at which point we will then work to make our line a logical extension of the longer CSX route," Biscan said.

Mica has been working to salvage funds from the failed \$600 million light rail project to build consensus on the Central Florida Commuter Rail proposal. The \$40 million to \$70 million project would serve the region on an interim basis as decisions are made on a permanent fixed mass transit system.

The stumbling block to the proposal remains whether Orange County will give an endorsement. So far, Seminole, Volusia and

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Tasty treats



Herold photo by Tommy Vincent
Fred Mannara, owner of Fred's Franks, prepares one of his special hot dogs for a customer. Fred is one of several vendors who participate in the Sanford Farmer's Market every Tuesday in Magnolia Square in downtown Sanford.

Bikers raise nearly \$2,000 for Kids House of Seminole

By Nick Pfeiffaut
Staff Writer

The Seminole Bikers Challenge was held Sunday, June 11. The 80-mile motorcycle scavenger hunt was to raise funds for Kids House of Seminole.

The ride traveled from Longwood, through Sanford, DeLand, New Smyrna Beach and Samsula, stopping at a num-

ber of places including Kids House in Sanford.

Terry Rains, Altamonte Springs Police Department Information Systems Manager and his wife, Tammy, coordinated the fundraiser. Originally, they hoped to have possibly 1,000 motorcyclists in the event, and looked forward to an expected \$7,500 to be donated to Kids House.

According to Nancy Crawford, Executive Direct of Kids House, rain showers and another event held in Mount Dora were responsible for a relatively small turnout. "We actually had less than 100 bikers involved," she said, "but we made many new friends and gained a great deal of support Sunday, so plans are now being set to hold this on an annual basis." She said the event

next year will probably be in April.

In all, Crawford said a total of \$1,700 was raised by the bikers. Sponsors for the event included Gilley's Pub 44, Toys-R-Us, BellSouth Mobility, Bar Out Back, Dixie Crossroads, Trick Shots Billiards, Scooter's motorcycle Parts, metrovista, Foxhead north, Streetwise, Sopotnick's Cabbage Patch, and a number of others.

'Social Security' opens



Herold photo by Tommy Vincent
Eisa Filzer, Lynda Baldorf, Danny Bellamah and Arne Starr act out a scene from "Social Security," a comedy now playing at the Helen Starr Theatre. Showtime is 8 p.m. June 16 and 17, and 3 p.m. June 18. Tickets are \$10 for balcony and \$15 for orchestra seating. For more information, call 407-321-8111.

If elected, Yancey promises to 'shake people up' at City Hall

Editor's Note: This is the last of a five-part series profiling the candidates for the District 3 seat on the Sanford City Commission.

The election will be held June 27, and only residents of District 3 can vote. A candidate forum will be held 7 p.m. June 20 at the Sanford-Seminole County Chamber of Commerce, 400 E. First Street, sponsored by the Chamber and the Seminole Herald.

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Martha Yancey is concerned about whether Sanford is prepared for fast-paced growth.

"My biggest fear is Sanford

getting too big," Yancey said. "Growth is coming, and people need to accept that. But, to keep Sanford alive, we've got to know when to control the growth. Are we prepared for growth in terms of our police, fire, code enforcement, schools and water supply?"



Yancey
The wife of former city com-

missioner Ned Yancey, Martha Yancey, 79, lost two previous bids to become a City Commissioner in campaigns against A.A. McClanahan. McClanahan died in April, forcing the special election, which will be held June 27. Only residents of District 3 can vote for the five commission candidates.

Martha Yancey served on the Scenic Improvement Board for six years, and has also served on the Citizens Advisory Board for the police department.

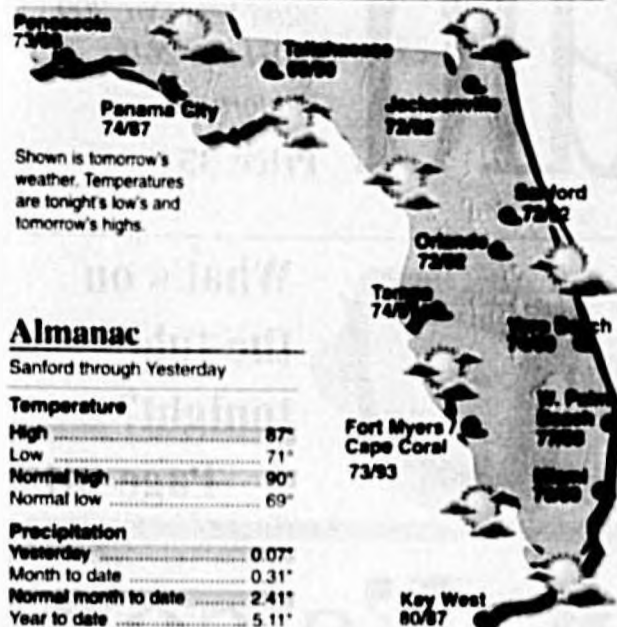
Her civic activities include serving of the Board of Directors

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Tonight Partly cloudy. 72	Wednesday Sun and clouds, stray p.m. 1-storm. 92 / 72	Thursday Partly sunny; it may 1-storm.	Friday Sun mixed with clouds; a stray 1-storm.	Saturday Some clouds and sun; it may p.m. 1-storm.
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Sanford through Yesterday

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Regional Weather

Florida: Any evening thunderstorms diminishing tonight; otherwise, partly cloudy. Hot and humid tomorrow with a shower or thunderstorm in spots.
Georgia: Partly cloudy and muggy tonight. Sunshine mixed with clouds tomorrow; perhaps a thunderstorm across the west.
Mississippi: Partly cloudy tonight with nothing more than a shower across the south. Partly sunny and humid tomorrow with a thunderstorm.
Alabama: Scattered evening thunderstorms will diminish tonight, leaving partly cloudy skies. Hot and humid tomorrow with clouds and sunshine.
South Carolina: Partly cloudy, warm and muggy tonight. Sunshine mixed with a few clouds tomorrow, hot and humid.
Louisiana: Partly cloudy tonight with a shower and thunderstorm across the south. Partly sunny tomorrow with scattered thunderstorms.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:28 a.m.
Sunset Wednesday	6:28 a.m.
Moonset today	4:20 a.m.
Full	June 18
Last	June 24
New	July 1
First	July 8

Tides

Tides for Daytona Beach Shores, Daytona Pier		
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First High	6:53 a.m.	4.2 R.
Second Low	12:58 p.m.	0.8 R.
Second High	7:34 p.m.	4.8 R.
Thursday		
First Low	1:48 a.m.	0.7 R.
First High	7:37 a.m.	4.1 R.
Second Low	1:41 p.m.	0.8 R.
Second High	8:12 p.m.	4.8 R.

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.
 Yesterday's National High/Low: (for the 48 contiguous states)
 High 110° in Death Valley, CA Low 29° in Clayton, ME

National Cities

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Baltimore	78 68 c	88 72 c	Helena	77 52 c	71 47 s	Omaha	78 54 pc	78 59 pc			
Birmingham	85 68 pc	95 67 pc	Honolulu	82 74 c	87 74 s	Philadelphia	72 66 c	86 70 c			
Boston	91 58 s	99 48 s	Houston	90 71 pc	90 74 t	Phoenix	110 82 s	113 86 s			
Charlotte, SC	89 74 s	89 73 pc	Indianapolis	83 64 t	77 65 t	Portland, OR	79 57 pc	78 52 s			
Chicago	80 60 t	75 62 pc	Jacksonville	82 72 pc	92 72 pc	Providence	66 57 c	79 65 c			
Cleveland	89 69 t	76 65 t	Kansas City	79 54 pc	78 64 pc	Raleigh-Durham	91 71 s	90 67 pc			
Daytona Beach	90 71 s	89 72 pc	Las Vegas	103 76 s	112 84 s	Rapid City	76 51 s	76 45 c			
Denver	80 50 s	89 53 s	Little Rock	85 65 t	89 69 c	Reno	95 57 s	98 58 s			
Des Moines	70 53 c	74 61 pc	Louisville	87 69 t	81 66 t	St. Louis	82 63 t	81 66 pc			
Detroit	85 65 t	74 63 t	Memphis	86 70 t	84 70 t	Salt Lake City	84 58 s	90 61 s			
El Paso	93 62 c	98 70 s	Miami	89 79 s	89 78 pc	Santa Fe	86 52 s	92 56 s			
Fairbanks	70 40 c	88 51 t	Minneapolis	77 59 sh	73 61 pc	St. Ste. Marie	75 58 t	67 53 pc			
			Nashville	87 69 t	83 66 t	Seattle	73 54 c	73 53 pc			
			New Orleans	87 71 s	88 72 t	Topeka	78 55 pc	82 61 pc			
			New York City	65 62 c	82 68 c	Tucson	107 71 s	108 77 s			
						Washington, DC	82 70 c	90 72 c			

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, ice.

World Cities

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Beijing	99 76 s	99 74 s	Los Angeles	69 70 t	69 77 t
Berlin	79 61 pc	79 46 sh	Manila	90 70 t	71 63 t
Buenos Aires	84 52 sh	65 42 sh	Moscow	78 56 pc	78 55 pc
Calcutta	109 70 s	109 69 s	Paris	79 59 pc	76 50 pc
Hong Kong	86 71 s	79 72 s	Rome	91 69 s	91 69 s
Jerusalem	94 66 s	89 57 s	Sao Paulo	82 65 pc	87 69 s
London	79 59 pc	70 50 pc	Sydney	61 43 sh	66 57 s
Madison	78 58 pc	78 55 pc	Tokyo	75 70 sh	74 68 s
Mexico	79 58 pc	76 50 pc	Winnipeg	66 59 s	62 59 pc
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Briefs

Sanford winner
One of six tickets matching all five numbers in Saturday (6/10) night's Fantasy Five drawing was reportedly purchased in Sanford. Winning ticket numbers are 13 - 18 - 19 - 21 and 24. Each winner will receive \$26,963.70.

I-4 Ramp closure
Florida Department of

Transportation will be closing the Interstate-4 eastbound on-ramp at the U.S. 17-92 interchange, west of Sanford, for eight hours on Wednesday, June 14.

The on-ramp will be closed from noon until 8 p.m. while officials measure the impact of the closure on U.S. 17-92 the main line of Interstate-4 and other Seminole County eastbound on-ramps at the Lake Mary Boulevard, CR-46A and SR-46 Interchanges.

The 17-92 ramp will be upgraded as part of a project to replace the I-4 St. Johns River Bridge. Construction could begin

as early as next spring but would take two years to complete.

Help wanted

The Salvation Army in Sanford needs volunteers to assist with the Children's Supervised Visitation and Monitored Exchange Program. "Family Focus" helps children who are unable to live with both parents visit with the non-custodial parent in a safe and structured environment. It also gives parents a safe place in which to exchange custody for weekend visits.

For more information, contact Family Focus at 407-322-2642.

Residents concerned about crime in their neighborhoods

By BH Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Roger and Patricia Doughty say they are tired of auto theft and home burglaries occurring in their Sanford neighborhood.

The couple, who live on Grandview Avenue, say their east Sanford neighborhood has a problem with break-ins, and teenagers can be seen wandering the streets looking for trouble.

Their car was stolen March 31 and a neighbor's car was stolen Monday. They were among several Sanford residents who told the City Commission on Monday night they are concerned about the level of crime in the city.

"How can we get Sanford back from the criminals?" Roger Doughty asked. "Something's got to be done."

Sanford Mayor Larry Dale said progress has been made in reorganizing the police department to address concerns about crime. However, Dale stressed there is still much work to do.

"A lot of us are still proud of Sanford," Dale said. "We have had a crime problem for a number of years, not just recently."

Mary Greenwell, who resides on Magnolia Avenue, urged the commission to purchase the Velma Mitchell Annex located adjacent to Red Barber Park and create a community center.

"I don't think the city is doing enough to keep young people busy," Greenwell said. "We need a recreation program that is in-depth. I've had my home broken into, and they took my fax machine. Every summer we get a little crime wave right where we are."

The city is negotiating with the Seminole County School Board to purchase the Velma Mitchell Annex. However, commissioners said they first need to determine what the building would be used for, and how

much it would cost to maintain.

Meanwhile, four youth baseball tournaments will be held this summer at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium. The city spends about \$2.2 million annually on youth recreation programs.

"There is a problem," said city commissioner Whitey Eckstein, who is a teacher at Seminole High School. "Young people have changed so much. People in authority mean absolutely nothing to them. Lying is quite prevalent."

Captain Mike McCoy of the Sanford Police Department said police are establishing a decoy program of leaving cars and bikes to be stolen, while officers hide and wait to make an arrest. However, in two sting operations near Bram Towers in downtown Sanford, no arrests have been made as the items were not taken.

"It is very frustrating for people like me who want people to be safe," McCoy said. "We will do everything we can to reduce crime in the city."

Police are urging city residents to purchase alarms for their homes and vehicles.

"The cost of an alarm is low compared to the peace of mind it brings," McCoy said. "Seldom is a car taken out of a home with an alarm. It's that noise that makes a thief run away."

Sanford police are considering asking the City Commission for an ordinance which would enable officers to take more proactive steps in stopping those who ride on bicycles at night without proper lighting, because some of these people may be drug dealers, McCoy said.

Police statewide are lobbying the legislators for tougher sentencing guidelines.

North Seminole County has the highest number of auto thefts, with Sanford leading the pack, according to data from the City County Auto Theft Task Force of Seminole and Brevard counties.

Unincorporated Seminole County ranks second. Altamonte Springs ranks third in the county in auto thefts, followed by Casselberry, Oviedo and Winter Springs have relatively few auto thefts.

The number of auto thefts in Seminole County increased by 18 percent over the last year, from 1,457 in 1998 to 1,484 in 1999.

The number of people arrested in 1999 for grand theft auto in Seminole County increased 22 percent over the previous year, to 251.

Meanwhile, according to crime statistics from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, from 1998 to 1999, car thefts, larcenies, robberies, and rapes have all increased in the city.

Car thefts have seen the most significant increase, from 440 in 1998 to 558 in 1999. Larcenies have increased from 2,000 in 1998 to 2,317 in 1999. Robberies are up from 105 in 1998 to 145 in 1999. Rapes have increased from 23 in 1998 to 34 in 1999.

The number of burglaries increased only slightly, from 657 in 1998 to 662 in 1999. The number of murders stayed constant at four during each year. Meanwhile, the number of aggravated assaults decreased from 419 in 1998 to 401 in 1999.

A grant of about \$182,000 to the city will pay overtime to officers during the next two years, increasing the police presence in the city. The city is matching the federal award of \$164,068 with \$18,230 in local funds.

The funds will pay for police to use new strategies, such as beginning a bike patrol in three areas of the city: along 13th Street in the Goldsboro community, the historic district, and the downtown business district.

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Life Style

Geneva community plans Fourth of July event

Continuing a more than 30-year tradition of celebrating the Fourth of July, the Geneva community will have a parade on the national holiday.

Participants in the parade should gather at First Baptist Church on First Street at 10 a.m. The public is invited to participate in the parade with floats, decorated cars, trucks, bicycles, wagons, horses or just walking.

For information about horses in parade, call 407-349-5110.

World War II veterans in Geneva will be the guests of honor. The theme is "Let We Forget." Organizers want all veterans to ride at the front of the parade.

For transportation information to the parade for veterans, call 407-349-5495.

After the parade, the public is invited to gather at the Geneva Community Building on First Street for food, programs, games and music.

The event is sponsored by the Geneva Community Association.

BBB won't give unearned credit

DEAR ABBY: Please do your readers a service by cautioning them to phone the Better Business Bureau whenever they receive a "great" offer they are considering accepting.

I received a notice from a legitimate-sounding credit card company ("member of FDIC") in Scottsdale, Ariz., saying that I was "pre-approved" for a secured credit card. They asked that I send a check for \$99, and they would issue a credit card with a limit of \$500. That was exciting because my finances are in a state of disarray. I don't get many of these kinds of offers.

I phoned the credit card company and asked how long it would take to receive the new card. The response was "six weeks." That seemed rather long, and my intuition told me to phone the Better Business Bureau in Scottsdale. I was informed the bureau has a file with pages and pages of complaints against this company.

Please inform your readers that a phone call to the BBB may not only save them money, but prevent grief and a great deal of wasted time as well.

A FRIEND IN FLORIDA

DEAR FRIEND: Better Business Bureaus are located in most major cities in the United States. They were one of the first consumer "watchdog" organizations. The bureaus provide consumer education materials, answer questions, provide information about businesses — i.e. whether there are unanswered or unsettled complaints or other marketplace problems — and help resolve buyer/seller complaints against a business, including mediation and arbitration services.

They also have information about charities and other organizations seeking public donations.

BBBs that provide information via 1-800 telephone numbers charge a nominal fee for their services; some offices charge a flat fee and require a major credit card to access information. The BBB Web site can be accessed at www.bbb.org for consumer fraud and scam alerts, and information about BBB programs, services and locations.

DEAR ABBY: I kissed a married man. Actually, it went beyond just kissing. I have just

turned 19, and he's 30 and has a baby on the way.

Abby, I didn't sleep with him — but we went pretty far. We both wanted it to happen, but I still feel guilty.

I have liked this guy for four years. I was, and probably still am, too young for him. What should I be doing about this situation now? I don't see him often, but when I do, we fool around. What do you think this guy is thinking?

"BUNNY" IN INDIANA

DEAR "BUNNY": This guy is thinking, "Here's an 'easy' girl I can get some action from without any commitment." That means no love, no respect — zero on your balance sheet.

You feel guilty because you know he is married to another woman who can't compete with you right now. Listen to your conscience and stop playing around with him. You're risking an emotional involvement with a man who has proved he cannot be faithful, a pregnancy with more responsibility than you can handle, and a social disease from someone who's probably playing around with more "other women" than you.

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Playing games



Harold photo by Marv Hawkins
The Parent To Kids celebration was held recently for children that participated in the Back Pack Program held during the school year. Students were rewarded for reading books with a festival sponsored by Goals 2000, a Title One program. Pictured above, Erik Hulse and Debbie Roger demonstrate the book walk.

Gospel Music Night slated for Friday

Gospel Music Night will be presented Friday, June 16, beginning at 7 p.m. in Sanford First Baptist Church located at 519 Park Ave. Featured will be the Tomlin Family, Straight From the Heart and Lori Hayes.

An all-you-can-eat meal with hamburgers, hot dogs and dessert will be presented from 5:30 until 6:45 p.m. with a cost of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 13. There will also be a cake and pie auction at 6 p.m.

All proceeds will go to support missionaries in the Philippines and Vietnam.

Admission for the Gospel Music presentation is free.

Ginger: Underground spice popular among Florida gardeners

Ginger is a perennial plant whose underground rhizomes are used as a flavoring agent. It produces well from Homestead to Pensacola.

The plant grows from thick, white, tuberous, underground rhizomes that are very aromatic and is native to Taiwan and Haiti. It has been grown for centuries in the Caribbean Islands and China where it is used locally for medicine and in cooking.

It is marketed in United States mostly in a powdered and candied form. Gardeners report growing ginger satisfactorily for home use throughout the state.

Description
True ginger can be distinguished by its shorter stalks,

which are 2 to 3 feet high, with narrow, flat, pointed leaf blades about 1 foot long, producing yellow-green flowers with purple tips growing in dense spikes. It produces plump, strongly aromatic rhizomes that are used mainly as food flavoring.

True ginger is often confused with related plants grown as ornamentals in Florida, such as the butterfly ginger, shell flower and the pinecone ginger. The roots of all ginger are edible and have varying degrees of hotness, like peppers.

Culture
Ginger does best in partial to complete shade. In full sun, the leaves are brown-tipped and the plants grow poorly. Most

gospel garden soils are adequate for growing ginger, including sands, if sufficiently supplied with nutrients and moisture.

Soil should be 8 inches deep and contain a mixture of sand and cow manure, or other suitable organic mixture. Ginger is started from rhizome (root) cuttings rather than from seed. The tuberous root, called a hand, can be purchased in grocery stores, nurseries or health food stores.

In selecting fresh ginger for planting, choose a fat, full hand with well-defined eyes. The eyes resemble those of a potato and are easy to detect. It is best to cut the rhizomes into pieces 1-by-1 inches long, each containing at least one eye.

Cut the rhizome pieces a few days ahead of planting to allow the cut surfaces to dry, reducing chances of rotting. In a well-prepared bed, insert each piece and cover with about 1 inch of soil. Space them 15 inches in the row and 15 inches between the row. Early in the spring is the best time to plant.

All gingers are heavy feeders, they should be fertilized with a good, all-purpose formula monthly during their growing season and should be watered regularly.

Ginger will produce new rhizomes but no seeds where summers are warm and last five to eight months. Ginger will tolerate temperatures in the low 20s without serious damage.

It will come back each spring with the return of warm weather if frozen back during the winter months.

Harvesting And Use

To harvest, dig rhizomes in the fall or when the tops have died down. Tops of the plants will die back nine to 11 months after planting for a natural dormancy. Allow rhizomes to dry in the shade for about a week.

In Jamaica, the rhizomes are peeled, washed, and sun-dried. Since ginger is a major spice, it has many uses as a food, flavoring, and medicinal product. Candied ginger is peeled,

boiled, soaked in syrup, and then rolled in sugar.

Ginger is the source of flavoring for our gingerbread and Ginger Ale.

It has been a staple in Chinese cooking for centuries. Ginger tea is considered a mild and safe stimulant as long as one drinks only a cup or two a day.

The leaves and cone-like flowerheads can be used in flower arrangements.

Ornamental Gingers

Pinecone ginger or lanolin lily is about 5 or 6 feet tall and produces deep red cones by Christmas.

Butterfly ginger lily grows around 3 to 6 feet tall, with wonderfully fragrant flowers. The blossoms are edible and have a ginger-mint flavor.

Al Ferrer is Seminole County Urban Horticulturist. Inquiries may be directed to him at the Cooperative Extension service, 250 W. County Home Road, Sanford, FL 32773 or phone 885-1554. All Seminole County Cooperative Extension services are open to all regardless of race, color, sex, handicap or national origin.

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Union

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 looking into ways of improving the fire department's service.

"This is not an aggressive act," Turner said. "It's the formation of a direct line of communication."

Dale and several commissioners said they were surprised by the formation of the union, considering steps the city has taken over the last several years to meet the department's concerns.

The City Commission approved pay raised in 1997. The fire department is the only fully staffed department in the city. A training officer was hired this year, along with an office assistant and six firefighter-paramedics since 1997. Firefighters received a total of

\$11,620 in tuition reimbursement over the last year.

A total of \$1,050 in incentive bonuses were given to "outstanding performers," and \$525 to "top performers." Fire Station No. 2 will be constructed at a cost of about \$500,000. In addition, since 1994 the city has purchased \$990,756 in new equipment for the fire department.

Frost said the firefighters are concerned about turnover, safer working conditions in regards to manpower, training and educational programs.

However, city officials countered that the fire department does not have a problem with recruitment and retention of personnel.

If the union is elected, PERC will certify the employee organization as the exclusive collective bargaining representative of all employees in the unit.

No such election would have been required if the city had approved of the petition. After certification the bargaining begins collectively to determine wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment.

The starting salary for EMTs is \$25,578 with incentives. The average EMT pay with incentives is \$29,076. For paramedics, the starting pay is \$30,151 with incentives. The average pay for paramedics is \$34,203 with incentives.

Commission. Yancey said a second woman would provide greater "balance" to the commission.

Rail

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 Ocala counties have endorsed the plan. The US House of Representatives has agreed to provide \$1 million in federal funding to support the project.

support will help ensure the success of our proposed demonstration project," Mica said. "I believe the Florida Central line could be a natural extension of the route I have proposed."



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Yancey

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 for the Sanford-Seminole County Chamber of Commerce, the Sanford Museum, and the Seminole County Student Museum. She is also a member of the Sanford Womens Club.

She is a retired training supervisor for cosmetics companies, including working six years for Mary Kaye.

Ned and Martha Yancey have three children, four grandchildren, and two great-children, with a third due July 4. They have lived in Sanford since 1975. Martha Yancey previously lived in Sanford from age eight until age 18.

An out-spoken city activist and volunteer for 25 years, if elected Yancey said she may seek a second term in March 2002.

"I'll tell you one thing," Yancey said. "I'll shake people up. You never know what I might do."

She would urge the City Commission to hold regular Town Hall meetings in addition to the regular sessions now held twice a month.

"They will come to City Commission meetings because I'll put spice in there," Yancey said.

Yancey said she has not made up her mind regarding whether she supports the proposed hotel and conference center on Fort Mellon Park. She said she may support a plan involving Fort Mellon Park that is favorable to the city, but would prefer seeing the project built along the Interstate-4 corridor.

"That is a beautiful location, but it is also a landmark for this city," Yancey said. "I would like to see it on some other property."

She would like to see additional entertainment venues in the downtown area to attract visitors.

She supports Zoning Ordinance 3502, which limits where social service agencies

and certain businesses can locate within the city.

"If we don't have this ordinance then we will have all these things just bunched together, kind of like Las Vegas with all those clubs together," Yancey said.

She believes Sanford needs to take further steps to address the needs of those living below poverty level, while also encouraging new businesses and professionals to come to the city.

"If our community expects to grow and prosper we have got to deal with the poverty we have in this city," Yancey said.

Yancey is quick to say that she is not campaigning to support Sanford's "old-guard."

"I love the young people who are moving in here," Yancey said. "They keep me feeling

young. We need to support them."

Currently, Velma Williams is the only woman on the City


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Ham radio operators test their readiness

From staff reports

Emergency powered radio communications, on-air demonstrations, satellite communications and more will be on tap when members of Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society (LMARS) and Seminole County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) service test their communication preparedness skills at Central Winds Park Amphitheater field in Winter Springs, June 24 and 25.

This is a national event which will include Canadian radio operators. Field day teams across the nation will attempt to contact each other via all modes of amateur communications during the 24-hour non-stop operating window, and accumulate points for confirmed contacts.

Operating time this year will start at 2 p.m. Saturday and conclude at 2 p.m. Sunday. Over 36,000 amateurs participated in the event last year.

The event is free and open to the public. Visitors will have the opportunity to see the new portable 100 foot expandable tower, self-contained field operation Mutual Aid Communications (MAC).

This district's unit is one of seven stationed throughout the state and is hosted by the Seminole County Department of Public Safety, Field and Rescue Division. It has already seen considerable action this year during the fires.

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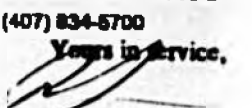
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Application deadline is June 15 for Special-Opportunity Hunts

OCALA - The June 15 deadline is drawing near for hunters to apply for permits to hunt one of Florida's premier spots for deer, wild hogs or released quail.

Last year, the deadline was June 30, but this year's deadline comes 15 days earlier.



Shupe Florida's "special-opportunity hunts."

The hunts take place on the state's most productive public hunting lands, and participants have vast acreage all to themselves.

Last year, special-opportunity hunt participants enjoyed a 92-percent success rate and a 69-percent success rate for wild hogs.

Quail hunts are new this year, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) expects high hunter success rates for those 15 hunts to take place on the Blackwater Carr Unit in the western Panhandle.

In all, the FWC is conducting 45 special-opportunity hunts for deer, wild hogs and quail, plus an undetermined number of special-opportunity dove hunts.

Applications for the deer, wild hog and quail hunts are available from FWC offices or they are available for downloading from the Internet at www.state.fl.us/fwc/ (Follow the hunting link).

Dove hunt permits will not require applications. Hunters can purchase them from merchants in the vicinity of the hunts.

Sportsmen can submit as many applications as they wish, but each must include the \$5 application fee (\$10 for groups of two hunters).

The FWC will conduct a random drawing to select participants from the applications it receives by the deadline. Selected applicants will be entitled to purchase permits that will cost \$50 to \$100, depending on the hunt. Special-opportunity dove hunt permits will cost \$35.50.

SHUPE'S SCOOP

It's not too early to begin planning for the upcoming hunting season. I actually prepare all of my stands and do all of my work by the spring, so I don't have to disturb my hunting area just before the season opens.

FISHING FORECAST

Action in the river is still fair for the intense heat. Low water levels are making bass easier to locate, where

Women in a flat-footed tie



Upset sends Sunniland, Donnie's Darlins into playoffs tied for first

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

SANFORD - Donnie's Darlins picked a bad time to hit a bump in the road.

But it sure made for a good way to end the regular season in the City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department Women's Spring Slow Pitch Softball League at Pinhurst Park last week.

Since dropping an 11-10 decision to the Sharks on the opening night of the season, Donnie's Darlins had won six games in a row and seemed destined to be the No. 1 seed in the Post-Season Tournament that begins tonight.

But F.H.I., which had not won since the second week of the season, had other ideas, scoring five runs in the second inning to erase a 1-0 deficit and taking a 9-3 lead before holding on for a

Carol Cranick singled and walked and scored two runs to help Sunniland Corporation move into a tie for first place with a 7-2 victory over Curl's Alleycats in the Sanford Women's Spring Slow Pitch Softball League at Pinhurst Park last Tuesday night.

Guppies, Ynots top Volleyball standings

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

SANFORD - Perfect Monday evenings vaulted the Ynots and the Guppies into the early lead in the City of Sanford

Recreation and Parks Department Spring Recreational Volleyball League last night in the Dan Pelham Gymnasium at Sanford Middle School.

On the opening week of the season (June 5th), Beer 30, Matt's Team and the

Ynots all posted 2-1 records in the A League, but Monday night, it was all Ynots as they rolled to a 3-0 record and took a one game lead over Beer 30.

A similar set of circumstances took place in the B League as the Guppies and

Sanford Church of God both went 2-1 on the first night of the season, but the Guppies dominated last night, going 3-0, while the other three teams all went 1-and-2.

See Volleyball, Page 2B

Johnson's jumper wins it for Miracle

From Staff Reports

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Shannon Johnson went from goal to hero in a matter of seconds.

The Orlando Miracle guard missed a free throw with 12 seconds left, but came back to drill a three-pointer as time expired Saturday night, lifting the Miracle to a 74-71 victory over the winless Charlotte Sting at the Hive.

Charlotte (0-5) is the only WNBA team without a victory this season, and has lost 10 consecutive regular-season games, dating back to last season.

Orlando (4-3) led 68-61 with 1:01 to play, but saw the lead evaporate as Charlotte picked up the intensity in a desperate attempt to earn its first win. Johnson made two free throws to give the Miracle a 70-65 lead with 27.8 seconds to play, but Charlotte's Tiffany Travis hit a long three-pointer with 14 seconds left to cut it to 70-68. Johnson was sent to the line again, but made just one of her two free throws while giving Orlando a 71-68 lead.

The Sting took advantage and tied the game on Rhonda Mapp's desperation three-pointer with 1.5 seconds to play.

It looked like the game was headed to overtime, but Charlotte didn't defend the inbound pass after the timeout, and Nykisha Sales had a clear shot at Johnson, who caught the ball, turned and tossed it

See Miracle, Page 2B

OPTIMIST PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Photo by SEM Media Center

SANFORD - The Optimist Club of Sanford recently honored boys weightlifter Quoc Van (right) as its Seminole High School Athlete of the Week.

Van broke the state record of 225 pounds when he hefted 240 pounds in the Clean & Jerk at the FHSAA State Championships

and when he lifted 220 pounds in the bench press, the Fighting Seminole claimed the 119-pound Class State Championship with a total of 460 pounds, almost four times his body weight.

Van is shown receiving his certificate and T-shirt from Optimist Club of Sanford member Mark Hoelter (left).

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- Which word is an antonym for foolfish?
- Which word best completes this sentence? Special units within the military are trained to carry out _____ activities.
- Which word is a synonym for poisonous?

Answers from Saturday: 1. excursion 2. dispersion 3. mutation

PEANUTS
by Charles M. Schultz

Kitten Kaboodle was a lazy cat. Actually, all cats are lazy.

But, let's face it, aren't all cats ugly, stupid and completely useless?

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even closer together with someone who you already have strong bonds. This relationship is destined to be a good one for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you are considerate of the feelings and concerns of those with whom you work side-by-side, the productivity of all will be increased.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Intuition, not wishful thinking, could be your best ally today when dealing with others. Play your hunches as to what their needs are, and you'll come out a winner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Some sort of profit is possible today through valuable knowledge you pick up on while with an individual who holds a responsible position. You might want to share the info with others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Information passed onto you today by another can be turned to your advantage. It'll all come about because you know when to stop talking and when to start listening.

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THE BORN LOSER
by Art Sanson

I JUST HOOKED UP MY NEW SATELLITE DISH TO MY TV...

...M...SO MANY CHANNELS, SO LITTLE TIME!

WORDS OF WISDOM
by Charles A. Lundell III

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

A better than average year could be in the offing for you as the months unfold. It will be due to your ability to make the most of circumstances and events happening around you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Not only is your judgment keen today, but you'll make decisions with an eye on what's the kindest way to handle things. This combination makes you a winner. Gemini, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1750, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10116. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) While your peers are still trying to define the source of a dilemma, you'll be making all the right moves to rectify the situation and bring peace back into the work place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Circumstances today could bring you

BEETLE BAILEY
by Mort Walker

I NEED SOME COFFEE. I WANT SOME?

SURE.

REGULAR OR DECAF?

DECAF.

REGULAR IS AGAINST EVERYTHING I STAND FOR.

HECK, I'VE NEVER HEARD OF DECAF.

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June 13, 2000

TUESDAY PRIME TIME

6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
News (CBS)	News (ABC)	News (NBC)	News (PBS)	News (TBS)	News (TLC)	News (E!	News (E!) (2)	News (E!) (3)	News (E!) (4)	News (E!) (5)	News (E!) (6)
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News (E!) (7)	News (E!) (8)	News (E!) (9)	News (E!) (10)	News (E!) (11)	News (E!) (12)	News (E!) (13)	News (E!) (14)	News (E!) (15)	News (E!) (16)	News (E!) (17)	News (E!) (18)

ARLO & JANS
by Jimmy Johnson

BYE, BABY! I'LL LOVE YOU 'TIL BE TURNING 23...

SOME THING REALLY DUMB AND TACKY!

HE SAID LET YOU PICK IT OUT.

I HEARD THAT!

HEE HEE HEE

SIGH...

SIGH...

OWE, SOON I'LL BE TURNING 23...

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GARFIELD
by Jim Davis

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