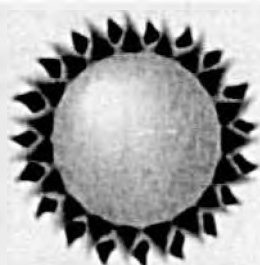




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Briefly

Winter Springs Commission to consider transportation agreement

The Winter Springs City Commission will consider approval of support for a joint Transportation Enhancement Application with Orange County, Seminole County, Oviedo and Winter Springs. Public hearings scheduled include those concerning the proposed Town Center District and the possible annexation of 29 acres of the L.D. Plante Property.

The Winter Springs City Commission meeting is Monday, April 10 with a workshop at 5:30 and the regular commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. at 1126 E. SR-434.

Today is ...

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Today is the 98th day of
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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1927, a television image of Herbert Hoover was transmitted from Washington, D.C., to New York City. It was the first long-distance television transmission.

On this day in 1949, "South Pacific," a musical based on James Michener's "Tales of the South Pacific," opened in New York City.

On this day in 1970, for his performance in "True Grit," John Wayne received the first Oscar of his career.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:
William Wordsworth (1770-1850), poet; Walter Winchell (1897-1972), journalist; Billie Holiday (1915-1959), singer; James Garner (1928-), actor, is 72; Jerry Brown (1938-), U.S. politician, is 62; Francis Ford Coppola (1939-), director, is 61; David Frost (1939-), TV personality, is 61; Tony Dorsett (1954-), football great, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1963, Jack Nicklaus won the Masters golf tournament.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Good evening Mr. and Mrs. America, from border to border and coast to coast and all the ships at sea. Let's go to press."
Walter Winchell

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (April 4) and first quarter (April 11).

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Warnings lifted from St. Johns

By Bill Kerna
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Health officials in Seminole and Volusia counties on Thursday lifted warnings concerning participation in recreational activities on the St. Johns River.

A Sanford sewage treatment plant dumped about 7 million gallons of partially treated sewage into the St. Johns River over the weekend. Based upon test results released on Thursday, the river water has returned to the level it was at before the discharge, according to health officials.

Health officials say effects of sewage release have diminished

Seminole and Volusia officials tested river water at the spot where the sewage was discharged and 500 yards upstream and downstream. The water was discharged near Wayside Park off of U.S. Highway 17-92 on the Seminole-Volusia border, just west of the Interstate-4 bridge.

Warning signs placed at Wayside Park

and Hidden Harbor Marina were removed this morning. Volusia County officials also sent a letter to residents of the St. Johns River Estate subdivision saying that the bacterial levels of the river water had returned to normal.

"The water tests were satisfactory," said John Cochran, director of the Seminole County Health Department's

environmental health section. "We have lifted the water advisory. However, it is not an approved drinking water supply."

Even before Saturday's incident, the water in the St. Johns River was not safe for drinking without proper treatment. In addition, it is not routinely tested for bathing water quality, health officials said.

Paul Moore, director of utilities for Sanford, said that he does not believe there ever was a public health hazard resulting from the discharge. Tests performed by the city on Saturday are

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Young Inventors



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Millennium Middle School students Nick Marrinson, Allison Giardino, Heather Walker, and Amanda Ohbayashi invented the Kiddie Katcher, a device designed to reduce the number of injuries and deaths from crib-related accidents. The students also invented Pack Rax.

Students vie for national awards

By Bill Kerna
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Four seventh-grade students at Millennium Middle School in Sanford are already accomplished inventors.

The students — Heather Walker, Amanda Ohbayashi, Allison Giardino, and Nick Marrinson — finished second overall in the nation last year for the invention of Pack Rax in the Bayer/National Science

Foundation contest that challenges students to use science and technology to develop solutions to community issues.

Pack Rax can be used underneath seats on school buses to hold book bags and other items that tend to clutter the aisles.

The group has formed a licensed business and is working with the Seminole County school-district's Transportation Department on the testing and development of the invention. Not resting on their laurels,

the same group of four students are regional semifinalists in the competition this year for their invention of a Kiddie Katcher.

"There is nothing like this on the market," said math teacher Vera DeLoach, who has sponsored the group two consecutive years. "We have done a lot of research. The kids have really been working hard on this since October."

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Name change for Airport Boulevard draws criticism

Seminole County
Commission will
consider change
to honor Martin
Luther King, Jr.

By Bill Kerna
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Complaints from residents and businesses living on Airport Boulevard may keep the street from being renamed for civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

The Sanford City Commission is requesting that Seminole County rename Airport Boulevard in honor of King. The proposal will be discussed by the Board of Seminole County Commissioners on Tuesday.

However, residents and business owners have been calling Seminole County Commissioners and writing letters to complain that renaming the street would force them to change their legal mailing addresses, an expense that many do not wish to undertake.

Seminole County Commissioner Daryl McLain, whose district includes Airport Boulevard, said he has received dozens of phone calls and letters in opposition to the proposed name change.

"For a business, dozens and dozens of business cards and other items would need to be changed and that's very expensive," McLain said. "For individuals, every relative would need to be notified and every credit card would need to have the address changed."

County staff is researching

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All-American girl



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent
Amanda Baker uses her cardboard American flag as a sun shade. She and her classmates at Iolynwide Elementary School were participating in Olympic type events.

PI pleads guilty to fraud

From Staff Reports

DELTONA — A private investigator has confessed that she defrauded her clients of proceeds from unclaimed property that she had located for them. Diana Lovell, 49, of Deltona, appeared Wednesday before Volusia County Circuit Court Judge C. McFerrin Smith III, and pleaded guilty to charges of grand theft and scheme to defraud. Lovell reportedly closed her business and turned herself in when she became the subject of a joint investigation

by the Division of Financial Investigators of the Florida Department of Banking and Finance, the Florida Department of State, and the Volusia County Sheriff's office.

Diana Lovell was the owner of Green Investigative Agency, at 928 Deltona Blvd., Suite D. According to investigators, she located missing property for her clients by utilizing the Department of Banking and Finance unclaimed property program, but either failed to provide proceeds to her clients, or only provided partial pay-

ments. It is estimated that over 50 victims were defrauded of approximately \$400,000. Victims were in several Florida cities, eleven other states, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Lovell is scheduled to appear before Judge Smith for sentencing on June 20. She is currently free on \$3,000 bond. According to the State Attorney's Office for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, sentencing guidelines for these offenses could mean a prison term of between 22 months and 30 years.

Smokeless in Sanford ...

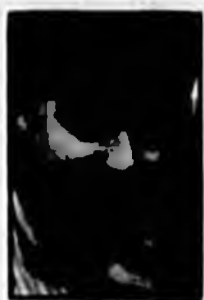
Hiz honor Larry Dale has kicked the smoking habit, a sure sign Big Tobacco is in trouble and one reason for the cleaner spring air over Sanford.

No one is more impressed — and relieved — with Dale's sacrifice than his long-time pal, County Commissioner Daryl McLain.

"The mayor didn't just smoke cigarettes, he munched them," McLain said. "I never saw him with cigarettes. He'd burn one off another smoker. When he was really intense, he'd smoke your whole pack. He'd also blow smoke in your face."

Dale testified Thursday that he was both moucher and the

mouched. "Sheriff (Don) Eslinger munched from me and me from him," Dale said.



Russ White

McLain, too, has stopped smoking. "It's a millennium pact with my wife Barbara," he said. "We're building a new home this year, and we're not going to smoke anymore. I started as a teenager. I've stopped a couple times, but this time's for good."

The greatest of men — and women — have puffed night and day and lived with the criticism.

"It has always been my rule never to smoke when asleep, and never to refrain when awake," writer and humorist

Mark Twain proclaimed. Writer and humorist H.L. Mencken told friends, "I never smoked a cigarette until I was nine."

It's too late to save Twain (Samuel Clemens) or Mencken. They're long gone. Both lived a good while. Twain was 75 when he died, Mencken 76. Those are good live spans smoking or not. I've never had a cigarette in my life, and I'd settle for living to 75.

No surgeon general has ever offered proof that smoking is helpful to one's life but maybe that's because no smoker has been a surgeon general in recent history. I can't remember if Ben Casey or Dr. Kildare smoked. Nurse Ratched, perhaps.

There's a glamour shot of actress Rita Hayworth, looking sultry and smoky. Rita gave such good face. I'm sure this seductive pose of hers encour-

aged other women to smoke. Most Hollywood stars did cigarette advertisements in the 1940s and 1950s.

You may wonder how someone like myself — with so many faults — has never had a cigarette. The answer is very simple. By refraining from drinking coffee and tea — I've never had either beverage — I've built a resistance to tobacco.

Having said this, I must add that stopping others from smoking may be even more hazardous to your health than smoking itself. You don't mess around with smokers. You don't give hints or offer advice. You just let nature take its course.

Larry "Smokeless" Dale is once again looking like the Best Mayor ever.

Russ White's column appears daily in the Seminole Herald.

Police Log

DUI
Lake Mary — Harold Letter, 57, 1631 Gulfview Drive, Maitland, was stopped by Lake Mary Police Officers at 8 p.m. on April 5. He was charged with DUI.
Casselberry — Paul Cavallini, 50, 1117 Helen Street, Casselberry, was stopped by Sheriff's Office Deputies at 9:40 p.m. on April 5. He was charged with DUI.
Altamonte Springs — Lauren

Canfield, 23, 325 S. North Lake Blvd., was stopped by Altamonte Springs Police Officers at 1 a.m. on April 6. She was charged with DUI.
Casselberry — Mark David Porter, 32, 9820 Dean Woods Place, Casselberry, was stopped at 1:16 a.m. on April 6. He was charged with DUI.
Grand Theft
Altamonte Springs — Eric Wiener, 18, 389 Lorraine Drive,

Altamonte Springs, was arrested by Altamonte Springs Police Officers at 12 p.m. on April 5. He was charged with Grand Theft/Burglary.
Larceny
Altamonte Springs — Tammy Davis, 30, 201 Melody Lane, Casselberry, was arrested by Altamonte Springs Police Officers at 10 p.m. on April 5. She was charged with Larceny.

Battery/Domestic Violence
Oviedo — Joseph Palazzolo, 40, 2941 Hunters Lane, Oviedo, was arrested by Oviedo Police Officers at 8:15 p.m. on April 5. He was charged with Battery/Domestic Violence.
Winter Springs — Michael Stoffel, Jr., 44, 616 Dolphin Road, Winter Springs, was arrested by Winter Springs Police Officers. He was charged with Battery/Domestic Violence.

Briefs

Habitat for Humanity
 Habitat for Humanity in Seminole County is seeking volunteers for the Thrift Store and lovely new boutique (antiques and collectibles). Store hours are 9 to 5 Monday through Saturday. Volunteers choose hours, days and duties. To volunteer, phone Marianne Van, store manager, at 407-688-8874. The store is located at 2621 S. Orlando Drive in Sanford.

Paddington Bear
 Paddington Bear will be on hand to welcome the Easter Bunny at the Seminole Towne Center Saturday, April 8. Showtimes are 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. The Easter Bunny will arrive at the 2 p.m. show. It will be held in the lower level, J.C. Penney Court. Children will receive special gifts.

AARP driver courses
 The AARP 55-Alive Mature Driving Program will be held at three locations in Seminole County during the month of April. The eight-hour course is designed for motorists age 50 and older, and addresses the physical changes that can affect

older drivers. Tuition is \$10 to be paid at the first class. Scheduled times are April 24 and 25, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at South Seminole Hospital and Florida Rehab.
 For additional information, phone 407-351-0932.

The Herbal Bed
 The Seminole Community College Fine Arts Theatre will present Peter Whelan's The Herbal Bed, on April 7, 8, 14

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 6-3-2

and 15 at 8 p.m., and April 9 and 16 at 2 p.m. The drama is based on a real-life event involving Shakespeare's eldest daughter. Directed by Paul Luby, it features SCC students and young Aty Cornelias from Red Bug Elementary School.

Tickets are \$6 for the general public, \$5 for senior citizens and students from other schools, and free to SCC faculty and students.
 For additional information phone the box office at 407-328-2040.

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Obituaries

PEARL DUGGAR BATES
 Pearl Duggar Bates, 96, Winter Haven, died Thursday, April 7, 2000 at Wedgewood Manor. Born April 16, 1903 in Whigham, Ga. A longtime resident of Sanford, she moved to Winter Haven in 1985. She was a school teacher and principal in Seminole County. She was a member of Baymer United Methodist Church.
 Survivors include son, Larry J., Winter Haven; sister, Bronnie Weigman, Tallahassee.
 Crisp-Coun Funeral Homes, Inc., Winter Haven, in charge of arrangements.

MARIE ISBELL
 Marie Isbell, 98, Cherry Hills Drive, Sun City Center, Florida, died Wednesday, April 5, 2000 at Longwood Retirement Village. Born Aug. 11, 1901 in Chicago, Ill., she moved to Central Florida 25 years ago. She was a retired special education teacher, past game show host, past reporter for the Chicago Sun Times, and a member of the Chicago Teachers Union. She was a Catholic.
 Survivors include daughters, Jill Seery, Sun City Center, Joy Greene, Grass Valley, Cal.; grandson, Jerry Haug, San Jose, Cal.; great-grandson, Amber Haug, San Jose.
 Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

HELEN CAROL ROYALTY
 Helen Carol Royalty, 63,

Almond Street, Orange City, died Thursday, April 6, 2000 at Memorial Hospital, West Volusia. Born in Washington, D.C., she moved to Central Florida in 1968. She was a private nanny and a member of First Baptist Church of Orange City. She was a former pre-school teacher and youth Sunday school teacher at her church.
 Survivors include husband, Ronald E.; sons, Barry Ball, DeBary, Thomas Alan Rhodes, Geneva, Richard Daniel Rhodes, Enterprise; brother, Walter Appenbriht, Jr., DeLand; sisters, Dot Barley, Orange City, Katherine Lewis, Frederick, Md.; ten grandchildren, one great-grandchild.
 Bakklauff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

ANNA JANE SHELLBAKER
 Anna Jane Shellbaker, 84, Hunt Court, Deltona, died Tuesday, April 4, 2000 at her residence. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., she moved to Central Florida in 1980. She was a homemaker and Lutheran by faith.
 Survivors include sons, John Harry III, and Charles Robert, both of Deltona; daughters, Judy Ann Hartman, Deltona, Susan Jane Pickens, Levittown, Pa.; 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren.
 Bakklauff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

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Religion

Holy Cross Lutherans will break from Lent for a pre-Easter feast

By Russ White
Staff Writer

The Rev. Paul Hoyer is going to put Lent on hold for 72 hours next weekend, allowing the worshipers at Holy Cross Lutheran to experience a pre-Easter Festival of Joy.

On Friday, April 14, the Angelo Ballesterro Band will perform at the Lake Mary Church. On Saturday, April 15, there will be an Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m., a prayer and praise service at 5:30 p.m. and a 7:30 p.m. passion concert performed by the Praise Choir. There will be a traditional Lutheran

Palm Sunday service at 8 a.m. Sunday, a procession at 10:45 a.m. and a family festival service at 11 a.m.

"A good many of our younger parishioners aren't as up on Lent as they are Easter," Pastor Hoyer said. "We've decided to have a weekend of joy before entering the solemn phase of Holy Week. God intended for us to experience both joy and sorrow and to rise just as Jesus did at the Resurrection. Easter is the triumph of joy over sorrow."

Holy Cross Lutheran, located at 760 Sun Drive off Lake Mary Blvd., was established 15 years ago by Pastor

Hoyer. The body of believers has risen from 40 in 1985 to 700 baptized members today. The church staff now includes four full-time and 20 part-time employees.

Hoyer is a fifth-generation Lutheran minister with a masters of divinity from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He and his wife Betty have raised four children, Sara, Benjamin, Meredith and Jacob. Hoyer is a past president of the Lake Mary Rotary and the Chairman of the Seminole County YMCA. He's also served on the Lake Mary Land Planning Board and coached youth baseball.

A visionary, Hoyer has helped 220 young people become members of the Youth Ministry at Holy Cross. The church has purchased a five-acre site off Highway 46 where it is building a full day care-center and Christian school. The first and second grades will begin classes in 2000-2001 — other classes will expand through the eighth grade.

Another community-minded project that Hoyer wants to start is an adult day care for elders.

"The purpose of each activity at Holy Cross," Hoyer said, "is to bring Jesus to those who don't yet know

Him, serve the needs of the community and nurture the faith of the members."

Hoyer is enthused by the number of young people who have become church regulars. There's a high level of activity at the church, Hoyer attributes much of the enthusiasm to Deanna Schott, the director of music and the arts at Holy Cross. Schott is working on a masters degree in divinity.

The most joyful sounds ever at Holy Cross are on tap next weekend when everyone steps out of Lent before preparing for the work leading into Easter Sunday.

Is praying for \$1 million a bad thing?

Judging by the millions who are tuning in to the Regis Philbin quiz show, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" a lot of people would give anything to see those six zeros decorating their bank statements.

I wonder if any of them have considered praying for \$1 million. Many who haven't, probably think money is an improper subject for prayer. It would be "using" God. Besides, they probably don't think praying for \$1 million would work.

This point of view has its paradoxes. I mean, the same people who think it is improper to pray to be rich do not see anything wrong in trying to get rich without praying. Does bringing God into it make it bad?

These people wouldn't hesitate to pray to find a job if they were out of work. If they believe God

could find them a job paying \$800 a week, why can't he find them one paying \$21,000 a week? (That comes out to about \$1 million a year.)



George Plagenz

There are some people who are sure prayer can do it. Los Angeles minister Rev. Joseph Murphy is one of these people. In one of his books, he tells the story of a man who owned a hamburger stand in Illinois.

"Finally," Murphy says, "he got tired of living from week to week. He read one of my books in which I said, 'Your subconscious mind has ways you know not of. Give it the idea of prosperity and it will do the rest.'"

The man decided to impregnate his subconscious mind with the idea of getting \$1 million. Every night, he stills his mind and entered into a quiet, relaxed mental state. He focused all his attention on a million-dollar deposit in

his bankbook.

The man repeated this little drama every night. At the end of one month, things began to happen. He married a very wealthy woman who loved his ambitious, zeal, enthusiasm and dreams for accomplishment. She bought a restaurant for him that proved to be a tremendous success. He soon opened two branches. He also made some investments in oil stocks that grew fantastically.

What does this have to do with religion?

Murphy — and there are other clergymen who hold this view (most of them on the West Coast) — maintains that "the kingdom of God within you" of which Jesus spoke is located in the subconscious of each of us."

In this view, the subconscious is like the soil. Any seed (thought) put into it will sprout.

The secret, according to Murphy, is to "silently decree morning and night that God is making you wealthy in mind, body and affairs. Feel the reality of this, and you will never want for anything."

But what about the \$1 million?

"Through concentration and focused attention, convey to your subconscious (which is your Lord) the idea of \$1 million. In due season, this infinite power and intelligence that Jesus always called upon will answer you," Murphy said.

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Cohen to discuss 'Christ in the Passover' Sunday

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What do the Jewish Passover and Jesus' Last Supper have in common? Hyam Cohen, speaking on behalf of Jews for Jesus, will answer that question in a presentation entitled "Christ in

the Passover" at Central Baptist Church, 3101 W SR-46 in Sanford, on Sunday, April 9 at 6 p.m.

Using a visual display of traditional Passover accoutrements, the "Christ in the Passover" presentation

enhances the Christian's understanding and appreciation of the Jewish background of the Christian Communion. Ancient and modern Jewish customs are discussed and described with an emphasis on the aspect of redemption which Christ accomplished at Calvary.

A table is set with the traditional Jewish Passover items, including representative foods which are explained, but not eaten. The ceremonial seder plate, the three-compartment plate in which the matzo (unleavened bread) is kept, as well as the traditional cup of Elijah are presented, and new insights to their chronological significance are provided.

Some of the most important elements of Christian doctrine, such as the Trinity, the principle of substitutionary atonement and salvation through a personal relationship with the Messiah, are implied in the seder (Passover feast) as observed by Orthodox Jews every today. The Christ in the Passover presentation is one way Jews for Jesus can help Christians appreciate the Jewish roots of the Christian faith.

Those attending the special "Christ in the Passover" program at Central Baptist Church, Sunday at 6 p.m., will also have the opportunity to examine materials and pertinent literature. This program is open to everyone to attend and a love offering will be taken for Jews for Jesus ministry.

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Briefs

St. Luke's Lutheran

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Orlando, will be holding Concert No. 3, Sunday, April 9, at 4 p.m. The concert, now in its fifth season, features a regional choir of over 50 voices presenting a Bach Anniversary Concert, under the direction of Dr. Paul Foelber, with a professional chamber orchestra.

All concerts are free, and nursery care for small children will be provided.

For additional information, phone the church at 2021 W. SR-426, 407-365-3408.

Presbyterian

Due to a conflict of schedules, the concert by tenor David Whitehead, originally part of the Music at Markham Woods series scheduled for Sunday, April 9, has been cancelled. The cancellation concludes the concert series at Markham Woods Presbyterian Church for the 1999-2000 season.

Holy Cross Lutheran
Holy Cross Lutheran Church,

760 Sun Drive in Lake Mary will

feature the Angelo Ballesterro Band with a special contemporary Christian musical service Friday, April 14. Admission is \$5.

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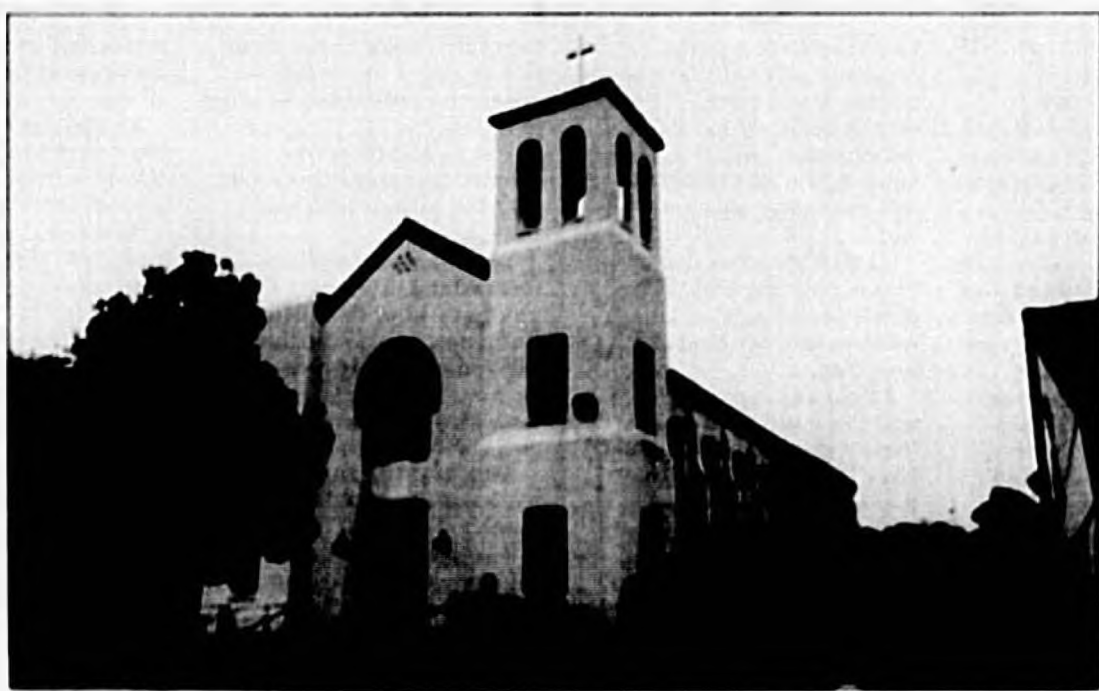
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Life Style

Wife fears having to pay the piper

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 18 years, and we've been through thick and thin. My husband knows all my fears, weaknesses and strengths. So why can't I get advice from him when I need him the most? I'm afraid he will think I am weak, stupid and careless. I'm afraid he will not love me anymore and will leave me.

We have two boys, and it costs a lot to raise a family these days, what with groceries, personal items and clothing. I try to make everyone happy, and it's killing me. What's ironic is that my husband thinks I'm a good money manager. I shop with coupons, etc., and tell him how much I've saved. He thinks it's great. I hate deceiv-

ing him.

My problem: We are approximately \$17,000 in credit card debt. My husband is unaware of our financial situation. There is also a \$3,000 loan that he does know about. He thinks \$50 is a lot of money, so how do I begin to tell him we owe \$17,000?



Dear Abby

Hiding payments to the credit card companies is so stressful. The funny thing is, I didn't spend any of the money on stupid stuff. The gas cards are used because once everything else is paid, there's no money left for gas for the vehicles. Then there are family birthdays, special occasions, etc. — and no cash for that — so I use the store credit cards. The Visa is mostly for cash advances to pay for

groceries or to supplement a checking account that has gotten too low. I think, "I'll pay this all off soon and he'll never know." But it doesn't happen, and I'm caught in this mad cycle that never ends.

Abby, I'm going crazy. Please help me with some good, sound advice. I don't want to lose my husband. I love him.

I help anyone who needs it and I'm good to my husband's mother and family. I have had to forgive him on many occasions for things he has done in the past. Can he possibly forgive me?

For many months I have gone to bed at night asking God for guidance. I think he told me to write to you.

DROWNING IN DEBT IN LOUISIANA

DEAR DROWNING: Please stop flogging yourself. You haven't done any-

thing that hasn't been done to a lesser — or greater — degree by thousands of other people.

The Federal Reserve reports that credit card debt hit \$366 billion in January 1999.

Your husband will be understandably upset that you have kept this information from him. However, viewed rationally, you and he have far more invested in your 18-year marriage and two children than money.

Stop stalling and tell your husband of your predicament.

The secrecy and not reviewing your expenses together are what have allowed this problem to get out of hand in the first place.

You and he can regain control of your finances by contacting the National Foundation for Consumer Credit (NFCC), a non-profit organization that provides

education and counseling services on budgeting and credit.

To contact the NFCC member office nearest you, call toll-free from a touch-tone phone: (800) 368-2227.

You can also get information from the NFCC Web site: www.nfcc.org. Please don't put this off any longer, because the organization can provide you with a workable solution to your problem.

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Counting a home's years

Houses have a distinct life cycle and will eventually show their age. Here are some problems home shoppers should watch for.

Although something on the order of a million new homes are built in this country every year, the typical American house is now nearly 29 years old.



Barbara Hughes

And given that homeowners move once every 12 years or so, the average house is currently occupied by its third owner.

Of course, how well that house has held up over the years depends a great deal on how well it was constructed and how its various inhabitants have taken care of it.

But houses are like pieces of machinery. No regard of how careful their occupants have been, they have a certain life cycle. Surprisingly, prime time for a house is the third through the seventh year, not the first two, according to one of the country's first independent home inspectors.

A Sample of What Can Go Wrong

- First two years — Tough to tell, unless you monitored construction. Generally, tract houses have fewer problems than custom houses.

- Third through the seventh year —

The ground holes may be sinking, causing swales or sinkholes.

Exterior paint may have faded. Caulking is cracking.

- Eighth through 15th year —

Sidewalks and patios that weren't built on compacted soil may need to be replaced.

Appliances may need to be repaired or replaced. These include dishwasher, disposal, washer, dryer, and water heater.

Heat pump and air-conditioning units are on the way out, and poorly maintained has furnaces have had it by now, as well.

Kitchen and bath fixtures may need to be replaced. Misfired gutter nails are pulling loose.

Economy trim such as plywood panels on bay windows may be showing signs of rot.

Settling may have caused doors to jam and windows to stick.

Asphalt driveways will need to be resurfaced. Stairs, bathroom floors and walls may sag, reflecting weak framing.

- Sixteenth through 25th year —

Asphalt shingle roofs need to be replaced.

Gas furnaces and air-conditioning units need to be replaced.

The second dishwasher probably will have to be replaced, as will the original refrigerator and range.

Aluminum siding has lost much of its color.

Wood that has not been kept well painted has rotted. Gutters may be rusted out.

If you are aware of these issues, you can make a better decision when you are negotiating the purchase of an existing home. Happy house hunting!

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Each year, 9,000 crib-related injuries and 54 deaths occur, DeLoach said. The Kiddie Katcher is designed to reduce the number of injuries and deaths. The prototype consists of a hinged frame attached to a crib. When the frame is extended, netting designed to catch a falling infant unfurls.

When the crib is properly balanced with weights, the netting should hold up to 100 pounds. Should a fall occur, an alarm system attached to the netting alerts parents.

"I feel like this could be a really good thing for babies," said Heather Walker, who is part of the group. "If you don't have a netting, a baby falls on the floor, he could die or suffer severe brain damage. He's be badly hurt. The net will prevent him from falling."

The Kiddie Katcher is designed to be easily used and can be attached to existing cribs or built into new models. The students tested their prototype with weights and developed a

system of counterbalances to ensure the crib does not tip over.

The invention is currently one of the top three entries in the region, including Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi. Nearly 2,000 students participated nationwide.

On April 17, 10 of the 30 semifinalist teams will be named winners of an all-expense paid trip to Epcot, staying for one week at the Walt Disney World Resort from June 20-26. They will compete in the Bayer/NSF Award's National Championship, an event held in conjunction with the Discover Magazine Awards for Technological Innovation.

If the students finish in first place in the contest, they will each win \$5,000 college scholarships. Second place, which the group did win last year, means each student wins a \$3,000 scholarship. Third place winners win \$1,000 scholarships.

However, what the group is particularly hoping for is a \$25,000 Columbus Foundation Community Grant to be used as

seed money for their business.

The group has fond memories of their week at Disney last year, including getting a glimpse at the science and technology behind the scenes at Epcot and the Magic Kingdom.

Each of the four students have different goals for their future. However, they all said that creativity and teamwork is something that will be part of their lives, no matter what career they pursue.

"We're always going to be looking at new ways of doing something," said Amanda Ohbayashi.

Amanda said she is not certain what she wants to be in the future.

"Last week I wanted to be a lawyer," Amanda said. "Then, a month ago I wanted to be an actress."

Heather Walker said she may become a businesswoman. Allison Giardino said she would like to be a Marine Biologist.

Nick Morrison said that he might follow in his father's footsteps and become a veterinarian.

Warnings

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Sunday following the discharge found that bacterial levels were well below state limits.

"I'm glad that the warnings were lifted, but we never had a problem with the city's water supply," Moore said. "We've always had the same bacterial levels. They never got any worse as a result of the discharge. I don't feel there was a public health issue."

However, the city still may face possible punishment from the state for not notifying health department officials when the discharge occurred on Saturday. Instead, city workers only left a message on a telephone answering machine belonging to the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Some sort of punishment is likely, although plant officials have until the end of this week to submit a report explaining what happened, said John Bowles, an environmental specialist for the state Department of Environmental Protection.

The city called state environmental and health officials at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Bowles said.

Moore said that city workers followed state regulations.

Sanford Mayor Larry Dale also defended the actions of city workers.

"Perhaps we can learn from this experience," Dale said. "But, from what I understand, our workers did follow proper procedures as they are written by the state Department of Environmental Protection."

Workers at the Sanford Water Reclamation Facility dealt with an equipment malfunction for 21 hours Saturday and Sunday by emptying two giant retention ponds until 7 million gallons of wastewater had flowed into the river on the west side of Lake Monroe.

The equipment malfunction began at 2 p.m. Saturday. The malfunction resulted in partially treated effluent mixed with fully treated effluent being discharged to the St. Johns River near Seminole County's Wayside Park.

The discharge continued until Sunday at about 11 a.m. During this time, a total flow of 92 million gallons were discharged to the river. The flow consisted of reclaimed water, reject water not meeting reclaimed water's quality standard, and partially treated sewage or effluent.

Moore said the discharge was the culmination of a series of problems related to the filtration of unusually high algae levels in the city's water supply over the last two weeks.

The water had to be pumped from the city's treatment plant near the Central Florida Regional Hospital to the discharge point several miles to the west.

The water that ended up in the river had gone through a first phase of cleansing, so it was cleaner than raw sewage.

However, it had not been disinfected of potentially dangerous bacteria and did not meet the standards of "reclaimed water" used by the city to irrigate lawns.

Moore said that it is unclear how much untreated sewage was released into the river.

This is not the first time that a discharge has occurred at the Sanford plant. The state Department of Environmental Protection fined the Sanford plant \$3,400 in October 1998 for a wastewater discharge in which workers dumped water into the river three times during a two-week period but did not tell the agency for another week.

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how many individuals and businesses would be impacted by the proposed renaming of Airport Boulevard, which is a main thoroughfare through the city.

McLain said he does not want to take a hasty action that the county could later regret.

County and city officials have been meeting regarding the emerging controversy. In addition, McLain recently met with Sanford City Commissioner Velma Williams to discuss the matter.

"Hopefully, we'll come up with a great plan to honor Dr. King and we'll have an ideal of all the ramifications," McLain said. "I'm not interested in a knee-jerk reaction. This has been rushed through, and we need to avoid problems down the road."

Williams, the lone black member of the City Commission, has long advocated renaming a street in honor of King. In response to the complaints, she is suggesting a compromise. To avoid the proposal becoming what Williams terms a "political football," she sug-

gests that the county dedicate the street "MLK — Airport Boulevard."

This way, the street would still be dedicated in honor of the slain civil rights leader, but residents and businesses would not be forced to change their legal mailing addresses from Airport Boulevard.

"I am disappointed of course that people are opposing it," Williams said. "To address their concerns, let's not rename the street, let's just dedicate it. I am saddened by this, but I do understand their concerns."

Inmate attacks two deputies

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — An inmate at the Seminole County jail faces additional charges after refusing to remove pictures from his isolation cell window and door Wednesday night, then becoming violent.

Albert Jones, 36, of Orlando had been placed on a Level 1 suicide watch and must be visible at all times. When he was ordered to remove several pictures from his cell window and door, he refused.

A shift supervisor and a detention deputy entered the cell and ordered Jones to stand away. Jones told the deputies that they could not enter his cell. He then lunged towards the supervisor and pushed him in the chest, according to jail administration.

The deputies attempted to

restrain Jones, but he pushed them out of the cell and slammed them against the wall. Assistance arrived and Jones was restrained by the use of handcuffs and leg irons.

Detention Deputy Jose Santiago sustained a 2 to 3 inch bruise to his forehead. After the incident, he appeared disoriented. Medical personnel responded to assess any injuries. Deputy Santiago was transported to the emergency room, where he was treated and released.

Sergeant Mark Nelson sustained an injury to his elbow. The facility medical personnel treated Nelson. Medical personnel also saw the Jones. He sustained only minor injuries.

Jones has been charged with two counts of Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer. He will remain on Special Management

status. His first appearance was Thursday at the Seminole County jail.

During the disturbance involving Jones, a female visitor became verbally aggressive towards a detention deputy. She was in the lobby waiting to visit with another inmate. She began to excite other people in the lobby by accusing the correctional staff of beating the violent inmate.

The detention deputy asked her to step away from the window, but she refused. A supervisor responded and requested her to step outside.

She continued to argue and express her displeasure over the way deputies were handling the violent inmate. She was directed to leave the facility, and her visitation was canceled. No charges were filed against her.

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With construction just getting underway, we want to assure you we'll work hard to keep

inconveniences to a minimum and listen to suggestions on how we can continue to support our communities.

So come and join us! Our partners at the Central Florida Zoological Park are hosting Family Day and admission to the zoo is free! We'll be offering mini-bus tours back and forth to the plant, plus lots of other interesting and educational exhibits, and refreshments.

For a truly dazzling science demonstration, don't miss FPL's "Electrifying Experience" show - headed by renowned former geologist and instructor Robert Knapp - at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

For directions, visit www.centralfloridazoo.org and go to "Facts & Tickets," or call Bob Coleman at (904) 254-2350.



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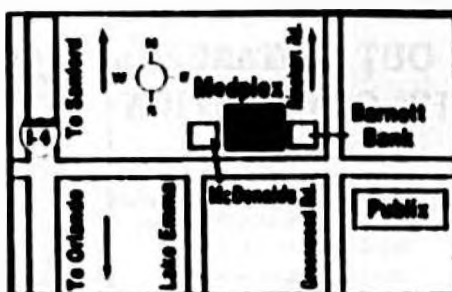
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Community Briefs

MS Walk

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society Mid Florida Chapter is hosting the annual MS Walk on April 8, at Glenridge Middle School. Registration for the 5k walk is 9 a.m.

Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic, potentially disabling disease of the central nervous system. Proceeds from the walk support local programs that help Seminole, Orange and Osceola Counties.

For additional information about registering or volunteering for the MS Walk, phone the National MS Society Mid Florida Chapter (toll free) at 888-950-9000. Locally, phone Ruth Gaines, coordinator of volunteers at 407-323-0253.

Oviedo Carnival

The Oviedo High School Athletic Booster Club is holding its annual Spring Carnival now through Sunday, April 9. All money raised from the carnival will go to help the various athletics at Oviedo High School.

Featured will be midway rides, games, entertainment, food, and fun for all. The event will be held on the high school grounds. Tickets will be on sale at the gate, but advance ticket purchases can be arranged at half price, at the ticket booth in front of the school, which will operate until April 6.

Man commits crime because 'mom' told him to earn his keep

By Bill Kerne
Staff Writer

SANFORD — An 18-year-old Altamonte Springs man claims that his "mom" told him to steal jewelry and blank checks from area homes to earn his keep in their household.

Eric Wiener admitted his involvement in several Altamonte Springs area burglaries and told investigators the woman he calls mom, 37-year-old Cheryl Amador, said he needed to bring in money if he was to stay with her.

He told investigators that she instructed him on how to break into homes. In addition, he said he was told to get checkbooks because they would be able to cash the checks with fake identification.

Although they were not related, Wiener and Amador lived together at 289 Lorraine Drive Apartment 343, Building 5. His parents reportedly live outside of Central Florida, perhaps in South Florida, investigators said.

On March 1, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office arrested Amador and accused her of grand theft, fraud, forgery and burglary. She would later bond out of jail.

Following the latest arrest of Wiener, Amador is a suspect of new crimes, said Steve Olson, spokesman for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

"This lady was the mother-figure for this 18-year-old kid," Olson said. "For most kids, their parents will say to pull their weight around the household. She apparently took him under her wing, and told him to pull his weight by committing burglaries."

Wiener is accused of stealing cash, blank checks, jewelry and Nintendo games from homes in the Altamonte Springs area. He faces charges in five cases by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office and Altamonte Springs police. The charges include burglary, dealing in stolen property, larceny and grand theft.

He was served with an arrest warrant at the Seminole County Jail Wednesday by Altamonte Springs police on the charges of burglary and grand theft. He made his first appearance at the Seminole County Jail on Thursday.

Wiener was first arrested Feb. 24 as a suspect in several burglaries in the Altamonte Springs area. He admitted to being involved and told investigators Amador said he needed to bring in money if he was to stay with her.

Celebrity Auction
Members of the fifth grade at Stenstrom Elementary School have written to local celebrities asking them to donate memorabilia for a Celebrity Auction, to be held from 1 until 6 p.m., Saturday, April 8. There will be celebrity auctioneers as well as members of the media on hand.

Money raised will be used for technology used at the school. The event will be held in the multi-purpose room at Stenstrom Elementary School, 1800 Alafaya Woods Blvd. in Oviedo.

Book fair

Just in time to stock up on books for those long summer days ahead, Lake Mary Elementary will host its Spring Book Fair in the school's media center, 132 S. Country Club Road in Lake Mary. The community is invited to attend and share the love of reading with the whole family. A vast selection of the best books for children, computer software, art and science kits, parent resource books, and much, much more will be offered. In addition to school hours, the fair will be open Wednesday, April 12 in the evening. Clifford the Big Red Dog and Curious George will be our special guests. All proceeds from the fair are used to purchase more books for the Media Center. For more information call the school at 320-5650.

Pet lovers

Pet rescue organizations from throughout Central Florida will take part in PetPalooza 2000, Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Oviedo Marketplace. Representatives will be available to answer questions about their organizations and provide informational literature regarding pet care and adoption. Many different types of animals will also be on display.

Organizations involved include Animal Rescue

Foundation, Oviedo Pet Shop, Humane Society of Seminole County, and Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida.

For more information about PetPalooza 2000, contact Jeff Johnson, Marketing Manager, at 407-977-2400, ext. 7020.

Seminole Spokes

Seminole Spokes Welcome Wagon Club of Seminole County will hold its monthly meeting at Maison & Jardin, Altamonte Springs, on Wednesday, April 12, at 11:30 a.m. The program will be on the Joy of Collecting Antique Glass.

For reservations or information phone Ann at 407-302-9331 or Lynne at 407-465-9690.

Celebration of Life

Sanford Crisis Pregnancy Center invites all interested persons to attend the Celebration of Life, the annual benefit with Gianni Jensen, a survivor of an unsuccessful saline abortion. The event will be held Saturday, April 15, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Wekiva Assembly of God, 1673 Dixon Road, Longwood. Cost for the event is \$15 per person, which includes a sit-down dinner and program. Tickets may be obtained at the Sanford Crisis Pregnancy Center, 1002 French Avenue, the Northland Church Bookstore in Longwood, or the Wekiva Assembly Bookstore, also in Longwood.

Day in the Park

Altamonte Springs Department of Leisure Services will present its 4th Annual Day in the Park, Saturday, April 15 from noon until 6 p.m. The event, at Westmonte Park, 624 Hills Lane, is free to the public.

Activities include music, door prizes, clowning, games, pony rides, moon walks, contests, swimming, and much more.

For additional information phone 407-869-2516.

Easter Egg Hunt

The City of Winter Springs

Parks and Recreation Department will hold its fifth annual Easter Egg Hunt in conjunction with the Grand Opening of Trotwood Park, Saturday, April 15. Ribbon cutting and the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. In addition there will be moon-walks, refreshments and other events.

The park will have a fishing pier, pavilions, basketball courts, softball fields, tennis courts, lighted walkways, and many other features. It is located at the intersection of Trotwood Blvd. and Northern Way. Free tickets are available at City Hall, the Senior Center, fire stations and the Parks and Recreation Department.

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THIRD ANNUAL SEMI-NOLE HIGH SCHOOL LADY NOLES FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL/BOO DOUBLEHEADER

SANFORD - Come on out to the Seminole High School Softball Field on Saturday (April 8) and dig into the best bar-b-que ribs and chicken ya'll find anywhere.

The bar-b-que will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the field located behind the football field and the meal includes one chicken quarter, two ribs, beans and slow for just \$6.

Also on the schedule will be a variety/junior varsity fastpitch double-header between the Fighting Seminoles and Deltona High School Wolves.

The junior varsity game will begin at noon with the varsity game, which will be an important district contest, set for a 2 p.m. start.

Cost to attend the two games will be \$4, giving you a chance to enjoy a good meal and exciting softball for just \$10.

Come join the fun and support the Lady Noles Fastpitch Program.

Call 407-320-5260 for questions and tickets go on sale Monday, April 3rd. Tickets can also be purchased at the gate the day of the event.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LACROSSE OPENS

LAKE MARY - The opening day of the middle school lacrosse season is this Saturday morning, March 8th.

The league is made up of players from all over Central Florida and represent Middle Schools from Seminole and Flagler counties.

There will be a single game played at 8:30 a.m. and two games played at 10 a.m. at the complex of fields behind Lake Mary High School and Greenwood Lakes Middle School in Lake Mary.

Admission is free and the public is invited.

2ND JEFF BLAKE FOOTBALL CAMP

SANFORD - The Sanford Youth Football and Cheerleading Association (SYFA) will hold registrations for the Second Annual Jeff Blake Football Camp and the 2000 Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading Season.

Registration will be held at The Sports Authority, 100 North Entrance at the Seminole Towne Center Mall on the following Saturday's: April 15th and April 29th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registrations will also be held at Just For Feet at the Seminole Towne Center Mall on Saturday, April 8th and Saturday, April 22nd from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The football camp will be held on Saturday, May 6th and Sunday, May 7th at Seminole High School.

Professional football players (both past and present), Seminole High School coaches, and the SYFA coaching staff will provide instruction.

The five football and cheerleading teams will fill up early this season. You can pre-register with a \$40, non-refundable deposit. The balance will be due by June 1, 2000.

Payment options are:

Jeff Blake Football Camp only - \$90 for both days or \$50 for one day.

2000 Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading Season - \$80 by May 31st, \$95 after June 1st.

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Please see the SYFA Director for information about a Family Plan.

Please make all checks or money orders payable to: Sanford Youth Football Association.

The SYFA Mailing Address is: P.O. Box 2895, Sanford, Florida 32771.

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING INVITATIONAL

ORLANDO - On April 8th and 9th, The Team Orlando Loreleis will host the Gymboree Synchronized Swimming Invitational at the Y.M.C.A. Aquatic Center on International Drive.

Teams from all over the state of Florida and Georgia will be in attendance. The meet is for all Novice and Intermediate swimmers and 13-and-Under year-round swimmers.

The meet will begin at 8 a.m. on both days and admission is free.

If anyone is interested in helping sponsor this event they are encouraged to call coach Mary Rose at 407-339-0380.

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Putting winter to rest

Polar Bear Softball season to end with playoff in Lake Mary

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

LAKE MARY - The final Polar Bear Softball League champion will be crowned tonight when four teams meet in the City of Lake Mary Department of Parks and Recreation Men's Friday Night Polar Bear Slow Pitch Softball League Playoffs at the Lake Mary Sports Complex on Rantoul Lane.

The regular season came to a close last Friday with a pair of high-scoring games that saw several outstanding individual performances.

Lunch Box Bagels scored 15 runs in the third inning to erase a 10-8 deficit and held off a late rush by Mace Aluminum to win 25-19 in just four innings.

The game saw 14 different players score

two or more runs and 13 different players have at least two hits.

But the difference in the game turned out to be 11 bases on balls drawn by Lunch Box Bagels.

In the nightcap, the hottest team in the league of late, Nice 'N Easy, scored four runs in the bottom of the second inning to break an 8-8 tie, then closed out a 25-8, run-rule victory by scoring 18 runs on 14 hits in the bottom of the third inning.

All 11 players in the Nice 'N Easy line-up scored runs, with four batters scoring four runs each, and also had hits, with 10 of those getting at least two hits each.

With last week's results, the final regular season standings are: Fairway Jeep (9-1), Nice 'N Easy (8-2), Blue Haven Pools and Lunch Box Bagels (both 4-5-1), Hill's Gang (4-6), Mace Aluminum (3-7) and

M.T. Muggs (2-6).

Only the top four teams will compete in tonight's playoffs with No. 1 seed Fairway Jeep taking on the number 4 seed, either Lunch Box Bagels or Hill's Gang, at 8:30 p.m. and No. 2 seed Nice 'N Easy facing No. 3 seed Blue Haven Pools at 7:30 p.m. in the semifinals.

The two winners will then return to play the Championship Game at 8:30 p.m.

Providing the offense in last week's games were:

Lunch Box Bagels: four hits - Mark Valentino (home run, triple, five runs scored, six RBI); three hits - Brent Driscoll (triple, double, three runs scored, three RBI), Don Mac (double, two runs scored, four RBI), Terry Hazel (four runs scored, four RBI); two hits - Michael Madole (double, three runs scored, two

RBI); one hit - Ed Jackson (three runs scored, three RBI), Paul Falor (two runs scored, one RBI); three runs scored, one RBI - Donnie Hazel.

Mace Aluminum: four hits - Brad McLain (triple, double, one run scored, four RBI), James Howell (triple, three runs scored, three RBI), Tony Turner (two doubles, four runs scored, three RBI); three hits - Montana Mace (double, three runs scored, one RBI), Brad Zaharto (one run scored, one RBI); two hits - Graham Ellis (triple, two runs scored, two RBI), Jeremy Miller (double, one run scored), Kirby Farmer (two runs scored); one hit - Mike Wittman (triple, two runs scored, two RBI), George Williams (one RBI).

Nice 'N Easy: three hits - Dean Farmer (home run, four runs scored, four RBI), Mickey Cogburn (home run, two runs

It's time to play the game

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

SANFORD - The hard work is over, now the fun begins.

After weeks of tough practices to get back into a semblance of game-type shape, two local football teams can now get down to the enjoyment of talking about themselves, "woofing" if you will, and playing the game itself.

And not to mention raising money for a good cause.

Tomorrow night (Saturday) at University High School in Orlando the 4th Annual Firefighters Charity Bowl Football Game.

The full contact N.F.L. style game features a team from Seminole County Firefighters taking on a squad of Orange County Firefighters.

Among those expected to play for the Seminole County team are former Lyman High School and Seminole Community College basketball player Craig Radzak and World Class Master Skier Mike Sulber.

In April of 1999, over 3,000 spectators attended the 3rd Annual Firefighters Charity Football Bowl and more than \$8,000 was raised for the Missing Children Center, Inc.

This year's game will begin at 7 p.m. and once again all proceeds from the event will benefit the Missing Children Center, Inc. located in Seminole County and over \$2,100 have been raised from sponsors and pre-ticket sales.

The PA announcers for the game will be from radio station XL 106.7, while local celebrities like "Hucksaw" Jim Duggan from World Championship Wrestling, Inc. and the coach and players from the Orlando Predators Arena Football League Team as well as other former and present NFL players will attend the game and be available for autographs.

The game will also be televised by Time Warner Cable and the Sunshine Network.

So if you need a mid-year fix for your football habit, why not come on out to University High School (located on Eastwood Drive, south of SR 50 off of Alafaya Trail, the road in front of the University of Central Florida out of Oviedo, in East Orlando near 10th) and cheer on your local Fire Fighters and support a good cause.

Tickets are only \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 4-to-10 and children three-and-under are free.

For information call: Barbara Lense, 407-462-1554; Bruce Williams, 407-324-9529; or Denise Donnelly, 407-384-3097.

Lions edge Rams girls in lacrosse OT battle

By David Guineas
HERALD CORRESPONDENT

LAKE MARY - It was a night for celebrating as the Lake Mary Rams took on the Oviedo Lions in a Seminole Athletic Conference girls lacrosse match at Don T. Reynolds Stadium Thursday.

It was Senior Night for the Lady Rams as the nine seniors were honored prior to playing the last home game of their careers at Lake Mary.

The Lady Lions, however, got to celebrate following the game as Molly Young knocked in the game winning shot with under 30 seconds remaining in the second overtime to give Oviedo a 10-9 decision over the Rams.

The game was close from start to finish, with neither team able to build a lead of more than two goals.

Less than two minutes had gone by in the first half when the Lady Lions got on the board first with Jen Card scoring from few feet out making the score 1-0 in favor of Oviedo.

Lake Mary quickly responded with a goal of their own when Kendra Ahearn scored to tie the game 1-1 with 20:08 remaining in the first half.

The Rams would take a 2-1 lead when Erin Kozel scored with 17:43 remaining in the half.

The teams would trade the lead throughout the remainder of the first half with the Lady Lions holding a 7-6 edge at intermission.

The second half was a total defensive effort by both teams as they tallied a combined six goals in the final half compared to the 13 combined goals scored in the first half.

Ahearn would score again for Lake Mary to tie the game at 7-7 with 18:51 remaining in the game, but Oviedo would take the lead once again when Monette Hudson scored her third goal of the night with 18:18 remaining.

The Lady Lions would tack on one more goal when Mary Kate O'Rourke put one in the net with less than 10 minutes remaining in the game putting the visitors up 9-7, their biggest lead of the night.

Lake Mary would not give up just yet however, as the Lady Rams scored a goal with 8:15 remaining to tie the game 9-9.

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Lady Patriots post big lacrosse win

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ALAMONTE SPRINGS - Even with its leading scorer on the shelf, the Lake Brantley girls lacrosse team proved that it is still pretty good, claiming a huge 10-9 Seminole Athletic Conference victory over Winter

Springs at Tom Story Field Thursday night.

Lindsay Belbeck stepped into the void left by Kelsey Hill's absence, scoring three goals and handing out an assist as the Patriots improved to 12-2 on the season.

Also contributing for the winner's were A. Hall (two goals, one assist), H. Hopkins (two goals), B. Cominsky (one goal, three assists),

E. Hogan and Lisa Hecht (one goal each) and B. Nieting (one assist).

S. Bauder also turned in a strong game in goal for Lake Brantley, stopping 15 Bears shots.

Bailey netted a game-high five goals for Winter Springs, which fell to 7-3 and missed See Preps, Page 2B

Raiders reeling after most recent loss to Lake-Sumter

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LEESBURG - While its chances of a winning season were gone long ago, the Seminole Community College baseball team had shown signs over the past couple of weeks of improving to the point of at least being a thorn in the sides of the Mid-Florida Conference elite.

But after suffering back-to-

back losses to St. Johns River Community College and Lake-Sumter Community College this week, conference teams that the Raiders have similar records to, SCC is now just fighting to stay out of the M-FC cellar.

Thursday at Matulia Field in Leesburg, the Lake-Sumter Community College Lakers took advantage of some shoddy fielding by the Raiders to grab control of the game early and never let

up, handing SCC a 9-2 setback.

The Lakers took a 1-0 lead in the second inning. D. Crews doubled and S. Gierke walked ahead of a sacrifice bunt by T. Gray. But the next batter struck out and it looked like the Raiders would get out of the inning unscathed when the next batter grounded to third.

But the throw was dropped by the SCC first baseman, allowing Crews to score.

The third inning started the same way for Lake-Sumter as G. Powell again led off the inning with a double and scored when J. Huether got all the way to second on a throwing error.

Huether in turn scored on a single by S. Hicks, who advanced to second on a botched pick-off throw and scored on another double by Crews.

Gierke walked for a second time and Crews moved over to

third on a fly before scoring on a single by B. Sommer after a strike out.

The inning still was not over, however, as the next batter reached on an error to load the bases and G. Powell was hit by a pitch, forcing in the fifth run of the inning.

The Lakers increased the lead to 8-0 with single runs in the fourth and fifth inning. See SCC, Page 3B

