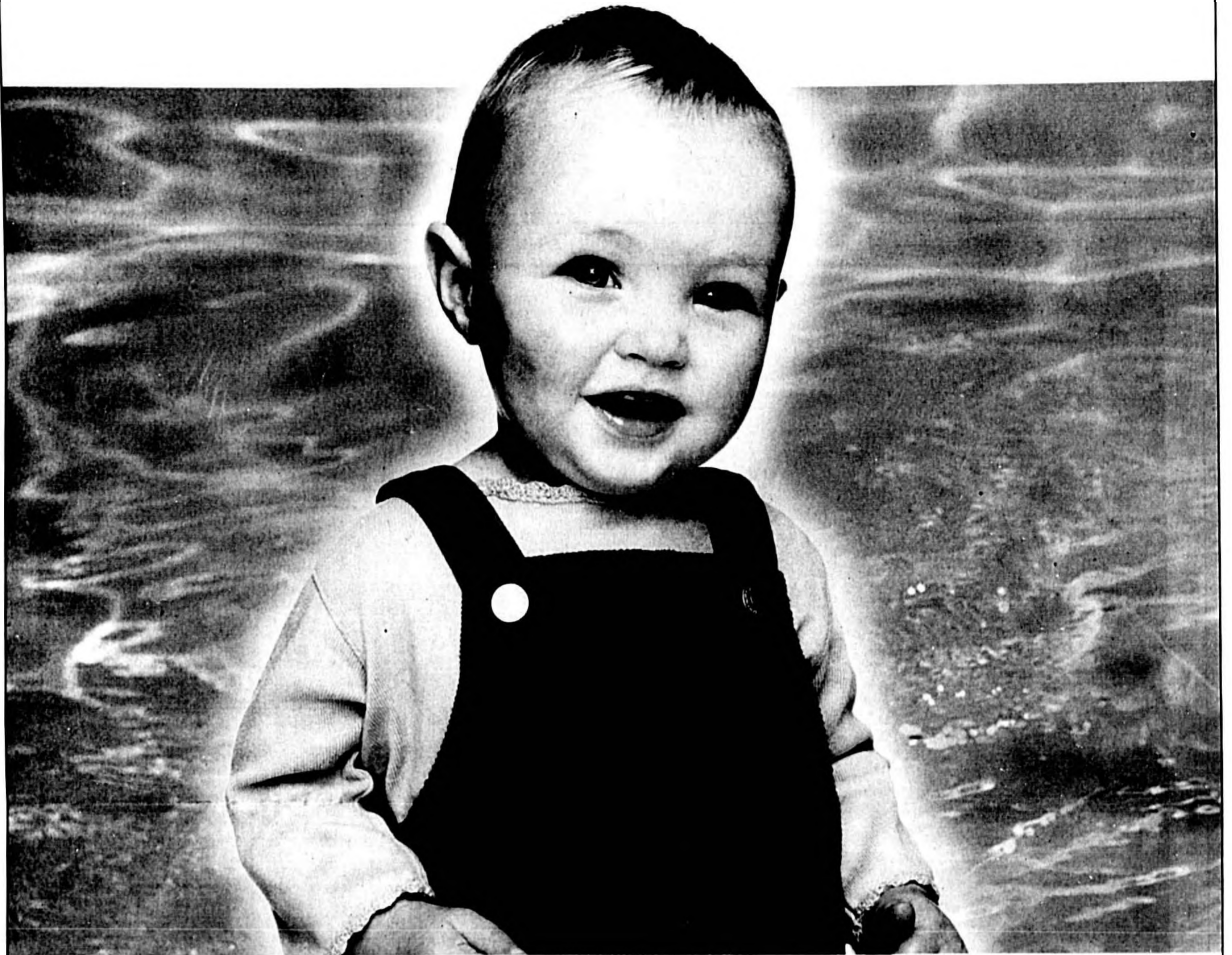


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## County issues rabies alert

SANFORD — The Seminole County Health Department issued a Rabies Awareness Message Tuesday for all Seminole County residents and visitors after two people were bitten by an infected raccoon.

Since January 2005 five animals have tested positive for rabies, including four raccoons and one bobcat. Animal Services Manager Mike Wittmer said the five incidents since January seems like a short span of time, so his office notified the Health Department.

All of the animals were captured and sent to a lab in Jacksonville to confirm rabies. The contact with humans took place in Casselberry. Wittmer said the two people saw a raccoon near a veterinary office. They both worked in wildlife rehab, so they tried to help, but were both bitten.

"Why anyone would try to pick up a sick animal I don't know," Wittmer said Tuesday. The bobcat and one of the raccoons fought with dogs in Chuluota. The other two raccoons were involved with dogs in Winter Park and Altamonte Springs, Wittmer said.

In these cases, if the dog is up to date with its rabies vaccinations,

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## Champs crowned

With the district tournaments out of the way, the regionals in baseball, softball, and boys volleyball are being contested this week.

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## SEMINOLE SMILE



Kathy Allen — Consultant from Seminole County Public Schools to the Digalo en Español program

## On the RiverWalk



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

The Sanford RiverWalk was the place to be on Saturday as people enjoyed the first anniversary of the landmark along the St. Johns River. Above, street artists paint in chalk along the RiverWalk. The project opened to great celebration on May 7, 2004. The 12-foot-wide pedestrian pathway stretches 1.2 miles from Mellonville Avenue on the east to French Avenue on the west. Construction cost \$11 million for Phase I. Father and daughter, Ron and Michelle Hawkins, draw a moonlight scene on a sunny day May 8. Right, Tyler Fischer, 13, creates sand art at an exhibit at Saturday's celebration, which also featured music and food. Ariana Mihandoost, 2, below, paints her own creation along the RiverWalk.



## SFD remembers battalion chief

By Steve Paradis  
Managing Editor

SANFORD — Firefighters at Station 31 can still feel the influence of Battalion Chief Max Buffkin, who died May 4 following a heart attack he suffered on April 23.

As an 18-year veteran of the Sanford Fire Department, Buffkin had designed the logos on the trucks and the patches on each person's uniform. He was responsible for writing the standard operating procedures that each firefighter uses every day on the job.

"He was one of the fortunate few that found his true calling," said Firefighter Greg Cuellar, who was a liaison between the Buffkin fam-

ily and the fire department. Cuellar described the department as Buffkin's second family.

"At work, he always talked about his family," Cuellar said. "At home, all he talked about is us." Firefighters told how proud Buffkin was of his son, Jason, who is in Top Gun training as a naval aviator, and his other two children, a son, Max, and daughter, Brandy.

Buffkin was working with his 16-year-old son, Max, in their back yard in Winter Springs. They were putting parts of an old fence into the neighbors yard when the heart attack occurred. Cuellar said he received a

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Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Battalion Chief Max Buffkin, right, passed away May 4. He formed the Sanford Fire Department Honor Guard and is pictured here with, from left, Greg Cuellar, Dave Copeland and Jeff Schoenwetter.

## Jump-out boy lands in ER after latest heist

By Lane Edixon  
Herald Writer

SANFORD — A group of Sanford youth referred to as the "Jump-out Boys" struck again and this time it may be fatal.

Brandon Jerome Ealy, 15, of Sanford, who was arrested on April 16 for one count of grand theft auto and one count of unarmed burglary, was involved in a car accident early Tuesday morning, along with three other teenagers.

Ealy received life-threatening injuries after he and three other young males were ejected from a stolen vehicle, according to Sanford police.

Ealy was driving a stolen 2004 Ford belonging to Fueling Components Inc. of Jacksonville. The vehicle was reported stolen from Spring Hill Suites in Altamonte Springs.

At 1:18 Tuesday morning, Ealy was driving with three passengers when he lost control. When Ealy tried to correct the Ford truck, it began to fish tail and skid sideways. The truck then rolled over about three times before coming to a stop. During the roll over the driver and all three passengers were ejected from the vehicle.

The passengers were listed as Timmy Lee Bryant Jr., 13, of Valencia Street in Sanford; Michael Jerome Hicks, 18, of First Street in Sanford; and Cecongie Undrey Bradwell

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## Woman sexually mauled at LM postal center

By Steve Paradis  
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — Lake Mary Police said a white male sexually assaulted a woman in the parking lot of the U.S. Postal Service distribution center on Rinehart Road Tuesday and fled on foot.

As *The Herald* went to press, canine units from the Longwood Police Department, including a blood hound, searched a wooded area adjacent to the Postal Service center heading toward Interstate 4. A Seminole County Sheriff's Office helicopter searched from the air and a perimeter was set up along Rinehart.

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A blood hound named Duke works with Longwood Officer Travis Grimm at the scene of a sexual assault in Lake Mary Tuesday.

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# SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

## Mica urges airports to unite efforts

By Charles D. Jackson  
Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — U.S. Rep. John Mica, R-Winter Park, called on Central Florida's big three international airports, along with the local international port authority, to work as a team to improve regional transportation, border security and future developments.



Mica

Mica, chairman of the House aviation subcommittee, hosted a regional transportation summit Monday at Sanford Orlando International Airport, featuring presentations by directors of Sanford, Orlando, and Daytona Beach international airports as well as the Canaveral Port Authority.

Orlando-Sanford International Airport President Larry Dale said the meeting, sponsored by the Seminole Regional Chamber of Commerce, attracted 165 business people and local politicians, including mayors of Sanford, Oviedo, Winter Springs, Apopka and commissioners from Longwood, Lake Mary and Altamonte Springs.

"John is talking about regional cooperation in terms of staffing, customs and border patrol, capital improvement issues, security and grants," Dale said. "All of this is for the betterment of Central Florida."

In other reports, Mica said he supports doubling the security fee on airline tickets to pay for new technologies. The Transportation Security Administration, the government agency that handles security at airports, should rely more on newer technologies and less on a massive work force, according to report in the Orlando Sentinel.

Mica encouraged airport officials to collaborate on grant issues in order to streamline funding from the federal government. "Instead of working as individuals on issues, like security, will work together on funding and staffing," Dale said.

During the summit, airport representatives gave updates on improvements, and future infrastructure enhancements. In his presentation, Dale showed where Orlando-Sanford was the fastest-growing airport in North America in 2004 with a 46 percent increase in passengers to more than 1.8 million. Sanford is the fifth fastest-growing airport in the world, attracting international flights because of its convenience to Orlando tourist attractions.

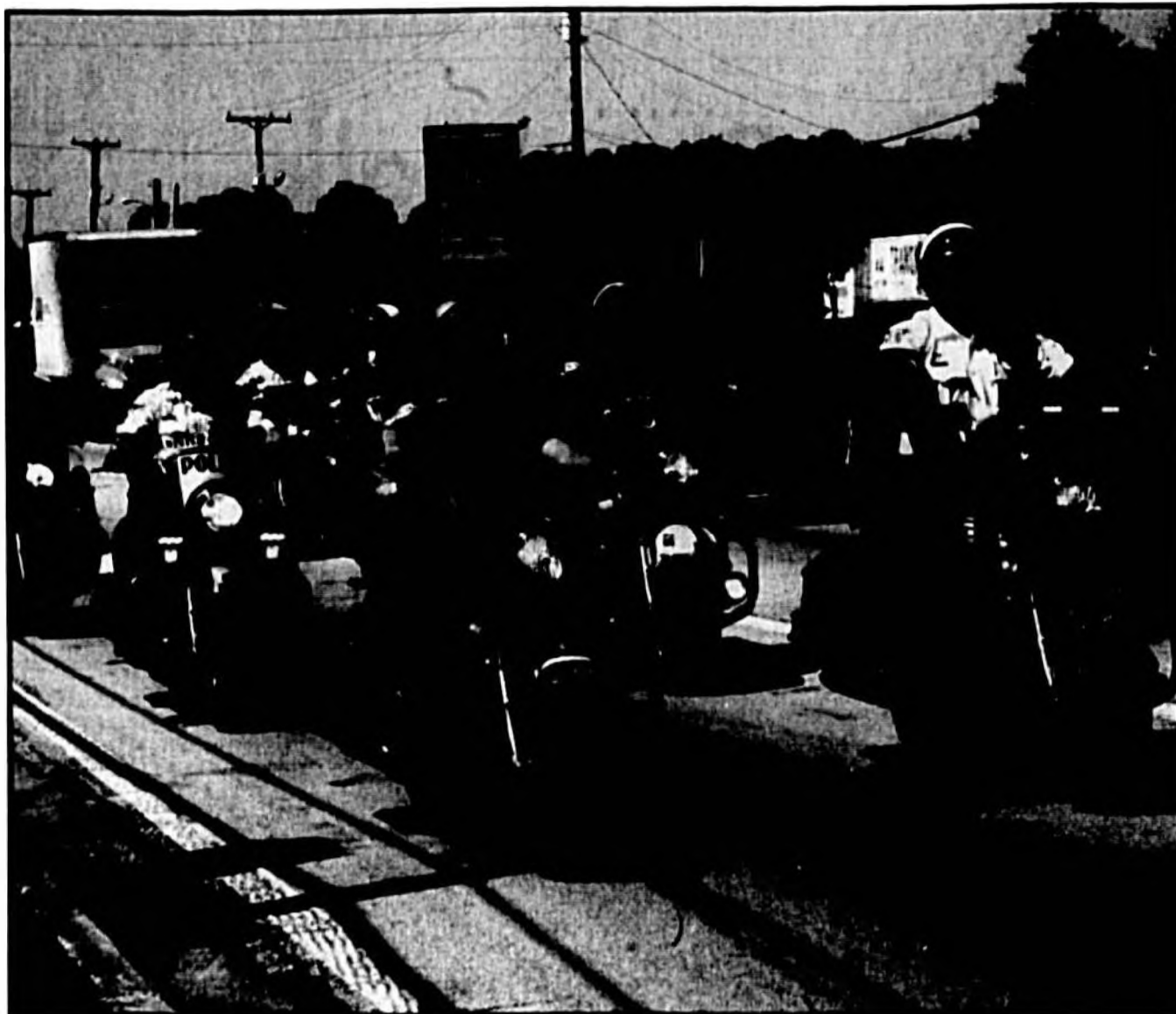
Passengers arriving in Sanford clear U.S. Customs within 45 minutes, versus about a two-hour wait at Orlando International Airport, said Sanford Mayor Linda Kuhn.

"The airport is the economic hub that's driving Sanford," Kuhn said. "People can fly into Sanford, get through customs and get to Disney or any other destination in a shorter period than flying into Orlando."

Dale said airport representatives plan to meet soon to discuss strategies on security and other issues. He said he and Bill Jennings, director of Orlando International Airport, talk on a regular basis about mutual cooperation, and security staffers from the three airports already meet on a regular basis.

Dale said a report from the summit will probably be discussed Wednesday at the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization — the regional organization that handles transportation and growth issues for Central Florida.

## Traffic Controllers



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Providing traffic control for the Florida Law Enforcement Torch Run is a job better left to the pros. The motorcycle traffic units from participating agencies supplied the needed assist as they closed intersections from the Orange County line north to Sanford. The annual run helps raise funds for the Special Olympics. It's a good way to stay in shape too!

### Drug related

• Eugene Jones Jr., 31, of Pecan Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday in the 1000 block of West 13th Street. A passing police officer detained him when the officer smelled the odor of burning cannabis. Jones was arrested on charged of possession of under 20 grams of marijuana and possession of cocaine.

### Burglary

• Arduwan Maurice Collier, 19, of Lake Jennie Drive, and Damaech Antonion McCray, 19, of El Capitan Drive, were arrested by Sanford police Saturday. According to the arrest report, the two, along with two juveniles, had burglarized buildings at Seminole High School on Ridgewood Avenue. They were located through the use of a K-9 unit. Damage reportedly occurred during the break-in. Collier and McCray were each charged with burglary of a structure, property damage of over \$200, resisting an officer without violence, petty larceny and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. McCray was also charged with possession of burglary tools. There was no immediate word regarding the juveniles, listed as 15 and 14 years of age.

### Assault - Battery

• Charles Anthony Jones, 27, of Sanford Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police Monday at his residence as the result of a dispute with a female. He was charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic violence), and intimidating/threatening a witness (domestic violence).

• Kelvin Eugene Gaillyard, 23, of Fairfield Drive, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police



Monday at his residence. Officer said he had been involved in a fight with a female, using a knife. He was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• Robert John Kearney, 35, of Santa Barbara, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at his residence. He reportedly was in a fight with a man while he attempted to steal a vehicle in the 1100 block of Florida Avenue. Following an investigation, officers located him at home and arrested him on charges of robbery/carjacking with a weapon (knife), aggravated battery, and kidnapping/false imprisonment of an adult.

• Melissa Leeanne Pelletier, 34, of Kelly Circle, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police at her residence Friday following an altercation with her sister. She was charged with aggravated battery (domestic violence).

### Traffic stops

• Lavonda Denise Payne, 25, of Fairfield Drive, Sanford, was stopped by Sanford police Friday at 5th Street and Pecan Avenue. Officers investigated when a fight was noted at 4th and Pecan, but when they approached the people, one, identified as Payne, attempted to drive off. After she was stopped, she was charged with driving a motor vehicle with disregard for the safety of persons, bat-

tery — touch or strike (domestic violence) and resisting an officer without violence.

### Thefts

• Sandra Denise Ramassar, 19, of Airport Blvd., Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday at a store in Seminole Towne Center. She reportedly took \$24 in items from the store without paying. She was charged with petty shoplifting from a merchant.

• Frank Jason Campbell III, 23, of Wilner Circle, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at his residence. Officers said he had taken a vehicle from a residence at 10th Street and Lake Avenue. He was charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle and petty larceny.

### Open containers

• Harry Mitchell Speed, 48, of Olive Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Friday in the 1000 block of West 13th Street. He was charged with violation of the city ordinance against having an open container.

• Rufus Bradley, 52, of Airport Blvd. and Arthur Mack Yarbough, 67, of Seminole Gardens, were arrested by Sanford police Friday in the 1600 block of West 13th Street. The two were found standing near a business drinking alcohol. Each was charged with having an open container of alcohol.

### Other arrests

• Roberto Robles, 36, of Kissimmee, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday. He reportedly had propositioned a young girl who was reportedly sitting in a vehicle in a parking lot. He was charged with a sex offense against a child under age 16.

## OUT & ABOUT

### THU 12

House of Refuge Ministries, Inc., 1001 Celery Ave., is holding a Marriage Conference, "Maximizing Your Marriage." Guest speakers will be Pastor Kenneth and Mrs. Heticence Benjamin from Yazoo, Miss. Service will be at 7:30 p.m. May 12, 13 and 14 at 10 a.m. The conference is open to everyone but Saturday's gathering is restricted to couples. Call 407-324-4711.

### FRI 13

Friends of the Library of Seminole County will hold its annual meeting from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Main Branch Library, 215 N. Oxford Road in Casselberry. Author Bill Goettel will discuss his recently published book "Oz Kids and Our Auntie Em."

May 13 is the deadline to RSVP the Sanford Seminole County Chamber of Commerce to attend the Small Business Networking Power Hour, on May 18, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Blue Dahlia, 112 E. First St., in Sanford. Call 407-831-3378.

A night hike will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Geneva Wilderness Area. Reservations may be made by calling 407-665-7352.

### SAT 14

A new Celebracio de Mayo festival brings a Latin wild side to the Central Florida Zoo, Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15. Featured will be 300 exotic animals, including the newest addition of Emus and Kangaroos in the Australian Exhibit. The event will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is sponsored by La Prensa, TV Azteca and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

### SUN 15

Financial Peace University will launch a free, 13-week program on the financial future of families. The classes will begin on May 15 at Sanford's Sanctuary of Hope. To register call Philip Master at 407-324-5866.

### MON 16

The Sanford Fire Department will hold a monthly child passenger seat checkup for all citizens of Sanford at Station No. 2, 300 E. Airport Blvd. The checkup will be from 5 to 7 p.m. For an appointment call Tim Robles at 407-302-2520.

The Geneva citizens Association will meet at 7 p.m. at Geneva Community Hall on First Street. On the agenda is discussion of the disposal of sludge from the proposed Lake Jessup cleanup, and the July 4th parade and celebration. Call 407-349-1266.

### TUE 17

Seminole County is offering a free, four-part class on how to keep your blood pressure down. Classes will be held from 10 a.m. until noon on May 17, 24, 31 and June 7 at the Extension Auditorium, 250 County Home Road in Sanford. For reservations, call 407-665-5551.

## Donation to SCC Foundation sends students to Austria

SANFORD — As a result of a \$12,000 contribution from Seminole Community College Foundation donors Seth and Marie Bernstein of Heathrow, 10 SCC Honors Institute students will travel to Salzburg, Austria, this summer to participate in the Salzburg Institute's seven-day International Study Program.

The program, titled "Global

Citizenship: America and the World," will provide the students an intensive international opportunity to explore pressing issues of global concern, and to view such issues from a perspective outside the United States.

According to the Institute, the goal of the program is to make students more aware of global issues and what it means to be a "global citizen," more

discerning in their assessment of information pertaining to world affairs, and more understanding of America's place in the world, as well as of non-Americans' perceptions of the United States.

Selected for the trip based on essays they submitted about their interest in globalization, the students including Sarah Anderson, Lalita Booth, Nick

Cummings, Dori DeMorse, Abbey Easter, Misti Pierce, Christian Rogman, Yully Sanchez-Campis, David Staggs and Karen Stott will depart for Austria May 27 and return June 6.

SCC President Dr. E. Ann McGee and Professor and Honors Institute Program Coordinator Laura Ross will accompany the students during their travels.

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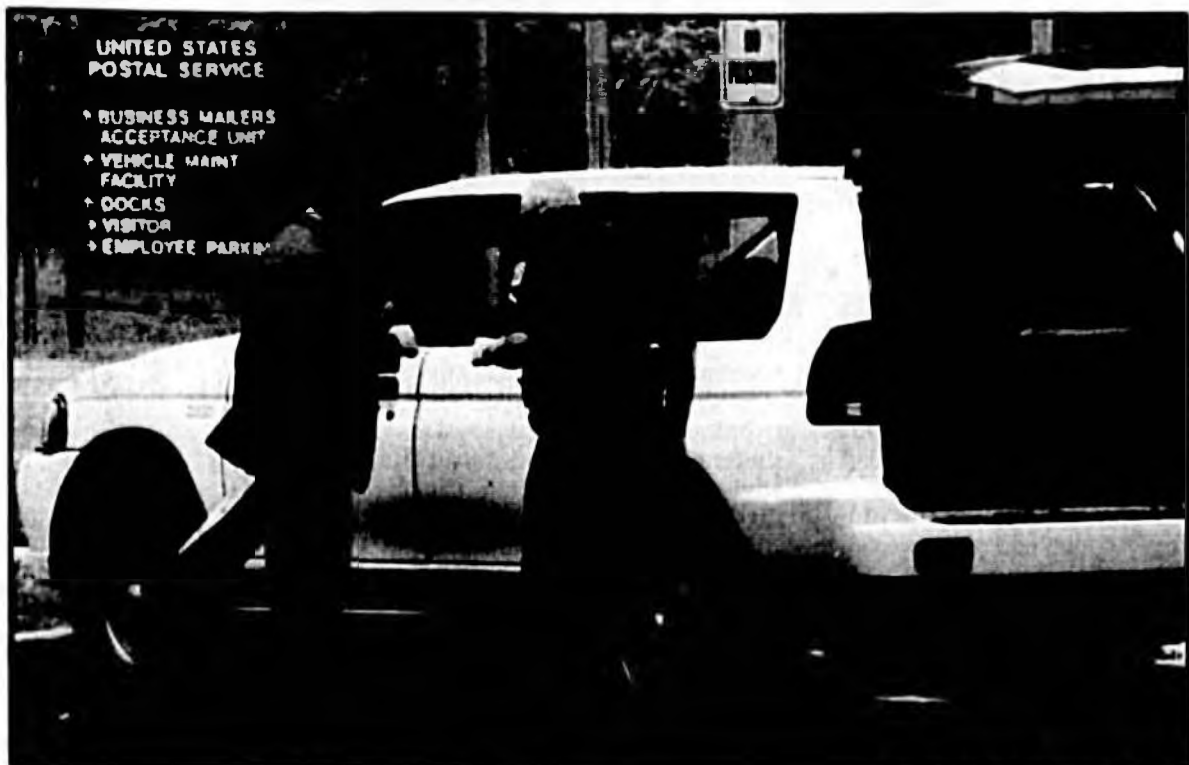
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Lake Mary Police Detective Michael Conneely, left, helps an officer collect evidence at the scene of a sexual assault Tuesday afternoon in a parking lot off Rinehart Road.

**Assault**

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Lake Mary Police Department Detective Michael Conneely said the case is under investigation, but that the woman may have been abducted from a Sanford location. A Sanford Police Department spokeswoman

said she could not confirm whether the incident began in Sanford.

Conneely said the victim was taken to South Seminole hospital in Longwood for treatment. Children's toys and a child stroller were in the

back of an SUV, but Conneely said no children were involved.

The woman is an adult in her 30s, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement is processing the vehicle for evidence.

**Theft**

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Jr., 16, of E. State Road 46 in Sanford. All three passengers were injured and transported to the hospital.

Darren Jones of D&J Auto in Sanford began asking why juveniles repeatedly caught with stolen vehicles were out in the streets again, back in March. He has been hit by the "Jump-out Boys" about once a month since December. Last Friday, his shop was broken into again, and although he cannot prove that the same juveniles broke into his shop, he has videotape that shows it was juveniles, he said. "This time he had close to 20 car keys stolen and a Ford Probe.

Jones said he is afraid whoever stole the keys is going to come back to steal

more cars.

"I can't be there 24 hours a day," Jones said.

In a Monday interview he repeated his plea that something needed to be done by law enforcement and the courts.

Ealy, the driver of the Ford, who received life-threatening injuries, had already been released from the Juvenile Justice Center from his April 16 arrest.

"The judicial system is a total joke," Jones said. "Because the kids, what do they get, 21 days? They know it. The one that they got busted now, Dwayne Russell, he writes his uncle and he tells his uncle, 'Oh they got me in jail out here in Orlando now. But my friends still write me they're

having fun.'

"And they call it fun. Jumping and stealing cars and breaking into houses. They call that fun.

"And he told his uncle, 'See, it didn't stop because of me.'"

Dwayne Russell, 18, of Main Street in Sanford was arrested on Jan. 25, for one count of grand theft auto, one count of unarmed burglary, and resisting an officer without violence. He was arrested again on March 8, 2005 for one count of grand theft auto and one count of burglary, and then he was arrested on April 8, two days after his 18th birthday, for one count of grand theft auto.

Russell's uncle, Jim Brown, was a business part-

**Alert**

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it will receive a booster and be quarantined at the home for 45 days. If the dog is not up to date with its shots, the dog will be quarantined for six months at home.

"It's very important for people to have their cats and dogs vaccinated," Wittmer said. Summer is fast approaching, he added, and people and pets will be outside more often. His office will provide free vaccinations this Sunday, May 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pet owners can also obtain a free license. The third annual event, called Tag Day, will take place at Seminole County Animal Services, 232 Bush Blvd., in Sanford.

This rabies message from the health department is intended to remind residents and visitors to follow the necessary precautions and avoid exposure.

Rabies is a viral infection that affects the central nervous system, causing convulsions, paralysis and death. The virus is spread through saliva, and humans may become infected through a bite wound, scratch or exposure of a fresh cut to saliva of

**"It's very important for people to have their cats and dogs vaccinated"**

Mike Wittmer, manager  
Seminole County  
Animal Services

a rabid animal.

Although there is no cure for rabies, infection may be prevented. Seminole County residents and visitors should implement the following steps to protect themselves from possible exposure to rabies:

- Ensure cats, dogs and ferrets have received up-to-date rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian.
- Restrict your pets from

running free by using a leash or keeping them indoors.

- Avoid feeding your pets outside and do not leave any pet food outside.

- Avoid leaving garbage outside. If trash must be stored outdoor overnight, keep it in a sturdy, tightly closed container.

- Do not handle wild animals, such as wild cats, raccoons, bats, skunks and foxes.

- Report any stray or unfamiliar animals to Seminole County Animal Services.

If bitten or wounded by a suspected animal, wash wound immediately with soap and water, seek medical attention, and report the incident to Seminole County Animal Services.

For more information regarding the Tag Day event call 407-665-5201.

For more information on rabies, visit the DOH website at [www.doh.state.fl.us](http://www.doh.state.fl.us) or the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/rabies](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/rabies).

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# BUSINESS

## Crooms student find victory in Anaheim Stirling associates fight CF, arthritis

By Liane Edizon  
Herald Writer

SANFORD — Local students placed in the top 10 at the Business Professionals of America competition in Anaheim, Calif.

Crooms Academy of Information Technology students, who were a part of the Business Professionals of America Club, took part in the regional, state and national competitions.

The Club had 30 members compete this year at the national level, with many of them placing in the top ten. The club focuses on four different business aspects: technology; business; administration; and marketing and human resources.

Before the regional competitions began in January, members of the club met to study, prepare and practice for the upcoming events. Different events in this club are categorized by written competitions, productive competitions such as a developing Web page or program, or presentation competitions.

In January, the Croom's business club competed on the regional level against other local Seminole County and some Orange County schools. Students who qualified by placing in the top five moved on to state, and so on.

At the national and state level, students hear from speakers, attend learning sessions, and

“I was able to work with a great group of students.”

Justin Bagley,  
Crooms senior

“develop teamwork and leadership skills, students said.”

Jennifer Petrie and Jennifer Maldonado, both 11th-graders at Crooms Academy, placed first at the regional and state level in a team presentation competition. Nationally, the two placed sixth for their presentation on “How employees interact in work environments.”

Both Petrie and Maldonado used Microsoft Power Point, pamphlets, brochures, flyers and props for their presentation. They met with the human resource manager of a local company to find out how employees interact.

“It was a great example. Getting feedback from her,” Maldonado said. “It gave us a great lead.”

Petrie said, “We learned how to work together.”

Justin Bagley, a 12th-grader at Crooms, also participated in a team presentation event. Along with that event, he competed in a written test on Cisco Networking. The written test, at the national level, placed him seventh out of almost 60 other students. He placed first in this test at the regional and state level.

Bagley was also added to a network design team at the national level where the team had to come up with a new network design solution and give a sales pitch for their network design. The team was given only a laptop. The students were not given any examples and had only an hour or so to complete the task.

“We had to use our own tools,” Bagley said.

They were then given only 20 minutes to make their “sales pitch” to the judges. The network design team placed eighth in that competition.

“I was able to work with a great group of students,” Bagley said.

Frank Bracco, an 11th-grader from Crooms Academy, said he participated in what was called “opening events.”

“I’m sort of the odd man out,” Bracco said.

He participated in an event on parliamentary procedures at the state level and placed first. At the national level Bracco participated in an information technology concepts test, which contained 75 multiple-choice questions. He placed third in that competition.

“It was a fun time,” Bracco said.

Heidi Leventhal, a club advisor and teacher at Crooms Academy, praised the students involved in the club.

“I would take them again in a heartbeat. They really came together as a group,” she said.

The Crooms Academy stu-

dents who attended the national event in Anaheim, California in April for five days were able to go to Disneyland, Huntington Beach and tour the city.

Because of the expense of the trip, the club had to raise money through fundraisers such as car washes and bake sales; and individual sponsorships from local businesses.

“Ultimately, it came down to lowering the costs,” Bracco said.

Three thousand dollars of the funding came from The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools to help with registration costs for 30 students.

Seven other local high schools competed academically due to the help of The Foundation this year.

The Foundation granted \$11,200 to help send students to competitions at the state and national level.

“Supporting our county’s academic excellence through scholastic competitions is one of The Foundation’s key initiatives in the school system,” said Eric Geboff, executive director.

Students participated or will participate in four different competitions: the national Business Professionals of America competition, the Mu Alpha Theta competitions at the state and national level, the DECA competition, and the National Forensic League competition.

The DECA competitions include a business management simulation called the Virtual Business Challenge, and the 7 UP Challenge Web design event.

DECA stands for the Distributive Education Clubs of America and is organized around improving educational and career opportunities in marketing, management and entrepreneurship for students.

They work with the business

community to integrate academic achievement with career and technical skills. DECA has 180,000 student members and faculty advisors nationwide and over 7,000 in Florida.

Lyman High School attended the April 27-30, 2005 DECA International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, Ca. They were awarded \$600 this year for registration of the six students who attended the conference.

Lake Mary High School and Lake Brantley High School were also awarded money for the same Business Professionals of America conference that Crooms Academy attended. Lake Brantley was awarded \$2,200 toward registration for 22 students and Lake Mary was awarded \$700 toward registration for seven students.

Seminole High School attended the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society Florida State Convention April 15-17 in Orlando, in which The Foundation awarded \$1,800 toward registration for 36 students. Eighteen students will attend the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society National Convention on August 1-6, 2005 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Winter Springs High School had six students attend the Business Professionals of America competition in Anaheim, with \$600 toward registration granted by the Foundation.

Five students from the Winter Springs’ debate team will attend the Forensic League National Tournament June 11-17, 2005 in Philadelphia. They were awarded \$500 from the Foundation to participate in the tournament.

“Competitions give students a taste of the real world and get them excited about academics—outside the classroom,” Geboff said.

## Stirling associates fight CF, arthritis

HEATHROW — Top-selling associates at Stirling International Realty’s Downtown Orlando and Winter Park real estate Showcases and its corporate headquarters at Heathrow will walk the walk to fight cystic fibrosis and arthritis.

Ingrid Cameron, director of community relations at Stirling, said associates from the firm’s Downtown Orlando Real Estate Showcase Gallery and Stirling’s headquarters at Heathrow will participate in the Cystic Fibrosis Great Stride Walk to support research and assistance on Saturday, May 7, around Lake Eola in downtown Orlando.

Stirling’s Winter Park Real Estate Showcase is participating in the Winter Park Arthritis Walk May 21 around Lake Lilly in Maitland.

Already, Stirling has raised some \$5,000 in pledges and contributions and that is just for the Cystic Fibrosis Great Stride Walk, Cameron said.

“The best real estate professionals are real participants in their communities,” said Roger Soderstrom, founder and owner of Stirling. “We encourage all our associates to play a leading and visible role in civic and community services and we accommodate those efforts. That kind of contribution enriches the lives of everyone involved, especially the volunteer.”

Soderstrom said more than 90 percent of Stirling’s 190 real estate professionals and staff will participate in civic and community service activities this year.

## Crescent negotiates LM lease

LAKE MARY — Crescent Resources LLC, which is developing Class A office buildings along I-4 in Lake Mary and at Central Florida Research Park near the University of Central Florida, recently negotiated two long-term lease agreements for a total of 34,000 square feet at the Lake Mary and east Orlando locations.

Ida Rood, Florida director of leasing for Crescent, negotiated an expansion lease for 17,000 square feet at Primera Five, 255 Primera Blvd., in Lake Mary, with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. Rood represented the landlord, America’s Capital Partners /Utah II, based in Boca Raton. Tom Wille with CLW Realty of Tampa represented Liberty Mutual in the transaction.

Rood also represented developer Crescent Brookdale Associates LLC in a lease agreement with General Dynamics in Building Three at Resource Square at Central Florida Research Park in east Orlando. General Dynamics leased 17,000 square feet of space in Three Resource Square. C.B. Richard Ellis represented the tenant.

Crescent Resources, LLC is a major U.S. developer of corporate office facilities, retail centers, multi-family and single-family developments in the U.S. In Orlando, Crescent is developing Resource Square at Central Florida Research Park; north of Orlando, The Crescent at Primera and New Century Park in Lake Mary and Gateway Crossing Shopping Center on S.R. 434 in Altamonte Springs.

For more information, contact Ida Rood at Crescent Resources, L.L.C., 407-804-1200.

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## Heathrow County Estate April sales said strong

HEATHROW — Heathrow Country Estates, the luxury community now under development on CR 46A and SR 46 in Lake County ended April with the sales of 16 homes and home sites. Terry Cogninis, marketing

manager, said the dollar volume for the homes and lots totaled more than \$9.5 million.

From January through March 31, Heathrow Country Estates reported it sold 24 luxury homes and home sites worth more than \$14 million in the first phase of development.

Four luxury homebuilders — Brentwood Custom Homes, David Weekley Homes, Marklen, Inc. and Irvin Construction are readying models for the Central Florida Parade of Homes, which starts May 15. For more information, call 866-916-1400.

## What kind of investor are you?

By David Underwood  
State Farm® agent

If you are investing money or planning on doing so, there is one very important question you should ask yourself—What kind of investor am I? Knowing if you are an aggressive or conservative investor is the first step to knowing how you should invest your money.

Determine your risk tolerance. First you need to determine your risk tolerance level. Risk is the amount of volatility and uncertainty you’re willing to accept from an investment in seeking your financial goals, like planning for retirement or a college education.

Some investments carry a higher level of risk than others. Generally, the higher the risk of an investment, the greater its potential returns. However, there is also a greater potential to lose your initial investment.

The lower the risk, the less likely it is for that investment to generate a higher rate of return. When you invest your assets in financial products that assume little or no risk, your money may not have the opportunity to grow as fast as you would like.

To help determine your risk level, ask yourself, “How comfortable will I be watching my investment go up and down in value?” The more comfortable you are with price volatility, the greater the risk you are probably willing to assume. Consider time.

The next step in the process of determining your profile as an investor is to identify your time horizon—the amount of time between now and when you hope to reach your stated goal.

Generally, the more time you have, the more risk you can afford to assume. The reason: the longer your time horizon, the more time you have to ride out the market’s ups and downs in pursuit of your finan-

cial goals. Knowing what level of risk you are comfortable with can help you determine whether you are a conservative investor, an aggressive investor or somewhere in-between. This is an important first step because then you can focus on investments that provide you with the levels of risks and potential returns with which you are comfortable.

To find out more about the type of investor you are or the different types of investments that are available, contact a financial services professional.

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## Obituaries

### BISHOP ISRAEL BLACK SR.

Bishop Israel Black Sr., 91, of East Eighth Street died Thursday, May 5, 2005, at his residence. He was born Sept. 13, 1913 in Sanford. He was a member of Hickory Avenue church of God for 69 years. He served as pastor for church of God branches throughout Florida including Sanford. He also served as state councilman, member of the State Ministerial Examination Board and District Overseer of Lake, Sumter and Jacksonville districts for the Church of God. Survivors include wife, Nina Hunt Black of Sanford; son, Israel Black, Jr. of Sanford; daughters, Barbara Ann Black Deese and Bettye Jean Black Dorman of Sanford; adopted daughter Carrie Hunt Bule Bryant of DeBary; sister, Cletetine Barnes of Jacksonville; special cousin/brother Charles Black of Wabasso, Fla., eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

Visitation will be Friday, May 13 from 5 until 8 p.m. at Hickory Avenue Church of God, 503 Hickory Avenue. A homecoming celebration will be Saturday, May 14, at 11 a.m. at New Life Word Center, 1311 Oak Avenue. Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

**CHARLES E. BOOTH**  
Charles E. Booth, 99, of Ormond Beach, died Thursday, May 5, 2005, at Port Orange Nursing and Rehab Center. Born Nov. 24, 1905 in Sanford, he was a lifelong resident of Central Florida. He was owner of Booth & Booth Law Firm in Daytona Beach. He was a member of the Florida Bar Association. Survivors include two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Memorial donations in his name are recommended to Hospice of Volusia/Flagler Counties, 3800 Woodbriar Trail, Port Orange, 32129.

Tri-County Cremation Service, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.

**ANGELINA R. CARLOUGH**  
Angelina R. Carlough, 83, of Van Ness Circle, Longwood, died Friday, May 6, 2005 at Florida Hospital, Fish Memorial, Orange City. She was born Oct. 4, 1921 in Chester, N.Y. and moved to Longwood from Daytona Beach in 1988. She was a homemaker. Survivors include daughter, Delores Vincent of Longwood; brother, Edward Grillo of Chester, N.Y.; sister, Anna Mancuso of Monroe, N.Y.; sons, Wilbur Carlough of Daytona Beach and Sheldon Carlough of Brooklyn Park, Minn.; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

Tri-County Cremation Service, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.

**WILLIHMENA CARTER**  
Willihmena Carter, 69, of East 7th Street, Sanford, died Sunday, May 8, 2005 at Central Florida Regional Hospital. She was born Jan. 13, 1936, in Fort Ogden, Fla. She was a member of Springfield Missionary Baptist Church in Sanford. She worked as a foster grandparent at Sanford Early Childhood Care in Sanford. Survivors include sister, Pearlina Jackson of Sanford; aunt, Everlena Coaxum. Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

**MICHAEL S. ROBERSON**  
Michael S. Roberson, 54, of Winter Springs, died Wednesday, May 4, 2005. He was born in Hattisburg, Miss. He was a sales manager. Survivors include wife, Kim Roberson; sons, Michael Roberson, Jr., Ryan Roberson and Joshua Roberson; brother, Terry Roberson. Collison Family Funeral Homes & Crematory, South Seminole Chapel, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.

## Rotary gets pitch on international service

Rotary International is increasingly emphasizing the "international" aspect of the organization, encouraging local groups to expand their horizons. Rick Baines of Rotary's District Foundation Council on Monday pitched the idea of local clubs investing more directly into international projects through humanitarian grants.

Speaking at the Sanford Noon Rotary Club, Baines presented how local dollars can be matched with funds from Rotary International to help provide needed services to underdevelopment countries and villages in far-away places.

"This is not to take anything away from your local projects," Baines said. "But this will get more into the "international" concept of what Rotary is all about."

Clubs can pick a foreign Rotary Club of which they'd like to partner. Rotary International will then match that grant to help provide

needed services. For example, Baines' Orlando South Club has partnered with a Rotary Club in Honduras. The club has helped finance a clinic and sends teams of doctors and medical supplies to an impoverished village in Honduras.



Charles D. Jackson

After Baines' presentation, Sanford Noon President Craig Bair said the club is involved directly in some international projects, such as the recent Tsumani relief in cooperation with Miriam and Valerie's School of Dance. But Bair acknowledged the need for more international involvement, saying the club will look into the grant program sponsored by Rotary International.

International.

**KRYSTY'S 15 MINUTES OF FAME:** Rotarian Krysty Kress, aviation property manager at South East Ramp at the Orlando Sanford International Airport, is featured in this month in the company's inaugural Trail Winds newsletter. Under the heading, "15 minutes of Fame: Up Close & Personal with Krysty Kress," the noon club member is described as "a wealth of aviation know-how, a bubbling bundle of pure energy and an absolute delight to be around."

The story goes on to say, "Krysty's career in aviation almost never got off the ground."

"I had just gotten a job as a receptionist/dispatcher at Executive Air Center," the newsletter quotes Krysty. "They gave me one day of ori-

entation and then turned me loose to work all by myself. I had no experience in aviation and couldn't make heads or tails of what all those pilots were saying on the radio. It was a whole new language for me and I wasn't getting it at all. After about four days I was just about ready to pack it in.

"However, I found myself developing a true passion for aviation. I learned how to listen and then listened to learn. Before long, I got the hang of it. Now, it's 14 years later and I cannot imagine being without aviation as the major focus of my life."

Charles D. Jackson, a native of Sanford, is a veteran journalist who writes a weekly column on civic clubs in Seminole County. Send information to him at the Sanford Herald, 300 N. French Ave., Sanford, FL 32771.

## Girard donates phones to city


SANFORD — Dial "G" for Girard. Girard Environmental Services, Inc., a full-service landscaping firm in Sanford, recently donated all 70 of its Nextel cell phones to the City of Sanford. The cell phones are valued at almost \$3,000 and most are only a year old.

"We found out the City of Sanford was in need of cell phones because they were changing carriers, and since we were changing carriers as well it was the perfect opportunity for us to help out," said Rick Girard, Chairman and CEO of The Girard Companies. GES has donated other services and items to the City of Sanford in the past, such as loaders for food and other equipment during the hurricane season.

GES opened in 1998 and is rapidly expanding its loca-

tions and services throughout Seminole County and Central Florida.

Established in 1998, Girard Environmental Services provides construction services, management services and residential services for the "green" industry and generates more than \$15 million in annual revenue. Serving Orange, Seminole, Brevard, Lake and Volusia Counties, Girard Environmental Services operates a fleet of more than 80 vehicles and employs 200 full-time employees. For more information about Girard Environmental Services, visit [www.girardonline.com](http://www.girardonline.com).



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# Firefighter

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call and rushed to South Seminole hospital to meet with the family.

When Buffkin was moved to Florida Hospital in Orlando, Cuellar and others transported family members there. Someone was with Buffkin's wife, Janet, and the family "24/7," Cuellar said.

Firefighter Dave Copeland said they always knew when football season was coming up. Buffkin kept a schedule of his son's practice, including when the team would start working out with pads.

Buffkin once coached Pop Warner football, and he is not the kind of person one would think of as a heart attack candidate.

He did a cardio workout every day, firefighters said, as they ate lunch Monday afternoon at Station 31.

"He was fit as a fiddle," Cuellar said.

Twelve years ago, Buffkin saved the life of a teenaged girl who was in cardiac arrest. Every year on the anniversary of that day, she brought a cake to Buffkin to thank him.

"To her it's like her birthday when she got another chance at life," Cuellar said. She visited him in the hospital before he passed away.

The firefighters noted how much work Buffkin put into the annual awards banquet. He had already started planning for this year's event, which takes place in November.

Buffkin does everything for the banquet, they said. He solicits donations and gathers nominations for awards. He even puts out of pocket money into the event.

"The awards banquet was important to Max and he took great pride in making sure the hard work, and often thankless job of the career firefighter, received recognition at least once a year from its local community," said fire department spokesman Timothy Robles. "He was pretty much our shift dad," said Firefighter Daniel AuBuchon, who described many hours of discussion with Buffkin, who freely gave advice to younger personnel.

"He loved to debate people too, not because he disagreed with you, but to make sure you knew what you were talking about," AuBuchon said. "He loved to say, 'There are no facts, just interpretations.'"

The firefighters described Buffkin as a hands off leader. As battalion chief, he was the person in charge whenever there were more than three trucks on a scene. He worked on B shift. There are three shifts as the fire personnel work 24 hours, then take off 48 hours.

He trusted his lieutenants to do their job, Cuellar said. "He wouldn't jump in unless requested."

As a former U.S. Marine, Buffkin had a healthy respect for structure.

"He truly respects the chain of command and probably followed it more than anyone," Cuellar said.

They also described him as very polite. Buffkin addressed everyone as sir and ma'am no matter who they were.

"Because of that, he received respect," Cuellar added.

He also received respect from other fire departments on the day of his funeral May 7.

Tower trucks from Orange County and Oviedo as well as Sanford and Orlando displayed large American flags above the road for the funeral procession.

This week, Sanford Fire Department vehicles have black material draped across the front in respect for Buffkin.

The firefighters recalled that Buffkin has a paintball hobby that he enjoyed. In fact, this coming weekend, several firefighters were to join him for a paintball competition.

Buffkin will be an important presence for the Sanford Fire Department long after his death.

"The Sanford Fire Department will miss

Battalion Chief Max Buffkin, his devoted service and commitment will be missed by all who answer the daily alarms at the three fire station in our city," Robles said in a statement.

Donations can be made at any Wachovia Bank through the Firemen's Benefit Fund for Max Buffkin or checks can be mailed to the fund at P.O. Box 443, Sanford, FL 32772-0443.



Max Buffkin became a paramedic before incentive pay existed, and he also designed the patch on SFD uniforms like this one.

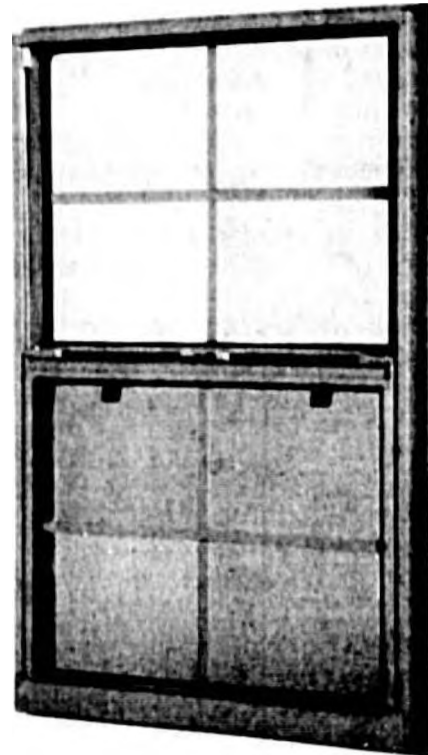
# Alive After Five

SANFORD — The Alive After Five, a monthly downtown Sanford celebration, will feature art, live music, and free wine, beer and food samples.

Artists will display paintings, stained glass, pottery, jewelry and mosaics.

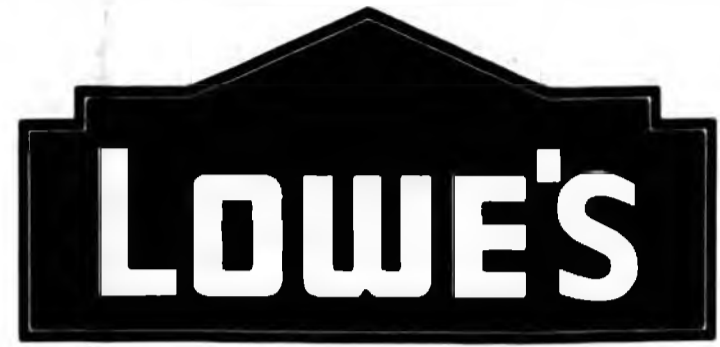
Mohave will perform energetic music with influences ranging from blues, reggae, jazz and rock.

Festivities will run 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 12. The celebration starts at Magnolia Square and proceeds along First Street in downtown Sanford.



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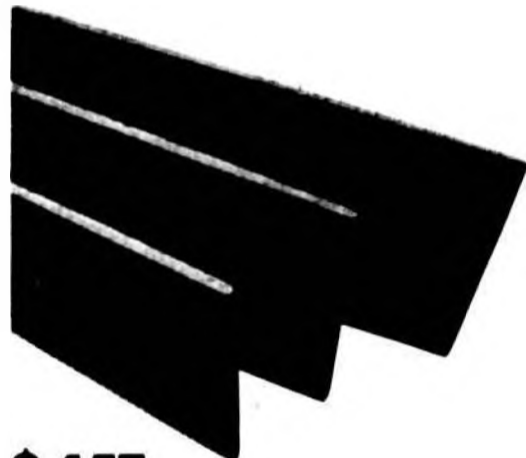
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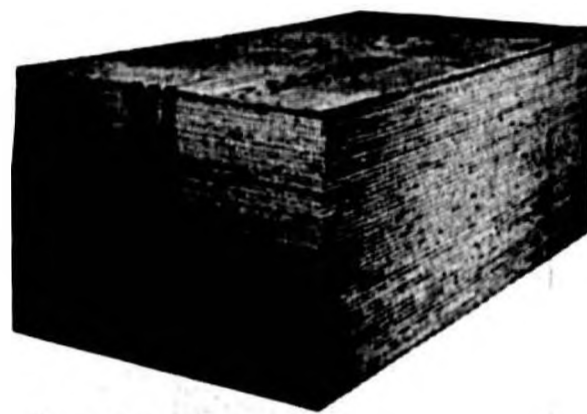
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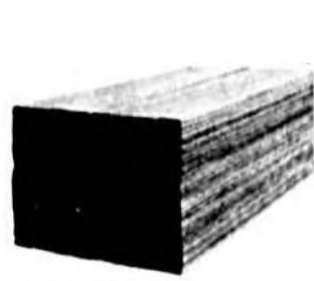
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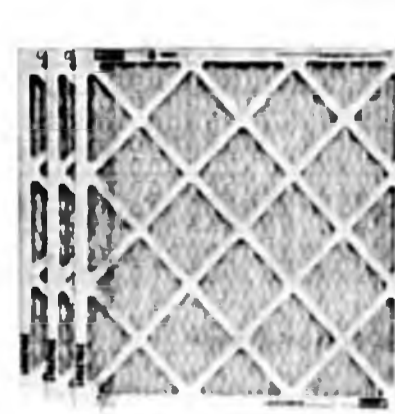
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# Sports

## Briefs

### TWO ALIVE IN FHSAA STATE SOFTBALL

The first round of the FHSAA Fastpitch Softball Playoffs proved to be tough on Seminole County squads as only Winter Springs and Trinity Prep survived to play in Tuesday's Regional Semifinals.

The Bears had to go to Orlando to face a 22-5 Boone squad and if they were good enough to win that game they will host the winner of the West Orange/Deltona game at home at 7 p.m. in the Class 6A-Region 1 Championship Game Friday.

The Saints also had a tough semifinal game, having to go to Bradenton to face undefeated St. Stephen's Academy. If Trinity Prep pulled off the road victory, it will have to stay on the road to face the winner of the Moore Haven/Lakeland-McKeel Academy game on Friday. To track the playoffs, visit [www.FHSAA.org](http://www.FHSAA.org) and follow the links.

### KRAZE TO OPEN SEASON SATURDAY

The Central Florida Kraze men's soccer team will open at home this Saturday (May 14) against the Palm Beach Pumas at 7 p.m. at the Seminole Soccer Complex.

The Krze and their sister team, The Krush, are part of the Premier Development League (men) and the W-league (women). They compete in the highest level of men's and women's soccer played in Florida.

Following is their home schedules:

- \* May 14 vs. Palm Beach Pumas, 7 p.m.
- \* May 20 vs. Bradenton Academics, 7 p.m.
- \* June 17 vs. Cocoa Exos, 7 p.m.
- \* June 25 vs. Richmond Kickers Future, 7 p.m.
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### AJAX ORLANDO SEEKS FUTURE SOCCER SUPERSTARS

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### SHS BOOSTER'S CLUB GOLF

The 16th Annual Seminole High School Booster's Club Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 14th at Mayfair Country Club. The event will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start and will be played under a Scramble Format.

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## Mazlin covers the field in State Tennis

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

Lyman High School senior tennis standout Andrew Mazlin did himself one better this year.

As a junior, the Greyhound star won the Individual Singles Championship in Class 4A, but came up short of being the Overall Singles Champion.

But the University of Michigan signee changed all that recently at the Florida High School Athletic Association's Class 4A state tennis tournament at Sanlando Park when he defeated No. 1 singles champion from the team competition, Miami Killian junior Bradley Mixon, for the overall state title, 7-5, 4-6 and 6-3, to cap a 22-0 singles record this season.

The victory was even more amazing considering that the day before, Mazlin

## Lyman star repeats as Individual Singles Champion, adds Overall Singles title to resume

had survived a three-hour marathon against Plantation senior Olivier Claude Sajous, who played on Haiti's Davis Cup team and participated in a juniors invitational tournament at the recent NASDAQ-100 Open in Miami, 4-6, 7-6 (2) and 6-3, in the individual singles semifinals and then came back later in the afternoon to defeat Axel Dumas of Boca Raton Olympic Heights, 6-3 and 6-3, for the individual singles title.

Mixon, meanwhile, was winning the team singles final in a virtual walk-over, beating David Wolff of Sarasota, 6-1 and 6-2.

All was not perfect for Mazlin, however, as he failed to get third championship when he and doubles partner Sean Ladouceur lost in three sets in the individual doubles semifinals to Dumas and Michael Malinsky from Olympic Heights.

Mazlin, who was fighting a sore back the whole tournament, only had a one-

hour break after the 2-1/2 hour battle with Mixon, but he and the junior Ladouceur gave a valiant effort, battling back after losing the first set, 6-0, to even the match with a 6-4 win in the second set before losing a tough 7-5 decision in the deciding set.

It was the first loss of the season for the Lyman duo, who ended the season with a 17-1 record.

The loss also denied them a chance to face off against Seminole Athletic Conference rivals Scott Runda and Timmy Walsh of Winter Springs.

Runda, a junior, and Walsh, a sophomore, advanced to the final by beating Sajous and Simon Miller of Plantation, 6-3, 4-6 and 7-5, in the individual semifinals, but they too lost to Dumas and Malinsky, 6-2 and 6-4, in the individual doubles final.

## Regionals underway

### Five area baseball teams begin title hunt

By Tony DeSormier  
Special to the Herald

**SANFORD** — As always, when the Florida High School Athletics Association's baseball state tournaments got underway Tuesday night, Seminole County was well represented in regional quarterfinal contests.

In one bracket of 6A-Region 1 quarterfinals, Lake Mary (21-6) hosted Orlando Boone (21-6) and Winter Springs (13-12) traveled to play Gainesville-Buchholz (19-6). If The Rams won, they will host the Boone/Winter Springs winner on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

In the other half of 6A-1, Oviedo (20-7) entertained Jacksonville-Mandarin (18-7) for the right to play the winner of the first-round contest pitting Apopka (20-7) against Orlando-Dr. Phillips (18-9). If the Panthers won, the game would be in Orlando, but if they lost and the Lions won, the game would be played at Mikler Field on Friday at 7 p.m.

Meanwhile, in 5A-Region 1, Lyman (18-11) hosted Merritt Island (15-12) with hopes of playing the survivor of Tuesday night's game between Jacksonville-Terry Parker (18-7) and Niceville (20-7). If the Greyhounds won, the Regional Semifinals would be held at the Carlton D. Henley Sports Complex starting at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

Playing in 1A-Region 3, first-time district champion Lake Mary Prep (18-5) hosted Orlando-West Oaks (17-11) while Maitland's Orangewood Christian, making its third straight trip to the regionals, visited Ocoee-Central Florida Christian Academy (26-4). If either, or both, teams won they will probably have to head to the East Coast for the semifinals.

Lyman, Lake Mary,  
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Herald photos by Jim Wentz

Top-seeded Winter Springs was able to stay in the game with outstanding defense, like the double play being turned by Vinny Cucci (left), but No. 2 seed and host Oviedo finally came out on top, 4-3, when pinch-runner Cole Dietrich, a recent call-up from the junior varsity, scored the game-winning run (above) in the 14th inning on a sacrifice fly by John Prano in the Championship Game of the Class 6A-District 2 Baseball Tournament on Rinker-Stenstrom Field at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium. The Lions were to have hosted Jacksonville-Mandarin and the Bears went to Gainesville to face Buchholz in the 6A-Region 1 Quarterfinals on Tuesday, joining Lake Mary, Lyman, Lake Mary Prep and Orangewood Christian as Seminole County teams in the playoffs. Check out the state website at [www.FHSAA.org](http://www.FHSAA.org) to follow the playoffs.

## Oviedo boys remain alive in v-ball

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

The Boys' Volleyball District Tournaments on Saturday produced a lot of surprises and not many of them were good for Seminole Athletic Conference fans.

District 1 at Lyman High School produced the biggest surprise as No. 3 seeded Oviedo upset the top two seeds, Lake Mary and Winter Springs, to advance to Tuesday night's State Play-In Game against Bishop Moore.

But on the disappointing side, the Lions were the only SAC squad to stay alive in the state playoffs despite the county having teams in three different district tournaments.

Oviedo (14-8) opened the tournament by knocking off the second-seeded Rams (14-7), while the top-seeded Bears (17-7) were taking the host and defending State Champion Greyhounds (7-17) in straight games, 25-23, 25-14 and 25-22.

The final was a marathon slug-fest with the Lions surviving by the barest of margins, two points, in a winner-take-all fifth set, 25-15, 22-25, 19-25, 25-23 and 15-13.

After winning the first game, Oviedo had its backs to the wall the rest of the way, losing the next two games before tying the match with a two-point win in the fourth game and then rallying from a 10-8 deficit in the fifth game to win the championship.

Zach McCann led the Lions with 81 assists for the day, including 41 against Winter Springs, while Brandon Blannik added 37 kills in the two matches.

Oviedo, who lost to the Bears in both regular season match-ups, hoped the same would hold true when they faced the Hornets on Tuesday as the Lions also lost both games to Bishop Moore in the regular season.

The Hornets (21-6) won the District 2 Championship by rolling over Apopka (3-14), 25-16, 25-12 and 25-23, in the semifinals and topping Edgewater (15-12) in four games, 25-15, 25-20, 18-25 and 25-23, in the finals.

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## UCF sweeps A-Sun All-Sports Trophies

Special to the Herald

UCF swept the Atlantic Sun Conference all-sports trophies for the third year in a row, winning both the 2004-05 Jesse C. Fletcher and Sherman Day awards, the league office announced Monday. Both awards are presented annually to the top men's and women's athletic programs throughout the academic year.

UCF is currently in its final campaign in the A-Sun. Next year, the school moves to

Conference USA.

"Winning the Jesse C. Fletcher and Sherman Day awards three years in a row is a tremendous accomplishment," said UCF Director of Athletics Steve Orsini. "Not only has UCF experienced great success on the playing field, but our student-athletes have also achieved success academically. These awards are a tribute to the hard work and dedication from our student-athletes, coaches and staff."

The Golden Knights earned the Jesse C. Fletcher trophy, given to the top men's program, for the seventh time since joining the A-Sun in 1992. Even though two weeks remain in the baseball regular season, UCF has already clinched the title.

With 153 points in 2004-05, UCF has won the conference regular season soccer and basketball championships, in addition to the tennis crown.

Georgia State stands in second place with 133.5 points, while Belmont (127.5) is third.

On the women's side, UCF claimed its fourth consecutive and seventh Sherman Day trophy since 1995. The Golden Knights won the regular season basketball and track and field championships. UCF has totaled 227.5 points this year, just a half-of-a-point shy of the record that the school established last season.

Florida Atlantic (214.5) and Georgia State (193.5) follow the Golden Knights in the women's standings.

Teams are awarded points

based on regular season finish in team sports and championship finish in individual sports. The points are awarded in descending order in three-point increments, beginning at 33 for the win, with all ties splitting the points.

### TROY CAPTURES PIVOTAL A-SUN SERIES FROM UCF WITH 8-4 WIN

Troy designated hitter Nick Smith was 3-for-4 with three RBI to lead the host Trojans to victory.

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Photo courtesy of Patriotsports.com

The Lake Brantley girls' lacrosse team finished the season with an 18-1 record and won their third state championship in five years with a 17-8 thumping of previously unbeaten St. Andrew's School from Boca Raton at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex last Saturday.

# Patriot girls lacrosse gets odd-year 'three-peat'

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

## Lake Brantley routs St. Andrew's School for third state championship in five years

History did follow the script this time.

For the third time in the 21st century, every odd year, 2001, 2003 and 2005, Lake Brantley has won the Girls' State Lacrosse Championship.

Saturday evening on the Hess Fields at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista, the Patriots overcame a quick 2-0 deficit to roll over previously unbeaten St. Andrew's School from Boca Raton, 18-7.

And while it looks impressive to be the 'odd-year' champions this century, with a little luck, Lake Brantley would actually be working on a 'three-peat' as the Patriots held a 7-2 with five minutes left in the 2004 championship game before falling to Wellington, 9-8, in a heart-breaker.

The quick deficit seemed to rouse the locals as they rallied to score four unanswered goals and never trailed again, although they only led the Scots, 6-4, at halftime.

Lake Brantley coach Karen Shellhammer was not about to let her team coast in this one.

making the right adjustments during intermission that allowed her charges to take complete control of the game in the second half.

The quintet of Kaley Pendley, Liz Connelly, Kelly Quinn, Carrie Parris and Christina Newton kept the offensive pressure on St. Andrew's top notch goalie, Zoe Fine, but it was the underappreciated Patriots' defense that spelled the difference in this one.

Senior goalkeeper and co-captain Lauren Hoffman stopped nearly everything that came flying her way as she recorded nine saves and the entire defense seemed to come away with every loose ball, led by senior midfielder Amanda Brown with 12 ground ball snags, helping to quiet the Scots' attack, which had scored in double figures in 16 of their 18 victories heading into the final.

The eight goals tied for the second lowest of the season for

St. Andrew's, the other two low scoring games coming against No. 1 state-ranked Vero Beach in wins, 7-6 and 8-7.

The Patriots, meanwhile, were machine-like in the play-offs, outscoring their five foes, 88-25, with the closest margin being an 11-7 victory over Winter Park in the regional semifinals.

Pendley, a senior attacker and another co-captain, led the offense with six goals and two assists, while the sophomore duo of midfielder Parris and attacker Connelly added three goals each.

Members of the Lake Brantley squad includes senior co-captains: Kaley Pendley, Amanda Brown, Kathryn Prouse, Christina Newton and Lauren Hoffman; seniors: Jenny Zdankowski, Jenny Fowle, Leah Baumwell, Natalie Mixon, Stacy Fleisher and Stephanie Olvey; juniors: Katie Sunner, Kelly Quinn, Lindsay Lapp, Cari Reiche and Rebecca

Cominsky; sophomores: Sara Zdankowski, Megan Zusi, Robyn Sierra, Whitney Hintze, Kelsey Fowle, Liz Connelly, Bronwyn Parkinson and Carrie Paris; and freshman: Jaclyn Melicharek.

Other members of the coaching staff include: Joannie Subasic, Conditioning Assistant Coach, Troy Shellhammer, Varsity Assistant Coach, Kerry Watson, Varsity Assistant Coach, Erick Ramirez, Goalie Coach, Cheryl Watson, JV1 Head Coach, Anna Huber, JV1 Assistant Coach, Nikki Lerch, JV2 Head Coach, and Rhonda Oehlrich, JV2 Assistant Coach.

Both teams finish the season with identical 18-1 records, with the Patriots lone loss coming at the hands of national power Greenwhich (Ct.) Academy.

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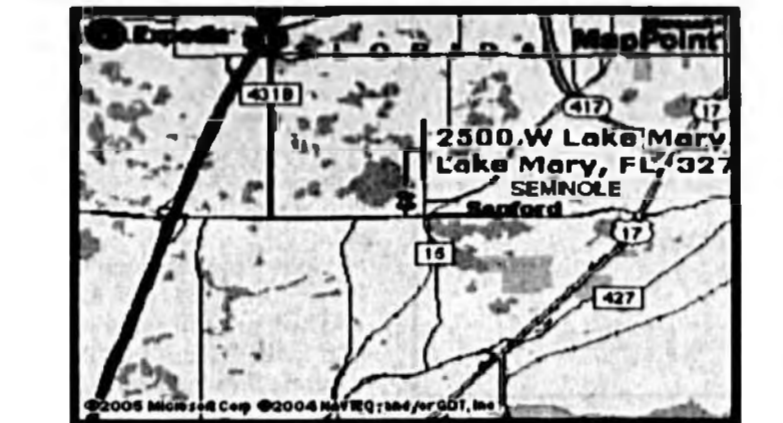
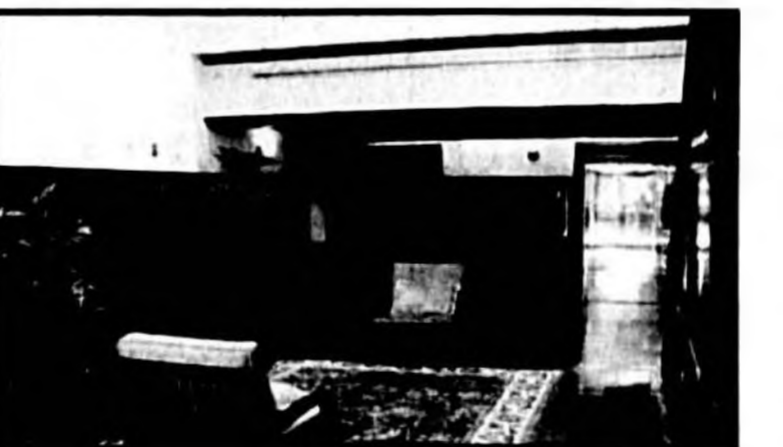
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# Central Florida Krush win season opener

Special to the Herald

**SANFORD** — The Central Florida Krush kicked off their inaugural season Saturday, recording a 4-0 victory against the Carolina Dynamo, with more than 1,300 fans on hand to witness the first win in franchise history.

The Krush women showed that, although they are the newest team to the W-League, they are a force to be reckoned with.

"The enthusiasm shown by our fans and our players was incredible," said Head Coach Bill Eissele. "It shows what the Central Florida Community can do when we work as a team."

The Krush racked up three goals in a seven-minute span midway through the first half to take a 3-0 lead going into halftime.

Oviedo native Karyn Hall-Eusey, the first player signed by the Krush, made franchise history by scoring the first goal. Taking a pass from

## Defeat Carolina Dynamo, 4-0, before 1,300 at Krush Stadium

Amanda Duffy, Hall-Eusey fired a shot into the right corner of the net from 22 yards out.

Forward Kim Montgomery dominated the right side of the field and assisted on Stacey Bishop's goal in the 24th minute.

"Kim played a great game, continually getting in deep and serving dangerous balls into the box," said Eissele.

Immediately following the second goal, Alicia Milyak scored the third on an assist from World Cup Champion and former Lyman High School star Danielle Fotopoulos in the 26th minute. Fotopoulos closed the scoring late in the game

on a header off of a free kick from fellow former University of Florida star Dena Floyd, making the score 4-0.

Goalkeeper Katie Davis earned the shutout for the Krush.

"We couldn't have scripted this night any better," said Fotopoulos.

The Krush will host the Charlotte Eagles on Saturday, May 21st starting at 7 p.m. in their next home match.

Owned by Greg Brick and Central Florida Kraze coach Joe Avallone, the Central Florida Krush is in its first season competing in the W-

League, the nation's highest level of women's soccer. The Krush compete in the Atlantic Division of the league's Central Conference, playing 14 regular season games from May-through-July against seven different regional teams.

Coached by Bill Eissele, the Krush is also the sister team to the 2004 Premier Development League National Champions the Central Florida Kraze, the men's team that will open their home season this Saturday (May 14th) at 7 p.m. against the Palm Beach Pumas.

All home games, for both the men and women, begin at 7 p.m. and are held at Krush Stadium in the Seminole Soccer Club Complex, West of Sanford and North of Lake Mary off of SR46.

For tickets and season pass information please call 407-682-KICK (5425) or visit [www.krushsoccer.com](http://www.krushsoccer.com).

## Bass boaters urged to be vigilant against vandals

Special to the Herald

Often left unattended in a backyard or storage lot, bass boats can be ripe targets for vandals. Glittering gel coat, plush seats, expensive outboards, fishing gear and electronics make appealing targets for thieves and hooligans. But before you condemn wayward teenagers for any damages, you may be surprised to learn that the vandals are more likely to be of the four-legged type than two, according to BoatU.S. marine insurance, one of the nation's largest bass boat insurers.

In a recent study for its damage avoidance program, the BoatU.S. Marine Insurance Division analyzed hundreds of bass boat claims over several years. While damage to outboard engine lower units were the leading reason for all claims, researchers also found that bass boats are 25% more likely to be damaged from critters such as raccoons, squirrels and mice than from humans.

"Bass fishing is largely a rural activity and many bass boats are stored in back yards or areas which put them right in the heart of critter country," said BoatU.S. Damage Avoidance Program Director Bub Adriance.

Adriance points out that bass boats, with their seductive fishy smells embedded into carpets, docks and live wells, can be a strong lure for four-legged creatures. Once aboard, these animals often select soft materials — upholstery, life jackets and seat foam — for bedding materials. "An animal will often set up a nest aboard, chomping on anything to make its home more comfortable," he added. Some critters, such as squirrels, will even chew on hard materials such as fiberglass to maintain their teeth.

Unfortunately, most boat insurance policies do not cover this kind of damage so prevention is key. To combat the animal problem, Adriance recommends a thorough cleaning before you

store your boat, especially if the vessel is being put away for a long period. Frequent visits and commercial repellants can also work, such as fox urine, but a large jar with ammonia (with holes punched at the top) or mothballs can also be a deterrent. In the most serious cases of recurring unauthorized boardings, a low voltage electric pet fence may be necessary.

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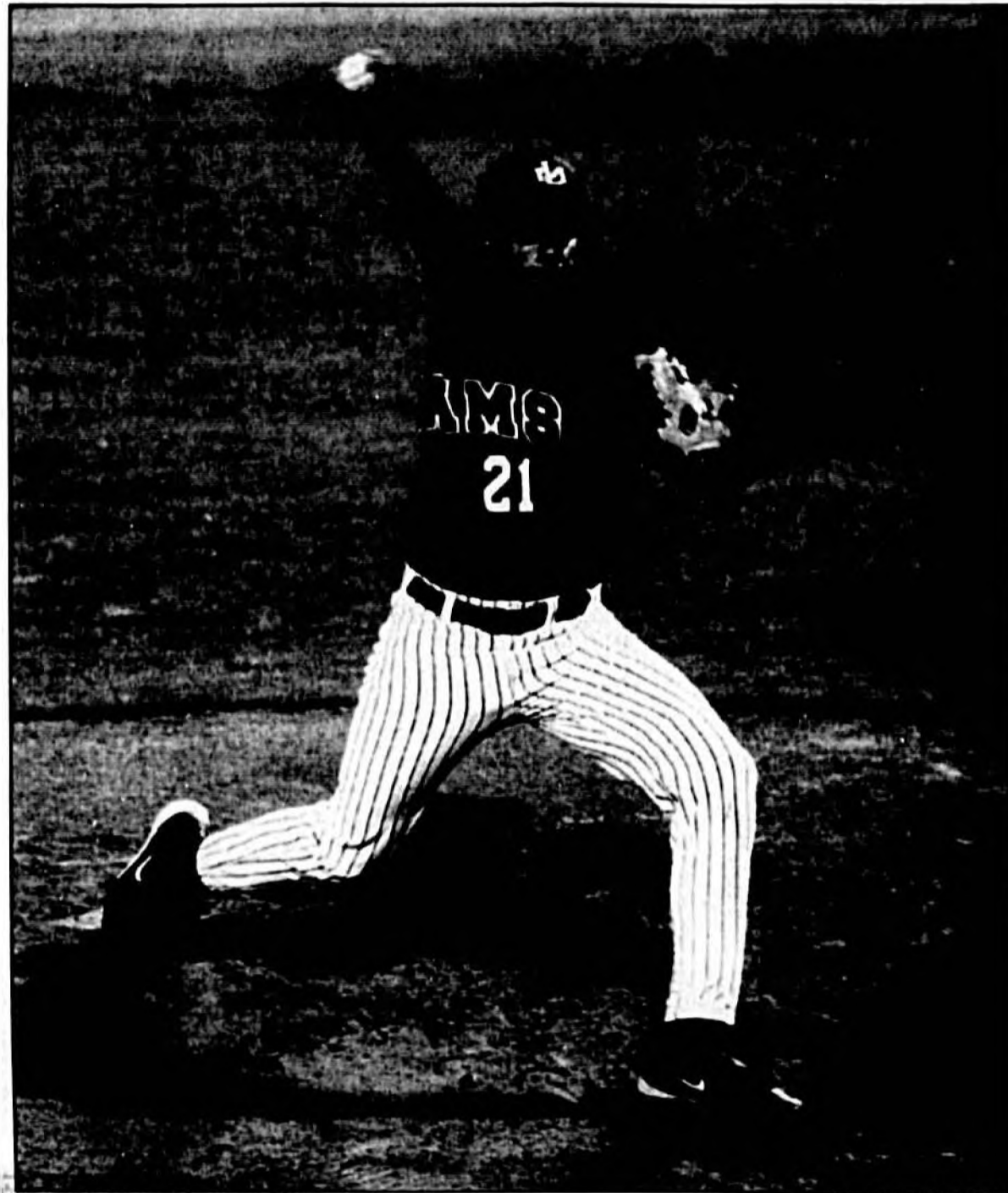
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The Eagles had eliminated Lake Brantley (10-13) in five games, 25-19, 23-25, 20-25, 25-17 and 15-7, in the semifinals.

The SAC's run in District 3 also didn't last long as powerful Timber Creek (24-2) ran past Lake Howell (13-8), 27-25, 25-12 and 25-20, in the semifinals. The Wolves also advanced to the Play-In Game by whipping Boone (13-4), 25-23, 25-10 and 25-23.

Tuesday's winners will advance to the State Tournament to be held this Friday and Saturday at Golden Panther Arena on the campus of Florida International University in Miami.

To find the results and the schedule for the State Championships, visit the website at [www.FHSAA.org](http://www.FHSAA.org) and follow the links.



Nick Santana scattered five hits and held rival Lake Brantley to one run as Lake Mary upset the No. 2 seed, 2-1, in the Class 6A-District 3 Semifinals at Lake Brantley last Friday. The Rams then knocked out No. 1 Apopka and were to have hosted Boone on Tuesday in the regional quarterfinals.

## Baseball

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Oviedo, and Winter Springs have all made it to this stage of the playoffs before, but they share much more in common than a successful past and present; the four programs are so closely related that a genealogy chart looks more like a straight line than a tree.

While not in the state tournament this year, Seminole High School is also a member of the same diamond gene pool.

"There are no secrets when we play," said Oviedo head coach Kevin Wainwright after his Lions scratched their way to a 4-3 win in 14 innings over Winter Springs for the 6A-District 2 championship Saturday at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium. "We know what each other wants to do and when they're likely to do it."

Winter Springs coach Jeff Perez disagreed — sort of.

"There are still some secrets," said Perez. "But it's all in fun." Kenne Brown, former Oviedo

head coach and now Winter Springs athletic director and assistant baseball coach, explained how the familiarity of the coaches creates a uniquely competitive situation.

"We're over here calling their (Oviedo's) pitches and they're over there calling our pitches," explained Brown. "We put on a bunt play and they start screaming 'Bunt! Bunt!' There's not much we can do to surprise each other."

If for no other reason than sheer longevity, the Seminole County baseball family tree starts at Lyman where Bob McCullough has been coaching the Greyhounds for more than 30 years. He guided Lyman to the state championship in 1995 and a second-place finish in 1996.

In all, this will be Lyman's eighth state tournament appearance under McCullough in a run spanning four decades (1976, '85 '88, '94, '95, '96, and 2002).

Among the hundreds of athletes who have played for McCullough are Brown and Wainwright.

Brown made his way back to Seminole County as an assistant for Mike Powers at Seminole High School and was with Powers when the Seminoles won the 3A state championship in 1992. That title began a run through 2001 that saw Seminole advance to the state tournament eight out of 10 years.

In 1994, however, Brown went to Oviedo as an assistant to Mike Ferrell (who led the Lions into the state semifinals in 1992). When Ferrell stepped down, Brown was named head coach by Wayne Epps (who had been the principal at Seminole, went to Oviedo, and eventually moved on to open Winter Springs). Among the coaches who worked with Brown at Oviedo were Harold Hitt, Perez, and Rob Williams.

Epps' choice as the first Winter Springs varsity baseball coach was Hitt with Perez as his assistant. In 1999, the two former Oviedo assistants led the Bears into the Class 3A state tournament.

When Brown resigned after the 1999 season, Oviedo principal Bobby Lundquist (who coached Seminole into the state

semifinals in 1977 as well as tournament berths in 1979 and '81 before becoming an assistant principal at Seminole and eventually succeeding Epps at Oviedo) brought Hitt back as the head coach.

Hitt spent one year at Oviedo, directing the Lions into the 6A state semifinals in 2000 before deciding to step down. Perez, taking over for Hitt at Winter Springs, coached the Bears into the 2003 5A state tournament.

In a bizarre example of what goes around, comes around, Perez now has both Brown and Hitt on his staff as he prepares for Winter Springs' first appearance in the Class 6A tournament this week.

After Hitt stepped down from the Oviedo job after one year, Lundquist turned to Wainwright, who had been serving as an assistant coach for Alan Tuttle at Lake Mary High School. Wainwright, who has led the Lions to four consecutive district titles and a state semifinal appearance in 2002, is assisted by Williams.

Under the combined tutelage of Brown, Hitt, and Wainwright, Oviedo has won district titles six of the last seven years and advanced to the state tournament eight of the last nine years.

Reaching back a little further, current Winter Springs science teacher and Seminole Community College assistant Howard Mabie was the head coach of the Oviedo Lions when they went to the final four in 1986. Mabie then went on to a successful run as the head coach at Valencia Community College before that school closed down its athletic program.

This will be the sixth appearance over the last eight years (and ninth overall) for Lake Mary in the state tournament, all under Tuttle. The Rams were state runners-up in 1986 and reached the final four in 2001.

Because of deadlines, the results from the tournaments were not available sat print time. To find the results and the future schedules, go to [www.FHSAA.org](http://www.FHSAA.org) and follow the links.



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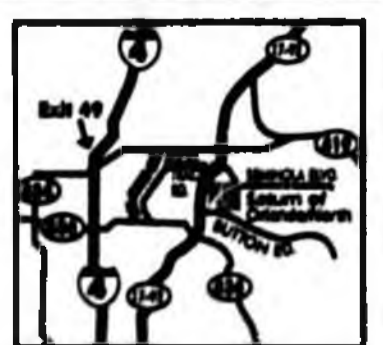


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## Two left in baseball

Lake Mary Prep and Oviedo were the only two area baseball teams still in action heading into Friday night's Regional Semifinals.

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## Seminole high schools among nations best

For the second time, Newsweek magazine ranked the nation's 27,468 high schools according to a Challenge Index devised by Jay Mathews.

The Challenge Index takes the number of Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) tests given at a school in May, and divides it by the number of seniors graduating in June.

Six Seminole County High Schools placed in the top 800 with Lake Brantley coming in at number 79 and Seminole High School reaching number 303.

All schools that magazine's researchers Dan Berrett and Dan Brillman and Mathews found that achieved a ratio of at least 1,000, meaning the schools had as many tests in 2004 as they had graduates, are on the list on the Newsweek Web site (newsweek.com), and the top 100 schools on that list are named in the magazine.

"Although it doesn't tell the whole story about a school, it is one of the best measures available to compare a wide range of student readiness for higher-level work," as stated in Newsweek, May 16, 2005, Page 50.

Seminole County Public Schools rankings in the top 1,000 high schools are:  
 Lake Brantley — 79;  
 Lyman — 164;  
 Winter Springs — 231;  
 Lake Mary — 250;  
 Seminole — 303;  
 Oviedo — 753.

Lake Howell High School will be included when the report is reissued, according to a news release from Seminole County Public Schools.

## SEMINOLE SMILE



Charlie Morgan — Local author of a book about Bookertown history

# Sex assault started with kidnapping in Sanford

By Steve Paradis  
 Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — Lake Mary Police are looking for a white male who kidnapped a woman from a Sanford location at gunpoint May 10 and sexually assaulted the woman in her SUV in the parking lot of the U.S. Postal Service distribution center on Rinehart Road.

Police said the man obtained the woman's address after stopping her on

Interstate 4 near Lake Mary Boulevard last week. During the first incident, the man wore a blue shirt with a badge. He pulled the woman over in an unmarked silver Chevrolet Lumina, according to Lake Mary Detective Mike Conneely.

The man asked for her driver's license and started to write down information.

"He then asks her to step out of the truck into his car," Conneely said Friday afternoon. When the woman, who is in her 30s, asked why, the man told her that if she

didn't get into the car he would arrest her.

The woman rolled up her window, and the suspect threw the license at her. She called 911 and Lake Mary Police responded.

On May 10, the same man, this time with a gun, found the woman in her SUV. He was on foot and made her get over, Conneely said. He did not want to give out the location in Sanford.

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Lake Mary Police Department  
 A police sketch of the suspect in a sexual assault case that started in Sanford and ended up in Lake Mary.

# Mitchell seeks clarity on clerk's phone calls

By Steve Paradis and Liane Edixon

SANFORD — The Sanford city clerk denied playing favorites when one candidate charged that she left him out of the loop about a rule requiring written authorization to solicit votes over the phone.



Mitchell

According to Bernard Mitchell, who lost the race for District 1 commissioner in March, someone from the city clerk's office told his opponent and the two mayoral candidates about the need to authorize phone calls to voters.

Mitchell made the allegation in his May 2 response to complaints made against him by Art Woodruff, the incumbent who won the District 1 seat by just 69 votes.

City Clerk Jan Dougherty admitted to contacting the campaign of Herbert "Whitey" Eckstein, who lost the race for mayor. Dougherty

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# What to expect after an arrest at county jail

By Liane Edixon  
 Herald Writer

SANFORD — You have the right to remain silent...now what?

Whether inmates know they are innocent or know they are guilty, the process is the same at the Seminole County Jail.

In light of the alleged illegal strip searches at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and surrounding Central Florida jail systems, The Herald asked for a tour and details of the jail to find out what someone can expect when arrested in Seminole County for the first time.

"We don't want you in jail anymore than you want to

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# Local democrats rally behind new chairman

By Joe Hendricks  
 Herald Correspondent

LAKE MARY — Carol Cox was elected as the new chairwoman of the Seminole County Democratic Executive Committee on April 28 during a meeting at the Orlando Lake Mary Marriott.

Cox became the committee's new chair as a result of a special election to replace previous chair Stephen Bacallao. Bacallao



Cox

was elected in December but decided to step down in March citing the need to spend more time with his family and a desire to concentrate on personal matters.

Cox had served as vice-chair for the committee — a position she was elected to in December. Cox ran unopposed in the special election and won buy a unanimous vote.

The new chairwoman said the committee hopes to revitalize the Seminole County Democratic Party by supporting efforts to register voters, raise funds, and to offer support

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# Meeting Mona Lisa



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent

Bentley Elementary School Arts Club students performed their interpretation of "Molly Meets Mona (Lisa) and Friends," a magical museum adventure in late April. Portraying Mona Lisa, above, is Amy Witt. The Mona Lisa Ristorante Italiano in Longwood provided a complimentary meal to the students May 1. Bentley Elementary is located on Oregon Avenue in Sanford. LeeAnn D'Ercole portrayed Molly and moved from scene to scene.



# Sanford, LM support gas tax

By Steve Paradis  
 and Liane Edixon

SANFORD — The Sanford and Lake Mary city commissions joined their counterparts in supporting a 1-cent tax increase on gasoline in Seminole County to pay for rising costs of bus transportation for residents.

The 1-cent tax is expected to generate about \$1.7 million.

According to Lake Mary City Manager John Litton, all the cities

have adopted resolutions to support the tax. Lake Mary approved its resolution on May 5 and Sanford passed its resolution May 9.

LYNX, the Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority, provides door-to-door van service called ACCESSLYNX for medically qualified customers. The service is provided through a contract with MV

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# SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

**Bud — the official suds:** The self-proclaimed King of Beers now wears the crown in the Celery City. In one of his last acts as mayor, Brady Lessard proclaimed Budweiser as the "Official Beer of the City of Sanford."

The proclamation was signed April 5, Lessard's last day in office, and was the former mayor's way of thanking John Williams for all of his civic activities and contributions. Williams is the president and chief operating officer of Wayne Densch Inc., which distributes Anheuser-Busch products in Seminole and Lake counties.

The organizations Williams and his Wayne Densch Charities have donated to include: the Helen Stairs Theatre, Good Samaritan Home, Kid's House of Seminole County, the Boys Scouts of America and the Central Florida YMCA. Wayne Densch Charities has also sponsored major exhibits at the Central Florida Zoo and recently unveiled the Wayne Densch Discovery Center at the zoo.

Sanford is not the first city to name an official beer. Port St. Lucie proclaimed Budweiser the city's official beer a few years ago. Peter Busch, half brother of Anheuser-Busch chairman August Busch III, runs the distributorship in Port St. Lucie and persuaded the city fathers to give Bud the official city plug.

**Around the Clock**



by Dan Ping

Lessard is actually taking this official beer thing seriously. He's a former Coors Light man, but has switched to Bud Light to comply with his own proclamation.

"I don't just talk the talk, I walk the walk," Lessard said.

Here's to walking the walk — especially after downing a few Buds or frosty beverages of your choice.

**Blood thirsty:** Perhaps you can't squeeze blood out of a turnip, but Bob Parsell knows how to squeeze blood out of his friends.

Parsell owns a string of Ace Hardware stores in Seminole County and Ace was the place for donating blood. Florida Blood Services (formerly Central Florida Blood Bank) sent its Blood Mobile to 25th Street, where the organization collected 13 pints of blood, enough to save 39 lives.

**Word Around The Clock** is Parsell put the squeeze on his lunch partners to donate blood, including Steve Richards and Sanford's First Man Bob Kuhn (husband of Mayor Linda Kuhn). The only problem was Parsell was slow to reach for the check, leaving Richards to get stuck twice, once with the needle and once with the lunch tab.

Parsell plans to have the Blood Mobile back on June 30.

**Disappearing act:** Sanford's own Harry Wise, aka Mr. Magic, must have been hanging around 1st Street during the recent reconstruction because a few things disappeared: a handful of parking spaces, a load of used bricks and the historical sign marking the founding of Rollins College.

The missing parking spaces were planned. The old bricks were not, but the city kept the vast majority of them. The others ended up in various backyards throughout the city, including the one owned by former city commissioner Lon Howell. The sign, however, is still missing and it's a mystery worth of Mr. Magic's wizardry.

"We're trying to find it" said Tom George, the city's director of public works. "We're getting varying stories on what happened to it."

George said the contractor for the job, Gomez Construction of Winter Park (where, coincidentally, Rollins College is located), told him the sign was damaged during one of the three hurricanes that visited Central Florida last fall. Gomez officials claim the sign either blew over and broke or was damaged by flying debris. "Nobody can say what exactly happened," George said. "I hate to accuse somebody, but whatever the case, the sign doesn't exist anymore."

That will be corrected soon. George is working with Alicia Clarke, curator of the Sanford Museum, to recreate the sign with the exact verbiage that appeared on the original one. The city is not expected to pick up the cost of the new sign.

"I intend to have the contractor pay for it," George said.

Erected in 1935 by the Sallie Harrison Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the sign was placed at the corner of Park Avenue and 1st Street to commemorate where Rollins College was "incorporated, organized and named." The sign was unveiled on April 28, 1935, the 50th anniversary of the founding of the college in the old Lyman Bank (which is now Ruby Juice).

## No Horse Power



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

At this past weekend's RiverWalk celebration, motorized vehicles were not allowed, but pedal power and pooch power were a wonderful way to enjoy the sights of the second annual event along Sanford's Lake Monroe. Shown here are Pete House and "Daisy" the pooch. I wonder which produces the best exercise, pooch power or pedal power?

## Burglary

• Dustin Jonathan Mainjiew, 19, of Park Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday on 29th Street. He was reportedly involved in the burglary of a vehicle in the 200 block of Woodmere Blvd. He was located on his bike, and attempted to run away from officers. He was charged with burglary of a conveyance, possession of burglary tools, larceny of over \$300 and resisting an officer without violence.

• Michael Leon McKinney, 48, of Casselberry, and Lenard Britt, 42, of Locust Avenue, Sanford, were arrested by Sanford police Wednesday following a burglary in the 200 block of East 11th Street. An estimated \$2,500 in items were taken. Officers stopped the two in a vehicle at 7th Street and Orange Avenue. McKinney was charged with burglary of a structure, larceny of over \$300, possession of narcotics equipment, simple assault, and possession of burglary tools. Britt was charged with possession of narcotics equipment and resisting an officer without violence.

• Anthony Gerry Ware, 29, listed as homeless, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday. Officers said he had been



involved in a burglary in the 200 block of South Park Avenue. He was charged with burglary of a structure, property damage of over \$100 and petty larceny. It was also discovered he had been in a fight in the 1900 block of French Avenue, and he was given an additional charge of battery — touch or strike.

## Thefts

• Vilma D. Ojeda, 37, of Placid Woods Court, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday at a store in Seminole Towne Center. She reportedly took \$43.92 in items from the store without paying. At tie time, she had her minor son with her. She was charged with petty shoplifting from a merchant and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

• Mary Renee Carter, 42, of Orlando, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday. She reportedly took three packs of socks from a store in the 400

block of Palmetto Avenue without paying. He was charged with petty larceny. Upon further investigation, it was determined she had also taken \$34.75 in items from a store in the 300 block of East First Street. Regarding that case, she was given an additional charge of petty larceny.

• Iris Hernandez, 19, of Crescent City, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday, May 8, at a store in Seminole Towne Center. She reportedly took items from a store without paying. She was charged with petty larceny.

## Assault — Battery

• Dennis Keith Bridger, 23, of Osteen, was arrested by Sanford police Friday morning in the 3800 block of Orlando Drive. He reportedly had been in a confrontation with a man at that location. He was charged with aggravated battery — causing bodily harm.

## Other charges

• Jose Luis Medina, 61, of Orlando was arrested by Sanford police Thursday in the 200 block of South Park Avenue. Officers said they saw him consuming an alcoholic beverage. He was charged with violation of the city ordinance against having an open container of alcohol.

## Wilderness area closed for restoration

SANFORD — The Econ River Wilderness area has been closed to visitors as contractors begin an extensive restoration project.

The Econ River Wilderness Area is a 240 acre wooded site on the Seminole/Orange County line south of the City of Oviedo, on the west side of the Econlockhatchee River.

The project is part of a restoration plan approved by the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners and includes the removal of dead trees. As with all Seminole County natural lands, the primary management objective is to preserve and restore the natural, ecological functions of the land while providing a passive recre-

ational experience for citizens. The Econ Wilderness area will be closed for approximately three weeks until the project is completed.

For more information regarding restoration activities contact Gregg Walker, Senior Biologist with the Seminole County Natural Lands Program at 407-665-7466.

## Public elementary school lunch menu

16 Gianni's Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Green Beans Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Fruit / Fresh Baby Carrots Choice of Milk	17 Chicken Nuggets w/ Dip Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Dinner Rolls Sliced Carrots Fruit Choice of Milk	18 Fish Nuggets w/ Dip Goldfish Grahams Pudding Assortment Fruit / Fresh Baby Carrots Choice of Milk	19 Southern Baked Chicken Whipped Potatoes w/ Gravy Vegetable Medley Buttermilk Biscuit Fruit / Baby Carrots Choice of Milk	20 Macaroni and Cheese Garden Salad Dinner Roll Fruit / Fresh Baby Carrots Choice of Milk
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## OUT & ABOUT

**SAT 14**  
The Celebracio de Mayo festival brings a Latin wild side to the Central Florida Zoo May 14 and 15. Featured will be 300 animals, including the newest addition of emus and kangaroos in the Australian Exhibit. The event will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**SUN 15**  
**Financial Peace University** will launch a 13-week program on the financial future of families. Classes will be held at Sanford's Sanctuary of Hope. Register at 407-324-5866. There is a charge for these sessions.

**MON 16**  
The Sanford Fire Department will hold a monthly child passenger seat checkup for all citizens of Sanford at the Sanford Fire Station No. 2, 300 E. Airport Blvd. The checkup will be from 5 to 7 p.m. For an appointment call Tim Robles at 407-302-2520.

The Geneva Citizens Association will meet at 7 p.m. at Geneva Community Hall on First Street. On the agenda is discussion of the disposal of sludge from the proposed Lake Jessup cleanup, and the July 4th parade and celebration. Call 407-349-1266.

The Longwood City Commission will meet at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

The city of Winter Springs Board of Adjustment will meet at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, 1843 Jerry Ave., in Sanford, will hold its annual revival, nightly through May 20 at 7 p.m. Speaker will be C.L. Taylor of Bethlehem M.C. Church in Winter Garden.

**TUE 17**  
Seminole County is offering a free four-part class on how to keep your blood pressure down from 10 a.m. to noon on May 17, 24, 31 and June 7 at the Extension Auditorium, 250 County Home Road in Sanford. Call 407-665-5551 for reservations.

The Seminole County Animal Control Board will meet at 7 p.m. at the Animal Services Shelter, 232 Bush Blvd. Two dangerous dogs will be under consideration for termination.

The Lake Mary chapter of AARP No. 4878 will hold a meeting at 1 p.m. at the new Activity Center, 911 Wallace Court. After regular business, there will be a presentation by Project - New Hope, "AARP Mystery Theatre" Call 407-585-1466.

**WED 18**  
A meeting of the County/City Joint Advisory Committee is scheduled for 3 p.m. in the Seminole County Services Building, 1101 E. First St., Room 1028, in Sanford to identify, evaluate and make recommendations regarding efficiency of service and savings for the taxpayer. The meeting can be televised on the county's channel. Open to the public, but public input will not be received.

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## Election

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said it was a courtesy call she would make to any candidate.

Woodruff mailed complaints against Mitchell to the Florida Elections Commission March 28, the day before the runoff election.

Woodruff's complaints centered on a campaign advertisement in The Sanford Herald and telemarketing calls made to voters on the weekend before the runoff election.

Mitchell has repeatedly said he has nothing to hide and did not willfully violate any Florida elections laws. He has acknowledged there was miscommunication and that he should have filed written authorization to make phone calls for the campaign.

In answer to allegations against him, Mitchell said he discovered that the three other candidates in the runoff election all filed authorization letters March 25 within a few hours of each other.

Woodruff's letter was faxed from his office at City Hall to the clerk's office in the same building at 5:39 p.m., even though the receipt time punched by the clerk's office reads 2:11 p.m.

"When I obtained this information, I went to speak with Sanford City Clerk Jan Dougherty ...," Mitchell wrote to the Florida Elections Commission. He said he asked if anyone from Dougherty's office had called the other candidates about the need for written authorization.

"Ms. Dougherty would neither confirm nor deny my question," he said.

On Friday morning, Dougherty said she would not have replied in that way.

"I contacted one candidate about that," Dougherty said.

Dougherty did admit that she talked with Eckstein's campaign after Linda Kuhn's campaign asked whether any written authorization had been submitted from other candidates.

"Let me explain," Dougherty said Friday. "Candidates run their own campaign, but if

someone tells me something I'll pick up the phone and give them a courtesy call."

She will tell the candidates that they may want to change something or even point out that Florida law does not allow something. She said she does this only if a concern becomes known to her.

"I was told that [Eckstein] was making or was going to be making those phone calls," she said. Dougherty told the Eckstein campaign that it may need to do something about that.

Dougherty also said she had called Mitchell earlier about a concern on his treasurer's reports.

"I call those heads up or courtesy calls," she said. "What they do with that is up to them."

Woodruff said his campaign consultant who was handling his phone calls told him on March 25 that he was supposed to have filed the letter.

"We filed it that day," he said. "I was never contacted by the clerk's office about this paperwork." He said the difference in the clock's time was probably due to the fax machine being set to the wrong time or another time zone.

A call to Eckstein was not returned, but Kuhn said she filed the letter first on the afternoon of March 25 because her campaign intended to make phone calls that weekend.

"I filed mine because my campaign consultant advised me that you were required to do so, prior to doing any type of campaign phone solicitation," Kuhn told The Sanford Herald.

Kuhn's consultant, Kit Pepper, said it was her job to know that the written authorization had to be filed.

"I knew because this is what I do for a living," she said. She wasn't certain who it needed to be filed with, so she called the city clerk's office.

Pepper also said she asked if anyone else had filed the letters because she knew Eckstein was already making calls.

Woodruff said the written authorization letter was not part of his complaint, but he did question whether the person talking on the phone calls made by Mitchell's campaign really existed.

The woman on the recorded phone calls was an actress portraying a real person, Mitchell said.

"This person did give my campaign staff verbal permission to use her likeness," Mitchell told the elections commission.

In his complaint, Woodruff said he has been active in every community in District 1.

"As I went door to door during my campaign," Mitchell wrote to the elections commission, "it was the citizens who told me that Commissioner Woodruff had not been active in their community that he could not point to any significant projects that he had spearheaded."

Mitchell also responded to the elections commission about allegations of using the likenesses of Sanford Police Chief Brian Tooley and Commissioner Randy Jones in a campaign ad.

Mitchell said he only used the photos to show community involvement. He also pointed out that Woodruff didn't question anyone else in the photographs.

Former Mayor Brady Lessard wrote a letter of support for Mitchell to be included in the response to the elections commission.

"I would not under any circumstances do anything to impugn the character and integrity of myself or Commissioner Woodruff," Mitchell stated in his response to the Florida Elections Commission.

"I am humbly sorry for the circumstances that made Commissioner Woodruff feel that he needed to file this report to the Elections Commission. I look forward to working with Mr. Woodruff to make our community and city a better place for all of our citizens."

## Democrats

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and encouragement to prospective political candidates for local, county and state offices.

"We want to get the best people elected to represent the interests of all residents in Seminole County," Cox said. Although the committee works closely with all Democratic candidates, the committee does not endorse specific candidates until the primary process has been completed.

Cox said she will work closely with local precinct captains to help organize voter turnout efforts, improve information campaigns, encourage the use of absentee ballots for those who can't make it to the polling locations, and to recruit volunteers for upcoming local elections.

The Seminole County committee currently has 70 members and efforts are underway to increase those numbers.

"Carol has brought life and energy back into the party in Seminole County," said Shari Rosefelt, state committee woman for Seminole County. "She is visible throughout the community, from walking precincts and attending city commission meetings to attending our county and state meetings and going to fundraisers and special events on behalf of the DEC. She has also personally done an incredible job making our DEC technologically advanced and innovative."

As part of their efforts to be more active on the local level, members of the committee plan to increase their visibility and make their presence felt at more city commission meetings.

In April, members of the committee attended a series of Longwood City Commission meetings to voice their support of the continuation of the early voting process. The Longwood City Commission once considered opting out of early voting, but reconsidered their stance after clarification on the specifics of cost and labor were explained during a committee meeting visit by Michael Ertel, Seminole County supervisor of elections.

Cox and the SCDEC hope to get petitions on the November 2006 ballot that would create a bipartisan committee to draw

legislative and congressional districts. The committee also plans on paying closer attention to local school rezoning policies and to be more involved with the Seminole County School Board.

Controlling residential growth in Seminole County is another concern of the committee. Members will soon conduct outreach programs to minority residents throughout the county. The first of these outreach programs will take place in Sanford.

Citing a lack of opposition in too many recent local elections, Cox and the committee hope to reverse the trend of local Republicans running unopposed.

Cox originally became involved in politics while working as a volunteer in Bill Clinton's 1992 Presidential Campaign while attending the University of Florida, where she earned a bachelor's degree in history. Cox later earned a master's degree in European history at Emory University, in Atlanta.

While at Emory, Cox and her fiancé co-founded InterMedia Solutions Inc., a Web and software development company. Cox and her fiancé returned to Florida in 2003. Her interest in the 2004 presidential campaign and her belief that her experience in computer technology could be of help to the local Democratic Party inspired Cox to join the local party committee.

"I saw that I could offer a lot of services in regard to technology, marketing, video and Internet capabilities," she said. Cox redesigned and took over maintenance of the committee Web site. As enthusiastic as Cox is about local politics, she says she has no interest in running for office herself.

"I prefer to remain behind the scenes," Cox said. "Having what amounts to two full-time jobs keeps me busy, but politics is my passion."

The Seminole County DEC meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. More information is available at [www.seminoledemocrats.com](http://www.seminoledemocrats.com).

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## Assault

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The suspect drove the SUV to the north end of the parking lot of the mail distribution center on Rinehart Road. He raped her and fled on foot.

Canine units from the Longwood Police Department, including a blood hound, searched a wooded area adjacent to the Postal Service center heading toward Interstate 4. A Seminole County Sheriff's Office helicopter searched from the air and a perimeter was set up along Rinehart.

Conneely said the dogs did find a small track in the woods, but that was it. The Florida

Department of Law Enforcement is processing the women's vehicle for evidence.

The suspect is described as a white male in his 40s, 6-foot tall, weighing about 190 pounds. He has short brown hair and a brown mustache. He also has acne scars on his face and forehead. He was last seen wearing a long sleeve dark shirt and pants. He may be driving a silver Lumina. Part of the Florida license plate reads: X16 ???.

He escaped from the wooded area that is surrounded by major highways and fences on three sides.

"We're still trying to tie down the exact time delay," Conneely said. It did appear as though the woman was tied up.

So far there have been no witnesses who have come forward. No one at the postal center has come forward as witness, Conneely said.

Police have not received any substantial leads, but have gotten a significant number of calls from the composite sketch.

Anyone who has information can call Conneely at 407-585-1315 or the Lake Mary Police Department at 407-585-1300.

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## Legals

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The Sanford Airport Authority will conduct a meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Orlando Sanford International Airport, in the SAA Board Room, Sanford Airport Authority, 1200 Red Cleveland Boulevard, Sanford, Florida. Information may be obtained by contacting the executive offices during normal business hours at (407) 585-4010.

Please take notice that if any person desires to appeal any decision made by the Sanford Airport Authority with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing scheduled herein, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based, per Section 198.0105, Florida Statutes. Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the executive offices 48 hours in advance of the meeting at 407-585-4000.

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# OPINION

## History speaks

From time to time, I like to look at historical events which may be interesting to readers.

These days, most folks are complaining about the high cost of gasoline. Some even are canceling vacation plans because of the cost of gas. Yet history tells us of a problem with gasoline we no longer have these days. At even the present high cost, gasoline is still available. We don't have a limit on how much gasoline you can buy.



Nick Pfeifauf

The date was May 15, 1942. Gas was selling at a cost of 50 to 85 cents per gallon, almost double what the cost had been just a year or so earlier. I recall my father getting very angry when the cost per gallon went from 25 to 50 cents. He vowed to cut down on his driving for the duration.

But with World War II in progress, 17 eastern states initiated gasoline rationing that May. By Sept. 25, the rationing was nationwide. Not only was the speed limit - EVERYWHERE - set at 35 miles per hour (to conserve fuel), but unless you had special privileges, (a farmer or worker in a defense plant), you were only allowed to purchase three gallons a week. At that time, the average automobile was getting about 20 miles per gallon, which meant that you could only drive around 60 miles per week. So, even with the high cost of gas these days, at least we can still buy it (if we can afford it).

Changing the subject - this coming Saturday, May 21, is Armed Forces Day in the United States. Issued by Presidential Proclamation in 1989, the obser-

vance is officially on the third Saturday in May, thus lumping together all military related events. Army Day used to be April 6th. Navy Day was held on Oct. 27, observed on that date since 1922. Marine Corps Day used to be Nov. 10. Coast Guard Day, observed since 1790, has been observed on Aug. 4.

I couldn't find an Air Force Day, but it officially became a separate force on Sept. 18, 1947, after having been called the Army Air Corps, which dates back to 1907 when the Army started using airplanes.

As active as the National Guard has been, especially in the Iraq war, there ought to be a special day for them.

In addition to these individual days, various veterans' organizations also have specific dates designated for observances.

Some cities will hold special parades or observances for Armed Forces Day. I haven't been able to find any such event scheduled in Sanford this year, although there have been some in the past. Generally they include veterans of the various forces marching down a main street, along with bands and floats (which mostly contained local politicians). I recall in the high school band, I marched four or five times each year for these separate events playing the military songs.

Regardless, there are times in various musical presentations, when someone will ask veterans of the armed forces to stand as the band plays "their song." Folks still remember that in being involved in military actions, we were putting our lives on the line for them.

What we hope is that, this coming Saturday, May 21, you will remember our veterans and those who are serving at the present time, and possibly say a prayer for those who returned as well as those who did not. We owe our military a great deal.



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## Your Views

### Something's wrong with medical costs

To the Editor:

The medical world is becoming more and more cavalier with the consumers' money.

Today, after being assured over and over that Medicare would pay for the mammogram, I was denied the procedure because I would not sign a paper accepting financial responsibility if Medicare denied payment.

Unfortunately, I have been a victim of this insidious practice in the past. I say insidious because if you are a consumer of AMA (American medical Association) members and

associates i.e.: Hospitals and Diagnostics Clinics services you will see this form slipped surreptitiously under all the other papers where they have suckered you into signing your right to sue for Medical Malpractice if they happen to make a mistake and maim you for life.

Like most Americans, I have been led to believe that if my doctor recommends a testing procedure then it must be important. And often I discover that the test was not significant but recommended - "just to be safe." At this point I just have to ask, just to be safe, how often many of those procedures are recommended BECAUSE Medicare will pay ... Our already overextended Medicare. You know, the one the government is talking about taking away from future generations

since we're running out of money. Perhaps one day, we will be like China where only one child per family is permitted if medical care is too expensive or there are not

enough doctors to treat everyone. Is anyone listening?

Vera Keathley Sanford

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# Obituaries

**SOMELIA BAZILE**  
Somelia Bazile, 95, of Altamonte Springs, died Monday, May 9, 2005 at Maitland Health Care Center. She was born in Haiti and moved to Central Florida in 2000. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. Survivors include daughters Mercie Irvin and Marie Louis, both of Altamonte Springs; sisters, Anna Louis and Annacia Nelson, both of Haiti and Rosina Nelson of Miami; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 21 at 12 noon, at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church with burial at Highland Memory Gardens. Collison Family Funeral Homes & Crematory, Howell Branch Chapel, Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

**NANCY FAYE BUMPERS**  
Nancy Faye Bumpers, 68, of Longwood, died Wednesday, May 11, 2005 in Sanford. She was born Dec. 19, 1936 in Donora, Penn. She was a telecommunications operator in the healthcare industry. Survivors include daughter, Joyce Faye Rose; son, Carl Jay Rose; three grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Sunday, May 15, at 1:30 p.m. at Baldwin-Fairchild Oaklawn Chapel. The family will receive friends from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Interment will follow at Oaklawn Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, 120 Wall Street, 19th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10005. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

**WILLIAM E. BURT**  
William E. Burt, 90, of Orlando, died Thursday, May 12, 2005. He was born Jan. 12, 1915, in Martin, Mich. He was a chemist. Survivors include wife, Janet Burt; daughter, Ann Elizabeth Berger; sons, Michael Richard Burt, Terrance William Burt and Stephen Richard Burt; sister, Ruby Fritz; 11 grandchildren. Funeral services were held Friday, May 13 at St. Stephen Catholic Church with Father George Dunne, S.S.S. officiating. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

**LENA MAE SAUNDERS ELDRIDGE**  
Lena Mae Saunders Eldridge, 89, of Winter Springs,

died Monday, May 9, 2005. She was born Jan. 17, 1916 in Sharkey, Ky. She was a homemaker. Survivors include daughter, Juanita Kettering; sons, Jerome Eldridge and Randall Eldridge; 11 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

**EVELYN T. ICARDI**  
Evelyn T. Icardi, 77, of Altamonte Springs, died Thursday, May 12, 2005. She was born in Pittsburgh, and moved to central Florida in 1958. She was an admissions clerk and a member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. Survivors include sons, John Icardi of Cary, N.C., and Michael Icardi of Altamonte Springs; daughter, Mary Alice Jackson of Sarasota; sisters Jeanne Johnson of Waterbury, Conn., and Naomi Stinger of Tampa; ten grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Monday, May 16, at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church with Father Richard M. Walsh officiating. Collison Family Funeral Homes & Crematory, Howell Branch Chapel, Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

**LEROY JACKSON**  
Leroy Jackson, 72, of Drew Avenue, Sanford, died Sunday, May 8, 2005 in Windermere. He was born March 19, 1933 in Enterprise. He was a mechanic for Deltona Golf & Country Club. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and member of Korean War Veterans Association, Celery City Lodge #542, I.B.P.O.E. of W. Antler Guard Dept., Fox Company and Seminole Council #109. Survivors include sons, James Lee of Concord, Ga., Craig L. Merksion of Conyers, Ga.; daughter, Wymell S. June of Sanford; sister, Bertha Dennis of Sanford; devoted niece and caretaker Shirley Rivers of Windermere; 11 grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Sunday, May 15, at 3 p.m. at New Life Word Center, 1311 Oak Avenue, Sanford. Viewing will be Saturday, May 14 from 5 until 7 p.m. at Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary. Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

**EDNA SCOTT McLAUGHLIN**  
Edna Scott McLaughlin, 85, of Oakland, Calif., died Friday, May 6, 2005 at Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford. She was born July 7, 1919. She was a homemaker and a member of Immanuel Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church in Oakland, Calif. Survivors include son, Emory James, Jr. of Richmond, Calif.; daughters, Judith Renee James of Washington, D.C. and Grace Margaret James of Oak Park, Ill.; three grandchildren. Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

**SHARON LOREEN MASON**  
Sharon Loreen Mason, 68, of Sanford, died Tuesday, May 10, 2005. She was born Oct. 26, 1936 in Orlando. She was a secretary in the Funeral Home industry. Survivors include daughters, Loreen "Lori" Marie Fioriglio, Annette Marie Stephens and Luisa Marie Conant; son, Salvatore Joseph Fioriglio, Jr.; sister, Nina Sue Crowell; five grandchildren. Funeral services will be Saturday, May 14 at 10 a.m. at Nativity Catholic Church with Father Benjamin Berinti, C.P.P.s officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Kissimmee. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.



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**SCOTT J. NEMETH**  
Scott J. Nemeth, 46, of Winter Park, died Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at his residence. He was born in Bridgeport, Conn. And moved to Central Florida in 2000. He was a forester. He was employed by the State of Connecticut Dept. of Transportation and with the City of Winter Park. Survivors include wife, Kathryn Nemeth of Winter Park; son, Peter Nemeth of Winter Park; parents, Stephen and Shirley Nemeth of Orlando; brothers, Allan Nemeth and Barry Nemeth, both of Orlando; sister, Nancy A. Ellis of Deltona. Funeral services will be Saturday, May 14 at 10 a.m. at Collison Family Funeral Homes with burial by metro Crematory. Collison Family Funeral Homes & Crematory, Howell Branch Chapel, Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

**DORIS VIRGINIA NEUBAUER**  
Doris Virginia Neubauer, 79, of Orlando, died Friday, May 6, 2005. She was born July 6, 1925 in Cairo, Ga. She was a homemaker. Survivors include husband, Charles Neubauer. Interment will be at Greenwood Cemetery, Cairo, Ga. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

**WALTER SHOVICH JR.**  
Walter Shovich, Jr., 66, of Winter Park, died Wednesday,

May 11, 2005 at his residence. He was born in Pittsburgh, Penn. And moved to Central Florida from Wisconsin in 1983. He was a computer engineer. He was a member of Moose Lodge and Knights of Columbus. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a member of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Survivors include wife, Joan Shovich of Winter Park; son, Kevin John Shovich of Maitland. Funeral services will be Saturday, May 14, at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church with Father Derk Schudde officiating. Burial will be at Glen Haven Memorial Park. Collison Family Funeral Homes & Crematory, Howell Branch Chapel, Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

**ANDREW KENNETH SHREVE**  
Andrew Kenneth Shreve, 80, of Winter Park, died Thursday, May 5, 2005 at his residence. Born in Washington, D.C., he moved to Central Florida 40 years ago. He was a consultant and a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He belonged to faith Assembly of God Church. Survivors include wife, Katie Shreve of Winter Park; sons, Michael R. Shreve of Cleveland, Tenn., and Robert S. Shreve of Pittsburg; daughters, Winifred J. Wilson of Gulfport and Elizabeth A. Booker of Tallahassee; five grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 30, at Collison Family Funeral

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**ROBERT "BOB" J. STENSTROM**  
Robert "Bob" J. Stenstrom, 71, of Summerville, S.C., died Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at a Summerville hospital. He was born March 12, 1934, in Sanford, (the son of the late Newton Julius Stenstrom). Following a career in the U.S. Air Force, he was a life insurance agent for 20 years, representing Liberty Life and Mutual Life. Survivors include son, Robert Mark Stenstrom of Goose Creek, S.C.; daughters Robin E. Workman of Goose Creek, S.C. and April L. Stenstrom of Columbia, S.C.; sister, Ruby A. Harley of Sanford; six grandchildren; one great-grandson. The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m., Sunday, May 15, at Baldwin-Fairchild Oaklawn Chapel. Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the funeral home at 10 a.m. Monday, May 16. Interment with full military honors will follow at Oaklawn Park Cemetery in Sanford. Memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church, 3101 West SR-46, Sanford, 32771-8844. Condolences may be sent via www.mcalister-smith.com. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

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# LIFESTYLE

## The Way We Were: Growing up in wartime

The following is a continuation of Joyrie Mae Jones DeFoor's memories of Westside School, that she wrote for the Sanford Historical newsletter.

Westside was a small primary school containing only four classes, one each for grade 1-4. In contrast, the only other primary school in Sanford (for white students), Southside, had three classes per grade. The children from both schools met at Sanford Grammar School for grades five and six.



Grace Marie Stinecifer

### The War Effort at Westside School

By Joyrie Jones DeFoor  
In the second grade, Miss Chapman was my teacher, and we loved her. She was stern, but fair. The fact that I now loved Florida made it easier for her to gain my trust and affection.

I believe this is the year Pearl Harbor was attacked. When I think of that event, I see our old console radio, and us gathered around it after church one Sunday. I was very troubled, but the next day in the cafeteria, my friend, Irene Green, told me that Pearl Harbor was way across the ocean and we wouldn't go to war for them.

Nevertheless, we found ourselves in a conflict where there was good and evil, heroes and bad guys, and Westside did its part. We had drills of hiding under our desks, and someone took fingerprints so we could be identified in case of disaster. Locally, we practiced blackouts where we had to cut off all the lights until the "all clear" was sounded. We bought our little stamps and collected aluminum foil and iron. There were contests between classes to see who could collect the most. It was very serious business. Many brothers, fathers and friends didn't make it back.

Sometimes we kids helped sell poppies, and once I entered a poster in a contest and won second prize for the state. At the American Legion I was presented a savings bond for winning. Many of us also belonged to a marching corps, which they sponsored.

We heard about the little children in Europe who were being bombed and many of them were sent over here to stay with kind Americans. At the Ritz Theater, I sang a song called "My Sister and I" about some little Dutch children in America longing for their homeland. Another song was "White Cliffs of Dover" and one line was, "and Tommy will go to sleep in his own little bed again."

Mrs. Price led us in singing all the service songs (with small revisions in some of the words), as well as other music. She was our music teacher, and we worked hard and sounded great for kids. We liked to sing, "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition" in assembly. Other songs we loved were "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego" and "Three Little Fishes". I think we have had even sung "Pistol Packing Mamma". Unlike today, our songs were sensible.

Mrs. Irene Watt was our fourth grade teacher - sort of an Aunt Bee character but much sharper. She was a Seventh Day Adventist, and once at Christmas, she invited me to recite the Christmas Scripture from Luke for her church. Mom was a little afraid of "indoctrination" but she allowed me to do it.

We Sanford kids attended most of the churches at one time or another. In the summer we would go from church to church for Bible School. Then the Bible Schools lasted two weeks. I can remember attending the Episcopal and Presbyterian Bible Schools as well as my own Methodist. The crafts were special fun. But the one I learned the most was in a small church with a sawdust floor located on Seventh Street, which was Southside Baptist.

At Thanksgiving, we put on a play, and much to my dismay, Bobbie Jean Galloway got the lead part - the mother. I had to play Priscilla Alden and only got to declare something about "delicious pumpkin pies for your table". Later in Grammar School, I played a mince meat pie, and in Junior High, a tree. At least I wasn't type cast.

These days at Westside were a time when I liked school. We boys and girls were very close. I remember all of the girls and most of the boys. Barbara Ann Pearce, Vennie Mae Stacey, Bobby Jean Galloway, Mildred Irving, Velma ?, Irene Greene, Joyrie Mae Jones, Jeanette Woller, Imogene Lee, Barbara McNab and Kathryn Cullum were the girls. The boys I remember were Luther David, Rudolph Smith, Curtis ?, Jimmy Joe Kendall, Howard Miller, Douglas Oglesby, John Whitmore and Duane Harrell.

Our school was small, and each child was important. Parents helped when needed, and always supported our teachers. We were taught not only facts, but about right and wrong and how to behave. Westside was a wonderful place to be a child.



## IN HONOR OF DAD...

## SFD receives donation



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent

(at top) A.A. McClanahan Jr. presents a check for \$1,000 to Sanford Fire Department Chief, Gerard Ransom. The donation was given to the department in honor and memory of his father, (above) former Sanford City Commissioner and businessman, A.A. "Mac" McClanahan, Sr.



## Stetson's Corner

# 'Updates on Nicole'

Welcome to Stetson's Corner, where weekly we hope to share a bit of what is good about the Village of Geneva. This column is dedicated to a man who did the same - Deputy Sheriff Gene "Stetson" Gregory, who was killed in the line of duty July 8, 1998 in the place he was sworn to protect, but which could not protect him. Geneva will never be the same because of Deputy Gregory...it will be better.



Darla Kinney Scores

While Terri Schaiwo was dominating the news and the world was praying for a new pope, a Geneva family was dealing with a coma crisis of their own - and sending up prayers a-plenty. Nicole Garris, daughter (and stepdaughter) of Robin and Ed Griffith, was involved in an auto accident caused by near blizzard conditions on the roads of Massachusetts March 8, as she drove home from Mt. Wachusett Community College in Gardner.

Nicole graduated Ovidio High School in 2002. She was active in the chorus program there and received superior ratings in music competitions and sang the National Anthem at more than one sporting event. Nicole also played lacrosse for OHS. After graduating, she attended Seminole Community College for a while, but unsure of her direction, decided to spend a semester at Mt. Wachusett near where her biological father lives. That decision may have changed the course of her life forever.

Since the accident, Robin Griffith has been sending out email updates on Nicole's condition. I have shared them with family and friends and now share an abbreviated version of them with you so that you too may be included in the circle of love and prayers surrounding this family.

March 15 - "When the paramedics arrived at the scene, Nicole was not conscious but was breathing on her own. She had a cut on the right side of her face and showed no response. The helicopter could not land due to

the terrible weather so she was transported via ambulance to UMass Medical Center. Her evaluation in the ER consisted of a CAT scan and X-rays. The initial diagnosis was head trauma. ... After another CAT scan, it was determined there was blood in her brain, swelling of the brain, bruising of the brain and bruising of the stem cell as well as shearing. No other fractures or internal injuries were found. Immediately Nicole was put on morphine for the pain and was given a strong sedative. Shortly thereafter it was determined that the swelling in the brain was not subsiding and a drug was then given to work as an anti-inflammatory for the brain. I.V. fluids were administered to keep her hydrated ... The idea was to keep her in a state of deep sedation so the brain would not be stimulated. If the brain was stimulated either by voice, touch, pain, etc. the swelling would become a problem and more of the sedative would have to be given ... Nicole is on life support (respirator) at this time as well. And so the battle begins..."

March 17 - "As of Tuesday evening, Nicole has pneumonia. It is caused by bacteria, which is only found in hospitals - an extremely resilient bug. I just hope and pray that her body is strong enough to fight this infection off. Her lungs have fluid in them and are being manually suctioned. We will know in the next few days if the antibiotic is working to clear this terrible infection. This can be very dangerous since her system has been completely shut down and all the things your body does to help you get well, cough, sneeze, etc. cannot function..."

March 29 - "Upon arriving on Thursday, I found out from the nurse that Nicole had opened her eyes early Thursday morning!!! It gave the nurse a scare because with the opening of the eyes came a rise in her brain pressure/swelling. Earlier in the week they had discontinued all her sedative medications, so Nicole was no longer on any sedatives. Due to the rising pressure in her brain, she was put on the short term sedative again. When I went in the room and began to talk, Nicole opened her eyes! I

moved to the other side of the bed to see how her healing cut looked and when I spoke again, she opened her eyes and they moved to the other side, following my voice. The nurse was sooooo excited that I was instructed to ask her to close her eyes. I did this and she closed her eyes. Next the nurse asked her to give a 'thumbs up.' She could not do that, but she did move her thumb! WOW! ... During that day, Nicole would continue to open and close her eyes. Nicole is still running a fever of 101-102 +/-, which appears to be due to the pneumonia, which is still not cleared."

...Sunday brings a new set of problems for Nicole. At about 6 a.m. I went in to visit and she was burning up. I called for the nurse and immediately she took her temperature. It was over 104 ... Monday Nicole is not very responsive ... By 7 p.m. Nicole is doing better and they cut the amount of medication in half. Nicole begins to open her eyes again. ... The CT scan came back showing that everything appears to be clear, so it is assumed a sinus infection is the source of the high fever ... Well, I guess that is all for now. I told her that there are so many people out there that love her and are praying for her to heal. I told her that we were all so proud of her and that she was doing GREAT and doing everything she needed to be doing to get better. I KNOW she could hear what I was saying because she moved her eyes to follow my voice. And so ... she knows you are all praying for her and love her.

Thank you again for all you have done. Just knowing you all are there makes me feel very strong and keeps me moving forward ...always hopeful ... always ready to take the next step, whatever it may be. We love you all! - Robin, Ed, Jacquelyn, Nicholas and Nicole

(Next Week: What April and May bring for Nicole... We need you to tell us what you know that is good about Geneva! Please share your information, ideas and comments by calling 407-349-2140, via e-mail at darla@mpinet.net, (please put "Stetson's Corner" in the subject line), or with a fax to 407-349-1311. Thank!

## Talented youth will go to ACT-SO competition in WI



Marva Hawkins

Seminole County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) ACT-SO awards ceremony was held Saturday, April 30, at Victory Temple of God, Inc.

The theme was "Using Your Gifts for a Greater Purpose".

This was the first showcase for the youth of the community before they attend the

National ACT-SO competition to be held in Milwaukee, Wis. The youth of the local ACT-SO program were from the local chapter of the Seminole County Branch of the NAACP.

The evening's award ceremony was presided over by Mistress of Ceremony, Attorney Lindsay Oyewale. Marlan Hillery led the audience in the singing of the Negro National Anthem. Nataasha Bradley extended the welcome to the guests.

The speaker of the occasion introduced by his wife Alisa Grace was Deacon Linton Grace, a Seminole County educator, member of Victory Temple of God, Inc., leader of Men of Tomorrow Club and Youth Training Leader.

Deacon Grace encouraged the youth to prioritize their lives. He told them to acknowledge God, as He must be first in their lives.

He reminded them that their parents love them, and family is their support group.

Seek an education, don't settle for too little. Be sure to let the Lord take them to another level. Get back to basics with God through prayer.

They were told they must be productive citizens, use their gifts for a greater good, prioritize their lives as good and perfect gifts come from God.

The appeal for membership was made by Marian Williams, WIN's chairlady. Join your local branch of the NAACP by phoning 407-328-7496. To get information on ACT-SO participation and help sponsor the ACT-SO winner, call 407-435-6039.

The ACT-SO winners are: drawing, Jamal Todd, Sasha Golston; photography, Sasha Golston, Mercedes Grey; chemistry, Calvis Thompkins; painting, Jamal Todd; architecture, Ashuwa Richards; poetry, Calvis Thompkins, Vanecia Dodd, Mercedes Grey; music/instrumental, classical, Tiffany Watkins; dance, Nakita Anderson; music/vocal contemporary, Kendra Hartsfield, Quenten Simmons, Calvis Thompkins; dramatics, Nakita Anderson; business, Brandon Blount; and oratory, Vanecia Dodd.

Tamika Knight Williams, director of the youth ACT-SO wishes to thank all who gave of their time and talent to help encourage these students. They are our promise and investment in them is the only hope for a bright future. If you believe, you can do it, then ACT-SO (Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics).

Coming events - WIN Women in the NAACP sponsors "Hatitude Event". Duff off your hats and join the NAACP for an afternoon of fun and prizes. Enjoy light refreshments and a chance to compete for the "Best Hat Prize". If you wish to compete for the prize, you must wear a hat. Creativity is a must. The event will be Saturday, June 4th from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Boys and Girls Club, 919 Persimmon Avenue. Donations are \$5. Tickets available from Marian Williams, chairlady at 407-804-0603.

Midway Safe Harbor will present a community-wide "Step Show" featuring Seminole High School, Midway Elementary and Lake Mary High School. It will be an entertaining evening. Enjoy the latest dance steps, music and rhythms, Thursday, May 20, at 7 p.m. Donations are \$2, at Midway Safe Harbor, across from Midway Elementary School.

Do you need help with your medicines? A special informational seminar will be held Saturday, May 21st at 1 p.m. at the New Bethel Baptist Church, 618 East 10th Street.

Learn more about the new Medicare Part D program for prescription drug coverage (premiums and co-pay to be paid by the government).

If you are 65 or older, or disabled and eligible for Medicare, based on your income, you may qualify. Staffers from the U.S. Social Security Administration will be on hand to present this new program, answer questions and take applications. The Sanford community is invited to attend. New Bethel Baptist Church, Rev. William Bill Lewis, pastor.



Herald photo by Marva Hawkins

Seminole County NAACP ACT-SO winners.







# Sports

## theBIGS

Weekly stats for Seminole County's Major League Baseball players  
Oviedo High School's

### MARK BELLHORN

2B  
Boston Red Sox  
ab h r HR rbi avg.  
27 21 13 0 7 216  
• Was 2-for-4 with a double, a run scored and an RBI against Seattle last Sunday.

### Seminole High School's DAVID ECKSTEIN

SS  
St. Louis Cardinals  
ab h r HR rbi avg.  
126 42 17 0 11 .333  
• Has a 13-game hitting streak and has at least three hits in four of last five games and is batting .636 (14-for-22) with seven runs scored and four RBI this week.

### Lake Mary's DANNY GRAVES

P  
Cincinnati Reds  
w l sv so bb era  
1 1 0 4 10 3.68  
• ERA is only 3.38 in May, but he is 0-1 with two blown saves during the month.

### Lake Brantley High School's FELIPE LOPEZ

SS  
Cincinnati Reds  
ab h r HR rbi avg.  
81 20 10 4 16 .328  
• Is 12-for-31 (.387) with seven runs scored, two home runs and nine RBI during seven-game hitting streak.

### Sanford Middle School's COREY PATTERSON

CF  
Chicago Cubs  
ab h r HR rbi avg.  
133 35 21 8 14 .263  
• Had two home runs against the Mets on Tuesday.

### Seminole High School's TIM RAINES JR.

CF  
Baltimore Orioles  
ab h r HR rbi avg.  
0 0 0 0 0 .000  
• Raines has upped average to .207 and has homered in last two games for AAA-Ottawa. Rickie Weeks is hitting .318 with nine doubles, four triples and five home runs with AAA-Nashville. Chaz Lytle is batting .318 for A-Lynchburg. Kyle Bono is 0-1 with a 5.25 ERA with A-Wilmington. Kevin Melillo is batting .287 with two home runs at A-Kane County. Matt Allegra has three home runs with AA-Midland.

### Lake Brantley High School's JASON VARITEK

C  
Boston Red Sox  
ab h r HR rbi avg.  
102 36 19 7 15 .343  
• Was 3-for-4 with a double and walk-off game-winning home run on Wednesday against Oakland.



Photo courtesy of Arch Booth, Magic Memories, Inc.  
Lisa Nuxol has decided to return to Div. I, taking an assistant coaching job with the University of Alabama.

## Nuxol 'Bama bound

From Staff Reports

New University of Alabama head women's basketball coach Stephany Smith has announced the additions of Saudia Roundtree and Lisa Nuxol to her coaching staff.

"I am extremely excited about the staff we have put together," said Smith. "This is a very solid group of coaches that brings a variety of experiences to the table. I look forward to working with and learning from each of the members of this staff. Both of these women are really good fits for this program."

Roundtree joins the Crimson Tide staff following a three-year stint as the head coach at North Carolina A&T University. Prior to guiding the Lady Aggies, she spent one season as an

## Leaves SCC after three seasons

assistant coach at Morris Brown College. Roundtree concluded her only season at MBC serving as the team's interim head coach. She also worked as the basketball director of the Suwannee Sports Academy and played three seasons of professional basketball in the American Basketball League (ABL) for the Atlanta Glory (two years) and the Nashville Noise (one year). Nuxol comes to the Capstone after spending the past three seasons as the

head coach at Seminole Community College. Under her guidance, the Lady Raiders posted a 59-30 overall record and finished as the runner-up in the Mid-Florida Conference the past two seasons, earning trips to the state tournament each year. A former SCC assistant coach, Nuxol also served as an assistant coach/recruiting coordinator for Stetson University and Georgia Southern University.

She was at GSU from 1997-2001 during which time the Eagles posted a 63-50 overall record and two Southern Conference Championships. Nuxol also held the position of varsity and junior varsity assistant coach at Lake Howell High School, her alma mater.

During the summer of 1996, Nuxol was the head coach of Team Florida  
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## Pair survives

### LMP, Oviedo advance to semis

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

**LAKE MARY** — What an interesting contrast. Tuesday's 2005 FHSAA Baseball Playoffs began with perennial powerhouse Oviedo and upstart Lake Mary Prep surviving to play in the Regional Semifinals last night (Friday).

The contrast comes from the fact that the Lions have advanced at least this far in eight of the past nine years, while the Griffins were playing in their first ever after the fourth-year school won their first ever district championship a week ago.

Both teams had their hands full on Friday as Oviedo hosted another top-flight program in Apopka, while LMP welcomed the defending Class 1A State Champions Summitt Christian from West Palm Beach.

Summitt's experience in the playoffs is evidently paying off as the team finished as its district runner-up and then defeated Temple Christian (14-9), 62, in Titusville in the Regional Quarterfinals despite having just an 12-16 record.

If the Griffins knocked off the defending champions, they likely will have

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Herald photos by Jim Wentz  
Lake Mary Prep freshman second baseman Mike "Hoover" Gaboury (above), who drove in a run, makes a tag on a West Oaks Academy runner during Tuesday's, 4-3, Class 1A-Region 3 Quarterfinal victory at Lake Mary Prep. Gaboury's play helped back the outstanding pitching of sophomore John Campos-Whitley (left), who struck out 12, including the final two batters of the game with the tying run on third, to put the Griffins into their first-ever regional semifinal on Friday. If LMP won, they will advance to Tuesday's regional finals.

## Oviedo runner repeats track double

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

Oviedo's Jennifer Barringer capped off her amazing high school track career by winning twice at the Florida High School Athletic Association Class 4A State Championships at Coral Springs High School last Saturday.

The Lions senior won her third consecutive 1,600-Meter Run title and her second straight 3,200-Meter Run championship, giving her five titles in her career and leading Oviedo to a Seminole Athletic Conference best Seventh Place finish.

In addition to Barringer's two wins, senior Brittney McDermott placed fifth in the pole vault.

The Lake Brantley girls came home 16th, led by Amanda Hintze's fourth place in the 1,600 and sixth place in the 3,200.

The junior also teamed with her sophomore sister Whitney and freshmen Darcie Stahler and Azura Robillard to finish sixth in the 4 x 800-Meter Relay.

Lyman and Lake Mary tied for 41st with the Greyhounds senior Quawandis Grubbs placing sixth in the 300-Meter Hurdles and Rams senior Sherrena Hollis finishing sixth in the Shot Put.

It was even slimmer pickings for the boys as Seminole and Lyman were the only county schools to place in the Top 57.

The Fighting Seminoles were an SAC best, tying for 42nd, with senior Stevie Warren fin-

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## Hamill headed to Korea to compete in the Junior World Weightlifting Championships

Special to the Herald

Fourteen-year-old national champion Olympic-style weightlifter Meredith Hamill is heading to Busan, South Korea and the Junior World Weightlifting Championships where she will be competing with lifters under 20 years old from all over the globe.

The Altamonte Springs native is the youngest lifter on the 15-member USA Junior World Team and is one of the country's leading contenders for a spot on the 2008 or 2012 USA Women's Olympic Weightlifting Team.

She will be leaving for Korea on Tuesday (May 17th) and will have a couple of days to train and adjust to the time difference before competing on Saturday, May 21st. Hamill returns to Orlando on May 22nd.

"It's such an honor to represent the U.S.," said Hamill. "I've competed against international lifters in Canada and Puerto Rico but this is by far the biggest honor. I'm so excited."

The Lake Brantley High School freshman started Olympic style weightlifting when she was 11-years old and trains each weekday at Lake Brantley High School, coached by Team Altamonte's Danny Camargo, himself a former

USA weightlifter who represented the United States in international competition while living and training at the US Olympic Training Center (OTC) in Colorado Springs. Hamill has trained at the OTC for the past two summers and is slated to return this year.

At only 14, Hamill is the national champion in both the women's school age (17 and under) and junior (18 to 20) divisions in the 63 kilogram weight class. At the Junior National Weightlifting Championships in Minneapolis, April 1-3, Meredith lifted 70 kilos in the snatch competition and 92.5 kilos in the clean and jerk, a personal record, for a combined total of 162.5 kilos or 357.5 pounds. In all weight classes, she is ranked 7th in America for all women lifters under 20.

Team Florida Weightlifting is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the development and promotion of Olympic Style Weightlifting among Florida youth and young adults. It offers instruction, training and competition on a statewide level to anyone who may be interested. All are welcome. Scholarships are available for those in need. For more information, visit [www.usaweighting.org](http://www.usaweighting.org)

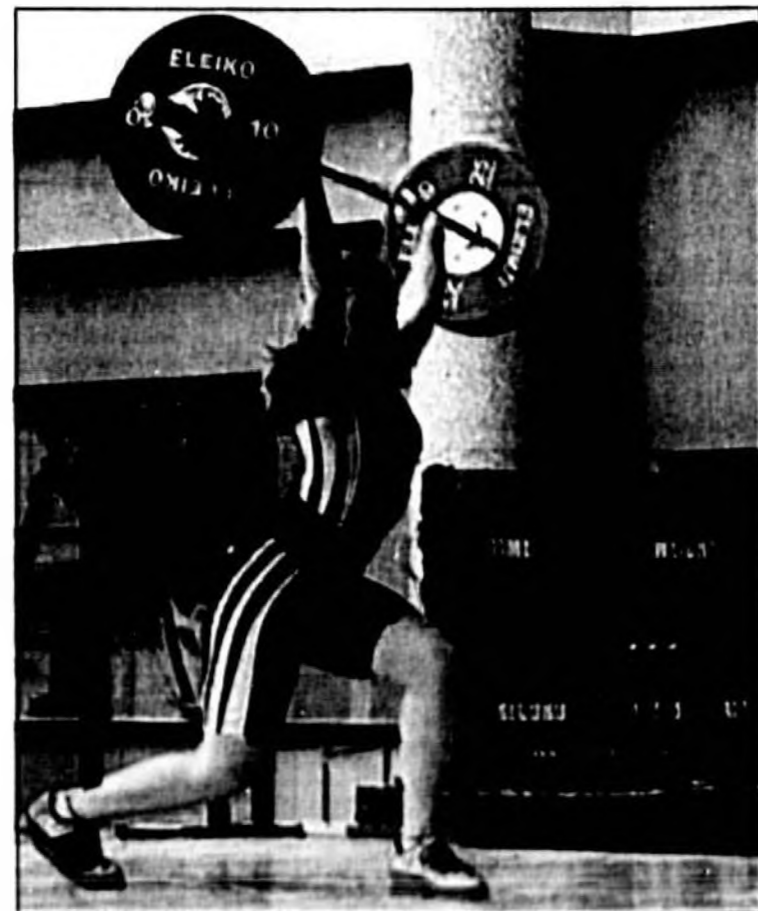


Photo courtesy of Jerrod Cady  
Meredith Hamill lifted a total of 357.5 pounds at the Junior National Weightlifting Championships in Minneapolis, April 1-3, and will be the youngest lifter, 14, on the 15-member USA Junior World Team that is heading to Busan, South Korea for the Junior World Weightlifting Championships next Saturday.



# Outdoors

## Continued from Page 2B FWC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEWIDE ON DEER-DOG HUNTING PROGRAM EXPANSION

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is holding a public meeting in Ocala on May 19 to explain the proposed statewide expansion of the deer-dog hunting registration program. The meeting is from 7-9 p.m., at the Marion County Agriculture Extension Service Auditorium, 2232 NE Jacksonville Road.

Two of six scheduled meetings have already been held around the state - in Sebring and Chiefland. There is one tonight in Lake City, one May 16 in Blountstown (Panhandle), and one May 17 in Brooksville, in addition to the one in Ocala.

These meetings are in response to a decision by the FWC commissioners during the April commission meeting in Tallahassee where they voted to move forward with proposing expansion of the registration program statewide. Commissioners based the decision on the overall success of the pilot program in the Northwest Region during the 2004-05 hunting season. The pilot program was initiated because of conflicts between dog hunters and landowners.

This proposal will be considered for final adoption at the June 15-17 Commission meeting in Daytona Beach. However, before making a final decision, commissioners asked staff to conduct a series of public meetings to make sure stakeholders are aware of the proposal and fully understand the registration requirements.

"The purpose of the meetings will be to provide information about the registration process and the success of the pilot project in the Panhandle," said Dennis David, Regional Director for the FWC's Northeast Region.

This proposed program would require a no-cost registration for anyone using deer-dogs on private property statewide during the deer-dog training season and during any open deer-hunting season when the taking of deer with dogs is permitted.

In a report presented to the seven-member Commission in April, FWC staff recommended statewide expansion with no significant rule changes due to the program's effectiveness in addressing conflicts between landowners and deer-dog hunters, and the positive feedback received from everyone involved, including law enforcement personnel.

The report stated that 70 individual properties representing 57 deer-dog hunt clubs participated in the Northwest Region pilot program. These properties ranged in size from 40 to 31,000 acres and were located in 14 of the 16 counties within the region. Only Escambia and Franklin counties were not represented, because they did not have any registered deer-dog hunting clubs.

During the past hunting season in the Northwest Region, there were 87 deer-dog hunting complaints, down 36 percent from 137 during the 2003-04 hunting season. Only five of these 87 complaints were associated with registered deer-dog hunting clubs. In contrast, a review of the complaint data for the North Central and Northeast regions reflected an increase in complaints.

The FWC has done a comprehensive mail-out to dog hunting clubs around the state to be sure the affected groups are fully informed about the proposed new registration program and public input meetings. A final report that includes any comments received at the upcoming public meetings will be on the agenda for consideration at the FWC's June 15-17 meeting in Daytona Beach.

The remaining meetings will be held in:  
• Blountstown - May 16, from 7-9 p.m., CDT (8-10 p.m. EDT), Calhoun County Court House Annex, 20859 Central Avenue.

• Brooksville - May 17, from 7-9 p.m., Southwest Florida Water Management District Headquarters Auditorium, 2379 Broad Street.

• Ocala - May 19, from 7-9 p.m., Marion County Agriculture Extension Service Auditorium, 2232 N.E. Jacksonville Road.

More information about the proposed statewide deer-dog registration program is available online at MyFWC.com.

### GETTING A HANDLE ON BOAT INSURANCE: FIVE BUYING TIPS

Understanding boat insurance can be confusing. But the smart boater can make the right insurance choice with these "Top Five Tips for Buying Boat Insurance" from BoatUS, the nation's largest recreational boat owners association:

**#1 Know thy insurer:** Boat insurance can be "added on" to a homeowner's policy or purchased from an independent insurance agent or directly from a marine insurance specialist. Buying a policy through a reputable agent or directly from a marine insurance specialist is the best way to go. "Adding on" to your homeowner's policy may be convenient, but when there's a claim you will appreciate a company that knows more about boats than homes. Homeowner's policies often limit or don't adequately provide some of the marine related coverages like salvage or wreck removal.

Ask experienced boating friends for their insurance recommendations and check on the insurance "carrier" - the company that will actually be providing your coverage - at <http://www.ambest.com/ratings>. A.M. Best ratings are the industry's benchmark for assessing an insurer's financial strength; look for an "A" rating (excellent) or better. State insurance regulatory agencies are also a good reference and can be found online.

**#4 Agreed Value vs. Actual Cash Value:** These are the two main choices for boat insurance and depreciation is what sets them apart.

An "agreed value" policy costs more up front but it potentially pays more - it will cover the stated value of the policy in the event of a total loss. For example, a total loss on a \$50,000 agreed value policy would pay you \$50,000. More importantly, with a partial loss an agreed value policy replaces damaged boating equipment on a "new for old" basis with no depreciation. Hence, a claim for a stolen four-year-old GPS would get you a new, comparable replacement GPS. Some repairs, however, are subject to depreciation, such as paint, canvas and aging machinery.

"Actual Cash Value" policies cost less but only pay up to the actual cash value at the time the boat or property was lost - depreciation is factored in on all losses. Actual Cash Value policies are better suited to less expensive boats or to situations where you are more concerned with liability protection and defense against lawsuits

than you are with boat damage.  
**#3 Know the salvage truth:** If the worst happens and your boat needs to be salvaged, you want to ensure that your policy covers salvage costs up to 100% of your boat's insured value. If it covers anything less, you could end up paying salvage costs out of your own pocket. Unfortunately many homeowners and some marine insurer policies limit salvage coverage to a percentage of the boat's total value.

For example, if you have chosen a \$50,000 "agreed value" policy, you want salvage coverage up to the same amount as the boat's agreed value - \$50,000. You should not have to subtract these "salvage" dollars, or the policy's deductible, from the total amount available to fix

the damage. An actual cash value policy should have the same, with the dollar salvage limit being equal to, but separate from, the actual value of the vessel.

Some policies also have "hurricane deductibles" - a significantly higher deductible for damage to your boat caused by a hurricane. Be sure that this dollar amount is acceptable to you.

**#2 Speak to me in a language I understand:** Don't treat boat insurance like other insurance. Make sure you understand exactly what is covered as well as what isn't covered. If the policy doesn't make sense, ask for an explanation in laymen's terms.

**#1 One size doesn't fit all:** A bass boater may

need fishing gear and tournament coverage as well as "cruising extensions" if they trailer their boat far from home. If you're in the hurricane belt, hurricane haul-out coverage makes the decision to safely store your boat ashore that much easier as a storm approaches. If you have a fuel tank aboard, you should be concerned about fuel spill containment and clean-up coverage along with 24-hour assistance to get it done immediately, especially in light of today's environmental protection laws. A good insurer will tailor your coverage to fit your needs, so there will be no surprises if the unexpected happens.

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