



Play Ball!

Opening Day Ceremonies for the city of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department Babe Ruth Baseball season was held this past Saturday at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium. Page 18

9-year-old hit by motorist taken to Arnold Palmer

Nine-year-old Rachel Ornstein, of Lake Mary, is in stable condition Tuesday at Arnold Palmer Hospital after she was hit and dragged 50 feet Monday by a motor vehicle.

At approximately 5:45 p.m., Ornstein reportedly rode her bicycle down a residential driveway into oncoming traffic on Bright View Drive, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Driving a two-door station wagon, Amanda Beth Sapp of Deltona, struck Ornstein and her bicycle. She was airlifted to the Orlando Regional Medical Center and later transferred to Arnold Palmer Hospital.

There was no alcohol involved in the crash and no charges will be filed, according to FHP.

Women's Congress plans conference

The International Black Women's Congress will sponsor its 10th annual "Every Black Woman Should Wear a Red Dress Conference," Saturday, March 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on SR 46 in Altamonte Springs. The conference is entitled "For Every Mountain."

Cost is \$25 before Friday, \$30 the day of the event. For more information call, 407-331-5665.

Seminole Smile



Debbie Martel - Idyllwild Elementary School media specialist

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Pan Am plans workforce expansion

By Dan Ping Editor

SANFORD — Pan American Airlines announced plans to expand its workforce in Sanford.

Dave Fink, president of Pan Am, told Airport Authority board members at Tuesday's meeting that the airline will add a training facility, increase maintenance operations and double the size of the company's reservation center in Sanford.

The expanded operations come after Pan Am purchased 24 Boeing 727 jets from

Airline will open pilot training center, expand maintenance operations

United Airlines. Nine of the jets will be disassembled and stored in Sanford for maintenance of the airline's existing fleet. The remaining 15 jets will form the backbone of a new airline Pan Am will operate in Latin America.

"Part of the deal with United was that Pan Am has to fly the planes outside the United States for the first five years to avoid

competition," said Ray Wise, vice president of aviation marketing for the Sanford Airport Authority.

Wise said although the jets won't provide additional routes in the U.S., the new Latin American destinations could be linked to the U.S. through Pan Am's domestic service to San Juan, Puerto Rico and a new route opening to the Bahamas.

More importantly, Wise said, those planes will be maintained in Sanford, which may influence the company to move the majority of its maintenance operations to Central Florida.

"Pan Am has maintenance facilities here and in Portsmouth, N.H.," Wise said. "Here in Sanford they do line maintenance—routine work on the planes. Within a year or so, we'd like to build a large maintenance hangar for Pan Am to do full-service maintenance on their planes."

See Pan Am, Page 5A.

Masked man robs Heathrow market

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

HEATHROW — It took more than a year, but Saturday night it happened.

Heathrow's Winn Dixie Marketplace grocery store has operated since October 2000 at 110 International Parkway. At approximately 9:30 p.m. Saturday it fell victim to its first armed robbery.

More than a half dozen customers and employees were in the store during the heist, but no one was injured. An unidentified black male pulled a black ski mask over his face, displayed a black revolver type handgun and ordered the people inside the store to the ground.

He removed an undisclosed amount of money from as many

See Robbery, Page 5A.

Phone call leads to bank robber's arrest

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — A reportedly rookie bank robber learned his first lesson in the business Monday

— don't let the tellers use the phones. Monday morning the Altamonte Springs Police Department received a 911 call from a

SunTrust Bank teller. She advised the dispatcher that the SunTrust Bank located at 888 West State Road 436 was in the process of being robbed.

"While she was on the phone See Arrest, Page 5A



Bailey



Wicklow Elementary School fifth-grader Josh King shows off the butterfly painting he is making in art class.

Classroom full of butterflies



Wicklow Elementary School art teacher Gay Bess helps first-graders Tyler Stewart and Ashley Bell plant a bulb in the school's butterfly garden. Herald photos by Tommy Vincent

Wicklow garden serves as outdoor learning center

By Michelle Jerla Managing Editor

There's a small patch of colorful tranquility at Wicklow Elementary School where students and faculty can go to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

Students and teachers began planting a butterfly garden behind the school in August using only plant cuttings. Eventually, a weedy patch of land was transformed into a green area numerous butterflies already call home.

"The beauty of the garden is that the children and teachers can enjoy it and also learn from it," Art teacher Gay Bess said. "It serves a dual purpose — it's relaxing and

See Garden, Page 5A



Wicklow Elementary School first-graders Tyler Stewart and Ashley Bell show off a butterfly that is about to come out of its cocoon. The insect in the chrysalis stage was found in the butterfly garden at the school.

Opera, jazz performances planned for this weekend

By Michelle Jerla Managing Editor

SANFORD — It's all butterflies and beads this weekend at the Helen Stairs Theatre.

The entertainment begins Saturday with the Central Florida Lyric Opera's production of "Madama Butterfly," featuring performances by CFLO's resident artists Angela Jonas and Jacqueline Quirk in the title role.

With music by Giacomo Puccini, the two-act opera tells the story of an innocent Japanese heroine deserted by her faithless American husband. In the end, she is finally compelled to suicide.

The opera is under the stage direction of Licia Albanese, the world's definitive "Madama Butterfly" and recipient of the 1994 National Medal of the Arts. Internationally known for her singing and acting talent, Albanese worked at the Metropolitan Opera for 26 seasons, a total of 427 performances, 17 roles and 16 operas. She was a member of the San Francisco Opera for 20 seasons, singing more than 120 performances of 22 roles in 20 operas.

Founded in 1988 by Bill Doherty and a dedicated group of opera lovers in the Winter Park area, the Central Florida Lyric Opera was originally named the Central Florida Light Opera. The main mission of the company is identify, train, nurture and develop young vocal artists and to provide them with performance opportunities so that they may improve their skills and professionalism and to bring affordable quality musical performances to audiences throughout Florida.

Saturday's performance begins at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 seniors and students and \$5 for balcony seats.

On Sunday, New Orleans' own Preservation Hall Jazz Band will take the stage for a Mardi Gras inspired performance. A musical legend of its genre, the band will perform turn of the century New Orleans jazz.

During the 1950s, although the See Theater, Page 5A

Area cops plan weekend of waiting tables

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

They serve their communities by providing protection against crime, but this week law enforcement officers will be at local restaurants serving hot dishes for a good cause.

The 2002 fund-raising campaign for the Special Olympics begins this week in Seminole County. This year's fund drive

marks the 15th year Red Lobster has supported the event and the eighth year of the Cops & Lobsters fund-raiser.

Area police officers and sheriff's deputies will don aprons at local Red Lobster restaurants as they assist employees in serving restaurant guests. In return, officers look to earn a "special tip" for the Games and Law Enforcement Torch Run.

The Law Enforcement Torch

Run for the Special Olympics is one of the largest fund-raisers and public awareness vehicles for the event. Each year officers carry the "Flame of Hope" through the streets of their communities and deliver it to their local Games.

First up in trying to deliver cheese biscuits and succulent shrimp is the Sanford Police Department. Friday and Saturday.

See Lobster, Page 5A

Date set for 'March for Meal' Day in Seminole

Meals on Wheels, Etc. (MOW) has just announced that Friday, March 22 will be designated as "March for Meal" Day in Seminole County. Its purpose is to make certain that no senior goes to bed hungry, at least on this day. "This will be a community effort," said Sherry Fincher,

Executive Director of Meals on Wheels, Etc. "We are calling on elected officials, business leaders, and private individuals in our county to help us reach this goal."

Meals on Wheels, Etc. currently serves 650 senior meals each day. "Without our program, many of these people would go all day

without a real meal," Fincher said. "There are many more out there that we can't reach because there just aren't enough resources."

They are asking individuals who would like to join in this first See Meals, Page 5A

Opening Day



Allyson Fowler, 4, waits to start playing T-ball during Little League's Opening Day ceremonies held Saturday in Lake Mary. Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

# Food & Fun

Your guide to this winter's coolest hot spots.

## The Buzzard's Roost Events Scheduled

The Buzzard's Roost is located at 2921 S. Orlando Drive, Suite 200 in Sanford Plaza, Sanford. The new owner is Vickie Bebout. She has a wide range of events scheduled for the new year.

The Tuf Luck band is scheduled to appear regularly on Fridays and Saturdays. I could tell this group of artists has spent many hours in practice as it shows in their performance. When I first heard them play, I was amazed at how they click with each other. They play a majority of modern country with a mix of classic country and old time rock and roll while adding a short comedy skit in between songs. The first weekend they performed, the crowd went wild. It was almost as if we were in the middle of a major concert. I predict this band will go far in their career. I am just thankful that we had the opportunity to book them before they get too big to afford here in Sanford. They are truly awesome. As a special treat to our customers, there will be no cover when the band plays.

Karaoke is scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday night with Jason. Tuesday nights will be regular karaoke. Thursday nights will be the karaoke contest with cash and prizes to the winners. We have a blast with Jason. He is witty, has a terrific voice and is a whole lot of fun. We have approximately 4,000 karaoke songs to choose from. I am sure there is something that will appeal to everyone.

We will continue to have the blind draw dart tournament on Tuesdays prior to karaoke. Everyone seems to love darts in this area.

In fact, one of my customers gave my husband and I a lesson a few weeks ago. And, we now have the dart fever. It is terrific. Also, I plan to set up regular pool tournaments with the new pool tables and accessories being delivered this week. Pool is a very strategic game to play. It is as enjoyable to watch as it is to participate.

The hours of operation are 12 noon to 2 am. The karaoke and ladies and mens night events will finish early enough to prevent anyone from having too much trouble getting up for work the next day. Also, you can now choose from a wide variety of liquor rather than be limited to beer and wine. There will be creative drink specials daily from the time we are open until the time we close. Every Wednesday will be ladies' night, where the ladies drink free, from 9pm to 12 midnight. Every Monday will be men's night, where the men drink free from 9 pm to 11 pm. Also, very Sunday for a \$5.00 cover charge, there will be free pizza and draft from 1 pm to 4 pm. Watch for the lingerie shows and male review coming soon. Those will be announced when we have more information.

I am sure everyone is curious about my husband and I. We have been married for 28 years. We have two adult children, 28 and 24, and one grandchild five year old. We used to live in Sanford and Lake Mary 20 years ago. We left to search for a career and better ourselves in life. Since then I have received my Master of Business Administration Degree with an emphasis in accounting and plan to



Come visit Vickie Bebout, the new owner of Buzzard's Roost.

sit for the CPA exam in May 2002. I have an accounting business that I operate during the day. My husband is a tournament fisherman and my Marketing Director. We loved to go to dinner, dancing, play pool and have a great time before we were too busy to do any of those things. So, I decided to buy myself a place where we could enjoy that again, not only with ourselves, but with others as well. It will be a place where you can go out, enjoy yourself and leave the worries at home. We look forward to seeing everyone in the near future.

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# Obituaries

**BRYAN CHAD BARKS**  
Bryan Chad Barks, 29, of Cypress, Texas, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002.

Born in Sanford, he was a real estate salesman. He was a member of North Woods Presbyterian Church of Houston, Texas.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Thomas J. and Deborah A. Barks of Sanford; his mother and stepfather, Claudia and Joseph Davis of Cypress, Texas; grandparents, Georgia J. Barks of Sanford and Dorothy Smith-Fox of Lake Mary; two brothers, Wayne Davis of Cypress, Texas, and Zachary J. Barks of Sanford; and two sisters, Kristen D. Barks of Sanford and Jennifer Mitchell of Mount Dora.

Brisson Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

**DENNIS P. BURKE**  
Dennis P. Burke, 47, of Summit Ridge Place, Longwood, died Saturday, March 2, 2002.

Born in Astoria, N.Y., he moved to Central Florida in 1989. He worked for Fairbanks, Mazda and was a Little League baseball coach for many years. He was of the Roman Catholic faith.

Survivors include his wife, Alice; one son, Timothy; one daughter, Bridget; his mother, Anne Wilk of Roosevelt Island, N.Y.; and one sister, Debbie Drevenak of Astoria, N.Y.

Woodlawn Carey Hand Funeral Home of Longwood is in charge of arrangements.

**SHIRLEY M. DeCICCO**  
Shirley M. DeCicco, 74, of Wekiva Springs Road, Apopka, died Sunday, March 3, 2002.

Born in Maplewood, N.J., she moved to Central Florida in 2002. She was a commercial designer and a member of the Humane Society. She was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include two sons, William and Donald Marigold of New Jersey; two grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. Woodlawn Carey Hand Funeral Home of Longwood is in charge of arrangements.

**JOSHUA RAY EVENER**  
Joshua Ray Evener, 20, of Vespero Street, Deltona, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, in Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach.

Born in Athens, Ohio, he moved to Deltona in 1989. He was a plumber and enjoyed boating, fishing, sports and working on cars. He was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include his parents, Danny and Renee Evener of Deltona; one brother, Kyle Evener of Deltona; one sister, Tessie Evener of Deltona; and grandparents, Jack and Julie LeFrinere of Athens, Ohio, and Jennie Evener of Athens, Ohio.

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

**VIRGINIA E. FOWLER**  
Virginia E. Fowler, 91, of Doyle Road, Deltona, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, in Deltona

**FRANCES Y. HUDSON**  
Frances Y. Hudson, 84, of DeBary, died Friday, March 1, 2002.

Born in Michigan, she moved to Central Florida from Delaware, N.J., in 1974. She retired after 43 years working as a registered nurse. She was of the Methodist faith.

Survivors include her spouse of 65 years, Albert J. Fowler; two daughters, Barbara Karkutt of Easton, Pa., and Nancy Ellen of Pennsylvania; eight grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

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

**ELIZABETH FAUN HENDERSON**  
Elizabeth Faun Henderson, 91, of Dartmouth Street, Deltona, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, in her home.

Born in Springfield, Ohio, she moved to Central Florida in 1974. She was a homemaker. She was of the Methodist faith.

Survivors include her niece and caregiver, Judy Tesla of Deltona. Baldauff Family Funeral Home of Orange City is in charge of arrangements.

**BARBARA JEANNE JECKS**  
Barbara Jeanne Jecks, 48, of North Atmore Circle, Deltona, died Friday, March 1, 2002, in Florida Hospital Fish Memorial,

Orange City. Born in Mount Vernon, N.Y., she moved to Central Florida from Rantoul, Ill., in 1992. She was a project manager at Deltona Lanes and enjoyed bowling and spending time with her family. She was of the Presbyterian faith.

Survivors include her husband of 29 years, Fred Jecks; one son, Timothy R. Jecks of Deltona; one daughter, Lisa M. Jecks of Deltona; two brothers, Ken and Jeff Wolf, both of New York City, N.Y.; and three sisters, Virginia Bradley of Simsbury, Conn., Patricia Cheresky of Newark, N.J., and Alice Wolf of New York City, N.Y.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105. Baldauff Family Funeral Home of Orange City is in charge of arrangements.

**MICHELLE ANN LINGARD**  
Michelle Ann Lingard, 27, of Longwood Avenue, Osteen, died Friday, March 1, 2002, in her residence.

Born Sept. 14, 1974, in Sanford, she was employed with Enrichment Inc., of DeLand. She participated in the Special Olympics.

Survivors include her parents, Clyde and Lucille Lingard of Osteen; five sisters, Clara Mae of Oviado, Geraldine of Orlando, Autumn of Oviado, Rose of Oviado and Laurie of Orlando; six brothers, Jimmie Lee of Orlando, Claude of Osteen, James of Oviado, Andrew of Sanford, Kevin of Chicago, Ill., and Michael of Orlando; and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces.

Funeral services are 1 p.m. Friday, March 8, in Eichelberger's Memorial Chapel. Viewing is 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 7.

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

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# Business

## Engineered Homes promotes two to key executive positions

Steven Hiss and Deborah Lippert of Lake Mary tapped

Engineered Homes has solidified its Central Florida home-building operations with the additions of two veteran real estate executives to its staff — Steven F. Hiss and Deborah J. Lippert both of Lake Mary.

Hiss joins the company as Vice President Administration and Chief Financial Officer and will be responsible for overseeing and managing the day-to-day administrative and financial aspects of the company.

Lippert has been named Vice President of Sales and will direct the company's New Homes sales operations which currently includes a sales force of 20 persons and six residential communities in Orange, Seminole and

Lake counties. Engineered Homes President Igor Teplitky announced the appointments.

Both Hiss and Lippert bring extensive experience and expertise to a company that posted a record \$78.4 million in home sales last year and has built more than 1,600 homes since commencing operations in 1996.

Before coming on board, Hiss was the CFO for the past five years for Greater Construction Corp. and has held various administrative financial positions for both national retailers and private companies, including The Limited, Inc., Victoria's Secret, Kirckman Corp., and accounting giant KPMG Peat Marwick.

Lippert's credentials include more than 14 years sales and marketing experience in new home sales and management in

the Tampa Bay market, including Director of Sales and Marketing for the West Florida regional operations for national home builder Pulte Homes.

At Pulte, she was instrumental in the growth, productivity and profitability of the company's West Florida operations that included closings in excess of 700 homes during her six years. Before joining Pulte, she was a New Homes Sales Counselor for Lennar Homes, which helped prepare her for management.

"With the appointments of Steven Hiss and Deborah Lippert, we have added significant experience and leadership to our home-building operations," Teplitky said. "We have set high goals for the company not only for this year but for future years. These two executives will help provide the direction to get there."

## Bevan, Sparrow merge efforts



Harold photo by Tommy Vincent  
Maria Bevan, left, and Linda Sparrow cut a ribbon to announce the launch of their new business venture, Unicity Network. The venture was created when Rexall Showcase International and Enrich International merged. Unicity Network's parent company, Royal Numico, is a \$4.5 billion company from the Netherlands and is the owner of the GNC stores. To learn more about Unicity Network, visit the Sanford Chamber of Commerce Web site at [www.sanfordchamber.com](http://www.sanfordchamber.com) and click on Home-based Businesses or Health and Fitness Center, or call Linda Sparrow at 1-888-239-5497

## TEAM plan upgrade of accounting system

TEAM Information Services, Inc., a Lake Mary based information technology and computer consulting company that includes Vereon Technology, Inc. in Jacksonville and Dragon Development Corp. in the Washington, D.C. area, has

launched a major upgrade of its accounting systems.

Matt Moore, founder and chief executive officer at TEAM, said the internal systems being installed now will cost some \$40,000 and will affect all three companies.

The system upgrade is aided in part by a general slowdown in demand for non-government information technology services nationwide, Moore said. After travel and tourism, the IT industry may be among the hardest hit by the recession and we're taking advantage of it by upgrading one of our most complex systems, said Moore. "All indications are that our industry will start getting back to speed by August," he added.

## Fidelity National Financial hits \$4 billion in revenues for 2001

Fidelity National Financial, Inc. (NYSE: FNF) and its family of title insurance companies including Fidelity National Title Insurance of New York which has two offices in Seminole County closed out a banner 2001 and its best year ever with a

reported \$3.9 billion in revenues. Fueled by a \$1.1 billion fourth quarter surge, the nation's leading provider of title insurance and real estate related services registered a 44 percent increase over 2000 revenues of \$2.7 billion and more than doubled 1999 revenues of \$1.9 billion, reports FNF Chairman and CEO William P. Foley, II.

"The fourth quarter was a great finish to the best year in the history of our company," Foley said. "Revenues exceeded \$1 billion for the second consecutive quarter and recurring net earnings topped \$100 million a first for our company and industry."

Besides Fidelity National Title Insurance of New York which has offices in Longwood and Casselberry, the other title insurance companies in the FNF network include Chicago Title, Tigor Title, Security Union, Alamo Title and International Title Solutions.

Fidelity National Financial also culminated a number of strategic accomplishments in 2001, as well, the most notable being the successful merger and reorganization of Fidelity National Information Solutions (Nasdaq: FNIS) as a publicly

trade company. FNIS provides data, solutions and services to lenders, real estate agents and other participants in the real estate purchase process.

But it was figures and numbers where FNF really shined in 2001. Both title premiums and direct title orders showed nice gains over the prior year, according to FNF President Patrick F. Stone.

For the 12-month period ending Dec. 31, total title premiums were \$2.7 billion versus \$1.9 billion in 2000 — a 42 percent increase. Nearly 30 percent of those premiums (\$792 million) were issued in the fourth quarter. The company also finished the year with 2.64 million title insurance orders, closing 1.77 million of them. Again, most of the activity in 787,200 orders opened and 534,500 orders closed — occurred in the fourth quarter.

"Fourth quarter order volumes were the strongest of the year, as we benefited from the combination of low absolute interest rates and the surprising strength of the residential resale and new home purchase markets," Stone said. "January order volumes remain robust, giving us continued reason for optimism as we head into the New Year."

The company's Central Florida operations derive most of its business from Realtors, lenders and builders, as well as attorneys and title agents who issue title insurance policies underwritten by Fidelity National Title.

More information about the company can be found on FNF's Web site, located [www.fnf.com](http://www.fnf.com) or by visiting Fidelity National Title's local Web site at [www.fidelityfl.com](http://www.fidelityfl.com).

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## Florida Solar reports January sales top \$700,000

Florida Solar Technology Inc. in Sanford reported sales and installations of 118 pool heating systems in January for a dollar volume of more than \$700,000, Skip West, company president, said.

West said David West and Steve Telesca were the top sales associates for the month.

Florida Solar is the world's largest and most active contractor of pool heating systems, as well as marketing and selling solar and conventional residential hot water and water purification systems.

## Garden

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educational." After attending a workshop last year, Bess came up with the idea for the garden.

"I didn't know anything about butterfly gardening until I went to the workshop," she said. "Now we are all learning things from the garden."

The garden contains numerous native Florida plants, including passion vine and milkweed. It even has a small herb garden that contains parsley, sage and dill.

Everything in the garden was donated to the school from parents and faculty. No school funding was used to create the environmental area.

"It had a sense of old-fashionedness to it — people sharing plants instead of buying them," Bess said.

Once the plants started growing and blooming, it didn't take long for the butterflies to notice. Zebra Long Wings, Monarchs and others currently thrive in the garden.

Currently, many classes include the metamorphosis of the butterfly and other insect topics into their curriculums.

"It's hands-on education," Bess said. "They get to see the caterpillar eventually turn into a butterfly. They see the entire process."

Fifth-grader Josh King has used the garden as a tool to study the broad topic of butterflies. Not only does he possess an array of knowledge about the butterflies that visit the Wicklow garden, he knows about the various types found throughout the world.

"I've learned that butterflies can be found pretty much anywhere you go, even in the coldest states," King said. "My favorite is the Queen Alexander, which is found in Papua, New Guinea. It has 11-inch wings and comes in many colors."

The fifth-grader can often be found in the garden before classes begin in the morning and after the final bell rings in the afternoon.

"When it's not too cold, I come out here," King said. "I love it."

Bess hopes the garden will continue to expand. She is currently working on a grant and an application to get the area certified as a natural wildlife habitat provider.

The art teacher also hopes more plants will be donated to the school, and she is looking for people to donate benches so students and teachers can sit and relax around the garden.

"My goal is to turn what was an ugly part of the school to the most beautiful, and to expand our classroom doors," she said.

## Vintage View



Photo submitted by Grace Marie Stinecoper  
Pictured are members of the 1949 Salmagundi staff. Mary Keris was editor and Peggy Howell was the business manager. Advisors were Miss Rebecca Stevens and Mrs. Mae Fort. The staff includes, from left, (front) Mary Keris, Nixie Kirchhoff, Bette Duncan, Emma Jane Robbins, Foye Mae Cogburn, Jackie Rowland, Mildred Turner, (middle) Jimmie Ludwig, Virginia Tison, Joyce Palmer, Olyve Adams, Barbra Rucker, Mary Anne Galloway, Barbara Edenfield, Floyd Cooper, (back) Martha Grogan Miss Stevens, Mrs. Fort and Lila Leffler.

## Robbery

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as three cash registers dropping only a \$50 and \$5 bills to the floor. He is described by witnesses as having a stocky build, approximately five feet nine inches tall and weighing approximately 180 pounds. He was wearing a white T-shirt with blue trim around the collar and sleeves, and dark blue medium length shorts.

Numerous police units from the Seminole County Sheriff's Office and Lake Mary responded to the scene. A K-9 unit from the Altamonte Springs Police Department was unable to follow the robber's scent. The sheriff's office alert helicopter was

also unable to locate any possible suspects.

Sheriff's office investigators do have a video of the robbery from the bank cameras inside the grocery store. Authorities also have several prints left by the thief. The only problem is he was masked and gloved.

"It may or may not be helpful," sheriff's office spokesman Steve Olson said about the video. "The fact he was masked and gloved will complicate things."

With the lack of evidence, investigators are checking if the robbery is related to others in the area, Olson said.

## Arrest

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with dispatch, they radioed the call out to the officers," said police department spokesman Derrick Becton.

Responding immediately, were two Florida Highway Patrol troopers and two Altamonte Springs officers that were near the intersection of State Road 434 and State Road 436. The FHP troopers responded first to the scene and noticed a black male walking from the bank wearing a ski mask.

The subject, Rolando Romaine

Bailey, 21, of Orlando, then entered a tan Cadillac. That is when authorities pounced securing the suspect at gunpoint. The mask and a loaded gun were recovered from the vehicle, according to police.

"It was good timing all around — bad timing on his part," Becton said about the teller's call and the police officers' arrival.

Becton said it appears Bailey has no previous arrests and police are still unsure why he tried to rob the bank.

## Pan Am

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"We've had discussions with them about that, and they're very interested."

Pan Am currently leases a maintenance hanger and has agreed to lease an additional 14,400 square feet of space to house full-movement simulators.

"They're bringing four of these simulators to establish a training facility in Sanford," said Larry Dale, president of Orlando Sanford International Airport.

Wise said the simulators will provide the airline with a training center for new pilots from Latin American countries, as well as continuing education for its current pilots.

Wise said exact figures for new employees to operate the maintenance and training facilities have not been established. Fink, however, indicated Pan Am will increase the number of reservation center employees to 40 from 20.

"It won't double immediately,

but they will increase their workforce," Wise said.

Part of the increase will handle reservations for the Latin American routes. Sanford employees already take reservations from customers in Puerto Rico. Wise said the bilingual and technical abilities of the Sanford workforce has been a benefit for Pan Am, and the company plans to increase its investment in the community.

"Everything they are doing points to more growth, and everything points to Sanford," Wise said. "Pan Am has been very pleased with the work force here. They're finding good employees, and these are good jobs. The maintenance and simulator are high-tech jobs."

"This isn't just some P.R. from the marketing department," Wise said referring to the comments about growth by Pan Am's president. "When the president of the company tells you something is going to happen, it's going to happen."

## Theater

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Mardi Gras-theme food, entertainment, and of course, beads. "We'll be throwing beads off the marquee," Development Director Ronald E. Rose said. "It's the season of Mardi Gras, so we thought it would be fun to do."

The pre-concert reception will be held from noon to 2 p.m. The Preservation Hall Jazz Band performance begins at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$27 for seniors and students.

For more information on either performance or to purchase tickets, call the theater at 407-321-8111.

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## Lobster

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from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Seminole Towne Center mall Red Lobster; police department officers, employees and "celebrity servers" will partake in Cops & Lobsters 2002.

"It's an annual event for us and it's a lot of fun," police department spokeswoman Cleo Cohen said.

Officers will be dressed in their best uniforms. Deputy Chief Mike McCoy and Chief Brian Tooley are expected to escort patrons to their tables. In addition, a specially painted DARE vehicle and the teenage Sanford Explorers will also welcome guests.

The Altamonte Springs Police Department is also participating in the 2002 Special Olympics fund

raising. They will be participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Cops & Lobsters to help raise money for the Special Olympics.

On Tuesday, March 12, and Friday, March 15, the Altamonte Springs officers will be out at the Red Lobsters located at 340 West State Road 436, in Altamonte Springs, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00

p.m. They will also be selling the famous Red Lobster beads and Special Olympics Torch Run T-shirts to help raise money for this great cause.

Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office and Red Lobster will team up for the annual tip-a-cop event. Sheriff's office employees will be assisting the waiters and waitresses of Red Lobster. Volunteers will be on hand both days during the lunchtime and dinnertime hours.

## Meals

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annual March for Meals Day to do one of two things: Either donate the money they would spend for their own lunch on March 22 or call the program at 407-333-8877 to volunteer throughout the year.

"We hope our community will

come together in this effort to eliminate hunger and malnutrition in the elderly which is becoming an alarming cause for concern," Fincher said.

All contributions are tax-deductible. Checks should be made payable to MOW, Etc. and mailed to 1097 Sand Pond Rd.,

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Throughout the month of March, other senior meal providers in the country will be participating in similar programs in their local communities to ensure that no senior goes to bed hungry.

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## A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

### Woman reluctant to lose man who keeps too many secrets

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been dating "Jay" for four months. When I met him, he gave me his cell phone number. He said he doesn't have a home phone.



Dear Abby

He won't tell me where he lives because his "ex-woman" stalks him, is dangerous, and he doesn't want her to cause me any problems. He says she has access to his apartment. (The apartment is in her name.) I care a lot for Jay and don't want to lose him. He has keys to my house and knows my home and work numbers. I've kept no secrets from him, but I suspect he is still involved in a relationship, and that's why he doesn't want me to know where he lives. Should I continue to trust Jay, or do you think he is deceiving me?

**FEELING HURT IN THE NORTHWEST**

**DEAR FEELING HURT:** I think he's deceiving you. Everything you have written about him indicates he's still involved with someone else and probably living with her. My advice is to change your locks and home phone number, and if he calls you at work, be unavailable.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 30-year-old female and have been repairing computers for two years. I thoroughly enjoy it. However, the field is dominated by men, and I have a problem.

My boss doesn't take me seriously. He will put a malfunctioning computer in front of me; I will test it and tell him what I think is wrong with it. Abby, he always disagrees with me.

When he puts the same computer in front of one of his male techs and they will tell him the same thing, he always agrees with them.

I think it's time he gave me credit where credit is due. Is there anything I can do to change my boss's behavior, or should I consider moving on?

**FRUSTRATED GEORGIA TECH**

**DEAR FRUSTRATED:** You're not going to change a member of the old boys' club. Consider moving on, but not until you've found something equally good or better. Now that you have experience, I'm sure there are plenty of job opportunities for a tech with your diagnostic skills.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married to "Gerald" for more than 50 years. He is a wonderful husband and a splendid father. He still showers me with affection: kisses me good morning and good night, calls me from the office at least once a day, is a great provider, never argues about money — essentially I can do anything I want. In addition, Gerald is an attentive and highly competent lover.

Throughout the year, Gerald gives me presents — flowers, candy, things for the house, etc. However, he never gives me presents for my birthday, our anniversary or Hanukkah. I receive only a card and a hug.

I don't like it, Abby. When I tell him how I feel, he just smiles, gives me a hug and a kiss, and says, "Honey, that's not my thing." Nothing I say or do convinces him to change. Any suggestions?

**PATRICIA IN SAN FRANCISCO**

**DEAR PATRICIA:** If after 50 years of marriage this is his only fault, consider yourself a very lucky woman. Develop a sense of humor. Go shopping for holiday gifts for yourself. Show them to him and say, "This is from you. Thanks, Honey."

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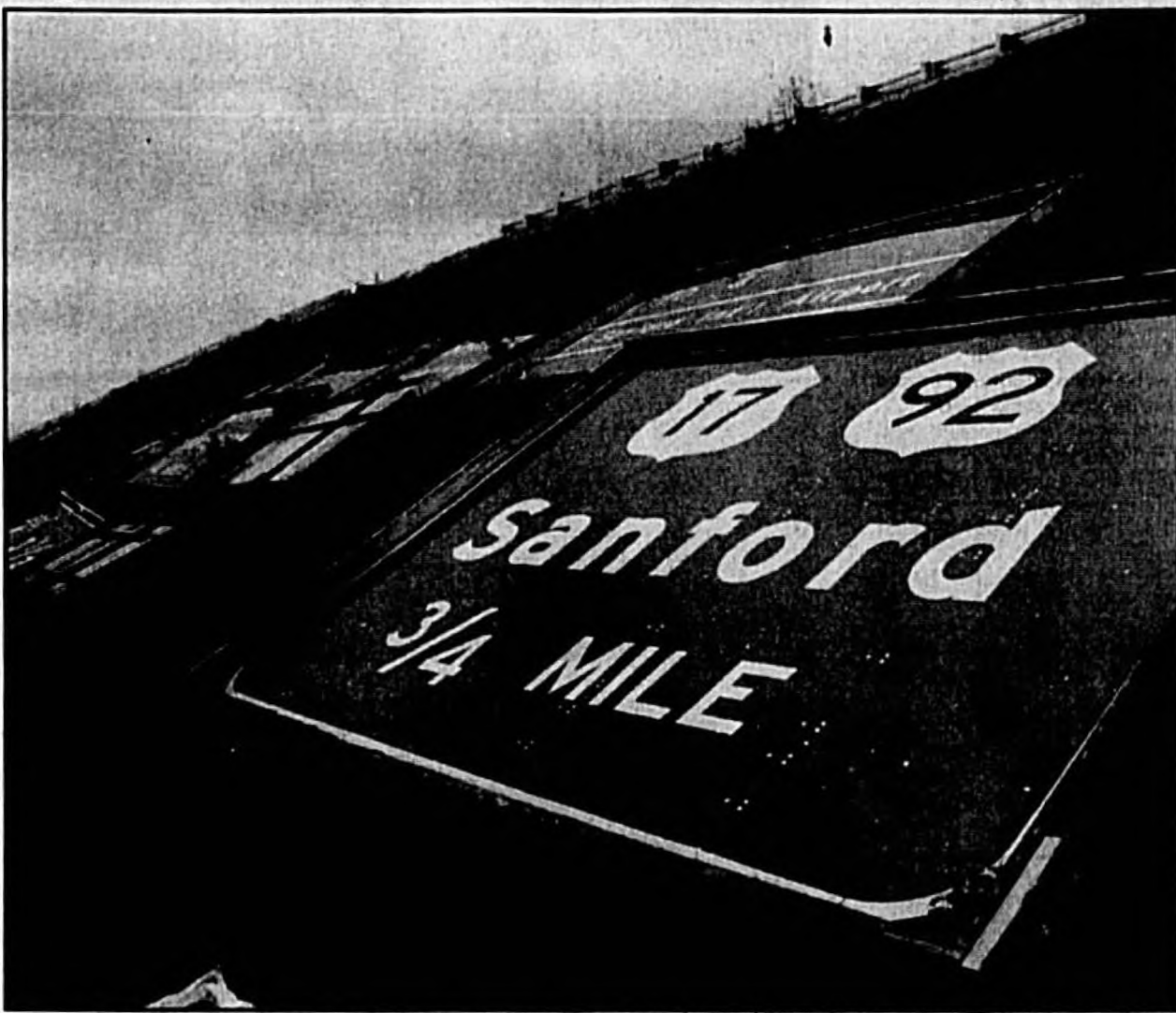
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### Sign field



Signs for the new and still under construction GreeneWay extension rest along the embankment near the 17-92 overpass just north of Airport Boulevard.

Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

### Suspended License

- Lake Mary Officer J. Kelly arrested Michael Henderson, 34, of Lake Mary Friday for driving with a suspended license. He was stopped by police after he reportedly passed another vehicle by crossing double solid yellow lines.

- Winter Springs Officer Vince Olech arrested Richard Vargas, 34, of Winter Springs Friday for driving with a suspended license.

- Seminole Deputy John Hawkins arrested Kimberly Brown, 24, of Sanford Sunday for aggravated battery on an officer, driving with a suspended license, trespassing and operating a motor vehicle as a habitual traffic offender.

- Sanford Officer Thomas Fransen arrested Victor Garcia, 26, of Sanford Saturday for driving without a license. Police stopped Garcia after he spun his tires leaving Bottoms Up Bar on Sanford Avenue.

### Grand Theft

- The sheriff's office City/County Investigative Bureau executed a search warrant Friday at 1801 B S. Mellonville Avenue in Sanford. Police confiscated a marijuana cigarette, rolling papers, a Smith and Wesson .357 handgun and Intratec 9-mm semiautomatic firearm. The handgun was reported stolen last June to the sheriff's office. Agents arrested resident Timothy Mike, 29, for possession of a firearm by a violent career criminal, grand theft of a firearm, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

- Sanford Investigator Paul Herx arrested John Keegan, 34, of Sanford Friday for grand theft of a motor vehicle. Keegan allegedly stole a white Ford van from American Door and Millwork at 3551 W. 1st St. sometime between Feb. 1 and Feb. 4. The sheriff's office also charged Keegan with dealing in stolen property and fraud. He reportedly sold two rechargeable drills from the First Street business and pawned them to EZ Pawn in Fern Park.

- Florida Highway Corporal L. Smith arrested Robert Clehr, 18, of Longwood Sunday for attempting to escape and grand theft. Clehr sped away from a crash on Alaquia Lakes



Boulevard. Casselberry police later caught him. He was placed in the front seat of the FHP squad car with the handcuffs in front of him and his seat belt secured. Shortly later, police found him in the police car's driver seat attempting to shift the car into gear.

### Drug Possession

- Seminole Deputy James Ingram Jr., arrested Nicholas Barnes, 24, of Sanford Friday for possession of crack cocaine and marijuana. Police stopped Barnes for having a broken taillight. Police found three stamp bags full of marijuana, a plastic breath mint container full of crack, \$436 and a nickel-plated 9-mm semi-automatic firearm.

- Longwood Officer Trafton Patrick arrested Salem Riahi, 24, of Sanford Sunday for larceny and possession of marijuana. He reportedly tried to steal merchandise from the State Road 434 Winn Dixie grocery store.

- Seminole Deputy Travis Gregory arrested Juan Maldonado, 20, of Sanford Monday for producing marijuana. A neighbor reportedly alerted police to the marijuana plant in Maldonado's back yard. He told authorities he had planned to trade the plant for a bicycle, but the deal fell through.

- Seminole Deputy Christopher Torina arrested Janice Francis, 40, of Sanford Saturday for possession of cocaine, drug paraphernalia and resisting an officer.

- Sanford Officer Tomasz Ponicki arrested Charles Kendrick, 47, of Sanford Saturday for two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and open container ordinance. Kendrick was reportedly behind the Outreach Rescue Mission on 13th Street drinking a forty-ounce of eight ball with a crack pipe laying next to him.

- Sanford Officer Tomasz Ponicki

arrested Daniel Bradshaw, 40, of Sanford Saturday for possession of cocaine with intent to sell, drug paraphernalia and smuggling contraband into the jail.

### DUI

- Sanford Officer Bill Crapps arrested Don Vucinovich, 38, of Sanford Friday for his second charge of driving under the influence. Police arrested Vucinovich after he reportedly fell off his motorcycle while stopped at the intersection of 1st Street and French Avenue. He refused to take breath tests at the jail.

- Sanford Officer Bill Erwin arrested Jose Garcia, 34, of Sanford Friday for driving under the influence, driving without headlights on and a defective exhaust. He refused breath tests at the jail.

- Sanford Officer Bill Crapps arrested Mitchell Gainey, 29, of Sanford Saturday for driving under the influence and passing in a no passing zone. Breathalyzer tests at the jail revealed a blood alcohol content of about .147.

- Sanford Officer Thomas Fransen arrested Ewins Pringle, 61, of Sanford Sunday for driving under the influence, DUI property damage and driving with a suspended license. He was involved in a crash on Celery Avenue. Breathalyzer tests at the jail revealed a blood alcohol content of about .197.

- Sanford Officer Bill Erwin arrested Edy Juarez, 19, of Sanford Saturday for driving under the influence, failure to obey a traffic light and violation of learner's permit. Breathalyzer tests at the jail revealed a blood alcohol content of about .134.

- Seminole Deputy Richard Kolentus arrested Jon Halasz, 23, of Winter Springs Saturday for driving under the influence. Police clocked Halasz traveling 51 mph in a 35-mph zone of Wekiva Springs Road. Breathalyzer tests at the jail revealed a blood alcohol content of about .159.

### Hit and Run

Florida Highway Trooper Wallace Marcantoni arrested Virgil Jenkins, 42, of Sanford Saturday for hit and run. The crash occurred in the area of 18th Street and the victim was driving a motorcycle.

### OUT & ABOUT

#### WED 6

The Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce will host its Good Morning, Seminole!, breakfast meeting 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 6, in the Country Club at Heathrow, located at 1200 Bridgewater Road. The topic is the state of the Chamber.

Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non members. Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (LYNX) is sponsoring the event.

"Encore!" will be performed March 6 in the Winter Springs High School Auditorium, 130 Tusacawilla Road, off of State Road 434, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$5. Seats fill up quickly, so get your tickets in advance from the receptionist at the high school or at the door the night of the performance.

For more information, call 407-320-8729.

Safehouse of Seminole will begin a Wednesday morning domestic violence support group in Altamonte Spring on Wednesday, March 6.

If you are currently in an abusive relationship or have ever experienced domestic violence and would like to talk about it, please come to these sessions.

In addition, Safehouse holds weekly support groups on Monday night in Sanford/Lake Mary and Thursday in Oviedo. All group meetings are free.

For more information, including directions to the group locations, please contact Safehouse Outreach at 407-302-1700.

#### THUR 7

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the State Attorney's Office, the Grove Counseling Center and the Seminole County Public School's Violence-Free Community Committee, is sponsoring a community event to promote March as Violence-Free Month.

The event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 7, at the site of the fourth annual Seminole County Fair, located at the Seminole Towne Center in Sanford. The theme of this year's event is "Victory Over Violence." Youth groups are invited to participate by creating banner expressing a "Violence Free" community theme. The judging will be held at 6 p.m.

For additional information about the event, contact 407-320-0316 or 407-320-0317.

Central Florida Regional Hospital will sponsor a Wellness Seminar for smoking cessation 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7.

The hospital, located at 1401 W. Seminole Blvd., Sanford, will present the two-hour seminar, which combines the power of hypnosis and behavior modification. Participants learn to stop smoking without weight gain or withdrawals. The first 45 minutes of each session is a free orientation. If the participant feels comfortable with the program, then they pay a one-time fee of \$55.

For more information, call 1-800-848-2822.

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# 9th Olde annual Lake Mary Days

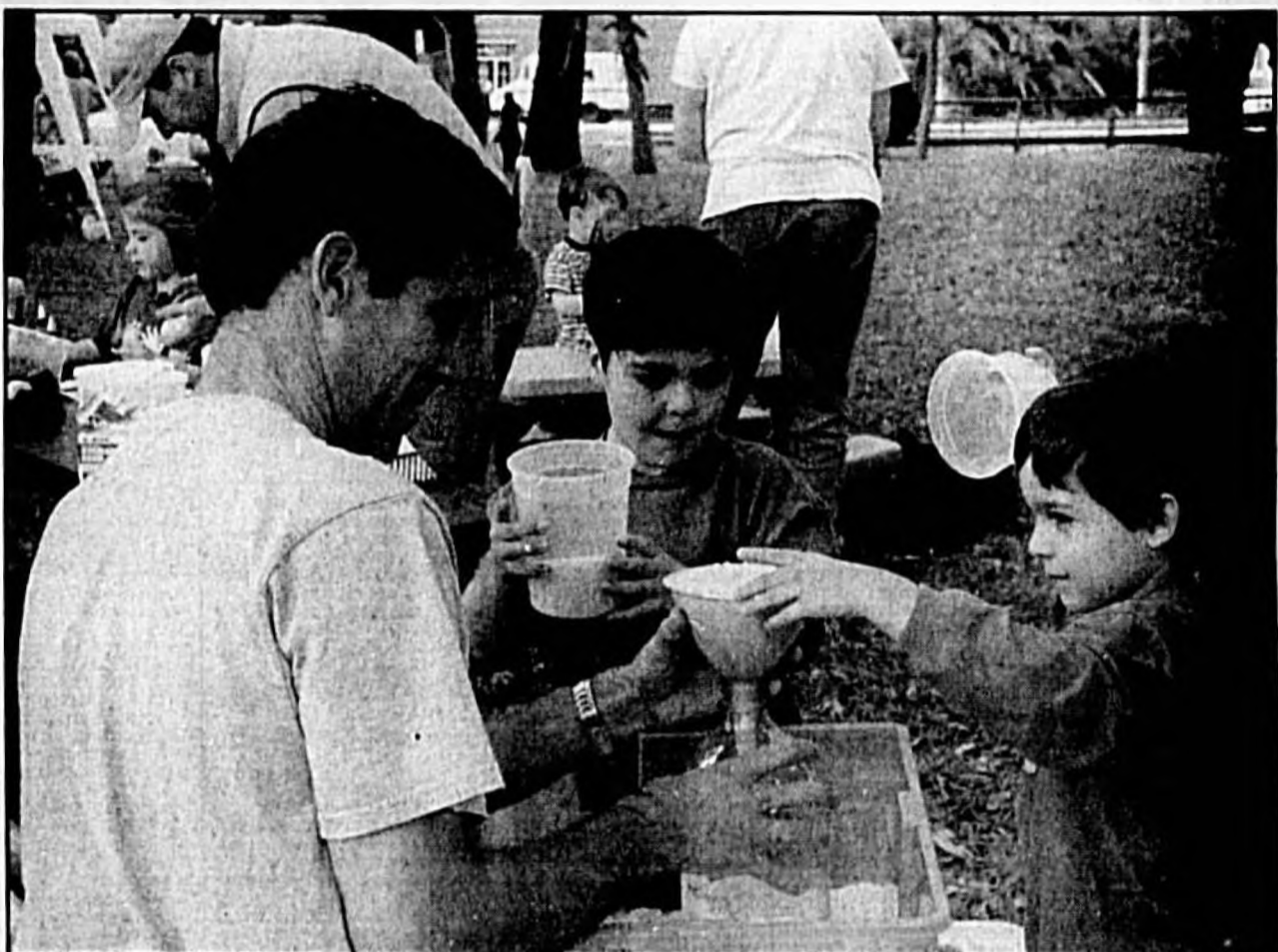
Hundreds of people enjoyed the food, fun and entertainment provided during Saturday's ninth annual Olde Lake Mary Days sponsored by the Lake Mary Historical Commission, in coordination with the city.



Olde Lake Mary Days Committee members DeLores Lash, left, Clinton Rhodes and Peggy Wolfe take time to pose for a picture during Saturday's event. At left, Gail Mathews from the 37th Alabama Co. H living history demonstration sews a blanket to pass the time during Olde Lake Mary Days.



Officers from the Confederate Army's 37th Alabama Co. H stand at attention during the Opening Ceremony to kick-off the ninth annual Olde Lake Mary Days.



Steve Hochfelder of Heathrow helps his sons, Charlie, 5, and Christopher, 4, put dried rice into a plastic bottle at one of the many children's activities provided by Lake Mary's CIA (Community Improvement Association) during Olde Lake Mary Days. Heraki photos by Michelle Jerta



Stephanie Hoffman, 6, and Scott Hoffman, 3, learn from Terrell Hendrix how people ground corn during the second Seminole Indian war era.



David Rose sings "God Bless the U.S.A." while Lake Mary city officials and officers from the Union Army's Rhode Island 3rd Battalion stand at attention.



Members from the crowd join the Talaka Indians during one of their dance performances.



The S.O.D.A. Pops from Miriam and Valerie's School of Dance Arts get ready to take to the stage for one of numerous dances they performed during last Saturday's Olde Lake Mary Days.



The Flag Ceremony, pictured above, during Olde Lake Mary Days was presented by the ROTC from Lake Mary High School. At right, Lake Mary Mayor Thom Greene hands Faye Siler a Best of Show ribbon. Siler was chosen by a panel of judges to receive the award.



Officers from the Union Army's Rhode Island 3rd Battalion load the cannon before a mock Civil War battle during a living history demonstration at Olde Lake Mary Days.

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# Obituaries

**MARCIA L. LIPPINCOTT**  
 Marcia L. Lippincott, a member of a pioneer Sanford family, died Saturday, March 2, 2002.

Daughter of the late Clifford F. Proctor and Margaret Burns Proctor, she was a member of the 1941 class of Seminole High School. From 1942 to 1943, she was employed at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. She returned to Sanford until 1963, when she moved to Lake Mary. She owned and operated Pixie Kindergarten from 1954 to 1980. In 1974, her family opened Lippincott's Ink Spot Inc., where she worked after closing the kindergarten.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Bob Lippincott; two daughters, Marcia K. Lippincott and Cynthia D. Brown, both of Lake Mary; one son, Robin C. Lippincott of Boston, Mass.; and one nephew, Steven Proctor of St. Cloud.

Graveside services were held 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 5. Gramkow Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

**JEAN HELEN MEKALET**  
 Jean Helen Mekalet, 79, of Merrick Court, Deltona, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2002, in Woodland Terrace Nursing Center in DeLand.

Born in Chicago, Ill., she moved to Central Florida in 1972. She was a homemaker. She was of the Lutheran faith.

Survivors include two sons, Kurt and Russell Mekalet, both of Deltona; and one grandchild. Baldauff Family Funeral Home of Orange City is in charge of arrangements.

**HANNAH EVELYN ROCH**  
 Hannah Evelyn Roch, 101, of Normandy Boulevard, Deltona, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, in Alliance Center for Health Care in DeLand.

Born in Queens, N.Y., she moved to Central Florida in 1966. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Deltona Alliance Church.

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

**AGNES M. SUTTON**  
 Agnes M. Sutton, 89, of Derby Drive, Deltona, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, in her home.

Born in Darke County, Ohio, she moved to Central Florida from Union City, Ind., in 1972. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include one son, Robert D. Sutton of Union City, Ind.; one daughter, Marie Bush of Deltona; five grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and four great great grandchildren.

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

## Phi Delta Kappa chapter accepting applications for summer institute

The Central Florida Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa (a professional fraternity in education) is looking for current high school juniors interested in attending the fraternity's 2002 Summer Camp/Institute on the Indiana University campus in Bloomington, Ind., and is intended for high school juniors considering teaching as a career. If you know of a junior interested in attending, please contact David Scott at Idylwild Elementary School at 407-320-3750 for an application. The Central Florida Chapter covers expenses for the attending students. Application deadline is March 15.

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**IRA E. SOUTHWARD**  
 Ira E. Southward, 99, of South Lake Mary Boulevard, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, in Lake Mary.

Born in Ontario, Canada, he arrived in Central Florida in 1919 aboard the rivership City of Jacksonville. He became an American citizen and began his career in agriculture as a celery farmer while gradually planting and purchasing citrus groves. He founded Southward Fruit Co., and in 1941 built a citrus packing plant on French Avenue in Sanford. The building still stands and is known as The Barn. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Sanford and Rotary Club.

Survivors include two sons, Ernest Southward of Lake Mary and Ira W. "Bill" Southward of Sanford; two daughters, Myra Doudney of New Smyrna Beach and Jean Dinkins of Orange Park; 10 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; nine great great grandchildren; and two sisters and one brother of Canada. Baldwin Fairchild Oaklawn Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

**ALICE GEORGANN WELCH**  
 Alice Georgann Welch, 47, of West Prairie Circle, Deltona, died Sunday, March 3, 2002, in Kindred Hospital-North Florida in Green Cove Springs.

Born in Opa Locka, she moved to Central Florida from West Palm Beach in 1976. She

was a customer service representative with BellSouth in Orlando, where she worked for more than 20 years. She was a member of Volusia County Baptist Church in Orange City. She enjoyed roses and animals.

Survivors include her husband of 25 years, Bob Welch; two sons, Isaac G. and Benjamin Welch, both of Deltona; her parents, George and Jennie Sims of West Palm Beach; one brother, Thomas Sims of Lynchburg, Va.; and one sister, Ellen Freda of West Palm Beach.

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

**JOHN T. WYATT**  
 John T. Wyatt, 53, of Magnolia Avenue, Sanford, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, of a stroke.

Born May 12, 1948, in Daytona Beach, he was a lifelong resident of Central Florida. He was a teacher for Seminole County Public Schools, where he worked with the Rosenwald Exceptional Education Center and Special Olympics and was twice named Teacher of the Year.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Wyatt of Sanford; his mother, Clara Van Dusen of Sanford; one brother, Eddie C. Wyatt of Osteen; and one sister, Carol L. Garlington of Clermont.

Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

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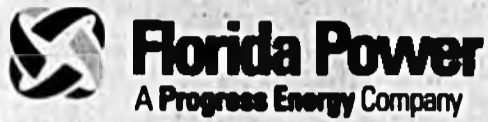
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# Sports

## Briefs

### LOCAL PROS OFF TO GOOD START

If the first few days of Spring Training is any indication, the upcoming Major League Baseball season could be a good one for several Seminole County High School graduates.

David Eckstein, who finished fourth in voting for American League Rookie of the Year last season, opened the spring by going 2-for-2, including a double, and scored two runs as the Anaheim Angels whipped the Seattle Mariners, 15-2.

He has played in the other two games the Angels have won and sat out the game they lost.

In three games, the short-stop is now 4-for-8 with two doubles, five runs scored and two RBI.

On Monday, the Angels outscored the Chicago Cubs, 10-9, with Oviedo's Mark Bellhorn getting his first start at third base for the Cubs and going 3-for-5 with a run scored and an RBI. Bellhorn was 0-for-1 as a pinchhitter in an earlier game and is also hitting .500 for the spring.

Tim Raines Sr. proved there is still gas in the tank as the 22-year veteran went 1-for-1 in his first, and so far only, plate appearance of the Spring for the Florida Marlins.

Tim Raines Jr., meanwhile, has made two appearances for the Baltimore Orioles as a defensive replacement and has yet to get a plate appearance.

### KIMMIG ADJUSTING WELL TO COLLEGE

Seminole High School graduate Uriah Kimmig has made a quick adjustment to college baseball.

The 6-foot-7 lefthander has won his first two pitching starts for Hiawasee College, a two-year school in Madisonville, Tennessee.

Kimmig struck out nine, gave up four hits, walked two and hit one batter as the Tigers hammered Tennessee Wesleyan, 11-0, in the first game of a doubleheader to improve to 4-0.

### CASSELBERRY ROCKS AROUND THE BLOCK

The City of Casselberry Parks and Recreation present: The 6th Annual Rock Around the Block 5K Run will be on Saturday, March 9 at 8 a.m. at Secret Lake Park, 200 N. Triplet Lake Dr.

This family event attracts all types of athletes, from competitive racers to first-time participants. It is a celebration of fitness complete with Central Florida's best live bands performing before, during and after the race. The Hindu Cowboys will be performing at the beginning and end of the race.

Other activities for participants include clowns, face painting, balloon animals, a free raffle, free t-shirts, free baby-sitting, a Family Fun Area with an obstacle course, games, prizes, and a free 'kiddy run' at 9:15 a.m. Also, Mix 105.1 will be on site with a celebrity DJ. There will also be a refreshment area complete with an abundance of fresh fruit, bagels, snacks, and free samples provided by Kel's Cafe.

Proceeds from this race will benefit the City of Casselberry Youth Drown Prevention Program. This program puts emphasis on water safety awareness, provides water safety classes and also free swim lessons.

### BOYS HOOPS REVUE

Winning Ways Basketball is currently holding registra-

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# Hornets sting Silver Hawks

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

**HAINES CITY** — In the end, a late deficit and a huge homecourt advantage proved to be too much for Lake Howell to overcome.

But just barely. Tamar Lee scored nine of his 11 points in the final period and Haines City refused to relinquish the lead in the closing minutes as the hosts held on for a 62-62 victory in the Class 5A-Region 2 Championship Game before a packed house at the Hornets nest.

## Lake Howell boys fall one point short of trip to state

Except for the very beginning when the Silver Hawks took a 10-6 lead behind five points from junior Jovian Forestier, the visitors were forced to play from behind as Haines City (23-5) fed off the raucous crowd.

After falling behind, the Hornets scored 12 of the next 14 points to lead 18-

12, before Lake Howell scored six straight to tie the game at 18-18. Haines City would answer though as Brandon Streeter hit a three-pointer to end the quarter and give the Hornets a 21-18 lead.

Haines City widened the lead to five points, 31-26, at halftime and then got six

points from Tony Joiner during a 7-0 run in the middle of the third quarter to take a 41-32 lead.

The Silver Hawks (19-16) would not bow to the pressure, however, and scored eight straight points, six coming on three-pointers by Forestier and senior Sean Barkman, to close to the gap to one point, 41-40. The Hornets would again score the final basket to push the lead back to three, 43-40, entering the fourth quarter.

Haines City appeared as though it might have put the game away when

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## Raiders baseball closes in on .500

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

**SANFORD** — The Seminole Community College baseball team took a giant step toward getting back to .500 by winning three games over the weekend.

Friday the Raiders wrapped up a quick two-game road trip with an 8-3 victory over Florida College in Temple Terrace.

Coach Mike Nicholson's charges then opened a nine-game homestand on Monday with a sweep of a doubleheader with Mott College from Flint, Michigan, 3-0 and 2-1, at Raider Field.

With the streak, SCC is now 9-11 on the season and had a good chance to go to .500 when it hosted another Michigan nine, Kalamazoo Valley College, in a doubleheader on Tuesday.

Local fans will have an opportunity to see the Raiders as well as former Seminole High standouts Angelo Petracca and Jacob Davis this weekend when SCC opens its Mid-Florida Conference schedule by hosting Daytona Beach Community College for three games.

There will be a single game on Friday starting at 3 p.m. and then the schools will play a doubleheader on Saturday starting at noon. Admission is free to all home games.

The Raiders erased a 3-1 deficit by scoring four runs in the fifth inning and cruised to the win over Florida College.

Ben Sprague led a 14-hit SCC attack, going 3-for-5, including a triple and a double, scoring a run and driving in two.

Also contributing were Donnie Burkhalter (2-for-2, double, three runs), Ruben Hernandez (double, single, two runs), Sean Greear (two singles, run, RBI), Winter Springs' John Michael Howell (two singles, RBI), Lyman's J.T. Williamson (two singles, run), Dan Quartararo (single, RBI) and Tyson Malik (run).

J.R. Schumann, the first of four pitchers for the Raiders, went the first six innings to earn the victory.

Zach McCamie carried a no-hitter into the fourth inning and gave up just two hits over five innings to get the victory and Dan DeChirico gave up one hit over two innings to get the save as SCC shutout Mott in the opening game Monday.

On offense, the Raiders scored single runs in the first, third and fourth innings to win their second consecutive game.

Malik singled and scored two of the runs, while Burkhalter and Matt Matheson both doubled in runs, Howell had a double, Hernandez singled and Williamson scored a run.

In the nightcap, Burkhalter

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## Sanford Babe Ruth kicks off season



Sanford Mayor Brady Lessard (top) throws out the first pitch during Opening Day Ceremonies for the City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department Babe Ruth Baseball season this past Saturday at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium. In the bottom photos, coach Leonard Richardson (right) leads his Cal Ripken Minor League Marlins out to be introduced and Deputy City Manager Roger Dixon (left), a former track star at Florida, gives an inspirational speech to those in attendance.

Herald photos by Tommy Vincent

## McCray adds 'coach' to his resume

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

**ALTAMONTE SPRINGS** — Former Seminole High School and Seminole Community College basketball standout Bruce McCray has proven once again that not only can he talk the talk, he can walk the walk.

The 6-foot-5 McCray helped lead the Fighting Seminoles to a school-record 33-2 season in 1989-90 and a spot in the Class 4A Final Four. He was named Second Team All-American, First Team All-State, Central Florida Player of the Year, Seminole County Player of the Year and Most Valuable Player at the prestigious Five Star Camp.

In college, he was an All-State Player for two years at SCC and then went to Bluefield State in West Virginia where he earned NAIA All-American honors.

After spending several years in the private sec-

tor, McCray became an English 2 ESE teacher at Lake Brantley High School and this year decided to try coaching for the first time.

He proved to be quite a success at it, as he piloted the Patriots' freshman girls' team to the Seminole Athletic Conference Championship.

The team did not lose a home game all season and went 11-3, the best-ever for Lake Brantley.

Making up the Patriots' roster were Wendy Gonzalez, Rebecca Bercovici, Celeste Campos, Alyssa DelRey, Dana DeMartino, Alex Lofton, Liena Longstreet, Kat Malishewsky, Brittany North, Natalie Ruif, Rachel Smith, Jessica Tomaselli and Karlie Turner.

Coach McCray is looking forward to next year when he will have the opportunity to coach with his daughters, Ryanna, a 10<sup>th</sup> grader on the Seminole High School varsity team, and Ashley, a 6-foot-4 student/athlete at Sanford Middle School.

## SCC women on way to state

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

**MARIANNA** — Will a tough schedule pay off?

The Seminole Community College women's basketball team is about to find out.

After seeing his team knocked out in the early rounds of the State Tournament the past few years, Raiders head coach Ken Patrick decided to try a different approach this season, subjecting his charges to a schedule that looked like it was put together by the Marquis de Sade.

SCC made trips to the Panhandle to face nationally-ranked teams three weekends in a row, then played in a tough tournament in South Florida before facing more nationally-ranked teams at Daytona Beach Community College and Central Florida Community College in Ocala.

Patrick was even starting to doubt himself when his team fell to 7-8 and looked to be struggling to play against the better teams.

But the Raiders suddenly caught fire after the Christmas break and have been nothing short of sensational since.

SCC has won 13 consecutive games to improve to 20-8.

Completed its second straight undefeated (8-0) campaign to win the Mid-Florida Conference for just the second time ever and run its winning streak to 16.

And are ranked No. 18 in the nation.

But now the truth will really come out as the squad will open play in the State Tournament on Thursday at Chipola Junior College in Marianna.

The tournament actually opens on Wednesday with the Quarterfinals of the Men's State Tournament.

On Thursday, the Southern Conference champion, Brevard Community College (16-11), will take on the Third Place Team from the Mid-Florida Conference, Florida Community College at

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## Swarthout a budding star at SCC

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

**SANFORD** — You always want to hesitate when you stick the tag of star on a freshman.

But when you have gotten off to the start that Lacey Swarthout has for the Seminole Community College softball team, it is bound to happen.

The righthander from Colonial High School hurled a no-hitter in just her second collegiate start, then really got noticed when

she shut down perennial National Champion Lake City Community College on five hits and no earned runs in a 4-2 victory over the Timberwolves on the road.

The freshman then outdid even that performance, hurling a no-hitter in a 3-0 home-opening game over Mid-Florida Conference power Daytona Beach Community College.

Following a sweep of a doubleheader in Ocala against Central Florida Community College, in which Swarthout gave up seven hits, but only one run, the Raiders traveled to Winter Haven for the Polk Community

College Tournament this past weekend and lost the first game of Pool Play, 2-0, to Hillsborough Community College despite Swarthout hurling her third no-hitter of the season.

SCC did bounce back to get into the eliminations and got all the way to the semifinals before dropping a 1-0 decision to nationally-ranked Indian River Community College despite Swarthout allowing only two hits.

Swarthout is now 7-3 on the season with two saves, but could easily be 9-1.

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Seminole low on YMCA priority list

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

Lake Mary facility to receive a fraction of total Central Florida funding

The Central Florida YMCA is preparing to receive a \$33 million bond with almost half the money earmarked for capital improvements.

What improvements can Seminole County members expect? A new parking lot and refurbished locker rooms for the Lake Mary facility at the cost of \$269,000.

Orange County facilities, however, are scheduled to receive \$5 million in enhancements.

Seminole County Commissioner Randy Morris sounded off on the apparent inequity at the most recent commission

meeting. Although commissioners unanimously approved a resolution supporting the bond issuance, Morris wasn't happy.

The Central Florida YMCA serves Seminole, Orange, Marion, Lake, Brevard and Osceola counties. The two most expen-

sive capital improvements planned with the 2002 bond issuance are also the only proposed expenditures for Osceola and Brevard counties. The Titusville and Osceola facilities will receive \$2.4 and \$2.8 million, respectively, for renovations.

Comparing U.S. Census 2000 population figures, Seminole County is a little less than half the size of Orange County. Seminole

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Raiders rebound

With the game on the line, the Seminole Community College softball team stood up and denied Lake-Sumter Community College. Page 1B

Sheriff's office warns of possible scam

Seminole County Sheriff's deputies made contact last week with out-of-state paving crews, which were offering to pave driveways for area residents. The crews were working in the Geneva and Chuluota areas.

Although it has not been proved that crimes occurred in these instances, the sheriff's office would like to urge residents to be cautious.

Many times, these traveling paving crews will pull up to a home and offer to pave a driveway for a bargain. They say they have some leftover asphalt from another job and could do the work cheaply, according to authorities.

According to those in the paving industry, quality work is determined by the base layer preparation; the type of rock used underneath the asphalt layer. Many times, traveling paving crews fail to do proper base layer preparation and only apply an asphalt cover, which will crumble weeks or months later.

The sheriff's office suggests residents do not do business with traveling paving crews, which show up unannounced to do work. Anyone who has had contact with traveling paving crews or who has any concerns, call the Seminole County Sheriff's Office at 407-665-6600.



African Adventure

When Kelly Foster told her friends and family she wanted to go to South Africa instead of Australia as part of the International Mission on Diplomacy, they thought her decision was a bit unusual. Page 1C

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House passes bill on redistricting while Senate still ponders

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

than 25 percent of the minority vote approved the measure in an 86 to 32 tally.

TALLAHASSEE — If the state legislature fails to fulfill its three constitutional requirements by March 22, the house will not be at fault, said House Speaker Tom Feeney, R-Oviedo.

With only two weeks remaining in the session, the senate still must finalize a new state budget, complete cabinet reorganization and redraw the district maps for state leaders and U.S. Representatives. On the other hand, the house only lacks approving reorganization, and Feeney anticipates a vote on the issue early this week.

"In the house, we've been timely and organized. We're hoping the senate can start getting organized," Feeney said.

The house passed two redistricting bills Wednesday with overwhelming support. Representatives stayed close to their party lines in the congressional reapportionment vote as the bill passed with a 78 to 36 margin. State senate and house redistricting proposals passed with much greater support. More

"It was really the smoothest redistricting process I've ever been involved in," Feeney said.

As a "freshmen" representative 10 years ago, Feeney said the controversial matter was further complicated by some legislatures practice of "cloak and dagger." He credited this less painful experience to a more open process, which included 24 public hearings across the state.

If the house versions of redistricting passes the Senate's approval without change, Seminole County stands to lose a state representative and gain a new Congressman. Rep. Jim Kallinger, R-Winter Park, only serves three precincts in the southwest corner of the county, however, with the house's redistricting proposal he would lose those in the area of Howell Branch Road and Aloma Avenue.

Citing tremendous growth in East Central and South Florida, Feeney said "it was pretty easy" for the house to draw districts for

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Commission to consider interlocal agreement for conference center

By Dan Ping Editor

SANFORD — City Commissioners will consider an interlocal agreement with Seminole County to build a conference center in downtown Sanford.

The agreement generally outlines the responsibilities of the city and the county, and a more detailed agreement would be signed in the coming months.

The county would design and construct the facility in consultation with the city. The city would agree to provide the land and all auxiliary structures—primarily parking facilities. The city would also assume the costs, responsibilities and liabilities for operating the conference center.

Additionally the city would provide land for a hotel to be integrated with the center. County commissioners have made clear, however, that they will not fund a hotel with county tax money.

While the county is agreeing to assume the expense of constructing a conference center—between \$10 and \$15 million—the agreement does not come without costs for Sanford. The city would pay to operate the facility, and in most instances, stand-alone conference centers lose money.

The Emerald Coast Conference Center near Destin is still under construction, but operators expect it to lose \$400,000 annually. The Hattiesburg Lake Terrace Convention Center in Hattiesburg, Miss. has been open three years and lost \$400,000 in Fiscal Year 2001.

The Sanford Civic Center posts an annual operating loss of \$178,551.

City officials still plan to pursue a hotel partnership to offset operational losses from the conference center. A Request for Proposals (RFP) has not been

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Pledging allegiance



Almost 200 people recited Thursday the Oath of Allegiance and the Pledge of Allegiance during Sanford's annual naturalization ceremony sponsored by the Pilot Club of Sanford Inc.

194 leave Civic Center as new U.S. citizens

By Michelle Jerla Managing Editor



Grace Camille Francisco holds up a U.S. flag Thursday after receiving her certificate of citizenship following Sanford's naturalization ceremony.

It's a paragraph containing only 140 words, but it can change a person's life in a matter of minutes.

The passage is the Oath of Allegiance, and it was recited Thursday by 194 people from 56 countries who have been waiting months — sometimes years — to become U.S. citizens. Many arrived at the Sanford Civic Center several hours before the naturalization ceremony, eager to start a new phase in their lives.

Alma and Cesar Francisco watched as their daughter, Grace Camille Francisco, recited the Oath of Allegiance and then the Pledge of Allegiance during Thursday's ceremony. The Orlando couple, originally from the Philippines, became U.S. citizens several years ago and have waited for more than a year for their daughter to follow in their footsteps.

The University of Florida student said she began the naturalization process, which includes the initial application for citizenship and an in-depth interview, about a year ago. However, she's lived in the United States since she was 4 years old.

"It's been a long process, and I am

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British bobby earns college credit at SCC

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

GENEVA — There's a British bobby toting a gun around Seminole County. But, don't be alarmed — he's trained.

Of the 2,500 Great Britain police officers only 140 carry firearms. Islander Darrell Johnson is one of those.

Johnson is scheduled to depart for Britain Monday. He will be taking back knowledge gained from a 44-hour Seminole Community College firearms instructor course.

The class is primarily attended by sheriff's office deputies and

local police departments such as the Winter Springs Police Department, which had five officers attending the class.

Few travel such great distances for a college credit, but then few have a rare and unique relationship as does Johnson and the class instructor. Their common bond is in their training. They were introduced to each other because of their similar military backgrounds. Johnson is a Royal Marine Commando and SCC range master Tony Figueroa is a U.S. Marine.

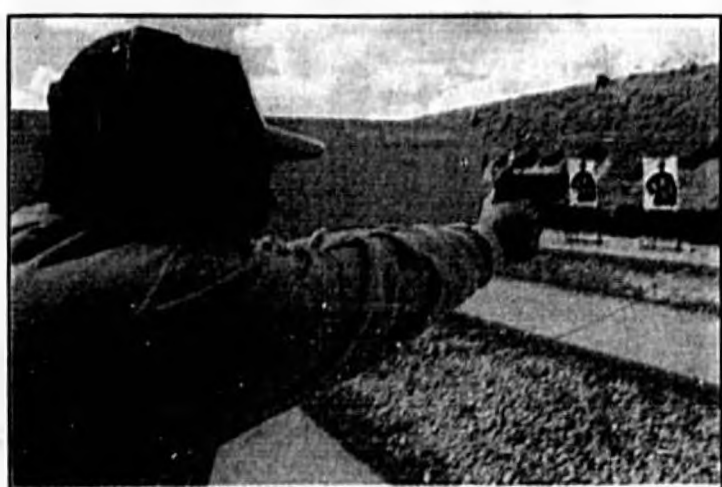
Similar to his trans-Atlantic associate, Johnson is training to be a firearm instructor. The similar-

ties don't stop there. For 22 years Johnson's been a bobby. Prior to being a SCC instructor, Figueroa was a Casselberry officer for 22 years.

The SCC instruction teaches Johnson, among others, proper gun range management, basic shooting principles and firearms and equipment familiarization. Graduates of the course are qualified to go back to their departments and train other officers.

Last Wednesday, students participated in discretionary decision-making exercises. In one such drill, students flipped over three blocks

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British bobby Darrell Johnson practices shooting recently during a 44-hour firearms instructor course at Seminole Community College.