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Arts Alive in Seminole auditions

The Arts Alive in Seminole! Committee is seeking students and staff in the schools who have visual or performing talent they would like to audition. Performing art talent auditions will be held on Monday, August 23 and Tuesday, August 24 at Lake Mary High School.

The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools will hold the Third Annual Arts Alive in Seminole! on Thursday, Oct. 7 at the Orlando Museum of Art. The event will showcase the talent of students and staff in Seminole County public schools.

The evening will include vocal and instrumental performances. Visual arts, from students and staff, including paintings, drawings, photography, and sculpture, will be displayed. Many of the performers have won state or national acclaim and have appeared professionally.

There will be a silent auction of cultural arts items.

All proceeds from the event will support The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools to promote the fine arts.

Any staff or student who is interested in participating may call 320-0161 to request an audition time.

In addition, Corporate sponsorships are being sought. Companies interested in supporting the arts in public schools can contact Dede Schaffner, Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools, 320-0176.

Oviedo High School dividend coffee on Sept. 14

Oviedo High School will kick off the year with a dividend coffee on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 9 a.m. in the Media Projects Room, building 2100. Anyone interested in becoming a dividend for the 1999-2000 school year is invited to attend.

In other school news, the 1999 Oviedo High School Lion's Tale Newspaper has received an All American rating with four marks of distinction from the National Scholastic Press Association. Deborah Jepson advises the publication, which is printed eight times during the school year.

In addition, Oviedo High School art teacher Pam Coffman has been named Florida High School Art Teacher of the Year by the Florida Art Educators' Association. Nominated by her peers, the Board of the Association selected Coffman for the honor. She will compete for the Southeast Region Teacher of the Year. Coffman was the 1999 Teacher of the Year for Oviedo High School.

Quote

"All work is empty save when there is love."
Kahlil Gibran

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Petition drive appears successful

By Joe DeSantis
Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — Organizers of a petition drive designed to force 13 proposed changes to the city's charter onto the fall ballot said Monday they have been successful in their mission.

Nadine Tolos, one of the drive's supporters, said after two weeks of walking various Longwood neighborhoods, a total of 886 signatures have been collected and turned over the city clerk Geraldine Zambri for verification. Zambri also serves as the city's supervi-

Organizers gather nearly 900 signatures; await certification

sor of elections. Tolos said the efforts of about 10 supporters will be notarized this week.

"I'm satisfied we got more than our required quota plus a buffer," she said. "I feel pretty safe all of the proposed charter amendments will make it to the voters in November."

Approximately 725 signatures — 10

percent of Longwood's registered voters — were necessary to get recommendations brought forward by the city's Charter Review Committee on the Nov. 2 ballot.

"People read about it in the newspaper, and they were waiting for the petition to come around," Tolos said. "I was amazed by the reaction of the residents

of Longwood. We only ran into about two dozen voters who said they wouldn't sign because they were just adamantly opposed to petitions."

Jo Arne Rebello, another of the petition drive organizers commented that she was amazed at the reception to the petition.

"People wanted to know what each and every one of the amendments was about," said Rebello. "They took the time to discuss the issues as we were walking the petition."

Commissioner Rusty Miles actively

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Brandi Chastain visits Sanford Sports Authority

Herald photo by Arch Boothe

USA Womens Soccer team member Brandi Chastain was in Sanford Friday and Saturday to help celebrate the grand opening of The Sports Authority. On Friday, Chastain signed autographs during a VIP event and on Saturday she held a "Kids' Press Conference," which was attended by more than 100 kids and their parents.



Seminole schools seek federal reading grant

Six elementary schools would benefit from FLARE funding

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Florida is receiving the largest single competitive grant in the state's history from the U.S. Department of Education.

The \$26 million grant will concentrate on the Florida

Department of Education's goal of having all children reading on grade level by the end of grade three. The grant, which is titled Florida Literacy and Reading Excellence (FLARE), also contains components aimed at family literacy.

Tom Gallagher, commissioner of the Florida Department of Education, said that special consideration will be given to schools with grades of "D" or "F" in a recent statewide evaluation.

Seminole County School Board officials say they intend to apply for the maximum amount

of funding available from the grant, and that funds would be used to benefit the six elementary schools that received "D's" in the evaluation.

"I'm sure that whatever we write would include a component for those schools," said Jean Moon, grant writer for the Seminole County school district.

The Florida Department of Education is requiring that reading strategies include research-based methods and materials, as well as teacher and staff development activities.

"Statistics indicate that as

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Ethics board throws out complaint

WATCH DOG complaint found to be defective

By Joe DeSantis
Staff Writer

SANFORD — The Florida Commission on Ethics has rejected the complaint of a number of Seminole County homeowners against members of the Seminole County Commission.

With little comment the com-

plaint was returned to the Seminole County Attorney's office Monday. The Ethics Commission said it had no jurisdiction in the complaint and that the complaints were not properly filed, named too many defendants, and that improper forms were used.

Robert Bugnacki, one of the homeowners on Orange Boulevard who has been at odds with the commission over rezoning of density in the rural area, alleged in his complaint that

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Gov. Bush taps Wright for environmental post

By Russ White
Staff Writer

ORLANDO — If he isn't already the most visible figure in the territory, attorney Ken Wright has just won himself another 15 minutes or more in the limelight.

Governor Jeb Bush has appointed Wright to chair the statewide Environmental Regulation Commission (ERC).

Wright, a partner in the law firm of Shutts & Bowen LLP, currently serves on the Orlando Sanford Airport Authority. He

— or his firm — represents a number of land owners and developers in Seminole County and also are contracted to do legal work by the county itself.

Wright is a financial adviser to Seminole County Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide in his Election 2000 campaign. Wright is also on Rep. Bill McCollum's (2000 Senatorial candidate) initial statewide finance advisory committee.

Wright, 51, is a former member of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Committee.

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Students register for classes



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Students line up for registration at Seminole Community College. Registration for fall semester courses continues through Aug. 20. Late registration for classes will be Aug. 23 through 27, and students registering during that time will be assessed a late fee. For more information, call 328-2418.

Pee Wee Reese was always a great shooter

He was the captain and shortstop for a fascinating baseball team — the Brooklyn Dodgers. His name was Harold but no one called him that. From the time he was a Louisville schoolboy playing marbles with a pee-wee shooter, he was "Pee Wee" Reese.

Reese, who died Saturday, had 2,170 hits and made three times that many brilliant fielding plays. If Reese hadn't missed three seasons during World War II because of Navy duty, he probably would have been the Dodgers all-time hit leader.

No Dodger was more popular than Pee Wee Reese. No Dodger played a more significant role in accepting Jackie Robinson to the big leagues. One day when Robinson was being insulted by voices from the opposing team's dugout, Reese walked to Robinson and put an arm around him. "I never forgot that day," said Robinson.

At 81, Reese was besieged by health problems. He had battled prostate and lung cancer. He made it to a few of the recent Hall of Fame ceremonies. He was inducted to Hall in 1984. His many friends kept in close touch by letters, phone calls and visits.

As a 17-year-old Naval

Reservist on the destroyer escort Decatur in the summer of 1957, I was with a bunch of crewmates who went to see the Dodgers play the Chicago Cubs in a doubleheader at Ebbets Field. That was the Dodgers last year in Brooklyn. They moved to Los Angeles a year later,



Russ White

Reese's last as a player. The Dodgers were concluding an infield drill when we came into the park. The captain — Pee Wee Reese — was gobbling up fungoes and throwing strikes to first baseman Gil Hodges. Reese's fresh white uniform had a big No. 1 on it. No name, just a big No. 1. Oddly, Reese was at third base. Charlie Neal played 100 games at short that year, Reese played 75 at third.

It was 25 years later when I spotted Reese in one of the dugouts at the stadium in Montreal. He was there for the 1982 All-Star Game. He was 64, graying and weighing 30 pounds more than his 1941 playing weight of 140. He had on a suit and a tie.

We began talking about Gil Hodges. It was apparent Reese thought highly of the late Dodger first baseman and manager of the 1969 Miracle New York Mets.

"Gil would be alive today if

he hadn't gone into managing," Reese said. "That's what shortened his life. That's what made that big heart quick ticking." Hodges had a fatal heart attack in April, 1972.

Reese was a coach one year but never wanted to be a manager.

"I don't know if I could have handled 25 guys," he said. "I never wanted to manage."

Reese said he had an offer to manage the Dodgers but he said, no. Walt Alston got the job. Reese did some broadcasting work and went back to his home in Kentucky.

Not many of the great Boys of Summer I saw at Ebbets Field in August of 1957 are still alive. Hodges and Reese are gone. Roy Campanella and Carl Furillo are gone. Don Drysdale and Jim Gilliam are gone. Duke Snider and Carl Erskine remain. So lives a certain kid with that 1957 team, Sandy Koufax.

Some of us kids had bubble gum cards of the old Dodgers. They used to cost a penny a pack. One card. One stick of gum. You could get five cards and a stick of gum for a nickel. Pee Wee Reese's 1950 Bowman card had a fine head and shoulders picture. He had a look of satisfaction. He was happy to be a Dodger.

Wish I had that card today.

Russ White's column appears Thursday through Saturday in the Seminole Herald.

Police Log

DUI Arrests

Longwood — August 13. Daniel Alan Peters, 38, of Plaza Oval Drive, Casselberry was stopped by Longwood police on SR 600. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol involving damage to persons or property, and careless driving.

Sanford — August 13. Robert Reynolds, 35, of Ohio Avenue, Sanford, was stopped by Seminole County deputies on Dunbar Street, Sanford. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless driving, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, resisting arrest without violence, and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Sanford — August 15. Jimmel Rodrick Hill, 22, of Richard Allen Street, Lake Monroe, was stopped by Seminole County deputies on North Indiana and Orange Avenue, Sanford. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless driving, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, and resisting arrest without violence.

Winter Springs — August 15. Jackie Bernard McKenzie, 36, of Georgia Avenue, Sanford, was stopped by Winter Springs police on Bargain Boulevard. She was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Longwood — August 14. Peter Zurawiecki, 42, of Lambert Lane, Longwood, was stopped by Longwood police on SR 434.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Sanford — August 14. Erik Carl Brechnitz, 33, of Secret Harbor Lane, Lake Mary, was stopped by Seminole County deputies on

SR 46. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol involving damage to persons or property, reckless driving, and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage.

Obituaries

CECILIA GONZALEZ CARDONA

Cecilia Gonzalez Cardona, 86, Beaty Ct., Deltona, died Saturday Aug. 14, 1999. Born in Arezibo, P.R., she moved to Central Florida in 1989 from Puerto Rico. Mrs. Gonzalez-Cardona was a retired seamstress. She was a member of Spanish Church of God, Deltona, and enjoyed Bible Study.

Survivors include sons, Joseph Louis Machado, Puerto Rico, Rev. David G. Santos, Deltona; daughters, Ana Celia Maldonado, Orlando; Rev. Iris Soto, Brooklyn, N.Y.; brother, Moises Gonzalez, Chandler, Ariz.; sister, Aurora Delgado, Queens, N.Y.; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

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

BRUNNER H. GILES

Brunner H. Giles, 85, Orange Boulevard, Lake Monroe, died Saturday Aug. 14, 1999. Born Feb. 23, 1914 in Tellico Plains, Tenn., he moved to Central Florida in 1929. Mr. Giles was a retired firefighter for the City of Sanford. He was a member of Assembly of God.

Mr. Giles was a farmer, growing vegetables, as well as cattle and pigs.

Survivors include wife, Annie L. Giles, Lake Monroe; daughters, Louise Giles, Lake Monroe; Patricia Watson, Barton, Miss.; brother, James Giles, Lake Monroe; sisters, Rossie Duff, Lake Monroe; Martha Giles, Pensacola; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

JACK HAMN

Jack Hamn, 77, Palm Drive, DeBary, died Saturday Aug. 16, 1999. Born in Hartford, Ala., he moved to Central Florida in 1930 from Hartford. Mr. Hamn was a service technician for Southern Bell. He was a mem-

ber of Pinecrest Baptist Church, Sanford, where he served as a Deacon.

Mr. Hamn was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #655.

Survivors include sons, Herbert S. Hamn, Deltona; Jack Hamn, Hollywood; Michael C. Hamn, Orlando; daughter, Alice Hamn-Williams, DeBary; sisters, Bessie Davis, Knoxville, Tenn.; Doris Jerrett, Orlando; Carolyn Branson, Orlando; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild-Oaklawn Park Cemetery and Funeral Home, Lake Mary, is in charge of arrangements.

TERRY LEE READY

Terry Lee Ready, 53, Garrison Drive, Sanford, died Saturday Aug. 14, 1999. Born in Indiana, he moved to this area in 1991 from DeBary. Mr. Ready was a retired cable layer.

Survivors include wife, Sylvia Ready, Sanford; son, Terry Lee Ready, Jr., Lakeland; stepson, Rodney Albright, Sanford; daughter, Esther Ready, Sanford. Fourtowns Cremation,

Sanford, is in charge of arrangements.

EDNA SHAWGER

Edna Shawger, 92, Wilson Road, Sanford, died Monday Aug. 16, 1999. Born in Accoville, W. Va., she moved to Central Florida in 1957 from Morristown, N.J. Mrs. Shawger was a homemaker.

Survivors include daughters, Bessie English, Sanford; Marie Elliott, Dover, Del.; Helen Craddock, Stuart; Lucille McDaniel, Sanford; son, Leonard Allen, Holden, W.Va.; 17 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild-Oaklawn Park Cemetery and Funeral Home, Lake Mary, is in charge of arrangements.

Funerals

GILES, BRUNNER H.

Graveside services for Brunner H. Giles will be Thursday (8/19/1999), at 10:00 A.M. in Lakeview Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Brunson Funeral Home Wednesday from 6 until 8 P.M. BRISON FUNERAL HOME, 407-322-2131, SANFORD, IS IN CHARGE OF SERVICES.

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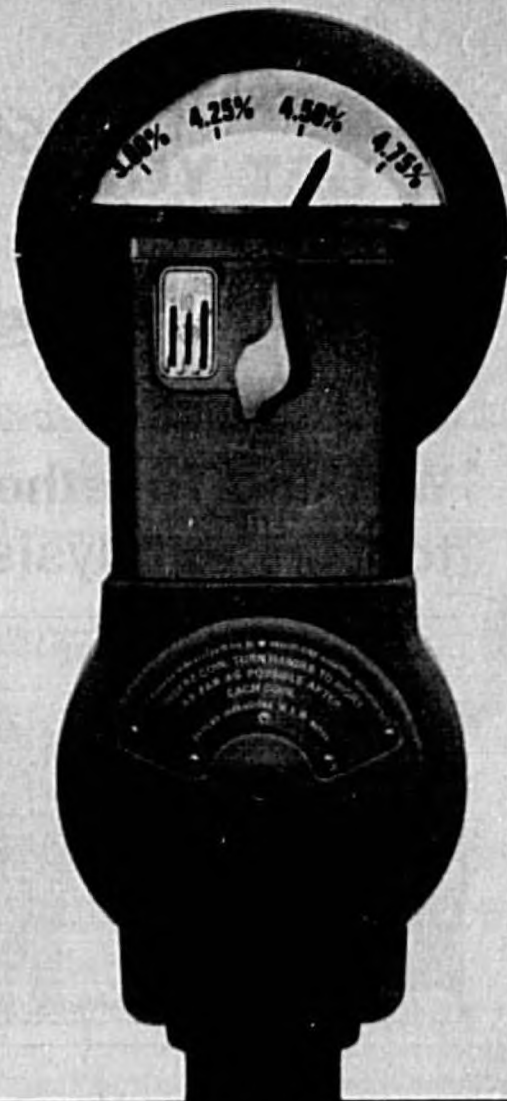
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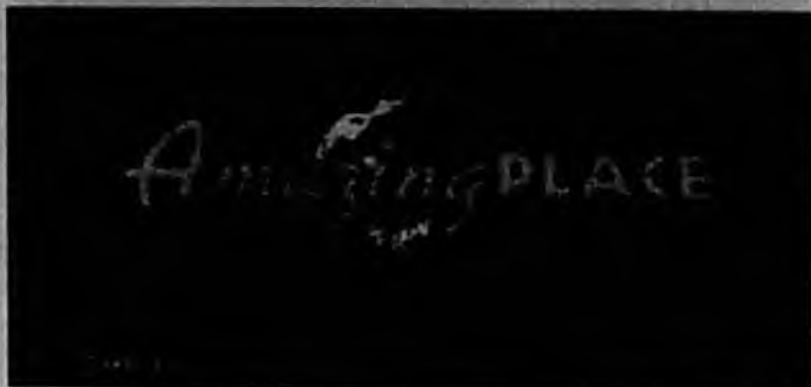
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Mealor to run for state house

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

LAKE MARY—Lake Mary Mayor David Mealor has announced he is running for the State House of Representatives, and at least one city commissioner is seeking to take his place.

Mealor, whose term as mayor will end in November 2000, is seeking election to the State House of Representatives in District 34, which stretches from Lake Mary into parts of Orange County.

Lake Mary Commissioner Gary Brender said that he intends to run for Mayor. In addition, Deputy Mayor Thom Greene has expressed in the past an interest in the position. Greene said he is not ready to announce whether he will run for mayor.

Mealor was elected the Mayor of Lake Mary in November 1996. He had previously served as a Lake Mary

Commissioner since 1988.

A conservative Republican, Mealor said his campaign will focus on improving education, work force development, transportation, crime prevention and enforcement, and small business concerns.

"If we've got an educated workforce and the ability to move our people from into good jobs in an effective manner, I'll be very pleased," Mealor said.

Mealor, who holds a Ph.D. in Education and School Psychology, is the Area Campus Coordinator for the University of Central Florida. He is a Veteran of the U.S. Army who served in Asia during the era of the Vietnam Conflict. Mealor is married with two children.

"We have many issues which need reform in our State Government," Mealor said. "Our community needs a legislator with local government experience to represent our

needs in Tallahassee."

School Board member Sandra Robinson will serve as the Mealor for State House Deputy Treasurer. The Finance Chairman will be Keith Hulbert, and Judy Rankin will be the treasurer.

Mealor said the accomplishment he is most proud of in 11 years working with the City Commission is playing a role in developing a diversified tax base through continued growth without raising the tax rate or compromising services such as public safety.

"In fact, our services have actually increased," Mealor said. Brender said that as Mayor, he would focus on the transition that would need to be made when there is no longer buildable land left in the city for continued expansion.

"The latest estimates I have seen say that we will be out of buildable land in 2007," Brender said. "At that point, we will need to change our strategy



Mealor

from providing services to a growing community to providing services to an established community."

Other announced candidates for the District 34 seat currently held by Bob Starks (R) include Andy Michaud, Mark Michel, and Jeffrey Oneft, according to the Department of State's Division of Elections. Starks' term will end in November of 2000.

Petition

Continued from Page 1A supported the petition drive and was among those who walked neighborhoods to collect signatures.

"I feel strongly the public should have a say in the char-

ter," Miles said. "I have hot feet from walking neighborhoods. I'm glad to see democracy in action and I think the average Joe wants the opportunity to have a say."

The board originally voted 3-1 to place all proposed changes on the fall ballot. But two weeks later with different commissioners in attendance, the commission voted to eliminate

several of the more controversial amendments by a vote of 3-0. Miles and Commissioner Annamarie Vacca wanted voters to have their say. Mayor Paul Lovestrand and commissioners Dan Anderson and Steve Miller said it was the job of elected officials to take the review committee recommendations and ultimately decide which amendments were in the city's best interest.

Among proposed changes in the charter are provisions that would require a four-fifths super majority to hire and fire high profile city employees such as the city administrator, city clerk and city attorney.

Other proposed changes would discuss how a board vacancy should be filled in the event of death, retirement, or removal of a commissioner. The evaluation process of the city administrator and the authority to appoint department heads are also recommended for changes under the proposed charter amendments.

Petitioners had until 60 days prior to the city election on Nov. 2 to secure the required signatures and force the original 13 changes before voters.

Wright

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"I look forward to carrying out the agenda of the Governor for the protection of Florida's most valuable asset, its environment," Wright said. Key issues coming before the ERC include setting water quality standards for the restoration of the Everglades.

At the same time, residents near the Wekiva River are butting heads with the Seminole County officials because of proposed land use changes that would permit development in their area.

Wright represents those wanting the changes. Public meetings are scheduled on the evenings of August 25 and 26.

A resident of Longwood, Wright previously served on the ERC, having been appointed by Governor Bob Martinez to fulfill an unexpired term of then member Bob Mandel.

Other Bush appointments to the ERC include Tracey Duda-Chapman of Winter Park, Wesley C. Skiles of High Springs and Lisa A. Tropepe of Palm Beach Shores.

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Longwood attorney asks judge to step down from lawsuit

By Joe DeSantis
Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — City attorney Richard Taylor has filed a court motion to preclude Circuit Judge Tom Freeman from hearing a case filed by a group of city homeowners seeking injunctive relief and damages from the city.

The homeowners, all residing on Warren Avenue, claim the two-day festival, now in its 23rd year, denies them access to their property, violates their civil rights, fails to compensate them, and opens their property to trespass by festival goers.

Winter Springs attorney Mike Jones filed the complaint on behalf of the homeowners, seeking \$15,000 in actual damages, plus attorney's fees and court costs.

Taylor, who will work on the city's position in the case next Monday in executive session, said he was asking Freeman to disqualify himself from the case and have it assigned to another circuit judge.

"The rulings and the way I've been treated previously in Judge Freeman's court room leaves me to believe there may be some animosity there," Taylor said. "I may be mistaken, but I don't want the city's position in this case jeopardized."

Freeman and Taylor have had a politically adversarial past. As an incumbent on the Board of Governors of the Florida Bar,

Freeman fended off a challenge from Taylor, holding the seat by 11 votes.

Longwood's city attorney said he is still hopeful a compromise resolution can be worked out between the city and the plaintiffs. Taylor requested the board of commissioners withhold comment and conversation with the plaintiff's until an executive session is held August 23.

"The city's position would best be advanced if we presented a united front on this issue," he told the board.

A parade of business owners spoke before the commission Monday night, praising the festival, the city and the Central Florida Historical Preservation Society which sponsors it.

Betty Chandler, a business owner in the historic district told the board: "I've never heard anything negative about the festival. This can be worked out. We should find it in our hearts to get together with the homeowners."

Virginia Damron, another business owner said she felt for the most part the festival peacefully coexisted with residents along Warren Avenue.

"We are willing to honor the needs of the homeowners if they are willing to honor ours as businesses," Damron said. "They are not prisoners. There are inconveniences, but hardly worth destroying the festival over."

Taylor said he hopes to meet

with attorney Mike Jones and his clients in the near future to see if some type of compromise can be reached.

Longwood police chief Tom Jackson had previously met with many of the plaintiffs and provided the board with a written report about altering traffic flow and access along Warren Avenue.

In another development involving the festival controversy, one of the plaintiff's has asked to be dropped from the litigation. William DeRosa, a resident on Warren Avenue delivered a letter to city administrator John Drago late last week indicating he did not want to be part of the suit against the city. Attempts to reach DeRosa for comment were unsuccessful.

There had also been speculation in Longwood that the plaintiff's did not act on their own and that financial resources to hire an attorney and bring the legal action came from business owner and one-time commission candidate Judy Putz. Documents and correspondence to city administrator John Drago suggest that Putz has been copied from Jones' office on the status of the suit.

"I've heard the rumors, too," Putz said Monday. "They are not true. These residents asked me for advice and help in locating an attorney. I referred them to Mr. Jones, but I have not paid to have this action brought forward."

Putz ponders run for commission

By Joe DeSantis
Staff Writer

LONGWOOD — Longwood business woman Judy Putz said Monday she is considering another run for Longwood city commission. Putz lost a special election in April to commissioner Dan Anderson in District 2 following the resignation of former commissioner Ron Sergeant.

"I haven't made a firm decision yet, but I am considering it," said Putz.

The owner of Judy's Dolls, in Longwood's historic district said she has picked up a qualifying package from the city clerk's office and

will make up her mind by September 10. Longwood's qualifying period for the November 2 election runs September 3 through September 10.

"There's a lot that will go into my decision," said Putz. "I'm torn right now because running a successful business takes a tremendous amount of time. But I'm not comfortable with where the current board seems to be headed."

Putz said at this point she has not opened an election bank account or done any fund raising.

"My husband and I have decided that if I run we want to keep the election campaign to an eight-week campaign."

Applicants sought for Brevard County Circuit Court judge

Applicants are being sought to fill a newly created seat on the Brevard County Circuit Court. The term of appointment is for six years and is expected to be filled after Oct. 1, 1999.

Applications must have been a member of The Florida Bar for the preceding five years, electors of the State of Florida, and reside within Brevard or Seminole Counties.

Subject to the approval of a thirty day extension request by the Governor, the deadline for submitting applications is Monday, Aug. 30 at 5 p.m.

Applications will be screened by the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission. Candidates will be interviewed in September on a date to be set. From these candidates, at least three names will be sent to the Governor. The Governor has 60 days from the receipt of the names to make an appointment.

Applications may be obtained from the Judicial Nominating Commission's website at <http://members.tripod.com/jnc/jnc/>. Questions and requests for information should

be directed to Joseph N. D'Achille Jr., Chair, 2323 S. Washington Ave., Suite 210, Titusville, Florida 32780; telephone and fax (407) 383-8448. An original and nine copies of the completed application must be received by Joseph N. D'Achille Jr. no later than 5 p.m. on Aug. 30. Due to the possibility of future judicial vacancies

within the Eighteenth Circuit, all applications will be retained for six months.

The Judicial Nominating Commission has selected David Jackson of Cocoa, Florida to serve a four-year term as a lay member. A roster of commission members can be found on the Judicial Nominating Commission's website.

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"Bacteria love school-room temperatures, which allow them to multiply quickly when there's also a source of food and moisture," said Debby Demory-Luce, a registered dietitian with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

To keep harmful bacteria at bay, she offers the following suggestions.

Before school begins:
Add well-insulated lunchboxes or bags, insulated bottles for hot and cold foods and several days' supply of freezer gel packs to your back-to-school shopping list.

Stock up on shelf-stable foods, such as canned fruit or puddings with pop-top lids, peanut butter, crackers, fresh fruit, bottled water, single serve packets of mayonnaise, and boxes of 100 percent fruit juice. Disposable silverware and individual hand wipes are also a good idea.

At home:
Wash hands, food preparation surface and utensils with hot soapy water before making lunch-box fare. Wash raw fruit and vegetables thoroughly.

Avoid using mayonnaise or mayonnaise-type dressing as a spread or salad base for take along lunches that can't be refrigerated. Handle other perishable foods like sandwich meats with care.

Prepare lunch-box offerings the evening before and store in the refrigerator or freezer. Frozen sandwiches, bottled water and juice boxes offer additional protection and will usually thaw completely by lunchtime.

Tightly wrap cold foods in waterproof plastic and pack around a frozen once pack or juice box.

Pre-heat or pre-chill insulated bottles to maximize the protection they provide. Fill with piping hot water or ice water and let stand a few minutes.

At school:
Store lunchboxes and bags

out of direct sunlight and away from schoolroom radiators.

Discard leftovers. Gel packs and insulated containers won't keep foods safe all day.

After School:

Wash lunchboxes, gel packs and insulated bags with hot, soapy water and air dry. Using a little baking soda helps control food odors. Return gel packs to the freezer.



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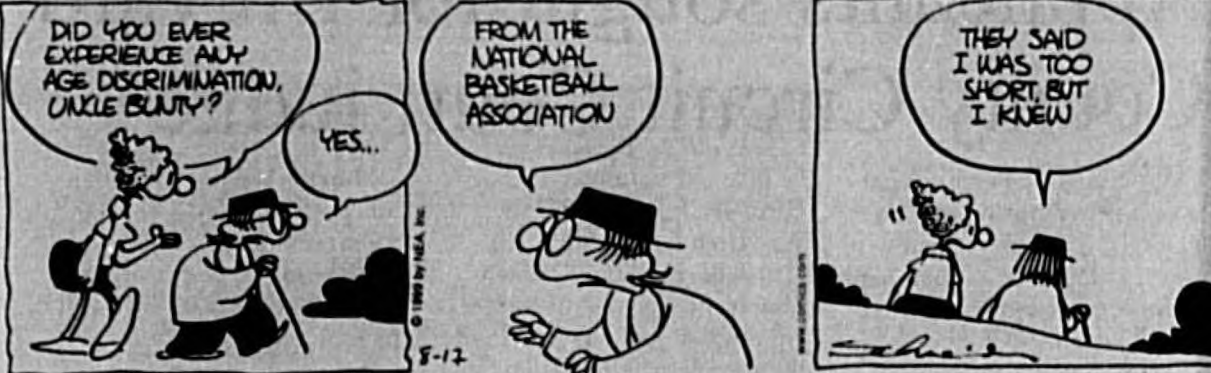
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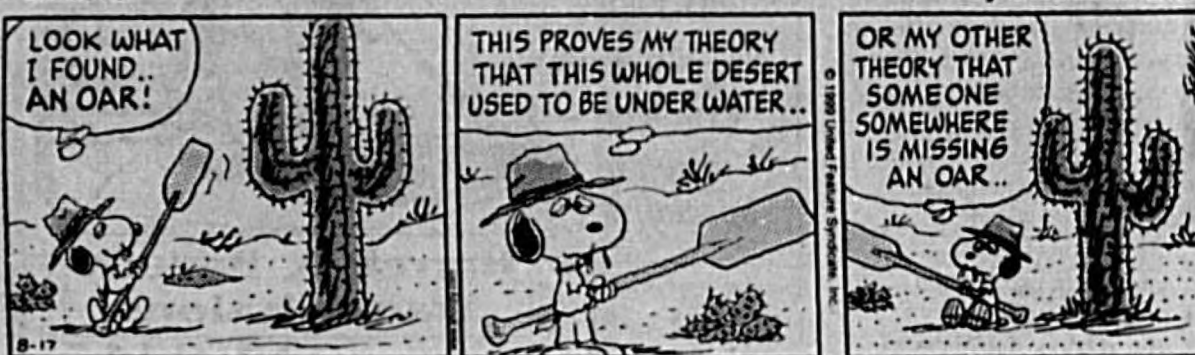
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Wednesday, Aug. 18, 1999

Through your logical handling of a downward trend that might have been plaguing you, you can turn things around in the year ahead that'll bring about a number of favorable changes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're emphasis today might be on transforming what is outmoded in your mind into something useful. A problem could arise when you discover it is still valuable to someone else. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Should someone tell you something in the strictest confidence today, make certain you do not reveal it to anyone else, even a person you think you can trust.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It's good you

can dwell along lines that do not limit your thinking to traditional concepts today. However, check things out with others before you attempt to put anything into action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) So long as they don't step on anyone else's toes, bright ideas you get today pertaining to ways you can further your career can be implemented.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Valuable knowledge can be garnered today through all types of interaction with others. The important thing to keep in mind is helpful insights can even come through losses.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Just because something did not work for another doesn't mean it will not work for you. Do not be unduly influenced by the failure of others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Everything can be ironed out today if you discuss important issues with someone with whom you've been at odds in a manner that is not judgmental or finger pointing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Although you may not get rich today, there are good opportunities around you at work where you can feather your nest to make things a little softer, especially if you don't

exclude others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Because what you say today will have a strong influence over your peers, you must be exceptionally careful. Don't introduce anything negative into a relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't be so quick to prejudice someone negatively and act before you know where she or he is coming from. You could be pleasantly surprised by the support this person is giving you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Seek out companions today whose thinking is more in line with yours, especially when in work related situations. Nothing will be accomplished with those whose views differ from yours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The squeaky wheel is likely to be the one who gets the attention today, but be careful when you speak up that you do so in an unoffensive manner or what you get might be an ax instead of oil.

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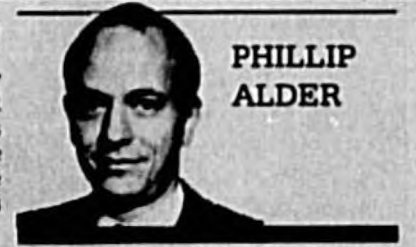
WIN AT BRIDGE

First to nine — or five

Three-no-trump contracts usually develop into a race. Can declarer get to nine tricks before the defenders snare five? Well, who should win the sprint in today's deal? West leads the spade seven in answer to his partner's weak-two opening.

Two spades showed some 6-10 high-card points with a decent six-card suit. South was right not to worry about his singleton heart when overcalling two no-trump. (His alternative was to pass.) North's raise was aggressive, but he knew South could place the missing high cards from the bidding.

East held the first trick with his spade queen. Back came a spade to South's jack. Declarer played a diamond to dummy's eight, which won. Now South led a club to his hand, followed by a heart to dummy's queen, which gave him nine tricks: two spades, one heart, one diamond and five clubs. Note that it doesn't help West to win trick three with the diamond king, because he has no spade



PHILLIP ALDER

left to play.

Let's return to trick one. West's lead of the spade seven marks South with the A-J-8 (or A-J-8-4, but then the contract is probably impregnable). When an opponent has two tricks in the suit you are trying to establish, give him one of them as quickly as possible. East must play the spade nine, forcing South to win with his jack. South leads a diamond, but West should go in immediately with the king. If you are trying to set up partner's suit, take an early trick to return that suit. A second spade establishes four winners for East while he still has the diamond ace as an entry. Now the contract is history.

North 08-17-99			
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♥ K Q 9 7			
♦ 9 8			
♣ Q J 10 7 2			
West			
♠ 7 4	East		
♥ A J 8 6 3	♠ K Q 10 9 6 3		
♦ K 7 6 2	♥ 10 5 2		
♣ 8 3	♦ A 4 3		
	♣ 5		
South			
♠ A, J 8			
♥ 4			
♦ Q J 10 5			
♣ A K 9 6 4			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: East			
South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	2 ♠
All pass			
Opening lead: ♠ 7			

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ASK DR. GOTT

Be sure to test drive new doctor

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I believe that I must find a doctor whom I can unquestionably trust and with whom I can speak frankly and honestly. How do I find such a physician? I am about to move to another community. Also, how can a patient "discreetly" dispute a doctor's diagnosis, prognosis or recommendations?

DEAR READER: I don't know of any consistently reliable way of finding a good doctor in a new community, except by experience.

I usually recommend that patients check with the hospital in their new locale. And ask around. New friends are often delighted to suggest a physician.

Once you have a name or two, call the doctor for a get-acquainted visit. Size him or her up. Is he honest? Does she talk to you? Is the office attractive and well-organized? Is the staff courteous? What are his billing procedures? Is she in your HMO? How does he feel about heroic life support, house calls and second opinions? Is she the kind of person in whom you can comfortably trust your health — and, by extension, your life?

Do not use a doctor who is not a member of her county or state medical society. Avoid physicians who are "too busy" to answer your questions or who are too arrogant to explain issues in understandable language.

You should not have to be "discreet" in questioning a doctor's diagnosis or treatment. If he won't permit you to be "up front" with him, find another practitioner. Remember, it's not your job to please the doctor; it is his responsibility to serve you. You are, after all, paying him for the privilege of helping you.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Choosing a Physician." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Does stress during pregnancy affect the unborn child?

DEAR READER: Certain chemical stresses during pregnancy can profoundly affect the fetus. These include alcohol, cigarette smoking, many medicines, narcotics, hydrocarbons and poor nutrition.

DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

If, by your question, you mean psychological stresses, the picture is by no means clear. Life-threatening stresses, such as bereavement or war, appear to produce significant consequences in some pregnancies. By and large, however, fetuses are surprisingly hardy, and mothers seem to be more affected than their babies. I advise any expectant mother to avoid stress to the extent she can. Getting help in such situations is preferable to putting up with it passively, and may reduce many of the results of stress for both the woman and her baby. The issue of specific stressors and their effects should, for obvious reasons, be addressed with the woman's obstetrician.

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Grants

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many as 35 percent of our adult population have a literacy problem," Gallagher said. "This will go a long way in helping us achieve our goal (of) ensuring that adults and children are capable readers."

A Reading Summit will be held Oct. 20 in Lakeland to discuss grant applications and other components of Florida's reading programs. State officials have not set a maximum amount that districts can apply for in the grant.

Seminole County already has several reading programs in elementary schools funded through

the Florida Department of Education.

In the Parents to Kids program, teachers and parents discuss strategies that can improve the child's education. A backpack filled with books and other materials is also sent home. The district receives \$150,000 per year for the program, Moon said. Now in its second year, the program is expanding into middle schools with the new name of Reading Rocks.

Project Prefer, now in its third year, is a training program that instructs teachers on strategies to help children improve

their reading skills. It was funded at \$200,000 per year during the first two years, although funding for the third year has not been announced. Moon said she expects that third year funding may decrease to \$130,000.

The school district is also in the first year of operating a \$200,000 per year after-school tutoring program in elementary schools.

In addition, Highlands and Midway elementary schools have both received \$50,000 in funding for teacher training activities and materials.

Complaint

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commission chair Carlton Henley, Daryl McLain and Bob Van Der Weide made improper remarks on video tape prior to a January 27 broadcast of the cable program Seminole County Government. Bugnacki's ethics complaint suggested McLain made remarks to suggest the board had already come to a decision regarding a moratorium on development in the Wekiva River Protection area and that McLain used profanity in referring to residents who protested during public hearings.

McLain vehemently denied

both allegations, stating the issue had been discussed in previous public hearings and that he had never used profanity in referring to Seminole County home owners. McLain said the filing of the ethics complaint was politically motivated.

Bugnacki is a member of the WATCH DOG (Worried And Terribly Concerned Home owners Disgusted Over Government) organization, a group that has consistently butted heads with the commission over a number of issues regarding increased density in

the rural area of Seminole County.

Lonny Groot, Deputy Seminole County Attorney said Tuesday his office will take a wait-and-see attitude to see if the WATCH DOG group takes any further action.

"Basically, the Ethics Commission found the complaint to be deficient and defective," said Groot. He added that based on the video tape the Ethics Commission felt the complaint was outside the realm of its jurisdiction.

"In our opinion the complaint is baseless," said Groot.

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Boating safety

SANFORD - Boating-related fatalities now rank second only to car crashes as the cause of transportation-related deaths in the United States. More people die in boating accidents every year than in airplane crashes, train wrecks, or bus accidents.

To help boaters stay safe, the Coast Guard last year launched a new multi-year Campaign, "It's a Different World on the Water," to educate the public about boating safe and sober.

"The Coast Guard wants boaters to realize that boating under the influence is just as grave and deadly a problem as driving an automobile under the influence," says U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral James D. Hill. "Surveys show that most pleasure boaters include alcoholic beverages among their refreshments when boating."

"When you combine that with the sun, wind, vibration and exposure, the effects are extremely highlighted."

Coast Guard research shows that a boat operator with a blood alcohol concentration above 0.10 is 10 TIMES more likely to be killed in a boating accident than a boater with zero blood alcohol concentration.

Tips developed by the Coast Guard as a part of the campaign will help boaters remain safe on the water throughout the year.

- Always wear life jackets.
- Don't drink alcohol and boat.
- File a float plan and let others know what you will be doing.
- Be weather-wise and check the weather report before going out.
- Don't overload the boat with passengers or equipment.

SHUPE'S SCOOP

The research is obvious that alcohol and water do not mix. Be a safe driver.

FISHING FORECAST

Bass action will be very slow until this fall. Bass will seek shelter in heavy cover or deep water to escape the intense heat. Bream and catfish will continue to bite all summer long.

Sebastian Inlet continues to feature good catch-and-release snook action. Snook prefer large live shrimp or small baitfish. One-ounce jigs, and Rapala-type lures will also work well. Also expect a few redfish, small snapper, tarpon and flounder.

Captain Jack at Port Canaveral reports that the ocean is very clean and that all species are closer in than normal. King mackerel can be found just off the beach. A few king mackerel and tripletail are in the buoy line. Sheepshead and flounder are rated as fair in the Port. Trout and redfish are also rated as fair on the flats of the Banana and Indian rivers.

Ponce Inlet is the place to go for last action with sheepshead, drum, redfish, and jack crevalle. Live or dead shrimp is the top bait. A few flounder are hitting finger mullet around the south jet-ties. Trout and redfish are rated as good in Mosquito Lagoon.

Repeat for Sundevils

Central Florida 10-Under A.A.U. baseball team goes undefeated to garner second National Championship

Special to the Herald

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI - Another year older and still the best.

The Central Florida Sundevils 10-and-Under AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) baseball team traveled to Kansas City on July 31st and easily defended their 1998 9-and-Under National Championship, winning 10 straight games.

This was the second straight year that the Sundevils had dominated the competition.

After winning the 9-and-

Under Florida State Championship last summer the Sundevils won nine straight games over teams from Louisiana, Virginia, Georgia, North Carolina and California at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex to claim the 9-and-Under National Championship.

Despite having to move up an age bracket this summer, the Sundevils did not miss a beat in Winter Haven this past May, repeating as the Florida Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) State Champion and earning the trip

to Kansas City.

The National Tournament ended up being a mostly Florida affair as the Sundevils doubled the score on the St. Petersburg Stingers, 8-4.

The third place finishers was the Jacksonville Thunder, giving the Sunshine State a clean sweep of the top three spots.

The Sundevils were hardly in trouble during the whole tournament, outscoring their 10 opponents, 82-10, and hitting .378 as a team.

As is usual in tournaments,

strong pitching spelled the difference with the Sundevils staff striking out 72 batters in 55 innings.

Matt Collins from DeLand was outstanding and was named the Tournament Most Valuable Player after going 3-0 on the mound and hitting .500 for the tournament.

Collins also hit four home runs in the 10 games, including a three-run blast that broke a 2-2 tie in the Championship Game that gave the Sundevils a 5-2 lead they never gave up.

Three other Sundevil players were also named to the All-Tournament Team.

Chandler Parsons went 2-0 on the mound and hit .458 for the tourney, including numerous clutch RBI throughout the week.

Shane Brophy hit three home runs, including a two-run shot in the Championship Game.

And Michael Main, who hit .409 and had five saves on the mound, including saving the Championship Game.

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Oviedo five wins Sunshine tourney

Special to the Herald

GAINESVILLE - The Oviedo High School junior varsity basketball team wrapped up its summer program the same way it did a year ago with a championship in the Sunshine State Games in Gainesville.

The "Young Guns," as coach John Howell calls his young charges, finished the summer with a record of 60 wins and only one loss and recorded championships in the YBOA State Qualifier, the University of Central Florida Team Camp and the YBOA International Tournament in addition to the Sunshine State Games gold.

The team won an incredible 54 games in a row before losing to the varsity team from Jupiter High School in the tournament round of the second UCF Team Camp.

"The kids have really over-achieved quite a bit," Howell said. "We don't have a real 'superstar' on the team. "Our top five scorers average within two points of each other in the stats. We are not real big, nor real fast. Teams even laughed at us as we walked into the gyms and called the kids 'farm boys' or 'country boys.'"

They didn't laugh as much after the games as the Lions won the Championship Game of the YBOA International Tournament, 70-40, and the Sunshine State Games Championship Game, 70-42.

"I think the kids earned a lot of respect this summer from their opponents, officials and fans," added Howell. "I had several parents from our opponents, coaches and officials come up after games and say how much they enjoyed watching our kids play."

The Lions play all-out pressing defense with a 'run 'n gun' offense that allowed them to average 71.2-points per game this summer.

Even with this approach they are quite disciplined for junior varsity players.

The team shot 33-percent from three-point range, averaged 18 assists per game and only 11 turnovers per game.

"We received all sorts of invitations for next summer from playing in an international event in Hawaii to playing in Europe," said Howell. "Whether any of that ever happens or not, it was nice to watch the kids gain a reputation and get an attitude about them."

"Not a 'cocky' or arrogant one, but one that they know who they are and what they can do."

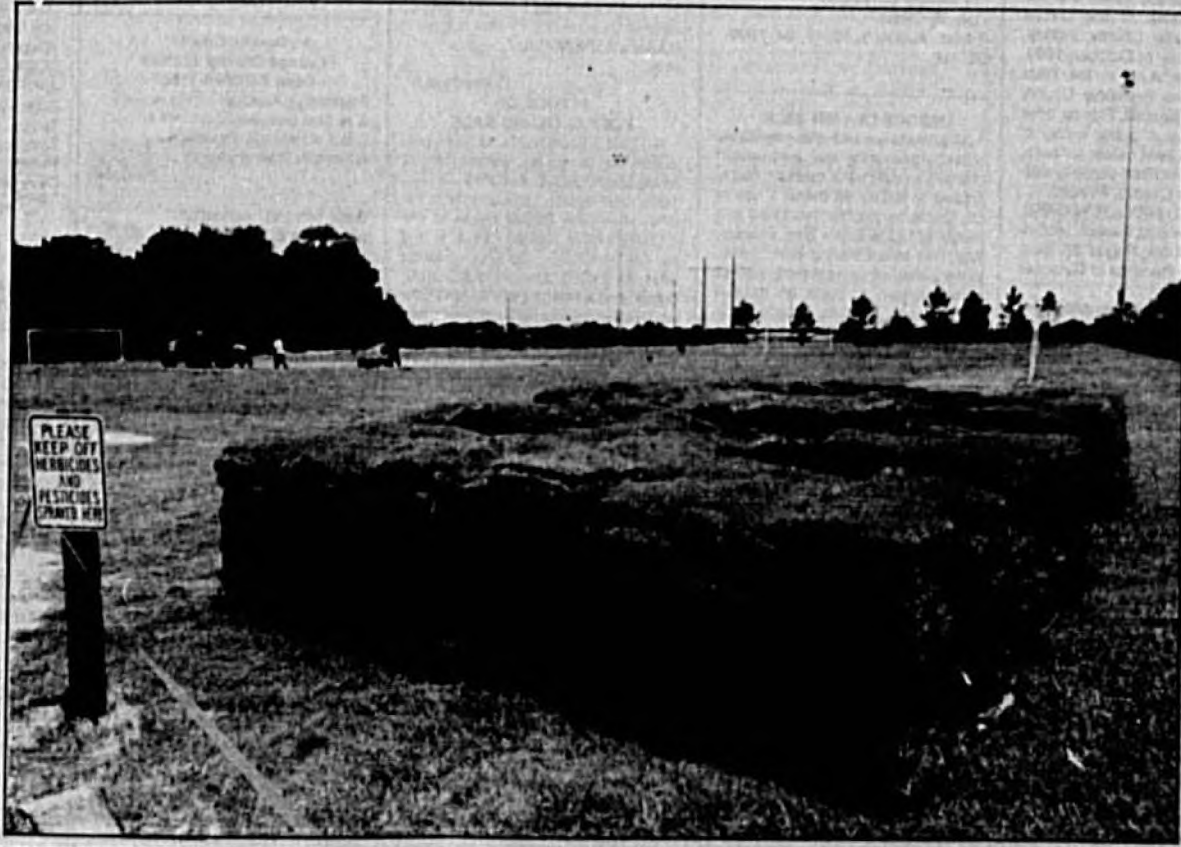
The summer team included Brandon Mercer, Jake Pickett, Brad Rich, Mac Walker, Tyler Little, Kyle Simpkins, Matt Kern, Grant Herren, Mark Powers, Chris Youngers, Ricky Lawton and Robby Reyes.

Varsity players Shawn Witherspoon and Marcus Hayes joined the "Young Guns" in the International Tournament and the Sunshine State Games.

Freshman A.J. Hargraves also joined the squad for the U.C.F.

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LAKE MARY SPORTS COMPLEX GETTING A FACE-LIFT



LAKE MARY - Wes Schlusemeyer (above), an employee of Florida Sod Harvesters of Geneva, uses a fork lift to wheel one of 66 pallets (left) of new bermuda grass sod to the sod layers who were placing the new sod down on the Ed Bedell Soccer Field at the Lake Mary Sports Complex recently.

All of the fields at the complex located on Rantoul Lane across from the Mayfair Country Club between CR 46-A and Country Club Road will be upgraded and re-sodded before the Fall recreation sports seasons begin in mid-September.

Herald photos by Tom Vincent

Get out of the crowd and into the game! Hoop-It-Up World Tour to hit Orlando

Special to the Herald

ORLANDO - Orlando-area hoops players of all ages, sizes and skills can bring their best 3-on-3 moves to the streets and celebrate the return of the Hoop-It-Up World Tour as it visits Orlando, Sept. 11th-12th, for the 11th consecutive year.

This year's Hoop-It-Up action takes place at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex. Orlando Hoop-It-Up invites all players ages 8 and older to register, and offers divisions for all skill levels.

The Orlando stop is one of 44 cities on the 1999 U.S. Tour, with more than a record 3,500 players and 14,000 spectators expected to attend throughout the weekend hoops festival.

Interested players can get tournament registration information for the 1999 Or-

lando event by calling the Hoop-It-Up hotline, at (800) 680-PLAY (7529), visiting the official Tour Web site at www.hoopitup.com, or by picking up discounted entry forms at area Foot Locker locations.

The entry fee is \$104 per team or \$140 for Top Gun division (most competitive), and a portion of the proceeds benefits local charities. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 1.

Spectators, who are greatly encouraged to attend, will be admitted free of charge.

In addition to tournament games, on-site special events are NBA 2ball presented by Gatorade and Spalding, Gatorade Crunch Time (2-on-2), Foot Locker 10 ft. Slam Jam, Speed Stick Ultimate Shootout, Southwest Airlines Charity Stripe Challenge, Slim Jim Snap Shot and Ford Focus Three Point Shootout - also are open to players and

spectators before, during and after tournament play.

Hoop-It-Up will be held from 9 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m. on Sunday.

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