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## Briefly

### Gas leak closes businesses

From staff reports

The Altamonte Springs Fire Department reports a chemical leak closed three businesses for approximately two hours Friday morning in Altamonte Springs.

At 7:30 a.m., workers at the Laser Vision Store, 706 S. SR-436, opened business. Employees experienced a problem with one of the gas cylinders Thursday but reportedly did not know that same cylinder of Fluorine gas would shut the business down the next day.

The Fluorine gas is mixed with Argon and other chemical elements to produce a laser. As they attempted to fix the problem from the preceding day, the cylinder head cracked expelling the dangerous gas into the air. Immediately, employees evacuated the store and called 911 from neighboring Babies R Us.

Firefighters and Hazardous Materials Technicians evacuated the area and closed three businesses as a precaution.

At approximately 9:45, it was determined that the gas had dissipated enough for the employees to return to work. No one was injured.

Fluorine is a colorless, non-flammable gas. It can be a powerful acidic irritant to all tissue that comes in which it comes in contact.

## Today is ...

Sunday, Feb. 27, 2000  
Today is the 58th day of 2000  
and the 68th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1844, the Dominican Republic gained its independence from Haiti.

On this day in 1939, the U.S. Supreme Court declared sit-down strikes illegal.

On this day in 1991, allied troops liberated Kuwait City from Iraqi occupation.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Henry W. Longfellow (1807-1882), poet; John Steinbeck (1902-1968), writer; James T. Farrell (1904-1979), writer; Lawrence Durrell (1912-1990), writer; Irwin Shaw (1913-1984), writer; Joanne Woodward (1930-), actress, is 70; Elizabeth Taylor (1932-), actress, is 68; Ralph Nader (1934-), consumer advocate, is 66.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1963, Mickey Mantle signed a contract with the New York Yankees for a record-breaking sum of \$100,000.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Man, unlike any other thing organic or inorganic in the universe, grows beyond his work, walks up the stairs of his concepts, emerges ahead of his accomplishments."  
John Steinbeck

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# Student killed in SR46 wreck

By Bill Kerna  
Staff Writer

SANFORD — They had planned a birthday party, but instead, friends and family of Ryan McCool gathered Friday to mourn his death.

The Seminole High School senior, who turned 18 on Wednesday, was killed Friday when he pulled in front of a dump truck on State Road 46, just outside the entrance to the gated Lake Forest community where he lived. His 1998 black Honda Civic was demolished, and two passen-

## Passengers remain in stable condition at area hospitals

gers, who were neighbors attending Seminole High School, also suffered injuries.

Freshman Kathryn "Katie" Kasper, 14, is in serious but stable condition in the intensive care unit of Orlando Regional Medical Center. She has head injuries, and

she is also on a respirator, said a hospital spokeswoman.

Sophomore Chandra Timpano, 15, is in stable condition at the Pediatric Special Care Unit of Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and Women.

Chris McClellan, an 11th grader, was on

the scene minutes after the accident.

"I walked over to the car and you could see Ryan," McClellan said. "Almost everything was totaled on the car except the rim, and the license plate that said (his nickname) 'Blue Eyes.'"

As word spread of the accident, crisis counselors were made

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McCool

## A Giant Leap for Learning



Herald photos by Nick Matkale

NASA astronaut Rich Searfoss gives tips to pilot Angela Krampert and commander Jabailey Morris as they complete an exercise on the Space Shuttle Flight Simulator. Below: Jabailey Morris concentrates on his mission.

## Lunar landers and flight simulators added to curriculum

By Bill Kerna  
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Few of us are likely to know what it is to float weightless in space and gaze down upon Earth. However, students at Goldsboro Elementary and Sanford Middle schools in Sanford will come close to the sensation.

The two schools opened simulated space labs on Friday that will supplement math and science courses, and ideally, fire the imagination of students.

"It does help to make me more interested in my classes," said Tyra Roy, an eighth grader at Sanford Middle School. "Experimenting is a lot more fun than reading a book."

Goldsboro is the only public elementary school in the nation that includes a simulated mission control center, space shuttle, lunar lander, and lunar landscape.

Meanwhile, Sanford Middle School is the only public middle school in the nation with a flight simulator and a simulated international

space station.

Both schools will offer simulation facilities during the spring semester. Through a Magnet School Assistance Program grant awarded to the Seminole County school district, the Goldsboro Elementary facility was constructed for \$400,000 and the Sanford Middle labs were constructed for \$300,000.

Retired Col. Rick Searfoss of NASA participated in the grand opening ceremonies for the Goldsboro Kids Space Center and the Sanford Middle School International Space Station and Flight Simulator. A veteran of three space missions in the 1990s, he served as a consultant since December.

"We want students to think that learning about science and technology is exciting," Searfoss said. "We've done the subjects disservice over the years. We want to tie this in with learning about the scientific method."

Searfoss said part of the goal of the facilities is to help students prepare for high-tech

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## Lake Mary receives state funds for park

By Michelle Jerta  
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — City officials are getting another chance to use state funding for a nature preserve.

The governing board of the Florida Communities Trust informed Lake Mary officials last week it is the recipient of a second Preservation 2000 grant, Lake Mary City Manager John Litton said. The funding is for property located on Longwood-Lake Mary Road south of Crossings Community Church.

The \$412,500 grant will be used to purchase 22 acres of non-developed land surrounding the area known as Soldiers Creek. The initial name for the preservation area is the Soldiers Creek Recreational area.

"This area will definitely be a nature preserve," Litton said. "There will only be a boardwalk or nature trail and restroom facilities."

In June 1999, the city submitted two applications for grants to the Preservation 2000 Program. The grants are commonly used to acquire land for natural resource conservation, outdoor recreation and urban greenspace.

Earlier this year, the grant for property bordering Big Lake Mary was approved and the grant for the Soldiers Creek area was put on a contingency list.

"The state drew a line and Lake Mary Park was four above the line and Soldiers Creek was three below the line," Litton said. "However, they told us to wait since they expected projects to drop out of the process."

Several projects did drop out of the process including plans for Lake Mary Park, also known as Paradise Park, after residents living in the proposed area, located on the south side of Lake Mary Boulevard, protested

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## Education opportunities booming in Seminole

**Editor's note:** In Section D of today's paper, readers will find the second of a three part series. The first part of the series was published in January and focuses on the history of Seminole County. Today's installment, titled "Where We Are," takes a look at what issues are currently important in our community and how these issues are affecting our lives. On March 28, the third installment of the series, titled "Where are We going?" will look at what the future holds for Seminole County.

By Jana Jacobs  
Herald Intern

The education business is booming in Seminole County.

One way Seminole Community College is keeping up with the demand for higher education is by increasing accessibility to the campus and expanding their campus community to include Oviedo.

The number of students currently enrolled at SCC is 28,507 for both the Sanford/Lake Mary and Hunt Club campuses. SCC at Oviedo is scheduled to open in January 2001.

The Lake Mary Boulevard entrance, which opened in 1997, has helped alleviate some of the traffic through the Broadmoor neighborhood and allows easier access to the campus for the students. Robert Lyles of SCC said although they have not done any official traffic counts the



new entrance has freed up much of the traffic through the residential areas.

"There are plenty of people who use the road who don't take classes and just use it to cut through to 17-92. But now the students can access the campus more easily without coming through the residential areas," he said.

Lyles also said a new sign and marquee are in the works for the entrance on the Weldon Boulevard, highway 17-92 side.

"The sign will be like the one

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## State inspects rides at Flea World

By Bill Kerna  
Staff Writer

SANFORD — State inspectors said on Friday that a bumper-car ride at Flea World will remain closed at least through this weekend, until it is confirmed as safe.

A partial inspection of the rides at Flea World on Friday did not confirm that all safety issues for the bumper-cars had been resolved, said Rob Jacobs, field administrator for the Bureau of Fair Rides Inspection in Tallahassee.

Jacobs said the state inspection will be completed next week. The Bureau was scheduled to perform a bi-annual inspection of all Flea World rides on Friday.

No problems have been found on any other Flea World rides, Jacobs said. The shopping bazaar is located on U.S. Highway 17-92 in Sanford.

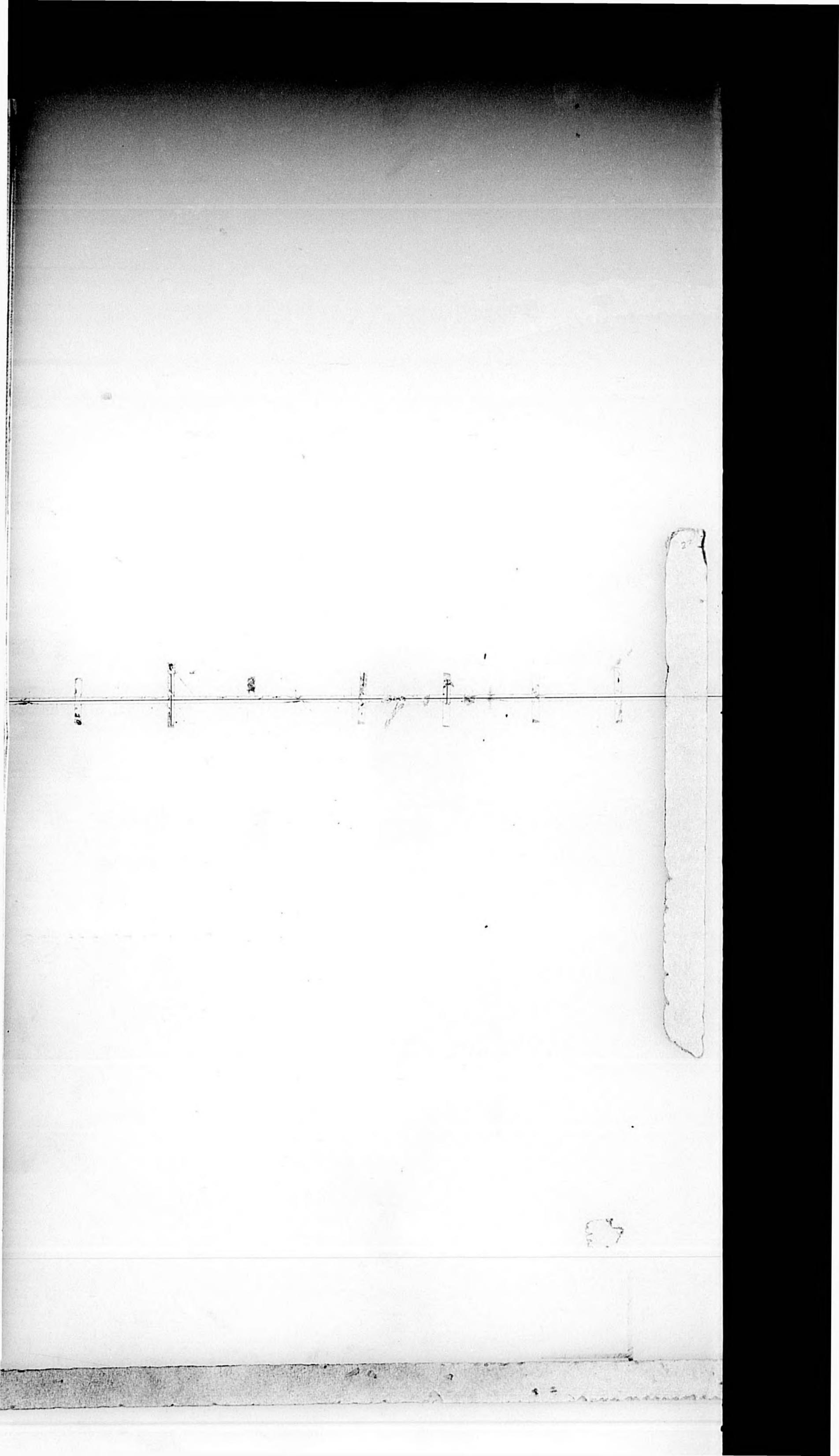
George Schnippel, Flea World manager, said that at the request of inspectors a new heat sensor will be installed on the ride before it is scheduled to open on Friday.

He said an engineer he hired signed off on repairs Thursday, and he anticipates no difficulties in re-opening the ride next week.

"It's all ready to go except the heat sensor," Schnippel said. "We revamped the top of it. It's better and safer than it ever was."

An examination performed on Tuesday by state inspectors indicated that the bumper-car ride had been operating in a "hazardous condition at the time 11-year-old Elizabeth

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# Who's eating the meat at the big county picnic?

County commission meetings are like picnics. Five elected hot dogs try like the dickens to get on a roll, grill each other for a couple of hours twice a month and go home.

We the people pay for the picnic.

Should we decide that one of the commissioners isn't cutting the mustard, we find someone better.

That's what we the people are going to do this year — either keep three of the dogs we have or find three new ones.

Frankly, I'm not sure how I'm going to vote.

For eight years Dick Van Der Weide has relished sitting at the county table. He's hungry for four more years. I sure don't want to kick his buns after so many fine picnics.

I'm sure you've noticed that there's a McLain and a McCain on this year's ballot. Daryl McLain's a 2-term county commissioner who once was part-owner of a house boat known as the "Sweat Pea." John McCain is an ex-Navy pilot and POW who wants to live at the White

**House:**

The third incumbent, Grant Maloy, is finishing his first term. His efforts to clean up the county's newspaper racks earned him the nickname, "News Boy" Maloy. No one can match Maloy's productivity. He's fathered two children since being elected.

Referring to their jobs as a picnic may not be proper respect for such distinguished part-time workers. They do a lot for us. I'm not sure where that lot is sometimes.

As a journalist, I strive to give blanket coverage to county picnics and politics. This meant keeping a tab on Mr. Van Der Weide when the clerk of the court docked his pay because he didn't bring her receipts for meals on a European junket. What a crummy thing to do, he told Maryanne Morse. And, he sued her.

Mr. McLain has his own insurance business and works out of what used to be a gas station. He was once a ballet dancer and then a rodeo star. He

looks like the Marlboro Man. He wears cowboy hats — usually white ones. He was flattered by something I once wrote about him but begged me not to ever again paint him as a liberal.

Having a son the same age as Mr. Maloy allows me an occasional comparison of the two young men. I'm closer to my son, of course. I can't imagine how proud I would be if my son, Todd, was a county commissioner. I also can't imagine being Mr. Maloy's dad. Mr. Maloy has never failed to return a call to me. Neither has my son.

My old news buddy Bob Perez and I used to entertain ourselves at slow county picnics by coming up with look-alikes for each commissioner. Dick Van Der Weide was Boris Yeltsin. Daryl McLain was actor Donald Sutherland. Grant Maloy was Doogie Howser.

This is all I wish to share about these fine men at this time. I have begun to investigate the men and women who would have their place at the county picnic table. I'm going to seek advice from an ant.

## Russ White

Russ White's column appears daily in the Seminole Herald

Here are the winning numbers selected in the Florida Lottery:

**Fantasy 5 (Feb. 28)**  
2-7-13-18-19

**Lotto (Feb. 23)**  
2-21-28-32-44-51

**Mega Money (Feb. 28)**  
2-10-29-31 — Megaball 28

Feb. 28  
Play 4  
6-9-4-8  
Cash 3  
2-0-9

Funerals

**CRAWFORD, RUSSELL L.**  
Crawford, Russell age 39 of Sanford died Friday February 23, 2000 in Sanford. A funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday Feb. 27, 2000 at the Oaklawn Chapel of Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home, Sanford/Lake Mary. The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until service time at the funeral home. Russell is survived by his par-

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**Car seat check in Altamonte**

The Altamonte Springs Fire Department will host a car seat checkpoint Monday, Feb. 28 at Fire Station 11. The station is located 1.5 miles east of Interstate 4 on SR-436. The checks will be made 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.

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stays will be in Lake Helen for the 9th Annual Florida Authors Book Fair. This year's fair includes authors Bill Belleville, Idella Parker, Ben Brotemarkle, Dale Camber, Ruth Owen, Bob and Betty Press, Jerry Lynn Smith, and others.

The fundraising event for the Lake Helen Library will take place Saturday, March 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hopkins Hall, located on the northeast corner of Euclid and Connecticut Avenue. The Lake Helen Library is across the street at 221 N. Euclid Avenue.

The Florida Authors Book Fair is free and open to the public. Book lovers will have the opportunity to mingle with the authors and have their purchases autographed.

For more information call Pam Pape, Branch Manager and Fair Coordinator at (904) 228-1152.

**Operation Bike Safe kickoff**

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office, 7-Eleven stores and the Seminole County Chapter of Safe Kids are beginning a campaign to promote the proper wearing of bike helmets, called Operation Bike Safe.

The campaign will begin at Red Bug Lake Elementary School at 4000 Red Bug Lake Road near Casselberry on March 1. The event begins at 7:45 a.m. and will include an awards ceremony. Children wearing bike helmets correctly will also get coupons from 7-Eleven for free Slurpees. 7-Eleven has donated 1,000 coupons to be given at various schools for this campaign.

More than one-third of all bicyclist deaths and more than

ages five through 15. Head injury is the leading cause of death in bicycle crashes. With proper helmet use, many deaths and serious injuries could be prevented.

**DUI Operation**

Late Saturday night and into early Sunday morning, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, along with police agencies, will be conducting a DUI checkpoint. The area targeted will be northern Seminole County. The operation will begin about 11 p.m.

**Traveling Criminals**

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office has information that some traveling criminals may be in Central Florida. The group may be driving a 1999 or 2000, gray Pontiac Bonneville.

The burglars strike during the daytime and usually in teams consisting of a man and two women. The man will stay in a rented four-door vehicle, while the women work the neighborhood.

The women will go door-to-door. If nobody answers, they will go to the back of the house and break in. If somebody is home, they'll concoct a story, and while one distracts the homeowner, the other woman will get into the house and steal jewelry, money and silver.

To this date, there have been no incidents of this kind reported in Seminole County this year.

If you see strangers in your neighborhood, or suspect traveling criminals are at work, call the Seminole County Sheriff's Office at 407-665-6650.

HEALTH

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# Opinion

## Clinton-Gore's China legacy

The State Department, long in denial when it comes to combative words from the enemies of Israel, now says that bellicose language and threats from Communist China also should not be taken seriously.

With presidential elections scheduled in Taiwan next month, the Chinese government issued a statement warning it will use military force to "reunify" the island nation with the mainland if Taiwan does not begin negotiations soon, or if it declares independence, or is "occupied" by a "foreign power."

This is the legacy of the Clinton-Gore administration, which not only has contributed to the gutting of the American military but has resurrected the notion once advanced by the late Mao Zedong that the West — the United States in particular — is a paper tiger. That's what results from double dealing with the Chinese for campaign cash so that Clinton-Gore could win reelection in 1996. Clinton-Gore got Chinese money. China is closer to getting Taiwan.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms had scheduled a hearing on the Chinese statement and on Taiwan's annual defense request for Wednesday (Feb. 23), but the administration refused to send anyone to testify. The best the administration could offer was a comment from Stanley Roth, assistant secretary of state for East Asia, who urged "both sides" to "exercise restraint." Both sides? China threatens Taiwan with war and the administration warns Taiwan not to get excited?

China's modernization of its military continues. That's why the House passed on Feb. 1 the Taiwan Security Enhancement Act. It is designed to strengthen America's ability to fulfill the mandate of the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act that obligates the United States to help Taiwan defend itself. President Clinton has promised to veto the latest legislation if it gets to his desk. Is this part of the reelection bargain made with Beijing? We may never know until those associated with the illegal campaign cash scam who fled the country to hide out in China are questioned under oath. That will happen about the time freedom of speech comes to Tiananmen Square.

There is no reason to doubt the

resolve of China. Lt. Gen. Mi Zhenyu, vice commandant at the Academy of Military Sciences in Beijing, has said: "(As for the United States) for a relatively long time it will be absolutely necessary that we quietly nurse our sense of revenge ... We must conceal our abilities and bide our time."

In their book "The Coming Conflict With China," Richard Bernstein and Ross Munro write: "If China remains aggressive and the United States naive, the looming conflict between the two countries could even lead to military hostilities. The United States, after all, has been in major wars in Asia three times in the past half century, always to prevent a single power from gaining ascendancy there, and there seems little question that China over the next decade or two will be ascendant on its side of the Pacific."

The Chinese have built a full-scale mock-up of Taiwan's largest air base and are reportedly practicing assaults on the facility, write Edward Timperlake and William C. Triplett II in their book, "Red Dragon Rising." According to the congressional Cox committee's report: "The (People's Republic of China) has stolen U.S. missile guidance technology that has direct application to the (People's Liberation Army's) ballistic missiles and rockets."

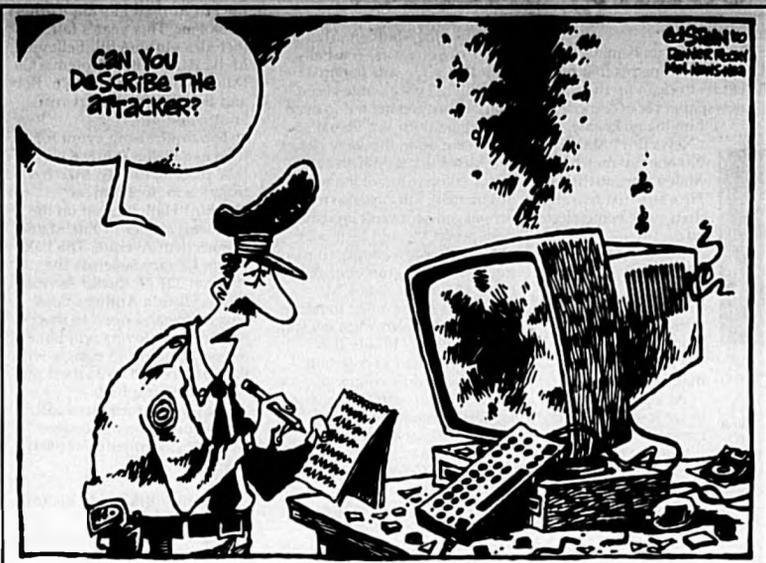
The Clinton administration has played into the hands of China by accepting Beijing's view that a strong Taiwan is a threat. In fact, both Democrats and Republicans in Congress have consistently agreed that a strong Taiwan deters war in the Far East while a weak Taiwan invites aggression from the mainland.

The Chinese Communists know how to play head games when they perceive weakness. Mao said: "The mind of the enemy and the will of his leaders is a target of far more importance than the bodies of his troops." With the American military weakened by this administration and with stolen U.S. secrets in Chinese hands, Beijing continues to work on weakening the American mind. They're doing a job that would make Chinese military philosopher Sun Tzu proud. He said, "All warfare is based on deception." The Chinese could not have better partners in deceit than Bill Clinton and Al Gore.

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Cal Thomas



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## Your View

### Snow believes Sanford needs war memorial

**To the editor:** Following Veterans Day in November, Dr. Harvey, a pastor of First Baptist Church, asked all veterans to rise and be recognized. I was deeply touched by the large number who stood and by the rousing applause they received.

In December, I proposed to the City Commission that they consider erecting a statue of some sort in Fort Mellon Park to honor these brave men while they are still around to know that we care.

Since that time, Orlando has placed a monument in their Eola Park commemorating the Battle of the Bulge. That takes care of the ETO, so why don't we concentrate on the Pacific Theater with something relating to Pearl Harbor or Iwo Jima. There are so many — Bataan, Guadalcanal, etc.

People I have talked to on the street are enthusiastic, some mentioned there was once a framed document or plaque in the baseball stadium and/or the bandshell but who knows where it is now. A bronze plate which could be permanently affixed to the base of the memorial would be better.

This is not meant to diminish the value of those from our forgotten war, Korea, or Vietnam. I would like to see the traveling Vietnam wall come here for the benefit of those who have never seen the big one in Washington. But, World War II was the defining period of history for the entire free world, not just the

United States.

Some schools invite veterans to come and speak to their classes about their experiences. It would be wonderful if more schools did this — what a real history lesson!

What do you think of this idea, Sanford? Will you be willing to make a contribution toward the cost? We owe more than we can ever repay to those who gave so much for us. The Commission will be considering this at a worksession soon.

Nell G. Snow  
Sanford

### DeSantis, like many, will miss Charles Schultz

**To the editor:** Kudos to the Seminole Herald Editorial Board for its decision to run the editorial cartoon by Stahler of the Cincinnati Post in the Herald's Feb. 16 Opinion page. If a picture truly is worth a thousand words, the illustration of teary-eyed Charlie Brown and Snoopy coping with the grief of the loss of natural treasure Charles Schultz is beyond words.

Like many middle-aged baby boomers I first began reading "Peanuts" in 1962 as an 8-year-old. Schultz made us fall in love with Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus, and others. Perhaps more than any other contemporary cartoonist, Schultz painted a consistent landscape of our foibles as human beings, gently mixed with self-deprecating humor. He created characters that each of us could relate to in our own individual ways, yet mastered

the art of making his strip universal in appeal for decades. As a die-hard Red Sox fan, my favorites will always be of Charlie Brown struggling with yet another losing baseball season with his recalcitrant outfielder Lucy, his depiction of Snoopy at Valley Forge as each Veterans' Day approached, and of Snoopy's eternal quest to write the great American Novel while perched atop his dog house.

As Snoopy was fond of writing, Schultz's passing truly is a "dark and stormy night" on our national landscape.

Charles Schultz will be sorely missed, and never replaced.

Joe DeSantis  
Sanford

### Sanford woman wonders why city needs lists

**To the editor:** I am a new resident of the city of Sanford. I chose to invest in one of the larger homes in the historic area with the intention of helping to improve the acceptability of "living in Sanford." One of my first attempts at improvement was in regard to removing the trip hazards in the sidewalks in front of my house (city of Sanford property). I called the city and found out about how strong the "good ole boy network" is.

The city of Sanford has two lists. One list includes those individuals who are willing to pay for the material that would go into the sidewalk in front of their house. The other list is for those who are not

willing (or perhaps not able) to pay for the material that would go into the sidewalk in front of their house.

Let me ask you, why would I want to pay for sidewalk material that I have already paid for in paying my city taxes? For one, so I could get my name on the list that has priority "service"... (per Jerry Herman). This could be considered bribery but I am not sure who is benefiting from the double billing. For two, so I could prove to someone (who?) that I have enough pride in my community that I am willing to pay (twice) for improvements. (Per Commissioner Lessard).

I wonder, what other community services have two lists and what does one do to get on their priority list? (Street repairs, parks, police, schools, pools).

Commissioner Lessard said that the city of Sanford used to have a problem with trash pick-up. After the city realized that it could contract with private trash collection companies, the majority of problems were solved. It must have been a revelation when the city realized that healthy competition between competent companies breeds productivity. As Commissioner Lessard told me, the city has plenty of money. As Jerry Herman said, it may be time to "bite the bullet" and "put private contractors on it." I agree.

Well, my trip hazards are temporarily gone. I didn't know I had gotten on the temporary fix list, I didn't even know they had one.

Monarcha Marcel  
Sanford



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## What five presidents are not buried in the United States?

Here's a great riddle with which to trick your friends: "What five presidents are not buried in the United States?"

Before giving you the answer, I ask you to look at the new survey of historians. Conducted by C-Span (the network that shows Congress in action), the poll asked the professionals to rate our 41 presidents according to their effectiveness.

The top of the list contained few surprises. The four faces on Mt. Rushmore are chiseled in our national memory. The historians ranked Abraham Lincoln in first place,

Franklin Roosevelt in second, George Washington in third, Theodore Roosevelt in fourth.

Thomas Jefferson, who finished seventh, is the only missing face from Mount Rushmore. The historians bumped him for FDR, who was not yet inaugurated when the grand South Dakota sculpture was undertaken.

Let's talk about a more recent quintet of presidents: Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, Bill Clinton.

Except for Reagan, who finished 11th on the new list, all ranked in

the range of 20th through 25th. Bush was 21st, Clinton 22nd, Carter 23rd, Ford 24th, Nixon 25th.

How does it feel to be one of those guys? They've just received their grade in history. If they're like the rest of us they can only wonder what small achievement might have taken them past a whole pack of their close competitors.

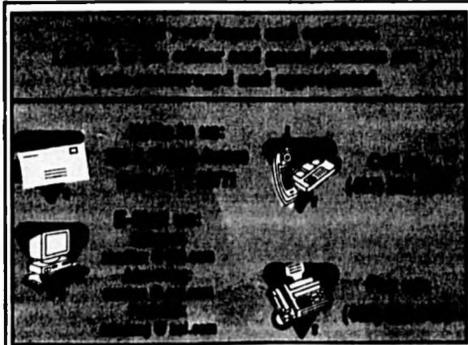
This is especially true for the current president who has enough months left in office to think about his tightly calibrated ranking in history but probably not enough time left to change it.

Clinton ranked fifth in economic man-

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# Opinion

## Those who stand in spotlight of fame can easily get burned

She was almost convincing. Looking shell-shocked in TV interviews, Darva Conger — the most famous bride since Princess Di — almost convinced me that she was just a young woman looking for a "vacation," guilty of a moment of bad judgment, now the victim of the monstrous tabloid media.

She didn't want fame, she said. She didn't want money. She never took the notion of a televised marriage seriously. She agreed to participate in the fabulously tacky game show/pageant, "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire?" as a lark, thinking she'd get a few minutes of air time in which to wave to her family and friends. She didn't think she'd "win" — the prize being an instant marriage to a stranger.

She was almost convincing. But Conger, who showed more



Cynthia Tucker

depth in answering a series of silly questions than any of the other "contestants," is no dummy. She is a college graduate, an emergency room nurse, an Air Force veteran who served in the Gulf War. She cannot have been as naive about the consequences of her actions as she now claims.

She should not be at all surprised that she is now the butt of jokes by late-night comedians and the prey of countless tabloid reporters. After all, the spectacle in which she participated was designed to lure millions of viewers to Fox — which aired the two-hour special on Feb. 15 — and attendant publicity to the participants.

While "Multi-Millionaire" has been compared to the hot game show hosted by Regis Philbin, it actually had more in common with circus freak

shows of old: "See the pretty young women compete to marry a rich stranger!"

Doubtless, Conger has learned her lesson and wouldn't participate in a televised marriage to a perfect stranger again. Neither would Fox. With the controversy over revelations that the groom, Rick Rockwell, once threatened to kill a former girlfriend, the network has not only reversed its decision to re-air the original but has also dropped plans for additional shows with the same premise.

That has to be a bitter pill for the bottom-feeding Fox, which rarely allows good taste to interfere with greed. The last half-hour of the show pulled in a phenomenal 22.8 million viewers (yes, including me).

Had Rockwell's history not turned up to sour things, Fox was planning a turnabout with a wealthy woman selecting from among 50 gold-digging grooms.

Such characterizations as

"gold-digger" trouble Conger, who says she wants the world to know she's not that kind of girl. The marriage wasn't consummated, she said. "I'm a Christian," she said, with "family values." (And she plans to immediately seek an annulment.) She went so far as to lambaste the groom for kissing her on the mouth when they met. That showed his disrespect for her.

C'mon, Darva. You're the one who paraded around in a swimsuit and warmly answered several dumb questions. You then changed into a wedding gown and said "I do" in front of a Nevada judge. That particular ritual usually suggests a kiss.

The wedding was no last-minute surprise. Indeed, it was the major attraction, having been endlessly promoted. While Conger did not know she would be chosen, she knew she had a shot at it: That, after all, was the point. Like her 49 (romantic?) rivals, she had practiced not

just the swimsuit stroll but also the wedding gown walk during her week-long stay in Las Vegas. She had also signed, like the other contestants, not only a prenuptial agreement to protect the fortune of Mr. Multi-Millions, but also an annulment agreement that could be executed by either party. So she had several days to consider the wisdom of signing up for such a stunt.

But Conger couldn't turn down the chance at her 15 minutes of fame (not to mention a wealthy husband). What she didn't fully appreciate then was the thin line sep-

arating fame and infamy, celebrity and notoriety. Once turned on, the spotlight isn't so easy to control. It featured her in wedding gown, captured the kiss, and has relentlessly pursued her since then. The cameras will no doubt be there to record the annulment, too.

Not to worry, Darva. The spotlight is restless, and America is full of folks who will do anything to have it rest on them for a moment or two. Just wait a week.

Somebody will do something even dumber for the cameras.

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### Matthews

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 agement, fifth in pursuing equal justice, 11th in public persuasion, 20th in crisis management, 21st in international relations, 22nd in administrative skills, 22nd in vision and agenda-setting.

The ranking the historians gave him in "moral authority" must be especially troubling. Of the 41 presidents, he finished 41st, dead last.

How does that feel to the man working on his legacy in the Oval Office, this president who has hired a top-paid

staffer, Sydney Blumenthal, to tend to that specific task?

Who are the five American presidents not buried in the United States? Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George Bush and most of all, Bill Clinton. He's not even out the door yet.

(Chris Matthews, chief of the San Francisco Examiner's Washington Bureau, is host of "Hardball" on CNBC and MSNBC cable channels. The 1996 edition of "Hardball" has been recently published by Touchstone Books.)

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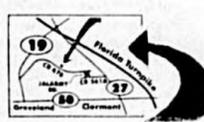
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# Crooms, Lyman magnet school programs

By Bill Harve  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — Crooms Academy and Lyman High School are both gaining new magnet academies that school-district officials hope will attract students.

The Seminole County School Board plans to make Crooms Academy a magnet high school serving 500 to 600 students, offering the only Academy of Information Technology in the district.

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

Meanwhile, a new engineering magnet program will begin at Lyman High School next in August of next year.

The Institute of Engineering Technology magnet program at Lyman will be established for students interested in science, math and computer applications.

Both programs will have two tiers, one for students who intend to study engineering in college and the other for students who desire careers in high-tech fields without attending college.

"We will work with Crooms Academy to make sure that the two programs complement each other," said Lyman Principal Sam Momary.

Both schools face challenges. Crooms will be making a transition from primarily serving "at risk" middle and high school students to being a magnet high school.

"Right now we have a plan that we think is very positive, but there are still transitional issues to deal with," said school-district Superintendent Paul Hagerly. "Whether at-risk students would be better off at this school, or at other high schools, we have yet to talk about that yet."

Meanwhile, Lyman and Lake Howell are the two smallest high schools in the Seminole County school district, with stu-

dent populations of 2,100. The Academy is intended to ease concerns about the school's enrollment.

So far, 176 incoming students have been recruited into Lyman's new magnet program, including 104 from outside the Lyman zoning, said Joan Shalla, a guidance counselor for the Institute at Lyman.

The school-district also plans to renovate the campus of both schools.

The School Board has approved of \$5 million on renovations to Crooms Academy during the 2000-2001 school year. Details on the renovations have yet to be determined. The school-district will also seek state historic preservation funding for the more than 70-year-old school.

In the meantime, new classrooms will be built this summer as part of a \$22.5 million expansion project. The project will be performed in three phases over the next five years.

If the proposal receives final approval 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. Middle School classes would no longer be held at Crooms starting in the 2001-2002 school year.

Middle School students who attend Crooms would instead attend either the public schools where they are zoned to attend 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.

The Academy of Information Technology program at Crooms would prepare students for careers such as programming, digital publishing, computer repair and network maintenance and repair. Students will be encouraged to continue their education in college, although there will be opportunities for employment after high school.

Students would also be able to attend an Automotive Technology program as well an

Academy of Construction Trades program.

Students who complete the program and graduate from high school will be given credit for the first year of the construction apprenticeship. An intensive career counseling program will be available to the students.

The program would operate beyond regular school hours, through connections with area businesses.

"We can see late afternoon and early evening opportunities for students and community members," Hagerly said.

Each student in the program would participate in an internship.

"Within the I-4 corridor, there are so many businesses looking for Information Technology workers," said Bettie Hogle, director of applied technology for the school-district. "We think that working with businesses will be no problem."

Meanwhile in Lyman's Institute of Engineering Technology, the available programs include architectural design, interior design, electronics, computer repair, computer programming, network construction and management, construction management and technology, landscape agriculture, television production, and computer animation and graphics.

The program will be open only to ninth graders during the first year. It will open to additional students during the second and third years.

"One of the programs that is new to the district is the network management program," Momary said. "You can graduate from the program and receive certification to manage the hardware and software of a network."

Students will take core academic courses linked to engineering and computer technologies. Participants will take an Introduction to Engineering course their freshman year to orient them to the different types of engineering programs available.

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For additional information on Eastmonte Park, phone Bob Garnett, 407-830-3880. For Westmonte Park, phone Ryan Thompson at 407-869-2516.

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**Kids' Confetti Club starts March 1**  
Beginning March 1 at 3:30 p.m., the weekly Confetti Club programs will be presented by Renee Hamilton, Youth Services Librarian just appointed to the staff of the North Branch Library. The Confetti Club is a weekly program of stories, activities and crafts for school-age kids.

Hamilton has worked with children in several Sanford Elementary schools and in the City of Lake Mary's summer recreation program.

All kids are encouraged to come.

**Victim services available to senior**  
The Seminole County Sheriff's Office periodically conducts

**State law**  
provides that a victim over 60 years old or a victim who is disabled can be compensated for crimes, which affect their quality of life. Reimbursement for property loss can be as much as \$500. The program also provides reimbursement for medical bills and replacement of such items as glasses, if they are lost or damaged in a crime.

The job of the sheriff's Victim Services Representative is to help victims overcome obstacles such as necessary forms to fill out, and to help senior apply for compensation.

For more information and times, contact Victim Advocate Sherry McGrew at 407-665-6922. The program is being coordinated through Better Living for Seniors at 407-333-8877.

## Park

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the city's original decision to develop the property. The community members were concerned about privacy and safety if a public park were built in their neighborhood.

Litton said the city should not face similar opposition to the

Soldiers Creek area since it is located in a non-residential part of the city.

"This one should be fine," he said.

Plans for the area include a very passive park with a natural boardwalk type of environment, Litton said. The area is heavily

wooded and most of the land is in the flood plain.

Once the land is purchased, the city will use an estimated \$104,000 to develop the nature preserve. Along with the nature trail and restroom facilities, plans include building a parking area, and a security gate.

## Rides

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"Lizzie" Parmentier of Bronson was burned last Sunday, Jacobs said.

The ride is closed during repairs.

Inspectors on Tuesday found that the mesh grid was damaged in several areas, and that the wooden support beams had weakened from burn damage, according to the inspection report.

Jacobs said the screws and washers had overheated, until one burned through the metal and wood.

Several washers were missing from the top power grid, the report said.

The inspection report from Tuesday's examination also cites "questionable electrical fabrication/construction" which posed a "possible fire hazard."

An eyewitness said the smok-

ing washer burned the girl on her neck, peeling away some skin.

State inspectors next week will investigate whether metal strips placed between the metal mesh ceiling and the wooden support beams over the bumper cars will prevent similar problems.

No problems were noted in the previous state inspection in August.

## Education

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on the Lake Mary entrance. The marquee will let the community know about plays, graduations or other events on campus. Having signs on both entrances will help the school keep the community informed about what we're doing out here," Lyles said.

The University of Central Florida, often referred to as

Under Construction Forever, most recently opened the new Math and Physics classroom building. Several construction projects are currently underway on the main campus including a new parking garage and a \$7 million expansion project in the Student Union.

The centerpiece of the project is the 11,500 square foot Pegasus Grand Ballroom. The

expansion will add around 40,000 square feet to the existing building. The new space is designed to accommodate groups of 100 to 1000. Several new vendors, retail and food, will also take up residence in the new expansion. Completion of the project is expected in April.

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7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Public Meeting

**PLACE:** Central Baptist Church - Sanctuary  
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We encourage your attendance and welcome any comments you may have. Please sign in when you arrive at the meeting so that we will have records of everyone in attendance.

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## Meeting After Hours



### Chamber holds social event at local restaurant

The Sanford/Seminole Chamber of Commerce recently held a Chamber After Hours event at Wolfys Restaurant in Sanford. Pictured above are Michael Drolet, Lynda Baldorf, William House, Betty Gillespie and Vicki Niemiec. At left are Vanessa Lane, Mike Fitzpatrick and Ron Lane.

Herald photos by Nick Sifakis

## Florida Hospital Centra Care to open in March

The new Florida Hospital Centra Care walk-in medical office in Sanford will have a grand opening from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 1.

The new Centra Care office will be located across from Seminole Towne Centre at 308 N. Entrance Road. Florida Hospital currently

has 12 other Centra Care locations in Central Florida, including three in Seminole County.

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## Gierach elected president of CPH

**SANFORD** — David A. Gierach, P.E., has been elected president of CPH Engineers, Inc., a Sanford-based consulting engineering firm with six offices in Florida and more than 100 employees serving an international clientele.

Gierach succeeds Paul E. Porter, P.E., who remains active in the firm as chairman of the board of directors and executive vice president.

Gierach, formerly executive vice president of CPH Engineers, continues his responsibilities as vice president of CPH Constructors, LLC. Porter remains president of the construction subsidiary, which provides CPH with full-service design-build capabilities.

A Central Florida native, Gierach, 40, joined the firm in 1987 following service in the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps. His father, the late Mr. Elroy Gierach, practiced law for

more than 40 years in Central Florida with another son, Orlando attorney John Gierach. David Gierach is a graduate of Trinity Preparatory School, Winter Park, and the University of Florida, where he earned a B.S. degree in environmental engineering. He is a registered professional engineer and a licensed general contractor in the state of Florida.

Gierach's principal areas of expertise include planning, design and construction of water, wastewater and reclaimed-water projects; design and construction of road projects, and design and construction of commercial, office and land development projects.

In his new position, Porter, 59, will continue to oversee the firm's growth in statewide and national arenas while retaining operational contact with key public and private clients. Porter assumed the presidency

of CPH Engineers — then Conklin, Porter and Holmes Engineers, Inc. — from fellow founder Bristol C. Conklin in 1991. Under his leadership, CPH grew from three offices and 41 employees, including 8 registered professional engineers, to its current roster of six offices and 100 employees, including 23 registered professional engineers.

Incorporated in 1981, CPH Engineers has grown from a local company serving clients in the southeastern United States to a national and international consulting firm, having completed projects for a wide range of public and private clients throughout the United States, on the island of Guam and currently in Puerto Rico. In addition to its Sanford headquarters, CPH maintains branch offices at Orlando, Deland, Jacksonville, Palm City and Cape Coral.

## Seminole County builder posts record sales

Despite two early project sellouts and shrinking inventory in another, Engineered Homes still managed a banner year in 1999.

The Winter Park-based home building company, which has three residential developments underway in Seminole County, posted a record \$56.8 million in sales volume on 436 home sales at five Central Florida residential communities, reports Engineered Homes President Igor Teplitsky.

Last year's volume represented a 15 percent gain over 1998 volume of \$49.5 million and a 143 percent jump over 1997's \$24.1 million — the company's first full year of opera-

tions. It also was the second straight year that the company surpassed the 400 sales plateau.

Engineered Homes is developing and building Egret's Landing in Lake Mary, Lake Griffin Estates in Casselberry and The Sanctuary in Oviedo.

In the past three years, Engineered Homes has sold better than 1,100 homes and chalked up in excess of \$130 million, according to Teplitsky.

The only thing preventing the company from hitting the 500 sales plateau last year was inventory or lack of it. Two projects — Shannon Lakes at Lakeside in Kissimmee and

Aventura Estates near downtown Orlando — sold out during the year's second quarter. And Weston Hills, the company's successful 392-home development just south of Clermont, was essentially out of first phase inventory by the end of November. The second and final phase of 162 homesites didn't come on line until last month (January).

Although 1999 home sales were down slightly from the previous year, the average sales price of \$130,275 was up over 1998's average (\$110,494) — underlining the company's gradual shift to higher priced segment of the market, notes Teplitsky.

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## Playday 2000 set for next Saturday

Eleven schools in the Greater Orlando area, in conjunction with Oviedo Marketplace, will sponsor a day of family fun on Saturday, March 5, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Oviedo Playday is an annual event which consists of kids crafts, sports demonstrations and competitions, as well as facepainting and a carnival-type atmosphere within Oviedo Marketplace. One hundred percent of the ticket sales generated from this event will be used to fund school improvements and beautifica-

tion projects. Prior to the event, tickets may be purchased for \$5 at the following schools: Carillon Elementary, Covenant Christian School, Indian Trails Middle, Jackson Heights Middle, Keeth Elementary, Lawton Chiles Middle, Lawton Elementary, Partin Elementary, St. Luke's Lutheran School, and Stenstrum Elementary. The Builders Club, a middle school affiliate organization of the Kiwanis Club of Oviedo, will also benefit from this fund-raiser.

Tickets sold on the day of the event will be \$8. All proceeds from ticket sales that day will be divided equally among the participants. Established in 1998, Oviedo Playday continues to aid school improvements such as media center enhancements, accelerated learning programs and safer playgrounds. In two years, Playday has raised over \$40,000. For more information about Oviedo Playday, call (407) 977-2400 ext. 7021; or (407) 977-2400 ext. 7020.

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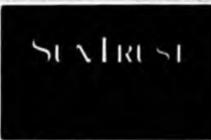
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# A musical trip down school's memory lane

I was recently given a program from the Seminole High School Glee Club's 1954 Spring Concert which has some names you will recognize. I was a member of this glee club during my freshman and sophomore years but gave it up to concentrate on band and other activities. I graduated in 1954. The majority of the participants were my classmates.



Grace Marie Stinecipher

The director of this production was Miss Ollie Reese Whittle, who was chorus director at SHS for many years. Janice Springfield received word recently from Tallahassee that she had died. Miss Whittle will be remembered here for her excellent productions such as operettas and concerts. The following will give you an example of one of these concerts.

Accompanists for this program, which was presented in the SHS auditorium, were Jeanne Lane Miller, Joan Wilke, Nancy Cash and Tommy Wyatt. Glee club officers were Ross Hannum, president; Peggy Wright, vice president; and Eloise Snyder, secretary-treasurer. Business managers were Barbara Cassube, Polly Graham, David Leonard and Larry Bates.

Opening the program was the freshman glee club who sang four numbers including "Because" and "In a Persian Market." "Black Hills of Dakota" was presented by the Freshman Ensemble with Pat Harrington as featured soloist. Other members of the group were Kathleen Bauman, Bobbie Crutchfield, Lois Barineau, Ruth Nettles, Jane Whatley, Philip Byrd, Brantley Shirard, Bobby Little, Terry Goembel, Murray Nancy and Al Stanley.

Several soloists presented numbers throughout the program; these were Johnny Carter, "Chime Bells"; Jimmy Whatley, "One Alone"; Janie Bennett, "Let My Song Fill Your Heart"; Allan Maffett, "Sea Fever"; Eloise Snyder, "Day Dreams"; Jimmy Krider, "Rainbow Trail"; Mona Jobe, "My Lover is a Fisherman"; Rodman Brumley, "I Love Life."

The Triple Trio sang "Star Dust"; this group, with various members through the years, will be remembered as one of the mainstays of Miss Whittle's choral ensembles. They along with the Double Quartet, presented programs for various civic and church groups throughout the year. The members of the 1953-54 Triple Trio were Eloise Snyder, Marianne Strickland, Patty Walker, Mona Jobe, Helen Alexander, Paulette Cason, Joyce Jones, Sandra Dunn and Patsy Collins.

The Double Quartet was another well-liked group during this era. On this program they presented "Moon of Manakora." Members were Johnny Carter, Rodman Brumley, Larry Bates, Jimmy Whatley, Eugene Estridge, Edward McCall, Jimmy Krider and Ross Hannum.

All of the accompanists were very talented and presented piano solos on various programs. During this event, Jeanne Lane Miller, a senior, played "Rhapsody in Blue." A group called "The Funsters" presented three novelty numbers including "Y'All Come." Another fun number was presented by Jimmy Wade and Ross Hannum, class of 1954. The program names it "Impersonation" so the title of the selection is unknown. These boys were well known throughout their high school years for doing pantomimes to records. They would dress in outlandish costumes and lip-sync the popular songs of the day, with exaggerated motions. Much practice went into their

performances and everyone loved them. In fact, my 1954 class had had them perform at each of our reunions and we continue to enjoy their antics. At age 60 plus, the still put on a good show! Both the Girls and Boys Glee Clubs presented several selections; it was indicated that superior ratings at state contest were received by the boys for "Sea Gypsy" and "Hunters Moon" and by the girls for "Prelude" and "Give

Ye Thanks." "Waltz of the Flowers" (Nutcracker Suite) was presented by the Girls Glee Club with a

solo dance by Jane Sanders. The Mixed Glee Club closed the program with "Gloria," "Listen to the Lambs" and "Give Me Your Tired Your Poor." The first two numbers had received superior ratings at the state contest; during the last number, Jean Wilke represented the Statue of Liberty which was very impressive.

The last selection, as usual, was the SHS Alma Mater. And a few days later, on June 4, the SHS Class of 1954 was graduated.

An Additional Note After I had written this, Janice Springfield gave me a box of programs and newspaper clippings from Miss Whittle's productions; the executor of her estate had sent

them to her in addition to several Salmagundis. I will use the articles in future columns-not all at once!- and the Sally's were donated to the Sanford Museum.

Among these items, I found that Miss Whittle directed a junior class play at least one year and she took choruses and individuals to the state contests quite often. One item that I'm going to keep for sure is a letter to her from Belle Rumbley. Mrs. Rumbley was one of my favorite junior high teachers (remember the geography notebooks?); later I taught her son, Bobby, and was also in a profes-

sional organization with her. The letter is dated August 1975 and was written right after Bobby's ten year class reunion. She was telling her good friend, Ollie Reese Whittle, about several of these classmates-most of whom I had also taught- and their activities that weekend. I had attended that reunion at Sea World and was interested in her and Bobby's observations of the event and the people (I had attended all the reunions of this special class and sure hope they remember me for their 35th this year).

Back to the clippings. In looking through them, I see that

they range from the late 1940s through the early 70s. From the later programs, I realized that Miss Whittle had not retired in 1965 as I intimated with the picture published February 17. I had forgotten that upon leaving SHS in 1965, she taught music at several elementary schools in the county. There are articles about her productions at Southside, Pinecrest and Lawton. She continued to showcase her students in a wonderful way in these schools to the delight of audiences. A couple of generations of area students were blessed as she instilled a love of music in their lives.

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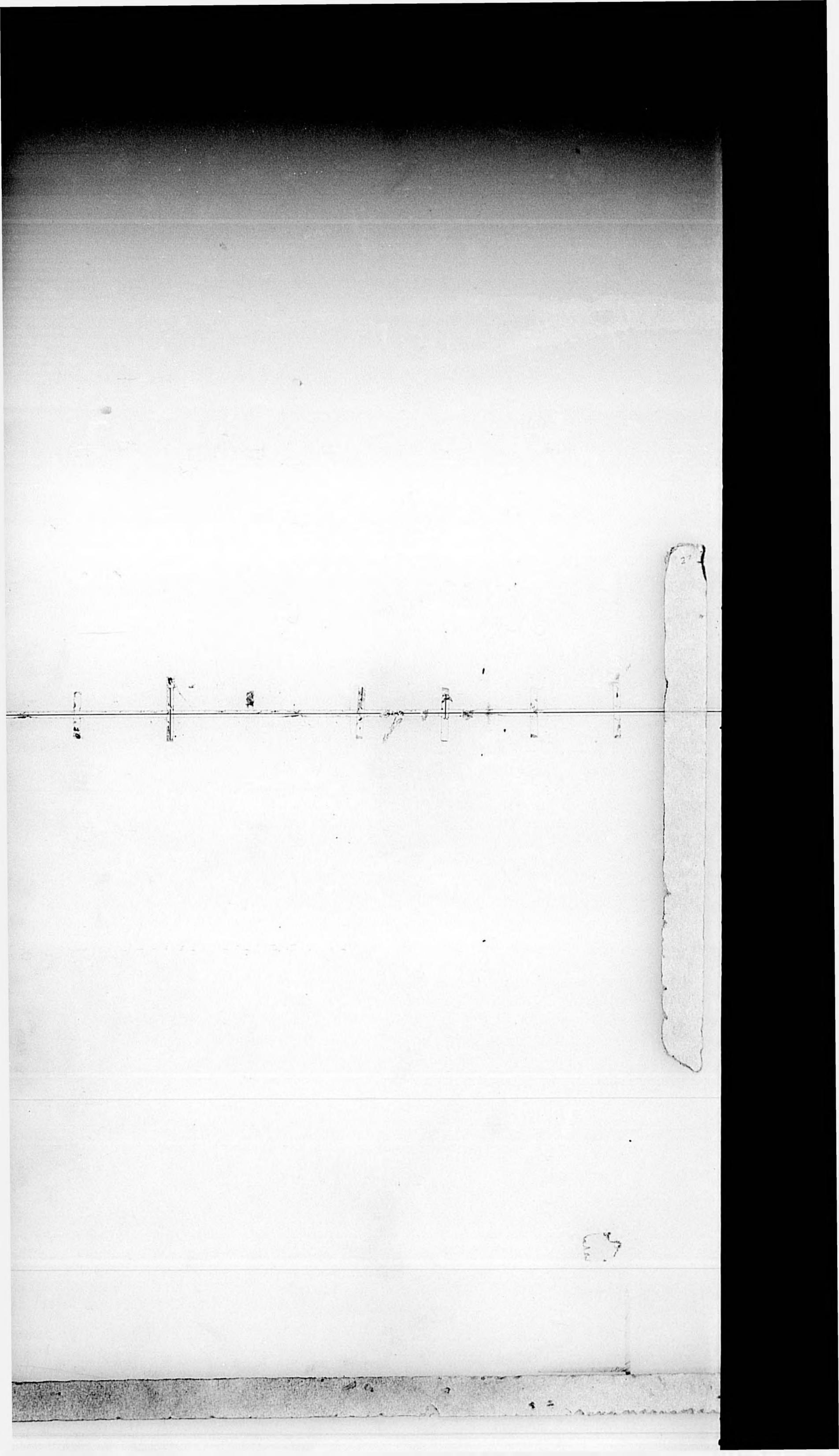
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## ESPN's Fowler at UCF Football Awards Show

Special to the Herald

ORLANDO - ESPN's Chris Fowler, will be the guest speaker at the DampRid UCF Football Awards Show Saturday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in the UCF Arena.

The event is open to the public free of charge and will include the presentation of awards from the 1999 season. UCF coach Mike Krzyzewski will name the team's most valuable offensive and defensive players, as well as 19 other team awards. A player autograph session will take place prior to the show, beginning at 6:30.

Fowler has been ESPN's primary college football studio host since 1989. He anchors college GameDay, the network's award-winning Saturday morning college football preview show, The Weekend Kickoff Show, and College Football Scoreboard. In addition, he hosts ESPN's Heisman Trophy Presentation and The Home Depot College Football Awards Show.

Candidates for the most valuable on offense include quarterback Vic Penn and receiver Charles Lee.

Penn had the task of filling the void left by the graduation of All-American Daunte Culpepper, who had his jersey retired at last year's event. Penn finished the year with the third-highest single-season passing yardage total of 3,078 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Lee wound up one reception shy of the school mark for catches in a season with 87 for 1,133 yards and five touchdowns. His electrifying 83-yard touchdown reception against Auburn was the second-longest in school history.

Defensively, safety Damian Demps and tackle Justen Moore are among those vying for MVP honors.

Demps led the team with 72 tackles, including 44 solo, and two interceptions while Moore, a four-year starter, finished fifth in total tackles, but had a team-high 12 tackles behind the line of scrimmage. He finished his career as the record holder in that category with 38.

### UCF, ONE STEP CLOSER TO DRIVING SOFTBALL HOME

ORLANDO - The University of Central Florida made a giant step toward establishing a women's softball program at the school Thursday as former Texas Tech coach Renee Gillispie has been singled out by the search committee as the recommended candidate for the coaching position. Her hiring will become official after the search is reviewed by university officials and a contract is issued.

Gillispie, who announced her resignation at Texas Tech this week, has spent the past nine years building the programs of three different schools. UCF is hoping to revive its own program, which started in 1975, but was disbanded after the 1980 season.

Gillispie will have the remainder of 2000 and 2001 to organize the program, which will begin play in the spring of 2002 at a soon-to-be-built on-campus softball complex.

Gillispie stood out because she has started programs at other schools and brought them to national

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# Silver Hawks soar into finals

## Pryce leads Lake Howell girls into 4A Soccer Championship contest

From Staff Reports

TALLAHASSEE - No. 1-ranked Lake Howell moved within one victory of the state championship as Nandi Pryce scored twice to lead the Silver Hawks past previously undefeated and No. 3-ranked Valrico-Bloomingdale, 3-1, at the Florida State University Sports Complex Friday afternoon.

With the win, Lake Howell (26-6-2) advanced to its first state final after being eliminated in the semifinals last year. The Silver Hawks will face No. 8-ranked Coral Gables, which upset No. 2-ranked Boca Raton-Spanish River, 2-1 in sudden-death overtime Friday, at 3 p.m. today (Saturday) in the Class 4A final.

Pryce, who was playing with the U.S. National Team when Lake Howell lost the district championship game two weeks ago, put Lake Howell ahead to stay when she scored unassisted in the sixth minute of the game.

The Silver Hawks then got what proved to be the winning goal when Randi Holcomb found the net after an assist from Piper Seaman in the game's 38th minute.

The Bulls (26-1-2) cut the lead in half on freshman Ashley Quaid's 20th goal of the season on an assist from Heather Williams in the 63rd minute, but Pryce came back with an insurance goal in the 79th minute on a shot from just past the mid-field line into an empty net.

Lake Howell dominated the action as its defense, led by goalkeeper Kim Angel, held Bloomingdale to just eight shots, five of which were stopped by Angel. The Silver Hawks had 15 shots on goal.

### LAKE MARY UPSET, LYMAN VICTORIOUS IN RAMINOLE

LAKE MARY - Seabreeze upset Lake Mary on the final day of the Raminole Classic at Lake Mary High School, 7-4, Friday night.

In the other game, Lyman (5-3), which struggled in its own tournament last week, completed a perfect 4-0 run in the Raminole, whipping Spruce Creek 11-1.

The Rams (6-2) jumped out to an early lead on Eric Schmoock's two-run homer, but bases on balls and errors led to five of the Sandcrabs' runs as they ended Lake Mary's winning streak at six games.

Tucker Pearce went 2-for-3 with a double. Chad Legate was 1-for-3 with a triple and Matt Horwath was 1-for-2 as Seabreeze limited the Rams to just five hits.

Adam Sanabria pitched 5-1/3 innings in a losing cause. Stephen Apfel and Ryan Treitlen worked in the sixth and seventh innings.

Lake Mary will travel to Altamonte Springs to face the Lake Brantley Patriots on Wednesday, March 1st at 7 p.m. at Dyke Field.

In other SAC baseball action from Friday, Lake Howell posted a pair of shutouts, 5-0 over Cocoa and 10-0 over Baker County.

### OVIEDO BOYS HOLD OFF LYMAN IN LACROSSE

LONGWOOD - The Oviedo boys lacrosse team

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FILE PHOTO

Senior Piper Seaman, who leads the team in both scoring and assists, had an assist Friday afternoon as the Lake Howell girls advanced to Saturday's Class 4A State Championship Game with a 3-1 win over previously unbeaten Valrico-Bloomingdale in Tallahassee.

<p><b>SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS</b> at Florida State University, Tallahassee</p> <p><b>SEMIFINALS</b> FRIDAY 2/25</p> <p>Coral Gables 2, Boca Raton-Spanish River 1, sudden-death overtime Lake Howell (26-6-2) 3, Valrico-Bloomingdale (26-1-2) 1</p> <p><b>FINALS</b> SATURDAY 2/26</p> <p>Coral Gables vs. Lake Howell (26-6-2), 3 p.m.</p> <p><b>BOYS BASKETBALL CLASS 6A-REGIONALS QUARTERFINALS</b> Thursday 2/24</p> <p>Oviedo 52, Edgewater (21-9) 47</p>	<p><b>SEMIFINALS</b> Tuesday 2/29</p> <p>Oviedo (25-4) vs. Columbia High School at Lake City, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONALS CLASS 5A-FINALS</b> SATURDAY 2/26</p> <p>Lakeland-George Jenkins (26-3) at Lyman (26-5), 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>CLASS 6A-FINALS</b> SATURDAY 2/26</p> <p>Orange Park (30-2) at Winter Springs (29-3), 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BOYS WRESTLING</b> SATURDAY 2/26</p> <p>State Championships at The Lakeland Center, 9 a.m.</p>
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## Central Baptist widens lead in Church Softball

By Dean Smith  
SPORTS EDITOR

SANFORD - Craig Jones' pinch-hit, two out, bases loaded single in the bottom of the seventh inning drove in the winning run as Sanford Central Baptist Church completed a sweep and remained undefeated in the City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department Church Polar Bear Slow Pitch Softball League at Pinehurst Park last Monday night.

Joey Perry had driven in five runs and Vic Elsey and Tommy Gracey combined to plate five more as Sanford Central Baptist Church whipped Westview Baptist Church 14-2 in five innings in a make-up game from a contest rained out on January 31st.

But things were much different in the regularly scheduled contest.

Things started out normally for Sanford Central Baptist as Jones singled in two runs and Aaa Evans followed with a two-run home run in the bottom of the first inning to give the

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Photo by OHS Media Center

SANFORD - The Optimist Club of Sanford recently honored 6-foot-6 sophomore boys basketball player Robby DuPre as its Seminole High School Athlete of the Week for the week of January 4th through January 7th. The talented center/forward won the honor after scoring 74

points, pulling down 30 rebounds, handing out five assists and claiming nine steals in games against Lake Mary, Deltona and Lake Brantley.

Martin is shown receiving his certificate from Optimist Club of Sanford members Betty Vann (left) and Mark Hoeller.

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## HOWELL RUTH CHAMPIONS

The Winter Springs Baseball League has wrapped up its Fall Youth Tournament for the Winter Springs Baseball League. The past Sunday crowning champions in 11 different divisions.

The final scores in the championship games were (champions and runners-up in each league received trophies):

3rd-5th Grade Girls - Lady Miracles 38, Lady Wildcats 21.  
3rd Grade Boys - Tars 35, Wolverines 22.  
4th Grade Boys - Spartans 25, Wolverines 22.  
5th Grade Boys - Blue Devils 39, Tar Heels 25.  
6th-8th Grade Girls - Lady

6th-8th Grade Boys - Fighting Irish 30.  
7th-9th Grade Boys - Winter Park PAL 49, Magic Hoops 47.  
8th Grade Boys - Military Lions 43, Fighting Irish 30.  
7th-9th Grade Girls - Lady Vols 58, Lady Wildcats 15.  
High School Boys - Seminole 63, Knights 47.

The Regular Season Division Champions were:

Kindergarten Co-Ed - Knights 5-0.  
First Grade Co-Ed - Pacers 4-4.  
Second Grade Co-Ed - Gators 5-0.  
Third-Fifth Grade Girls - Lady Wildcats 6-2.

4th-6th Grade Boys - Blue Devils 7-1.  
Fourth Grade Boys - Spartans 7-1.  
Fifth Grade Boys - Blue Devils 7-1.  
Fifth-Sixth Grade Girls - Lady Comets 5-0.  
Sixth Grade Boys - Lakers 5-0.  
Seventh Grade Boys - Blue Devils 5-2.  
Seventh Grade Select Girls - Magic Hoops 5-1.  
Seventh Grade High School Girls - Lady Vols 7-1.  
Eighth Grade Boys - Fighting Irish 5-0.  
High School Boys - Gators 7-1.

Registration is still open for the spring basketball season. Parents can register by mail to Winter Springs Basketball League, 102 Laurel Drive, San-

ford, Florida 32776.

The Winter Springs Basketball League has the following divisions: 5-1st grade Co-Ed, 2nd grade Co-Ed, 3-4, 5th grade girls, 3rd grade boys, 4th grade boys, 5th grade boys, 6th grade boys.

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## Briefs

**ALTAMONTE SULTAN OF SWAT PRE-SEASON BABE RUTH BASEBALL TOURNAMENT**

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS - The Altamonte Springs Department of Leisure Services and Altamonte Babe Ruth Baseball would like to announce the annual Sultan of Swat Tournament will take place from March 17th thru March 19th at the state of the art Eastmonte Park Baseball Complex.

The tournament will consist of two divi-

sions. A Babe Ruth Prep division and a Cal Ripken Majors division with eight teams in each division.

The tournament is designed for rostered Babe Ruth League teams only. The deadline for registration is Friday March 3, 2000. Teams will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information please call: Bob Bourgery at 407-830-3883 or E-mail bob@altamonte.org.

## Church

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leaders a 4-0 lead.

The lead increased to 5-0 after two innings before Westview Baptist started its comeback with three runs in the top of the third inning.

Sanford Central Baptist was able to maintain its lead, however, and carried a 7-5 advantage into the top of the seventh inning.

But after a fly out, Hires singled and Crandall blasted a two-run home run that tied the game at 7-7.

With one out in the bottom of the seventh inning, Dave Moss singled and Perry walked before Mike McCoy hit into a fielder's choice, forcing Perry at second. Gracey, who was 3-for-3 to this point, was intentionally walked to load the bases to set up a force out, but Jones, who had left the game in the second inning, returned to the game and spoiled the strategy with his game-winning single.

In the other game, the Knights of Columbus kept its championship hopes alive, scoring seven runs in the top of the fourth inning, with Mike Verses' three-run double being the big blow, to break away from a 4-3 lead and coasting to a 16-5 victory over Centro Cristiano.

Sanford Central Baptist is now 6-0 on the season and lead the Knights of Columbus (4-1), Westview Baptist (1-5) and Centro Cristiano (0-5).

Because there are still three rained out games to be made up, there will be another tripeheader played at Pinehurst Park this Monday night starting at 6:30 p.m.

Providing the offense were:

Game 1 - Sanford Central Baptist: three hits - Tommy Gracey (run, two RBI); two hits - Joey Perry (home run, triple, three runs, five RBI); Aaa Evans (triple, double, two runs); Mike McCoy (double,

run), Vic Elsey (run, three RBI); Ken Perry and Jeff Neff (one run scored each); one hit - Craig Jones, Jeff Berryhill and Dave Moss (one run scored each); one run scored - Brian Morgan.

Westview Baptist: two hits - Crandall (run, RBI); one hit - Scheels (run), Seffred.

Game 2 - Central Baptist: three hits - Aaa Evans (home run, double, two runs, three RBI); Tommy Gracey (two runs); two hits - Craig Jones (run, three RBI); one hit - Dave Moss (run, RBI); Rob Thacker (RBI); Ken Perry (run), Jeff Neff; one run scored - Mike McCoy.

Westview Baptist: two hits - Crandall (home run, double, three runs, four RBI), Seffred (RBI), Pate, Cline; one hit - Hires and Jackson (one run scored each); Page; one run scored - Littleton, Scheels.

Knights of Columbus: two hits - Anton Grooms (double, run, two RBI); one hit - Erin Reno (home run, three runs, RBI); Joe Santora (triple, two runs, two RBI); Mike Verses (double, two runs, three RBI); Joel Lipcomb (double, two runs); Jim Davis (double, two RBI); Bryan Fenner (double, RBI); Don Macher (two runs, RBI); one run scored, one RBI - Dennis Roman, Dennis La-Cour; one run scored - Tony Reno.

Centro Cristiano: two hits - Augie Franco (two doubles, run, two RBI); Julio Galarza (run, RBI); one hit - David Rivera (double, run, RBI); Javier Camacho (RBI); John Lavenguez (run), William Garay; one run scored - Julio Torres.

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## Rodriguez homers in SCC baseball win

**By Dean Smith**  
SPORTS EDITOR

SANFORD - Former Oviedo High School and Sanford American Legion Post 53 star Rich Rodriguez gave the Seminole Community College baseball team a big lift as it opened a five-game homestand at Raider Field on Thursday afternoon.

Rodriguez, a sophomore, hit a two-out, three runs home run in the bottom of the fifth inning to erase a 3-2 deficit and SCC held on for a 6-5 victory over Brevard Community College.

The victory was very important for the Raiders as it ended a long losing streak and came on the heels of a 14-7 setback at the hands of Manatee Community College in Bradenton on Wednesday.

SCC (3-13) was to have played Miami-Dade Community College on Friday and will host Catonville Community College from Maryland on Sunday (2/27) at 2 p.m. before opening Mid-Florida Conference play by welcoming Lake City Community College to town on Tuesday for a 2:30 p.m. contest.

The homestand will conclude with an M-FC contest with St. Johns River Community College from Palatka on Thursday (3/2) at 3 p.m. at Raider Field.

The Raiders got off to a horrible start against Manatee Community College on Wednesday as the Lancers quickly erased a 1-0 deficit to take a 10-1 lead after five innings.

SCC did collect 11 hits in the loss, led by Christian Corvos with a 3-for-4 game that included a double, two runs scored and an RBI, and Juan Chacon with a 3-for-5 afternoon that included two runs scored.

Also contributing were Rodriguez (2-for-4, double, RBI), Brian Gehr (1-for-2, run), Lake Mary's Justin Hogan (1-for-2), Ben Johannning (1-for-3, run, two RBI) and Todd Babij (one run scored).

Former Lake Mary High School and Sanford Post 53 star Matt Allegra was hit by a pitch and scored a run for Manatee.

Brian Babij hit a solo home run and Adam Shorts doubled and scored on a single by Hogan to put the Raiders ahead 2-0 in the bottom of the second inning against Brevard.

The Titans came back to tie the game in the top of the third inning with former Lyman player Kevin Naa getting home one run by hitting into a double play.

BCC then took the lead in the top of the fourth inning when former Lake Howell star Neal Maybin homered.

But in the bottom of the fifth inning, Chacon and Corvos walked and Rodriguez hit his home run to put the hosts ahead to stay.

The Titans got an unearned run in the top of the sixth inning to cut the lead to 5-

4, but Corvos homered with one out in the eighth inning and winning pitcher Jared Bahnen (1-1) was able to get out of the ninth inning by giving up just one run.

Contributing to an 11-hit SCC attack were Shorts (3-for-5, double, run), Todd Babij (2-for-5, double), Hogan (2-for-4, RBI), Rodriguez (1-for-5, home run, run, three RBI), Bryan Babij (1-for-2, home run, run, RBI), Corvos (1-for-3, home run, run, RBI), Chacon (1-for-4, run) and Sanford's Gary Rivers (one run scored).



Photo courtesy of Seminole Community College

Rich Rodriguez had good middle of the and an RBI against Manatee on Wednesday week for the Seminole Community College and blasting a game-winning three-run home baseball team, going 2-for-4 with a double run against Brevard on Thursday.

**WEDNESDAY 2/28**  
at Bradenton

**LANCERS 14, RAIDERS 7**

Seminole C.C. 100 008 000 - 7 11 3  
Manatee C.C. 135 028 028 - 14 14 5  
Baker, Meyer (9) and Rodriguez, Shipp and Caperton.  
WP - Shipp (1-3), LP - Baker (0-3), Save - 2B  
SCC, Corvos, Rodriguez; MCC, Hanaley, Summerrill,  
Kragt; 3B - none, HR - none, Records - MCC 5-7.

**THURSDAY 2/24**  
at Raider Field, Sanford

**RAIDERS 6, TITANS 5**

Brevard C.C. 002 101 001 - 5 0 1  
Seminole C.C. 000 000 010 - 6 11 5  
Hawkins, Harvis (5), Gula (7), Ion (8) and Bono.  
Bahnen and Corvos, WP - Bahnen (1-1), LP  
Hawkins (3-1), Save - none, 2B - SCC, Croley; SCC, T.  
Babij, Shorts; 3B - none, HR - SCC, Maybin; SCC, B.  
Babij, Corvos, Rodriguez; Records - SCC 6-8; SCC 3-13.

## SCC softball team hits pot in conference road

**By Dean Smith**  
SPORTS EDITOR

LEESBURG - The Seminole Community College softball team had been flying high and was looking to remain undefeated in the Mid-Florida Conference with powers Santa Fe Community College, Lake City Community College and Daytona Beach Community College still ahead on the schedule.

But Lake-Sumter Community College had ideas of its own about the conference race in Leesburg on Thursday and sent the Raiders home with a big loss and a tie in a game suspended after 10 innings by darkness.

SCC was held to only six hits, while the Lakers jumped on Jodi Wood for six runs through the first four innings and coasted to a 7-1 victory in the first game.

In the nightcap, the Raiders had to comeback twice to force the suspension, scoring single runs in third and fourth in-

nings to erase a 2-0 deficit and scoring two runs in the top of the sixth inning to tie the game at 4-4. The game will be completed when L-SCC comes to Sanford in April.

"This (the first game) was an ugly game," said SCC head coach Courtney Miller. "We allowed L-SCC to put it to us. To be honest, we were not focused and ready to play this game. We hit 16 pop-ups and fly balls which were easy outs. All we had to do was hit the ball hard on the ground and it could have been a different outcome."

"Instead, we continued to hit high pitches and our defense committed too many errors for us to be in this ballpark."

The normally steady Raiders defense failed the locals as they committed four errors in the first game, and seven on the day, which led to only three of the seven runs in the first game and two of the four in the second game to be earned.

"Hopefully, this loss will be a good learning experience for the team and make them real-

ize how much of the game is mental and that they need to be focused," said Miller.

SCC fell to 10-3-1 overall and 2-1-1 in the conference. The Raiders were to have traveled to Madison on Saturday for a 1 p.m. doubleheader against North Florida Community College before returning home on Tuesday for a Mid-Florida Conference double-dip against Santa Fe Community College from Gainesville starting at 2 p.m.

SCC will also travel to Ocala to play Central Florida Community College in a Mid-Florida Conference "duce" on Thursday at 2 p.m. before taking part in the Polk Community College Tournament in Winter Haven next Saturday and Sunday.

Providing the offense for the Raiders in the first game were Oviedo's Danielle Sequino (3-for-3, run), Lyman's Miranda Schultz (double, RBI) and Deanna Osborn and Lake Howell's Jen Gillespie (one single each).

In the second game, Gillespie was 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI, while Amy Fazio was 2-for-5 with a run.

Also contributing were Lake Mary's Brie Van Swearingen (double), Kelli Vetter (single, run), Osborn (single, RBI), Schultz, Sequino and Oviedo's Lisa Field (one single each) and Michelle Miranda and Kathy Noble (one run scored each).

**LAKE 7-4, RAIDERS 1-4**

**GAME 1**

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**GAME 2**

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(Game stopped by darkness)

Ciccotrone and Gillespie; Reynolds and Mison; 2B - SCC, VanSwearingen; Gillespie; 3B - none, HR - L-SCC; Rinderle; Records - SCC 10-3-1 overall, 2-1-1 M-FC.



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read UCF associate athletic director Mary Kestman. "Everyone we talked to noted that she has brought success to each softball program she has touched."

"We are looking forward to the contributions that she can make at UCF and I am personally looking forward to working with her because she is very personable and I believe she will interact well with the central Florida community and will develop a dynamic program."

Gillispie, 40, spent four years building the Texas Tech program, leading the Red Raiders to a 17th place national ranking in 1998 and a 24th place ranking the following year. Her teams posted a three season record of 115-79-1, garnering runner-up honors to the 1999 NCAA Regional Championship, third place in the 1999 Big 12 Conference Tournament and fourth place in the 1998 conference championship.

Prior to her successful career at Texas Tech, Gillispie rebuilt

and coached the team to a 1998 record of 28-10-1. Gillispie was named to the 1998 All-American team in the Missouri Valley Conference and ranked fifth in the nation for winning percentage.

A member of the National Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association, Gillispie took conference coach of the year honors as head coach of the 1992 Joliet Junior College conference championship softball team in 1991, just after they had posted a 2-29 win-loss record in 1990. She transformed the team into a NJCAA Regional runner-up with a much improved 32-12 record in 1992.

She graduated from West Texas State University in 1994 with a degree in Recreation Administration. Gillispie set seven school records while pitching at WTSU, including records for career strikeouts and career wins.

### 2000 NATIONAL TEAM

Central Florida head women's volleyball coach Ming Fitzgerald announced Thursday the signing of Leyre Santella Santa' (San Juan, Puerto Rico/Academia Maria Reina High School) to a national letter of intent.

Santa', a 5-foot-10 outside hitter, has been a member of the Puerto Rico National Team since 1998, earning a spot on the all-star team at the Norceca Tournament in Puerto Rico in July of 1998.

She was also selected team Most Valuable Player her junior and senior years (1998 & 99) at Academia Maria Reina High School.

Santa', and three other signees, join five returning players from last year's 19-12 team that was the regular season Trans America Athletic Conference championship with a 9-0 mark.

## Preps

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nipped Lyman 9-7 Friday at the Carlton Henley Sports Complex, staving off a furious Greyhound comeback attempt.

Trailing 8-3 following three quarters, Lyman came to life with four goals in the final quarter, but the late charge fell just short in the district contest.

Oviedo led 3-2 at halftime, and used a five goal outburst in the third quarter to take control of the contest.

"We totally dominated in the third quarter," said Oviedo head coach Eddie Norton. "We played about as well as you can play."

Brian Jones scored two goals for Oviedo (1-0), while seven players scored one goal apiece for the Lions. Contributing for Oviedo were Jerome Marrone, Scott Ramey, Bryan Von Dohlen, Kevin Liljenquist, Zach Adams, Jason McDonald, and Mark Wright.

All 26 Oviedo players saw action. "It was a good start to the season for us," Norton said.

Bryan Lynch had a hat-trick with three goals for Lyman, while Nathan Young scored two goals. Also scoring for the Greyhounds were Chad Rogan and Matt Craft.

Oviedo's next game will be at West Orange High School in Winter Garden, 7 p.m. Wednesday.

In other boys' lacrosse games from Friday, Winter Springs ripped Lake Howell 9-7 and Lake Branly trimmed host Flagler-Palm Coast 11-10 in overtime in Bunnell.

In other prep action from Friday: Softball - Lake Mary 3, Oviedo 0; Lake Howell 4, Seminole 1.

Girls Tennis - Winter Springs 7, Trinity Prep 0.

Track - Sunrise Kiwanis Relays on Buddy Lawson Memorial Track at Seminole High School's Thomas E. Whigham Stadium, Boys: 1. Seminole, 133; 2. Lyman, 109; 3. Polinciana, 101; 4. Lake Branly 62-1/2; 5. Pine Ridge, 49-1/2; 6. Lake Mary, 49; 7. Oviedo, 33; 8. Lake Howell, 31. Girls: 1. Lake Mary, 100; 2. Lyman, 88-1/2; 3. Lake Branly, 86; 4. Pine Ridge, 84; 5. Polinciana, 55-1/2; 6. Seminole, 53; 7. Oviedo, 53; 8. Lake Howell, 29.

Boys Wrestling State Championships at the Lakeland Center - Lyman stood 14th after the first day with 26.5 points and Oviedo was 17th with 23 points.

Also on today's schedule (Saturday) will be the Girls' Basketball Regional Finals with Winter Springs hosting Orange Park and Lyman hosting Lakeland-George Jenkins. Both games will start at 7:30 p.m. with the winners advancing to next week's State Tournament.

### BOYS LACROSSE

at Carlton Henley Sports Complex, Longwood

LIONS 9, GREYHOUNDS 7

Oviedo 1 2 5 1 - 9  
Lyman 1 1 1 4 - 7  
Goals - Oviedo 9 (Jones 2, Marrone, Ramey, Von Dohlen, Liljenquist, Adams, McDonald, Wright); Lyman 7 (Lynch 3, Young 2, Rogan, Craft). Records - Oviedo 1-0; Lyman 0-1.

### FHSAA GIRLS STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS CLASS 4A SEMIFINALS

at FSU Women's Sports Complex, Tallahassee

GAME 1 CAVALIERS 2, SHARKS 1

(second-half overtime)

Coral Gables 0 1 0 1 - 2  
Boca Raton-Spanish River 0 1 0 0 - 1

Scoring - 1. Coral Gables, Cauglia (Causacelli), 62nd minute; 2. Spanish River, Tolleson (Schumate), 79th minute; 3. Coral Gables, Causacelli (Cauglia), 94th minute. Shots on goal - Coral Gables 13; Spanish River 29. Saves - Coral Gables 24; Spanish River 8. Corner Kicks - Coral Gables 5; Spanish River 11. Fouls - Coral Gables 12; Spanish River 13.

GAME 2 SILVER HAWKS 3, BULLS 1

Scoring - 1. Lake Howell, Pryce (unassisted), 6th minute; 2. Lake Howell, Holcomb (Seaman), 38th minute; 3. Bloomingtondale, Guaid (Williams), 63rd minute; 4. Lake Howell, Pryce (unassisted), 70th minute; 5. Lake Howell, Seaman; 6. Lake Howell 15, Seaves, Bloomingtondale; 7. Lake Howell 5, Corner Kicks - Bloomingtondale 4; Lake Howell 14. Fouls - Bloomingtondale 4; Lake Howell 14. Records - Lake Howell 26-2; Bloomingtondale 26-1-2.

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CASE NO. 99-2898 CA

CHASE MORTGAGE COMPANY FKA CHEMICAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs. LUIS CORREA AND JUSTINA CORREA FKA JUSTINA ORTIZ, MORTGAGE CORPORATION OF AMERICA, Defendants.

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### Non-Fiction

1. **TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE**, by Mitch Albom. (Doubleday, \$19.95.) A sports-writer 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. **'TIS**, by Frank McCourt. (Scribner, \$26.) An Irish immigrant gets used to life in America: a memoir.
4. **HAVE A NICE DAY!** by Mick Foley. (ReganBooks/HarperCollins, \$25.) The autobiography of a professional wrestler known as Mankind.
5. **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.
6. **THE ART OF HAPPINESS**, by the Dalai Lama and Howard C. Cutler. (Riverhead, \$22.95.) What Buddhist doctrines and common sense tell us about dealing with everyday problems.
7. **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.
8. **FROM THIS DAY FORWARD**, by Colde Roberts and Steve Roberts. (Morrow, \$24.) Two journalists reflect on their life together and on the institution of marriage.
9. **FAITH OF MY FATHERS**, by John McCain with Mark Salter. (Random House, \$25.) The United States senator (and former P.O.W.) remembers his life in the Navy and that of his father and grandfather.
10. **A VAST CONSPIRACY**, by Jeffrey Tobin. (Random House, \$26.95.) A journalist's account of the sex scandal that led to the impeachment of President Clinton.

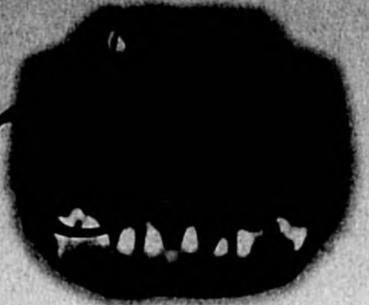


### Fiction

1. **THE BROTHERS**, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$27.95.) Three former judges, doing time at a federal prison in Florida, concoct a lucrative mail scam that goes awry.
2. **HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS**, by J. K. Rowling. (Lavine/Scholastic, \$17.95.) A British boy finds trouble when he returns to a witchcraft school.
3. **HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN**, by J. K. Rowling. (Lavine/Scholastic, \$19.95.) A British boy's life at a school for witchcraft is threatened.
4. **GAP CREEK**, by Robert Morgan. (Algonquin, \$22.95.) The fortunes of a struggling young couple in Appalachia during the final years of the 19th century.
5. **THE LION'S GAME**, by Nelson DeMille. (Warner, \$28.95.) A former New York homicide detective helps federal agents as they pursue a Libyan terrorist.
6. **HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE**, by J. K. Rowling. (Lavine/Scholastic, \$16.95.) A British boy finds his fortune attending a school for witchcraft.
7. **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.
8. **THE ATTORNEY**, by Steve Martin. (Putnam, \$25.95.) A lawyer represents an elderly man who, after winning a multimillion-dollar state lottery, is accused of sexual abuse by his drug addict daughter.
9. **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.
10. **TIMELINE**, by Michael Crichton. (Knopf, \$28.95.) Using the latest computer technology, a group of historians travels back to 14th-century feudal France.



# Preserving the hunted



Taxidermist Gary Gray finishes the cosmetic touches on a hen. Gray owns a taxidermy business in Oviedo, located at 438 Aulin Ave. The store has been open since the mid '80s, and Gray has more than 20 years of experience. For more information about the business and its services, call 407-366-1723.

## Oviedo man continues the tradition of taxidermy

By Michelle Joris  
Managing Editor

In the mid-1970s, 16-year-old Gary Gray killed a bobcat during a hunt and decided to have a taxidermist mount it.

The decision marked the beginning of a career for the teen-ager.

"It cost \$75 in 1976 to have it mounted, which was a lot of money back then," Gray said. "And, when it was finished, it looked awful. I figured I could do the same thing — only better. That's how bad it looked."

Plans for a taxidermy shop were put on hold, however, while Gray attended college to earn a degree in education. He did keep a hand in the craft by working as an apprentice to a professional taxidermist.

Finishing college, Gray said he wasn't interested in teaching, so he went to work as an inspector in a slaughter house. At 26, he decided to officially get into the taxidermy business and opened his own shop. Two years later, he moved the business to its present location in Oviedo.

Although fairly new to the recent graduate, taxidermy — the art of mounting or replicating animals — has been around for hundreds of years. During the 18th century, chemicals were discovered that would preserve skins, hair and feather from decay. Early attempts at taxidermy included stuffing the sewed skins with hay or straw.

Techniques, including the use of clay and plaster, improved during the 19th century, which created the basis of modern taxidermy. Today, resins, celluloid and other plastics are used to create animal replicas, including fish and other soft-bodied creatures.

Although modern techniques are fairly typical for every taxidermist, according to Gray there is no typical day for people in his profession.

"Most taxidermists are moderately lazy," he said. "We like to fish and hunt."

A usual week means Gray may be at the business between 35 and 40 hours. However, during the busy season, he can work more than 60 hours a week.

The art of taxidermy includes skinning, flesh-

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# An observer through time

## From near and far, Bistline watches as Longwood continuously changes

Fred Bistline, 73, a lifelong resident of Longwood, is a retired horticulturist from the Minute Maid division of Coca Cola Foods where he was employed for 42 years. Mr. Bistline is a Trustee with the Central Florida Society for Historic Preservation, and past president of the Florida Historical Society. Fred and his wife of 50 years Carolyn remain active in church and club work. Both say that their secret to a happy marriage is forgiveness. The couple have four children and two grandchildren. Mr. Bistline recently shared his views about his life, marriage, and the city of Longwood with staff writer Bill Kerns.

Wekiwa Springs is today, only developed and privately owned. There were water slides, a juke box, and it was the place for teen-agers to congregate in the 1930s and '40s. Churches would have end-of-the-year picnics there. People would come from Daytona Beach, Orlando and Sanford.

It was open at night, and it just hardly cost anything. Unfortunately, it was sold and there's now a housing development out there. The other place to go in Longwood of course was the Dog Track.

**Q: What changes have you seen in the city of Longwood that stand out in your mind?**

**A:** "Longwood, as well as other cities along State Road 427 — that was the road between here and Orlando — kind of went to sleep after Highway 17-92 was built in the 1920s. These little towns went into hibernation. That really didn't change until after World War II.

First, the Cape started to be developed. Then Martin Marietta gave employment to a lot of people, and Central Florida hasn't stopped booming since. In the 1930s and '40s, there really wasn't much activity in Longwood. State Road 434 didn't go any farther than Sanlando Springs.

**Q: What was Sanlando Springs?**

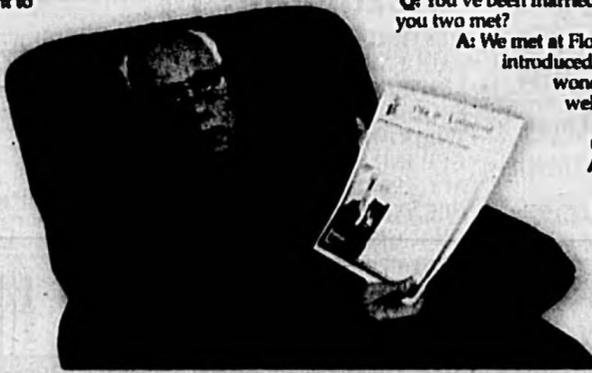
**A:** It was like Rock Springs or

**Q: How do you feel about Longwood's development today?**

**A:** Business-wise, Longwood has gone from a couple of saw mills to a pretty high-tech, industrial town. The Industrial Park seems to be booming.

**Q: You've been married to Carolyn for 50 years. Is there a story behind how you two met?**

**A:** We met at Florida Southern College in Lakeland. Mutual friends introduced us, and we just got to know each other. We have four wonderful children. I don't know how they turned out so well.



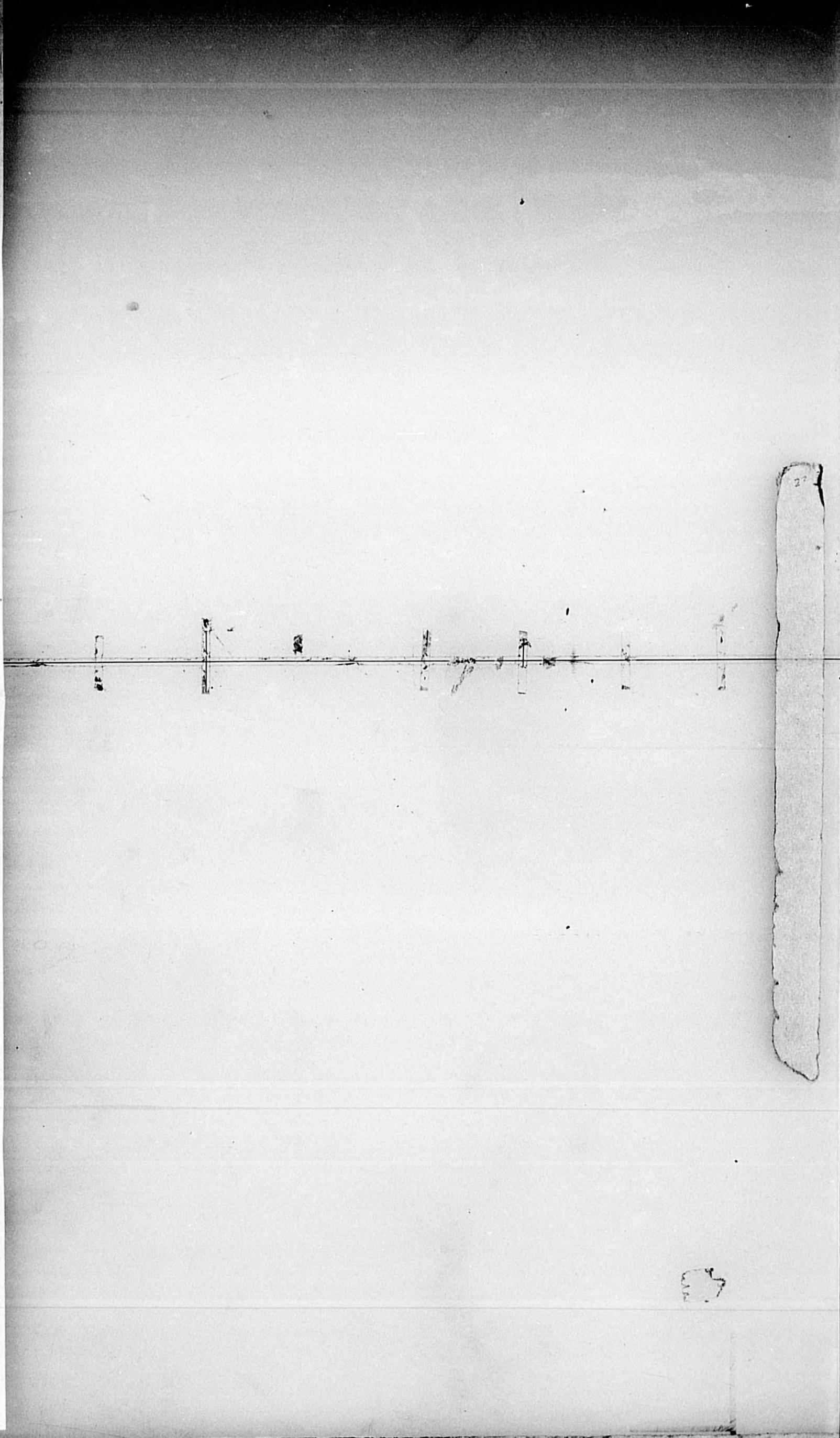
**Q: What the secret to a happy marriage?**

**A:** You have to be willing to forgive each other.

**Q: What's the best advice you've ever been given?**

**A:** It was from my father (John Bistline, a former Seminole County School Board member for 22 years. Fred Bistline is a former Seminole County School trustee). He told me to work hard and be honest. He certainly lived that way.

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# Tommy Vincent's Faces Around Seminole County



Michael Rodriguez, executive director of Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce, speaks to Chamber members at a recent Greater Sanford Seminole Chamber of Commerce meeting.



Max, a Chinese Pug, walks his owner, Claudia Webber through downtown Sanford. The canine was also checking out the numerous passers-by who were also enjoying the day.



Tina St. Peter, an employee of Bucks Catering and Gabriel's, is president-elect of the newly created Sanford Seminole County Chamber of Commerce.



Can Scouts from Sanford Troop 2079 pose with their dogs in downtown Sanford. Pictured from left are Atlanta Cramas, Kaley Cramas, and Courtney Freeburn.

## Angry woman won't put up with co-workers put-downs

DEAR ABBY: Every day I wake up and think, "What do I have to do today to make my co-workers love me?" I'm a woman, I'm a mother, and I'm a professional. I'm not asking for much, but I want to be respected and treated with the same courtesy and respect that I give to everyone else.

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The USS Yorktown (CV-5) is the only aircraft carrier to have served in all four major theaters of World War II: the Pacific, the Atlantic, the Mediterranean, and the Philippines. She served in Korea and Vietnam. In 1968, she recovered the crew of Apollo 8, the first manned flight to orbit the moon.

The sounds of sailors no longer ring on her deck or in her galleys. You can visit the Yorktown now and hear the



Special to the Herald  
Chaperone Melvin Harris stands by one of the aircraft on board the Yorktown.

USS Yorktown was decommissioned in 1976. In 1978, she became a living history exhibit at Patriot's Point in South Carolina.

Boy Scout Troop 907 from Lake Mary visited the Yorktown recently. They spent two nights aboard the ship, sleeping in the bunks that once housed sailors. They ate in the officer's mess and even participated in a fire drill. There have been a few changes made in the Yorktown since it was decommissioned. Onboard the Yorktown are dozens of displays devoted to maritime and naval history, including the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's museum and headquarters. On the Yorktown's deck are more than 24 historic military aircraft. The addition that the Scouts thought "was really cool" was the flight simulator. They also had a great time learning about the



Mary Rowell

wouldn't die" after surviving Japanese kamikaze attacks while at Okinawa. The U.S. Coast Guard cutter Ingham fought in the convoy battles of the North Atlantic and sank a German U-boat. The diesel attack submarine USS Ciamagore is also at Patriot's Point.

The Scouts toured the Navy Advance Tactical Support Base from the Vietnam era which is on shore near the Yorktown. They also visited nearby Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie. For many of the boys, this



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Boy Scouts visiting Patriot's Point include, in the front row, Britain Rusher, Tommy Schaffer, Jesse Wood, Spencer Grover, Venal Shenoy, Tyler Batchelder and Nick Rowell. In the back row are Paul Baschore, Brad Zeak, Ryan Laggner, Brett Law, Matt Foster, Eric Schmidt and Jason Zeak.

wasn't their first trip to the Yorktown. It is one of their favorite places to visit. One of the boys said he

likes to go "because you can almost feel what it's like to be a sailor." Of course, boys can go to battleships alone. They

were very fortunate to have adult chaperones willing to give their time and energy for the trip.

## Birth of Robert James Emory announced

Robert James Emory was born Dec. 30, 1999, at 7:32 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 20 inches long. Parents are James and Wendy Emory of Sanford, and he has a sister, Jamie Lee Emory who is 9 years old.

Maternal grandparents are Wayne and Patricia Dykes of Deltona. Paternal grandparents are C.J. and Marion Emory of Sanford. Maternal great-grandparents are Leona Cupp and Margaret Dom of Sanford.

## Taxidermy

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ing and sizing the animal, tanning the hide and then sewing the skin back together.

"And, once the skin dries, you do the cosmetic work to make it look pretty," Gray said.

Preserving a fish is slightly different. Styrofoam bodies are used so it retains its shape, and the cosmetic work is more intricate.

"All the color leaves the fish after it is preserved," Gray said. "You have to paint the entire fish. In order to be good, you really have to know what the fish looks like."

Gray has preserved and mounted a variety of animals, including deer, alligators, wild hogs and turkeys. He even mounted a walrus killed in Alaska when it was still legal. But he won't do any animals on the endangered list ("they shouldn't be touched anyway") and he won't do pets.

"Pet owners know what their animal looked like — they may have had a special grin," Gray said. "They are seldom happy, and most taxidermists won't do pets."

"When you shoot a deer, you don't know what kind of smile it

had."

When asked about the new trend of recreating the entire animal from synthetic material, Gray scowls.

"I hate doing that," he said. "To me, it isn't a true form of taxidermy."

Synthetic fish also add credence to his belief that the traditional form of taxidermy is a dying art. "The volume of work is decreasing because of the concrete and asphalt," he said. "The animals are getting run over more than they are getting shot. "It is going out fast," he said. "It's going to turn out that only the rich — who can afford to travel to designated hunting areas — will be the only people able to hunt."

Even though Gray said he is not sure about the future of taxidermy, he has no plans of giving it up.

"I enjoy what I do," he said. "If you don't like doing this type of work, it definitely shows from an artistic standpoint."

"You can make a living at it, but you won't get rich," he said. "And, most importantly, you can go fishing and hunting whenever you want."

## Ware, Sapp say wedding vows

Renee Machell Ware and Cornelius Lopez Sapp Sr. announce their marriage.

The wedding occurred Jan. 29, at 5 p.m. at the Centennial Park in the gazebo.

Minister Wilson Gordon officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Marie and Robert Ware of Sanford. The groom is the son of Vera and Mack Sapp of Sanford.

Given in the morning by her Godbrother Aaron Richardson, the bride chose for her vows a formal length gown of ivory lace, long sleeves, fitted bodice with Queen Ann neckline. The gown was accented with pearls and rhinestones. She wore a headpiece of pearls with accented bow and net. She carried a cascade of white, silk tear drop roses accented with gold and black streamers.

Nancy Denise Smith attended the bride as matron of honor. She wore a white lace ankle length gown accented with gold and black bouquet of roses.

Bridesmaids were Rosa Chonda Ware and Chemeckla Denise Young. They wore identical gowns to the matron of honor.



Mr. and Mrs. Sapp Sr.

Marcus Character served the groom as best man.

Ushers were Stephanya Henry and Sheleah Fields. Groomsmen were David Rouse and Antonio Rouse.

Flower girls were Marcia Harris, Chenitra Ware, Shamise Sapp, Chelsea Dixon, and Kenya Hayes. Ringbearer was Cornelius Sapp, Jr.

Following the wedding was a reception dinner held at the Betty Smith Cultural Arts Center. Serving as hostesses were Shelia V. Dixon, Shirley Ware, Ellen Ware and Bluet Kelt. After a brief wedding trip to Miami, the couple will make their home in Sanford.

## VanderBrink, Anderson wed

Myra Kristina Anderson and Justin David VanderBrink were united in holy matrimony Dec. 18 in a candlelight ceremony at the First Baptist Church, Deland. Officiating clergyman for the double ring nuptials was the Rev. Dr. Robert Mulkey assisted by the Rev. Donald G.A. MacLeod.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Ann (Doudney) Anderson, Deland, the maternal granddaughter of Myra S. Doudney and the great granddaughter of Ira E. Southard. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Margaret Anderson of Roanoke, Va.

The bridegroom is the son of Jacob and Jonnie VanderBrink, Greenville, S.C., and is the maternal grandson of Betty Soboslay, Wauchula. The bride chose for her vows a Moonlight Couture design of Italian matte satin fashioned with illusion fitted sleeves. Alencon lace covered the bodice to the basque waistline and edged the gown hemline and monarch train. Silver bugle beads, pearls and sequins lavishly embellished the entire gown. The bride carried a cascade of two dozen white Virginia roses enhanced with Stephanotis, sprays of pearls and ivy.

The bride's nine attendants were attired in floor-length light burgundy gowns designed with velvet bodices and chiffon over taffeta skirts. They carried cascade bouquets of white Virginia roses, white mini carnations, rosita alstros, larkspur and ivy. Area attendants included: Courtney Strawn, matron of honor, Sanford; Jennifer Doudney, Casselberry, and Cami Doudney, Orlando, both cousins of the bride.



Mr. and Mrs. Justin VanderBrink

Also included in the wedding party were Dr. Heather Brooks, sister of the bridegroom, and Christi Brooks, his niece. Jean Marie and Samuel Maierhoffer, cousins of the bride, were flower girl and ring bearer. Both wore white.

The bridegroom and his groomsmen wore black tuxedos with gray vests and white Virginia rose boutonnieres. Best man was Brandon McBride of Tampa. Relatives attending the bridegroom were his brother, John VanderBrink; the bride's brother, Andrew Anderson; and cousins, Michael Doudney and Douglas Doudney Jr.

Following the wedding, the reception of dinner and dancing was held at the DeBary Country Club.

After a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean for a week, the newlyweds are making their home at Marietta, Ga., where the bride is completing her education in design at Georgia State University and the bridegroom is a project estimator for Choate Construction Co.



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## Bistline

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Q: Tell me about your career with Coca-Cola.

A: I was a horticulturist with Minute Maid, which has 20,000 acres of citrus groves in Central Florida.

I was a trouble-shooter. When the citrus would have a disease, insects or other problems, I'd be notified.

Q: What type of traveling did you do with the company?

A: I've been to Nigeria, Mainland China, Panama, El Salvador, Jamaica, the West Indies, the Caribbean, Costa Rica, Baliz, and I spent a lot of time in Mexico. It was based on trying to determine if these areas could provide suitable areas to cultivate citrus.

Q: Do you have a fun story to tell from your travels?

A: We got chased by the

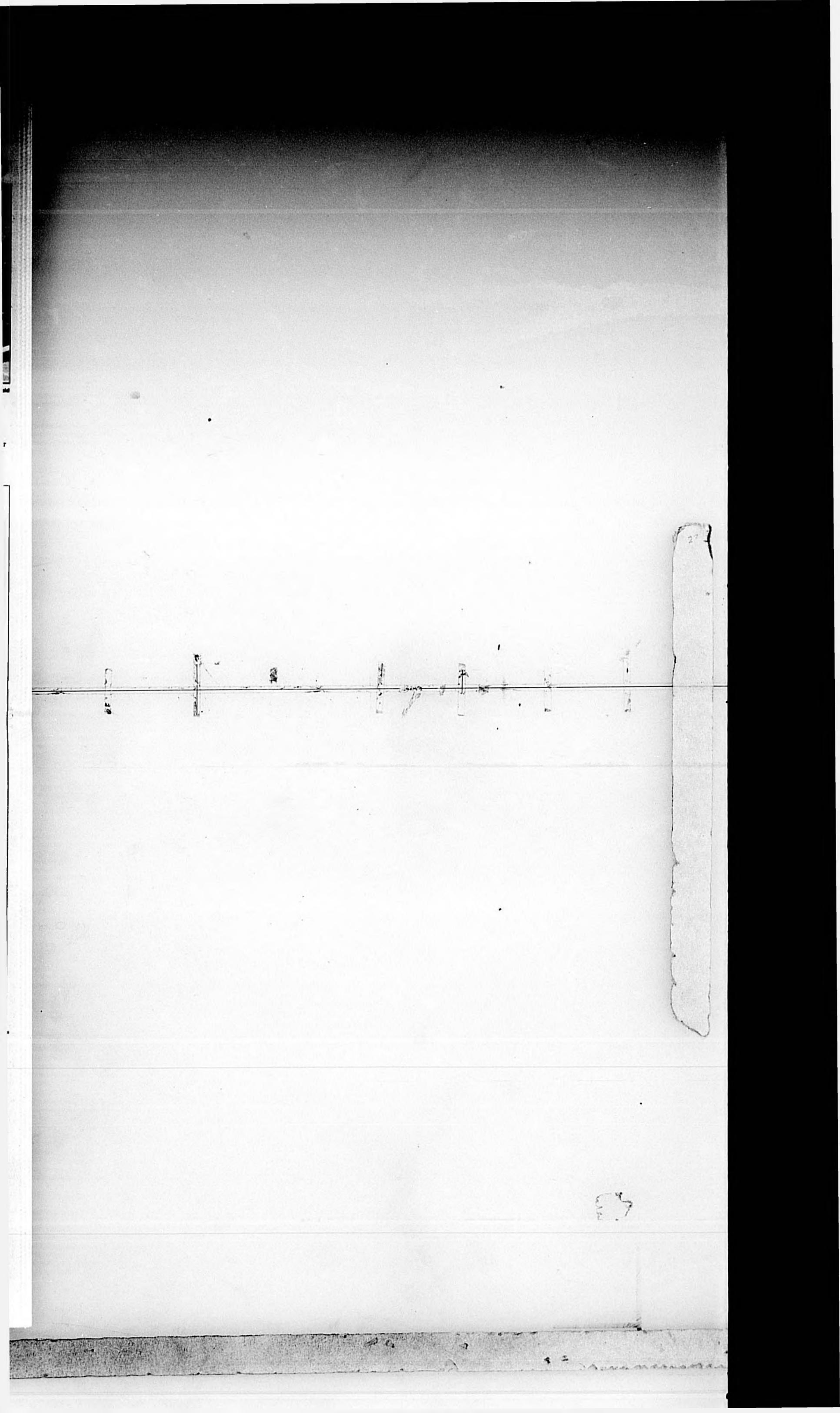
Mexican Army (in 1988). A guide who was showing us around into some pretty primitive areas brought a revolver in case of bandits. When a guard at a road block saw the revolver, the guide slammed that car into second gear and burned rubber out of there.

We went down some back roads and into some woods. They didn't find us.

When we came back they really searched for the revolver, but there wasn't anything for them to find, so they let us go.

Q: What was Mainland China like?

A: We were way inland. They have had such of large population to feed for some thousands of years that you just don't find a patch of woods to be developed. If there wasn't a house or a building on the land, it was being cultivated for food.



# Where We Are

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## What's Inside

### Flying the Sanford skies:

The Orlando Sanford Airport is poised for rapid growth.

Sanford's airport handled an estimated 1 million passengers in 1999. The airport has already experienced remarkable growth from 25,000 passengers in 1994 and 50,000 passengers in 1996. British charter flights provide the bulk of the airport's passengers.

Pan American Airways provides the airport with its first regularly scheduled domestic service. The airline currently connects Sanford with the Chicago-Gary Airport and with Portsmouth, N.H., which is located 50 miles outside of Boston. Page 9D

### The changing of Lake Mary:

One word can describe what happened to Lake Mary during the last decade of the 20th century — change.

The city not only saw a dramatic increase in population, it experienced the benefits of corporate America and a good economy.

Ten years ago, the population of Lake Mary was around 5,000, Lake Mary City Manager John Litton said. Today, more than 10,000 people call the city home. Page 6D

### What to do in Seminole County:

In 10 years there may be build-out in Seminole County but the Wekiva, sparkling lakes, trails and streams will remain maintaining the area's boast as Florida's Natural Choice.

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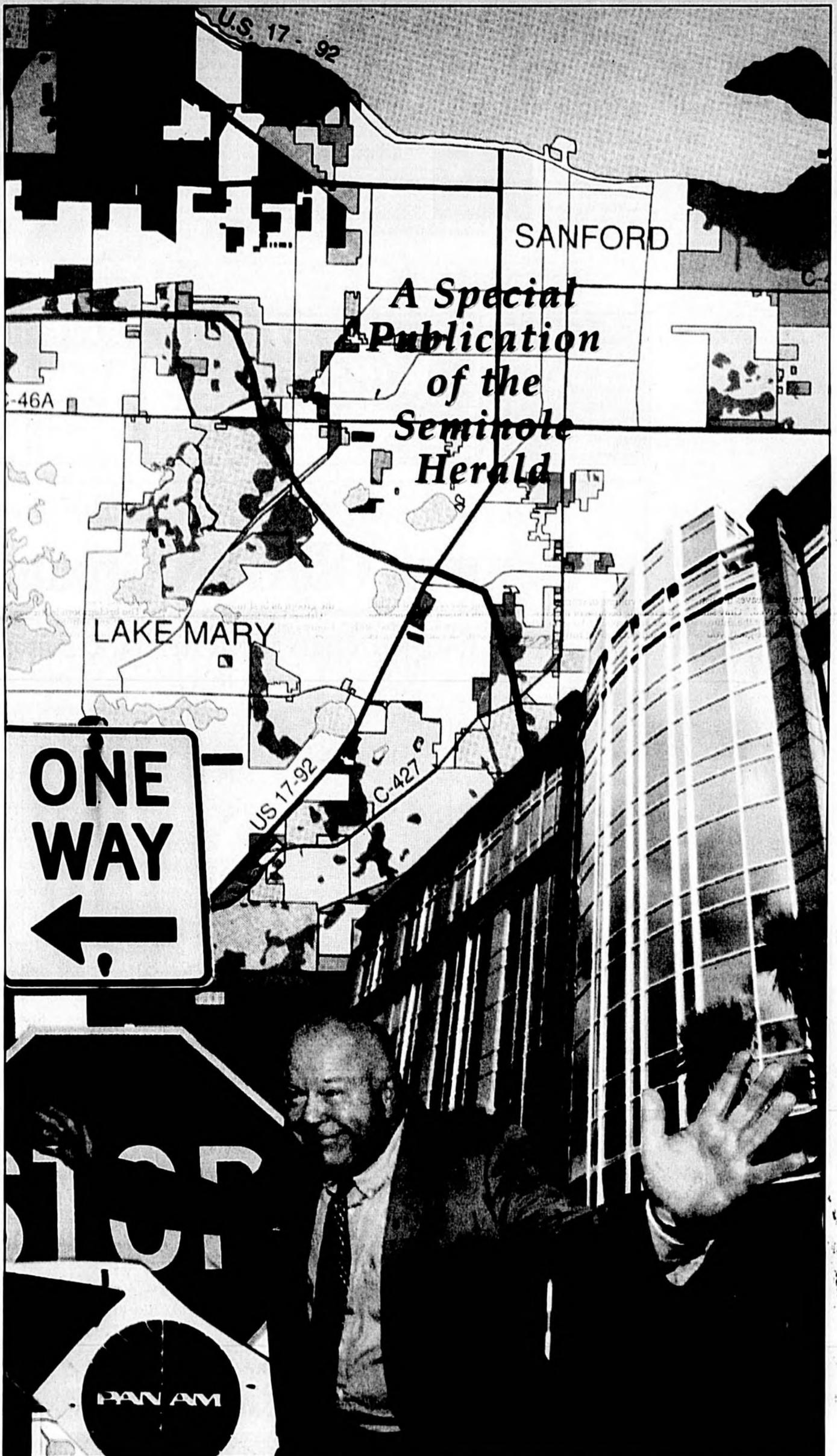
With all there is to do in the county, officials say everyone who visits can relax as they please or find excitement in a variety of year-round activities such as hiking, biking, bird watching, fishing, airboat rides, river cruises and horse-back rides. Page 2D

### Is it really a port? The Authority:

The Seminole County Port Authority doesn't exactly manage a port as listed in Webster's Dictionary — "a place where ships load and unload cargo."

Administrator Dennis Dolgner says there has been no such activity in 12 or 13 years.

But in every other sense of the word, it is a center of industry and water-related activity. "It was determined some time back that it was better to serve as a private-use marina rather than cargo activity," Dolgner said. "Ships simply don't supply much cargo for this area like they used to decades ago." Page 10D



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**Seminole keeps its best, yet offers the world**

By Russ White  
Staff Writer

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With all there is to do in the county, officials say everyone who visits can relax as they please or find excitement in a variety of year-round activities such as hiking, biking, bird watching, fishing, airboat rides, river cruises and horseback rides. Choosing an adventure is what a visit to Seminole County is all about. For some this is a trip to Lake Mills Park for a close-up look at a mixed hardwood swamp, taking a stroll on an elevated boardwalk winding through the wetlands.

There are 17 park locations, a County Museum and five libraries.

Curiously, the county commissioners like to describe the area as North Orlando, Naturally Exciting. "Those who come here from other countries or other states in this country already know the name Orlando," Commissioner Daryl McLain said. "That's fine. What we want to do is introduce them to all we have to offer."

The county's newest tourist guide lists the driving times to Walt Disney World (45 minutes), Universal Studios (40 minutes), Kennedy Space Center (60 minutes), Busch Gardens (60 minutes), Cypress Gardens (60 minutes), Daytona Beach (45 minutes).

Although Seminole doesn't have hot theme parks or Atlantic Coast beaches, it has fine hotels and restaurants, bed-and-breakfast places and camp sites. There are a number of nature and historical tours and sporting events.

A number of activities and events are scheduled in Seminole County for March and April. Saturday March 4 is Seminole County Inclusion Day at Seminole Plaza in Sanford and the Olde Lake Mary Festival. Sunday, March 5 is Oviedo Play Day.

The Spring Home & Garden Show takes place from March 10 to March 12 at Oviedo Marketplace.

There's a Open Doors, Short-Story Awards Day at Seminole Community College Fine Arts Lobby on March 22. From March 24 to March 26 there is a championship swim meet at Longwood Aquatic Club.

A number of Major League Baseball teams train in Central Florida, and visitors can watch workouts and pre-season games. The Atlanta Braves train at Disney World. The Houston Astros are in Kissimmee. The Detroit Tigers are in Lakeland. You can watch Ken Griffey and the Cincinnati Reds by driving to Sarasota (3 hours).

Culturefest 2000 will be held April 1 in Casselberry and everyone is talking about this year's City Beautiful Cat Show on April 1-2 at the Sanford Civic Center.

For more information on Seminole County attractions call (407) 665-2900 or 1-800-800-7832. Contact, also: [www.visitseminole.com](http://www.visitseminole.com) or [tourism@co.seminole.fl.us](mailto:tourism@co.seminole.fl.us).

**Stadium will see the return of ball players**

By Bill Kerne  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium no longer stands as a decaying reminder of glory days gone by for the city.

Sanford officials are making plans to schedule baseball and softball tournaments and concerts at the stadium. In doing so, city officials hope to forge a link to the days when Hall of Fame baseball players such as Willie Mays trained in the stadium, located on Mellonville Avenue, with the New York Giants.

To complete the fund-raising efforts, the Sanford City Commission has agreed to take a loan of up to

\$1.75 million from First Union.

Seminole County is spending \$400,000 over 10 years toward renovating the stadium, and Sanford is pitching in \$500,000 over 10 years. The state of Florida is adding another \$50,000, while private funds of \$50,000 have also been raised.

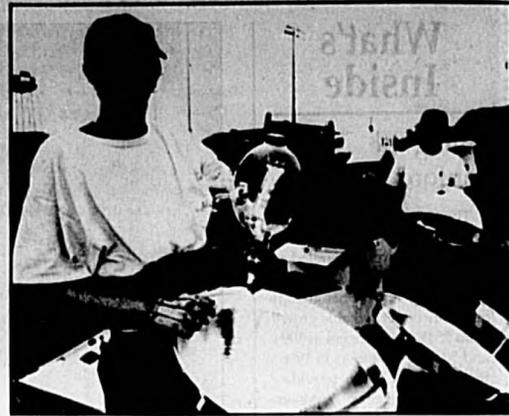
In addition, \$1 million in public and private funds have been raised for stadium improvements. Sanford is trying to raise \$1.75 million for improvements needed at the stadium, located on Mellonville Avenue.

The city will remove lead paint and asbestos, as well as con-

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By Staff Writers  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — One would think with the very active effort to "Save Our Park," that Fort Mellon Park is the only park in Sanford.

However, according to a 1998 Sanford Department of Engineering and Planning report, it contains 24.7 acres of city-owned property, which only is about 13.7 percent of the total land owned by the city designated as "parks," "neighborhood" or "community."

Other city-owned parks include Academy Manor Park, Bay Avenue Park, Centennial and Coastline Parks, Elliot Avenue and Elm Street Parks, Escambia Park, and parks with the name Groveview, Hibiscus Court, Horvavian, Jaycees, Jenkins Circle, Lake Gem, Magnolia Avenue, McKibben Memorial, Lee P. Moore, Ninth Street, Orange Avenue, Pinehurst, South Pinecrest, Southside, Speer, Starke, Washington Oaks, Westside Recreation, Wynewood, Lake Golden, Lake Monroe, Sunland, Lakefront, Woodmere, and Derby.

Figures on exactly how much land is owned by the city are not available. The land however, could easily be more than 1,000 acres.

In the 1998 report, more

than 100 acres were listed but did not include some of the major properties on which city and county facilities are located.

Those include police and fire stations, the court house and city hall parking lots, facilities housing utility and public works operations, the memorial stadium, pistol ranges, cemetery and museum property, the Mayfair Golf Course, Orlando-Sanford Airport, school playgrounds and many others.

Some of the land is leased, such as the Riverfront Marina. Some, but only a minor amount of land, is considered park property and remains undeveloped.

One of the largest developments under way on city owned property is construction at Randall Chase Park. On 16.3 acres of land, the City Parks and Recreation Department is putting up four 200-foot youth baseball diamonds.

Additionally, the existing tennis courts at Fort Mellon Park will be taken down. City

officials said, however, they will be incorporated in a redesigned park that may be constructed near a new development,

**Sanford owns hundreds of acres of land designated for things like parks, public buildings and school playgrounds.**

including the installation of new lighting.

Other publicly owned lands within Sanford are held by other entities such as the Sanford Housing Authority, which has six complexes, and the Board of County Commissioners, which holds a number of properties, including the Central Florida Zoological Park.

The Seminole County School

development, such as a conference center/hotel.

The tennis courts at Randall Chase Park are tentatively scheduled to be left in tact but will be improved,



Children play on the playground in Fort Mellon Park. Fort Mellon is one of many parks in the Sanford area. Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Board owns a great deal of property on which schools, maintenance facilities, and the administration building are located. Seminole Community

College holds a great deal of land, and the St. Johns River Water Management District owns hundreds of acres just north of Lake Jessup located at the south end of Cameron and

Sanford avenues. In all, there are many acres of land within Sanford which are publicly owned through various government entities, including the city itself.

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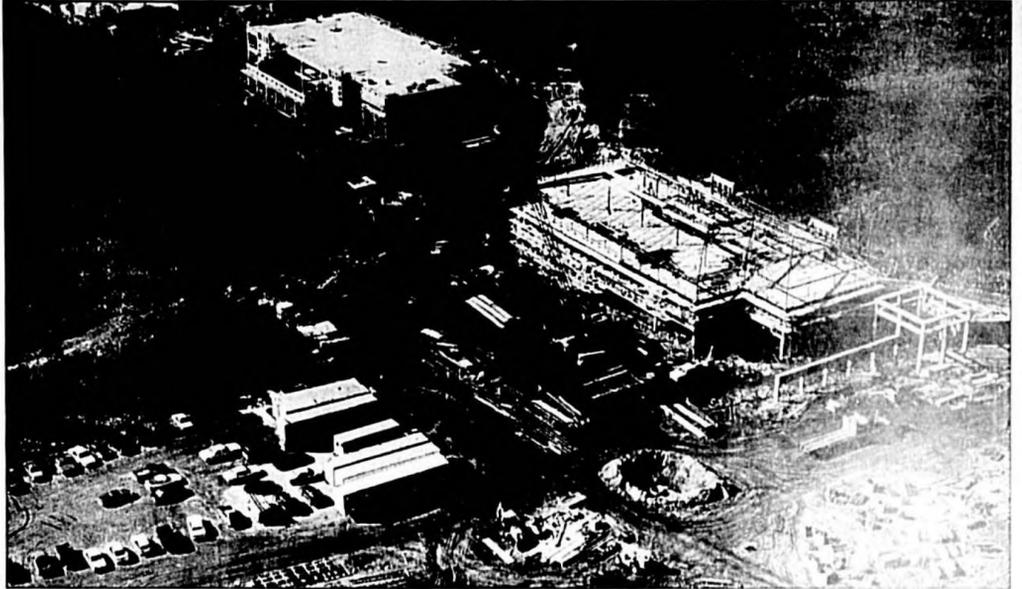
## Area sees development of SCC's Oviedo campus

Seminole Community College's Oviedo Campus will join the Main Campus and the Hunt Club Center as the third facility serving the post-secondary education and workforce development needs of Seminole County community.

The 185-acre campus will preserve 100 acres of natural woodlands and wetlands. Phase I construction will accommodate nearly 1000 students.

The Oviedo Campus will be developed in increments, based upon student population growth coupled with available funding. Phase I, to be completed in 2000, will include the Learning Technology Center and the Student Services Building. These two buildings will contain approximately 147,000 square feet of space and be supported by an estimated 650 to 700 parking spaces.

Phase II should be complete in 2008. Facilities will accommodate 3,900 full-time equivalent students (FTE), or approximately 9,000 individuals. Total gross square footage is estimated to be 451,000 within the next 10 years. Total number of buildings will be driven by student population and state funding.



This aerial photo of the Seminole Community College at Oviedo campus, taken on Feb. 1, shows the roof framing for the Learning Technology Center and Student Services Building. Also to be complete under Phase I construction are a central message hall and walkways. The SCC Oviedo Campus will open for classes in January 2001.

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## Airport, facilities and other factors help Sanford grow

By Bill Kerne  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — Growth in Sanford is tied to a booming regional airport, a vibrant manufacturing industry and transportation routes that make the city key to the north Orlando corridor.

The Orlando Sanford Airport provides a catalyst for growth. The airport has grown at a rapid pace, from 25,000 passengers in 1994 to 1 million passengers in 1999. The majority of passengers arrive on British charter flights.

However, the airport is not the only source of growth in Sanford.

Just west of Sanford, manufacturing facilities are also looking into opening up new businesses in Rand Yard, on the north end of State Road 46.

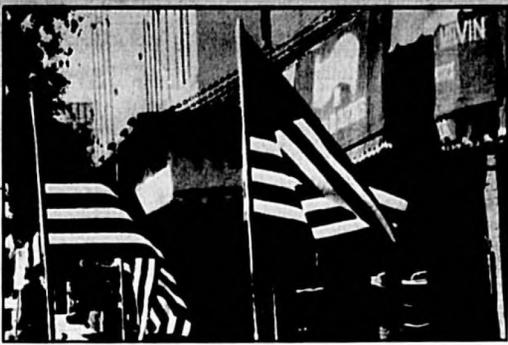
Along the Interstate 4 corridor, developers are seeking rezoning for several key sites in Sanford.

The proposed developments include an 800-unit Seminole Trace apartment complex and a 40-unit Arbor Lakes housing development would be located on Oregon Avenue. In addition, the Plantation Lakes apartment complex on County Road 46A is planning to add 285 units in the second phase of its development.

Many residents living near Oregon Avenue say they are concerned about how proposed development will affect their way of life. It is a common battle cry, as residents of the city debate how to handle the growth.

Sanford's population has grown from 32,000 in 1990 to 37,000 in 1997. Meanwhile, Seminole County's population has grown 8.4 percent over the last five years, from 324,130 in 1995 to 354,148 in 1999, according to county and census bureau estimates.

"I've said all along that if you don't like change, you'll really



Downtown Sanford

hate it," said Sanford Mayor Larry Dale. "You or I might not like everything, but it's a fact of life that there's a demand for those properties."

The proposed hotel and conference center to be located at Fort Mellon Park along Lake Monroe provides the catalyst for debate concerning the city's growth.

In a feasibility study for the city, Hunter Interests Inc. of Annapolis, Md. said that the proposed 300-room full-service hotel and conference center is financially feasible at the site. However, the consultant also suggested that a 200-room European-style boutique hotel is more feasible because it would require less public assistance, and it may yield higher levels of ground rent revenue to the city.

The study said that the project would need an estimated 12.8 million in public financial support for construction, site improvements, and additional waterfront amenities.

The hotel and conference center would provide an estimated 300 employees, and \$30 million in initial capital investments for construction, the consultant said.

The consultant estimates that it will take six months to one year for the city to solicit for

developers and gain a commitment. After that, site plans and financing for a hotel generally take one year to develop before construction can begin.

Construction tends to take 18 to 24 months.

The proposed hotel would be placed on 7.9 acres of Fort Mellon Park.

Meanwhile, heated debate continues regarding social service agencies such as soup kitchens and hospitals for the homeless.

The 1990 U.S. Census lists 13 percent of Sanford residents as living below the poverty line. Advocates for proposed social service programs say that the services are needed.

Opponents, including residents of the historic district, say that the locating programs near their neighborhoods damage property values.

According to a city survey provided by the Department of Engineering and Planning, out of 20 social service type of programs such as the Salvation Army in Seminole County, 14 are located in Sanford. The majority of the programs are clustered in Goldsboro and the city's historic district, city officials said.

In the downtown commercial district and throughout Sanford,

the City Commission is hoping to bring order to the city's zoning codes through the passing of Ordinance 3502.

The controversial ordinance requires incoming community resource facilities such as homeless shelters and other businesses to get permits to operate within certain zoning districts throughout the city.

In addition to social services, other programs affected by the ordinance include new churches, hospitals and medical clinics, hotels and motels, and funeral homes within the downtown commercial district.

Business affected by the ordinance on a city-wide basis include temporary labor services, day care facilities for six or more people, residential care facilities for 15 or more residents, outdoor non-commercial amusement facilities, retail sales and services, pawn shops and bail bond companies.

Agencies, churches and businesses already in operation would not be affected by the proposed ordinance, unless their functions significantly change.

Sanford is dealing with the rewards and difficulties of growth. The debates regarding services to the needy are not likely to disappear. However, at least one addition to the city is expected to provide recreation for the city's residents with little debate.

Grand opening ceremonies for the Sanford-Seminole Aquatic Center located near Seminole High School will be held March 20. The 50-meter, Olympic-sized pool will open to the public the next day.

It will mark the first time a community swimming pool has been open in the city in 30 years, since a pool at Fort Mellon Park was closed during disputes over federal desegregation rulings.



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# Change defined

By Michelle Javia  
Managing Editor

**LAKE MARY** — One word can describe what happened to Lake Mary during the last decade of the 20th century — change.

The city not only saw a dramatic increase in population, it experienced the benefits of corporate America and a good economy.

Ten years ago, the population of Lake Mary was around 5,000, Lake Mary City Manager John Litton said. Today, more than 10,000 people call the city home.

During the middle of the decade, the Timacuan Development was completed, which began the movement of people into the city, Litton said. Since then, numerous other residential sites have been built within Lake Mary's boundaries resulting in the gradual but steady increase in popula-

tion. By 2005, Litton believes the number of people living in the city will reach 15,000.

Although the number of Lake Mary inhabitants doubled within a 10-year period, Litton said the City Commission planned thoroughly for the city's growth.

"We were ready for it," he said. "There have been very few knee-jerk reactions."

The only thing the city was not completely prepared for was the increase in City Staff, Litton said.

"We didn't anticipate the difficulty in adding to the staff," he said. "We needed more specialized people, and we are competing in

the market."  
"People are going to go where the money is, and it is difficult to retain employees. This impacts the city tremendously."

**'The community has respect for its past and anticipation for its future with a centerpiece of quality and managed growth.'**

**David Mealor**  
Mayor of Lake Mary

Before the last decade, the main corporation in Lake Mary was Siemens. Although the company is still an important entity in the community, several other corporations have located within "the city of lakes."

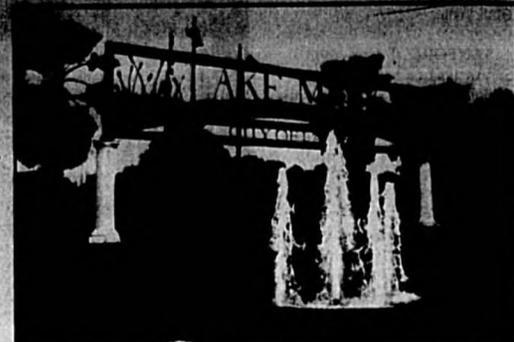
In the mid-1990s, AT&T made the decision to build

several other companies followed suit, including BallBowl, AAA and HTE Inc.

Litton believes there are two main reasons why the corporations decided to locate in Lake Mary — vacant land and economic incentives offered to the companies.

Last decade's changes haven't happened without a lot of thought.

"This has been done with a plan created by the previous City Commission and City Staff who were dedicated to the task of trying to attract a targeted type of corporation to be our neighbor," Lake Mary Mayor David Mealor said. "We wanted the land developed on the Interstate 4 Corridor, and the city made sure it was a certain type of development. High paying, low impact businesses are the types the city wants to attract."



Entrance to Gateway Park

Mealor said the city wanted to keep the many natural resources available within Lake Mary, so it emphasized a high standard of development.

And, the mayor doesn't believe the City of Lake Mary is alone in encouraging development within its city limits.

"Where we've experienced success in the city is through the partnership with the chamber of commerce," Mealor said. "Many of our small business owners have served in key leadership roles, not only in the chamber but also on our volunteer city boards."

And, he believes the success of the last decade has allowed Lake Mary to establish a very professional and dedicated public safety team, which has created one of the lowest crime rates in Seminole County. The financial success of the 1990s is also allowing the city to build a new public safety building,

which had its groundbreaking last year.

The city also has one of the lowest tax rates within the county, second only to Winter Springs.

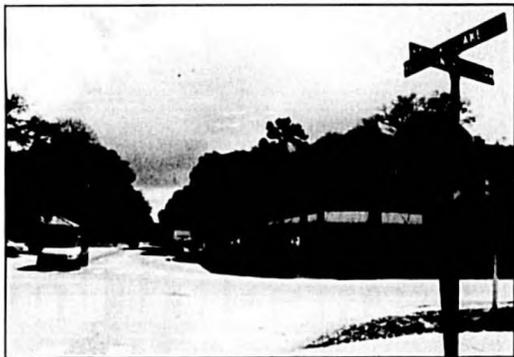
However, Litton, Mealor and the rest of the City Staff realize Lake Mary has to plan for the future.

"We are trying to deal with the needs of the city now with revenue we might not have 10 years from now," Litton said. "We have to be very focused during the next five years. A lot of revenue is going to drop off."

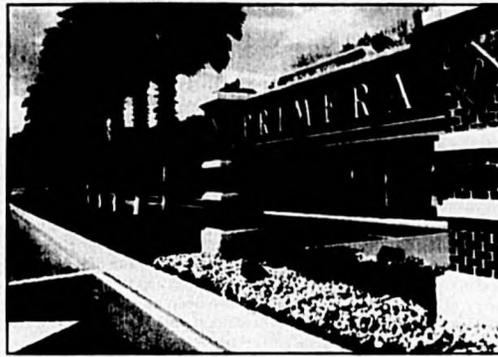
But, for the present, Mealor said Lake Mary will continue to give the community the high-quality of service it deserves.

"Lake Mary is one of the most enjoyable places to live and to work," Mealor said.

"The community has respect for its past and anticipation for its future with a centerpiece of quality and managed growth."



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# In Sanford

By Tom Fouts  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — How Sanford has grown over the years. The population has increased drastically, and even though it may appear on the surface that the city is growing to capacity, there is still room for more—people as well as businesses.

According to a population estimates in a recent Utility Strategic Business Plan issued by the city, Sanford presently has an estimated population of 46,920. By the year 2005, the estimated population is listed at 55,152, with 70,713 people by the year 2010.

Breaking those figures down mathematically, it means the city population can be expected to increase by 31.66 people per week, during the next five years, or an average of 45.75 people per week, during the next ten years. (That's more than 6.5 people moving in every day.)

The growth of the Sanford population from 1988 to 2000 is estimated at 38.33 people per week, while the growth from 1880, when the city's population was only 1,000, to the present, is estimated at only an average of 7.36 people per week. Comparing the growth numbers over the past 120 years indicates how the city has been growing, but in recent decades,

its early days.

The business potential in downtown Sanford is presently in the process of growing. In the '50s, there was no such thing as a vacant store downtown. Since then, however, more and more buildings have become vacant as businesses moved out of the downtown area or ceased operation completely. During the past few years, quite a large percentage of stores on First Street were vacant.

Now, things are changing. According to real estate developer Helen Stairs, one of the improvements will be at the old Florida State Bank building on West First Street at Oak Avenue. "It's now the Federal Trust Building," Stairs said, "and they have announced they will be taking over the entire fourth floor." She added that a closure is ready to be transacted on property known as the "Oak Parcel" next to the bank, although she did not go into details regarding the planned use or purchaser.

"One of the most visible improvements in the downtown area," she said, "is at the former Touchton Drug Store building, at the southwest corner of E. First Street and the Magnolia Square. "That has been taken over by Miracom Corporation, which has big plans for not



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Many houses, such as the one pictured above, and neighborhoods are being restored in Sanford's Historical District

only that structure, but possibly more space in the nearby area."

Mike Fouts, with Miracom, said the difficulty at the present is the need for parking space. "When we moved in here," he said, "we had 26 employees. By the end of the month we expect to have 51." He said the company is working with Sanford officials in trying to arrange for parking space, which is at a premium in the downtown area.

The Miracom Corporation has now changed its name to "parts.com, Inc." and has two divisions.

"parts.com, Inc." is an e-commerce business to business marketer in autoparts. Currently it is concentrating on the automotive industry, but Fouts said it will expand into other market sectors such as marine, medical, consumer electronics, etc.

"Since moving to Sanford,"

he said, "our staff has increased 43 percent. We like Sanford and hope the city can accommodate our needs as we grow."

Also in the business sector, Ron Jernigan of Jernigan Properties said he presently has one 3,500 square foot business available downtown, "but gen-

erally, I'd say the market is very strong these days," he said.

Regarding residential sales, Jernigan commented, "The rental market is strong right now, and sales are good. Everything is going quite well in the real estate market."

...attended the grand opening of the Seminole Towne Center on Sept. 21, 1993, the words "It's a new mall" probably still echo in their minds. The song, sung by a Sanford area church choir, was heard on radio, television, and in the main concourse of the mall during the grand opening. It was catchy.

Now, more than 4 years old, the mall is prospering and stands as one of the main shopping areas of Central Florida. Daily, parking lots are full of cars with out-of-county and even out-of-state license tags. At lunch time, the food court is packed with people. Melvin Simon & Associates made a good choice when they selected Sanford as a location.

Ground breaking took place the morning of Sept. 9, 1993, with the official opening scheduled for exactly two years later, (Sept. 7). The only hitch was the opening of another Simon mall in Indiana on the same date. Officials moved the opening two weeks, and the event was a gala affair, complete with refreshments, live entertainment, and all the extras.

Originally planned to hold approximately 130 specialty stores, the mall Marketing Department says that today, counting all the kiosks, there are approximately 145 in the 1.1 million square foot facility.

The mall provides jobs for an estimated 2,000 persons. It was originally estimated that the mall would provide \$2 million in taxes annually. Seminole County Tax Collector Ray Valdez said the 1999 taxes were \$1,429,530. "But that's just property taxes," he said. "Each store also pays tangible personal property taxes which amount to many thousand more, so it would probably be a total of at least \$2 million or more generated by the facility."

At the present time, Valdez said Seminole Towne Center is the second largest tax payer in Seminole County. Altamonte Mall is the highest, but Seminole is closing in rapidly.

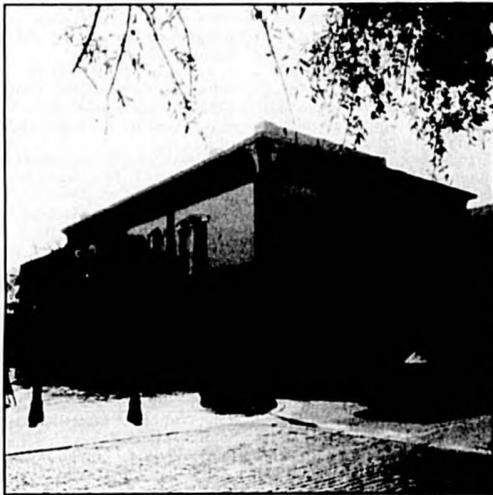
According to Marketing Director Shelley Price-Sloan, progress is always continuing at the mall. This year, two relocations, Acme Cap and L.M. Crossroads, are relocating, while Parisian, one of the five anchor stores, will be undergoing a renovation. Parisian presently has 140,000 square feet of space, second in size only to Dillard's, with 210,930 square feet. Other anchor stores include Burdine's, J.C. Penney and Sears.

Expansions and relocations which have been announced include 8,200 square feet for Ann Taylor, and 6,867 square feet for Naturalizer. Also, an out-parcel is under way and Olive Garden will occupy 37,790 square feet.

This past year, seven new businesses adopted the Seminole Towne Center as home; Mr. Puppy, Team Choice, Surf Zone, Charlotte Russe, LensCrafters, Haagan Dazs, and the Weenie Station Kiosk.

While traffic to and from the mall is heavy, the plethora of roadways in the area keeps shoppers moving relatively well. Price-Sloan said the 1999 estimates show 4,097,056 vehicles brought more than 6.8 million shoppers to the mall.

While future plans at the mall give rise to the thought of further expansions, nothing is being revealed at the present time.



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An old drug store with a brand new name, "Miracom" embellishes the downtown Sanford structural landscape. The building, built in the 20s, now contains some of the most advanced business technology operations.

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# UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Road expansions highlight Seminole's growth

By Bill Kerne  
Staff Writer

Drivers face roads under construction throughout Seminole County.

On the northern end of the busy Interstate-4 corridor, the County Road 46-A Interchange is expected to ease routes from

one end of Seminole County to another.

Several key projects are also under way. From Sanford to Winter Springs, the Central Florida GreenWay expansion is expected to bring new visitors and to breathe new life in the economy.

Realignment of the

Interstate-4 and U.S. Highway 17-92 interchange is also under way. In Lake Mary, the 14-mile overpass connecting Cross Seminole Trail to the Heathrow International Business Center is being designed.

Heathrow International Boulevard will become a four-lane road. International Parkway will be extended beyond CR 46-A, to State Road 46.

Through April, motorists on Airport Boulevard in Sanford will face lane shifts because of the on-going expansion of the Seminole County Expressway.

The Expressway is undergoing a 5.4-mile expansion, with construction scheduled to be complete in late 2003.

Work is under way on the 2.6-mile second phase of the Seminole Expressway project that will connect State Toll Road 417 with Interstate-4. Construction on this portion of the Expressway began Jan. 17, 1999.

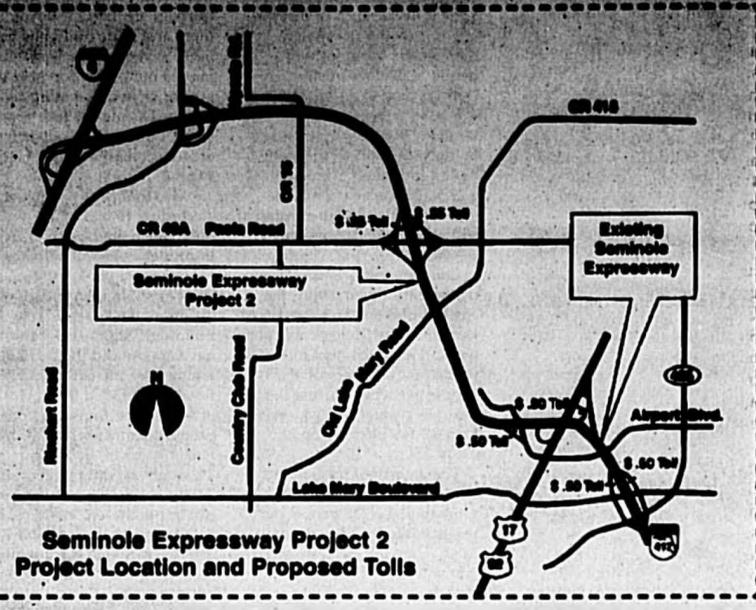
This second phase will complete the eastern beltway around Orlando, providing drivers with a continuous limited-access toll facility from I-4 south of Walt Disney World to Orlando International Airport and the University of Central Florida, then reconnecting to I-4 near Sanford.

Lanes will be shifted on Airport Boulevard through April while workers construct a bridge over Airport Boulevard between U.S. Highway 17-92 and Sanford Avenue. The lane shifts will be in place 24 hours per day. One lane of traffic in each direction will be open at all times.

The project will also provide an alternative route for motorists during future widening improvements scheduled for I-4.



Construction continues on the expressway next to Airport Boulevard.



State and Seminole County officials are examining several additional routes, including building a toll road from the Osteen area near State Road 415 to S.R. 417. The road would pass east of Orlando Sanford Airport.

State and county officials are also examining a similar project to extend S.R. 415 south from S.R. 46. Another possibility would involve a northward extension of a Western Expressway being built by the Orlando-Orange authority and the turnpike district.

The first leg of the expressway will open this summer between U.S. 441 in Apopka and S.R. 50 in Ocoee. Another section is being designed to run 22 miles south of S.R. 50, west of the Disney property to connect with I-4 in Osceola County.

In the meantime state transportation officials plan to construct three lanes in each direction for the bridge over the St. Johns River, between Seminole and Volusia Counties.

Construction is expected to commence in 2003 to 2004, although the State Legislature has been discussing giving the DOT a \$600 million dollar surplus it has, which could advance the bridge project to 2001.

Meanwhile, to alleviate traffic on I-4, a 10-mile lane is planned from Altamonte Springs to Central Parkway in Orlando.

The plan involves the addition of a HOV (high occupancy vehicle) lane. This would be one lane, put on land which presently serves as the median. The HOV lanes are for vehicles containing two or more people.

In order to accomplish this re-direction of traffic, barrier walls would be placed on both sides of the lane, to be closed after each rush hour, then reopened in the opposite direction for the next.

According to latest traffic estimates, there are 130,000 to 175,000 vehicles per day traveling over that 10-mile stretch of I-4.

Construction is expected to begin in 2001. The project is expected to cost \$40 million.

In addition to the state projects, cities throughout the county are planning major road paving projects.

Cities throughout Seminole County are paving dirt roads, primarily through the state's local option gas tax funding. All remaining 2.5 miles of dirt roads in the Sanford city limits will be paved by early March, city officials said. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$225,000.

Meanwhile, Longwood this year began a \$2.9 million, 6-year road paving program. Each of the roads are also receiving beautification, sidewalks and traffic calming measures.

In addition, Rangeline Road is receiving paving, drainage, water line, and sidewalk construction at a cost of \$1 million. The work on Rangeline Road is expected to be complete in May.

"We're really concentrating now on paving the dirt roads in the city, and on combining that with beautification, sidewalks and traffic calming," said Longwood City Manager John Drago.

In Lake Mary, Public Works personnel have been preparing the sub-base of the road by mixing clay and shell into the existing dirt road. The preparation ensures that soft spots do not cause an installation or future maintenance problem.

Seminole County embarked on an aggressive three year, \$7.5 million project to pave an average of 40 miles of dirt roads per year.

The project began in October 1999. So far, six miles of dirt roads have been paved. Within the first six months, county officials plan to complete the paving of 24 miles of dirt roads.

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"Most of the dirt roads in the county have been maintained in stable condition," said Skip Groeneveld, program manager for the Seminole County Roads Division. "We are meeting our schedule. If anything, we expect to come well under budget."

In the long run, the county is expecting to save money on the maintenance of dirt roads through the paving project.

The county currently performs grading on 120 miles of dirt roads per year, evening out pot holes in the roads, at a cost of \$10,800 per road per year.

In Oviedo, the city's plan to ease congestion on SR 434 by diverting traffic along Division Street is drawing heated resistance from residents who say that their peaceful neighborhoods would be disturbed and that increased traffic in neighborhoods would endanger children.

When Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority Chair Wayne Rich announced some bold plans for regional transportation improvements in Central Florida this week, he wasn't only envisioning improvements for the mess that has become I-4.

Part of Rich's vision includes improvement and expansion of State Road 429 which would some day link Apopka and Sanford across the Wekiva River. The vision part is easy. Getting all interested parties to agree on how, where, when and how to finance that idea and others could be as challenging as navigating rush hour traffic on I-4.

"Chairman Rich's ideas that were released this week are intended to start a debate," said Steve Pustlenyk, Manager of Communications and Marketing for the Expressway Authority. "We want to float them out there and get some feedback. Obviously there would be a large number of entities involved, and the possibility of a joint taxing authority which means a tremendous amount of details."

**SANFORD** — The Orlando Sanford Airport is poised for rapid growth.

Sanford's airport handled an estimated 1 million passengers in 1999. The airport has already experienced remarkable growth from 25,000 passengers in 1994 and 50,000 passengers in 1996. British charter flights provide the bulk of the airport's passengers.

"The airport has virtually unlimited opportunities for growth," said State Rep. Lee Constantine (R-Altamonte Springs). "I'd like to see us build an economic development corridor around the airport, with import and export industries."

Pan American Airways provides the airport with its first regularly scheduled

domestic service. The airline currently connects Sanford with the Chicago-Gary Airport and with

Portsmouth, N.H., which is located 50 miles outside of Boston.

Pan Am plans to add jet service to at least four new destinations this year, and charter service to several cities within the state. Flights to Atlanta will start in the spring, according to company officials.

The first 19-seat Pan Am charter flights out of Sanford will likely be destined for Key West or Ft. Myers, said Dan Fortnam, director of marketing for Pan Am.

Cities within Florida that the airport is hoping to serve in 2000 by attracting commuter and regional airlines include Tallahassee, Ft. Lauderdale, Ft. Myers, and Key West.

Sanford Mayor Larry Dale believes that within two years, the number of international passengers at the airport will double. In three years, Dale believes the airport will have as many domestic passengers as international passengers.

"I think the Year 2000 will start a period of tremendous growth at the airport," Dale said. "The domestic terminal expansion will be exciting, and Pan Am's service is looking good."

Pan Am's strategy is to expand into secondary airports in key markets. Another startup domestic airline with a similar strategy is also holding discus-

sions with airport officials. Sanford's airport is competing with the Orlando International Airport for the service of JetBlue Airways, headquartered in New York's JFK International Airport. The company has \$130 million in financial backing, a record for an aviation start-up. Investors in JetBlue include Presidio Capital, George Soros and Chase Capital.

In February, JetBlue began service from New York City to Buffalo, N.Y. and Ft. Lauderdale. The company plans to serve 11 cities with 10 aircraft by the end of its first year of operations.

"JetBlue is one of our main targets," said Victor White, director of the Sanford Airport Authority.

White said the key to attracting the airline is improving the domestic terminal facilities at Sanford's airport. The domestic terminal currently lags behind what other airports can offer in

amenities and service. However, that will soon change because groundbreaking ceremonies were held Friday for a \$25 million, seven-gate expansion of the domestic terminal. The project is expected to be complete by January 2001.

The airport's terminal management partner, London-based TBI is contributing \$7.5 million to the domestic terminal expansion project, which cuts down on the construction costs to the airport.

Garreth Edmondson-Jones, a spokesman for JetBlue, said operation costs will be the primary consideration when choosing between the two airports.

In the meantime, a new \$1.6 million Instrument Landing System

which will provide navigational assistance for aircraft landing on the airport's main runway during poor weather is expected to be complete in May.

In addition to easing take-offs and landings on the runway, the system will allow aircraft to approach from the east. This will decrease aircraft noise in areas to the west of the airport, particularly in Lake Mary.

"The future of a lot of economic growth in Seminole County is tied to growth at the airport," said Constantine. "Always keep-

ing in mind the people who live around the airport. I think the airport is doing a good job of addressing noise concerns."

The airport provides a cornerstone for the Sanford's economic growth, and area leaders are increasingly recognizing its regional importance.

Sanford is experiencing steady growth, particularly near the airport and along State Road 46. As the airport continues to grow and transportation systems in the city improve, the city's economy is expected to continue to expand.

Meanwhile, the Sanford Airport Authority is applying to the Department of Commerce to forge partnerships through a Foreign Trade Zone.

Approval could take 8 to 12 months.

The Airport Authority is proposing that 17 sites be included in the zone, with a total of 2,181.85 acres. The sites are all industrial parks, plus land in the airport itself. Some of the land is vacant, while some of the land has already been developed.

Companies such as Siemens, Rocoton, and Pharo Technologies have expressed their support for the zone.

The airport authority is working with the Seminole County Economic Development Department. The airport authority will be the grantee of the zone. The Foreign Trade Zone is a joint project between Seminole County and the airport.



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Passengers walk through the Orlando-Sanford Airport Air 2000 gate. Last year, the charter airline signed a seven-year operating agreement with the Airport's International terminal operators.

# The Port of industry in Seminole County

By Nick Pfeiffauf  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — The Seminole County Port Authority doesn't exactly manage a port as listed in Webster's Dictionary — "a place where ships load and unload cargo." Administrator Dennis Dolgner says there has been no such activity in 12 or 13 years.

But in every other sense of the word, it is a center of industry and water-related activity. "It was determined some time back that it was better to serve as a private-use marina rather than cargo activity," Dolgner said. "Ships simply don't supply much cargo for this area like they used to decades ago."

Originally, such cargo was expected. The Operational History document on the port says, "It was the dream of local visionaries and businessmen that Sanford would access barge traffic from the entire east coast of the United States via the Atlantic Intercoastal Waterway and St. Johns River and access the Gulf Coast Intercoastal Waterway and its tributaries through the Cross-Florida Barge Canal."

The Cross-Florida Barge Canal would have linked Sanford to more than 30,000 miles of barge accessible waterways. Plans to con-

struct the canal, however, were dumped, as were plans to handle barge traffic in the Sanford area.

When the authority was formed by a legislative act in 1965, it was managed on a part-time basis by Francis Roumillat, a Sanford pharmacist, at his business office at the drug store located at the corner of First Street and Park Avenue in Downtown Sanford. That continued into 1969, at which time Port Revenue Bonds were purchased by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$880,000, and the port construction at the present location got under way.

The port's first tenant, Port Everglades Steel Corp., took occupancy of a 50,500-square-foot warehouse in 1971.

Some of the most significant growth took place between the years of 1974 and 1985 when a 2.5-million gallon bulk storage terminal was constructed.

The 15 steel storage tanks, with diameters as large as 46 feet, were moved from a location on the south shore of Lake Monroe in Sanford to the port by floating them across Lake Monroe and up the river to the port, a distance of approximately 3 1/2 miles.

In 1992, Titan Steel, the parent company of Port

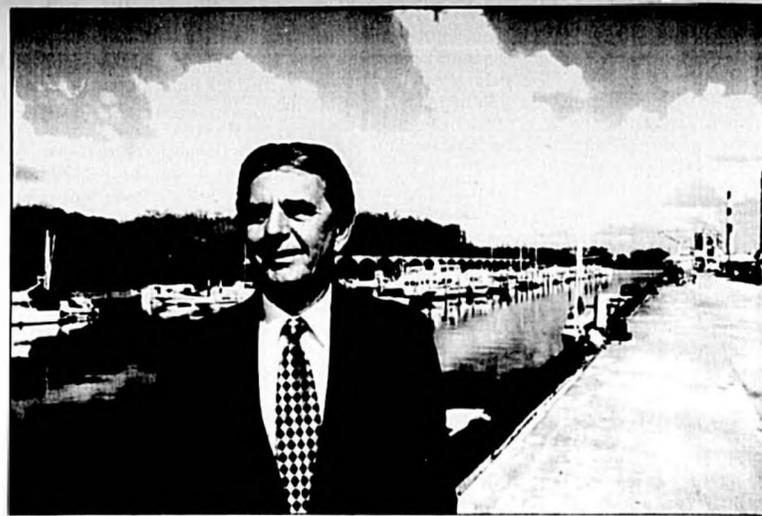
Everglades Steel, decided to shut down its Sanford operation. Titan subsequently paid the authority \$220,000 to terminate the lease, and on Oct. 1 of that same year, Rex-Meyer Yachts Inc., took over a five-year lease of the facility, which had been completely renovated.

In 1996, the authority developed a new generation of business incubation facilities which expanded the options available to small, emerging business. Through a joint venture between Seminole County government, Seminole Community College and the Port Authority, a variety of business support services became available to small business, including accounting, secretarial services, development of business plans, business consulting and marketing assistance.

The initial 12,000 square-foot small business incubator proved so successful that an expansion was made of an additional 13,500 square feet in 1998, and 22,500 square feet more in 1999.

Dolgner said that possibly by next month, a joint venture High Technology Business Center will commence operation under the supervision of Seminole Community College.

"Also, we are planning to expand the entire facility by



Herald photo by Tommy Vince  
Seminole County Port Authority Administrator Dennis Dolgner takes pride in the growth and development of the port since it was created in 1965, with even further expansion being planned as well as presently under way.

developing four additional acres to the northwest of the present marina," Dolgner said. Present work involves construction of roadways and water and sewer service to the area along the St. Johns River.

"The engineering phase is currently under way and construction should start in approximately 60 days."

He added that he expected the new area would be completely operational by the year 2001.

The Seminole County Port Authority is operated by a nine-member board. Scott Cox is present chairman. Members are appointed by the Seminole County Commission with one of the commissioners serving as a voting board member, which currently is Commissioner Randy Morse.

The fiscal 1999 budget for the complex is slightly more than \$1.8 million with a "zero based budget system." The profit margin for 1999

was listed as 36.2 percent, up considerably from the margin of 13.7 percent in 1995.

In addition to the industry private boating remains one of the port's focal points. Dolgner said the marina are opened with approximately 180 slips and now has more than 200.

"We are almost always full to capacity," he said. "Which is an indication that the port is one of the outstanding industrial business centers in Central Florida."

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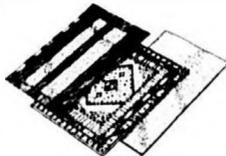
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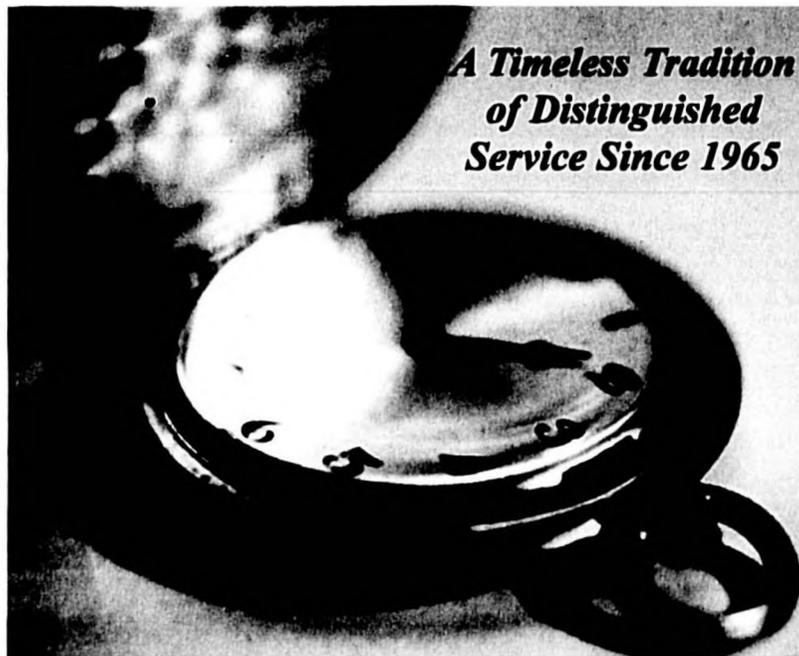
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## Construction

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ous legislatures. Among the boldest of Rich's proposals are:

- Construction of an elevated highway above State Road 436 that would run from State Road 408 south to the Orlando International Airport.
- Construction of the Western Expressway and moving forward with immediate building of State Road 429 from Florida's Turnpike south to County Road 535.

- Beginning an alignment study for an east-west expressway between Clermont in Lake County and Orange County to relieve State Road 50 congestion.

- Opening discussions about incorporating the Osceola Parkway into the Expressway Authority system.

- Developing a Regional Transportation Development Agency to develop, design and construct transportation facilities within the region and designate that agency to have the power to develop its own funding sources derived from special option sales taxes or a special taxing district.

The Expressway Authority has given no timetable for the projects and acknowledges the costs would be significant.

Pustleny said the current pace of transportation construction simply is not and will not keep pace for access demand throughout Central Florida in the future.

"We have experienced incredible growth and we continue to experience it."

Pustleny said. "The increased growth is much more than people realize."

He added, "The chairman's concerns are that if we are not bold now and realistically address these issues we'll find ourselves in a critical position. Five or 10 years down the road, the economies of some areas in Central Florida could be stifled or even crippled because of traffic congestion."

Pustleny said residents in various counties around Central Florida have voted down tax increases for transportation in the past largely because transportation was always connected to other referendum items. He said he feels the Expressway Authority is cautiously optimistic that given an opportunity to vote for increased taxes solely to address congestion and transportation issues, voters would be more receptive.

"The number of potential toll projects can't fund all of the area's transportation needs," he said. "We would be looking at discussing some type of sales tax, additional gasoline tax, a special district tax, or perhaps some type of combination. The Expressway Authority is not necessarily looking at becoming the taxing body, we're just looking for a role to play."

Speaking specifically about the proposed Apopka-Sanford link, Pustleny said the Authority is not looking to create access just for the sake of access, or to spur develop-

ment.

"There already exists a great deal of pressure for development in that corridor," he acknowledged. "We are certainly aware of the environmental concerns of the Wekiva River. And there's no guarantee a project like that could find a life as a stand-alone toll road. It's like planning a new retail store. Initially, until ridership builds up over a period of perhaps 10-years, the level of use simply wouldn't pay for that link."

"We would be looking at limited access to that project and if it's done, it has to be done right to minimize the impact and provide for mitigation."

Pustleny said original projected costs for an Apopka-Sanford link are now several years old.

"Years ago it was projected at about \$200 million," he said. "Now that cost is probably closer to \$300 to \$400 million."

The Expressway Authority spokesman said it has previously sought input from environmental groups on other projects with the formation of an Environmental Advisory Group. He said the Authority planned to reassemble that group to seek its input on many of Rich's proposed projects.

"If we pave it, we don't have to grade and shell the road," Greeneyeld said. "This is a no-cost service. There will be absolutely no additional taxation as a result of this work."

## Stadium

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Earlier phases of stadium renovations, funded by the City of Sanford, included stadium lighting, plumbing, improvements to lower bowl seating, and engineering drawings for the stadium field.

Renovations are expected to take two years.

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Sanford officials are also planning to expand recreational facilities next to the stadium, with a four-field central sports complex at Chase Park. The

complex is expected to be ready for use in the summer.

"Renovating the stadium is the key to developing the Central Sports Complex," said Mayor Larry Dale.

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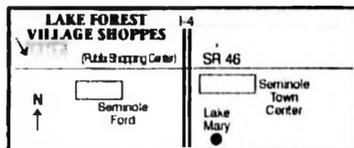
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