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WEEKEND

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Countdown
21 days to **Riverwalk II**
Celebration



Rams baseball on a roll

The Lake Mary baseball team ran its record to 15-2 with wins over Eustis and Lyman this week.

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Police arrest 4 men in incident

Sanford police arrested four men on March 26, in connection with an attempted murder and a fifth man who was reportedly involved in the incident. The incident was reported as a suspected retaliation for a shooting that occurred earlier that morning at a nearby night club. The four arrested were Edreicus Artez Glover, 19, Mario Jerome Hicks, 18, Roger Derrell Williford, 22, and Rodrales Leandra Hooks, 26.

According to the arrest report, on March 21, a witness told officers he was standing in front of a residence in the 1000 block of Mangoustine Avenue with his brother and Hicks, when a vehicle approached them. Hicks reportedly threw a brick at the vehicle and broke out the window. Someone inside the vehicle reportedly began shooting at them, hitting Hicks in the neck and hand.

The men took cover and the vehicle sped off. Hicks was taken to Central Florida Regional Hospital for treatment of his injuries. During a hospital interview, Hicks is said to have identified the men in the vehicle.

On March 25, police interviewed a man who said he had been in the vehicle, but when shooting started, he dove out and pulled a nearby child to safety. The man also is said to have identified the other vehicle occupants. Police said both Hooks and Williford turned themselves in at the police station. At one point during an interview with Glover, he told officers he thought someone had shot at the vehicle (the brick) and returned fire with his firearm.

Hooks was charged with homicide/attempted murder. Williford was charged with homicide/attempted murder, accessory after the fact. Hicks was charged with firing a missile into a vehicle. Glover and Hooks were both charged with homicide/attempted murder, accessory after the fact.

Seminole Smile



Lauren Starcher —
Winter Springs High
School Scholar Athlete

City wins first legal battle with schools

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

Judge issues partial summary judgement in dispute between School Board, Lake Mary

LAKE MARY — City officials in Lake Mary are claiming a partial summary judgment issued by a circuit judge Thursday is the first step in resolving a dispute with the School Board.

Started more than a year ago, the disagreement stems from a plan to put a school for troubled students into a

building at 450 Technology Park, off Lake Emma Road. The city balked at the School Board project saying the industrial park was an inappropriate area for a school and refused to change the land use of the property.

The partial summary judgment affirmed Lake Mary's interpretation of the comprehensive plan, but it does not settle the entire case. The School Board was contending it was a ministerial matter that the city had

to change the designation of the property and they were automatically entitled to have a school there, said Lake Mary City Attorney Catherine Reischmann. "The main issue was resolved that the comp plan

was sufficient enough to allow us to do what we did," said Lake Mary Mayor Thom Greene. "Her opinion (Judge Nancy Alley) basically matched our argument made by our attorneys so from a legal standpoint we feel our position is very strong."

Seminole County Public Schools Superintendent Bill Vogel and Deputy

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Sanford firm 'engineers' support for soldier



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Capt. Paul Blacketter thanked his employer CPH Engineering Inc. for supporting him while he was deployed in Iraq. Looking on at the ceremony Thursday is (left to right) Diana Greene, administrative assistant, Kamran Khosravani, chief executive officer, and David Gierach, president.

CPH Engineering welcomes back Capt. Paul Blacketter

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

SANFORD — Capt. Paul Blacketter of the 1st Battalion, 124th Infantry brought back plenty of thanks and stories from his deployment in Iraq during a visit Thursday to his Sanford employer, CPH Engineering Inc.

Blacketter was in service for 15 months with 560 soldiers of a National Guard battalion based out of Miami. Employed at the CPH Bradenton

office in the Tampa area as a project manager for planning commercial sites, Blacketter returned to the company's Sanford headquarters to say thank you for the company's immense support during his deployment.

CPH employees continually sent out about 10 to 20 care packages to his battalion each month. In all, CPH personnel with the help of the community sent more than 200 boxes of needed items to Blacketter in Iraq.

"When I first got deployed, CPH came to me and said we support you 110 percent," Blacketter said. "The whole time we were over there we got

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Shooting leaves man in critical condition

From Staff Reports

Sanford police are working a shooting incident near the city's historic district with strong leads, according to authorities.

Troy Letroy Dixon, 25, of Cedar Creek Circle, Sanford, was transported to Orlando Regional Medical Center early Thursday, following a shooting incident in the 1400 block of Oak Avenue in Sanford.

Police were summoned to the area shortly after midnight, in reference to gunshots heard. Two separate calls to the police told of a total of six shots having been fired.

Police searched the area and found Dixon on the ground, in the north side gutter of the westbound lane of 13th Street and investigated. Dixon said to have been conscious and alert, signaling for assistance.



Dixon

Officers said there was a large amount of blood on his body. He had reportedly been shot once in the abdomen and once in the left buttocks. A trail of blood revealed the shooting had taken place behind a church

between Oak and Park avenues at 13th Street. Shell casings were found in the area.

Dixon is said to have told police that three white males and a white female had approached him in a two-tone brown station wagon or possible blue-gray faded out minivan and asked for change for a \$20 bill. When he asked the people in the

car for a ride home, he said they tried to rob him, and he took off running, at which time he was shot twice.

Rescue 31 and Engine 31 responded to the scene and Dixon was airlifted to ORM where he underwent emergency surgery. At last word, his condition was listed as critical.

Officers reported finding Dixon in possession of \$140 in currency, which was taken in as evidence.

Although a search for the reported vehicle was extensive, it was not immediately located and the case is continuing under investigation. Sanford police received numerous leads in the investigation as there were reported several witnesses to the shooting.

Dixon has been in the Seminole County Jail more than a dozen different times for various charges including the possession and sale of drugs.

Seminole to observe National County Government Week

From Staff Reports

Seminole County will be observing National County Government Week, April 18-24, with special emphasis on moving people and products with transportation.

The county has prepared a week of special events and observances in honor of the event, and invites the public to participate, to learn more about our transportation offerings and become more familiar with the people who operate our county government.

The following is a listing of events:
Sunday, April 18
• Noon to 4 p.m. Information Day at Seminole Town Center Mall. Learn

about your government and other agencies with booths, displays and equipment.

All Week — Beginning Monday, April 19, celebrity readers will bring transportation stories to life at the five Seminole County Public Libraries. Call your local library for specific times.

Monday, April 19

• Open house at the Customer Resource Center in the County Services Building, 1101 E. First St.

• 10 a.m. — Flagler Trail Head Dedication. A new trail makes its debut at the intersection of Jacob's Trail and Snowhill Road in Chuluota. Contact Mark Lichtenheld at 407-665-

2093.

• 3 to 5 p.m. — Safe Kids Educational Car Seat program at the Sanford Fire Department offers reduced rate car seats for qualified participants. And between 5 to 7 p.m. the fire department will host a Safe Kids Car Seat Fitting Station. Pre-registration is required. Call Tim Robles at 407-302-1091.

Tuesday, April 20

• 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Open house at the Customer Resource Center, County Services Building.

• 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Visit the Sanford Farmers' Market on First

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Longwood considers downtown truck ban

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

LONGWOOD — City leaders approved a new set of regulations for Longwood's historic district on the first reading earlier this month, but not without a host of changes.

The historic district codebook was developed to maintain and enhance the architectural style and character of the area generally bounded by Pine Avenue to the south, County Road 427 to the east, Palmetto Street to the north and Milwee Street to the west. Two regulations the City Commission pushed to strengthen before final approval of the document Monday night were restricting the destruction of historic buildings and its trademark brick streets.

Commissioners unanimously voted in favor to increase the unlawful demolition of a historic building or structure from a proposed fine of \$100 per square foot to \$250 per square foot, and to prohibit tractor trailers from the district unless for the purpose of moving in and moving out and construction.

"If we send out notifications to the trucking companies that this ban is going into effect they will comply," Commissioner Butch Bundy said. City leaders also unanimously approved to limit the storage of outside deliveries. Instead

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”

Butch Bundy
Longwood
City Commissioner

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Sanford to restrict City Hall parking

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

SANFORD — A downtown parking lot frequently used by Seminole County Courthouse visitors will be prohibited to them come Monday morning.

Sanford police will begin patrolling and ticketing motorists who ignore new restrictions at City Hall municipal lot across Park Avenue from the courthouse. While the lot has always been limited to two-hour parking for visitors, officers will begin enforcing the rule and limiting parking to only those who have business with the city of Sanford between Monday and Friday from 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The change in enforcement comes about as the city is expected to lose about 75 parking spaces due to construction of the mixed-use development, Gateway at Riverwalk, which will feature condominiums and retail shops. Some of the western most lots are already blocked off and were typically used for employee parking.

City employees will be issued decals and two rows of the main parking along Fulton Street will be reserved for them, said Cleo

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A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

Is it live or posed?: The homecoming for Capt. Paul Blacketter was moving. Blacketter spent a year over in Iraq with the 1st Battalion, 124th Infantry of the National Guard. His coworkers at CPH Engineers Inc. held a welcome home ceremony and cut the yellow ribbon that had been tied around a tree outside CPH's Sanford office.

Evidently that wasn't enough emotion for the *Orlando Sentinel*. The photographer who showed up for the event (not a regular shooter for the daily paper) staged several photographs to look "candid," including one shot in which she directed the subjects on where to put their arms when they hugged. That's a no-no in the photojournalism world. Makes you wonder how many other "candid" photographs the *Sentinel* has staged.

Around the Clock



by Dan Ping

Submit those photos: Speaking of photographs, don't forget to submit your entries for *The Herald's* "Worth a Thousand Words Photo Contest." Photos need to have some connection to Sanford's lake front and winners will be displayed at *The Herald's* booth during the Riverwalk grand-opening on May 8. There are several categories to enter and you could win one of several cash prizes, including \$100 for Best of Show. For more information, call *The Herald* at 407-322-2611. *Orlando Sentinel* photographers need not enter.

No parking: James McCuen, owner of the Wachovia Bank building at the corner of Park Avenue and 1st Street shook things up downtown. Last weekend McCuen ordered crews to tow cars parked in his lot directly behind the bank building as well as the grass lot across the street from Helen Stairs Theatre.

McCuen said he made the decision to tow because he was concerned about liability issues if someone was hurt on the property. Liability became an issue he said after he learned the city had designated his lots as public parking during 1st Street construction.

Let's be clear: McCuen has every right to tow people off his property, and liability issues are always a concern for property owners. However, I not convinced McCuen is shooting straight when he says it's solely a liability issue. The city posted signs and printed brochures designating McCuen's lots as alternative parking months ago. McCuen is not an absentee owner. He owns and operates a successful business in Sanford. He's been involved with Main Street and he's allied with some downtown business owners, most notably Bill Kirchhoff. If liability were the only issue, McCuen would have begun towing cars soon after the signs went up.

The city screwed up when it published those brochures without first getting McCuen's permission. Dumb, dumb, dumb. Jay Marder, the former Planning and Engineering director for the city, talked about securing leases on McCuen's property and several other pieces of private property for alternative parking. Nothing was ever done about, and those other sites — the vacant lot between Palmetto and Sanford avenues and the lot at the Family Dollar store — could be in jeopardy, too. City Manager Al Grieshaber said the city's former economic development director John Jones had assured him there wasn't a problem. A contract would have been a much better assurance than the word of a former employee. I don't blame McCuen if he's a little ticked at the city.

McCuen's actions aren't related to anything involving the Historic Preservation Board. Rumors have circulated that McCuen is retaliating for HPB's denial of his plan to put an elevator on the outside of the bank building. Not so. In fact, McCuen withdrew his application for the elevator.

Can a compromise be worked out? Possibly, though it may take another owner to resolve it. McCuen has the property on the market. **Word Around The Clock** is he wants about \$300,000 more than the \$1.35 million he paid. Until then, I'm leaving my car at home and walking to the Emerald Hen and Red Room.

Doggie bags: Looks like the city wants to make sure folks down at the Riverwalk don't step in an unpleasant treat left behind by man's best friend. Special stations have been set up on the far east end of the Riverwalk to dispense pooper-scooper bags so pet owners can pick up after their four-legged friends. I'm assuming more will be put on the west end of the Riverwalk.

Of course pet owners have to do their part by making use of the bags and disposing of them properly.

Crossing Guard



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Under the watchful eye of a Sanford Police Department bike patrol officer participants of the recent Meals on Wheels March for Meals 5K Walk cross First Street in downtown Sanford.

Prostitution

Toni Vernice Myles, 31, of West 13th Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday in a wooded area at West 15th Street and Elm Avenue where she was found in a vehicle. She was arrested on charges of Assignment to commit prostitution, possession of narcotics equipment, and giving a false ID to a law enforcement officer.

Theft

Raphael Angel Ortiz, 25, of Orlando, was arrested by Sanford police on April 8, following a chase by Sanford officers and the Seminole County Sheriff's deputies. He was stopped on State Road 417 north of Aloma Avenue in Oviedo. He reportedly had stolen a 2002 Suzuki motorcycle from the parking lot at Seminole Community College. He was arrested on charges of grand theft of a motor vehicle, operating a motorcycle without a license, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, driving while his license was suspended, and property damage of over \$200.

Johnny Lee Williams, 33 of West 15th Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday. Officers were called to Castle Brewer Court in reference to a suspicious vehicle. When they arrived, the vehicle reportedly left the area at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was finally stopped at 16th Street and Bell Avenue where officers said Williams fled on foot into a wooded area. With the aid of a K-9 unit, he was finally subdued. It was determined that Williams had rammed into a complex and removed a number of items which were located in the vehicle, and that the vehicle, a pick-up truck, had been stolen. Williams was charged with vehicular theft, burglary of a structure using a vehicle to cause damage, property damage of \$1,000 or more, fleeing/eluding a law enforcement officer, and resisting an officer without violence.

Helen Madrous Miller, 32, of Arapaho Trail, Geneva, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday at a store in the 3600 block of Orlando Drive. She reportedly taken a number of items from the store without paying. She was charged with petty shoplifting from a merchant.

Kenneth Felix Davila, 17, of Orlando was arrested by police Monday at a store in the Seminole Towne Center. He reportedly took a \$47 bottle of cologne from the store without paying. He was charged with petty larceny.

Donte Shawndelle Bell, 29, of Valencia Court, Sanford, was arrested by police Wednesday at a store in the 1900 block of French Avenue



where he reportedly took \$5 in items from the store without paying. He was charged with petty shoplifting from a merchant.

Kevin Matthew Scott, 18, of North Wayman Street, Longwood, was arrested by Sanford police Monday at a retail store in the 3600 block of Orlando Drive where he reportedly took more than \$10 in merchandise without paying. He was charged with petty retail theft.

Curtis Emanuel Countrymann, 18, of Randolph Court, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday at a store in the 1600 block of Rinehart Road. Officers said he had taken merchandise from the store without paying. He was charged with petty shoplifting from a merchant.

Mark Thomas Roberts, 22 of Elm Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police on April 8 at a store in the 2500 block of French Avenue. Officers said he took an item from the store without paying. He was charged with petty shoplifting from a merchant.

Drug related

Robert Henry Taylor, 29, of DeBary, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday at the Preserve at Lake Monroe, on U.S. Highway 17-92 in Sanford, following a traffic stop. He was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana.

Burglary

Robert Alan Rossetter, 30, of Adams Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday. A witness reportedly told police she saw a man attempting to break into a neighbor's vehicle on Grandview Avenue. Police apprehended him at 22nd Street and Magnolia Avenue and charged him with burglary to a conveyance and resisting an officer without violence.

Domestic cases

Willie Church, 43, of an unknown Sanford address, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday at a residence in William Clark Court where he was reportedly involved in a dispute with a man. He was arrested on a charge of battery — touch or strike (domestic violence).

Misty Dutertre, 46, of Logan Heights Circle, Sanford, was arrested

by Sanford police Wednesday at his residence as the result of a confrontation with a female. He was arrested on a charge of battery — touch or strike.

Steven Farrell, 45, of East Fifth Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday at his residence. Officers said he was in an altercation with a female. He was charged with aggravated battery, causing bodily harm (domestic violence).

Quinton Bernard Rumph, 21, of Mara Court, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday. He was reportedly involved in an altercation with a female at a residence on East Eighth Street. He was located at the corner of Tuskegee Avenue and Academy Avenue. He was charged with aggravated battery (domestic violence).

William Warnock, 32, of South Sanford Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police Monday. He reportedly was involved in a fight with a female at his residence. He was charged with battery (domestic violence).

Traffic stops

Angel Perez Fonseca, 24, of Daytona Beach, was stopped by Sanford police Friday at the Interstate 4, State Road 46 off ramp. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, cutting across a grass median, and having an open container of alcohol.

Ashley Shikira Sims, 20, of West 13th Place, Sanford, was stopped by Sanford police Sunday on East 18th Street at Magnolia Avenue. She was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a license.

Teresa L. Lenz, 46, of Geoffery Place, Lake Mary, was reportedly involved in a three-car accident Saturday at County Road 46A and Mayfair Court. She was charged with driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol or drugs, and reckless driving.

Clifford Manley, 18, of Washington Street, Sanford, was arrested by police Saturday at the Seminole Juvenile Detention Center. Officers said he swung his fist at a correction officer causing injury to the officer. He was arrested on a charge of battery to a detention staff juvenile probation officer.

Retraction

Amanda Miller was incorrectly listed as arrested for DUI in the April 11 edition. She wasn't arrested, her older sister Stacy was.

OUT & ABOUT

SAT 17

Paw Park, Central
Florida's newest park for pups will open at Central Winds Park, off State Road 434 in Winter Springs. The three-acre park will be official dedicated from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The park has three areas, one for dogs of 30 pounds or more, one for less than 30 pounds, and another area for training.

The Helen Stairs Theatre's Repertory Company is now presenting "The Boyfriend," a musical comedy of singing and dancing with a cast of 26 men and women. Performances will be on April 17, 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. and April 18 and 25 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and \$15. For tickets, call the box office in downtown Sanford at 407-321-8111.

The city of Longwood's monthly **Blue Grass Pickin'** will be held at Lyman High School's Multi-purpose building, 865 S. County Road 427 from 7 to 10 p.m. Join the fun, bring your strings, and pick along. The event is free of charge and open to everyone. For more information, call 407-260-3447.

SUN 18

Stetson University Gospel Choir presents its annual community concert at 5 p.m. at Greater Union First Baptist Church, 240 S. Clara Ave., DeLand. Rev. Troy A. Bradley is Sr. Pastor. For more information, call 386-822-7401.

100 Women in White will meet at 11 a.m. at St. Matthews Baptist Church, 3724 E. Main St. (Midway). Guest speaker will be Sister Gwendolyn Moody. Cynthia Oliver, chairman, Rev. L.J. Wilson, pastor.

The **Second Annual Community 5K for a Cure** event will be held at Central Winds Park in Winter Springs, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Walk or run 3.1 miles in a fund raiser for the Seminole County Health Department to provide breast diagnostic services to uninsured women in the community. A kids' 1-mile fun run will also be held beginning at 9 a.m. To register, log onto www.community5k-foracure.com.

MON 19

The Sanford Fire Department Fire Prevention Division will hold a **monthly child passenger seat check-up** for all citizens of Sanford at the Sanford Fire Station No. 2, 300 E. Airport Blvd. Contact Fire Inspector Tim Robles at 407-302-2520 for an appointment. Children do not need to be present. Bring your child's seat and automobile in which the child rides.

The **Florida Hands** exhibition begins on April 19 and continues through May 8 at the Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts in Barberville. Featured will be a three-week gallery exhibition highlighting all aspects of creativity in Volusia County and Central Florida, as well as noted artists, entertainment, and many displays. Admission is \$3 per adult, 2 per child 5-12, children under 5 free.

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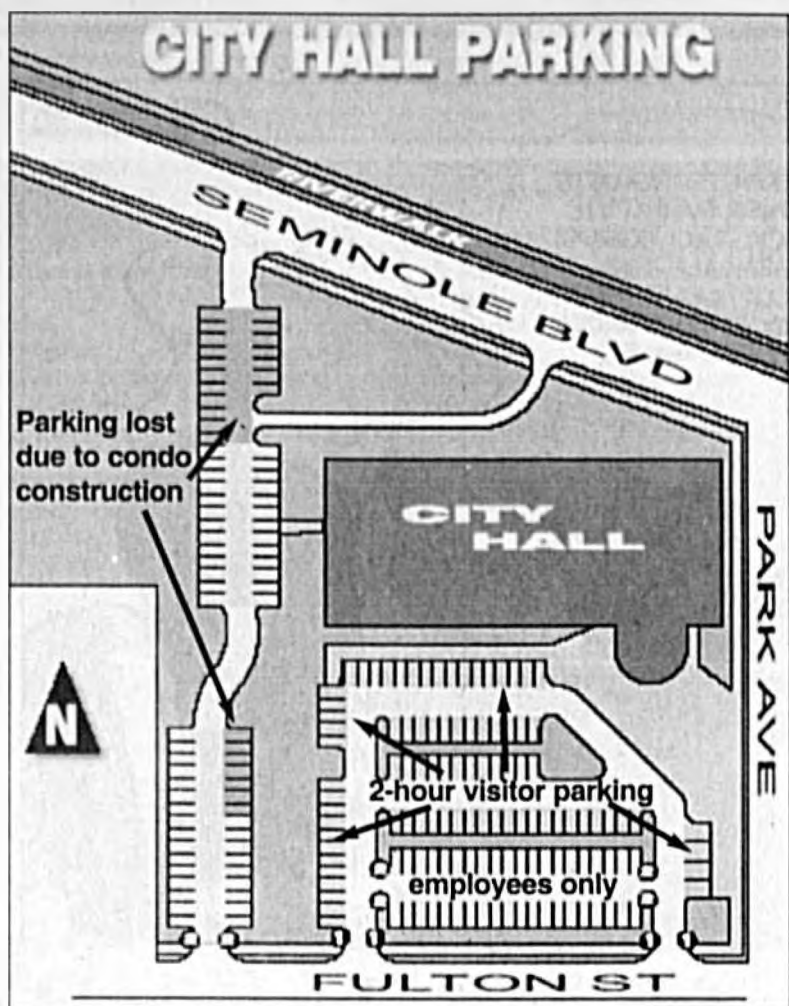
Cohen, Sanford police spokesperson. The remaining 60 spots will be restricted to City Hall visitor parking.

"With the Riverwalk and the new condos we're losing over a 100 parking spaces for employees," said Sgt. Greg Smith, in charge of the Sanford police special operations division that includes the K-9 unit, school resource officers and traffic unit.

"Basically right now we have overflow parking from the courthouse," Smith said noting that he counted nine people returning to the City Hall lot from the courthouse in a two-minute span Wednesday morning. "There is times right now that you literally have to drive around the lot looking for a space so you could conduct city business."

Sanford authorities say the two-hour limit has always been in effect at the city lot, but has not been enforced for several years. For those motorists that fail to remove their vehicle from the City Hall lot within the allotted time, or choose to park at the lot while visiting the courthouse or other areas can expect to be ticketed, Smith said.

Vehicles will not be towed, but drivers could receive a Sanford ordinance citation that will cost between \$25 and \$35, depending on when the ticket is paid. Smith said a Florida statute also allows a Sanford officer to write a \$90 citation if he watches a motorist park in the city lot and then walk to the courthouse or other down-



town area, but he doesn't expect too many of those to be issued.

Drivers that continually ignore the rules of the restricted lot can have a boot placed on their car or can receive multiple tickets if the two-hour limit elapses several times, Smith said. According to law, repeat offenders that do not pay the citations can also be barred from renewing their vehicle registration.

"We are really going to

enforce the two-hour parking limit," he said.

Cohen added, "For most people conducting business at City Hall, two hours is more than enough time."

Maps of the new parking restrictions were posted at the public entrances to City Hall last week, and new signs were to be posted in the lot, Smith said. Seminole County officials have also been notified of the change, he added.

Judgment

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Superintendent Dianne Kramer did not return calls Friday. Ned Julian, executive director for legal services for the Seminole County Public Schools, said he advised neither to speak about the ongoing litigation.

"It (preliminary summary judgment) only addresses one aspect of the lawsuit and other than that it would be inappropriate to make any more comments other than the School Board is moving forward with the matter," he said.

Julian did say that both sides have recently discussed possible resolutions to the ongoing dispute.

"The School Board through (Superintendent) Dr. Bill Vogel and the city manager (John Litton) started exploring alternative resolutions before the court order came out and we have been discussing alternative resolutions for several weeks now," he said. "The lawsuit is there it's in effect in the Circuit Court of Seminole County so lawsuits move along at the pace established by the lawyers, but at that same time the city and the School Board are earnestly discussing alternate resolutions. So we have to stay tuned."

Several concerned Lake Mary citizens are hoping the disagreement is over sooner rather than later for the sake of taxpayers' money. According to Litton, the city

has spent about \$60,000 in legal fees while Julian estimates the School Board has pitched in \$57,000 — not including an additional \$50,000 contributed by the land broker.

"The city is in the right," said JoAnn Lucarelli, president of the Huntington Pointe homeowners association, which is less than a mile away from the proposed school. "I think it's a shame the School Board did this putting the taxpayers out of a lot of money."

"I wouldn't mind an elementary school, but something like this was basically a reform school," she added. "And that's not something we wanted near our neighborhood."

Greene said, "With the amount of legal fees that have been expended we hope some kind of settlement will be reached."

There is always the possibility the judgment will be appealed.

"It's never over until it's over and there is always the Appellate Court, but right now the parties are discussing an alternate resolution," Julian said.

As the City Commission

waits for the final outcome of the suit, city planners have developed a plan to prohibit new school sites

along an Interstate 4 high-tech corridor in Lake Mary. After a delay of the plan earlier this month, the city is expected to consider it again May 6.

The two-pronged plan outlines the creation of a high-tech district and amends school siting criteria. The overlay protects businesses and industries in the Interstate 4 corridor north of Emma Oaks Trail, south of County Road 46A, east of I-4, International Parkway and Banana Lake Road and west of Lake Emma Road and Rinehart Road from other uses that are not consistent with the area. The second part of the amendment proposes to ease the ability for the School Board to site elementary schools in residential areas, but forbids elementary, middle and high schools from the corridor.

Kramer has lobbied the city to deny the creation of the high-tech district as she labeled it a "blatant discrimination of schools."



Greene

Week

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Street at Magnolia Avenue in downtown Sanford.

• 9 to 11 a.m. — Safe Kids Educational Car Seat Program at the Longwood Police Department offers reduced rates for qualified participants. Pre-registration is required. Call 407-260-3415.

• 5 to 7 p.m. — Open House at Sanlando Park, 401 W. Highland St., Altamonte Springs.

Wednesday, April 21

• 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Open

house at the Customer Resource Center, County Services Building.

• Noon to 3 p.m. — Florida Blood Centers Blood Drive at the Museum of County History parking lot, 300 Bush Blvd. in Sanford.

• 2 to 4 p.m. — Airport presentation at the Orlando Sanford International Airport, 1200 Red Cleveland Blvd., Sanford.

• 5 to 7 p.m. — Open house at Red Bug Lake Park, 3600 Red Bug Lake Road, Casselberry.

Thursday, April 22

• 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Open house at the Customer Resource Center, County Services Bldg.

• 9 a.m. — Mock DUI (reenactment of "prom night" accident) at Timber Creek High School, 1001 Avalon Park Blvd., Orlando.

• 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. — Safe Kids Car Seat Checkup at Babies R. Us, 708 W. State Road 436, Altamonte Springs.

Friday, April 23

• 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Open

house at the Customer Resource Center, County Services Bldg.

• 11 a.m. to noon — Automotive Maintenance & Safety Clinic at Seminole Community College, Bldg. 1, 100 Weldon Blvd., Sanford.

• Noon to 3 p.m. — Equipment rodeo at Seminole Community College parking lot 12, 100 Weldon Blvd., Sanford.

Saturday, April 24

• 9 a.m. to noon — Bike Safety Rodeo at Spring Lake Elementary School, 695 Orange

Ave., Altamonte Springs.

• 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Join the Natural Lands Team at 8 a.m. for a 1.5-mile hike at the Geneva Wilderness Area, 3501 State Road 426. Call 407-665-7411 for reservations as space is limited. At 9 a.m. at the Ed Yarbrough Center, at the Geneva Wilderness Area, come celebrate "Wildlife Appreciation Day" with exhibits and native wildlife.

• 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Open house and activities at the

Sanford State Farmers' Market, 1400 French Ave. in Sanford.

Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25

• 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. — All American Soap Box Derby Super Rally 2004 at Derby Park, 2199 Oregon Ave., Sanford. Free for spectators. Racers must pre-register by April 22. Call 407-330-5697.

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OPINION

Finding a scapegoat

9/11 Commission is on a witch hunt to give someone blame

In my way of thinking, I believe humans always want a scapegoat, someone to blame, for no matter what goes wrong in our society. Perhaps it's more of a political desire than anything else.

Remember our history about the witch hunts in New England back in the 1700s and early 1800s? If something went wrong, even if it rained too much or too little, they wanted someone to blame, so they declared someone a witch, and did away with that person (one way or another — usually another).



Nick Pfeifauf

Of course, it always has to be someone among us, not an outside source. After World War II, our politicians launched into an investigation into who knew — in advance — that the Japanese would attack Pearl Harbor. The Japanese high-command wasn't given the blame — our politicians wanted to point a finger at someone here at home. President Roosevelt was the prime suspect. So-called witnesses who testified before congress, told of telegrams and intercepted communications that specified what the Japanese planned, when and how.

They tried to convince the American public that the President knew of the attack well in advance, and didn't want to do anything at all to prevent it, to enforce our troops to fend off the attack or at least warn them in advance. Yes, it wasn't only members of Congress who conducted these hearings — they had "independent, non-partisan" people on the panel. Yeah — "non-partisan," don't bet on that. Every time a member of the committee was interviewed regarding the so-called fact-finding, the national press identified them by political affiliation. Was it a coincidence that most of the panel members were those who could be considered as those opposing the Roosevelt presidency? Coincidence? I think not.

Here's another example. The Orlando Magic rank at the bottom of the NBA list, having lost more games than any other team. What do people want? They want to fire the coach or general manager as they are the only people responsible for the losses.

They never think it's because of a string of bad luck, players who aren't doing their best, inexperienced players, a lack in overall offense or defense, or making poor trades. Fans say if they can declare one person as a scapegoat and fire him — everything will immediately improve and the Magic will be back on top in a matter of weeks after the new season begins.

You know what this is leading up to. The 9/11 Commission is hearing testimony. The Democrats on the committee are looking to blame President George W. Bush for knowing about it in advance, and doing nothing. The Republicans are trying to place all of the blame on former President Bill Clinton for the same reasons. If one of the political parties can be blamed, it will determine the upcoming presidential race and probably many others. They are looking for a scapegoat.

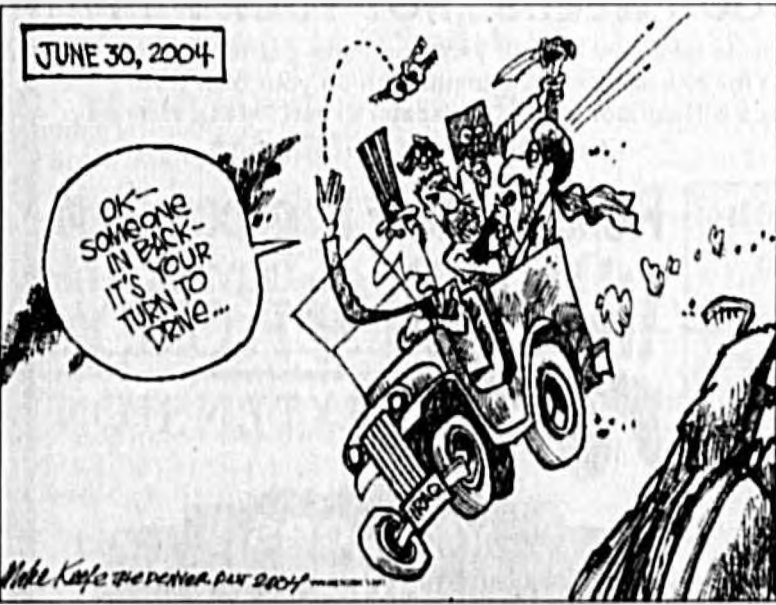
If they find neither can be held completely to blame, they will look at the head of the CIA, FBI or some cabinet official such as Condoleezza Rice. Maybe they could place the blame on Sanford Mayor Brady Lessard. After all — doesn't he get the blame for everything that goes wrong around here, regardless of what it is?

But they won't be satisfied until blame for 9-11 is placed on someone in our government. They probably feel it is ridiculous to blame Bin Laden, Saddam Hussein, al-Qaeda or some other terrorist organization. It HAS to be someone at home — we HAVE to have a scapegoat.

Now let's go way off into left field. Imagine that Martians conduct a surprise invasion of Earth. No doubt, if the Martians are defeated, we'll form a committee in Washington to determine how it could have been prevented, because people like H.G. Wells and Gene Roddenberry wrote books, radio and TV shows on the subject decades ago warning us about this. Didn't our leaders read and take note?

Our government will call officials to testify, and try to find someone to blame. Why didn't we take precautions? Why didn't the FBI, the CIA or the President do something before the invasion?

Far fetched? I think not. In my opinion (and yours may be different), this is nothing more than a political drive. Would it have occurred if this wasn't a presidential election year?



Little sacrifice for most

Reading biographical profiles of dead American soldiers, I am struck, always, by their ages — 22 or 19 or 24. For most, childhood is all they get; their lives end even as their adulthood begins.

Usually they come from families of modest means, strivers looking to serve their country but also to gain technical training or college scholarships. In this group, graduates of Harvard or Yale or Duke are rare.

Rare, too, are children of those policy-makers who decided this war was necessary. President Bush's twin daughters are not enrolled in ROTC. When the U.S. Senate voted to give the president the authority to invade Iraq, only one senator — Tim Johnson, D-S.D. — had a son or daughter in the enlisted ranks. No more than five members of the House have children in the military.

As violence in Iraq ebbs and flows, American support for the occupation does as well. But the constant is this: The soldiers risking their lives rarely come from affluent families. Median income of a white recruit's family is \$35,000 a year; of a black recruit's family, \$32,000.

Even as a conservative movement grows on college campuses across the country, young conservatives — though they may be vociferous supporters of the invasion of Iraq — don't seem to volunteer for the military in any greater number than young liberals. Conservative collegians work in GOP campaigns, denounce liberal college professors, join the Federalist Society. But, like their liberal counterparts, they are headed for Wall Street or law school, not Fort Stewart or Camp Lejeune.

It is unconscionable that this republic could be so cavalier about duty and sacrifice, sending its poorer sons and daughters off to defend liberty for the rest of us. Americans have abandoned the "ancient republican tradition that citizenship entailed a duty to contribute to the nation's defense," writes Boston University professor Andrew J. Bacevich, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, in his analysis of U.S. power, "American Empire."

Perhaps this broad war on terror can be won just this way, but I doubt it. Sooner or later, the rest of us will have to make some contribution to defending our own freedom. Unfortunately, none of our political leaders are preparing us for that moment.

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Iraq could doom Bush

President Bush had a narrow brush with disaster last week as the casualties mounted amid escalating Iraqi violence. The daily tracking polls of Scott Rasmussen show that 10 days ago Bush was three points ahead of Kerry. His attack ads had the Democrat reeling. Then, from April 3-7, Bush fell by nine points and ended his crash trailing Kerry by six.

Only Condoleezza Rice's testimony stopped the bleeding. By two to one, voters were favorably impressed by her testimony while they rated her antagonist Richard Clarke, negatively by 27 percent to 42 percent. So, by this past weekend Bush had again moved ahead of Kerry, this time by two points.

But it was a close call. The bloodshed in Iraq has left Americans unsure of Bush's leadership. Only 48 percent now believe we're winning the War on Terror, down six points from last week. More seriously, Bush's lead over Kerry on the question of who would do better at handling the War on Terror dropped from 54-36 to only 51-40. Almost half of Americans now give Bush a negative rating on handling Iraq.

Bush will be in real trouble if the situation in Iraq deteriorates. The reported boast of one anti-American demonstrator that he and his ilk "cannot drive America out of Iraq, but we can drive Bush out of the White House, like we did to Carter" is not far-fetched.

So what is Bush to do? Procedurally, the June 30 deadline for handover of power to the Iraqi government looks like an essential element in the president's escape from political danger. But behind it must lie a humility and a realization of our limited means and the even more attenuated patience of the American people.

We were willing to support Bush in Afghanistan and over the Patriot Act. We backed the invasion of Iraq and agreed that Saddam needed to be removed. Even when no weapons of mass destruction turned up, the American people still supported Bush.

But last week's polling suggests that Americans are not prepared to sacrifice their sons

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Dick Morris

The 9/11 commission is not doing its job investigating prior administration

It is ignoring a document that shows that President Clinton was alerted in 1996 about the possibility of 9/11 style attack, while instead focusing on the August 6 Presidential Daily Briefing (PDB).

Having harassed the Bush administration into declassifying the August 6 PDB, the Commission must now demand that a PDB from the Clinton administration also be declassified. Unlike the August 6 document which had no information about hijacking jets to crash into U.S. Targets, the 1996 PDB gave specifics about al Qaeda plans to carry out exactly that kind of attack.

Sometime in the summer of 1996, President Clinton was given a PDB which described in chilling detail an al Qaeda plot known as Operation Bojinka (Arabic for "Loud Bang"). It involved using hijacked jet planes to crash into the



Mike Reagan

Pentagon, the White House, the World Trade Center, and other buildings in the U.S. The PDB was based on information from Philippine authorities who broke up an al Qaeda cell in Manila that, among other things, had been plotting to fly explosives-laden planes into the Pentagon, and possibly some skyscrapers.

According to Allan J. Favish writing in the October 14, 2003 FrontPageMagazine (frontpagemag.com), the CIA knew about the plot and so did the FBI. "We told the Americans about the plans to turn planes into flying bombs as far back as 1995," a Philippine official said. "Why didn't they pay attention?"

The plot was never implemented because the terrorist network was unable to find the pilots needed to carry it out. That problem was later remedied when al Qaeda sent operatives to U.S. flight schools after giving them thorough training abroad in hijack techniques.

Sometime in the summer of 1996, the Operation Bojinka information was communicated to President Clinton in a PDB, according to now retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Robert "Buzz" Patterson. Patterson was a military aide to Clinton from May 1996 to May 1998 one of five officers entrusted with carrying the bag containing the codes for launching nuclear weapons.

Compromised National Security" published in March 2003, he wrote:

"During the summer of the 1996 attacks, I myself learned first-hand that the administration knew that terrorists were plotting to use commercial airliners as weapons. The president received a Presidential Daily Brief, or PDB, every morning. It ... contained the president's daily intelligence update from the NSC. A senior NSC representative normally delivered it to the president. On weekends, at Camp David, and on vacations, the military aide was responsible for delivering and retrieving the brief. "One late-summer Saturday morning, the president asked me to pick up a few days' worth of PDBs that had accumulated in the Oval Office. He gave them to me with handwritten notes stuffed inside the folders and asked that I deliver them back to the NSC."

"I opened the PDB to rearrange the notes and noticed the heading "Operation Bojinka." I keyed on a reference to a plot to use commercial airliners as weapons and another plot to put bombs on U.S. airliners. Because I was a pilot, this naturally grabbed my attention. I can state for a fact that this information was circulated within the U.S. intelligence community, and that in late 1996 the president was aware of it."

What happened as a result of this shocking PDB? Col. Patterson recently told me that the information was relayed to the intelligence community and Clinton formed a White House Commission on Aviation Safety & Security, chaired by Vice President Gore. In the spring of 1998, the group made several recommendations, among them improving airport security and

establishing a system for profiling passengers. The FAA chose not to comply because they feared profiling on the basis of ethnicity would violate civil liberties. Another recommendation involved interagency cooperation between the FBI, the CIA and the FAA on suspected terrorists.

The findings were never implemented by the agencies involved. Had the Gore recommendations been followed in 1998, September 11 might never have occurred.

Why isn't the Commission asking Al Gore and the FAA why they never acted? Why haven't they called Col. Patterson?

Mike Reagan, the eldest son of President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network. Comments to mcreagan@hotmail.com for Mike.

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Well known Sanford activist passes

From Staff Reports

Don Nolt, 66, of Sanford, died on March 26, 2004. (his birthday). For his funeral service, Charles Rowe wrote his feelings about Nolt, a long-time friend, in an eulogy read at the service by Buddy Balagia, with the Seminole County Community Development office.

Balagia observed that Don Nolt was one of the founders of Habitat for Humanity operations in the Seminole County area, and also founded an organization called "Neighbors", which helped many local citizens.

The following is Rowe's message delivered by Balagia at the service:

"I am very sorry that I am not able to be here with Don's family and friends, but I wanted to share a few things with all of you that I feel when I think of my friend Don Nolt. I remember the last conversation I had with Don along with his lovely wife, Nancy. Don was resting in the hospital, his wife by his side, and I sat at the foot of his bed. We spoke briefly about his medical problems, but what Don most wanted to talk about was his passion to help people. We remembered how we first met. I was working for the City of Sanford, administering various grant programs, and Don was moving about the community to follow his mission of helping poor people repair their homes. Many individuals had come to my office saying the same thing "I care, I'm helping, give me money." Don said "I care, I'm helping, why aren't you." Don challenged everyone to care and help. His message was to do everything you can, help the people, do it right and do it now. If no one will help you, do it yourself. If no one else cares, then you care. If no one will donate time or money, then find another way. God will provide.

While I sat in the hospital I told Don a short story. I told him that when I heard this story I thought of him. I told him of a small child who was walking along the beach. Low tide was approaching, although the sun was still shining brightly. Many

starfish were suffering along the beach, unable to keep pace with the water. The sun was so strong and the starfish were dying. The starfish littered the beach as far as the little girl could see in either direction. She busily raced along the beach gently picking up starfish and cautiously placing them in the safety of the cool sea. A man walking along the beach saw what was happening and interrupted the little girl. The man said, "little girl, there is so many

starfish, you will never be able to save them all, why do you bother, it doesn't matter." The little girl, holding a starfish in her hand, knelt down and very gently released the starfish in the ocean water and said to the man, "It matters to this one."
I feel grateful for being allowed to sit with my friend one last time. I will never be able to help anyone or see anyone being helped without

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Obituaries

DONALD GROSS
Donald Gross, 82, of Renaissance Center, Sanford, died Sunday, April 11, 2004, at his residence. He was born Dec. 14, 1921, in Dayton, Ohio. He was a food salesman and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include Barbara Gross Knowles of Lake Mary, Linda Lessis of Fort Worth, Texas, Joan Dunn of Chula Vista, Calif., Daerick Gross of Sima Valley, Calif., Carl Suhr, David Suhr, Ruthanne Wooley and Robert Suhr, all of Dayton.

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

IRENE LUCY MAGENNIS
Irene Lucy Magennis, 83, of Altamonte Springs, died Monday, April 12, 2004, in Longwood. She was born July 19, 1920, in New York City. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include sisters, Diane Bischoff and Barbara Jacobi.

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

FRANCIS ETHEL REID
Francis Ethel Reid, 75, of Altamonte Springs, died Sunday, April 11, 2004.

All Faiths Alternatives and Cremation Services, Orlando, in charge of arrangements.

ROBERT C. SMYTHE
Robert C. Smythe, 74, of Orlando, died Tuesday, April 13, 2004, in Orlando. He was born Aug. 28, 1929, in Orlando. He was an electrical engineer.

Survivors include brother, William R. Smythe, Jr., Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

BEULAH M. SUTTON
Beulah M. Sutton, 78, of Palmetto Street, Osteen, died Thursday, April 15, 2004, in Florida Hospital. She was born in Pennsylvania. She was a homemaker and a member of Osteen Baptist Church.

Survivors include sons, Leeshawn Sutton, of Osteen, and Leonard Aucoin; daughters, Brenda A. Horton, of Orlando, and Sandra Aucoin, of Fernandina Beach.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 21, at 11 a.m. at St. John Metropolitan Baptist Church, 920 Cypress Avenue in Sanford with Dr. Joseph Martin, Pastor. Viewing will be Tuesday, April 20, at Wilson-

held at Osteen Cemetery at a later date.
Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

MARIAN E. TISE
Marian E. Tise, 73, of Sanford, died Friday, April 9, 2004. She was born Feb. 22, 1931, in Newberry, S.C. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of Sanford and Auxiliary of Gideons International. In 1980 she was given the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Award for ministry service at Fort Mead, Md.

Survivors include husband, Donald; sons, David of Chesapeake, Va., Mark Tise of Bowie, Md. Kenneth Tise of Jacksonville; adopted son, Thomas Best of Apopka; sisters, Doris Eargle of Laurens, S.C., and Betty Noell of Danville, Va.; brother, William "Tip" Jones of Simpsonville, S.C.; eight grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, April 14, at First Baptist Church of Sanford with burial at Oaklawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Marian Tise may be made to First Baptist Church of Sanford, General Fund, 519 S. Park Ave., Sanford, 32771, or to the Gideons International, P.O. Box 1056, Sanford, 32272-1056.

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The Way We Were: SHS Class of 1934 to mark 70th reunion

The Seminole High School Class of 1934 is celebrating its 70th year reunion, Saturday, April 17, at the Colonial Room Restaurant.

The organizers tell me that this will be their last reunion. Out of a class of 78 members, only 21 remain, and many of those are in ill health. They have had annual reunions for at least the last 10 years, with as many attending as possible.

My mother, Marie Stempfer Stinecpher, and Rodman Lehman sponsored this class for its entire four years in high school.



Graco Marie Stinecpher

These two were also classmates in the SHS Class of 1923. After my mother's death in 1965, I have been invited to all of this class' reunions.

Officers of the Class of 1934 were Charles Palmer, president; Dorothy Marshall, vice president; Carolyn Dogburn, secretary; Elizabeth Methvyn, treasurer; Lorraine Yarborough, Chaplain. Only Dorothy Marshall Courier and Lorraine Yarborough Whiting are still living.

T.W. Lawton was county superintendent of public schools and G.E. McKay was SHS principal. Other faculty members were Mrs. Mae D. Fort, Miss Helen Vernay, Leonard McLucas, Mrs. Winifred Moseley, Mrs. Mae Maxwell, R.E. Kipp, Miss Elizabeth Shoemaker, Mrs. Gladys Williams, Alex R. Johnson, Miss Mary Cox, Miss Ethel Riser, A.D. Bridgers, Miss Clifford Shinholser, Miss Ruth Hand, E.J. Laney, Mrs. Gladys Smith, and Mrs. Mary Stone. (When I was in high school during the early 1950s, I also had a few of these teachers, Miss Ethel Riser, Mrs. Gladys Smith and Mrs. Mae Fort).

I have written a great deal about this class in past years and so will repeat some of what I wrote in 1995 about their final days at SHS.

Piano recital begins commencement week

A piano recital, presented by the students of Mrs. Fannie S. Munson, began Commencement Week for the Class of 1934, on Monday, May 21. This program, given in honor of the graduating seniors, was a tradition at SHS for many years.

Some of the pupils rendering solos were Doris Rockey, Donald Lamson, Evelyn Nipper, Carolyn Cogburn, Frances Mahoney, Clayda Ferguson, Louise Meriwether, Minnie Strange, Virginia Meriwether, Mary Neil Smith and Freddie Fields.

Senior chapel program held

On Thursday, May 24, there was a senior chapel program in the auditorium at which time the class history and class prophecy were read. There was also a scripture reading, the 1934 Salmagundi report, and athletic awards given by Coach Leonard McLucas.

Junior senior banquet is the 'last round-up'

The Seniors received invitations printed on paper sombreroes summoning them to "The Last Round-Up of the Class of 1934" by the class of 1935. It was held at the "SHS Rancho" on May 24.

The stage was decorated to resemble a ranch house complete with Indian blankets, mounted game heads, a 15-foot alligator skin, other animal skins and numerous guns. Also lending atmosphere was a corral in which was placed a number of saddles and sombreroes against a forest scene background.

The meal was served in courses on long tables covered with checkered tablecloths which held candles in glass bottles. Serving were 20 girls from the

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Middle school celebrates its diverse student body



Milwee Middle School holds first Multicultural Festival

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

LONGWOOD — Diversity reigned at Milwee Middle School April 8.

Students representing 15 different countries presented the colors of a host of nations in front of the student body during the school's first large-scale Multicultural Festival. It's a new effort by the school to help the students "learn to appreciate each other," said vice principal Pamela Shellman-Ross.

"Because we have such a diverse group of children that go to school here it's very difficult to celebrate all the heritages," she said. "This gives us a chance to teach tolerance and it gives them an opportunity to recognize the difference and similarities."

Following the presentation of the flags that included a bagpipe solo, a guest speaker encouraged students to embrace their surrounding diversity. Rick Johanson, a financial consultant with Smith Barney in Winter Park, asked students to try saying "good morning" in Italian, Japanese and German.

"The people from those lands are as diverse as the words we spoke," he said.

Johanson should know as he visited all three countries. He told the students it's "amazing to be totally immersed in a different culture."

Johanson showed the crowd of students some souvenirs he brought back from his travels including a Japanese samurai sword. Because of his Japan visit, he became very interested in martial arts. Next month, Johanson said he would be getting tested for a black belt in karate.

"From the different places I've been you can see I've learned a lot," he said. The multicultural event continued after the morning presentation as par-

ents were invited to the school in the afternoon for an "around the world" food tasting provided by 15 local restaurants.



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent

Milwee Middle teacher Monica Cervo (top) helps students line up before they are to present an array of country flags at the start of the Multicultural Festival. School teachers and administrators also dressed up (above) to celebrate the day as Pam Sabia, Dr. Ana Gonzalez, Ray Gabriel, Pamela Shellman-Ross and Esther Ott show off their diverse duads. Guest Speaker Rick Johanson (left) encouraged the student body to understand diversity by trying to say "good morning" in four different languages.



Millennium honors 16-year worker

Millennium Middle School recently honored a great employee's memory.

Freddie T. Glover, a former maintenance supervisor and 16-year dedicated worker was given the honor in his memory. The Millennium Middle School dedicated one of their educational buildings Glover Hall. The dedication service was held March 31. Millennium ROTC presented the flag, with the opening selection by the Millennium orchestra.

Former principal Walt

..... welcomed the guests, school officials and the Glover family. Assistant Principal Greg Robinson presented a plaque of appreciation to the family in honor of the late

worker. In honor of Glover, every fourth Wednesday of March will be observed as Freddie Glover Day, where all of the students at Millennium will be requested to perform some kind of facilities service related to bettering the upkeep of their campus.

Glover, well known in the Sanford community, served as a deacon and active member of the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Sanford.

DeLand church to host annual Stetson choir concert

Stetson University Gospel Choir's Annual Community Concert will be Sunday, April 18, at 5 p.m., held at the Greater Union First Baptist Church, 240 S. Clara Ave. in DeLand. The church is led by Rev. Troy A. Bradley, senior pastor C. and Allen Cusack III, director. For more information, call the church at 386-734-5329 or Stetson at 386-822-7401.

Gospel artists to sing at Sanford Baptist church

There will be singing in the air, Sunday, April 25, at 3:30 p.m., at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, East 10th Street at Hickory Avenue. It's the 60-year anniversary of Sanford's recording artists, the Singing Kings of Joy.

Guest artists appearing will be other recording groups, "The Spiritual Wonders of Apopka," "The Mighty All-Stars of Orlando," "The Heavenlyettes of Orlando," "The Mighty Golden Voices," and the "Gospel Five of Daytona Beach." For more information, call Jimmy Smith, manager at 407-323-4848. Church pastor is Rev. William Lewis.

SCC to celebrate National Poetry Month

Making symphony a poetic See Hawkins, Page 8A

Geneva sightings: Never know what you can see here

For what it's worth, the following items are offered simply as a collection of recent "sightings" in the Geneva (well, mostly) area.

Driving home one night down West Osceola Road, I spotted a strange looking dog on the shoulder of the road. As I approached I thought perhaps he was a fox instead, as his size and face were not quite like the shepherd I had earlier expected him to be.

He moved swiftly down the embankment as I passed, so a clear view was not possible, but my husband who was following behind me was able to identify him without a doubt — as a coyote. He was an unexpected visitor to be sure; one I had not seen in my years in this area. Perhaps we'll hear him soon as well.

Another animal sighting took place at the March Bluegrass Jam at the Geneva Community Center. Says the reader, who sent this in to me under the "Only in Geneva" category: "Saturday at the Bluegrass Jam, someone rode a horse up to hear the music and sat outside the window to



Darla Kinney
Scales

..... listen. Everyone was having the best time watching that horse's head in the window. He looked like he was enjoying the music. Everyone started laughing and the band kept playing, wondering why everyone was laughing. A week or so later — after the column ran concerning the littered roadways in our part of the county — I spotted another strange visitor to the roadside on West Osceola Road. This time there were three of them. Humans, they were. Completely volunteer humans (no prison uniforms, in other words) that were picking up litter at West Osceola and Old Geneva Road. Three "thank yous" to whoever you were, on behalf of all who appreciate the new view.

The next strange but convenient sighting actually took place while I was visiting Tallahassee over Spring

Break, but I'm hoping it will be seen here soon. With the clock ticking relentlessly toward the expiration of my Florida driver's license, I was delighted to spot a mobile license renewal bus parked at the State Capital.

I walked in, answered a few questions, read the eye chart, and quick as a "click" had a new license with a photo that actually looked like me. (My expiring license had a photo taken at least 12 years ago — and the kind gentleman photographing me for my new one suggested after the first take that I smile a bit larger for a second chance at a decent license likeness!)

While I could find no information online about this mystery bus, I did find plenty of advice on renewing or changing your license by phone or online. But keep an eye out for this handy vehicle, just in case it rounds the corner here soon, because mailing and online renewal, though convenient, still leaves you with that 12-year-old photo!

Thoughtful readers again reported

the next two sightings to me — both pertaining to local parks. The first, an e-mail message (with photo attached), came from Mal and Mary Jo Martin who noticed on their daily walk, a new sign at the end of Lake Harney Road.

Proclaims the new fixture: "Coming soon ... Seminole County's Law Enforcement Memorial Park. Help us give the children a safe place to play! Planned Amenities: On-site sheriff's office community service center, public restrooms, playground equipment, law enforcement memorial monument, boardwalk, fishing pier, pavilions, fencing, ADA approved access, and much more. Community Partners: Village of Geneva, Seminole County Board of County Commissioners, Seminole County Sheriff's Office, Seminole County Parks and Recreation Division, city police agencies within Seminole County, Florida Highway Patrol, various residential and business communities. Still needed: Cash

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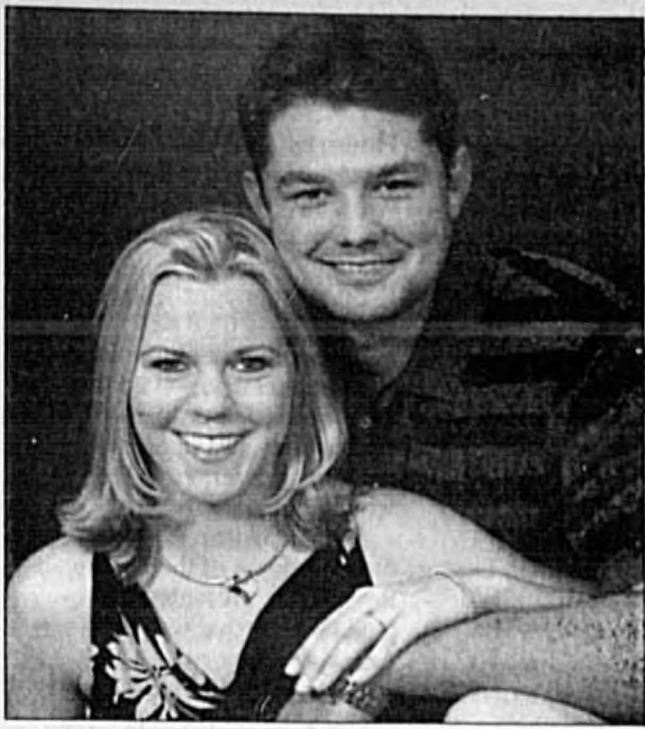


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McLain, Meadows to marry

Mr and Mrs. Daryl McLain of Sanford are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda McLain to Mike Meadows, son of Pete Meadows and Jane Meadows of Huntington, W.Va. Amanda graduated from Seminole High School and is a student at the University of Central Florida.

Mike graduated from Seminole High School and is currently employed at Geotechnical & Environmental Consultants as an Engineering Technician.

The wedding is planned for March 12, 2005.

Scores

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and service/material donations. To help call 407-328-3761. Web page www.seminolsheriff.org/lememorial We appreciate your support!" Proclaim the Martins: "We just noticed a new sign down at the end of Lake Harney Road about the new park. I think it's neat that they thanked the citizens of Geneva first!"

The second, an e-mail followed by a confirming phone call, came from Geneva Citizens Association President Richard Creedon. Says Creedon: "I received a call from Suzy Goldman, the director of Seminole County Parks and Leisure Services Department, informing me that the new sign is up at the entrance to the renamed, Henry Levy Mullet Lake Park."

Creedon took a drive, and indeed the sign was there — a tribute (and a welcome sight) to the family who originally donated the land now enjoyed

as a park. Creedon then added an update on the new chairs sighted (and seated) at the Community Center here as well, noting that (in his words) "the chair replacement fund was oversubscribed — hey, this is our village! We acquired 85 new high back folding chairs. Each has a name requested by the donor. Some are memorial chairs remembering deceased relatives and friends. We also hung a plaque to the north of the front door listing all of our generous donors. Especially noteworthy are Virginia and Shelby Davis of DeBary who provided more than \$500 in matching funds, plus purchased a number of other chairs outright. They're our "Chair Angels." After we closed out the fund, we received two additional checks. The donors agreed to have the money applied to purchase of new tables. We'd like to replace all of the old,

heavy wood tables with new lightweight tables in the near to medium term future. Although we will not be pushing hard in the near term (folks just finished helping with the chairs), we would be happy to accept any donations towards the new tables which cost \$ 75 each. We will put a nametag on any table that kind folks might donate funds for. We have already purchased one new table but need about a dozen more.

If anyone has questions, they can reach me at 407-349-1266."

I hope to see you soon. (Or at least hear of your sightings!) — Darla

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 darlas@mpinet.net, (please put "Stetson's Corner" in the subject line), or with a fax to 407-349-1311. Thanks!

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Vintage View



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The 1932 graduating class of Seminole High School. Left to right, Row 1; Betty Wheelless, Gladys Garner, Ruth Shackleton, Genevieve Wells, Kathleen Laney. Row 2; Eloise Winn, Madeline Foltz, Katharine Johnson, Marjorie Levi, Thelma Benson, Laura Mae Brown, Caroline Biggers, Sadie Garner, Evelyn Porter, Lorraine Yarborough, Dorothy Marshall. Row 3; Charles Robert Pearson, John Brown, Charles Palmer, William Wieboldt, Kenneth Harrison, Billy Faville, Roswell Myrick, Claude Kelly, Elmer Johnson, Leonard Beecher, James Henry Dyson. Row 4; Virginia Gillon, Esther Lossing, Georgene Hart, Carolyn Cogburn, Martha Bishop, Doris Batten, Christine Cole, Elaine Harrison, Ruth Maddox, Lois Shannon, Naomi Hutchings, Carol Vining, Irene Glidewell. Row 5; Quillian Jordan, Archie Brown, George Stovall, Earle King, Richard Packard, Richard Deas, Thomas George, Carl Vause, Carl McKinney. Row 6; Marae Hill, Elizabeth Methvin, Alice Kesserman, Vonice Moye, Iva Neesse, Marian Lundquist, Mary George, Blanche Cunningham, Mary Nickel, Mary Calhoun, Naomi Greer. Row 7; James Arant, Jack Russell, Betty Colbert, Rebecca Wikson, Walter Fester, Virginia Lawton, Mills Boyd, Evelyn Nipper, David Buller, Lawrence Harrison. Row 8; Randall Slaughter. Row 9; Stinson Kintlaw, Russell Odham, John Senkarik, Melvin Taylor, Sam Bradford, David Smith.

Stineciper

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sophomore class. Following the blessing by Principal G.E. McKay, Charles Betts, junior class president, welcomed the Class of 1934 and Charles Palmer, senior class president, gave the response.

The group then enjoyed the following program: "Home on the Range" solo by Martin Stineciper; Adagio dance presented by Mary Elizabeth Neely, George McClelland and Jack Highes; a harmonica solo by Randall Priest; various numbers by a stringed band composed of Talmadge Metts, William Barnett, Jerry Senkarik and David Earle, accordion, guitar and harp numbers by Carl Soderblom. Members of the faculty presented a skit, "The Shooting of Dan McGrew" and Mrs. Gladys Williams sang "The Last Round-Up."

Junior senior prom held at Mayfair Hotel

Following the banquet, the group traveled to the Mayfair Hotel which was the scene of the prom, sponsored by the Phi Alpha Kappa Sorority. Dancing was enjoyed until the wee hours to the music of Russell Scholl's orchestra.

Festoons of green and gold crepe paper were arranged around the large ballroom, while quantities of fern and

yellow flowers were placed around the room.

A list of about 200 people seen dancing was included in the newspaper article. The next day, the seniors had a picnic at Daytona Beach.

Program includes host of religious leaders

At this special program Sunday, May 27, the following pastors took part; Rev. W.A. Cooper, First Methodist, Invocation; Rev. J.B. Root, First Congregational, Scripture reading; Rev. W.P. Brooks Jr., First Baptist, sermon; and Rev. E.D. Brownlee, First Presbyterian, benediction.

The processional was played by Evelyn Nipper and Carolyn Cogburn and Martin Stineciper sang "Resignation" during the program.

Graduation marks the end of the weeklong festivities

On Monday, May 28, an overflow crowd gathered in the SHS auditorium to watch the 78 members of the Class of 1934 receive their diplomas.

The class, led by sophomore marshals Francis Roumillat and Jack Morrison, marched in to the strains of "Tannhauser" played by Dorothy Marshall and Martha Bishop.

Rev. E.D. Brownlee offered the invocation and Dr. H.W. Rucker rendered a solo. "The

House by the Side of the Road." The graduation address was delivered by Rev. Martin J. Bram of Holy Cross Episcopal Church.

Superintendent T.W. Lawton presented several awards to honor students. Georgene Hart received the Mobley Medal for the second time in recognition of having the highest average in the school.

Sallie Harrison Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, presented the medal for the highest grades in American History to Ada Singletary. Quillian Jordan was the recipient of the Sixth Annual Peter Schaal Trophy, awarded to the most valuable football player.

An agricultural class diploma was presented to John Schirand by Alex R. Johnson, agriculture teacher. Also receiving awards were Boyd Coleman and E.D. Brownlee. They were presented by the Kivans Club representative, Julius Dingfelder in recognition of their high grades in that subject. Following the awarding of diplomas by Professor McKay, Eloise Winn gave a reading, "Graduation," and the class sang "Hail and Farewell." Rev. W.A. Cooper pronounced the benediction and the Class of 1934 went out to meet the world.

Meghan Bowlin is born

Meghan Elisabeth Bowlin was born Monday, April 12, 2004, at 3:04 a.m., at Flagler Hospital in St. Augustine.

She weighed in at six pounds, nine ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches tall. Meghan is the first child of Rachel and Randy Bowlin of St. Augustine, formerly of Sanford. The maternal grandparents of their first grandchild are Patty



Photo submitted

and Richard Swann of Sanford. Paternal fifth grandchild are Debbie and Henry Bowlin of Sanford.

Religion Briefs

Church host yard, bake sale
Upsala Community Presbyterian Church, 101 Upsala Road, will hold a yard and bake sale, Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will also be available. The event is sponsored by the ladies of Dorcas Circle.

Praise CD features Sanfordite
Amerecord has announced its newest release, Songs of Praise, features songs written by composers and lyricists from all around nation. Nicki Casterline of Sanford has a featured work on the album, entitled "Lonely Road to Calvary." It is performed by artist Joan Rochette. The CD has been released in the Sanford area.

Hawkins

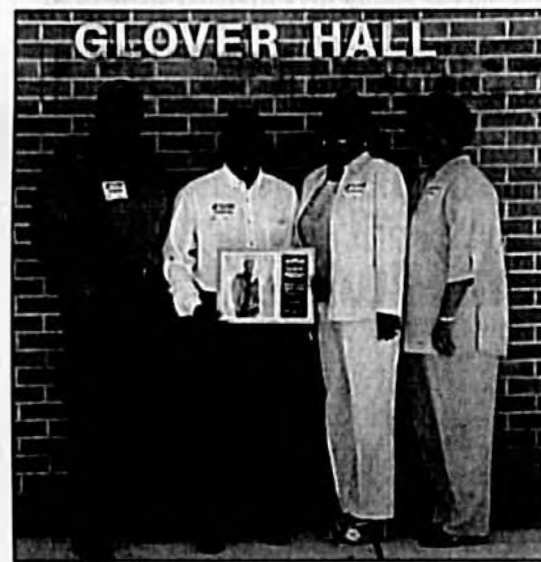
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symphony, consists of two short plays, "The Last of the Holyhocks" and the "Celestial Ballet" plus selected poems set in counterpoint to image and sound. This play was written by Dr. Stephen Caldwell Wright and directed by Bobby Bell. To help celebrate National Poetry Month at Seminole Community College, the community is invited to see this award-winning and nationally known poet on April 17, 18, 23 and 24 at 8 p.m. and April 18 and 25 at 2 p.m. For more information or reservations, call 407-328-2040.

Elks District Two sponsors oratorical contest

Elks District Two of the IBPOE held their oratorical contest Saturday, April 10, in Leesburg. The education department of district two held the program at the St. Paul AME Church.

Again, Celery City Lodge No. 542 and Evergreen Temple No. 321, IBPOE of the World of Sanford, came away with the winner, Jessie Rachel McKesey, senior at Winter Springs High School. She will represent the district at the State Elks Convention Contest in Orlando, in May.



Photos submitted

The late Freddie T. Glover, a former maintenance supervisor and 16-year dedicated worker of the county school system, was honored recently as Millennium Middle renamed a building in his memory. Many of his extended family (above) gathered for the event as did his four children (left).

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Soldier

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continuous support from CPH. All the soldiers couldn't wait to see the CPH logo on the boxes.

"It meant a lot to them it really did," he added. "I can't express how important your support was to my unit."

Diana Greene, headed CPH's "operation shoe box" and said some of the more popular items were baby wipes, Chap Stick and personal hygiene items. While employees and friends in the community donated the contents of the care packages, CPH made the project work by paying for the postage of the 20- to 25-pound boxes that cost about a total of \$3,200.

"Part of what we did is we have to continue to get the country supporting the mission," said David G Gierach, CPH president. "What we did was not for the glory of CPH but to continue to support the effort."

After 15 months, the boxes kept coming even as Blacketter was preparing to leave the war-torn country.

"The day that we left Ramadi, I gave the boxes over to the Marines," he said.

Blacketter said shortly after his battalion's departure a dozen of the Marines died as insurgents took the offensive in the city of 350,000 people.

"Twelve died in the same place we occupied for 11 months," he said.

But he said while the mainstream media focused on the death and destruction of recent attacks, there was plenty of good happening in the Iraqi city west of Baghdad.

"I can tell you one thing is that I developed great relationships with some Iraqis," he said. "They're high-quality folks. Eighty percent of the people want a free Iraq it's the 20 percent that is causing problems."

Blacketter's duties in Iraq were not much different as they are in Florida with the civil engineering firm — except maybe for the frequent mortar attack or ambush. His battalion rebuilt more than 25 elementary schools in the city, and Blacketter helped organize the effort by employing about 2,000 Iraqis and developing feasibility studies for the reconstruction site plans.

"What I did over there was exactly what I did over here," he said.

Despite constant attempts by insurgents to undermine

their work, Blacketter was able to develop relationships with local Iraqi contractors and its ruling sheiks. He said the process of building the new schools was similar to here in the United States. Like a city commission, Blacketter would have to submit plans to the sheiks for approval.

Military leaders also held the sheiks accountable for what happened in their area of the city. If an uprising of violence occurred, construction would halt in the rebuilding process.

"The whole effort we called it peace through contracts," he said.

"What happens though is the insurgents come in and threaten the Iraqi people that they will cut off their fingers or kill their children so what are they to do? Of course Iraqi people are not going to support us."

Blacketter's battalion led raids in the city and trained Iraqi police officers to deter the insurgents. The best of the 500-member police force even formed a SWAT-like team that



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Capt. Paul Blacketter cuts off a yellow ribbon from a tree in front of the Sanford CPH Engineering office on Fulton Street. The ribbon was tied around the tree 15 months ago when he left for an Iraqi deployment.

led a successful, but short

campaign against the rebels. "These guys were tearing up the place," he said of the Iraqi SWAT team. "They were bringing us the surface to air missiles by the truckload."

But three weeks before he left, Blacketter said the SWAT team was assassinated. "That's war and that's

what we are dealing with," he said.

Despite the constant struggle to maintain peace in Iraq, Blacketter said it's important that the United States remains supportive of the troops and continues on with its mission.

"They are good, hard-working people that are worth fighting for," he said.

Nolt

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thinking of Don. God's gift to me. I believe each of us are born with a light. As we pass through life we can work on making our light stronger. We move closer to God and as our light shines brighter we can show the way for others, and we can provide warmth and comfort to those who are in need. Don's light is extraordinarily bright. It provides illumination and warmth and even though Don has been called home, the light stays bright and warm. It shines on me and it

shines on all of you. It shines in the homes in which he worked and the hearts of those who live in them. It shines in bureaucrats, politicians, and throughout the community. Don's light cannot be put out by death. It is too strong, too warm and too bright. As long as all of us, and all of those he touched are alive, or at least one house that he worked on still stands, Don's light will burn.

I say now, rest well good friend, and all of us will keep your light bright.

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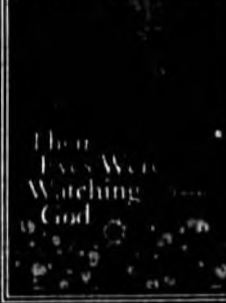
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EDUCATION

SCPS to honor business partners

Two Seminole County Public Schools' Business Partners, PerotSystems and the Rotary Club of Seminole South will be recognized with the Commissioner's Business Recognition Award on Tuesday, April 20, at 6 p.m. at the Orlando Airport Marriott.

These outstanding partners were nominated by Seminole County Public Schools for their exemplary collaboration with the district. The event will take place during the Florida Partners in Education Conference.

PerotSystems of Lake Mary partnership is an integral part of the success of Crooms Academy of Information Technology. A corporate goal that is evident in their participation is "leading by example."

This partner has led the way in the development of the schools' mentor program, instructional coaching, workplace skills training, soft skills curriculum, and the presentation of the Success at Work program to the students.

PerotSystems understands the importance of schools and businesses providing real-life experience and relevant curriculum and offers field trip and job shadowing opportunities to the Crooms' students. Along with the academic focus, PerotSystems demonstrates the value of community building.

This partner supported Crooms community service project, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and matched the schools fundraising efforts for a total of \$2,000. The partnership has enriched the learning environment for students, faculty, parents, and community.

The Rotary Clubs of Seminole County have never failed to respond to Seminole County Public Schools' calls for assistance.

The Rotarians live and act on their motto of "Service Above Self." For the past 33 years, the Seminole County South Rotary Club has supported students with more than \$300,000 in scholarships. The Rising

Achievers Program recognizes students who have had to overcome adversity; Rotary Young Leadership trains eleventh grade students in leadership skills; mentors, and classroom speakers.

The Rotary sponsors the Reading Is Fundamental Program, which insures that the district's most needy students have three new books per year to take home. Rotarians also serve as school volunteers tutoring and mentoring students.

The Rotary of Seminole County South also supports The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools by funding eyeglasses, food, and clothing for needy children and Backpacks for Education to insure that all children start school prepared to learn. The Rotary also sponsors an annual holiday gift-giving program for Seminole County Public School students.

For more information on the Seminole County Public Schools' Business Partner Program, call 407-320-0182.

Schoolbus drivers place well in competition



Photo submitted

Elaine Espenschied, veteran school bus driver for Seminole County Public Schools, placed first in the Seminole County Bus Safety Competition that was held Saturday, March 27, in Winter Springs. Espenschied (left to right), along with Trish Keefer and Ruth Ann Palmer, will represent the district at the State Championship Competition. Tina Lazar will be the team alternate. The Rookie of the Year was Randy Sanders (the highest score of the first year drivers). Dave Scott, principal of Idyllwild Elementary School, was the judge. Seminole County's school bus drivers have placed first in the state six times and first place in the nationals once.

School News

2 Sanford Middle teams win Army-sponsored competition

Two teams of students, with advisor Valerie Boughner, from Sanford Middle School won awards in the national science E-cybermission competition sponsored by the U.S. Army.

E-cybermission is a unique Web-based science, math and technology competition for students in grades sixth through ninth. Student teams identify a problem in their community that is related to health and safety, arts & entertainment, sports

& recreation or the environment. This year the SMS eighth grade team won first place honors in the Southeast regional competition.

They will each receive a \$3,000 Savings Bond and an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. to compete against the other three regional winners for a national championship. They can each win another \$5,000 or \$3,500 dollar savings bond.

The seventh grade team won the science, math and technolo-

gy criteria award. They will each receive a \$2,000 savings bond.

Eighth grade first place winners are Malika Jafferjee, Raschel Stanulis, Ashanti Smith and Arianne Molfat.

Seventh grade criteria winners are James Laughridge, Billy Dickson and Andrew Speck.

Geneva student selected as finalist for Disney award

Kristen Lichtenthal, a fifth grade student at Geneva

Elementary School, has been notified that she has been selected a finalist in the Disney Dreamer and Doer Program.

Schools in five Central Florida counties, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk and Seminole were invited to name their Dreamer and Doer based upon the student's demonstrated outstanding efforts in the area of character development.

One hundred of the 500 students nominated were named as finalists. They have been invited to an awards ceremony

on April 28 at Epcot. An outstanding academic scholar and student leader, Kristen has received dance instruction for seven years, piano for three and horseback riding for two. She serves as Student Council President and is president of her neighborhood security club.

Sanford's Whigham inducted into Phi Beta Kappa at UNC

Meredith Lee Whigham, daughter of Patricia Howland Whigham and John Whigham, both of Sanford, was inducted

April 5 into the the Phi Beta Kappa honor society at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The 2001 graduate of Lake Mary High School and UNC junior was one of 101 new members — and the only from Florida — to be inducted as the chapter marked its 100th anniversary. A student who has completed 75 hours of course work and has a grade-point average of 3.85 or better is eligible for membership. Less than 1 percent of all college graduates qualify to be members

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24Hr Response

Codebook

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of allowing business owners to store delivered merchandise by 5 p.m. that same day, the commission amended the text to give owners only two hours to shelve delivered goods.

In addition, Longwood leaders moved to reduce the number of neon signs in the district by outlawing the addition of neon signs to storefronts. A neon sign ban was already proposed for east side of the district of County Road 427, but commissioners opted to extend the prohibition to the businesses fronting the divided highway to the east by not permitting the addition of any new neon signs upon adoption of the codebook.

Issues of rear yard fence height, tree protection and the role of the city's historic preservation board sparked more

debate. Mayor Dan Anderson urged his peers to consider either six or eight feet fence heights to prevent an uneven row of backyard fences. However, three other commissioners voted in favor of allowing up to eight feet fences in the district.

Consultant Chris Lathrop, who helped prepare the codebook for the city, said eight feet fences were out scale with the district because of the smaller nature of the homes and lots.

"A six-foot fence does absolutely nothing," responded Commissioner Mike Holt. "You're keeping the dog in."

Holt used the historic Bradlee-McIntyre House as an example and said if he stood on the elevated back porch of the old cottage he could easily look

over a six-foot fence.

Holt also argued for stricter tree protection in the district. The city was considering fines for unlawfully removed canopy trees and the requirement of like replacements for all removed trees. He said it was something the city should not just consider for the historic district but for the entire city.

The commission requested more information of how large of replacement trees should be required for large canopy tree removals and appropriate level of fines. The City Commission is expected to hear the second reading of the historic district codebook at its next meeting April 19 along with possible amendments to tree protection regulations.

City leaders also voted unani-

mously to bring the land development code forward to possibly increase the responsibility of the city's historic preservation board. Currently the historic board reviews changes to contributing structures in the historic area, but Bundy suggested the board review all new development in the outlined district.

"I think we need that extra layer of protection," he said. "We have spent over the last several years millions of dollars in infrastructure and I think it needs to move forward in a cohesive manner."

Anderson said he thought the move might be adding another layer of bureaucracy.

"I think the importance of our historic district is reason for one more layer of bureaucracy," Bundy said.

Answer key to today's puzzle

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Oviedo High School's

MARK BELLHORN
2B




Boston Red Sox

ab	h	r	HR	rbi	avg.
26	5	7	1	2	.192

• Off to a slow start, but did hit a home run and drive in two runs this week and continues to play a very good second base filling in while Nomar Garciaparra continues his recuperation. Bellhorn and the Sox are playing the rival New York Yankees in a big early season matchup.

Seminole High School's

DAVID ECKSTEIN
SS




Anaheim Angels

ab	h	r	HR	rbi	avg.
44	12	4	0	2	.273

• Has finally cooled off from his red-hot spring training and opening week of the season, but he is still a big reason the Angels are off to a tremendous start, leading the American League Western Division as the new-look Anaheim squad looks to get back to the playoffs and go after their second ever World Championship.

Lake Mary's

DANNY GRAVES
P




Cincinnati Reds

w	l	sv	so	bb	era
0	0	4	2	0	2.25

• Has only pitched four innings in four games, but he has done what a closer is supposed to do, close out victories. In the four saves in as many chances he has allowed two hits and one run.

Sanford Middle School's

COREY PATTERSON
CF



Chicago Cubs

ab	h	r	HR	rbi	avg.
31	8	6	2	2	.258

• Has also cooled off after a fast start in his return to action after last season's injury. Did hit another solo home run and playing a steady center field for the NL Central favorites.

Lake Brantley High School's

JASON VARITEK
C



Boston Red Sox

ab	h	r	HR	rbi	avg.
26	5	5	1	2	.192

• Off to one of the worst starts in his career with the bat, but still doing the job behind the plate as the Red Sox head into this weekend's series with the hated New York Yankees as the clubs try to take early control in the East.

SCC men announce first basketball signing

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

With a stable of thoroughbreds set to return next season, the Seminole Community College men's basketball team added another floor general to the mix on Wednesday.

Raiders head coach Stan Cromartie and top assistant Donnie Arey have announced the signing of 5-foot-7 point guard Lamont Houston of Southeast High School in Bradenton.

Houston averaged 14.3 points per game, 5.2 assists per game, 3 steals per game and 2.8 rebounds per game while helping lead his team to a 23-8 record, a regional championship, and the Class 4A State Finals in 2004.

Bradenton point guard joins potent Raider roster

Houston was also named Class 4A All-State Honorable Mention, named to the Bradenton Herald All-County and All-Area Team, named to the All-Tournament Team in the 1st Annual Eddie Shannon Tournament, and played in the PAL All Star Game.

Houston scored a career high 31 points against Sarasota Christian High during his junior year and had 27 points against Barron Collier High for his senior season high game.

With only one sophomore on last year's roster, SCC did not have as good a season as was expected, but by the end of the season the young players, especially 6-foot-8 William Graham, 6-foot-5 Vincent Mosley and 6-foot-2 shooting guard Travis "TJ" Jones, had made considerable strides and were knocking on the door for a state bid.

With so many players returning and red shirts Kevin Thomas, a point

guard, and Danny Miller, 6-foot-8 power forward, along with University of Oklahoma transfer Jimmy Tobias set to join the team, things are looking good for the fall. Arey also announced that the 2004 Stan Cromartie/ Seminole Community College Raider Basketball Camp will hold two sessions for boys ages 6-to-15.

Week 1 will be June 1-through-4 and Week 2 will be June 7-11. The cost is \$125 for each week. The camps run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, with Week 2 also running on Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Red-hot Rams rolling

Offense giving big support to pitching

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

The Lake Mary High School baseball team appears to be hitting its stride.

The Rams of coach Allen Tuttle are starting to hit the ball almost as well as the pitchers are throwing it.

Lake Mary opened the week with sophomore Josh Smith striking out nine in hurling a one-hitter at two-time defending state champion Eustis (15-4) as the Rams won 3-1 on Tuesday.

But Smith's thunder was echoed by the bats of Ryan Richardson and Justin Hart as both went 2-for-3 and blasted home runs.

The next night it was 6-foot-8 senior Paul Cinder taking to the hill and pitching a complete-game four-hitter as the Rams (15-2) shut out Lyman, 5-0, in a Seminole Athletic Conference contest.

Richardson carried the big bat for the winner's again, going 2-for-3 with a solo home run and two-run single to finish the night with three RBI.

Danny Roman and Bryan Bennett accounted for the Greyhounds offense, both going 2-for-3.

Oviedo (13-7) has also had a big week with a pair of wins.

On Tuesday, Corey Bevis struck out seven and fired a three-hit, 6-0, shut out at Lake Howell.

Gonzalez continued his hot hitting for the Lions, going 2-for-4 with a double and two runs scored. Manana and Parsons had two of the hits for the Silver Hawks (8-10).

On Thursday Oviedo picked up probably its biggest win of the season, knocking off Lake Brantley (12-5), 5-2, as Farina scat-

tered eight hits and struck out six.

Ackley helped out his battery-mate by going 2-for-2 with a double, two runs scored and an RBI, while Bush (2-for-2) and Guy (2-for-4) paced the Patriots offense.

Winter Springs (13-7) kept Lyman on the skids as freshman Drew Morgan went 3-for-4 with a double, two runs scored and an RBI and junior Sam English drove in the game-winning run.

Sophomore Jose Correa drove in all three-runs for the Greyhounds.

Seminole (8-12) also continues to show signs that it is coming around as the Fighting Seminoles thumped Deltona, 8-2.

Cole was 3-for-3 with three RBI and Diener was 3-for-4 with a double to lead the Tribe.

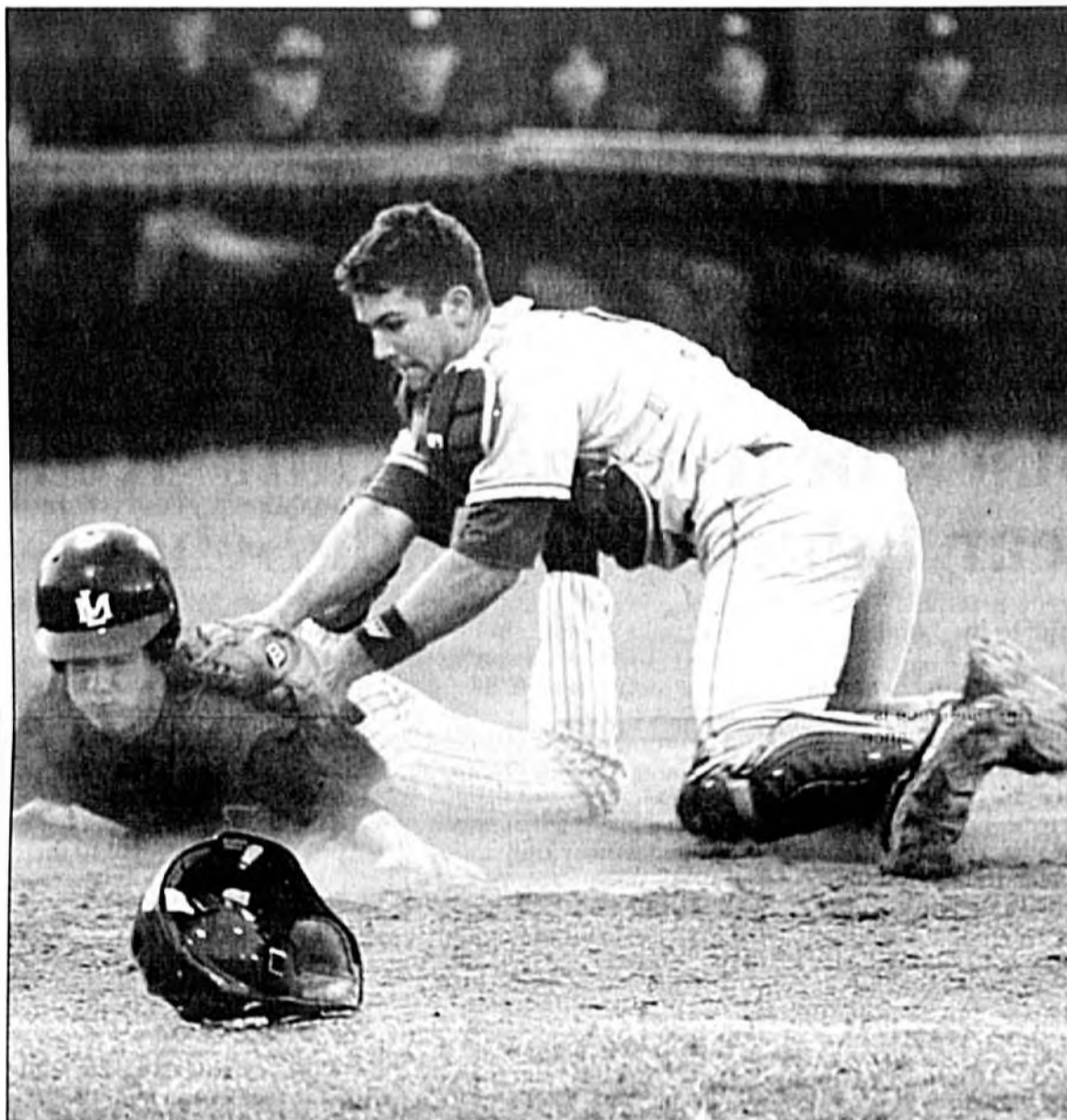
Trinity Prep (9-10) split a pair of contests, blanking district foe Mount Dora Bible, 7-0, but falling to Soddy Daisy, Tennessee, 9-2.

Reinke had a big game against MDB, hurling a seven strike out, one-hitter and hitting a home run. Zimmer also excelled for the Saints, going 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI. Zimmer had a hit and scored a run against Soddy Daisy.

Just when it looks like Orangewood Christian is getting the ship righted, the Rams hit a wave.

Tuesday OC fell to Normandy, Ohio (6-1), 12-7, despite Porta going 3-for-3 with a double and an RBI, and on Wednesday the Rams (9-6) were edged in a tough loss to powerful Central Florida Christian Academy (15-5), 5-4. Irvine

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Herald photos by Jim Wentz

Lyman catcher Kyle Harmon (above) tags out Lake Mary's Tyler Powell on a close play at the plate on Wednesday, but that only slowed the bleeding as Ryan Richardson (left) hit his second home run in as many nights and also drove in two more runs with a single as the Rams improved to 15-2 with a 5-0 victory over the Greyhounds.



UCF baseball hosts Belmont in key A-Sun Series

Special to the Herald

No. 26 UCF (29-8, 14-4 A-Sun) hosts Belmont (23-11, 9-6) in a battle matching two of the top four teams in the Atlantic Sun standings. The Golden Knights lead the conference with a 14-4 record while Belmont is tied with Troy State for third place in the A-Sun at 9-6.

UCF is ranked No. 26 in Collegiate Baseball's Top 30 poll. The Golden Knights were ranked as high as No. 19 this season in the Collegiate Baseball rankings. The Golden Knights dropped out of the Baseball America Top 25 rankings for this week.

The three-game series wraps up with a doubleheader today (Saturday) starting at 1 p.m.

The UCF JSP Sports Network (740 AM The Team) will broadcast the double-

header on 740-AM The Team and via the Internet via on the Yahoo! Sports Audio Package. The pregame show starts at 12:45 p.m. with the voice of the Golden Knights, Marc Daniels.

On Tuesday, freshman pitcher Chase Lirette pitched 6.0 innings and allowed just one run on five hits to lead USF past UCF 10-4 at Red McEwen Field in Tampa. Lirette (5-1) struck out six Golden Knights en route to his fifth win of the season.

For just the second time this season, UCF has lost two straight games after Tuesday's loss to the Bulls. The Golden Knights are 29-8 overall while USF improved to 24-11 on the season.

A homer by Myron Leslie forced UCF starter Taylor Meier out of the game after his shortest start of his career. The freshman from Orangewood Christian (4-1)

lasted just 1.2 innings as he yielded five runs on five hits in his first career loss.

Matt Ray and Lake Mary's Ryan Bono each had two hits for the Golden Knights.

SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE ENDS

The UCF football team completed its final of 15 spring practices Tuesday under windy conditions in Orlando. The final practice of the spring marked the first spring session under new head coach George O'Leary.

"I thought we got better in some areas," stated O'Leary. "Obviously, we have to get better as far as strength is concerned. I think we are not a real strong football team right now and we need to get stronger in the off-season."

"I thought the kids did everything we asked them to do. Some don't do it as quick as you like, but I think they

took coaching and that is a key to getting better."

For the final practice of the spring, players donned helmets, shoulder pads and shorts as the two-hour workout continued to emphasize fundamentals. The team worked early in the practice on the two-minute drill, team blitz and two-point plays.

As practice shifted to the passing skeleton drills, the offense shined during the period. UCF's three quarterbacks were a combined 18-for-18 during the pass period. Steven Moffett was 6-for-6 with completions to Luther Huggins, Harvey Joiner and Keith Williams. Backup quarterback Gerry Connell was 9-for-9 including a 20-yard strike to Mike Walker. Third-string quarterback Brandon Summer was 3-for-3 passing to round out the session.

During the punt period, Matt Prater served as the

team's punter as Scott Sevin was out due to injury.

The Golden Knights did scrimmage for about two periods, but it was not full contact. Alex Haynes ripped off two long runs up the middle while Moffett had several completions.

Practice came to an end as the first team offense and defense worked on the two-minute drill. A two-minute clock was used as the offense ran plays going down the field. The big play of the two-minute drill was a long fade route from Moffett to Tavaris Capers down the left sideline. The play set up a scoring strike to Brandon Marshall from Moffett to conclude the drill.

The Golden Knights will open the 2004 season Saturday, Sept. 4 at Wisconsin.

FASTRUCKS, FASTKIDS top the bill at New Smyrna

Special to the Herald

FASTRUCKS and FASTKIDS make their first appearance at New Smyrna Speedway tonight (Saturday) as FASTRUCKS go for 50 laps of racing action and the FASTKIDS 25 laps of action. Along with the FASTRUCKS and FASTKIDS will be the Late Models, Sportsman, Super Stock, Mini Stock and Strictly Stock.

Jimmy Gill leads the FASTRUCK points coming into the race followed by David Pollen, Jr., Marty Zehr, Jeff Firestone, Al Neumann, Tommy King, Brandon Andersen, George Morales, Tim Shaffner, and Gary Foxworth.

The FASTKIDS make their very first appearance at New Smyrna Speedway on Saturday with Port Orange's Matt Martin, the son of NASCAR star Mark Martin, holding a seven point lead over second place David Pollen, Jr. Josh Crenshaw, Cody Pitts, Dalton Zehr, Tyler Kelley, Spencer Taylor, Amanda Gogel and Mitchell Webb complete the top nine in points.

Also in action will be the FASCAR Late Models where Charlie Merz leads the points. Ever since Steve Park won in Charlie's Late Model back in January at the Victory Junction Gang Charity Race, Charlie has found more power and determined to show that he too can win.

Troy Atkins, our youngest Late Model driver, comes in second in points followed by Randy Dye, Josh Schmidt and Mark Smith.

The Sportsman divisions will also see action Saturday night as Donny Williams, the 2002 Sportsman Champion, leads the points again in 2004. Williams, who spent a year away from us, returned with the same winning ways.

Coming in second and also looking for the Sportsman Championship this year is Dale Clouser. Clouser and Williams can certainly give each other a run for the money as they do every week they race.

Cory Kaiser stands third in points and has worked hard improving his No. 48K Sportsman. Ken Lewton and Joe Gerard round out the top five.

Brian Bellaw, the 2002 and 2003 Late Model

Champion at New Smyrna, switched from Late Models to Mini Stocks for 2004 and has shown that he still "has it" when it comes to a Mini Stock. Bellaw leads the points over Chad Carpenter, Ted "Mr Mini Stock" Vulpius, Ron Dubeau and Wayne Wells.

Ron Whaley leads the Super Stock points over fellow competitor Jeff Colburn, Jack Lenzen, 2003 Champion Charlie Collins, and Barry Parks. These guys go at it hard every weekend and all want the Championship this year.

Grandstands will open at 6 p.m. with pit gates opening at 2 p.m. Qualifying for the FASTRUCKS will be at 6:45 p.m. with racing action at 7:30 p.m. New Smyrna Speedway is located between SR 44 and SR 415 between I-4 and I-95 eight miles west of New Smyrna in beautiful Samsula.

In other local racing news:

The kids will get to have some fun on tonight at Orlando Speedworld as all youngsters ages 11 and under can bring their bicycles and race on the race track for fun and trophies.

Kids can bring their bikes to either the pit or grandstand side of the track and everyone gets a chance to race.

Also, there will be a special ladies "Powder Puff" race using the Hurricane division cars. Any of the ladies wishing to race should register in the pit office before racing begins for the evening.

The RE/MAX Legends Cars will again be the feature attraction along with the Bandedo Bandits, Young Guns, and Outlaws as well as the Hurricanes.

Pit gates open at 3 p.m., grandstands at 5:30 p.m. and racing starts at 7 p.m. with adult admission just \$5 or you can pick up free admission coupons at Auto Parts of Taft, just south of the Orange Avenue/Landstreet Road intersection in South Orlando.

Volusia Speedway Park in Barberville will be holding its Spring Classic with 'double points' being awarded to the cars in each of the five classes of Late Model, Hobby Stock, Street Stock, Mini Stock and Pure Stock.

Grandstands open at 5 p.m. and racing See Racing, Page 15A

Black bear wanders into area near Edgewater High School

Special to the Herald

Wednesday night at about 10 p.m., the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) responded to a call from the Orlando Police Department (OPD) regarding a black bear that was wandering around a neighborhood near Edgewater High School on the east side of Silver Lake in the College Park area.

At about 12:30 a.m., Wednesday, the bear wandered into the darkness near the lake and officials lost sight of it. It will probably spend the day hunkered down in a quiet place sleeping. In the evening it will likely begin moving about again looking for a more hospitable environment.

"The bear is probably a young, male bear from the Wekiva River Basin area that is trying to find its own terri-

tory," said Susan Carroll-Douglas, wildlife resource biologist for the FWC's Northeast Region. "Unfortunately, its wanderings have taken right into the city of Orlando, but the good news is that, if left alone, it can find its way right back out."

The thing is, it's a little hard for a bear to be left alone while traversing backyards and city streets. Or is it?

"Bears do a lot of their traveling at night and are surprisingly stealthy about it. They can slip into and out of yards without the residents even knowing they've been there," said Carroll-Douglas.

"However, if they spend enough time in urban or suburban areas, someone will eventually see them."

She suspects the Orlando bear is the same bear that people have been sighting sporadically since the begin-

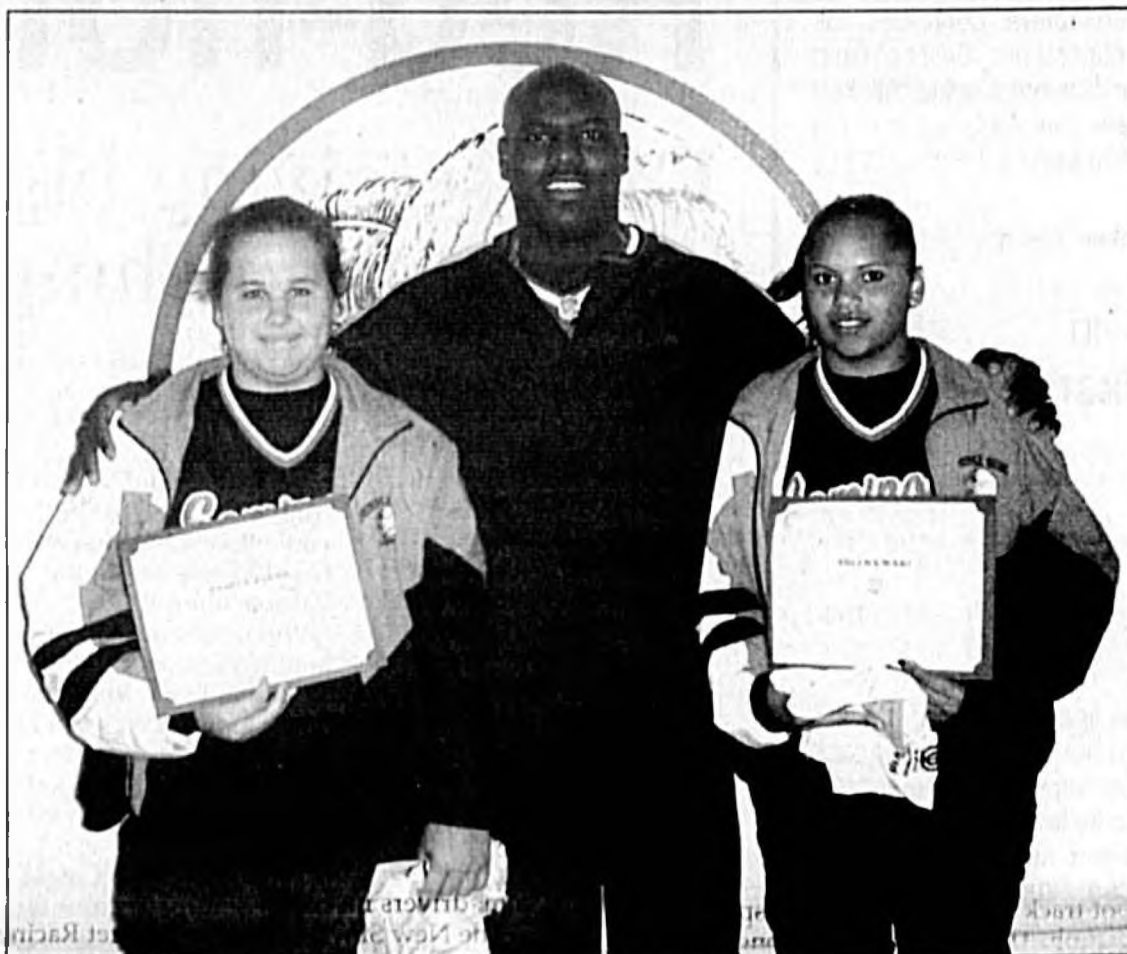
ning of April when the FWC's Ocala office began getting calls of a bear wandering around neighborhoods in Altamonte Springs eating from garbage cans and bird feeders.

"The first call came in on April 3 from a resident in the Country Creek subdivision who had spotted the bear walking around," said Carroll-Douglas.

The FWC got calls from a few other residents in the general area for the next several days until last Friday and then the calls stopped until late last night. During those four days when nobody called in a sighting, the bear was apparently steadily traveling southeast without causing much of a stir.

"This bear has been on the move and hasn't really caused any problems except for occasionally eating from See Outdoors, Page 15A

Well done



Photos courtesy of Dr. John Cullum

The Optimist Club of Sanford has recently honored several Seminole High School students as its Athletes of the Week. Seminole's state qualifiers for girls' weightlifting were given the Optimist Club of Sanford's Athlete of the Week award Friday prior to state competition. The qualifiers were (top photo, clockwise) Jennifer Joyce, Janet Jones, Amy Joyce, Jenna Fitzpatrick and Jennifer Spee. Following the honor the team finished 3rd in a field of 86 teams Saturday, February 7th in DeLand at the inaugural Girls' State Meet. Spee became the state champion in the 183 pound class (bench press, 165 lbs; clean, 175 lbs; total 340 lbs.). Fitzpatrick was the Silver medalist with strong lifts in the 110 pound class (bench press, 135 lbs, clean, 135 lbs, total, 270 lbs.); Joyce was the Bronze medalist in the 119 lb class (bench, 110 lbs, clean, 155 lbs, total, 265 lbs.); Joyce lifted to a 6th place finish in the 154 pound class (bench, 145 lbs, clean, 175 lbs, total 320 lbs.) and Jones lifted 30 lbs. more than her best ever to finish 13th in a strong field. The lifters all set personal records in a great day for Seminole weightlifting. Congratulations also to Coach Mickey Yasko. The Optimist Club of Sanford recently honored Ashley Tabor (bottom photo, left) and Shoena Ware (bottom photo, right) as athletes of the week. Ashley was recently selected as the Central Florida Athlete of the Week by the *Orlando Sentinel*. She was 6-for-9 last week, with two doubles and six RBI. Shoena pitched 12 scoreless innings and a no-hitter, had five RBI with one home run and was 2-0 in pitching with wins over DeLand and Lake Brantley. Also honored recently was girls' basketball player Evelyn Moore (photo not available), a junior guard who led the team to three victories by scoring 76 points. Evelyn is an honor student and an outstanding leader on and off the court. All of the awards were presented by Optimist Club member Lonnie Johnson (bottom photo, center).



Photo courtesy of Garry Shorter

The wildest, heart-pounding eight seconds in all of sports will be shown on national television at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, as the CBR Bull Ride makes its debut into the Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee. The CBR, committed to bringing the very BEST in the sport of professional bucking bull riding to the area, launched its first season in 2002. CBR events are televised through the nationally syndicated Outdoor Channel.

Televised bullriding to team up with Silver Spurs Rodeo

Special to the Herald

The Silver Spurs Riding Club ropes in the CBR Bull Ride and the long-established Silver Spurs Rodeo to tie down the very best entertainment you will find in Central Florida at the new Silver Spurs Arena, April 24-25.

The wildest, heart-pounding eight seconds to be shown on national television will explode into action at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, as the CBR Bull Ride makes its debut into the Silver Spurs Arena. Only bucking bulls and professional cowboys will share the spotlight on Saturday evening with some of the world's best rodeo clowns and bullfighters, sure to keep the crowd in stitches while they avoiding getting any themselves!

The CBR, committed to bringing the very BEST in the sport of professional bucking bull riding to the area, launched its first season in 2002. CBR events are televised through the nationally syndicated Outdoor Channel.

On Sunday, April 25 at 2 p.m., the tradition and heritage of the Silver Spurs Rodeo will ride into action. Rodeo fans will be entertained by the country's best cowboys and cowgirls competing in breathtaking events such as bull riding, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, and barrel racing. The world famous Silver Spurs Quadrille team will also showcase their award-winning talents as they perform challenging square dances on horseback.

The chutes open for the CBR at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 24 and the Silver Spurs Rodeo kicks off at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 25. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children (3-12 yrs.). Florida residents will receive \$5 off per adult and \$2 off per child with a valid Florida I.D. I.D. required per adult in party. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the

Silver Spurs Arena Box Office, located in Osceola Heritage Park at 1875 Silver Spur Lane, off Hwy. 192, the box office is open Monday-through-Friday, 10 a.m.-to-5 p.m. or through Ticketmaster, log onto www.ticketmaster.com.

Both events are held in the high-tech, brand new Silver Spurs Arena, located in Osceola Heritage Park. Fans and cowboys alike will enjoy the climate controlled, multimillion dollar facility, which is home to 8,300 extra-wide seats, the latest in state-of-the-art, advanced lighting, audio and electronics, and the ultimate in rodeo watching comfort: 12 luxury suites, featuring bar and restaurant service.

The 120-acre Osceola Heritage Park, which includes the Osceola County Stadium, the Exhibition Building, Outdoor pavilion, KVLS Pavilion and University of Florida Extension Services has been developed as a showplace of facilities that honors and celebrates the Kissimmee/St. Cloud community and its agricultural and cattle ranching heritage.

The Silver Spurs Rodeo was founded by the Silver Spurs Riding Club in 1944 to promote good horsemanship and good fellowship in Osceola County, the Silver Spurs Rodeo today is one of the most successful rodeos in the country. Steeped in history and an icon of the area's rich cattle ranching heritage, the Silver Spurs Rodeo has been a signature event in the Kissimmee-St. Cloud area for more than half a century.

For additional information on the CBR or the Silver Spurs Rodeo of Champions, call 407-67-RODEO or go to www.silver-spursrodeo.com. For information on the Kissimmee/St. Cloud area, go to the Kissimmee-St. Cloud Convention and Visitors Bureau call 800-333-KISS or visit www.floridakiss.com.



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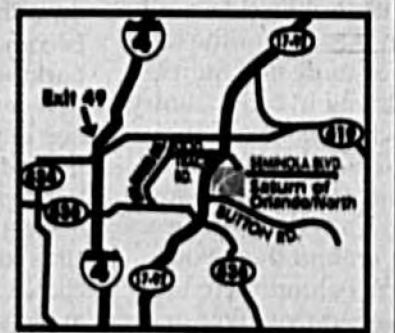
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Brantley bounces back

Jamile Weeks helped Lake Brantley rebound from a district loss to Lake Mary on Friday with an 11-0 whipping of Lake Howell on Monday.

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Police suspect abduction of six month old



Authorities believe Eliezer Robles and Shantee Koger abducted Koger's six-month-old child that was in the custody of relatives.

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating a parental abduction, at a residence on Jay Drive in Altamonte Springs. The incident was first reported to law enforcement at around 10:30 a.m. on April 19.

The sheriff's office is seeking two subjects for questioning, 18-year-old Eliezer "Elijah" Robles and 18-year-old Shantee Koger.

Koger reportedly abducted her daughter, who was in the legal custody of relatives. Koger was visiting the residence where the child was staying at the time. She allegedly took the child. It is believed Koger and the child may still be in the area.

Seminole County Sheriff's Office investigators believe the child, identified as six-month-old Yhanna Koger, could potentially be at a risk, based on the mother's past history. Koger is described as a black female, approximately 5-foot 3-inches, 100 pounds. Robles is a black male, approximately 5-foot 7-inches, 150 pounds. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact investigator Dana Ortiz at 407-665-6650.

Seminole Smile



Michelle Thatcher — Executive Director Seminole Soil and Water Conservation District Board

Shooting suspect tracked down in Ariz.

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

Victim in critical condition; police seek 2nd man narrowly missed being shot

SANFORD — Police thought they had cornered the suspected shooter in the Thursday morning incident near Sanford's historic district only to find out they were a half day too late and he was on his way to Arizona.

Sanford police and sheriff's office deputies converged

Saturday at the Port of Sanford, located off Orange Boulevard on Lake Monroe, as witness accounts led them to a docked houseboat at the marina. With the blue minivan used in the

shooting in the marina parking lot, the Sanford Special Tactical Unit waited for the man to emerge who they thought riddled 25-year-old Troy Letray Dixon, of Cedar Creek Circle,

Sanford, with three gunshot wounds in the 1400 block of Oak Avenue.

But while Dixon lay unconscious at Orlando Regional Medical Center in critical con-

dition, police say Jeremy Allen Keller, 20, of Cary Street, Deltona, had already made his way to Jacksonville Friday to board a Greyhound bus. Sanford Investigator Chris Woehr estimates that Keller was taking a bus bound for California sometime Friday afternoon — only after missing his first scheduled bus earlier

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Airport sustains steady growth

By Dan Ping
Editor

SANFORD — Passenger traffic at Sanford's airport continues to post triple-digit increases at a time when the Bush administration's most optimistic projections indicate modest but steady growth throughout the nation's airports.

Department of Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta told an aviation forecasting conference that he expects airline traffic to increase in the United States by 6.8 percent during the next two years. A growth rate of that size would put the number of U.S. airline passengers at pre-Sept. 11, 2001 levels by 2005.

At Orlando Sanford International Airport (OSIA), however, passenger counts were up nearly 150 percent in March versus March 2003. It was the third consecutive month that overall traffic at OSIA increased by a triple digit percentage over the same month in 2003.

"You're going to continue to see some fantastic growth numbers throughout the summer," said Larry

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T railhead urnaround

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — A group of active citizens are paving the way for improvements to the Rinehart Road trail.

The 2.3-mile stretch of trail from Lake Mary Boulevard to County Road 46A is undergoing a facelift that includes the addition of multiple exercise and rest stations, and improved landscaping and irrigation. The initial project is due to be completed this summer, but the group known as the Be A Trailblazer Inc. are continuing their efforts to support the betterment of the trail and possibly extend itself to other recreational areas of Lake Mary.

The not-for-profit organization was founded several years ago when the neighborhoods of Timacuan, Manderley, Woodbridge and The Hills of Lake Mary approached the city to dress up the bleak, black-topped trail on the east side of Rinehart Road. With the addition of a fifth partner, The Forest, the consortium of neighborhoods was inspired by the prospective chance of changing the landscape of the city's only trail that connects the county's Seminole Wekiva Trail and Cross Seminole Trail.

The group has raised about \$230,000

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Herald photos by Tommy Vincent

Lake Mary Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Kathy Gehr and Trailblazer co-chairs Darrell Jarvis (left) and Allan Plank take a seat at the first completed rest station on the Rinehart Road trail.

LM expansion continues with municipal complex

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — A developer can log quite a few miles in city of Lake Mary. From finalizing plans at City Hall to obtaining building permits on the other side of town, customers can often find themselves driving back and forth along Lake Mary Boulevard.

A new facility at 911 Wallace Court, located off of Rinehart Road, will provide one-stop shopping while adding city services for the citizens of Lake Mary, said City

Manager John Litton.

Officials broke ground Friday on the \$5.3-million, 38,000-square-foot municipal services complex that will house the city's fire department, building department, planning and zoning, public works offices and a community senior center.

"This will bring all the customer issues to one location," Litton said.

Duke Construction, of Orlando, was rewarded the design-build contract and purchased the 4.5-acre site for the facility

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Lake Mary City Manager John Litton (left) and Mayor Thom Greene revel at the prospect of a proposed city facility that will provide better fire services, one-stop shopping for city customers and a senior community center.

Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

State attorney's office remembers dedicated employee



Kathy Corso's children (left to right) Kimberley, Billy, Paige and Michael hold a plaque honoring their mother's work at the state attorney's office.

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

SANFORD — Known as a loving friend and dedicated mother throughout the community, there was another side to Kathy Corso that few were able to witness.

Corso, who passed away Nov. 14, 2003, after a 6-year fight with breast cancer, was an asset in the 18th Circuit District State Attorney's Office in downtown Sanford. Spending two separate stints at the office for a total of more than 11 years, Corso touched

the hearts of many children with her ability to ease their fears and concerns.

"One of things that stood out about Kathy in the child abuse division is that she was so engaging. That is was one thing that struck me with the kids," said Stewart Stone, child abuse sex crimes division chief.

For her strong-willed spirit and dedication not only in her battle for life, but also at her job Corso was posthumously honored last week as the office's Pride and Excellence Award was named in her

remembrance.

"We feel we are very fortunate people because we have grown to love Kathy and all the things she did," said Seminole-Brevard State Attorney Norm Wolfinger. "Some of the special things that stuck out to me are the kind heart she had. She would always have a smile and something nice to say."

In attendance for the occasion were a host of Kathy's relatives and her four children, Kimberley, 21, Billy, 19,

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