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Waterlogged

Despite having their weekend series with the Zephyrus Snappers washed out by the rains, the Florida Collegiate Summer League-leading Sanford River Rats still made headlines with two players earning Player and Pitcher of the Week honors.

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Parking limits enforced after July 4 holiday

SANFORD — Sanford police will begin enforcing two-hour parking limits in parts of Downtown Sanford after the July 4 holiday.

Signs that read: "2 Hour Parking 9 A.M. - 6 P.M." are being installed this week on 1st Street from Oak Avenue to Sanford Avenue and on Palmetto Avenue and Park Avenue between 2nd Street and Commercial Avenue.

Signs will also be installed on Magnolia Avenue between 2nd Street and Magnolia Square. The signs are being covered until installation is complete. Parking restrictions are not currently planned on 2nd Street or Commercial Avenue.

The signs will be uncovered early Tuesday morning July 5, and the Sanford Police Department will begin enforcement.

Sheriff's Office recovers stolen patrol car

SANFORD — A Sheriff's Office patrol car was stolen Monday night in the Midway area and recovered a couple of hours later in the Five Points area, according to a Sheriff's Office spokesman.

The vehicle was located abandoned near State Highway 17-92 and County Road 427 parked between a 7-11 store and a used car dealership, said Lt. Barry Smith, spokesman.

A sheriff's issue shotgun was still in the car when recovered. No arrests have been made.

SEMINOLE SMILE



Terry Hoffman — AARP defensive driving instructor

Offender ordinance passes

By Liane Edixon
Herald Staff

SANFORD — Despite reservations by city commissioners and pleas from 85 percent of the public who spoke against the sex offender ordinance, the commission unanimously voted to restrict where sex offenders live.

The ordinance passed on the first of two readings.

Much like the city of Oviedo's new ordinance, the law will restrict sex

Commissioners unanimously support measure to restrict sex offenders

offenders, no matter when they committed their crime, and who committed their crime against a victim under the age of 16, from living within 2,500 feet of schools, daycares, public parks, public and private playgrounds, and private recreational open spaces, facilities and areas within subdivisions, libraries

and churches.

If a registered sex offender owns a home or is in a binding lease agreement, that person would not be forced to move or sell their home, but if a sex offender affected by this ordinance decided to sell or was not legally obliged to renew their lease, they

would then be forced to comply.

Commissioners discussed briefly some questions they had before opening it up for public comments.

District 1 Commissioner Art Woodruff pointed out that although he wants to protect children, the map shows only a few places where sex offenders could live.

"I'm looking at the map... it looks like they're all moving to... it looks

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City ready for July 4 blowout

By Laura Uccello
Herald Intern

SANFORD — On Monday join Sanford's Fourth of July Celebration at Fort Mellon Park along the Sanford RiverWalk. Starting at 5 p.m. and running through 10 p.m., the city will offer live entertainment and a fireworks showcase.

Buses will be available to transport people from Seminole Towne Center to Sanford starting at 3 p.m. through 8:30 p.m. Buses will run from the mall's southwest parking lot, located near Macy's, to the event. Buses will return from City Hall to Seminole Towne Center starting at 9:45 p.m. through midnight. Pets are not allowed on the buses, but are welcome at the event. Pet owners must be aware that fireworks may cause hearing problems to pets.

Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Live entertainment will include performances by Cactus Jack & the Cadillacs and The RedEye Express. Great food, drinks, and vendors will be featured at this annual event. Also an All-American Kids Zone will offer bounce houses and balloon artists to kids under twelve. In addition, as a patriotic act of kindness, Operation Troop Box will be on hand to collect non-perishable items for troops stationed overseas.

But the big celebration begins just after sunset, when the sky will come alive with a 23-minute fireworks display, presented by Zambelli Internationale, over beautiful Lake Monroe. A simultaneous, synchronized soundtrack will be simulcast on MACIC 107.7-FM. The fireworks are set to start at 9:15 p.m.

The Sanford Fire Department hopes every citizen enjoys this holiday celebration safely and suggests the following guidelines: To all attending the event, drink plenty of water the night before the event and all day during the event to avoid heat strokes or heat exhaustion. The best way to enjoy fireworks is to leave them in the hands of professionals. No sparklers, fireworks, or novelty items are allowed at the event and police and fire officials will confiscate them.

Last year more than 90,000 people attended this event, and organizers estimate attendance to be more than 120,000 people this year, making it Central Florida's main Fourth of July celebration.

Adios Amtrak



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Joyce Gaines waited four hours for Amtrak to show up at its Sanford station on Eighth Street, but the wait could be much longer when Amtrak pulls its passenger service out of the area.

Trains will pass city if repairs don't occur

By Steve Paradis
Herald Staff

SANFORD — A half dozen people waited in the warm late morning sun outside the Amtrak passenger station Tuesday. The time was 11:30 a.m., four hours after the Amtrak train from Raleigh was supposed to arrive.

Joyce Gaines of Sanford came to the train station at 2195 W. 8th St., before the original departure time of 7:26 a.m.

"I'm trying to get to see my daughter graduate from College Academy," Gaines said. The academy is in Davie in Southeast Florida.

"I'm a retired Army man, and I've been to at least 400 train stations, and this is the worst one I've ever seen, bar none," said one man who declined to give his name.

Lois Gibbs of Lake Mary has learned from past experience.

Her friend, Maria Bacot, travels from North

Carolina annually for a visit. Gibbs knows to call the Amtrak business line where a computer answers by the name of Julie.

"Every year when she comes down, so I've gotten smart. I call Julie," Gibbs said. Julie told Gibbs that the train was in Deland at 10:30 a.m., but the train didn't complete the 20-mile trip until 11:30.

The passengers and those waiting for family and friends waited outside the train station because it has been abandoned by Amtrak. CSX, which owns the building, has not kept up with serious repairs. Orange plastic fencing blocks entrances and a sign tells people how to call for tickets rather than purchasing them inside.

This fall, however, passengers will not even be able to call for tickets because Amtrak trains will cruise on by the station without stopping.

Nearly 11,000 people use Amtrak in Sanford

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Board consolidation leaves some out

By Liane Edixon
Herald Staff

SANFORD — After an hour of discussion on board consolidation, city commissioners came to a consensus to keep half of the boards and discontinue either entirely or partially the rest.

The discussion was led by interim City Manager Eugene Miller with the help of Planning and Community Development Director Russ Gibson.

The boards Miller suggested the commission discontinue completely were: Board of Adjustment; Central Contractors Examining Board; Human Relations Advisory Board; Cemetery Advisory

Board; Nuisance Abatement Board; CDBG Advisory Board; Scenic Improvement Board; and Sanford Airport Zoning Board.

Some of the boards that have important functions will consolidate those functions into boards that will continue, Miller said.

Miller suggested consolidating the needed functions of the Board of Adjustment and have the Planning and Zoning Commission take over those areas.

The Central Contractors Examining Board will discontinue completely.

"It's not necessary and not used," Miller said.

The Human Relations Advisory Board was another

board Miller suggested ousting because it was an inactive board, but District 2 Commissioner Velma Williams disagreed.

"I don't feel that just because it's inactive doesn't mean it's not needed," Williams said.

The Community Redevelopment Agency could take over the duties of the Scenic Improvement Board, Miller said.

The Code Enforcement Board would still be intact, but instead of being a board, the commissioner's could find a retired judge (Special Master) to hear the cases.

"Usually, you can find retired judges in the area," Miller said.



Miller

this or look for a volunteer judge.

"It will guarantee availability," District 3 Commissioner Randy Jones said.

They also discussed how a volunteer judge may not be as committed to the position. It was suggested that the pay would be close to \$45 an hour.

Currently, the commission is paying the city attorney to be at the code enforcement meetings, so the commissioners concluded that it would actually not cost them any more money to obtain a judge's services once or twice a month for code enforcement trials.

Another board that caused a great deal of discussion was the Waterfront Master Plan Steering Committee. A representative from the board, Ron Fraser, sat in on the session.

The commissioners had discussed disbanding this board not long ago, and consider creating an Ad Hoc design review committee. The board was created for the waterfront. The

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SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY



Photo submitted

Adam Kovacsik graduated from SHS in 2002.

SHS grad signs model contract

By Staff Reports

It is and has been the dream of millions of young people throughout the United States to become a professional model.

The ultimate goal — to grace the cover of major magazines, appear in catalogues, billboards, strut down international runways, and in a perfect world, make it to the silver screen.

The odds are against these million hopefuls as competition is tough, the industry competitive, and luck almost always playing a factor.

But, the dream has come true for one local young man.

Adam Kovacsik, a 2002 graduate of Seminole High School, has just signed with a major agency in New York City.

Kovacsik is the son of Rick Kovacsik of Sanford and Kathleen Borden of Orlando. During 2003 and 2004, Kovacsik served in the U.S. Army. When he returned from serving, he decided to pursue a modeling career on a whim.

With no professional pictures, no work experience and no knowledge about modeling, he began by simply sending snapshots to local agents.

Weeks went by and he had not heard a word, at which point he began to call these agents to check the status of potential employment.

Kovacsik finally reached one local agent/manager, Michael Galanes, of Citrus Productions in Orlando.

Galanes remembered his pictures and as luck and timing would have it, booked Kovacsik that day on a job at the Orlando Convention Show, as a runway model with Burberry Golf Wear.

Kovacsik completed his first assignment and knew he had realized his calling. Citrus Productions was able to again book Kovacsik on several jobs including work with Walt Disney World, Steve Madden, Toshiba and Nikon Electrics to name a few.

Kovacsik's sights were high and after three months began working regularly in the Orlando, Tampa, and Miami markets through several local agents.

Galanes of Citrus Productions set up a New York City agency meeting with Kovacsik and the 21-year-old Sanford resident was one step closer to realizing a dream that others would take a decade to achieve.

The blonde, 6-foot, 3-inch young man signed a one-year contract with R and L Talent in New York City.

The agency specializes in sports, fitness, and athletic print, commercial and runway mediums.

Kovacsik's contract was impressive as the agency owner saw such potential in him that the contract includes living arrangements in New York City for 18 months.

"After seeing pictures of Adam Kovacsik, I needed to meet the young man in person. Upon doing so, he popped more in person as his personality shined and the untapped star quality was evident," agency owner Mike Lyons said.

Stay tuned in the coming months for updates on Kovacsik's career in New York and to find out where to see him next.

Parade Time



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Pictured is one of the many floats and attractions that make up the annual Geneva Fourth of July Parade. Date back to the 1940s, this year's parade will take place on Monday July 4 and feature cash prizes for the floats that best depict the theme: "Geneva on the Move." The parade starts at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Rocky Harrison at 407-349-5112.

Thefts

• Jason J. Fitzgerald, 19, of Hairon Bay Circle, Lake Mary, was arrested by Sanford police Monday in the 2600 block of Georgia Avenue. Officers spotted a suspicious vehicle in the Georgia Arms complex and saw Fitzgerald run from it. They apprehended him and searched the vehicle, reportedly finding items inside. He was arrested on a charge of grand theft of a motor vehicle, burglary of a conveyance, possession of narcotics equipment and operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

• Robert K. Tuck, 37, of Kissimmee, was arrested by Sanford police Monday in the 500 block of Lake Minnie Drive. The vehicle he was driving proved to have been stolen in Orange County. He was charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle.

• Jonathan Peter Manktelow, 18, of Stonebrook Apartments was arrested by Sanford police Saturday at a store in Seminole Towne Center. He reportedly took \$5.50 in merchandise from the store without paying. He was charged with petty shoplifting from a merchant.

• Steven Cornell Johnson, 39, of West 8th Street, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday at a store in the 3600 block of Orlando Drive. He was accused of taking merchandise from the store without paying. He was charged with retail theft/shoplifting, and possession of under 20 grams of cannabis.

• A man arrested as John Doe, and two females, arrested as Jane Does, were taken into custody Sunday at a store in Seminole Towne Center. The three reportedly took a total of \$1,984 in merchandise from the store without paying. Officers could not determine their true identities. Each of the three was charged with theft of over \$300 and giving a false ID to law enforcement officers.

Assault - Battery

• Jennifer Lynn Marsh, 23, of Winter Springs, and Casey Franklin Ramey, 23, of Holly Avenue, were arrested by Sanford police Monday at Ramey's residence. The two had reportedly been involved in a dispute. Marsh was charged with battery - touch or strike (domestic violence) and resisting an officer without violence. Ramey was charged with battery - touch or strike (domestic violence).



• Tonia Lavette Harris, 35, of West 9th Street, was arrested by Sanford police Monday at her residence. She was reportedly involved in an argument with her daughter. She was charged with simple assault (domestic violence) and resisting an officer without violence.

• Robert Allen Lytten, 31, of Upsala, was arrested by Sanford police on June 20, following an investigation of an incident that occurred on June 11. He was charged with sexual battery (domestic violence) and violation of an injunction for protection against domestic violence.

• Debora K. Fricke, 41, of Casselberry, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday in the 3200 block of Orlando Drive. She reportedly was involved in a confrontation with a male. She was charged with battery - touch or strike (domestic violence). She was also charged in connection with threats made against a female at a business establishment. She was charged with simple assault/threat to do violence.

• Anthony Eugene Holly Jr., 18, of Roosevelt Street, Seminole County, was arrested by Sanford police Monday at his residence, as the result of a dispute between several males on Sunday in the 2000 block of Hartwell Avenue. He was charged with committing a 2nd degree felony with a firearm (handgun), carrying a concealed weapon and property damage/criminal mischief of over \$200.

• Kenneth Scott Hargis, 38, of Valencia Street, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday at his residence following a dispute with a female. He was charged with battery - touch or strike (domestic violence).

• Fanes Jean Jacques, 33, of Strawberry Avenue, Sanford was arrested by Sanford police Saturday at his residence following a dispute with a female. He was charged with battery - touch or strike (domestic violence).

• Eugene Newsom, 55, of Santa Barbara, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday in the 2100 block of Hartwell Avenue. He was reportedly involved in a dispute with a female. He was charged with aggravated battery.

• Quentin Herring, 21, of Lake Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday in the 1000 block of West 13th Street where he reportedly pulled a gun on another man. He was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (handgun).

Traffic stops

• Estevan J. Cruz, 31, of West 25th Street, was stopped by Sanford police Monday on Highway 17-92 at Florida Street. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, and driving with an unlawful blood alcohol level.

• Rhonda Burny, 36, of Hickory Avenue, was stopped by Sanford police Saturday on 13th Street at Oleander Avenue. He was charged with driving with a suspended license.

• Sammy Sutton, 49, of West 11th Street, was stopped by Sanford police on June 22, at 10th Street and Olive Avenue. He was charged with driving with a suspended license and having an expired motor vehicle registration.

• Duane McCray, 20, of West 14th Street, was stopped by Sanford police on June 18, on West 14th Street. He was charged with driving with a suspended license.

• Samuel Hillary, 32, of Sipes Avenue, was stopped by Sanford police on June 22, at William Clark Court. He was charged with driving with a suspended license and resisting an officer without violence. A passenger in his vehicle, Henry Lenard Cleveland, 27, of Dollar Way, was also arrested on a charge of trafficking in cocaine, over 28 grams and under 200 grams.

Derrick Smith, 36, of Bird Avenue, was stopped by Sanford police on June 4, at French Avenue and 25th Street.

He was charged with driving with a suspended license, fleeing and attempting to elude a police officer, assault with intent to commit a felony, and driving with wonton disregard for safety of persons/reckless driving.

OUT & ABOUT

WED 29

The VPK Roundup will be held at Seminole County Public Schools Educational Support Center, 400 E. Lake Mary Blvd. from 6 to 8 p.m. This is a voluntary pre-kindergarten program. To enroll children, bring a copy of proof of Florida residency, and birth certificate.

Birth dates range from Sept. 2, 2000, to Sept. 1, 2001. Call 407-324-9999, ext. 4418.

SUN 3

The Sanford - RiverWalk Church of God will host a Patriotic Freedom Celebration at 10:45 a.m. with special guest Larry Ford from the "Gaither Homecoming Friends," at 801 W. 22nd St., in Sanford. No tickets required. Call 407-322-3942.

WED 13

Hospice of the Comforter, the only non-profit hospice serving Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties invites all families and caregivers of former patients to celebrate 15 years of service at a barbeque, at 12 noon, at its Center for community care, 480 W. Central Parkway in Altamonte Springs.

THU 14

Christian Women's Club will feature "Patterns of America" luncheon, a sowing of homemade quilts, at Maison & Jardin restaurant, 430 Wymore Road in Altamonte Springs. The luncheon is \$19. For reservations call Brenda at 407-681-1942 or Kit at 407-322-1047. The event is hosted by Altamonte Springs-Maitland Christian Women's Club.

FRI 15

Nick Cox, professor of law at Stetson University will speak on consumer frauds at 10 a.m., at the Casselberry Senior Center, 200 N. Triplet Lake Drive in Casselberry. The event is free and open to the public.

The Wekiva River Players will present "Jesus Christ Superstar," from July 15 to 24.

Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call 407-262-1801.

The Andrew Lloyd Webber musical will be presented at Walt Griffin Auditorium at Millennium Middle School, 21 Lakeview Ave., in Sanford.

SUN 17

Kid's B.L.A.S.T., the children's ministry of Palmetto Avenue Baptist Church, 2626 Palmetto Ave., in Sanford, will be hosting a "Jungle Adventure" Vacation Bible School Program.

The program will begin at 6 p.m. and will continue through Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. on weekdays. Children from K4 through 5th grade are invited to attend. There is no cost.

For information call 407-323-1583.

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The abandoned Amtrak station on Eighth Street may not welcome any riders until serious repairs take place such as these weeds growing nicely out of the overhang of the depot.

Trains

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every year, but until the CSX building receives repairs for fire and hurricane damage, the passenger train service will cease here in the fall.

Mayor Linda Kuhn said she hoped the stoppage would be temporary. She said Amtrak officials called it "suspending service."

"That building is virtually uninhabitable, it is," Kuhn said Tuesday. She added that this will not impact the nearly 200,000 people who use neighboring Autotrain in Sanford.

The terminal has fire and hurricane damage, according to Ron Daugherty, special assistant to the city manager. The city will work with Seminole County code enforcement because the building is actually in an unincorporated area.

"We have made contact, so it's in motion," Daugherty said.

Cliff Black, a Washington, D.C.-based spokesman for Amtrak, said the stoppage looks likely, but a final decision has not been made about a date to cease operations in Sanford.

The station offers east coast Amtrak travel as well the Sunset Limited, which stops three times a week on its run between Los Angeles and Orlando.

"We are not financially able to make repairs," Black said. "We intend to discontinue service there."

The building is owned by

CSX, but CSX could not be reached for comment. CSX still operates cargo trains out of the Sanford station.

Black said if repairs are made to the building that would change the situation.

"Our decision is not permanent in that respect," he said Tuesday. "If plans are made to make repairs, we would come back."

Amtrak's position is that the building is CSX's and they should make repairs.

So the 10,700 or so passengers that ride the rails from Sanford annually may be left stranded in the fall.

To make the trip from Winston-Salem, N.C., Bacot started at 9 a.m. Monday for what turned out to be a 26 and one-half hour ride.

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Obituaries

ELLA I. BEASLEY
Ella I. Beasley, 85, of West 15th Street, Sanford, died Thursday, June 23, 2005 at Central Florida Regional Hospital.



She was born March 29, 1920, in Spartanburg, S.C. She was a homemaker and a member of New Life Word Center.

Survivors include sons, John Beasley of Sylvania, Ga. and George Beasley, Sr. of Sanford; daughters, Yvonne Beasley and Rose Marie Lawson, both of Sanford; sisters, May Airlene Murphy of Duncan, S.C. and Lenora Grant of Spartanburg, S.C.; 22 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 12 noon, Saturday, July 2 at New Life Word Center, 1311 Oak Avenue, with Rev. Ronald W. Merthie, Pastor, officiating. Viewing will be Friday, July 1 from 4 until 8 p.m. at Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary.

Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

WILLIE BROWN JR.
Willie Brown Jr., 84, of East 7th Street, Sanford, died Saturday, June 25, 2005 at Central Florida Regional Hospital.



He was born Sept. 18, 1920, in Sanford. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Sanford. He was a member of Elks Lodge #321 in Sanford and worked as a switchman for Seaboard coastline Railroad for many years.

Survivors include wife, Julia Brown of Sanford; daughters, Claudia V. Brown of Rochester, N.Y. and Beverly R. Brown of Sanford; sons, Willie Brown, III of Roxbury, Mass. and dallies C. Brown of Marietta, Ga.; sisters, Willette Steele of Indianapolis, Ind., and Betty L. Brown of Altamonte Springs; brothers, Robert L. Brown of Miami and Bernard Brown of Sanford; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 12 noon Saturday, July 2, at St. James A.M.E. Church, 819 Cypress Ave. in Sanford with Rev. Brenda Edge officiating. Visitation will be Friday, July 1, from 4 until 8 p.m. at Sunrise Funeral Home Chapel.

Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

SYLVESTER DAVIS
Sylvester Davis, 48, of Sanford, died Saturday, June 18, 2005, at Raulerson

New flights from city

Sanford International Airport has announced the start of scheduled service on Pan Am clipper Connection to Rickenbacker International Airport in Columbus, Ohio.

For reservations or schedule information visit the airline's Web site at www.FlyPanAm.com. Reservations may also be made at 800-359-7262.

Hospital in Okeechobee. He was born July 23, 1957, in Sanford.



Survivors include dedicated friend, Rosalynne Twyford of Ripley Derbyshire, England; brothers, Jacob B. Davis of Sanford and Ronald Lee Davis of Evingham, S.C.

Funeral services will be Saturday, July 2, at 11 a.m. at Zion Hope Missionary Baptist church, 710 Orange Avenue in Sanford. Visitation will be Friday, July 1, from 4 until 8 p.m. at Sunrise Funeral Home Chapel.

Sunrise Funeral home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

CHARLES MORGAN
Charles (Charlie) Morgan passed away peacefully at his loving home on Monday, June 20, 2005. He was a retired general promotional manager for AMF Bowling Centers.

He is survived by his wife; son, Mark of Osteen; daughters, Patricia Hollis of St. Cloud and Dawn Causeaux of Osteen; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; four stepchildren; and many friends.

He will be joining a previously deceased wife, grandson and other loved ones to share a new home in Heaven.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 22 at Gramkow Collision Family Funeral Home. Burial was in Albertville, Ala.

MARVIN FITZGERALD SMITH SR.
Marvin Fitzgerald Smith,

Sr., 40, of Rochester, N.Y., died Thursday, June 23, 2005, in Rochester. He was born Oct. 4, 1964, in Rochester. He was in construction.

Survivors include sons, Marvin F. Smith, Jr. of Sanford and Brandon M. Stokes, of Rochester, N.Y.; daughter, Brandy Monique Stokes of Rochester, N.Y.

Funeral services will be Friday, July 1, at 11 a.m. at Wilson-Eichelberger's Memorial Chapel. Viewing will be Thursday, June 30 from 4 until 8 p.m. at Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary.

Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

LEWIS E. WILLIAMS
Lewis E. Williams, 64, of Oak Hill, died Saturday, June 25, 2005 in Gainesville. He was born Sept. 13, 1940 in Pittsburgh, Penn. He was a newspaper pressroom manager for Florida Today for 36 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include wife, Frances of Oak Hill; daughter, Joyce Harvey of Oak Hill; son, Rusty Williams of Geneva; brothers, Bob, Jimmy and Jon-Lee; sister, Lindy; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

MARGUERITE ZITTROWER

Marguerite Zittrower, 89, of Sanford died Sunday, June 26, 2005. She was born in Virginia.

Survivors include husband, Robert; son, Terry D. Martin of Winter Park; sister, Norma Figg of Lynchburg, Va.

Orlando Direct Cremation Services in charge of arrangements.

Mitchell receives highest honor

By Marva Hawkins
Herald Correspondent

The Florida Morticians Association Inc. held its 81st Annual Convention in Tallahassee recently.

The highlight of the conference was the honoring of the Mortician of the Year 2005 during the President's Awards Banquet. There were more than 200 guests attending the ceremony in honor of Bernard D. Mitchell Sr., of the Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., in Sanford, where he is a license funeral director and embalmer.

The June 22 event was presided over by Mitchell's best friend, Melvin Philpot of Sanford. Musical renditions were given by Cynthia C. Brown with Mary L. DeBose at the console. The Negro National Anthem was sung by the audience with the invocation of love and fellowship given by the Rev. Lawrence Epps, state chaplain of Florida Morticians Association.

Darrell Lawrence, executive secretary, extended a hearty welcome and gave the occasion for the evening's event. Samuel Gaines, past president, presented the Dias and special guest.

We were again treated to a musical tribute by Brown, who helped open our hearts as we silently talked to God and prepared to hear a word from the Lord. The grace for the dinner was given by the Rev. Henry Postell, assistant chaplain.

After a delicious dinner, we were blessed with the golden voice of Brown with the selection, "Wind Beneath My Wings" with the words of God be the glory, preparing our hearts for the message of the evening.

Minister Sammie Edwards of Sanford presented the speaker of the hour, the Rev. Leonard L.J. Wilson, the anointed pastor of St. Matthew missionary Baptist Church where the honoree is a member.



Herald photo by Marva Hawkins
Bernard Mitchell, left, receives the 2005 Mortician of the Year Award from Eunice Wilson, Alexander Wynn III, and Danny Percell.

Wilson spoke on the theme: God Calls Us to be Eagles. Text was taken from Isaiah 40:31. We were told that as we live and grow in life we, as eagles, shall mount up with wings. We shall run and not be weary - walk and not be faint.

With the Lord as our guide, we will soar like an eagle as we grow in our lives.

They that wait on the Lord shall have wisdom, a closeness with our everlasting God. The life story of Mr. Mitchell shows that he is still soaring like an eagle as he grows in his life's work as a laborer in the Master's vineyard.

President Alexander C. Wynn, III of the FMA, Inc. made presentations to various members. Honoree Mitchell was collared and presented his honors as 2005

"Mortician of the Year" by his distinguished boss, Ms. Eunice Wilson and National president of the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, Danny Percell of Kentucky joined in the presentation of honors to Mitchell. Special words of thanks were given by Sandra Mitchell Gaines, sister of Mitchell, who gave greetings from the Mitchell family and joined the honoring of their husband, brother, uncle, father, cousin and family legend. Ms. Jacqueline Mitchell was honored with a bouquet of lovely red roses for her position as first lady.

The City of Sanford Vice Mayor and City Commissioner Velma Williams presented Mitchell with a proclamation proclaiming June 22, 2005, as Bernard Delano Mitchell Jr.

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U.S. BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO THE LEADER MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

SHERAH L. JORDAN, et al., Defendant (s)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 22, 2005 and entered in Case No. 05-CA-603-14W, of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for SEMINOLE County, Florida wherein U.S. BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO THE LEADER MORTGAGE COMPANY is Plaintiff and SHERAH L. JORDAN, et al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the West First Court of the Courthouse in SANFORD, SEMINOLE County, Florida, 11:00 AM on the 19th day of July, 2005, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to

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Offender

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like Brynn Haven, or the back of Sanora, a little piece of maybe Loch Arbor?" Woodruff asked.

District 2 Commissioner Velma Williams voiced her concern on making the citizens of Sanford aware that they may pass this ordinance.

"There are a lot of people who don't attend these meetings. People who don't know about this. Should we be making them aware of it?" she asked.

The city attorney and District 3 Commissioner Randy Jones said that the press was actively following the story and that staff could come up with a way of informing the citizens.

The commissioners also discussed the fact that landlords would be held liable under this ordinance.

"As a landlord, if you rent to someone who falls under this, you can be liable," City Attorney Bill Colbert said.

The Commission decided to open it up for public comment, although it was not listed as a public hearing.

Public Comments

The first public comment was Teresa Henderson, of Sanford, who was against the ordinance.

"Most people go in, went to prison. Went and did their time," she said. "Ya'll don't think people can change? I don't feel that's right. People do change...They have a right to stay where they want to stay."

Second, Lt. Dennis Stewart, of the Casselberry Police Department, who was speaking as a father and Sanford resident, also spoke against the ordinance.

Lt. Stewart said that constitutionally Sanford could become a "target zone" of civil right's groups if the city has a stricter law than the state.

"You all don't have enough of my tax dollars to do what needs to be done anyhow. I don't want you spending it fruitlessly on civil litigation," he said.

Lt. Stewart also mentioned that the city could incur a legal liability; and it could also cause a greater financial impact on landlords, he said.

"I don't believe the financial impact of that has truly been

made public."

According to Lt. Stewart, by passing the ordinance, the city would be "displacing the problem rather than dealing with it realistically."

"That doesn't work guys. I really believe that you need to deal with the state," he continued.

The resident and lieutenant also asked what would happen if they put a new business in those few neighborhoods that those sex offenders could live.

"You're taking away one of the most basic rights we have in this country and that is the right to live in a residence that's habitable. After I paid my dues. After I have done everything the judicial system has asked me to do. Now we're coming back requiring an extra piece of skin from these people, and I don't know if that's constitutional," he said.

One final comment Lt. Stewart made was regarding the financial impact of prosecution for the city. Because it is a city ordinance, grievances would fall before the city attorney, and not the state attorney.

"Do you have any idea of how much this will cost?" Lt. Stewart said.

He finished his comments by saying "drunks, drugs and domestic violence kills a lot more people annually than child abusers do."

Another woman and Sanford resident who addressed the commission said she agreed with Lt. Stewart. She said that the city should possibly look at having the county or the state initiating the legislation.

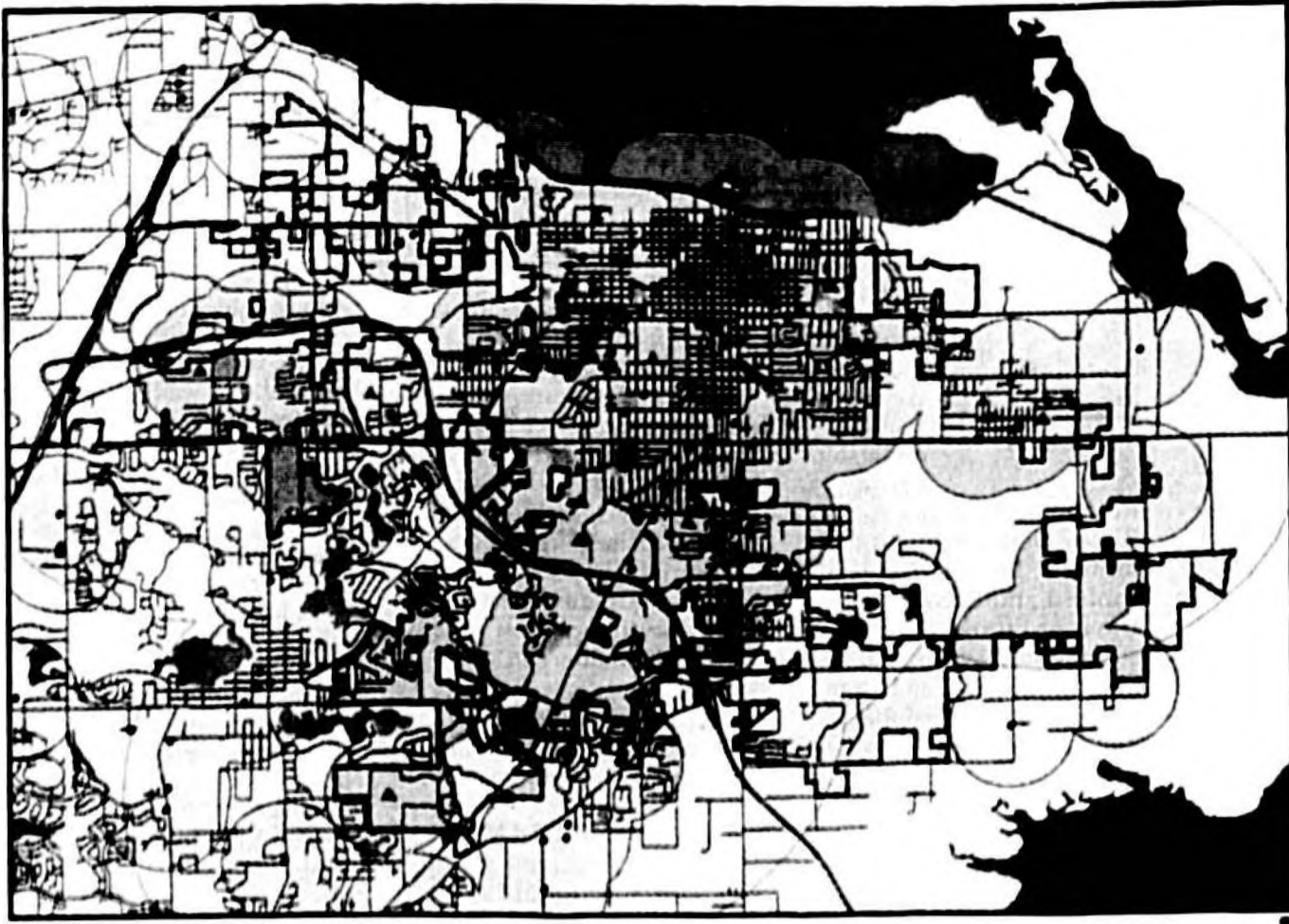
"We can't even enforce our dog codes. This would be virtually impossible to do and we're setting ourselves up for failure," she said.

She mentioned the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Web site on tracking sexual offenders and how that was a good tool to utilize.

"You can keep track of them," she said. "And, of course, educate your children."

The fourth public comment came from Captain Jerry Hargrett of the Sanford Police Department.

"We support this city ordinance," he said of the police



SOURCE: City of Sanford

This map shows which areas of the city would be affected by a new sex offender ordinance approved on first reading Monday night.

department.

Hargrett said that there are approximately 387 registered sex offenders in Seminole County, with close to 90 living in the north end of Seminole County. He said that 80 percent of child molesters re-offend. Hargrett also pointed out that the man who killed and molested Jessica Lunsford was a repeat offender.

What Hargrett did not mention was that Lunsford's killer was not properly registered and was not supposed to be living across the street.

James Aviles, a registered sex offender in Sanford living on Elm Avenue, was the fifth person to publicly comment on the ordinance saying that he did everything he was supposed to do and was registered with the state and they know where he lives.

"I did not re-offend," he said. He also said that he is not a threat to his neighbors and respects every one of them.

"They can check up on me anytime they want," Aviles said.

The sixth person to publicly speak, also spoke against the city passing the ordinance. Millard Hunt, of Sanford, said he seconded the comments of the first two speakers, which

included Lt. Stewart's comments.

Hunt said he was hoping that the city would table this to see what the county would do. He said that he recently spoke with a friend of his who is a father and a grandfather who has a fairly conservative view on things.

"I asked what he thought about Sanford following Oviedo and getting some legislation on the books, and he said: 'What in God's name is Sanford city commission doing spending time on this? I think there is wisdom in that question,'" Hunt continued.

"Think hard about it and let it lie for awhile. See if something better can be worked out, I would ask you," he finished.

Aviles, the sex offender who spoke, had his sister present at the meeting and she also stood up to speak. She also has another brother, Nelson, who this ordinance would affect.

"I'm a mother, I'm a sister, I'm a daughter, I'm a grandmother, and I feel for the kids this happens to. But, not all sex offenders are sinners. If you do something once, it doesn't mean it's all going to come about and do it again," she said. "God is the only one that judges here. My brothers are good boys. And

due to the fact of one incident, they're paying for a lot of them," she said.

Some Closing Comments

District 1 Commissioner Art Woodruff: "I'm going to go ahead and vote on this on first reading, but reluctantly, because I honestly question whether the good that will come of it, will outweigh the problems that could be created."

He said he wondered how he would feel if he lived in one of the neighborhoods where the offenders would have to live, if they remained in the city. He also issued a concern for whether or not people would continue to register if they passed this ordinance.

District 2 Commissioner Velma Williams: "My first and foremost concern is our greatest resource—our youth. I'm going to also support this with a great deal of reservation. I'm extremely concerned with individuals being forced to live in certain areas."

Williams said she would like to visit the neighborhoods where these offenders would be able to move to in the city.

District 3 Commissioner Randy Jones: "When you look at the numbers...thankfully some

people see the error in their ways. It is possible."

Jones went on to say that by looking at the statistics that 80 percent re-offend, he would vote for this ordinance. Jones was the original supporter of the ordinance who first approached the city manager and city attorney about it.

District 4 Commissioner Kevin Hipes: "I'll second that. I have an obligation to protect..." Hipes also said that when looking at the statistics, he felt he had to pass the legislation.

Mayor Linda Kuhn: "It's not always where they live, it's where they go, but I agree with you we need to deal with the state level. But, often times, new legislation was started at the city level...I do have some concerns with the ordinance, but I do have confidence..."

The first reading of the ordinance was passed unanimously by the commission members. Citizens can listen to the full discussion relating to this ordinance online at www.ci.sanford.fl.us by clicking on the audio for commission meetings. The next commission meeting is July 11, at 7 p.m.

The second reading of the ordinance is scheduled to be on that agenda.

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Sports

Briefs

WEEKS, FIELDER HIT FIRST HOME RUNS
Years from now, if things go as planned, a whole lot more than 44,685 people will say they were at Miller Park in Milwaukee on Saturday night.

But that's how many made up the third-largest crowd in ballpark history and saw super-prospects Rickie Weeks and Prince Fielder hit their first Major League home runs in a 7-6 win over the Twins that gave the Brewers and their fans another indication that this is a franchise on the rise.

Folks around Milwaukee sure hope so. Major League RBI-leader Carlos Lee hit a big two-run double as the Brewers chipped away against Twins ace Johan Santana (7-4), but most of the damage was done by the kids.

Weeks, a Lake Brantley High School graduate who was a 2003 first-round draft pick out of Southern University, hit a first-inning solo home run that gave the Brewers hope after falling behind Santana, 3-0. Fielder, a 2002 first-round pick who spent part of his younger years involved with the Lake Mary Little League and the Chet Lemon Baseball School, hit a pinch-hit, three-run home run off Jesse Crain in the sixth inning to cap a comeback and power the Brewers to their fourth straight win.

After his homer in the first inning, Weeks, a 22-year-old second baseman, hit his first Major League triple in the fourth off Santana, and he walked before Lee's fifth-inning double cut the deficit to 5-4, and Fielder, a 21-year-old lefthanded hitting first baseman, jumped on the first pitch and got all of it. His 426-foot, opposite-field blast cleared the Brewers' bullpen in left-center field and gave Milwaukee a 7-5 lead.

JUNIOR GOLF CLINIC
Mayfair Country Club in Sanford will be holding Junior Golf Clinic's, featuring PGA Instruction, every Wednesday in the month of July, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. followed by a free lunch, hot dogs, chips and drink, from 11 a.m. to noon.

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Lake Mary water polo teams make state

By Dean Smith
Herald Staff

Almost a storybook season. The Lake Mary High School water polo program did Seminole County proud this season as both the boys and girls teams made it to the Inaugural FHSAA (Florida High School Athletic Association) Water Polo Finals at St. Andrew's School in Boca Raton. And the girls very nearly made it a very memorable season as they won their first game before falling to perennial state powerhouse Miami Gulliver Prep in the semifinals.

Losing to the Raiders is certainly no disgrace as the team finished 33-0 this season and have won a state-record 138

Rams teams make statement in inaugural FHSAA State Tourney with third and fifth place finishes

consecutive games and four straight state titles, although the previous three were not sanctioned by the FHSAA. That the boys even got to Boca Raton was an upset as the Rams were only 10-8 during the regular season and the No. 2 seed in their district and then won two 6-5 games to get out of the district. But to advance all the way to the State Quarterfinals was impressive indeed. And things figure to get even better

for Lake Mary as coach Fred Tyler and assistant coach Renee Tyler only lose five players to graduation on both teams, four from the boys and one from the girls. The boys struggled to get through district, edging No. 3 seed Lake Brantley, 6-5, in the semifinals and No. 1 seed Oryedo by the same score in the final. The Lions had defeated Winter Springs to reach the Championship Game.

The Rams started to come on in the Regional Play-in Game, romping past District 2 Champion Cypress Creek, 11-3, with junior Kane Ashton scoring four goals and senior Brent Moser finding the net three times. But the boys' run ended in the State Quarterfinals to an 18-3 Cooper City squad, 19-6, by the mercy rule. The Rams (13-9) only trailed 4-3 after one quarter, but the game got away in the second quarter as they were outscored 6-1 and the game came to an end after three periods. Moser led Lake Mary with three goals, while Ashton netted two scores and senior Javier Ahumada tossed in one.

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Weekend washout

League-leaders get unwanted time off

By Dean Smith
Herald Staff

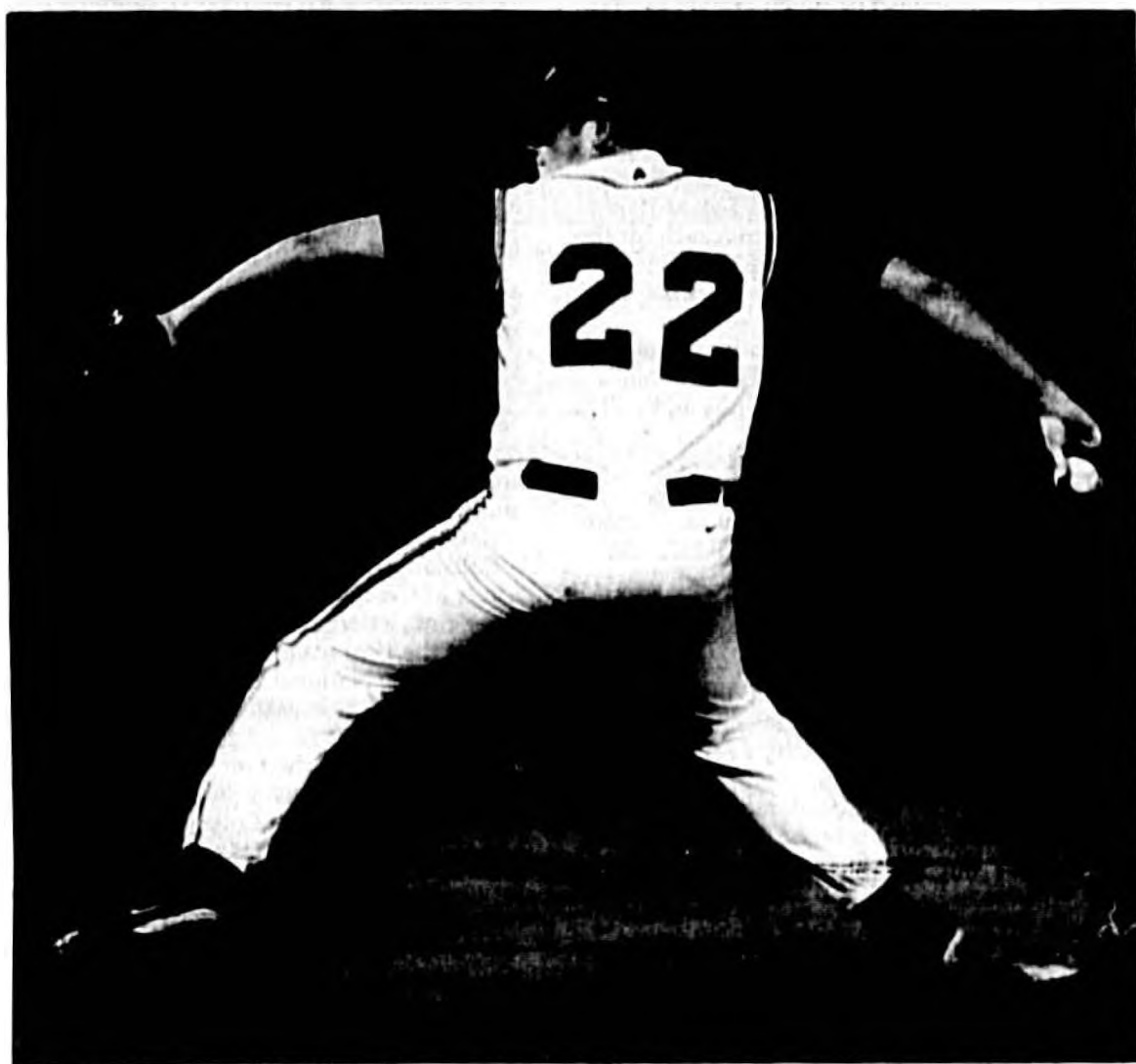
SANFORD — Mother Nature was not very kind to the Sanford River Rats this past weekend.

Expecting to get to host a big home three-game weekend series with the new Florida Collegiate Summer League entry from Zephyrhills, the Snappers, the defending league champions and current league-leaders had to sit and watch late-afternoon and evening rains make Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium unplayable.

The River Rats, who have won six of their last seven starts to improve to a league-best 7-3 after a 1-2 start, were supposed to play a make-up game with the other new league entry this season, the Winter Haven Wart Hogs, at Chain-of-Lakes Park on Monday and then hosted the Wart Hogs at home on Tuesday, but the weather reports were not good for those days either.

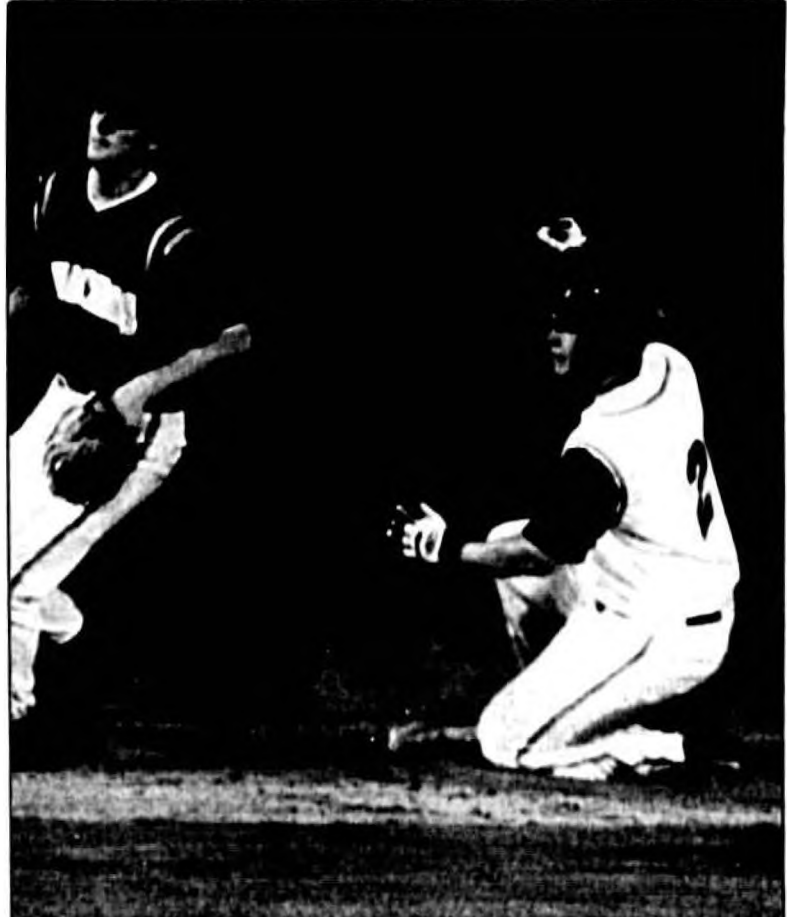
No word was received by press time if there will be a make-up today (Wednesday) or Thursday, but Sanford is scheduled to go to Orlando to take on the Shockers at Tinker Field in a single game on Friday at 7 p.m. and then a doubleheader at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday.

The River Rats are also supposed to head back to Winter Haven on Tuesday (July 5th) for a 7 p.m. contest before returning to Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium on Wednesday (July 6th) at 7 p.m. to host the Daytona Beach Barracudas. Check out the league website at: www.floridaleague.com for more information and updates.



Herald photos by Jim Wentz

The defending champion and current Florida Collegiate Summer League-leading Sanford River Rats may not have had the opportunity to do much on the field recently because of the rains, but the team still continues to rake in the awards. Starting center-fielder and leadoff man Courtney Propst (right) was named the Player-of-the-Week for Week 1 of the season after hitting .333 with two doubles, three RBI and two stolen bases and righthander John Ducey (above) was named the Pitcher of the Week for Week 3 as in a 4-1 win over Daytona Beach on Tuesday he threw eight innings, allowing no runs on four hits, while striking out 11 and walking only three. The win brought Ducey's record to 3-0 on the season and he has yet to allow an earned run this season.



Dove Club Permits on sale July 1

Special to the Herald

Each year, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) offers exceptional dove hunting opportunities throughout the state. The FWC manages nine special-opportunity dove fields through its Dove Club, the agency's Special-Opportunity Dove Hunt Program. Beginning at 10 a.m. (EDT) July 1, sportsmen can apply to purchase Dove Club Permits at any county tax collector's office, authorized license agent, online at MyFWC.com/dove or by calling 1-888-HUNT-FLORIDA (486-8356), toll-free from anywhere in the United States or Canada.

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Dove hunting opportunities are in high demand, and these special hunts offer the perfect setting for friends and family to hunt together in a friendly, social atmosphere. Hunters who purchase these annual permits will save themselves more than half off the cost of daily permits for the season. There are two new special-opportunity dove fields that will be open this coming season. A 31-acre dove field has been added to the Bayard Public Small-Game Hunting Area (PSGHA) in Clay County, and 50 acres has been created as a dove field at the Fussell Road PSGHA in Polk County.

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level from 1999-2000 and at Morehouse College from 2001-03. Balkcom coached the defensive backs during his tenure at Morris Brown while he tutored the linebackers at Morris Brown.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ADDS TWO TO STAFF
UCF head women's basketball coach Gail Striegler announced the hiring of Becky Geyer as assistant coach. Geyer's appointment is effectively immediately.

Geyer comes to Orlando after twelve successful seasons as head coach at San Antonio's Trinity University, where she guided the Tigers to a 229-107 record. The team made four appearances in the NCAA Division III Tournament, winning the national title in 2003. Last season, the Tigers went 25-5 and advanced to the NCAA Division III Sweet Sixteen.

Geyer's achievements on the court earned her recognition as Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) Coach of the Year and Molten/Women's Division III National Coach of the Year in both 1995 and 2003. The San Antonio Express News also gave her Sportswoman of the Year honors in 2003.

During her tenure at Trinity, Geyer coached 36 All-SCAC honorees, two SCAC Players of the Year, two SCAC Defensive Players of the Year as well as four Division III Honorable Mention All-Americans and the 2005 Jostens Division III National Player of the Year Tara Rohde.

Prior to her appointment at Trinity in 1992, Geyer served as assistant men's basketball coach, physical education instructor and head volleyball coach at Illinois' Augustana College.

"We are excited to have Becky join our program," said Striegler, who is in her sixth year with the program. "Her extensive coaching experience and continued pursuit of excellence from her athletes will be an asset to our team as we make the transition into Conference USA next year."

Geyer holds a bachelor's degree in education from Northern State and a master's

degree in education from Illinois State.

Striegler has also announced the hiring of Juliet McGee Schweiter as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator.

"Juliet will be a great asset to the program," said Striegler. "She has incredible experience in a top-25 program and is really going to bring lots of expertise in both the recruiting realm and on the court working with the athletes."

Schweiter joins Striegler's staff after six seasons as an assistant at Old Dominion in Norfolk, Va., where she helped lead the team to a 146-47 record and six straight Colonial Athletic Association titles.

Prior to her time at Old Dominion, Schweiter was assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at American University in Washington, D.C. from 1997-1999. While there, she helped the team to a 23-7 mark during the 1997-98 season, which was topped off with an invite to the WNIT, the first post-season appearance by American.

Schweiter was also an assistant at Yale from 1993-97, where she assisted with student-athlete recruiting and scouting reports.

As a graduate assistant at Fairfield from 1993-95, Schweiter coordinated on-campus recruiting, assisted with preseason conditioning and practice sessions and monitored the academic progress of the student-athletes.

Schweiter graduated from Pennsylvania's Bucknell in 1993 where she earned her bachelor's degree in economics. On the basketball court, Schweiter scored over 1,000 points and led the Patriot League in rebounding for two seasons.

"I love the excitement that Coach Striegler brings to the program," said Schweiter. "I felt that it would be a good change and a great fit for me, someplace I will enjoy working and living."

A Rhode Island native, Schweiter and her husband Herb, a Major in the United States Marine Corps, welcomed their first child, Gavin Richard, on October 15, 2004.

Geyer and Schweiter join UCF as the Golden Knights make the move to Conference USA in the fall.

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Outdoors

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Seven additional special-opportunity dove fields are probably already very familiar to some hunters, as they were open last year. They are: Schneider Farms (Escambia County), Parker Road (Alachua County), Caravelle Ranch (Putnam County), Dexter/Mary Farms Unit (Volusia County), Hilochee (Polk County), Allapattah Road (Martin County) and Frog Pond (Miami-Dade County).

Dove Day Permits also are available at a cost of \$35. These daily permits enable one adult and one youth (under age 16) to hunt together, but only allows one bag limit of birds to be harvested between the two.

Additionally, there is an option to buy a \$10 Youth Permit at the same time a Dove Day Permit is purchased. The Youth Permit enables one youth, while hunting under the supervision of the adult Dove Day Permit holder, to harvest an additional daily bag limit of birds. The Dove Day and Youth permits go on sale at 10 a.m. (EDT) on Sept. 18, and they are transferable.

Interested hunters are encouraged to purchase permits early as demand for these hunts often exceeds their availability. For more information on these great dove hunting opportunities, visit MyFWC.com/dove.

TOP TEN TIPS FROM BOATUS FOR GETTING THE MOST FROM A TANK OF GAS

Fuel prices could be on the rise again, so Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has a few tips that could help stretch your fuel dollars:

1. **Leave the extra 'junk' home:** Don't load the boat up with weight you don't need. Do a little spring cleaning - unused equipment that has been collecting mildew in the bottom of lockers for years should be taken home
2. **Water weight:** At 8.33 pounds per gallon, why keep the water in the tank topped off if you're only going out for the afternoon?
3. **Tune her up:** A tune-up

is an excellent investment and should easily pay for itself over the summer.

4. **Tune your prop:** You can lose up to 5 mph of boat speed with a poorly tuned prop. If your boat goes 50 mph with a like-new prop and only 45 mph with a prop that's dinged and out of pitch, you've lost 10% of your speed but are still using the same amount of fuel. That converts to a 10% loss in fuel economy.

5. **Clean the boat's bottom:** A fouled bottom is like a dull knife; it takes a lot more effort - fuel - to push it through the water. Barnacles and slime slow the boat dramatically and increase fuel consumption.

6. **Keep the boat in trim:** Either by using trim tabs or with weight distribution. A boat that is trimmed correctly will move through the water with less effort - and less fuel.

7. **Go With the Flow:** Consult tide tables and whenever possible try to travel with the tide.

8. **Install a fuel flow meter:** A fuel flow meter is like a heart monitor; when consumption starts to rise, it's an early warning that something is amiss. A fuel flow meter also allows you to select a comfortable cruising speed that optimizes the amount of fuel being consumed. If you don't want to spring for a fuel flow meter (about \$300), you can calculate your fuel mileage by dividing distance traveled by gallons at fill-up. Using your logbook, you can then approximate fuel flow using average speeds and time underway.

9. **For sailboats only:** If you own a sailboat, all of the above apply, but the real savings begin when the engine is shut off and the sails are raised.

10. **Get a discount:** Many of the 800 BoatUS Cooperating Marinas around the country offer up to 10 cents off a gallon of gas. To get the discount all you have to do is to show your BoatUS membership card. If you aren't already a member, join online now for a special rate of \$14 by going to BoatUS.com/membership or call 800-395-2628.

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