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can it be?**

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**Evans' big  
night leads  
Central Baptist**

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## Briefly

### Car Seat Checkpoint

The Altamonte Springs Fire Department is hosting a Car Seat Checkpoint Monday, Jan. 31, at Fire Station 11, 1.5 miles east of I-4, on SR-436. At the checkpoint, from 9 a.m. until noon, technicians will check cars for proper placement of car seats, compatibility of seat belts with the car seat, recalls (if any), and how the seat fits into the vehicle.

For appointments or additional information, phone 407-830-3991.

### Lake Mary Carnival

The Lake Mary High School PTSA and Project Graduation Committee will host a carnival at the school, beginning at 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 3, and continuing through Sunday, Feb. 6.

The community is invited to attend the event with rides, games and food. Krispy Kreme doughnuts will be available at the box office Saturday and Sunday as part of the fund raising event. Phone 407-328-7483 to reserve a dozen. Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon, visitors may purchase a wristband which will allow them to enjoy all rides for the one low price.

## Today is ...

Sunday, Jan. 30, 2000

Today is the 30th day of 2000 and the 40th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1917, a song called "The Darktown Strutters' Ball" was recorded. Some consider it to be the first jazz record. On this day in 1933, the radio drama "The Lone Ranger" was broadcast for the first time. On this day in 1969, on the roof of the Apple Corps headquarters, the Beatles performed in public for the last time.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945), U.S. president; Barbara Tuchman (1912-1989), historian; Dick Martin (1923-), comedian, is 77; Gene Hackman (1930-), actor, is 70; Boris Spassky (1937-), chess master, is 63; Curtis Strange (1955-), golfer, is 45.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1983, the Washington Redskins defeated the Miami Dolphins 27-17 in Super Bowl XVII.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "The unrecorded past is nothing more than our old friend, the tree in the primeval forest which fell without being heard."  
Barbara Tuchman

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between last quarter (Jan. 28) and new moon (Feb. 5).

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# Crooms future: High-tech school?

By Bill Kerns  
Staff Writer

## Parents want curriculum to remain alternative, not magnet

**SANFORD** — Several years from now, students currently attending Crooms Academy in Sanford may not recognize the facility.

The Seminole County School Board plans to make Crooms Academy a magnet high school, offering the only Academy of Information Technology in the district. In addition, the Automotive Technology and Academy of Construction Trades programs now housed at Seminole High School will be

transferred to Crooms Academy.

In the process, school-district officials are considering the discontinuation of middle school programs at Crooms Academy starting in the 2001-2002 school year.

If the proposal is accepted by the School Board, no additional middle

school students would be accepted to the school in the 2000-2001 school year as the plan is phased into action.

Crooms Academy currently serves 400 students in grades 6 through 12. The school's alternative programs currently focus on "at-risk" students.

"It does appear that we may take the

middle school out of Crooms Academy a year from August," said Sandra Robinson, Seminole County School Board chair. "That would leave Crooms with a magnet high school but no middle school."

Middle School students who attend Crooms would instead attend either the public schools where they are zoned to attend or Rays of Hope Academy in Sanford. School district officials said programs are in place at public schools and at Rays of Hope to serve "at-risk" students.

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## Man hurt in accident at Millennium Middle School



A worker for Southern Fire Protection in Sanford was injured 9:16 a.m. Friday at Millennium Middle School when a piece of lift equipment he was on became unstable. The lift equipment shifted under the worker, who has not been identified, and tipped over, causing the man to fall. He was transported to Orlando Regional Medical Center as a precaution, according to a spokeswoman for the Sanford Police Department.

Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

## School board may change field trip policy

By Bill Kerns  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — The Seminole County School Board is considering making changes in field trip policy for schools.

Under a proposal submitted to the Board this week, school-district administration would have the final call on the approval of all field trips. Currently, out-of-state field trip requests are approved the School Board.

"School Principals are the ones who are closest to the school," said Raymond Gaines, director of secondary education for the school-district.

A committee is reviewing the policy. The committee consists of teachers, parents, a school counselor, a Seminole Education Association representative, and administrators.

"The committee is recommending that our of state and local field trips now be an executive decision," Gaines said. "That was the most passionate part of the discussion."

Instead of accepting the committee's recommendation, the School Board requested the committee to continue studying the policy.

School Board members Diane Bauer and Larry Furlong  
See Policy, Page 8A

## Madeline Mims to speak at annual Prayer Breakfast

By Nick Pfeiffaut  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** - The guest speaker has been announced for the Seminole County Prayer Breakfast. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, at 7 a.m., at the Sanford Civic Center.

Special inspirational guest speaker will be Madeline Manning Mims, Gold and Silver Olympic Medalist in track. Named as one of America's Outstanding Young Women, she pioneered the 800 meter run for the United States by being the first and (at present) only American woman to bring back a gold medal in the event. She

has been a member of four Olympic teams for the U.S., spanning a 16-year international career. She has been a chaplain at the 1998 Seoul Olympic games, the 1992 Barcelona games and the 1996 Atlanta games.

Mims holds an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree from Oral Roberts University where she attended and studied in the Masters of Divinity program. She and her family currently have a ministry through sports and the arts known as Ambassadorship, Inc. She currently resides in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Reservations for individuals  
See Breakfast, Page 10A

## City considers rates for new swimming pool

By Bill Kerns  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — The best things in life may be free, but use of Sanford's community swimming pool will not be.

Sanford's community swimming pool opens next month, and the City Commission is discussing fees to be charged for public use of the facility.

The City Commission will set daily rates for use of the pool. The commission will also discuss the establishment of annual rates, although commissioners said the pool may open before annual rates are set.

Sanford, Seminole County and the school-district are sharing the costs of constructing a \$1 million pool at Seminole

High School. Sanford is paying \$500,000 toward construction of the pool, while the county and school board are splitting the remaining \$500,000 for construction.

"We had quite an expense for the pool," said Mike Kirby, director of recreation for the city. "We need to recoup some of that."

Pool Supervisor Tony Ackerson in a staff memo recommended fees of \$2 per day for children and adults during the week, and \$3 per day during the weekend.

No fees have been established by the City Commission. The Commission will resume discussion of fees at a work session to be held Feb. 14.

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## Class of 1955 plans reunion

By Nick Pfeiffaut  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — Should old acquaintances be forgotten? No. That's why they have class reunions. This time, it's the 45th reunion of the Seminole High School class of 1955, coming up June 16 through 18.

As is the case in planning for most class reunions, the committee is seeking input from class members regarding the event, and is seeking classmates who have not been contacted.

Rebecca Pelham, of the Notification Committee, said addresses and or phone numbers are needed for the following: Shirley Baxter Mull, Harold Geiger, Caye Stubbings Mott, Virginia Lee Rankin, Barbara Rush Stalnaker, Johnny May Fortson Webb, Paul Brown, Merle Martin and Terrell Jean Nelson. Also, Betty Raulerson, Carole Stepp, Janie Bennett Canada, Mandy Birdsong Moore, Richard Norton, Ellen Raynor and Frank Thomas.

Present plans call for a June 16th Friday night reception, possibly at the Marina Hotel patio. Saturday, it's brunch at the Colonial Room, 115 E. First Street in downtown Sanford. At 1 p.m., classmates will tour the former Sanford Grammar School, now the Student Museum, at 301 W. Seventh Street, where old classrooms, photos and displays are bound to draw remembrances of those "good old days at SHS."

## Special section takes a look back

Inside today's Seminole Herald is the first in of three-part series. Section D is titled "Where We've Been," and it takes a look at Seminole County during the 1900s. Some of the articles include the history of professional baseball in Sanford, the incorporation of Casselberry and Lake Mary, as well as a look at the life of Dr. Joseph N. Crooms, one of the counties most celebrated educators.

On Feb. 27, the Herald will publish Part 2 of the series, titled "Where are we now?" an overview of the state of the county as we enter the 21st century.

The final part of the series, "Where are we going?" will publish March 26 and explore what the future holds for Seminole County.



At 7 p.m. Saturday, there will be a social hour at the Marina Hotel, followed by a banquet at 8 p.m. A disc jockey will be on hand to provide 1955 era music for entertainment and dancing, and other special features are being planned.

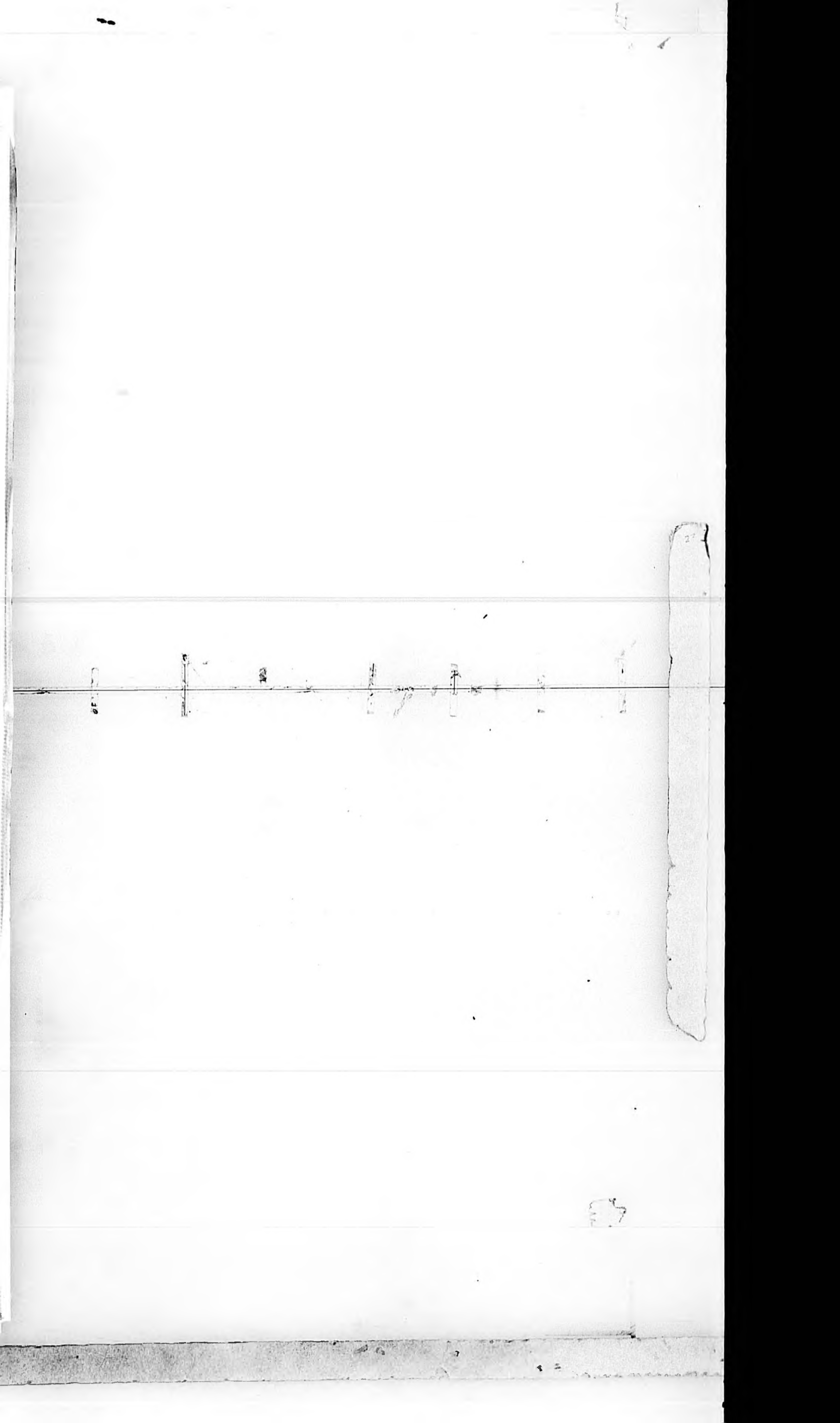
For Sunday, June 18, Rebecca Pelham said there are plans being discussed about the whole class taking a cruise on the Rivership Romance. "But before we do anything on that," she said, "we need to know approximately how many people will be coming, including spouses, and

whether they would like to do this."

A reunion book is to be printed and available Saturday night, containing information about various members of the class, adding to the importance of everyone contacting the committee regarding attendance, preferences, and suggestions.

"If you are interested in assisting the reunion committee," she said, "contact me or a member of the committee. We need everyone's help."

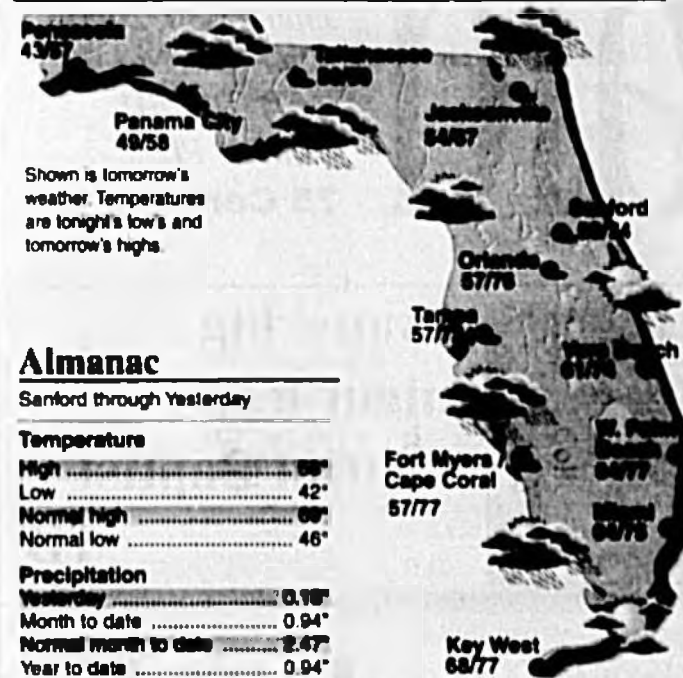
For out-of-town class members, the Marina Hotel is offering  
See Reunion, Page 8A



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## Florida Weather



## Almanac

Sanford through Yesterday

Temperature  
 High ..... 69°  
 Low ..... 42°  
 Normal high ..... 69°  
 Normal low ..... 46°

Precipitation  
 Yesterday ..... 0.18"  
 Month to date ..... 0.94"  
 Normal month to date ..... 2.47"  
 Year to date ..... 0.94"  
 Last year to date ..... 3.67"  
 Normal year to date ..... 2.47"

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	W	Mon.	Tue.
Atlanta	62	38	pc	63	39
Baltimore	35	25	pc	36	26
Birmingham	45	21	pc	46	24
Boston	38	28	pc	39	29
Chicago	38	28	pc	39	29
Cleveland	34	20	pc	35	21
Daytona Beach	69	52	pc	67	46
Denver, CO	34	20	pc	35	21
Fort Myers	69	52	pc	67	46
Los Angeles	60	35	pc	61	36
Phoenix	68	50	pc	69	51
San Francisco	54	39	pc	55	40
Seattle	48	37	pc	49	38
Washington, DC	64	37	pc	65	38

## Five-Day Forecast for Sanford

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Tonight	Partly to mostly cloudy with a shower possible.	58	
Sunday	Warmer with a shower possible.	74	52
Monday	Cooler with clouds and limited sun.	64	42
Tuesday	Partly sunny and pleasant.	66	42
Wednesday	Milder with times of clouds and sunshine.	70	50

## Regional Weather

**Florida:** Plenty of clouds tonight with a few showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy to partly sunny tomorrow with a couple of thunderstorms.

**Georgia:** Cloudy and damp with periods of rain tonight into tomorrow. Across the northern mountains, significant ice is possible.

**Mississippi:** Mostly cloudy and cold tonight into tomorrow with a stray shower leftover near the Gulf coast.

**Alabama:** Rather cloudy and cold tonight into tomorrow with some drizzle in spots. Clouds may break later in the day tomorrow.

**South Carolina:** Rain tonight along the coast with a significant amount of ice across interior sections. Rain and ice will taper off in the morning.

**Louisiana:** Overcast with chilly breezes tonight, it may flurry across the north. Mostly cloudy and still chilly tomorrow.

## Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight ..... 6:01 p.m.  
 Sunrise Sunday ..... 7:15 a.m.  
 Moonrise today ..... 7:35 a.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 12:55 p.m.

New Moon: Feb 5  
 First Quarter: Feb 12  
 Full Moon: Feb 19  
 Last Quarter: Feb 26

## Tides

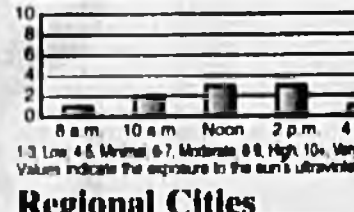
Tides for Daytona Beach Shores, Bunnell Pier Tomorrow

Time	Height
First Low	9:37 a.m. 0.9 ft.
First High	3:15 a.m. 3.9 ft.
Second Low	9:39 p.m. 0.7 ft.
Second High	3:19 p.m. 3.5 ft.

Monday

Time	Height
First Low	10:30 a.m. 0.9 ft.
First High	4:11 a.m. 4.0 ft.
Second Low	10:29 p.m. 0.7 ft.
Second High	4:14 p.m. 3.6 ft.

## UV Index Tomorrow



## Regional Cities

City	Hi	Lo	W	Mon.	Tue.
Albany, GA	68	38	pc	69	39
Apalachicola	68	42	pc	69	39
Atlanta, GA	62	38	pc	63	39
Bartonsville, GA	56	30	pc	57	31
Boca Raton	78	60	pc	79	61
Camden, GA	68	38	pc	69	39
Coral Springs	73	63	pc	74	64
Crestview	56	35	pc	57	36
FL Lauderdale	78	60	pc	79	61
Fort Myers	77	60	pc	78	61
Gainesville	60	47	pc	61	48
Key West	77	66	pc	78	67
Kissimmee	78	60	pc	79	61
Lakeland	78	65	pc	79	62
Leesville	74	57	pc	75	58
Naples	79	66	pc	80	67
Orlando	78	64	pc	79	62
Pensacola	67	47	pc	68	48
Sarasota	73	54	pc	74	55
St. Augustine	68	49	pc	69	50
St. Petersburg	69	50	pc	70	51
Tallahassee	62	41	pc	63	42
Tampa	72	53	pc	73	54
Thomasville, GA	59	41	pc	60	42
Valdosta, GA	68	41	pc	69	42
West Palm Beach	74	60	pc	75	61
W. Palm Beach	77	61	pc	78	62

## Tomorrow's National Weather



## World Cities

City	Hi	Lo	W	Mon.	Tue.
Atlanta	62	38	pc	63	39
Bangkok	20	-3	pc	21	-2
Berlin	36	34	pc	37	35
Buenos Aires	82	71	pc	83	72
Calcutta	87	69	pc	88	70
Hong Kong	81	68	pc	82	69
Jerusalem	59	33	pc	60	34
London	53	46	pc	54	47
Mexico	81	63	pc	82	64
Moscow	71	41	pc	72	42
Paris	48	30	pc	49	31
Rome	60	47	pc	61	48
Saudi	86	8	pc	87	9
Sydney	70	62	pc	71	63
Tokyo	54	39	pc	55	40
Warsaw	38	23	pc	39	24
Zurich	42	37	pc	43	38

## Please Watch For Manatees

For more information on manatees, the Adopt-A-Manatee program, or for a free manatee protection tips packet, contact:

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 1-800-432-JOIN (5646)  
 500 N. Maitland Avenue  
 Maitland, FL 32751  
 www.savethemanatee.org

**You can help:**

- Stay in deep water channels. Avoid running your motor over seagrass beds.
- Look for the manatee's snout, back, tail, or flipper in the water.
- Call 1-800-DIAL-FMP or use VHF Channel 16 if you spot an injured manatee.
- Wear polarized sunglasses.
- Don't discard trash into the water.
- Look, but don't touch. Please don't feed manatees or give them water.
- Watch for posted speed zone and sanctuary signs.

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## 8 years will be enough, Mr. President

The president didn't seem to be feeling any pain Thursday night when he gave his State of the Union Address. He wasn't as desperate as he was a year ago. The wife was smiling. Some Republicans were smiling. Henry Hyde showed. So did Henry Aaron.



**Russ White**

Bill Clinton hit a grand slam home run by asking Aaron to the show. He wanted a brave in the house — as long as it wasn't John Rucker. A year ago Clinton had Sammy Sosa come to Washington. That was for Hillary, who then liked the Cubs.

Clinton's boohoo about liberal — instead of livable communities — allowed a light moment. Vice President Al Gore thought it was plenty funny. He's still laughing.

As an older American — nearly 7 years senior to the president — I was all ears when he talked about Social Security and Medicare. Fuddy-duddy relies need to be comforted. Clinton's going to be a relic himself in a few years.

Not so long ago, the president had both eyes on a White House intern. Today, he has

one eye on his legacy, the other on the political aspirations of his vice president. In baseball, this is called having peripheral vision. In politics, it's called saving your butt.

Some people are stunned at Bill Clinton's unaccustomed turn of good fortune, even embarrassed by it. They don't know quite what to make of a president behaving more like Woody

Allen than Woodrow Wilson. Romeo not Roosevelt. Slick yet Steady Willie.

Ask a combat veteran about the 42nd president of the United States, and cover your ears. Many have bumper stickers that read: "A homeless veteran sleeps on the street while a draft dodger sleeps in the White House." Officer and gentleman? No way.

Others are more generous when they speak of William Jefferson Clinton. The economy is good, the rich are richer than ever. Their children are in fine schools. They're bank executives, titans of technology, movie stars, guys who can dunk. They dig Bill.

"We are fortunate to be alive

at this moment in history," the president told us Thursday night. I'm not certain, however, that Bill Clinton has had much to do with my personal good fortune. I thank my wife for that — not him. Always will.

There have been 11 presidents in my lifetime. The five best were named Roosevelt, Truman, Reagan, Kennedy and Eisenhower. Clinton is 7th at best. Maybe he's higher on your list. Historians 100 years from could rate him higher, but I doubt it.

The most profound statement this president has made is: "I did not have sex with that woman." At 53, Mr. Clinton has much more time to give to his life and legacy. He might consider former president Jimmy Carter as a role model. Build something solid.

Although we've heard President Clinton's last State of the Union Address, he will speak to us many more times before leaving office a year from now. A new chief executive will address the American people in January 2001. His name may be Bush or Gore. It won't be Clinton. Eight years will be enough, thank you.

Russ White's column appears Tuesday through Sunday in the Seminole Herald.

## Briefs

### Young Republicans

The Seminole County Young Republicans have scheduled the next meeting for Monday, Feb. 14 at the Bangkok Restaurant, 260 Douglas Ave., Altamonte Springs. The meeting, beginning at 7 p.m., will focus on the gun control issue.

For more information or reservations, phone Jeffery Bauer at 407-841-7698.

### Oviedo newcomers

Newcomers of Central Florida in the Oviedo area are invited to the Newcomers monthly meeting held at various locations. The February 2000 luncheon will be Thursday, Feb. 17, at the Heathrow Country Club, 1200

Bridgewater Drive in Heathrow. The February program will be the annual charity auction. Gathering starts at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. For additional information and for luncheon reservations, phone Margie at 407-977-4516.

### Grief Support

The Seminole County State Attorney's Office is offering a Homicide Survivors Support Group for persons who have lost a loved one to homicide. The group meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Juvenile Assessment Center, 181 Bush Loop, Sanford. There is no charge for persons who wish to attend. For addition-

al information, phone Maria Mitchell at 407-665-6112.

## LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected in the Florida Lottery.

**Fantasy 5 (Jan. 28)**  
1-5-21-22-25

**Lotto (Jan. 26)**  
16-23-27-28-38-42

**Mega Money (Jan. 28)**  
3-10-22-27 — Megaball 27



### ELAINE DAUBERT

Elaine Daubert, 72, Bishop Drive, Lady Lake, Fl., died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2000 at her residence. Born Sept. 9, 1927 in Franklinville, N.J., she was a Florida resident for 11 years. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include daughters Barbara Krowicki, Cherry Hill, N.J., Debra Lynn Kissinger, Orlando; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

### ROSSIE D. DUFF

Rossie D. Duff, 90, School Road, Lake Monroe, died Thursday, January 27, 2000. Born in Tellico Plains, Tenn., she moved to Central Florida in 1938. She worked in food service in the public school system. Mrs. Duff was a Methodist.

Survivors include daughters, Dianne Gazil of Sanford and Macel Lee of Lake Monroe; sister, Martha Giles of Pensacola and brother, James Giles of Lake Monroe. She had five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren/Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

## Obituaries

daughters, Dolores Heyne of Deltona, Rebecca Paul of Atlanta, Ga., Bonnie Bemis of Lake Helen and Rae Ellen Bell of Alexandria, Va. She had 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Baldauff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, is handling arrangements.

### REBECCA GAIL LEACH

Rebecca Gail Leach, 59, Maytown Road, Osteen, died on Thursday, January 27, 2000 at Central Florida Hospital, Sanford. Born in Rapids, Wisc., she came to Central Florida in 1985. She was a retired material handler at Recoton in Lake Mary.

Survivors include her husband, Alvin Leach; son, Stanley Stubby, Jr. of Wisconsin; daughters, Cathy Blanton of Sanford, Mary Bade of Wisconsin, Carla Castle of Idaho and Mickey Richardson of Sanford; mother, Eleanor VanNocker of Wisconsin and brother, Raymond Beck of Wisconsin. She had 18 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Baldauff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, is handling arrangements.

Wayne Co., Flem, Orlando, sisters, Dorothy Mills and Freda Moon, both of Wayne County; 10 grandchildren. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

### CLARENCE W. WANDREY

Clarence W. Wandrey, 89, Oak Tree Villa, Jefferson City, Mo., died at his home on Wednesday, January 26, 2000. Born in Staeger, Ill., he was a former resident of Deltona and a member of the Lutheran Church of Providence and the V.L.P. Club of Deltona. Mr. Wandrey was a chief engineer with Zennith Radio for 30 years, retiring in 1967.

He is survived by his son, Clarence Wandrey of Thousand Oaks, Calif., and daughter Linda Burruss of Jefferson City, Mo. He had 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Baldauff Family Funeral Home in Orange City is in charge of arrangements.

## FUNERAL

### DUFF, ROSSIE D., 90

Graveside funeral services will be held on Monday, 11 a.m. at Oaklawn Park Cemetery, Rinehart and 46-A in Lake Mary. Friends are invited to a visitation on Sunday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel.

Mrs. Duff is survived by two daughters, Diane Gazil of Sanford and Macel Lee of Lake Monroe; a sister, Martha Giles of Pensacola, brother, James Giles of Lake Monroe and five grandchildren; Debbie Sumner and Pamela Cola of Deland, Michelle Gazil of West Palm Beach, Lisa Gallaher of Longwood and Michael Gazil of Deltona.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Homes/Oaklawn Chapel, 5000 C. R. 46-A, Sanford, FL 32771. (407) 322-4263.

### DONALD L. ROWE

Donald L. Rowe, 65, Fourth Street, Lake Mary, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000 at South Seminole Hospital, Longwood. Born Jan. 14, 1935 in Wayne County, W.Va., he moved to Central Florida 28 years ago. He was a retired Chief Petty Officer with the U.S. Navy. He was Protestant.

Survivors include wife, Evelyn R. Rowe, Lake Mary; step-son Rick Peterson, Orlando; son, Charles Rowe, Wayne County, W.Va.; brothers, Frank and Clyde, both of

### THELMA GRAHAM

Thelma Graham, 82, Indian Rock Court, Deltona, died on Friday, January 28, 2000 at Florida Hospital-Orlando. Born in Indianapolis, Ind., she moved to Fern Park in 1996. Mrs. Graham was a retired student administrator for Jordan College of Music at Butler University in Indianapolis. She was a Protestant. She was an avid reader and loved to travel. Survivors include her

## Edward Jones Calendar of Events For February 2000

### Lunch and Learn

Friday, February 25  
Noon - 1 pm  
Colonial Room Restaurant

### Live Broadcast

John Chambers, CEO  
Cisco Systems  
Wednesday, March 1  
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### Bill Kirchoff Edward Jones

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# Opinion & Editorial

## Our View

### The Telephone Tragedy

Are machines better than a real voice?

When Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, he intended for people to answer them when called. These days, we are getting fewer and fewer live people at the other end.

The trend for many businesses and organizations with a large number of phones appears to be fire the telephone receptionists and purchase a fancy automated system. Then, when someone calls, they will be directed to the appropriate person. It sounds good in theory, but in actuality, it's often a tragedy.

In some cases when a person dials a number. The response is, "You have reached ... You may dial your party's extension at any time during this message." What if you don't know the extension? Then you are told (but not always) to dial zero for an attendant. Again, you hear a recorded message telling you to leave a message on the voice mail system. Another recorded message then often kicks in to inform you that the message machine is full and cannot receive your call.

Needless to say, it's frustrating. If you are calling a business, you may be inclined to call someone else who may answer the phone. We don't see this as the way for a business to treat prospective customers.

Even if you reach a live operator and ask for a particular individual, they don't give you an extension. Rather, without so much as a "Hey, how you?" you are transferred to that voice mail machine again.

Another situation which can irritate a caller is certain organizations involved in promotions. Dial their number and you first hear a recorded message outlining all the coming attractions. For people who are phoning long-distance, this could take several minutes of time, before you get involved in that "dial the extension" exercise once again. This time, you may even get a busy signal and find you have to call again at a later time and go through the entire upcoming event message again.

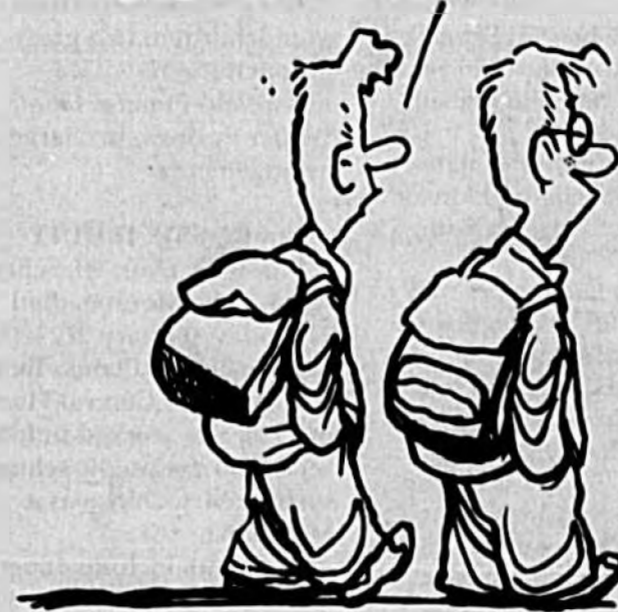
Then, there are the answering machines that tell you, "Our office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday." It may be 2 o'clock in the afternoon, but no one answers, just that damn machine.

For years, we have heard that automation and mechanization is costing people their jobs. The telephone tragedy is certainly one prime example of this. Whatever happened to that friendly voice who, when the person you call is not available, will take a message for you and give it to the person you are attempting to reach?

The first phone message from Alexander Graham Bell was, "Watson, come here. I need you." Had he been put on hold or asked to leave a message, we may never have had this invention in the first place.

Phone companies are possibly making a mint selling organizations these fancy telephone systems. They say it's progress. But for who?

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## Your View

### Fann questions column about local economy

To the editor:

Russ White opines that, "Oh, boy, Maloy does get aggravated," when ignored at County Commission meetings. If Grant Maloy were my representative, I would advise him to act more maturely. Unfortunately, my representative is Daryl McClain.

Permit me to say that Russ White's "economic incentive" happens to be my "corporate welfare payment." If he believes growth pays for itself, then he also must believe in Santa Claus and the Tooth Fairy.

As a taxpayer in this county, who ever wanted a job has a job right now and has had it for quite some time. Does anyone really believe that an increased birthrate has caused us to build so many new schools?

Wait until all those corporate buildings now under construction all over the county import hired help to run them — who will spend every last dollar those welfare corporations bring back to the county and then some to pay for increased infrastructure?

Our "far sighted" county commissioners who get a raise from Tallahassee every time the population goes up a notch. That's who.

A judge would have to recuse himself from deciding a case in which he has a vested interest. County commissioners who vote for "economic incentives" laugh all the way to the bank.

Donald M. Fann  
Sanford

### Santiago gives thanks to SVE

To the editor:

A few days ago we had the

opportunity to obtain the services of the Seminole Volunteer Enterprises group located on Fourth Street in Sanford.

When calling upon them for assistance for one of our employees, we were greeted with a genuine concern regarding our employees need for assistance.

The volunteers were there to serve the public need and give assistance whenever possible per Ms. Shirley, the gracious lady who answered our call.

As a result of the call, we were provided information and assistance beyond our expectations for our employees.

We were made aware that the same type of service and assistance was available for any needy citizen of the area as well.

The city of Sanford and Seminole County are very for-

tunate to have a dedicated group such as this one that gives of their time and talent being of service to others. They are to be commended.

As a new business in town, the Holiday Inn Express and its staff were very impressed with the manner in which our request was handled so efficiently.

We take this moment to say thank you on behalf of our employee.

We hope our letter will be a tool to make the general public more aware of the Seminole Volunteer Enterprise group and will help to bring additional support financially to help keep this organization functioning and providing for others in need.

Sam Santiago  
General Manager  
Holiday Inn Express  
Sanford

## The Meter

Who measured up and who came up short? The Meter takes the weekly vital signs of the county to discover who's got their mojo working. Oh, behave baby!

**Our Kind of Town:** The Sanford City Commission made it perfectly clear this past week that it pledges its support of social services programs that serve the needy. Was there ever any doubt?

**Our Kind of Sheriff:** Sheriff Don Eslinger said this week that his office wants to enhance relationships with people in all areas of the community. "Through community policing we can truly enhance quality of life in Seminole County," he said. Was there ever any doubt?

**Our Kind of Museum:** Seminole County Commissioners gave the go-ahead and the cash for expansion and renovation of the County Museum on U.S. Highway 17-92.

**Not Our Teams:** The Tampa Bay Bucs and Jacksonville Jaguars broke the no choke rule. All Florida Super Bow? No way, unless Florida State is made eligible.

**Chamber Music:** The Lake Mary Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Seminole County Chamber of Commerce appear close to a merger. Sounds good to us. We expect Lake Mary Chamber cheerleader Diane Parker to supply good cheer.

**Aren't You Great:** If you moved to Florida recently from the northeast or midwest, congratulations. Special kudos for anyone coming in from Raleigh, N.C., which recently was hit by 20 inches of snow.

## American voters looking for 'genuine article'

WASHINGTON — Every presidential election is a search for the cure.

In 1960, the malady was age. Voters still liked Ike, but the great World War II general was 70 and slowing down. The Soviet launch of Sputnik and Castro's take-over in Cuba said the country was, too. Jack Kennedy, 43, loomed as the perfect elixir.

In 1976, it was the rot of Watergate. So we picked a guy who taught Sunday school, whose mantra was he'd hardly even been to Washington. In 1992, it was the economy that was bedridden. So we took a risk on a guy who couldn't remember getting drafted, but knew for a fact that people were going to vote their pocket-books.

So here we are in 2000. The economy's gonzo. People who never had a job are catching the bus in the morning. Kids are graduating from college with dreams of e-commerce dancing in their heads. The troops are safe. Each day the Cold War fades further from the national memory.

Our only ailment is the presence in the White House of a president so incorrigibly dishonest on the personal stuff that he can't turn in an honest golf card, so incorrigibly

lucky on the political stuff — the booming economy — that he leaves his partisan rivals little to complain about.

This explains the focus in both parties on authenticity. It's not Clinton's performance but his character that makes the Republicans hopeful and the Democrats, including Vice President Al Gore, keep their distance from him. The majority of voters want a president as lucky as Clinton, as smart as Clinton, but requiring less — far less — moral maintenance.

This explains the appeal of John McCain, Republican and Bill Bradley, Democrat. Both have the look of what the old-time, back-room, cigar-chomping political kingmakers called "the genuine article."

A new Washington Post-ABC poll out this week shows that three-fourths of likely Republican voters in the Feb. 1 New Hampshire primary find McCain an "inspiring candidate." They believe he has the strength to "bring needed change to Washington," the guts to tell the American people "even if it's not politically popular."

Bradley gets the same kind of response from Democratic voters in the first-in-the-nation primary state.



Chris Matthews

The reasons can be found in McCain's comments on "Meet the Press" Sunday. He mocked a Cuban government official for saying that people flee his country, risking their lives on small boats and rafts to cross 90 miles of dangerous seas, because the U.S. government has conspired to "confuse and manipulate" them.

"You took me on a trip down memory lane. It's been a long time since I've listened to that kind of Communist rhetoric, where wrong is right, black is white, and up is down."

McCain's years as a Communist POW in Hanoi, a period in which he and his American prisoners were used as showcases by visiting Communist officials from Havana, gave his words an unusual authenticity.

The same was true in what Bill Bradley had to say on Martin Luther King Day, about how as an NBA star he taught younger white players on the Knicks how to treat black players with respect.

The best speech writers and the best money can't buy that kind of experience — or the authenticity that comes with it.

(Chris Matthews, chief of the San Francisco Examiner's Washington Bureau, is host of "Hardball" on CNBC and MSNBC radio stations. The 1998 edition of "Hardball" has been recently published by Touchstone Books.)

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# Opinion & Editorial

## It isn't politics but marital status creating the income gap

The first time I heard Bill Clinton, live and uncut, was in May 1992 at the annual Jefferson-Jackson dinner hosted by Democrats in San Diego.

The Arkansas governor blamed Republican economic policies of the preceding 12 years for creating the biggest gap between rich and poor Americans in more than half a century.

"What the Republicans said was, 'Give us more inequality, and we'll give you more growth,'" Clinton sneered. "It turned out to be a fraud."

So, here we are, eight years later, and Clinton is completing the final year of his presidency. And guess what? A new study by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and the Economic Policy Institute says that the gap between rich and poor was "significantly greater in the late 1990s than... during the 1980s."

Well, that's quite shocking.

After all, Clinton has persistently claimed to have presided over "the best economy in 30 years."

And he trots out numbers to back his claim.

Come next month, the current economic expansion will be the longest of the post-war (that's World War II for you Gen X and younger readers) era. During this unprecedented expansion, the economy has generated more than 20 million new jobs and \$2 trillion in additional economic output.

Yet, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and the Economic Policy Institute, during the age of Clinton, the rich have gotten richer, while the poor have remained in place.

"The report shows that, with few exceptions, economic growth in the 30 states has not been broadly shared," said Jared Bernstein, one of the report's co-authors.

"The strong economic growth in the U.S. results from the contributions of people in all walks

of life, from laborers to corporate executives," he continued. "The fact that many families are not sharing in the resulting prosperity stands as our nation's most serious economic problem."

It's kind of interesting that Bernstein offered no criticism of Clinton's economic policies for the growing income disparity between the nation's most and least affluent.

For during the 1980s, when Ronald Reagan and George Bush were in the White House, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and the Economic Policy Institute — both left-of-center public policy organizations — laid the blame for income inequality squarely at the feet of the two Republicans.

But Reagan and Bush deserved no more blame for income inequality during the 1980s than Clinton does for the widening gap between rich and poor during the 1990s. For this trend actually started some 30 years ago.

It has little to do with tax policy — whether a president raises or cuts taxes. It has little to do with welfare policy — whether a

president increases or decreases spending on anti-poverty programs.

The reality is that the single biggest determinant of a family's upward (or downward) mobility is whether the family is headed by a married couple. Indeed, one of every three poor families in America is headed by an unmarried parent. Conversely, only one out of 20 married-couple families are poor.

It happens that the ranks of one-parent families have dramatically increased over the past three decades. And with two-parent families earning nearly three times the income of one-parent families, it is little wonder that there is a growing gap between families at the top and bottom of the nation's income scale.

So if the nation's economic growth, its prosperity, is to be more broadly shared, as the Center for Budget Policy Priorities and the Economic Policy Institute advocate, and as every man seeking to succeed Clinton professes as one of his foremost goals, then it will not be accomplished through eco-



nomics policy, but through social policy.

For the problem of the poor is not the availability of jobs, for the economy has generated so many new jobs during the past decade that anyone who can't find a job just doesn't want to work. And the problem isn't taxes because most poor folks don't pay taxes, and many actually receive checks from the government in the form of the earned income-tax credit.

No, to close the income distribution gap, the next president will have to have the courage to

say that the path to upward mobility for the nation's least-well-off begins at the marriage altar.

That's not to disparage those who are poor and unmarried not by choice, who would like nothing more than to have a loving, supportive spouse to help them raise their children. Only to recognize that there is no government program nearly as effective as marriage in helping a family escape or avoid poverty.

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## Equal opportunity has taken all the fun out of flying the friendly skies

I was on a flight last week and I was watching the stewardess do her seatbelt/emergency-exit/oxygen-mask routine — can I still say 'stewardess'? Or is it 'flight attendant' or 'high hostess' or 'pretzel person' now? Whatever she

was, she wasn't a very young version of it. She was about my age.

My mind went back about 30 years to when stewardesses had to be young and good-looking and single. I think it was because there was no

movie. The stewardess was the entertainment.

She was also the liaison between the airline and the customer. She was sweet and accommodating and had that air of availability that kept the businessmen on the edge of

their seats with their tray tables in the full upright position.

How times have changed. Now we've got a matronly sergeant major with a smoker's cough and big attitude. I used to watch the seatbelt demonstration because I wanted to; now I'm afraid she'll cuff me one if I look away. And she's probably married to someone like me, so I can't fool her. Equal opportunity has taken all the fun out of flying.

Driving Mrs. Daley. You can tell how long a couple have been married just by watching them drive their car: — If he's driving and she's

cuddled up close, they are newlyweds. They also have an old car to be able to sit that close. That also proves they're newlyweds.

— If she's driving and he's cuddled up close, they've been married for a few years and he's in a little trouble. Alcohol may be involved. Especially if they have bucket seats.

— If he's driving and she's sitting way over on the other side, as far away as she can get, they've been married at least

five years and he has forced her to leave the mall before she was ready. — If he's driving and she's

speaking heatedly to him and pointing out directions with her hands, they've been married 10 years.

— If he's driving and she's not speaking to him at all, they've been married 11 years.

— If he's driving and she's sitting in the back seat, they've been married 15. If he's wearing a cap, he's also had a serious demotion.

— If they're driving separate cars, they've been married 20 years.

— If she's driving and he's walking, they're divorced.

### The Last Shall Be First

I need some computer nerd out there to come up with software that will allow me to scan a contract into my computer and to enlarge the fine print and put it at the top of the document. That would save me a lot of eyestrain and a lot of ink. When my wife said "Why do they make the important things so small?", I said it was just Nature's way.

Quote of the Day: "If it looks like a duck and walks like a duck, it's probably about my age." — Red Green

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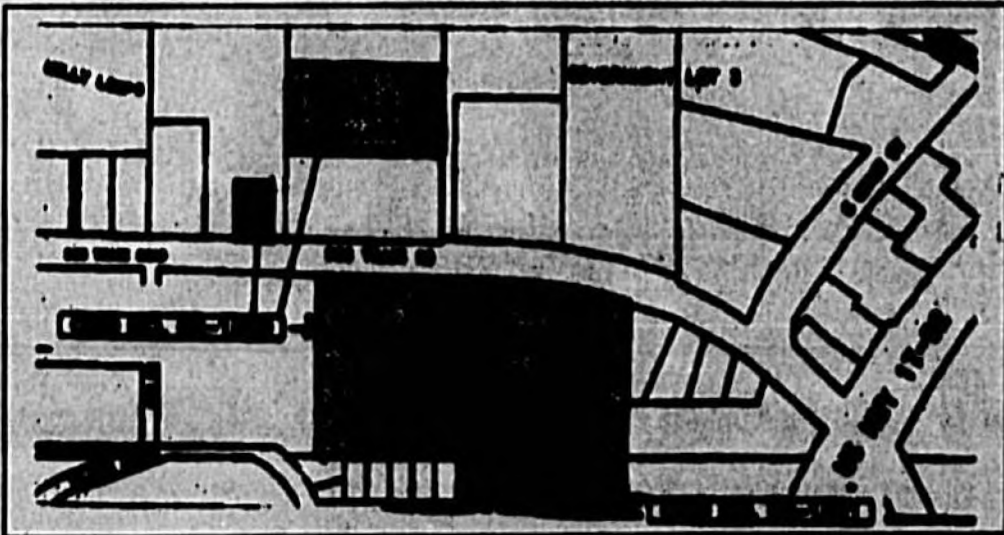
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE CITY OF LONGWOOD, FLORIDA, that the City Commission will hold the second of two required public hearings on February 7, 2000, at 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard, in the Longwood City Commission Chambers, 178 West Warren Avenue, Longwood, Florida, to receive public comment and consider enactment of the following ordinances. These ordinances provide for amending the Future Land Use Map of the City's Comprehensive Plan as follows:

Ordinance Number	Location	Parcel I.D. Number	Existing	Proposed	Average +/-
00-1820	1100 feet west of Hwy 17/92 north side of Dog Trunk Road and 700 feet west of Hwy 17/92 south side of Dog Trunk Road, Longwood, FL	00-21-30-010-0000-0000 00-21-30-010-0000-0070 00-21-30-010-0000-0080 00-21-30-010-0000-0100	County Commercial	City General Commercial	1.0 2.10 4.72 0.00
00-1821	700 feet west of Hwy 17/92 north of Pine Tree Drive, Longwood, FL	00-21-30-010-0000-0100	County Low Density Residential	City Low Density Residential	1.00



A copy of the project information is on file with the Planning Division for public review between the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The office is located at 104 Wilma St., Longwood, Florida or you may call the Division at 407-300-3400.

At this meeting interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the request. The City Commission may continue the public hearing to other dates and times as deemed necessary. Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the ADA coordinator at 407-300-3401, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at these meetings, the appeal must be based on the public record made during consideration of this matter. Since the City of Longwood does not provide verbatim minutes of its meetings, it is the responsibility of an appellant to provide such minutes at their own expense. (See Chapter 206.0100, FC)

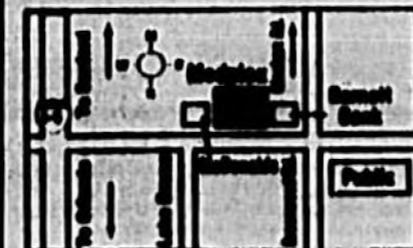
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# Business

## Celery City owner decides to leave Sanford

By Bill Kerns  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — One of the most visible businesses in downtown Sanford is moving to DeLand.

Celery City Coffee Co. will close its doors at 105 E. 1st Street on Feb. 4 and relocate to 139 Woodland Ave. in downtown DeLand.

In the three years since Fences Gifts & Cards opened in a space next to the

current Celery City Coffee Co. at 105 E. 1st St., the company has become a fixture in the downtown business community.

Celery City Coffee Co. opened in March 1999. The coffee shop and gift shop merged into a single building in June 1999.

By combining the gift shop with the cuisine of a coffee house, owner Bart Rush said at the time that he hoped his business would become a place where

customers could talk and get away from their tensions.

Rush declined to comment regarding his reasons for moving the business to DeLand.

"We at Celery City Coffee Co. wish to thank all of those who have supported us in our Sanford location for the past three years," says a sign posted on the door to the company.

Rush said during an interview conducted in June that he had once con-

sidered moving the business to Mt. Dora rather than expanding his operations in Sanford. He said that numbers and estimated profits told him to leave Sanford. However, his emotions said to stay and create the coffee house.

In August, Rush's sister Billie Jones became the shop's general manager, and the business expanded its marketing and merchandising campaign. For example, in December the Celery City Coffee Co. became a Christmas store

with desserts to fit the season.

Linda Kuhn, director of Sanford Main Street, an organization that promotes downtown business activity, said that the presence of Celery City Coffee Co. will be missed.

"Bart (Rush) was a real asset to our downtown area," Kuhn said. "I just think it's an indication that downtown Sanford still has a lot of strides to make so we can keep merchants such as Bart Rush here."

## County Clerk office receives recognition

From staff reports

**SANFORD** — The Seminole County Clerk of Circuit Court's office has, for the 17th consecutive year, received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada.

The GFOA award was given to the clerk for preparation of the county's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 1998. (Seminole County's Fiscal Year 1997 report was one of only 32 county CAFRs in Florida and 403 in the United States so

honored).

Seminole County's Finance Director Robert Wilson received his 19th consecutive award for Financial Reporting Achievement for his work on the CAFR.

"The County Finance staff deserves all the credit for its hard work, on deadline, in keeping up with the sheer volume of work associated with a more than \$397 million government venture," said Clerk of the Circuit Court Maryanne Morse, who has presided over 10 of the 17 straight award-winning CAFRs. "Seventeen consecutive years is quite an accomplishment," she said. "We

won't stop there. We set the bar high. Winning this award is something we expect to do — something we insist on doing — each and every year."

The annual financial report includes statements of revenues and expenditures, balance sheets and an independent audit opinion of all funds managed by county government, including the Board of County Commissioners, Clerk of the Court, Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, Sheriff, and Supervisor of Elections.

As Clerk of the Circuit Court, Morse serves as treasurer and recorder for Seminole County.

## Business Briefs

**Springhill Suites to open in March**

Springhill Suites by Marriott, 201 N. Towne Road, Sanford, is aiming for an opening date in mid-March, according to the Sanford-Seminole County Chamber of

Commerce. The 105-room suite property will cater to corporate clients.

**Demolition underway at old Seminole Ford site**  
Demolition of the old Seminole Ford site at U.S.

Highway 17-92 and Lake Mary Boulevard is underway. A shopping center including an Eckerd's, Albertson's and Burger King will replace the Ford dealership, which merged with AutoNation USA near Interstate-4.

## Supporting education



Special to the Herald  
Cascade Florist owner Les Stein prepares a Valentine's arrangement for delivery in the Sanford area. Cascade Florist is the newest "Partner in Education" with the UCF College of Education, supporting the college's mission of preparing students for careers in teaching and counseling. Through the "Partners in Education" program, local businesses can strengthen the quality of education in their community. The UCF Teaching Academy, the newest initiative of the College of Education, is expected to open in 2002.

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# Business

## Warm welcome



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Lake Mary CNL Bank Vice President and Branch Manager Heather Romero stands outside CNL bank Thursday during The Greater Lake Mary-Heathrow Chamber of Commerce Business After-Hours, which was hosted by the newly opened business. The bank is located at the Shoppe's at Oakmont in Heathrow.



Malcolm MacDiarmid and Ron Sloan, vice presidents for Suntrust bank, CNL President Bill Beller and CNL Bank Commercial Lender Valerie Pickert enjoy the After-Hours reception Thursday.

## Butterworth labels computer crimes 'clear' danger

By Bill Kerna  
Staff Writer

**ALTAMONTE SPRINGS** — The Internet has revolutionized business. Now, it can take only minutes for secrets to be stolen, or for key files to be deleted by competitors and hackers.

Speaking at a business luncheon hosted by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office at the Melson & Jardin Restaurant in Altamonte Springs on Thursday, state Attorney General Bob Butterworth characterized computer crime as a "clear and present danger."

He said businesses as well as parents need to take every effort to guard against computer crimes.

"More than 38 percent of American homes have the Internet," Butterworth said. "Over the next three years, that will reach 60 percent. When you talk about child pornography and discussion of hate crimes, it is really a clear and present dan-

ger."

Special Agent Russ Hayes of the FBI discussed steps businesses can take to guard against computer crimes during the luncheon.

In 1999, 80 percent of the nation's top 350 companies polled by the FBI said they had been victimized by company insiders. In turn, 86 percent said they had experience disgruntled former employees tapping into sensitive files.

The survey also indicated that hackers are a common problem among companies, as 76 percent of the respondents said they had experienced hacking.

"Businesses expend millions of dollars every year recovering from losses caused by computer crimes," Hayes said.

Hayes said that the most common types of computer crimes that victimize businesses include hackers and competitors digging into sensitive files, competitors flooding web pages and E-mail servers with excess infor-

mation to block service, and viruses that can wreak havoc on a business.

"Competing companies will take anything they can because they can," Hayes said.

To guard against computer crimes, Hayes said businesses should prepare a recovery plan, identify key personnel to participate in the plan, and always maintain backups of critical information.

"Copy a file onto a disk and sign it for evidence," Hayes said. "Be sure that you don't write over it."

Too many companies fail to place banners on their files with warnings regarding unauthorized access, Hayes said that when these warnings are missing, prosecuting those who intrude into the files can be difficult.

If victimized by a computer crime, Hayes said the damages should be carefully documented.

Hayes said that a critical step

in planning Network security includes using software with current patches. Virus software should be updated regularly. Passwords should be complex, and frequently changed.

"Don't forget to log out of the network when you are not going to be in the office," Hayes said.

The motives of hackers include curiosity, profit, revenge, politics, and intelligence gathering, Hayes said.

"Most hackers use the Internet regularly," Hayes said. "They know higher computer languages. But, they don't have to be computer gurus. They can be coached through the Internet."

The skill of hackers is improving. For example, many hackers now use encryption's that are difficult to decode. Investigators are continuously trying to stay a step ahead of the hackers.

"The craft for both hackers and investigators is evolving," Hayes said.

## Business Briefs

**Triplett appointed bank vice president**  
Jeff Triplett has been appointed vice president of Century National Bank, Orlando, responsible for Seminole County.

**Harkins named bank vice chairman**  
C. William Harkins has been named vice chairman of Community National Bank of Mid-Florida, Lake Mary.

**Cheney named bank president**  
Citrus Bank has announced the appointment of Andrew B. Cheney as president of its Florida operation. Cheney comes to Citrus

Bank after a 22-year career with Barnett/NationsBank.

**Zoo exhibit under construction**  
The Hyacinth Macaw Exhibit at The Central Florida Zoo is under construction. The completion date has yet to be announced.

**Helen Stairs Theatre to receive funding**  
The Sanford Historic Trust will present the Helen Stairs Theatre with a check Feb. 3 representing a portion of the proceeds from the 11th Annual Tour of Homes. The presentation will take place 7 p.m. at the Student Museum.

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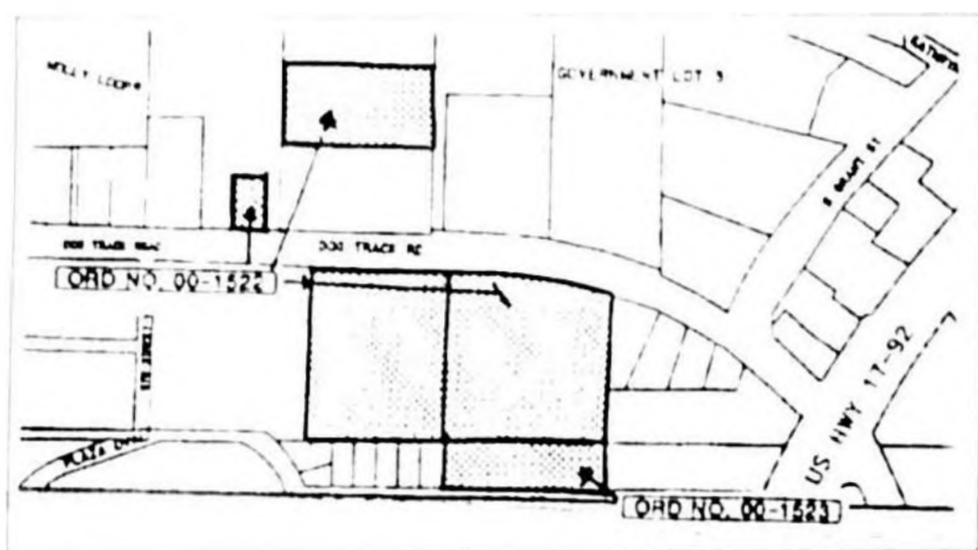
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Ordinance Number	Location	Parcel ID Number	Existing	Proposed	Acreage
00-1522	1100 feet west of Hwy 17-92 north side of Dog Track Road and 700 feet west of Hwy 17-92 south side of Dog Track Road Longwood FL	05-21-30-518-0000-0068	County A-1	City C-3	1.00
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		05-21-30-518-0000-0080			4.72
		05-21-30-518-0000-0130			5.00
00-1523	700 feet west of Hwy 17-92 north of Pine Tree Drive Longwood FL	05-21-30-518-0000-0130	County A-1	City HE	1.58



A copy of the project information is on file with the Planning Division for public review between the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The office is located at 194 Wilma St., Longwood, Florida or you may call the Division at 407-260-3462.

At this meeting interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the request. The City Commission may continue the public hearing to other dates and times as deemed necessary. Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the ADA coordinator at 407-260-3481, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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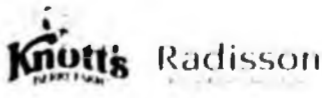
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**Crooms**

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The Crooms Academy is a public school in Sanford, Fla., that has been recognized as one of the nation's top 100 schools by the U.S. News & World Report. The school is a magnet school for students from all over the state and is known for its high academic standards and innovative teaching methods. The school's success is attributed to its focus on individualized learning and its commitment to providing a challenging and supportive environment for all students.

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**Bauer calls for town hall meeting on Crooms**

By Bill Kerns

**SANFORD** — Sanford Mayor Bill Bauer is calling for a town hall meeting to discuss the future of Crooms Academy. Bauer, who has been in office since 2002, expressed concern over the school's high academic standards and the potential impact on the local community. He stated that while the school is a source of pride, it also presents challenges for the surrounding area, including increased traffic and higher property taxes. Bauer is seeking input from residents to determine the best way forward for the school and the community.

Bauer is seeking input from residents to determine the best way forward for the school and the community. He is planning to hold a town hall meeting in the near future to hear from the public. The meeting will be held at the Sanford Community Center and will be open to all residents. Bauer is also considering various options, such as expanding the school's footprint or exploring alternative educational models. The goal is to find a solution that balances the needs of the school, the community, and the taxpayers.

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**Student science fair is Feb. 5**

The Sanford School District is hosting a student science fair on February 5th. The fair will feature projects from students in grades 4 through 8. The projects will be displayed at the Sanford Community Center. The fair is a great opportunity for students to showcase their scientific knowledge and skills. The school is proud of the students' hard work and creativity. The fair will be held at the Sanford Community Center and will be open to all students.

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## Pool

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"We're balancing two concerns," Ackerson said. "We want to have community access, and we want it to be affordable."

City Commissioners Velma Williams and Whitey Eckstein both said the city could consider lower fees, in the range of \$1 per day for children and \$3 per day for adults.

"My concern is for the affordability for the youth," Williams said. "It can be hard for children to come with \$5 per week to use the pool."

The pool will be used by Seminole High School for practices, swim meets, and as a place to teach swimming safety. In addition, the pool will double as a community swimming pool, when not in use by Seminole High School.

Tentative plans call for the pool to be open to the public Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and reserved for the school prior to 5 p.m.

On Saturdays the pool will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Sundays the pool

will be open from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The cities of Altamonte Springs and Orlando have also worked with local school-districts to construct a community swimming pool. A swimming pool being constructed at Seminole High School will be similar to the pool already in use at Lake Brantley High School.

The 700,000 gallon pool will have heating, lighting, decking, a 5,000 square-foot bathhouse, polo capabilities, and diving boards. The facility is the only 50 meter swimming pool in north Seminole County.

The city has conducted a survey on rates charged for municipal pools in the area. The daily fee for use of the 50 meter pool at Lake Brantley High School in Altamonte Springs is \$3, with memberships available. A \$5 daily fee is charged to use the 50 meter pool at the Longwood Aquatic Club, with a \$300 fee for a yearly membership.

Prices are lower for use of 25 yard pools, which also cost

less to maintain. For example, the daily fee for city residents at Oviedo Riverside Park's 25 yard pool is \$1.50, with non-residents paying \$2.50. A six-month membership costs residents \$125, and it costs non-residents \$175. A two-month pass is also available at a price of \$55, or \$75 for a family.

Sanford and the Seminole County School Board will install a sign at Seminole High School's entrance to provide news about upcoming events, important dates and swimming pool activities.

The sign will cost up to \$12,000, with the city and School Board splitting the cost. The City Commission this week approved spending up to \$6,000 for the sign. City Manager Tony VanDerworp said the sign can be installed within 30 days of commission approval.

The sign will have 72 square feet of sign face and will be located at the corner of 25th Street and Ridgewood Avenue.

## Military News

Air Force Airman Kelley R. Brannock graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, he studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, Brannock earned credit toward an associate's degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Brannock is the daughter of Patricia K. and William M. Brannock of Oviedo. She is a 1999 graduate of Oviedo High School.

Army Staff Sgt. Kelvin G. Brown has arrived for duty at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Ga.

Brown, an airframe repairer, is the son of Willie J. and Mae E. Brown of Sanford. He is a 1981 graduate of Seminole High School in Sanford and received

an associate's degree in 1996 from St. Leo College in Florida.

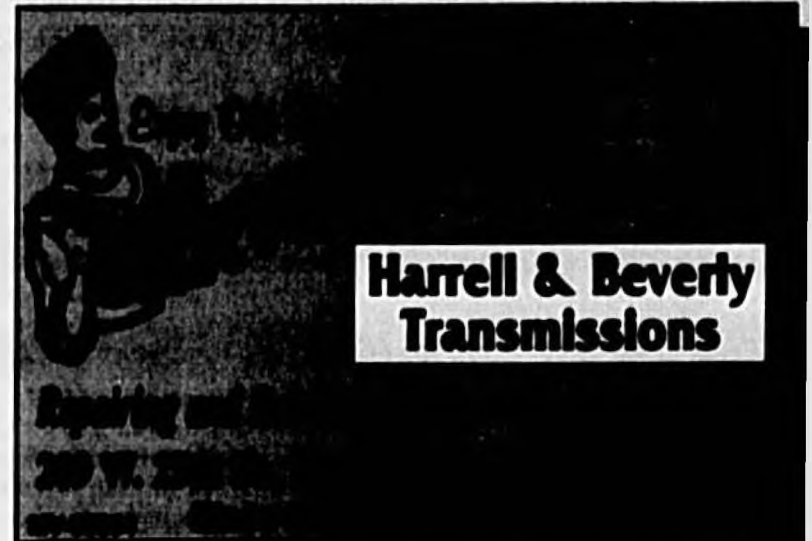
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Clark is the son of Jenell Parker of Deltona. He is a 1999 graduate of Pine Ridge High School in Deltona.



**Harrell & Beverly Transmissions**

## Breakfast

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and groups are now being accepted. The cost is \$15 for individual tickets, and \$150 for a corporate sponsorship of a table for eight. Seating is limited and early reservations are recommended.

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## Sports

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## Sanford to host softball tournament; Baptists take Church lead

By Dean Smith  
SPORTS EDITOR

**SANFORD** - The Sanford Recreation Department will host a Men's Adult Softball Tournament to benefit the new Youth Sports Complex at Chase Park.

The event will be contested the weekend of February 11-13.

Depending on the number of teams entered, the tourney will begin on either Friday evening (if necessary) or Saturday morning and conclude either Saturday night or Sunday (if necessary).

The tournament will be played at Pinehurst Park and the newly lighted Zinn Beck Field (behind the leftfield wall of Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium).

Cost will \$125 (payable to City of Sanford).

Awards will be: 1st Place - team championship shirts, team trophy and prizes; 2nd Place - team trophy, batting gloves and goody bags; 3rd Place - team trophy and goody bags.

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**EVANS, JONES CARRY CENTRAL BAPTIST TO CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

**SANFORD** - It was expected to be an offensive battle, but the exhibition turned in by the Knights of Columbus and Sanford Central Baptist turned out to be even more explosive than anticipated.

Central Baptist hit four home runs, including a pair of grand slams, and took a 12-0 lead before holding on for a 22-17 victory between the unbeaten powers in the City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department Polar Bear Church Slow Pitch Softball League at Pinehurst Park last Monday night.

Central Baptist got off to a fast start as with one out in the top of the first inning, Mike McCoy reached on an error and scored on a triple by Tommy Gracey, who in turn scored on a home run by Craig Jones.

Five batters later Josh Berryhill ripped an inside-the-park home run to up the lead to 8-0.

Jones hit another two-run home run in a three-run top of the second inning and Central Baptist added a single run in the top of the third inning to lead 12-0 before the Knights of Columbus could dent the scoreboard with a pair of runs in the bottom of the third inning.

After Central Baptist answered back with a pair of runs in the top of the fourth inning, the Knights of Columbus kept the game alive by scoring nine runs in the bottom of the frame, with Hugh Collins' three-run inside-the-park home run being the big blow.

The Knights of Columbus kept the game close thereafter, but Aaa Evans, who went 6-for-5 and hit for the cycle for Central Baptist, put the game out of reach with a grand slam out of Pinehurst in the top of the seventh inning.

In the other game, Davison's two-run triple broke a 3-3 tie in the bottom of the fifth inning and Westview Baptist concluded an odd run-rule victory by scoring eight runs in the sixth inning to defeat Centro Cristiano 14-3.

After the first of three rounds in the league, Central Baptist stands alone atop the standings with a 3-0 record and leads the Knights of Columbus (2-1), Westview Baptist (1-2) and Centro Cristiano (0-3).

Monday night at Pinehurst Park, Centro Cristiano challenges the Knights of Columbus at 7

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From the outhouse to the penthouse  
Crooms girls basketball team makes remarkable turnaroundBy Dean Smith  
SPORTS EDITOR

**DELTONA** - A year ago they were 0-11, today they are champions.

The Crooms Academy girls basketball team completed the jump from the bottom to the top in one season on Thursday, claiming a 47-40 district victory at Trinity Christian Academy in Deltona.

The Panthers of head coach Bennie L. Shaw and assistant Andell Grant improved to 12-9 overall and, more importantly, 4-2 in the district, tying South Daytona-Warner Christian for the regular-season district championship and a bye in the upcoming district tournament.

Crooms took a 12-8 lead after the first period and maintained the lead the rest of the contest.

The Panthers' defensive pressure proved to be too much for the Eagles as the local girls came up with an amazing 50 steals on the night.

Leading the way for Crooms was sophomore Angela Mitchell, who poured in 12 points and also added 14 steals, eight rebounds and seven assists.

Also scoring in double figures for the Panthers were Securia Riggins with 13 points and Linda Spivey with 11 points. Riggins also had eight steals, while Spivey added seven rebounds and four steals.

Also contributing for Crooms were freshman Laura Mitchell, Angela's sister (six points, 18 rebounds, 16 steals), Samantha Home (four points) and Cheree Burch (one point, eight steals).

The Panthers will host Seminole Trinity Christian School of Sanford at Allen Gymnasium for Business Night on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. and then close out the regular season with a Senior Night home game against the Seminole High School Junior Varsity at 8 p.m. on Monday, February 7th.



Herald photos by Arch Boehle

Lake Mary's Erika Dunkman (above) scored 12 points to lead the Rams past Lake Howell, 50-48, and May Lou Johnston (right) talked 11 points as Winter Springs thumped Oviedo, 80-24, Thursday.

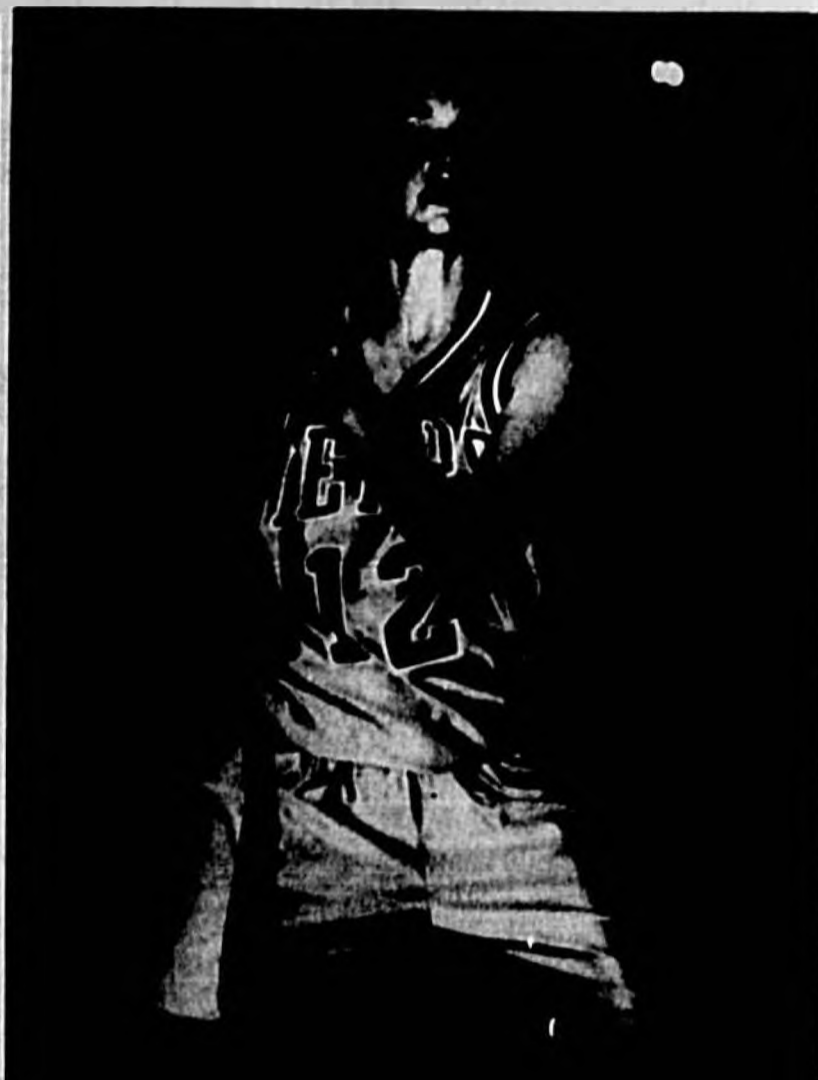
for Night home game against the Seminole High School Junior Varsity at 8 p.m. on Monday, February 7th.

**CROOMS BOYS FALL**

**SANFORD** - Lazarus Mitchell had a big night and the Crooms Academy boys basketball team gave a much better account itself than it did a

week ago, but the results were the same as Celebration High School downed the Panthers 49-40 at Allen Gymnasium Friday evening.

Mitchell scored a game-high 23 points and also had 12 rebounds, six steals and four assists, but Crooms could not overcome a 30-18 halftime deficit. Last week the local



Herald photos by Arch Boehle

team had lost 70-40 to the Pride in Orlando.

Also playing well for the Panthers were Green with five points and eight assists, Burch with two points and 12 rebounds and Peterson with two points and seven rebounds.

In junior varsity action, Crooms' Marvin Joe poured in

17 points, but the Panthers fell to the Pride, 62-32.

Crooms will be at home on Tuesday, hosting Trinity Christian School of Sanford at 7 p.m.

**IN OTHER PREP ACTION FROM THURSDAY:**  
• The Lake Mary girls got 12  
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## Orlando Cardinals repeat as RH World champions

By Dean Smith  
SPORTS EDITOR

**SANFORD** - The Orlando Cardinals proved that 1998 was no fluke.

Despite having to move up to a supposedly better division, the Cardinals, a compilation of players from the Over-40 Orlando Senior Baseball Association, rolled to its second straight Roy Hobbs Baseball World Championship at Terry Park in Ft. Myers.

The Cardinals, with several players from Seminole County, won the Masters Division (48+ Over) AA crown in 1998 and were forced to move up to the AA bracket this year.

But it made no difference as the Cardinals went 3-2 in the preliminaries and were seeded #2 heading into the 12-team single elimination bracket.

The Cardinals then breezed to the repeat, knocking off the New Jersey Dodgers 14-9 in the quarterfinals, the Tallahassee Classics 9-7 in the semifinals and the top-seeded Tampa Stars, 12-7, in the championship game.

The Cardinals had opened the tournament by defeating the New Jersey Wonderboys 11-9 behind the pitching of Salvatore Gonzales, who struck out 11 over seven innings, and Danny Stephenson, who hurled two innings of hitless relief to pick up the win. Doing the damage offensively were Lake Mary's Chris Gagliano, who would be named the Tournament Most Valuable Player, (triple, single, RBI) and Jerardo Roman and Gene Edgar (two singles and two RBI each).

After dropping a 25-3 decision to the Ohio Buckeyes, the Cardinals bounced back to blank another Ohio squad, the  
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Led by Most Valuable Player Chris Gagliano from Lake Mary (kneeling, far right) the Orlando Cardinals claimed their second straight Roy Hobbs Baseball World Series Championship in Ft. Myers in November.

The Cardinals, an All-Star team from the Orlando Senior Baseball Association Over-40 League, and the rest of the players from the OSBA will have a new home this year as they will be moving to the Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium complex (left) for its 2000 Spring Season which will begin the weekend of February 26-27.

Top photo courtesy of Dave Vander, Herald photo by Arch Boehle (right).

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Racing

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missed test opportunity on Saturday because of forecasts that call for rain through Sunday in Daytona Beach.
Speedweeks 2000 begins Thursday with practice and qualifying for the Feb. 5-6 Rolex 24 At Daytona and will culminate with the Daytona 500 on Sunday, February 20.

Daytona International Speedway Speedweeks 2000 Schedule of Events
5-6 - 1 p.m., ROLEX 24 AT DAYTONA Grand American Road Racing Association Championship Race.
12 - noon, HUD Pole Qualifying for the DAYTONA 500, NASCAR Winston Cup Series Race.

INDY RACING LEAGUE DELPHI INDY 300 AT WALT DISNEY WORLD SPEEDWAY STARTING LINEUP
ROW 1
1. (1) Greg Ray, Dallara/Aurora
2. (14) Jeff War, G-Force/Aurora

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ALTIMONTO SPRINGS
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Public: January 30, 2000
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- ROW 8
11. (12) Buzz Calkins, Dallara/Aurora
12. (33) Jaques Lazier, G-Force/Aurora
ROW 7
13. (7) Stephan Gregoire, G-Force/Aurora
14. (42) John Hallinasworth Jr., G-Force/Aurora
ROW 6
15. (98) Donnie Beecher, Dallara/Aurora
16. (6) Jeret Schroeder, Dallara/Aurora
ROW 9
17. (44) Davey Hamilton, Dallara/Aurora
18. (9) Robby Unser, Dallara/Aurora
ROW 10
19. (18) Sam Hornish Jr., G-Force/Aurora
20. (43) Doug Didero, Dallara/Aurora
ROW 11
21. (27) Niclas Jonason, G-Force/Aurora
22. (24) Robbie Buhl, G-Force/Aurora, 166.966

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NOTICE OF ACTION
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that pursuant to the Final Judgment in Foreclosure and sale entered in the cause pending in the Circuit Court in and for Seminole County, Florida, being Civil Case Number 99-81-CA-14-R, the undersigned Clerk will sell the property situated in Seminole County, Florida, described as:

Legal Notices

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
Case No. 99-0488
ESPRIIT SERVICES, INC., a Florida corporation and GARY GLOER, Plaintiff,
vs.
SARA K. JONES, a/w/a SARA JONES and THOMAS JONES, her husband, Defendant.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK DEFAULT PINSAL ORDER
TO: Mr. James Nicholas Singer, 10338 Oak Drive, Hudson, Florida 34906
Mr. James Nicholas Singer, 871-B MacDuff Lane, Winter Springs, Florida 32708
Mr. James Nicholas Singer, 1180 Spruce Center Boulevard, Suite 110, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 19th day of February 2000 at 11:00 a.m. at the west front door of the Seminole County Courthouse in Sanford, Florida, the undersigned Clerk will offer for sale the following described property situated in Seminole County, Florida:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure of Lien entered by Court dated January 25, 2000, in favor of the Former Wife, TERESA SMITH, against the Former Husband, STEPHEN H. SMITH, in Case No. 99-3844-DR-93-S in the Circuit Court in and for Seminole County, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the West Main Entrance of the Seminole County Courthouse, Sanford, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on February 24, 2000, the following described property:

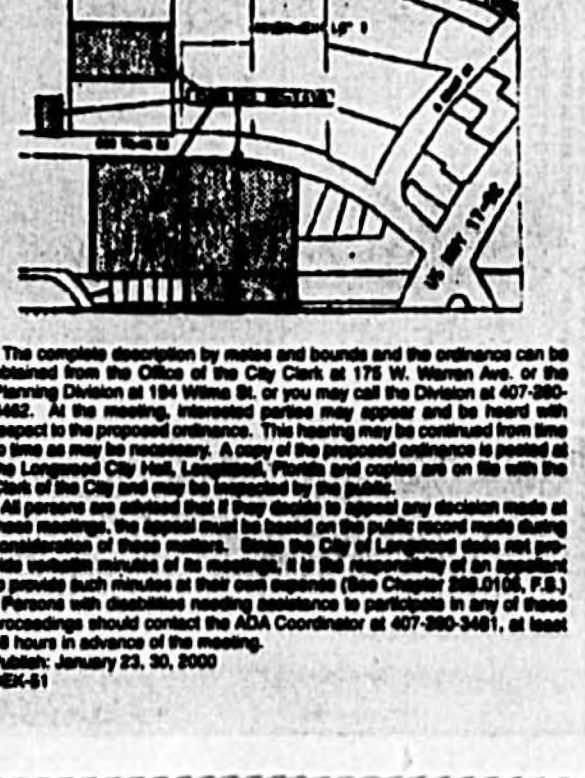
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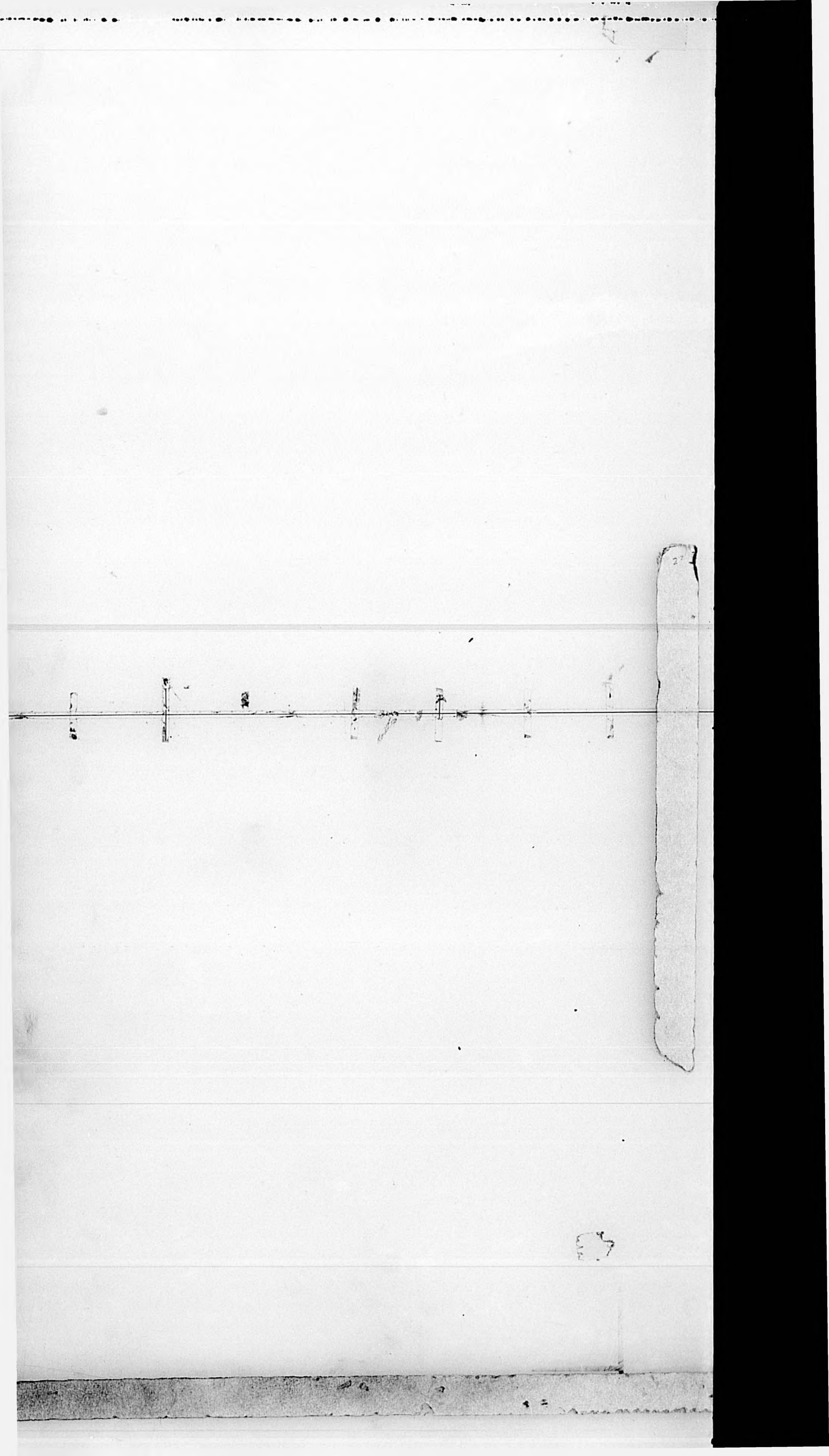












# ON THE SIDE

## New York Times Bestsellers

### Non-Fiction

1. **TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE**, by Mitch Albom. (Doubleday, \$19.95.) A sportswriter tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door.
2. **THE ROCK SAYS . . .**, by the Rock with Joe Layden. (ReganBooks/HarperCollins, \$26.) A memoir by a professional wrestler.
3. **THE GREATEST GENERATION SPEAKS**, by Tom Brokaw. (Random House, \$19.95.) What the people who fought in World War II confided in letters to the author.
4. **THE GREATEST GENERATION**, by Tom Brokaw. (Random House, \$24.95.) The lives of men and women who came of age during the Depression and World War II.
5. **TIS**, by Frank McCourt. (Scribner, \$26.) An Irish immigrant gets used to life in America: a memoir.
6. **HAVE A NICE DAY!** by Mick Foley. (ReganBooks/HarperCollins, \$25.) The autobiography of a professional wrestler known as Mankind.
7. **WHEN PRIDE STILL MATTERED**, by David Maranisa. (Simon & Schuster, \$26.) The life of the football coach Vince Lombardi.
8. **THE ART OF HAPPINESS**, by the Dalai Lama and Howard C. Cutler. (Riverhead, \$22.95.) What Buddhism and common sense tell us about everyday problems.
9. **AND THE CROWD GOES WILD**, by Joe Garner. (Sourcebooks, \$49.95.) Forty-seven memorable sports events since the 1930's recalled in words and photographs and on two CD's narrated by Bob Costas.
10. **GALILEO'S DAUGHTER**, by Dave Sobel. (Walker & Co, \$27.) Chronicles the relationship between the astronomer and his illegitimate daughter.



### Fiction

1. **HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS**, by J. K. Rowling. (Levine/Scholastic, \$17.95.) A British boy finds trouble when he returns to a witchcraft school.
2. **HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN**, by J. K. Rowling. (Levine/Scholastic, \$19.95.) A British boy's life at a school for witchcraft is threatened.
3. **HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE**, by J. K. Rowling. (Levine/Scholastic, \$16.95.) A British boy finds his fortune attending a school for witchcraft.
4. **FALSE MEMORY**, by Dean Koontz. (Bantam, \$26.95.) A woman and her husband scour the past for clues after she is gripped by an inexplicable fear of her own image.
5. **TIMELINE**, by Michael Crichton. (Knopf, \$26.95.) Using the latest computer technology, a group of historians travels back to 14th-century feudal France.
6. **THE LION'S GAME**, by Nelson DeMille. (Warner, \$26.95.) A former New York homicide detective helps federal agents as they pursue a Libyan terrorist.
7. **ATLANTIS FOUND**, by Clive Cussler. (Putnam, \$26.95.) Dirk Pitt leads a team coping with an ancient maritime wreck that even now could destroy the earth.
8. **MONSTER**, by Jonathan Kellerman. (Random House, \$25.95.) Dr. Alex Delaware undertakes to discover how an inmate of a mental hospital can correctly predict brutal murders on the streets of Los Angeles.
9. **SICK PUPPY**, by Carl Hiaasen. (Knopf, \$25.) Depraved people (corrupt politicians, eco-terrorists, a hooker who caters only to Republicans) are on the loose in Florida.
10. **A WALK TO REMEMBER**, by Nicholas Sparks. (Warner, \$19.95.) In 1958, a high school senior in North Carolina finds love with the daughter of a Baptist minister.



# LIFE STYLE

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## How cold can it be?

### Recent chill isn't the coldest Sanford's seen

By Nick Pfeiffau  
Staff Writer

People have been wearing heavier clothing than usual these days with temperatures dropping down into the low 30's at times. Even folks who work at the National Weather Service in Melbourne are donning top coats and complaining about the temperatures. But they tell us things could get worse, and have been much worse in the past. Unofficially, there has been at least two indications of snowfall in the

Sanford/Seminole County area in the past 50 years. None of it stayed on the ground, but many people report taking the white stuff from their car windshields and making small snowballs.

The National Weather Service in Melbourne is the weather center for all of Central Florida, but they admit they don't keep sufficient records to report on what was the lowest temperatures recorded locally.

One of the meteorologists cited Jan. 21, 1985, as a relatively cold day.

"Orlando reported 19 degrees and it was 15 degrees in Daytona Beach that day," he said.

As for Melbourne, 17 degrees was reported on Jan. 19, 1977.

The most devastating cold weather hit Sanford in December 1894 when the temperature was reported at 18 degrees. For the next two months, temperatures remained in the teens, which is the infamous freeze credited with wiping out the celery crop.

Until that time, Sanford, along with the surrounding area, had an estimated 100 celery farms. The city was known as the Celery City, or the Celery Capital. Celery Avenue was named after the crop, and Seminole High School's football teams were called Celery Feds.

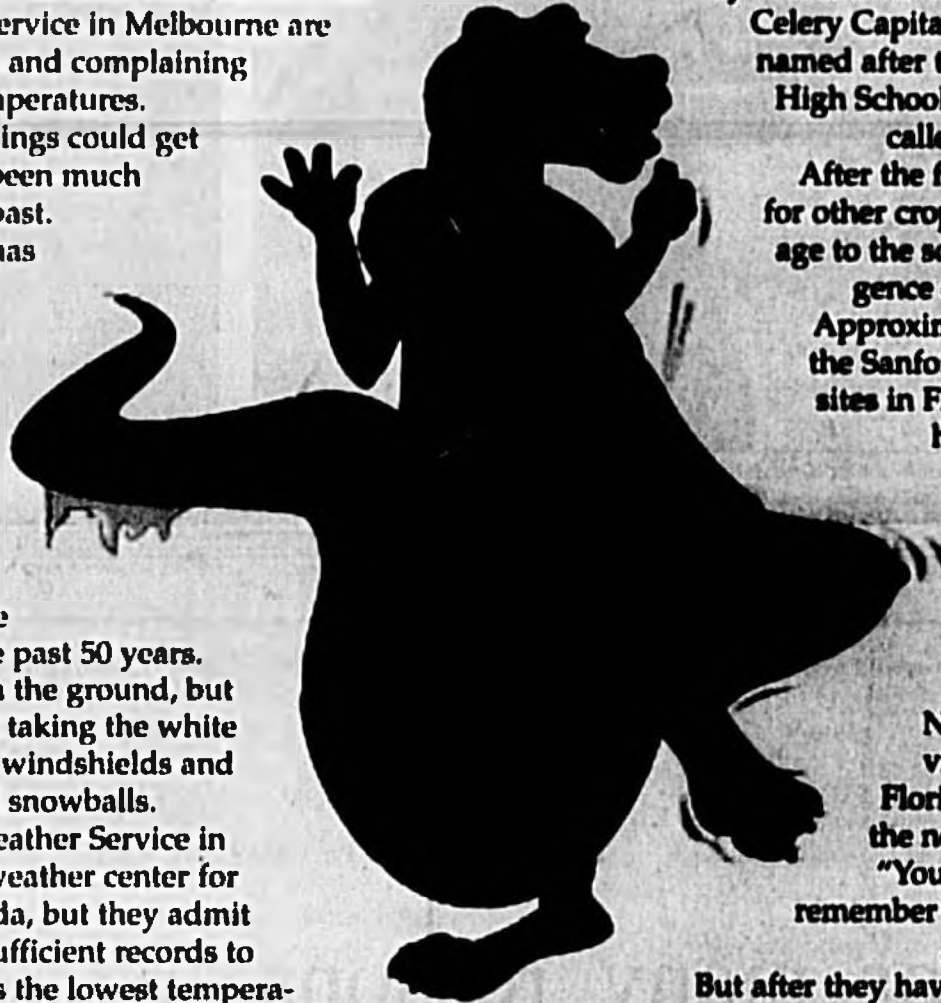
After the freeze, farmers searched for other crops to grow, but the damage to the soil prevented any resurgence of celery growing.

Approximately 30,000 years ago, the Sanford area, one of the few sites in Florida not under the sea, had woolly mammoths, large elephant type animals with heavy fur. Museum officials say temperatures in those days were much lower, but of course no one complained.

New residents and winter visitors to this Central Florida area, especially from the northern states, often say, "You call this cold? Why, I remember several years ago when ..."

But after they have lived here for a few years, they are joining the long-timers in putting on heavy clothing, even when temperatures drop into the 40s and 50s.

And for those who are really cold, Sears at the Seminole Towne Center, is one of the few stores currently selling long johns.



## Style & Grace

### Kevin Grace provides skilled leadership for the county

Kevin Grace is the man with the plan when it comes to Seminole County. As the county manager of one of the fastest growing counties in the state, Grace is responsible for helping shape and implement the policies that will affect Seminole County's future. He's a native of the Bluegrass State and earned his bachelor's degree at Western Kentucky University. He also has a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Illinois. Grace and his wife, Kim, have been married for 18 years, and they have two daughters: Nicole is 16 and a junior at Lake Mary High School; and Aissa is 12, a sixth-grader at Greenwood Lakes Middle School. He's a proud dad, and noted that Nicole recently landed one of the lead singing roles in the high school's upcoming production of "Bye, Bye Birdie." Grace told Herald editor Dan Ping that he too likes to sing, "in the car, in the shower. You know, places where no one can hear me," he quipped.

**Q. What is a county manager?**

**A.** Basically, a county manager is the CEO of county government. The Board of County Commissioners is the legislative branch of government, and I work for them. I'm responsible for about 1,200 employees and a \$400 million budget. I'm in charge of the day-to-day operations of the county, and I carry out the policies of the Board of Commissioners.

**Q. What kind of classes do you have to take to become a county manager? What was your major?**

**A.** Most people would take public administration courses and earn a degree in that. I got my degree in Urban Planning from the University of Illinois. I started as a planner down in Charlotte County.

**Q. What was it like to be a planner?**

**A.** It's always difficult being a planner in a high-growth area. You try to protect the county and its natural resources, while at the same time trying to allow for growth and development. It's a tough balancing act.

**Q. What's the best thing about being a county manager?**

**A.** I guess the big thing is getting to deal with so many different issues. As county manager, you deal with a whole gamut of issues: the jail; space planning for the new court house; all the different departments. I like dealing with different issues.

**Q. How did you decide to become a county manager?**

**A.** One of the things that occurs in planning is that people tend to specialize. You either get into

transportation planning, land-use planning, environmental planning, or some other specialized field like that. I never liked the idea of doing the same thing day after day. As I said, I like dealing with many different issues and administration offered that to me. As a planner, I was more of a generalist planner, and as opportunities presented themselves on the administration side, I took them.

**Q. What's your favorite department?**

**A.** I don't have a favorite department. I enjoy working with all of the departments in the county. We've got a lot of good people working in every aspect of county government. All of them are important, and all of them do a good job.

**Q. How does your family like your job?**

**A.** They're probably split about it. They know it's something I enjoy very much, but they also understand the stress that comes with the job.

**Q. What would you be if you couldn't be the county manager?**

**A.** I'd probably be a consultant for local governments and help them deal with the issues they deal with.

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# Tommy Vincent's Faces Around Seminole County



Seminole County Commissioner **Grant Maloy** is caught on film discussing one of the many issues facing the county.



Seminole resident **Barbara Brown** looks through her "pineapple" during a craft class at the Sanford Civic Center. Brown was learning how to make a braided pineapple, which is a traditional symbol of hospitality.



Not all of the participants in the recent Sanford Martin Luther King Jr. parade were of the two-legged kind. One man brought along his **pet snake** so it too could participate in the festivities to honor the civil rights leader.



Production manager and Master of Ceremonies **Doug Peters** is all dressed up for the recent Man Lake Mary pageant. When he isn't an emcee, Peters is Lake Mary High School's athletic director and teacher.

## Grace

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Q: OK, enough with the light-weight questions. Let's get down to the nitty-gritty. Who do you pull for — Florida or Florida State?

A: Kentucky? I guess I had to pick one. I would pick Florida. Growing up in Kentucky it didn't matter what school you went to, you were either a Kentucky fan or a Louisville fan. I was a Kentucky

fan — still am — and an SEC fan, so I'd pick Florida because of the SEC connection.

Q: What about the pro teams — Fins, Bucs or Jags?

A: I'd say a Bucs fan. I'm real-

ly more of a Jags fan though. I'm not sure why. I never cared for the Dolphins and the Jags are too new. Until recently Tampa Bay has never been that good. They're always the underdog and I like the underdogs.

Q: When is your favorite time to laugh?

A: People who can see the levity in the things you do every day to live your life. Some times we take things too seriously. Things

coming up with things that are fun to do. The other way to laugh is to see people who are better at laughing at themselves. People who can make light of a situation in the moment when they're laughing.

## Babies cry for many reasons all new mothers should learn

**DEAR ABBY:** Usually I do not subject my opinion to total strangers. However, as my wife and I were sitting at a table in a mall, there were two women at the next table. One of them had with her a screaming infant in a buggy. Finally the mother lifted the baby into her arms and began bouncing it around. The baby cried even more, so the infant was put back in the buggy with a disgusted thrust as the baby continued to scream.



Dear **Abby**

I spoke up saying, "The baby may be thirsty." The mother found a bottle full of water and stuck it into the baby's mouth. The baby not only stopped crying, but attacked the water as if it's life was dependent upon it. I have heard women say about crying babies, "Don't worry — the baby is just exercising her lungs." Abby, a baby's cry is a signal that something is wrong.

When a woman first becomes pregnant, a nurse in her doctor's office should instruct her about why a crying baby. When the mother cries, "Is he thirsty?" "Is he hungry?" "Is the baby wet and in need of changing?" "Is she too hot?" "Is she cold?" And the bed clothes are pulled so tightly around the baby or the arms or legs that they are cutting off the circulation." The baby completely out of

the crib and look things over. The baby might be sick. Learn how to take the infant's temperature.

If the temperature is above 100 degrees F, take the baby immediately to the emergency room unless his or her doctor is willing and able to see the infant immediately.

**RETIRED DOCTOR IN SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.**

**DEAR DOCTOR:** Since babies don't come with directions included, that's excellent advice, for which I thank you.

Many books have been written about the care of newborns, and parenting classes are available through hospitals, some high schools and community colleges. However, your letter provides a quick "ready reference" for a parent on the run.

**DEAR ABBY:** Everyone, children and adults, who gets lost or is in danger should know Morse code for SOS. It's easy. Just learn this:

You can yell it, tap it out, blow it on your car horn, blow it on a whistle, write it (in very large print) into sand, or lay large

rocks on a beach spelling the SOS. The Morse code by voice is, "DIT DIT DIT-DAH DAH DAH DIT DIT DIT." Many people know this SOS signal — Scouts, airmen, ham radio operators, boaters, etc. If you think you're in trouble, and know you're within hearing distance, yell, "MAYDAY!"

I learned Morse code in flight school and never forgot the SOS call. Please print this, Abby. I want no one — ever — to be in need of an SOS and not know how to send it.

**FEMALE PILOT IN RANCHO MIRAGE, CALIF.**

**DEAR FEMALE PILOT:** Since I don't know Morse code for "thank you," I offer my gratitude for your letter in English. The SOS is a handy bit of information to have. Even if one never has to use it, it's good insurance.

Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "Abby's More Favorite Recipes." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 per booklet (\$4.50 each in Canada) to: Dear Abby Booklets, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447 (Postage is included in price.)

## Presbyterian church offers study of Yancey book

First Presbyterian Church of Sanford presents Wonderful Wednesday's new video study based on Philip Yancey's book, "The Jesus I Never Knew." Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and the video series runs from 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. The video study begins this month (January) and will continue every Wednesday evening for 14 weeks. First Presbyterian Church is located at 401 S. Oak Ave. on the corner of 3rd and Park. 4th and Oak. Call 407-322-2662 for more information.

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# Life Style

## Don't portray women as the new men

By Joan Ryan  
 The ad for Oxygen the new women's cable network and Web site launch, "The Great Women of America" is a bit of a head-scratcher around the country. I can't understand the rationale behind the ad.



Joan Ryan

The ad includes the names of women provided by a woman. In one ad, the reason for a great woman is simply Men. It's that as you will. The other ads include these names: "As I look back, I realize that I am a woman who has been a woman."

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## Children of American Revolution present skit

Dr. Mellanby with Children of the American Revolution entertained members of the Sallie Harrison Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution with a skit at the January meeting. Written by Sallie Harrison member Virginia Miller, the delightful skit for the Colonial History Channel chronicled historical events occurring 275 years ago and was directed by Dee Dee Durham, senior president of the U.S. Million Society.



Doris Dietrich

Historian Virginia Miller gave the following account of the drama:

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different routes to warn the Minute Men that 700 British soldiers were heading toward Lexington and Concord. Two lanterns were placed in the Old North Church to indicate the British would travel by sea. The first shot was fired during the skirmish at Lexington with Arnold Schneider portraying the gunman.

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Women who recently attended a Stanford Women's Club meeting include Fran Morton, Betty Hembrook, Joan Mett, Betty Buehler, Shirley Miller and Charlotte Knowles.



Chris Schneider narrates a story while colonials dump tea behind her. The colonials are portrayed by Beau Duryea and Abby Durham.

## Three high school seniors win oration contest scholarships

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. City of Stanford Steering Committee salutes the winners of the annual oration contest.

The objective of the oration contest is to increase awareness of our youth about the dream and goals of Dr. King and give them an opportunity to participate in the planned commemorative events. It affords students the opportunity to compete for scholarships named in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The highest award, first place, was given to Erin M. King, a senior at Lake Mary High School. She is active in the National Honor Society, Spanish Society, Golden Flexie and is a National Venture Scholar, a peer mediator, the vice president of her senior class, the president of the Cultural Awareness Society and a county delegate for district student government.



Marva Hawkins

She aspires to attend Howard University and major in pre-medicine. The Doris Austin Thomas Scholarship is awarded in memory of the late educator who organized the first youth performance. The second place winner, who won the award, was Quimona Renee Faison, a senior at Seminole High School. She is active in the Tribe and the youth president at Rescue Church of God. She aspires to be a psychologist or educator and wants to attend Seminole Community College or Florida State University.

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Norris Jennings, chairman of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. City of Sanford Steering Scholarship Committee stands with scholarship winners, Erin King, Erin Wright and Quimona Faison.



# Life Style

## Lake Mary AARP learns about eye health

It's one of the most important aspects of your health, but it's one that some people often overlook. Many people have annual checkups with their M.D., but not everyone has an annual checkup with their ophthalmologist.

Eyesight is one of the areas people often have problems with as they age. But with regular check-ups, problems can be caught early. And thanks to new medical advances, some of them can be fixed.

The Lake Mary AARP learned about how easy it is to have corrective surgery from Janelle Hartman of the Filutowski Cataract and Laser Institute in Lake Mary. The doctors at Filutowski use LASIK surgery to take care of cataracts and to correct vision problems. LASIK is laser insitu keratomileusis, which is of course why they call it LASIK.

What kind of vision problems can be treated with at Filutowski? Glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and near sightedness. One type of macular degeneration can be stopped, but with macular degeneration, the vision can never be restored. That's why Janelle urged AARP members to get

regular checkups and take antioxidants. It is believed that antioxidants may help prevent macular degeneration.

Antioxidants are vitamin C and E, selenium, and beta-carotene. Zinc is also believed to be effective.

LASIK surgery takes just minutes. Some insurance companies pay for the surgery and some don't. But for many people, it's worth it to be able to go out and about without glasses and without contacts. If you'd like more information on the Filutowski Institute, call them at 1-800-EYE EXAM.

In other news, June Sunderland from the District AARP installed the new officers. Then the group talked about upcoming events. Olde Lake Mary Days is scheduled for March 4, so the AARP will be having a rummage sale in conjunction with the festival. A Valentine's party is planned for February.

President Cynthia Pitcock informed members that tax aid is available for any seniors who need it. For more information on locations and times, call 407-628-4381.

**CIA INSTALLS OFFICERS**  
The Lake Mary Community

Improvement Association held their first meeting of the new millennium on Jan. 24.

A very special visitor, Judge Hall, was on hand to install the new officers. The officers are Sheila Sawyer, president; Doug Forner, First Vice President; Betty Jore, second vice president; Richard Eckstein, treasurer; Jeanne Robinson, secretary; Mary Ellen Hawkinson, membership chair; Tom West, chairman of the trustees; Ethel Carlson, trustee; and board members Harriet Boyd, Lillian Griffin, Paulee Stevens and Ettie Jane Keogh.

After the installation, the members discussed their options for Olde Lake Mary Days. In the past, the group has always had a hot dog and coke stand. This year, they want to do something for the children.

Among the options discussed was a moonwalk, and hands on activities for the children such as candle making. An additional meeting has been scheduled for Monday, Jan. 31 to finalize the plans.

Also, it was announced that the Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Planting that the CIA is supporting had been moved from Jan. 16 to Jan. 29 due to the expected bad weather.

Sheila urged all members to attend on the new date.



AARP new officers are Irene Lobler, Marilyn Cosentino, Cynthia Pitcock, Bonnie Preston and Jim Carmon.



Janelle Hartman of the Filutowski Institute and AARP President Cynthia Pitcock are pictured during an AARP meeting.

## Jacobs recipient of DAR Community Service Award

Special To The Herald

**SANFORD** — The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution has honored Karen Jacobs with the NSDAR Community Service Award. Jacobs was the recipient of the award at the January meeting of the Sallie Harrison Chapter DAR on Jan. 15 at the Marina Hotel in Sanford.

Virginia Mikler, the chapter's Community Services chairperson, presented the award to Jacobs, who is museum specialist at the Museum of County History in Sanford.

The museum was recently admitted to both the national and state Historical Registers. Doug Stenstrom, president of the Seminole County Historical

Society said, "Without Karen, this would not have happened."

Dedicated and involved, Jacobs has been instrumental in dozens of activities for the past two decades, according to Virginia Powell, historian for Sallie Harrison Chapter DAR.

Many students and adults have been beneficiaries of her efforts, Powell said. She added, "Karen embodies DAR objectives of historical preservation and contribution to education."

Jacobs was recommended for the award by: Helen Miller of the

Oviedo Historical Society; Susan Hanas, principal of St. Luke's Lutheran School; Dale Phillips, former athletic director at Oviedo High School; and Douglas Stenstrom, former practicing attorney, state legislator and county judge.



Karen Jacobs (standing, left) is presented NSDAR Community Service Award by Virginia Mikler. Seated is Betty Bridgwater, regent of the Sallie Harrison Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

## Cannons to celebrate golden anniversary with a surprise

By Doris Dietrich  
Herald Staff Writer

Never in their wildest dreams did Archie and Isabell Cannon expect to end up in Sanford or Lake Mary when they were married 50 years ago in York, S.C. Life was just beginning for the young couple, who were hopelessly in love and "just a couple of kids" ready to tackle the world. They moved to Sanford in 1966 and later to Lake Mary.

When they were married Jan. 4, 1950, Archie had already served a tour with the military and was searching for new horizons. A wizard with figures, Archie leaned toward mathematics and pursued a career in math, which he taught until he retired from Seminole High School. Math boring? Not one minute to Archie, who thrived on teaching all math forms.

Since retiring, Archie has embarked on finalizing the end of another dream — music. He has always harbored a passion for music, but was never musically inclined even if he had the time to study. Isabell said, "When he retired, he went out and bought a harmonica, keyboard, organ and two guitars." He also purchased "how to" manuals and is thoroughly enjoying mastering his hobby. It isn't something he just picked up or fell into, "He has to play by the music notes," Isabell said.

Archie also enjoys people and likes to be on the go. He loves the beach and deep sea fishing. He and Isabell try to walk three miles daily and travel when they can.

When their three grandchildren were small, they exercised grandparents' spoiling rights to the limit.

Isabell enjoyed her role as homemaker and raising her family of three children: Janice Heinzelman, Mt. Dora; Dan Cannon, Longwood; and Judy Cannon, Cocoa Beach. The



Isabell and Archie Cannon

children are all graduates of Seminole High School.

Isabell also worked in the office of Dr. A.H. Cann when she retired.

She is a Jehovah's Witness and spends her days doing for and unto others.

The Cannons' travels have carried them to such faraway places as Europe, where they explored nearly all of the countries on the continent, including Great Britain and Egypt, among other exciting sites.

"I just loved London," Isabell said. "I wouldn't take anything for our travels." The couple also traveled cross-country twice to California in their motor home.

Celebration festivities, shrouded in secrecy, are quietly taking shape, but the children are mum.

"We know something is going on, but it's a secret," Isabell said.

So the Cannons are filled with excitement and anticipation over their milestone coming up Feb. 4.

Isabell said they have had a wonderful life, despite struggles and challenges, and she can't imagine life without Archie. And "Sure" she would do it all over again. "He has been a great husband and provider. And I love him," she said.

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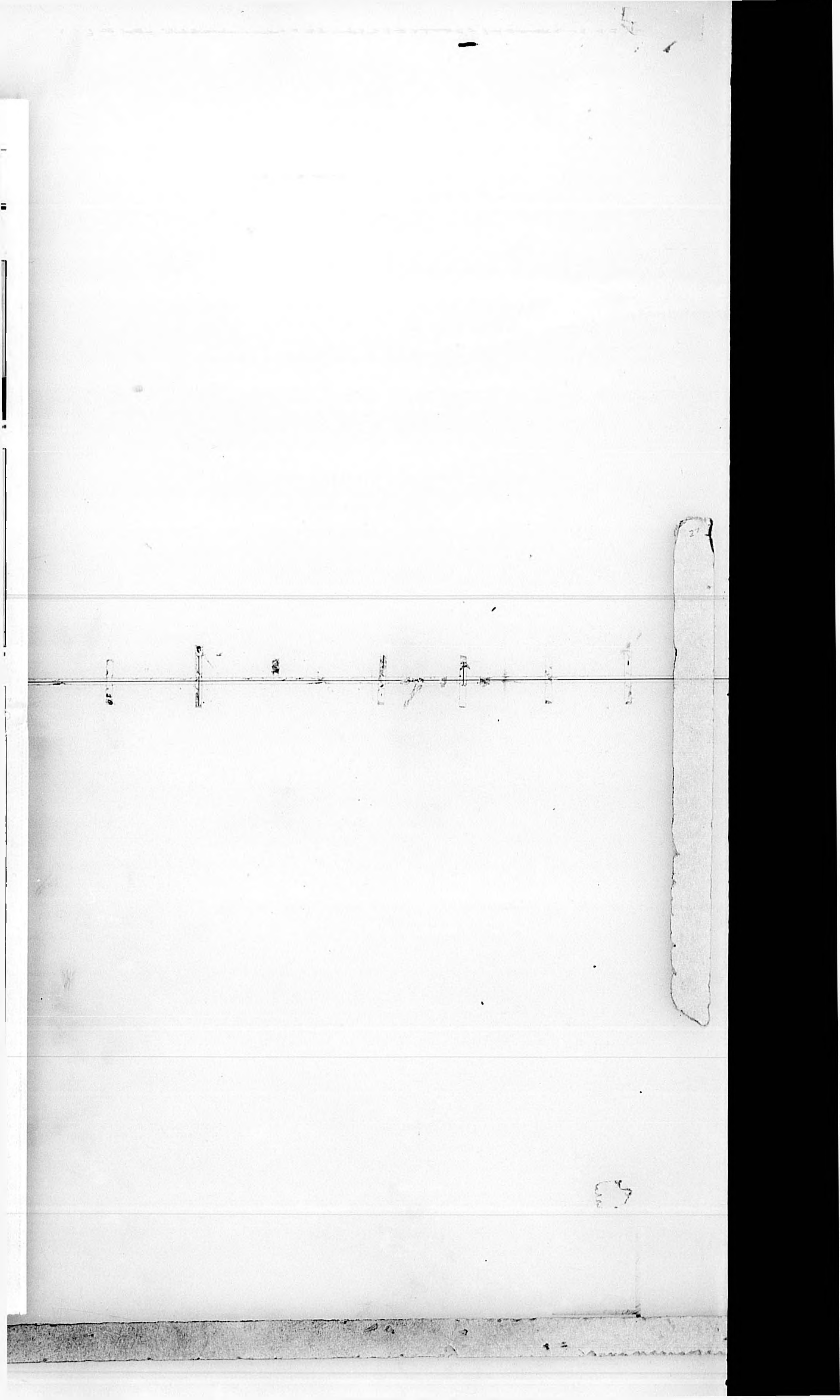


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## What's Inside

### Crooms Academy:

Crooms Academy, constructed in 1926, was traditionally the only black high school in Seminole County until federal desegregation rulings took effect in 1970.

The importance of Crooms Academy, located at 2200 W. 13th Street in Sanford, to the surrounding community was reaffirmed last year when Crooms Academy graduates and parents of students now attending the school joined forces to defeat a proposal that would have turned the alternative school into an elementary school. **See 5D**

### Incorporating Lake Mary:

The city of Lake Mary wasn't created in a day. Nevertheless, it took only one day for the community's voters to confirm they wanted to be Seminole County's seventh municipality.

On Aug. 7, 1973, voters approved a referendum concerning Lake Mary's incorporation. Voter turnout for the referendum was considered tremendous, with more than 67 percent casting votes. **See 10D**

### Casselberry's Dream:

In the 1920s, an Illinois man had a dream — to establish a town in Central Florida. His dream became a reality when Casselberry was incorporated in 1940.

In 1926, a new highway was built to the east of the old railroad alignment. In the same year, Hibbard Casselberry, a business man employed in the family-related and Chicago-based wholesale hardware firm of Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co., began development of a ferry along the new highway. **See 4D**

### Behind the name French Avenue:

In 1990, in response to a request from the (then) Sanford Herald, Dorothy Ware Wilson of Fayetteville, Arkansas, one of the many great-great-granddaughters of Dr. A.J. French, wrote an explanation regarding why French Avenue in Sanford was so named. The highway is presently considered U.S. Highway 17-92, after the designation was relocated from Park Avenue, back in the 1950s. **See 7D**

### Sanford Baseball:

"Raw Meat Rogers," the Sanford baseball manager in 1938, ran out of pitchers one night in June when his team was getting pummeled by Palatka.

When the massacre reached bloodcurdling proportions, Rogers sent first baseman Sid Hudson to the pitcher's box.

Hudson worked two innings and struck out six batters. He won 11 games that season and was 24-4 the next season, leading the Florida State League in strikeouts, lowest earned run average. **See 11D**

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## U. S. Will Give Every Aid To Get Kidnapers Of Lindberghs' Baby

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—(A.P.)—The wailing cry of the federal government will be used to return the 26-month-old Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., to his parents and apprehend his kidnapers. President Hoover conferred today with Attorney General Mitchell, Director of the Justice Department as well as Immigration and Customs Administration and confers with the authorities in the following text.

## JAX VISITOR HAS WOODMEN LODGE GREAT RESPECT SCENE FOR ADVERTISING MEET LAST NIGHT

The Oak Avenue lodge rooms of the Woodmen of the World were crowded last night as more than 80 members of the order from Sanford, Orlando, Ocala, and surrounding towns paid their respects to national and state officers making an official visit. The initiation of candidates by a degree team headed by Captain W. H. Hawkins was one of the local features of the program, while addresses on the work of the order, by visiting speakers, was the principal feature. Judge James G. Shanon introduced the visitors and guests at the program opened, and welcomed them to the city. Earlier in the afternoon he was one of a group of Woodmen and members of the Seminole County Chamber of Commerce who had taken the notable Woodmen on a tour of the city.

## DOLLAR SENT ON WAY



Maxwell Stewart, president of the State of Texas Club, is shown in the photograph. He is standing next to a man in a dark suit, possibly a local official or another club member. They are both looking towards the camera.

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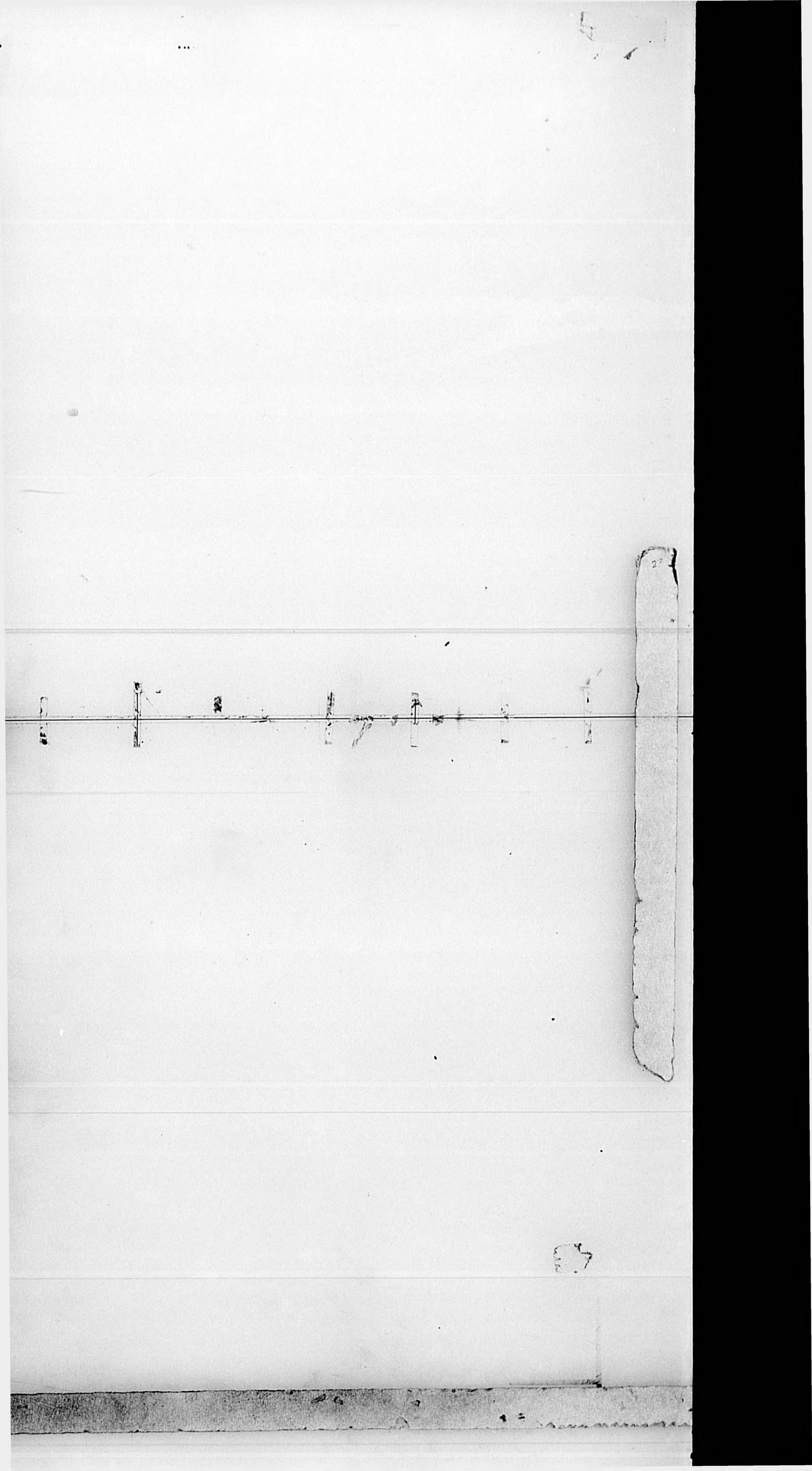
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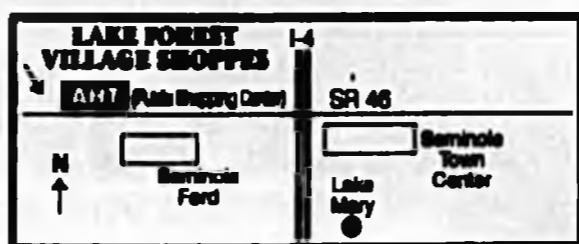
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*Editor's Note: The following information was provided by the Seminole County Historical Commission and its publication, "Early Days Of Seminole County, Florida."*

Early American history of what is now Seminole County began with military activity in 1837 on the shore of Lake Monroe, which is named after the fifth president.

During a Seminole Indian attack on Feb. 8, against a U.S. Army Camp, Capt. Charles Mellon was killed, giving Camp Monroe the new name of Fort Mellon. The surrounding area became known as Mellonville.

From 1845 to 1856, Mellonville served as the second county seat of Orange County. By 1866, the government fort buildings had been removed and the community became the trading center for the area.

Mellonville was incorporated in 1876, but dissolved in 1883 to become part of Sanford.

**Altamonte Springs**

In 1882, five Bostonians formed the Altamonte Land, Hotel and Navigation Co. and bought 1,200 acres of land. A year later, the proposed hotel was built between Lake Orienta and Lake Adelaide.

When springs were discovered on the lake shore, a spring house was built and water piped to the hotel. In 1887, the name of the community was changed from Altamonte Station to Altamonte Springs.

Reportedly, Presidents Grant, Cleveland and Harrison all stayed at the Altamonte Hotel, which burned down in 1953.

Altamonte Springs was incorporated as a town in 1920 and as a city in 1967.

**Casselberry**

In the 1920s, after Hibbard Casselberry bought some acreage in the Lake Orienta area and developed a fernery. The fernery grew; and in 1940, the community was incorporated as a town and called Casselberry. In 1965, the town was incorporated as a city.

**Lake Mary**

The Lake Mary community started as a station on the South Florida Railroad called Bents, which was the name of an orange grove owner in the area. The area acquired the name Lake Mary when the

Rev. J.E. Sundell, the pastor of a nearby Swedish Presbyterian Church, built a house on the lake he named after his wife, Mary.

In 1900, Planters Manufacturing Co. built a factory to produce starches and other items in the community, and a hotel and a general store were built for its employees.

Lake Mary's first sub-division was called Modern Woodman's Winter Homes, which was established in 1916 by A.E. Sjoblom. It was renamed Crystal Lake Winter Homes four years later.

Lake Mary was incorporated as a city in 1973.



**Longwood**

E.W. Henck, along with a small group of settlers, relocated to Myrtle Lake in 1880. However, Henck was instrumental in renaming the area

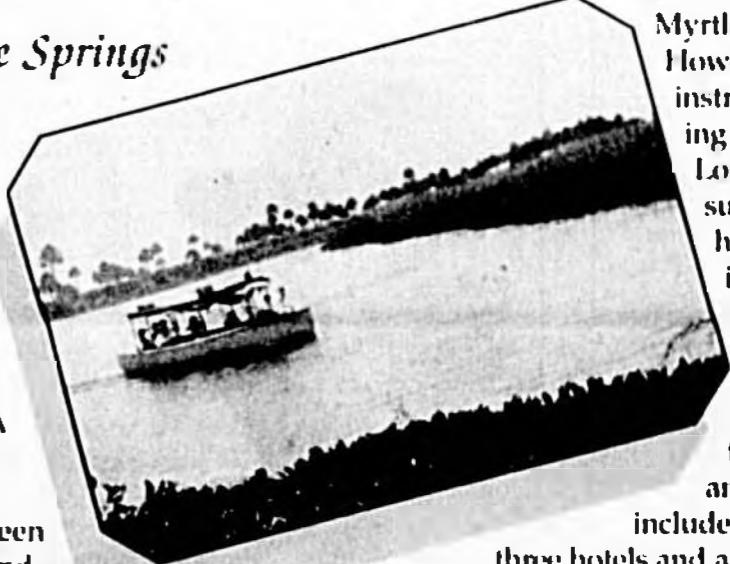
Longwood, after a suburb of Boston he helped established in previous years.

By 1887 the population of Longwood included more than 1,000 people and buildings included five churches,

three hotels and a weekly newspaper.

In 1926, the town was nationally known as the poultry center of the state and was also a big tourist attraction for people coming to visit Big Tree Park, featuring "The Old Senator."

Longwood was incorporated as a town in 1883 and as a city in 1923.



**Oviedo**

Oviedo was established by a "loosely defined Lake Jessup Settlement" about a mile south of the lake. In 1875, it included about 40 families.

In 1879, Postmaster Andrew Aulin decided the community should be

called Oviedo after a university city in northern Spain.

Oviedo was incorporated as a city in 1925.



**Sanford**

Sanford was founded in 1870 by General Henry B. Sanford. The general organized a land company, built a 600-foot pier into Lake Monroe and erected the 200-room Sanford House in 1875. The hotel was torn down in 1920, but before its demise, dignitaries as Presidents Grant, Arthur and Cleveland stayed in it.

Sanford bought two colonies totaling about 150 adults from Sweden to labor a year for their travel expenses, which is the reason for Swedish family names in the area, such as Upsala Cemetery.



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**From Staff Reports**

In the 1920s, an Illinois man had a dream — to establish a town in Central Florida. His dream became a reality when Casselberry was incorporated in 1940.

**The Beginning**

In 1880, the South Florida Railroad built a track from Sanford to Orlando, which was the beginning of the Sanford-Orlando corridor. Smaller towns appeared along the corridor during the next two decades, including Winter Park, Maitland, Altamonte Springs, Longwood and Lake Mary.

In 1926, a new highway was built to the east of the old rail road alignment. In the same year, Hibbard Casselberry, a business man employed in the family-related and Chicago-

Co., began development of a fernery along the new highway. The area, already developing an economic base with the fern industry as a root, provided an attractive location for families who wanted to balance a leisurely life with outdoor work and living.

Establishing the first general store in 1928, Casselberry platted a subdivision known as Winter Park Ferneries, the first of his extensive real estate activities.

In 1930, he constructed a Normandy-style building across the highway from the general store to house the Fern Park Post Office Building and also hired an architect to design Normandy homes along the highway.

In 1931, he organized a water company to supply the Winter Park Ferneries subdivision and neighboring homes. Four years later, a spur from the Atlantic

and other items.

The name of the siding, Winter Park Ferneries, led to some confusion with Winter Park, so the name was later changed to Casselberry Siding. In 1937, a new Railway Express Agency station was opened and named Casselberry, Fla.

Casselberry was incorporated as a town in 1940.

**World War II**

In the early 1940s, Casselberry ferneries were supplying more than 1,000 florists. The annual return to the community in gross business exceeded \$250,000.

However, as World War II progressed, the town experienced substantial economic change.

In 1942, Casselberry helped obtain war industry for the community with a contract for the manufacture of bandoleers, a cloth cartridge belt used by com-

Sewing machines were

Arthur Lego stated, "I feel the



Casselberry Assistant Police Chief George A. Lewis Sr. in 1958 with the town's first police car.

installed in a fertilizer mixing plant.

During the same year, the government let a second contract to Casselberry for the manufacture of bomb parachutes. In 1944, a third war contract was let for the manufacture of hospital tent liners for use in the Pacific.

Several new factories were built during this period to help with the war effort.

**A Growing City**

On July 26, 1965, Casselberry changed from a town to a city.

On this day, Casselberry voters approved a charter referendum by a 3-1 margin. Of 858 eligible voters, 298 cast ballots favoring charter adoption, 91 voted against it, and three ballots were voided due to improper markings.

Commenting on the new city, Casselberry Councilman

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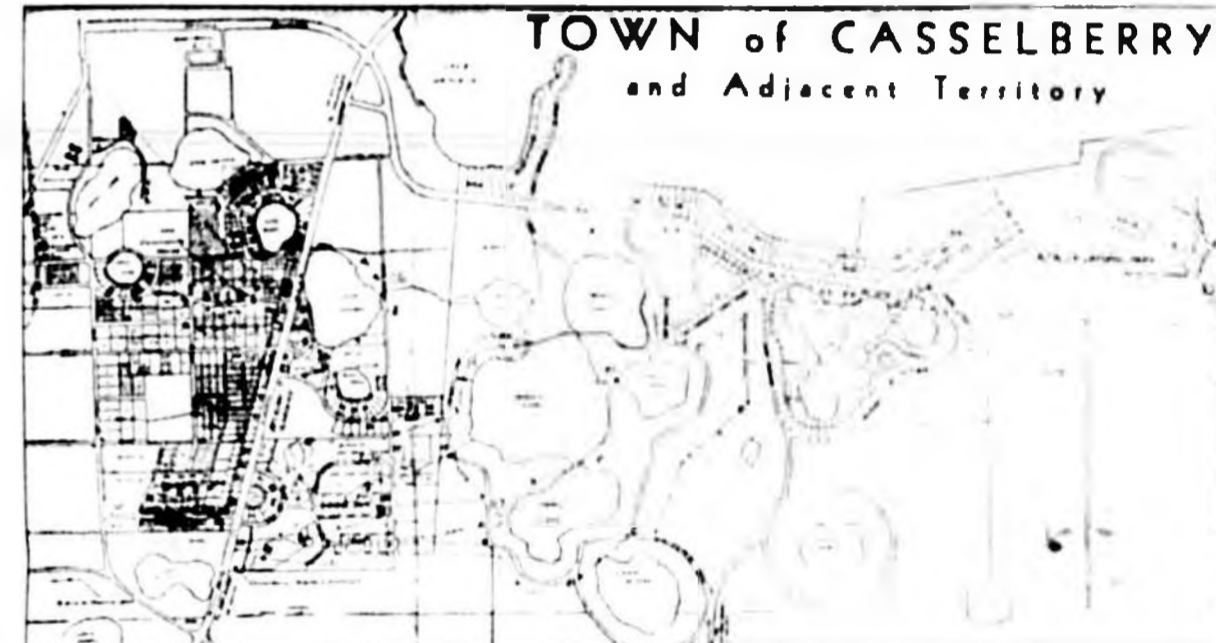


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Coast Line was extended to service the ferneries with lumber

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# Crooms Academy

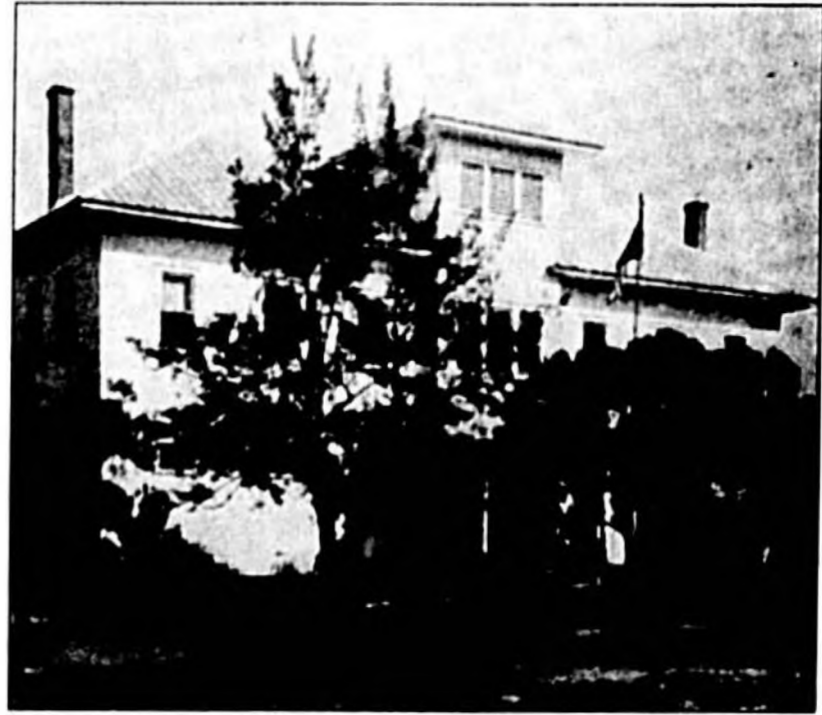
By Bill Kerns  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — Crooms Academy, constructed in 1976, was traditionally the only black high school in Seminole County until federal desegregation orders took effect in 1971.

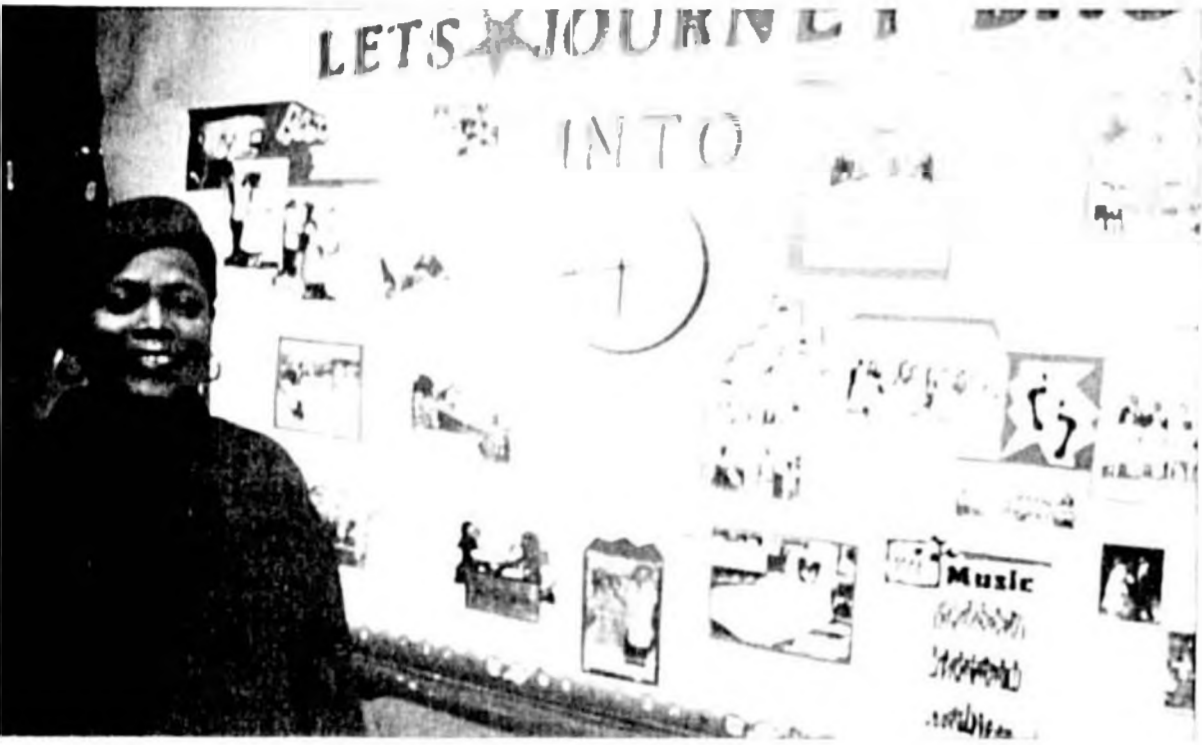
Today, Crooms Academy is an all-gender, coeducational high school serving approximately 1,000 students through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. It offers smaller class sizes than traditional public middle or high schools.

It stands as a memorial and testament to a life that is happy with hard work and a sense of history. After Mrs. Bentley, who lives in Sanford, the tradition of Crooms Academy as a historically black high school came deep in Sanford.

The principals and all the faculty members knew your family — said Earl Minott, who graduated from Crooms Academy in 1948. They were always pushing you to do what's right. There was a close bond in the early years until it changed into a high school in 1971.



The Hopper Academy



Joyce Davis, a Crooms Academy graduate, stands in front of a gallery board of photographs playing events from the past. Davis is currently a news anchor.

Minott took many Crooms Academy graduates to various colleges as a teacher. He attended Florida A&M on a 1961 scholarship and later taught at Crooms from 1962 to 1971.

Whether pursuing law, medicine or business, the common thread that guides many Crooms Academy graduates has been a desire to contribute to the community.

Crooms Academy has a rich heritage and legacy which resulted in a wealth of students being prepared for the real world of work, school and career as role models — and Verma Williams, an award-winning commissioner, also graduated from Crooms in 1971, a Ph.D. in community planning from Florida State University.

The site for the building was chosen by Joseph Nathaniel Crooms and the Seminole County School Board because of the westward movement by

the black population in the community.

The school was named Crooms Academy in honor of J.N. Crooms and his wife, Wealthy Mabel Richardson, because of their leadership and services for the education of black youth. J.N. Crooms was appointed principal and his wife was appointed assistant principal.

At first, the new school could only accommodate pupils from grades 4 through 10. Several years later, the curriculum of the school expanded to include grades 11 and 12. The first senior high school class graduated from Crooms Academy in 1971. The members were Willie Fields, Joseph White and Suzie Davis.

J.N. Crooms personally purchased 2 1/2 acres of land adjoining the school and constructed several classrooms in order to relieve over-crowded conditions. The property was rented temporarily and later purchased by the school board.

In 1950, the Crooms Memorial Library was built. J.N. Crooms terminated his career as principal of Crooms Academy in 1953.

Roy A. Allen succeeded J.N. Crooms as principal, and the school's name was changed in 1961 to Crooms High School by the school board. During Allen's administration, more classrooms were added along with a new cafeteria based on recommendations by the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.

In 1970, with Edward Blacksheare serving as principal, federal desegregation orders changed the format of the school. The school board unanimously voted to desegregate Crooms by permitting white students to voluntarily enroll.

The next school year, they voted to transfer the 12th grade from Crooms to the predominantly white Seminole High School. Later, the 10th and 11th grades were transferred to Seminole, leaving an integrated all-ninth grade school to serve the north end of the county.

In 1978, a fire swept through the single historic Crooms Academy facility that once housed the administrative offices, classrooms and auditorium. The building was replaced with a new, larger one.

In 1986, Barbara Kirby-Bentley was appointed principal. The school board named the facility Crooms School of Choice. At the time, the school served three types of students: those with discipline problems, and those who were disinterested or unsuccessful in the regular school system, in addition to housing the Teenage Pregnant Girls Program.

In 1995, with Karen Coleman serving as principal, the school was renamed Crooms Academy.

"Despite the fact that when Crooms operated as an all-black high school there were some inequities, there are significant people in the community who have developed out of the school," said Breenedette Hardy-Blake, who has been the principal at Crooms Academy since November 1996.

"When you talk about making any changes in the school, people know they wouldn't be where they are today without Crooms," Hardy-Blake said. "That's why they fight so hard for the school."

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# Crooms' legacy continues in Seminole

By Bill Kerns  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — Joseph Nathaniel Crooms left an indelible mark on Sanford.

Prior to the establishment of Crooms Academy at 2200 W. 13th St. in Goldsboro in 1926, there was no black school in Sanford that had grades above the 10th grade. Hopper Academy was the only black school in the city.

J.N. Crooms and his wife Wealthy donated the 7 1/2 acres upon which the 40 foot-by-60 foot school building was constructed. Rent for the land was paid by the Seminole County School Board, and they eventually purchased the property.

Crooms Academy is the crowning achievement in the career of J.N. Crooms (1880-1957), who taught school in Sanford from 1906 until 1953. Before settling in Sanford, he also taught in Cocoa and in Suwanee County beginning in 1903.

He received his training for a career in education at Johnson Academy in Orlando and the Florida Normal College in Tallahassee, which is now Florida A&M University, receiving an A.B. in 1906. He also attended Hampton Institute in Virginia and the Florida Institute in Live Oak.

Velma Williams, a Sanford City Commissioner, attended Crooms Academy from the fourth grade through the 12th grade, graduating in 1959. She remembers J.N. Crooms as a man who commanded respect.

"He is one of the greatest humanitarians that ever set foot in Seminole County," Williams said. "He was as great and noble person who inspired you."

Williams said Crooms instilled a belief that with hard work, no accomplishment was out of reach.

"Every morning we had chapel for 30 minutes, and all around us were pictures of great black Americans," Williams said. "He



Joseph Nathaniel Crooms



Wealthy Crooms

instilled in us a sense of self worth. They had high expectations for us, and demanded respect, that we be well groomed, and use correct English."

J.N. Crooms, known as Professor Crooms, was principal of Hopper Academy from 1906 to 1926. He was instrumental in building the school at its current 1101 Pine Ave. location, a site he selected.

Also under his leadership, Hopper Academy was the first school in the state to receive free transportation for students attending the school.

"Crooms was a man of vision and aspiration," said historian Altemese Bentley, 89, who attended Hopper Academy while Crooms served as principal. "He planted that spirit within the students he taught."

The first record of the founding of Hopper Academy is in 1886. It was built between 1900 to 1910.

A second Hopper Academy site was also established at 1101 Bay Ave. in 1961.

Crooms received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Edward Waters College in Jacksonville in 1950. He was active in numerous professional, religious and community organizations, including serving as President of the Florida State Teachers' Association from 1923 to 1925.

In addition, Crooms was an organist for St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Sanford. Earl Minott, who graduated from Crooms Academy in 1948, received piano instruction from J.N. Crooms.

"He was a very noble man," Minott said. "We always looked up to him as a professor and a teacher. He always had something good to say to encourage you. He was sort of stern, but in a nice manner. He was always trying to help you and your family."

Wealthy Richardson Crooms (1884-1982) received her primary and high school education in Winter Park, later attending South Carolina State College where she earned an A.B.

She taught in Volusia County at Bethune School for Girls, and Hopper and Crooms academies beginning in 1908. She retired from teaching in 1954. Mrs. Crooms was a member of St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Sanford.

The Crooms' home was located at 812 Sanford Ave. in the Georgetown community.

Benedette Hardy-Blake, who has been the principal of Crooms Academy since November of 1996, said that the common thread teachers and administrators share is a dedication to students at the school.

"The thing that he and I share is that he must have had the same love and dedication as I have, even more so because he practically built the school himself out of his own money," Hardy-Blake said. "He geared his life around the school. I don't know what greater love and dedication you can have than that."



The 1950 Crooms Academy faculty



The 1950 Crooms Academy senior class



The 1950 Crooms Academy Weiricha Club



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# How French Street got its name

By Nick Pfeiffaut  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — In 1990, in response to a request from the (then) *Sanford Herald*, Dorothy Ware Wilson of Fayetteville, Ark., one of the many great-great-granddaughters of Dr. A.J. French, wrote an explanation regarding why French Avenue in Sanford was so named. The highway is presently considered U.S. Highway 17-92, after the designation was relocated from Park Avenue, back in the 1950s.

Alexander John French and his younger brother Seth were born in Potsdam, N.Y. in the early 1800s. They were well educated, eventually married, and both became doctors. They both moved to Eau Claire, Wis., before the Civil War where they were city leaders with interest in the drug firm of Farr, French & Company, which they sold in 1871, and moved to the Sanford area.

Once here, they purchased a large

amount of land and are credited with having planted some of the first orange groves in the area.

Dr. A.J. French built a home at the corner of 15th Street and Oak Avenue in approximately 1880. After moving to a home at Third Street and French Avenue, he became Sanford's second mayor.

Dr. Seth French meanwhile, built his home on what was then called Orange Ridge, now 18th Street and French Avenue. It was an octagonal three-story Indian home with a lookout tower. (The home was destroyed by fire in 1954).

According to the French family history, Seth French was said to have taken a sword and, on horseback, hacked a trail through the woods and palmettos, from his home to the lakefront, a path that was the beginning of French Avenue.

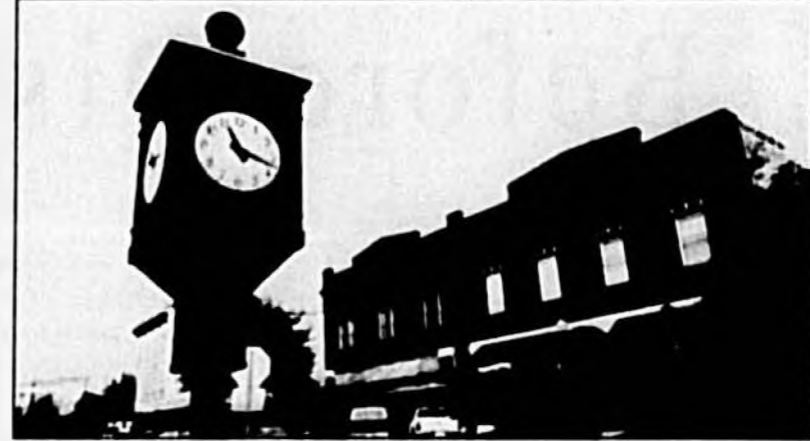
In his honor, General H.S. Sanford saw fit to name the path, which was later widened, in honor of Seth French.

Live Oaks were planted to line the avenue, paid for with a 25 cent increase in taxes.

While both French brothers remained in Sanford, they were also credited with being pioneers in helping develop Orange City and Fort Meade.

The letter was written to the *Herald* as well as the mayor of Sanford, in response to a rumor that the Sanford City Commission was considering a name change. In her letter, she suggested the city should not forget the past. "A community should honor its pioneers, since later generations build upon the sturdy foundations the pathfinders began so long ago," she said.

When the letter was brought to the commission's attention at an October 8, 1990 work session however, it was announced that there was no intention to do any renaming, and the City Clerk was told to inform Mrs. Wilson of such, as well as Harriett Boyd of Lake Mary, another of French's ancestors.



## Now & Then

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# Before Disney, there was Sanford

By Nick Pfeiffauf  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — With the many Disney complexes, Universal Studios, Sea World, Church Street Station, and other attractions in the greater Orlando area, it may be difficult to imagine a time when Sanford and its surrounding area was the center of tourism in Central Florida. Yet it's true.

Back in the 30s, 40s, and early 50s, visitors from throughout the area journeyed to Sanford to enjoy the sights and sounds. Going back even further to the period just after the turn of the century, Sanford drew visitors from all over the southeast, and often the north. There were things to do, places to stay, and entertainment to be had.

The *Sanford Herald*, (now the *Seminole Herald*) published since 1908, often told of people from as far away as Lake Mary or Longwood, who would visit Sanford for a day of entertainment or shopping. It was a big event, worthy of mention in the "people" columns.

Riverboats, such as the City of Sanford and the Osceola, used to bring people to Enterprise and Sanford for visits. They brought tourists up river from as far away as Jacksonville along with cargo of merchandise for local stores. The boats however, were also used for local visitors to take river cruises — a glorious Sunday afternoon adventure.

The original slogan, as far back as 1911 was, "Sanford, the Gate City of Florida."

There was swimming along the shore of Lake Monroe, and plenty of places to stay, such as the Sanford House. It was right on the shore of Lake Monroe, and offered a sunning and swimming beach. By 1926, the Forrest Lake Hotel (presently the New Tribes Mission headquarters) added to the places to stay, but by that time, the city had erected a seawall between the hotel and lake. While it reduced the amount of beach area, it improved the private fishing area.

Another great hotel was the Montezuma Hotel, built around 1911, at Third Street and Magnolia Avenue. Originally, it was the Hotel Wilton, which boasted artesian water, electric service and the first hotel in the entire area with an indoor swimming pool, down in the basement.

Lifelong resident Tony Russi said the city was also known for having slot machines. "People used to flock in here to play the

slots," he said, "with most of them at the Old Smoke House on First Street, as well as the Sanford Beer Garden." He said the slot machine trade flourished until the government made them illegal.

Russi also recalls Midget City, which drew many visitors. Located near the area of the present Wal-Mart plaza, it was an entire miniature city, contained in the downstairs of a two story building. The city was complete with buildings, street lights, and models of just about everything one could imagine. It closed in the mid-1950s.

Russi remembers the river boats, and one situation in particular.

"The city of Sanford riverboat sunk off shore in Sanford," he said, "and I, along with some other boys, were called on to dive into Lake Monroe to remove some of the cargo it had, mostly cases of cigarettes."

He said they removed a number of cases, and were paid for their efforts, mostly in water logged cigarettes.

"What we didn't know until it was all over," he continued, "was that the area we were diving in was the same place where Sanford was discharging its sewage into the lake."

There was a bandshell at the northern end of what is now known as Memorial Park (at the foot of N. Park Avenue) where band concerts were held every Saturday night. While some of the music was supplied by school bands, there was also a Sanford Band, comprised of local merchants and residents who banded together to provide entertainment. One of the saxophone players was Francis Roumillat, owner of Roumillat and Anderson Drugstore, at the corner of First Street and Park Avenue. Others included Russi's

father Joe who played oboe, and Raymond Ball on violin.

"There were 15 to 17 men in the band," Russi said, "and they would give concerts once a week, while the people watched on rows of park benches the city had provided."

"There were street cars in the downtown Sanford area," he continued, "and people rode them just for the thrill of it."

For dancing and entertainment, just south of the city, there was the Trianon Palace, on Highway 17-92. While Russi said while it was said to be one of the headquarters for much of the Bolita (numbers gambling) racket, it was a real drawing card in the area.

Other attractions included the Sanford Zoo, at the corner of N.



Midget City drew many visitors. Located near the area of the present Wal-Mart plaza, it was an entire miniature city, contained in the downstairs of a two story building. The city was complete with buildings, street lights, and models of just about everything one could imagine. It closed in the mid-1950s.

Park and the lakelakefront. "One of the characters people loved to see near the zoo was John the Peanut Man. He pushed his cart around the zoo area with his pet monkey dancing and prancing, while he sold snow cones and peanuts. Everyone loved him," Russi said.

Further south was the big tree. "My gosh, look at the size of it!" A Mr. Lord, a Sanford resident, is credited with first discovering the site in the late 1880s. The tree, a Bald Cypress is estimated to be 3,500 years old.

Howard Jeffries, with the City Parks Department, says there were originally four trees of similar age but three have long since perished. It is 17 1/2 feet in diameter, 138 feet tall, and contained approximately 50,000 square feet of wood. In 1929 President Calvin Coolidge visited the tree and placed a bronze descriptive plaque on its trunk. It was named Senator in honor of Senator M.C. Overstreet, who donated the tree and surrounding land to Seminole County in 1951. It has been and still is a major tourist attraction.

Another attraction was the municipal swimming pool located in the east end of Fort Mellon Park. The pool was torn down in the late 1950s however, after there were several drownings.

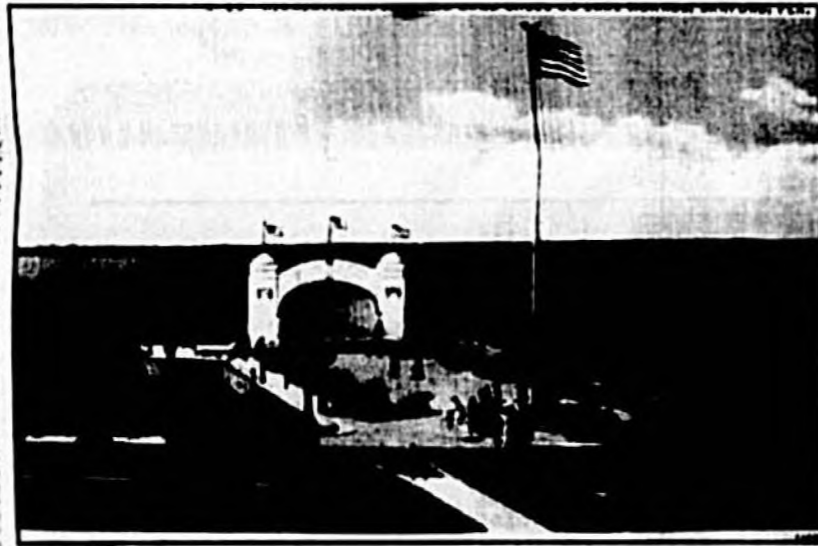
Without saying, the New York Giants major league baseball team made their pre-season headquarters in Sanford, staying at what was the Mayfair Hotel. Needless to say, their spring training games brought many visitors to Sanford's fabulous baseball stadium.

Sanford could have had even more tourists, as Walt Disney once said he had considered locating his facility in the Sanford area. But at the time, few people believed it would ever amount to anything, and Disney eventually selected the area between Orange and Osceola counties.

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First Street Early 1900s

Nov. 27, 1924, memorable time for Sanford

By Nick Pfeiffaut  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — Two great events were held in Sanford on Nov. 27, 1924. Both involved the laying of cornerstones, one for Sanford's first city hall building, the other for the Masonic Temple, just a short distance to the south on Park Avenue.

It was a gala event. Participants in the two dedications walked through the downtown area behind a marching band and a detachment of police and firemen. Benches and chairs had been placed on a scaffold at the new city hall site.

Mayor Forrest Lake gave the dedication talk, speaking impressively in connection with the building that would shortly rise above the platform where he stood, declar-

ing that its erection marked the beginning of a new era that would witness the awakening of the people to the possibilities of the town and result in the rapid development of the city and the community.

According to old documents, the cost of the Sanford City Hall was \$75,000.

He also mentioned the nearby lakefront, where a new bulkhead was to be built skirting the lake shore, praising the progressive spirit of Sanford's citizens that had, he said, made possible the large developments accomplished in recent months.

That same day, the cornerstone was laid for Sanford's Masonic Temple, said to be the first of its kind in this section of the state.

The Masonic Temple cost was said to be \$45,000.

Inside the cornerstone, was placed a copper receptacle. Masonic Past Grand Master Silas B. Wright, who officiated at the event prayed that the contents of the box should not be seen again "till time is no more."

Items said to be in the canister, reportedly still contained inside the cornerstone, included names of officers of all the city departments, names of officers and members of the Sanford Chamber of Commerce, names of officers and members of Rotary Club, Women's Club, various churches in Sanford, names of Fraternal Orders, a Woman's Club yearbook of 1913, a photo of the new Woman's Club, names of Board of managers and building committee, coins of the United States, Chamber of Commerce literature, and a copy of the Nov. 25, 1924, edition of the *Sanford Herald*.

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Leave Maitland at	7:33 a.m.	Leave Soldier Creek at	4:30 p.m.
Leave Snows at	7:48 a.m.	Leave Longwood at	4:40 p.m.
Leave Longwood at	8:00 a.m.	Leave Snows at	4:52 p.m.
Leave Soldier Creek at	8:10 a.m.	Leave Maitland at	5:07 p.m.
Leave Bents at	8:20 a.m.	Leave Osceola at	5:17 p.m.
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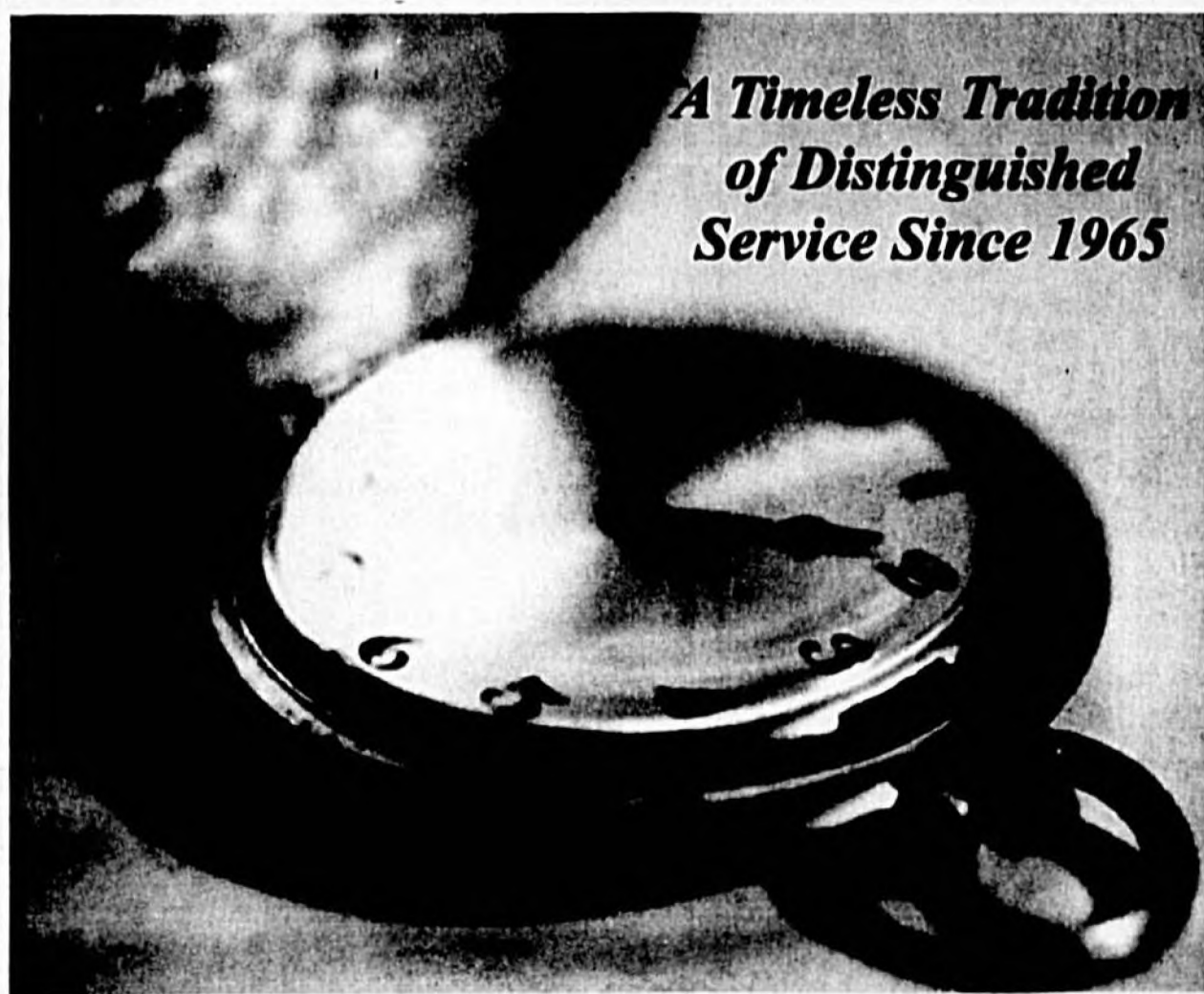
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# Seminole's Newest City

*Voters approve 1973 incorporation referendum in 'tremendous' way*

By Michelle Jeria  
Managing Editor

The city of Lake Mary wasn't created in a day. Nevertheless, it took only one day for the community's voters to confirm they wanted to be Seminole County's seventh municipality.

On Aug. 7, 1973, voters approved a referendum concerning Lake Mary's incorporation. Voter turnout for the referendum was considered tremendous, with more than 67 percent of registered voters casting votes.

"The area was being encroached by Longwood and Sanford, and the people didn't want to be in either community," said Don Jackson, Lake Mary's first mayor. "They knew by incorporating, they would be in control of their own city. Therefore, they voted it in."

Only months before the referendum, Sanford officials approved the annexation of more than 100 acres of land within Lake Mary's proposed incorporated boundaries. Lake Mary's incorporation negated the annexation.

#### Planning For Incorporation

Plans for Lake Mary's incorporation began several years before the actual vote.

"We had done all the research," Jackson said. "We heard a lot of things from the cities around us, like 'You'll never pull that off,' but we just sort of ignored them."

Jackson and other incorporation leaders went to the community and began asking what people wanted if Lake Mary became incorporated.

"First, we asked them if they wanted to become a city," Jackson said. "And, if they wanted to become a city, then we asked them what they wanted the city to be like."

The group started a list of requested amenities, including stores, street lights and a police department.

"Lake Mary didn't have any stores," Jackson said. "We either had to go into Orlando or Sanford if we needed anything."

Jackson and his peers began planning on how to fulfill the community's requests. The group talked to merchants about building stores in Lake Mary, created an agreement with the

**"They knew by incorporating, they would be in control of their own city. Therefore, they voted it in."**

**Don Jackson**  
First Mayor of Lake Mary



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent  
Don Jackson, the first mayor of Lake Mary, examines some old newspaper articles about Lake Mary and Interstate 4 development. In 1973, the city was incorporated, becoming the seventh municipality in Seminole County. In December of the same year, the city held its first municipal election.

Seminole County Sheriff's Office and established a plan for street lights.

With development in mind, the group went through the proper channels to get the area from Lake Mary Boulevard to State Route 46A, west of Rinehart Road and east of Interstate 4 rezoned for light industrial, Jackson said.

"We did all of this before we became a city so we would be ready," he said. "All we had to do was adopt the county's zon-

ing ordinance."

A city charter was created by conducting town hall meetings in various community locations, Jackson said. The incorporation boundaries were determined through public input.

"People came and told us where they lived and whether they wanted to be incorporated," Jackson said. "We had to determine the boundaries, so if a person wanted to be left out, they were left out."

A temporary city commission was established, which included Jackson and Commissioners Homer Gleason, DeLoris Lash, John Nordan, Sam Pratt and Harry Terry. "Back then, you had to get everything OK'd by the state legislature," Jackson said. "So we did everything by the book, including naming officials."

"We were ready to become a city."

#### The Vote

The 1973 state Legislature approved Lake Mary's charter and required at least 369 of the 736 registered voters within the proposed city limits to participate in the referendum, and 185 had to approve the incorporation. In August 1973, almost 500 voters went to the polls, with a majority voting "yes" for the city of Lake Mary.

Once totaled, 369 voters were in favor of incorporating the 9 square-mile area, with only 128 voting against it.

In December of the same year, the first election was held in the new city.

Jackson lost to Margie Hess in the mayor's race by a margin of 303 to 209 votes. Many believed Hess won as a result of her stance on limiting development along Interstate 4. Elected commissioners included Louis Blankenship, Virginia Mercer, DeLoris Lash, John Nordan and Harry Terry.

Although he lost the election, Jackson said he is proud of what he and his peers accomplished while establishing Seminole County's seventh municipality.

"When I first moved to Lake Mary, I went into Orlando a lot," Jackson said. "When people asked me where I lived in Seminole County and I told them Lake Mary, they asked me 'Where is Lake Mary?' If they knew where Lake Mary was, they asked me why I moved to the sticks," he said.

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# Seminole County Sports History

## Sanford baseball — a lesson in history

By Russ White  
Staff Writer

"Raw Meat Rogers," the Sanford baseball manager in 1938, ran out of pitchers one night in June when his team was getting pacted by Palatka.

When the massacre reached bloodcurdling proportions, Rogers sent first baseman Sid Hudson to the pitcher's box.

Hudson worked two innings and struck out six batters. He won 11 games that season and was 24-4 the next season, leading the Florida State League in strikeouts, lowest earned run average and most games completed.

Clark Griffith, the owner of the Washington Senators, was so impressed he gave the Class D Sanford club \$5,000 for Hudson, a lanky right-hander whom Griffith believed would rejuvenate the inelegant Senators.

No pitcher had ever before jumped from Class D to the Big Show as did Hudson, a gangling 175-pounder whose arms dangled to his knees, which clacked like castanets. It is said that delegations from the Sanford sand hills made pilgrimages to Griffith Stadium in Washington to see Hudson work. He won 17 games



and pitched 252 innings.

Hudson, 85, lives today in Waco, Texas. He pitched in the major through 1954 and was a longtime pitching coach for the Senators. Friends of the Sanford Museum are hoping that Hudson will come to Sanford for the grand opening of the sports addition to the museum.

There are a number of items from Hudson's career there.

To be sure, Hudson helped put Sanford on the baseball map. There had been a Florida State League team since the 1920's but Hudson was the first player to jump to the Big Leagues. Later, Buddy Lake was a hitting and pitching sensation for the Sanford Celery Feeds, a legend of the South.

Lake did not play in the Bigs, however.

Sanford's next national moment came in 1946 when the Brooklyn Dodgers brought more than 200 players into a special pre-spring training camp. World War II was over, men were back from the war and there were jobs waiting. Jackie Robinson was one of the Dodger farmhands to come to Sanford. He would not stay long, however.

Because of segregation laws in the South, Robinson and pitcher John Wright were not allowed to stay at the hotel with the others. And it was in Sanford, where Robinson was also told to leave the ballfield. Sanford Police Chief Roy Williams made the out call after pressure from city leaders. Robinson left quietly.

The next day, Branch Rickey removed all his players and took them to Daytona where there was a more civil reception.

A year later, of course, Robinson made it to the majors, playing first base for the Brooklyn Dodgers. He would not return to Sanford nor recall his days in town with anything but regret. "There was a current of tension that I hoped would lessen," Robinson wrote in his book, "I Never Had It Made."

Robinson became not only a Big Leaguer but a Hall of Fame Second Baseman. Many consider him the greatest athlete of the 20th Century. He was an All-American in football and basketball and track at UCLA. Baseball, some said, was never his best sport.

By breaking down baseball's color barrier, Robinson paved the way for the black players who play today. One of them is Tim Raines, a Sanford native, who played on the very field that Jackie Robinson was denied access. At 40, Raines is in the September of a great career that may also win him Hall of Fame honors. He may be followed to the majors by his son, Tim Raines, Jr.

The careers of Sid Hudson, Jackie Robinson and Tim Raines are celebrated in the attractive sports hall at the Sanford museum. Anyone seeing these displays will be able to feel how baseball touched the town. The New York Giants farmhands used to stay at what's now the Indian Tribes Mission. Willie Mays and Willie McCovey trained here.

No baseball history could be written without including Sanford.

## 'Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee'



Draw "Bundini" Brown lived in Sanford until the age of 13. After serving in the Navy and Merchant Marine, he worked for Johnny Bratton and Sugar Ray Robinson. In 1963, he became assistant trainer to Muhammed Ali. Brown coined the phrase "Float Like a butterfly, sting like a bee." Pictured above, Brown is standing between Trainer Angelo Dundee and Ali.



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Lake is remembered for winning a Florida State League batting title and pitching a perfect game in the same season. But, he said his favorite memory of 1946 was scoring the winning run against St. Augustine to give Sanford the Florida State League championship.

"It was the ninth inning with two outs," Lake said. "I stole home, and we won the playoffs."

"The stands were packed with more than 3,000 people. The reaction they had to scoring that run is my favorite memory from here."

The city of Sanford recently dedicated the Sanford Memorial Stadium's Dugout Club to Buddy Lake, who is pictured above.

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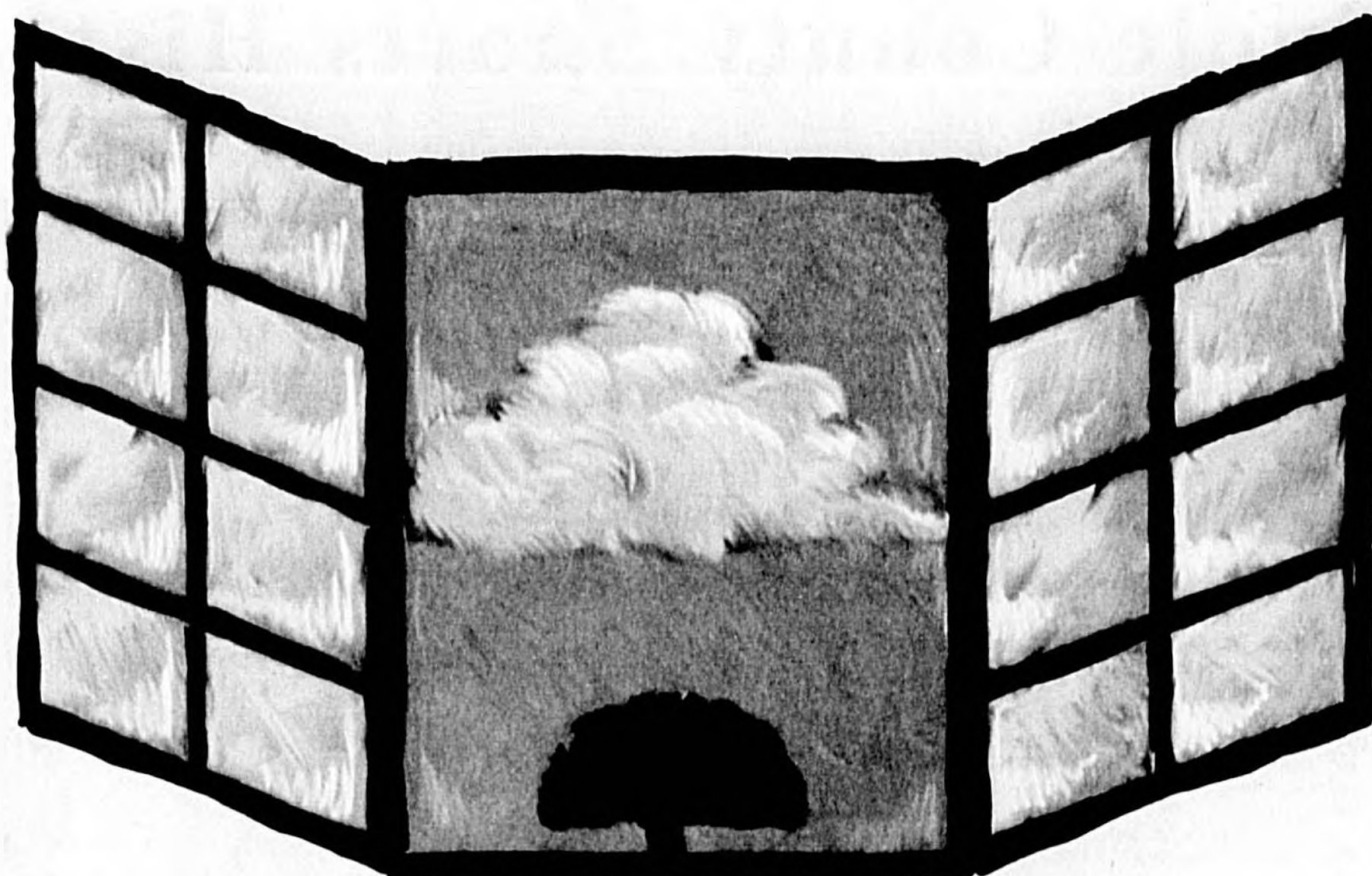
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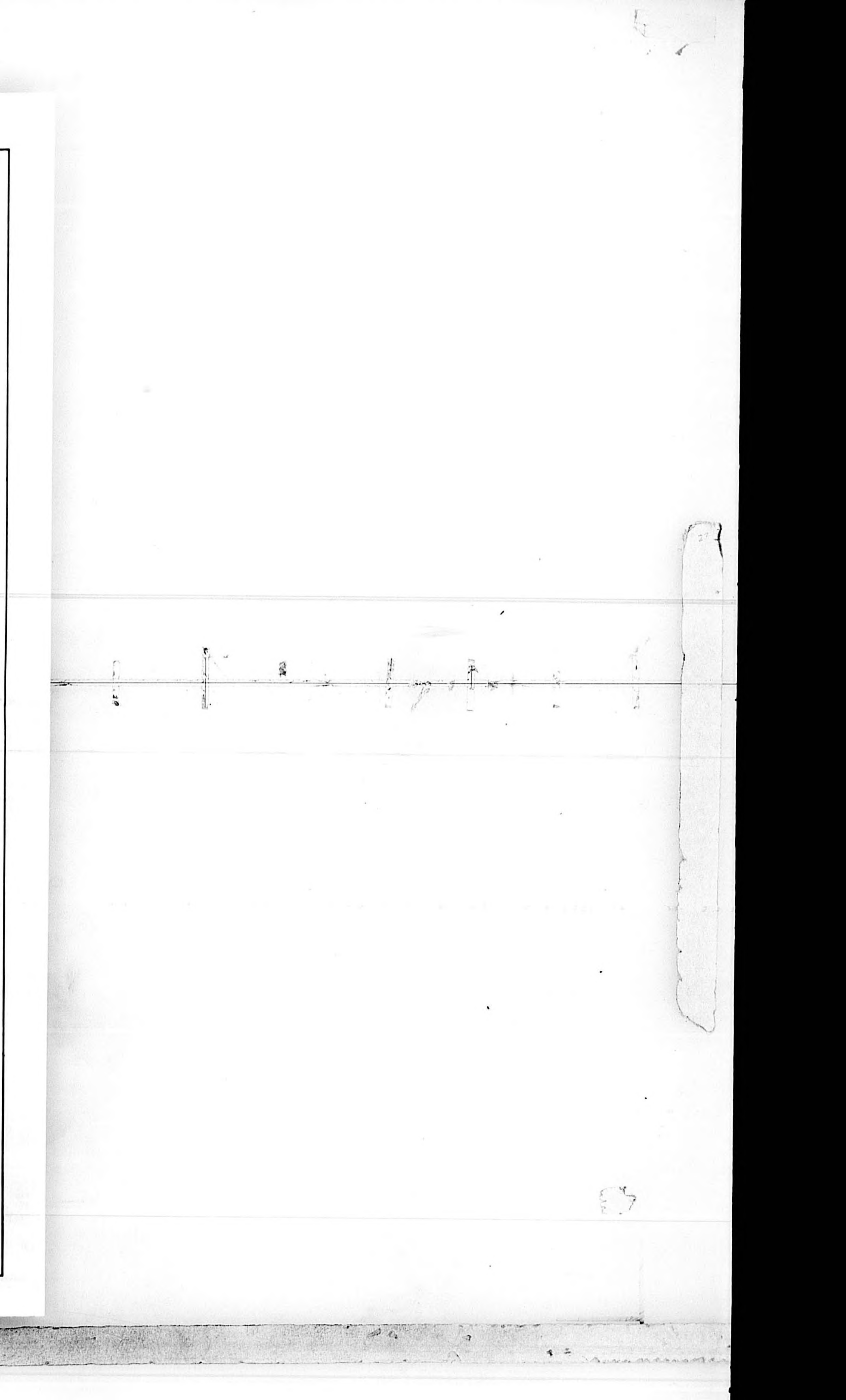
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