



Gaining respect

Lake Mary shut out No. 2 ranked Kissimmee-Osceola, 21-0, Friday and is now ranked No. 7 in class 5-A this week.
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Fax scam targeting local businesses

From Staff Reports

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office reports that several county businesses, including *The Seminole Herald*, were the recipients of a fax that is a scam.

The fax is supposedly written by a civil servant of the government of Liberia and asks the businesses for help in moving money from accounts in Africa.

The letter writer asks to transfer this sum of money into the business account of the U.S. business, and the fax recipient would get to keep some of the money for being so generous.

According to deputies, this is merely an attempt to get personal information and the business account number from the fax recipient in an attempt to clean out the U.S. account, create fictitious identities and perpetrate other crimes involving fraud. The scams are also perpetuated via e-mail.

So far, the Sheriff's Office has received several inquiries from businesses in the Sanford and Lake Mary area that have received the faxes. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office Intelligence Unit is reviewing the complaints.

Seminole Smile



Martha DeCurtins - Stylist at Salon on Park Family Hair Care

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Georgetown pipe will get permanent fix

By Dan Ping
Editor

Stormwater pipe's collapse threatened nearby church

SANFORD — An 84-inch stormwater pipe that collapsed and nearly consumed the front of a church in the Georgetown community has been declared an emergency by the city commission.

A temporary pipe has been installed and the church, Victory Temple of God, remains open to parishioners. However, crews will be back at work in the coming weeks to install 1,120 feet of concrete pipe under Pine Avenue from 2nd Street to north of 5th Street.

The cost of the project is \$727,000. Most

of the money, \$550,000, will come from city reserves because no money is available for major stormwater system repairs. In order to access reserve funding, city commissioners had to declare the project and emergency. The remaining funds will come from the 2002-2003 Stormwater Utility funds.

The cave-in occurred Aug. 19 when the metal pipe collapsed creating a massive

hole in front of the church. Public Works Director Jerry Herman said the age of the pipe was the primary cause of the collapse. Installed in 1955, the pipe has been leaking for several years.

"We've had concerns about it for some time," said the Rev. R.L. Hillery, pastor at Victory Temple of God. "We've had several smaller cave-ins before this one. Thankfully, no one was hurt."

Heavy rains this summer also contributed to the collapse of the leaking pipe, Herman said. On Aug. 18, a large amount of soil surrounding the pipe was washed away during an extended thunderstorm. With little support underneath, the church parking lot collapsed onto the pipe, crushing the 7-foot diameter cylinder to less than 2 feet.

A remote-camera inspection of the pipe near the church revealed that much of it was oblong with the top compressed at least one foot, an indication that structural failure is occurring.

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Art festival receives \$10,000 check from Target Corporation

By Michelle Jaria
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — The Lake Mary/Heathrow Festival of the Arts received a large show of support Tuesday when Target Corporation presented the group with a \$10,000 grant.

Numerous local organizations and businesses, including the Target Corporation, sponsor the arts festival each year to support local artists and students. Scheduled to begin Saturday, Oct. 5, the 16th annual art show will highlight more than 200 artists, including work from Seminole students.

"As a sponsor, the money Target gives us goes toward the

entire Seminole County community," said DeLores Lash, member of the festival's 2002 board of directors. "The money helps us obtain the things we need for the festival and getting things organized."

Target Corporation has been a major sponsor for the arts festival for numerous years, Lash said. The company also contributed \$10,000 for last year's festival.

"The money means scholarships for the kids," said Tony Senator, member of the festival's 2002 board of directors. "If we didn't have sponsors like Target, we wouldn't have a festival."

Each year, money raised from

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Herald photo by Tommy Vincent
Oscar Bowen, team relations leader for the Lake Mary Target, presents, from left, Lake Mary/Heathrow Festival of the Arts board of director members Sam Bellflore, DeLores Lash and Tony Senator and Seminole School Board Chairman Sandra Robinson with a \$10,000 check for the 16th annual festival.

Weak economy named as reason for decrease in Seminole's tourism

By Nick Pfeiffauf
Staff Writer

The Seminole County Tourist Development Council (TDC) has announced the July 2002 (latest compiled) bed tax collections. It indicates a lowering of expected funds.

The figures were announced at the Sept. 12 meeting at the SpringHill Suites by Marriott, at the Seminole Towne Center in Sanford.

According to the figures, for the month of July 2002, with a projected \$150,359 expected, the actual

amount was \$134,880, 11 percent lower. From October 2001 until the end of July 2002, thus far this fiscal year, the expected amount was \$1,749,302, however the actual amount received was \$1,412,558, a 20 percent drop.

Jack Wert, head of the TDC said that while Sept. 11 of last year did affect the tourist trade, "It's the lowering of the economy which is causing this reduction." He continued, "The funds obtained by the TDC were primarily based on the strength of business travel,

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'Missing Link' no longer missing

At left, Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce Director Diane Parker presents U.S. Rep. John Mica with a huge "thank you" card for his efforts in building the "Missing Link"



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent

Hundreds of people attended the grand-opening party for the Seminole Expressway II as the completed link with Interstate 4. The "Missing Link" project cost \$2.65 billion and completes the eastern beltway around Orlando. The Toll Road is an alternative to traveling on I-4 and is convenient travel to Sanford, Lake Mary, Oviedo, Winter Springs, the UCF area, Orlando International Airport, Kissimmee and the Disney attractions.

Pictured above, Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce Director Diane Parker welcomes area officials and the community to the grand-opening festivities. At right, members of the Goldsboro Front Porch Education Program, including Sanford Commissioner Velma Williams, Vernon McQueen, and Allison Hewitt accept a \$5,000 check from Jim Ely, director of the Florida Turnpike. The funds were raised from the proceeds of the grand-opening celebration.



Idyllwilde receives 10 new book collections

By Michelle Jaria
Managing Editor

SANFORD — Idyllwilde teacher Lisa Stalker realizes the importance of providing books to her students. For the past several years, she's received numerous grants to help achieve her goal. This year, she's taken it one step further.

Stalker was recently informed Idyllwilde's RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) program was chosen to receive 10 RIF/Coca-Cola classroom collections. Each collec-

“So many of these kids only have access to books when they are at school.”

— Lisa Stalker
Idyllwilde Elementary School teacher

tion includes between 100 and 120 hardcover books for classroom use. The total value of the program is \$1,700.

"I was very surprised we

received the grant," Stalker said. "I filed the application on-line, but I didn't know if I'd hear anything back from them."

In 2001, The Coca-Cola Company partnered with RIF to develop a program promoting children's literacy across the country. This year, only 3,500 classroom collections were donated to RIF programs throughout the nation.

Founded in 1966, RIF develops and delivers children's and family literacy programs that help pre-

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Idyllwilde Elementary School teacher Lisa Stalker organizes one of 10 new classroom collections the school received through a RIF/Coca-Cola grant. Each collection contains more than 100 books.

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'The Harbor' selected as 2002 Panda Care recipient

The Harbor Literacy & Learning Center was recently selected as a recipient for the annual Panda Care project for the Sanford district.

The Harbor, a Seminole County Public Schools initiative, provides services for about 225 students in five Sanford Housing Authority Complexes. Students in grades K-12 attend the Harbor Monday through Fridays year-round, with the exceptions of the major holidays.

Panda Restaurant Group is the corporate sponsor of the annual Panda Care program. The local restaurant chain —

Panda Express located in the Sanford Towne Center Mall, recently provided meals for students attending Harbor I & Harbor II. The students were absolutely thrilled by the delicious and wholesome meal of chicken orange with vegetable, egg rolls, fortune cookies, and drinks.

Harbor Director Elizabeth Graham said, The Harbor extends appreciation to corporate affiliates & CEO of Panda Restaurant, Inc., Benjamin Gadea, manager of Panda Express of Sanford, Luz Sanchez and the staff of Panda Express.



The Harbor Literacy & Learning Center Director Elizabeth Graham shakes Panda Express Manager Benjamin Gadea's hand. Panda Express recently selected The Harbor as a Panda Care recipient.

ULYSSES BURKE
Ulysses Burke, 69, E. Lincoln Avenue, Sanford, died Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002 at DeBary Manor. He was born Nov. 17, 1932 in Sanford. He was in the construction industry.

Survivors include daughters, LaKethia Sanders and Rosemary Solomon, both of Sanford; brothers, Manuel, Sanford, Richard, Lake Mary, Timothy, Rochester, N.Y.

Funeral services will be Friday, Sept. 20, at 12 noon at Eichelberger's Memorial Chapel, 1110 Pine Avenue, Sanford. Viewing will be Thursday at the funeral home from 4 until 8 p.m.

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

HOWARD MATTHEW FISCHER

Howard Matthew Fischer, 76, Deltona, died Thursday, Sept. 12, 2002 in Sanford. He was born Jan. 2, 1926 in Newark, N.J. He was a retired U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant and a member of Our Lady of the

Lakes Catholic Church, Deltona.

Survivors include wife, Dorothy Evelyn, Deltona; son, Drew, Sanford; daughter, Laura, Marina Del Ray, Calif.; brothers Harry, Port Charlotte, Charles, New Jersey; sisters, Peggy Yacabone, Lincoln Park, N.J., Lorraine Kaiser, Haskell, N.J.; three grandsons.

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

DOROTHY SMITH HEDIN

Dorothy Smith Hedin, 73, Deltona, died Thursday, Sept. 12, 2002. She was born in New York City in 1929 and moved to Deltona in 1998. She did volunteer work for the Deltona Public Library and conducted classes in water aerobics for seniors. She was a part-time writer.

Survivors include daughter, Mary Ellen Peppers, Lake Mahopac, N.Y.; sister, Irene C. Olivera, Deltona; brother, William Troetel, Mount Vernon, N.Y.; three grandchildren. Funeral services were held

Monday, Sept. 13. Baldauff Family Funeral Home, Deltona, in charge of arrangements.

VIOLET I. LAVOIE

Violet I. Lavoie, 92, Fayson Circle, Deltona, died Friday, Sept. 13, 2002 at DeBary Manor. Born in Lowell, Mass., she moved to Central Florida in 1992. She was a housekeeper/Supervisor at Children's Hospital, Lowell, Mass.

Survivors include sons, Normand, Deltona; Paul and Serge, both of Waltham, Mass.; daughter, Claudette Cohen, Chelms Ford, Mass.; 111 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

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

JEAN RAINVILLE

Jean Rainville, 81, Courtland Blvd., Deltona, died Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002 at Woodland Terrace Nursing Center. Born Oct. 20, 1920 in

Bridgeport, Conn., she moved to Central Florida two years ago. She was an executive bookkeeper for White Industries in Fairfield, Conn. for 42 years. She was a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Deltona.

Survivors include husband, Raymond, Deltona; brother, Donald Shelinsky, Fairfield, Conn.

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

ROGER E. RUTH

Roger E. Ruth, 66, Olive Drive, Casselberry, died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2002 at South Seminole Hospital, Longwood. He was born Aug. 24, 1936 in Buffalo, N.Y. He was a retired owner/operator of a lawn care service.

Survivors include father, Cyril J. Ruth, Casselberry; sister, Joann S. Lohnes, Casselberry; brother, Neil C. Ruth, Buffalo, N.Y.

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

Seminole charity ride Saturday

Harleys and Hondas, and others as well, will be revving up Saturday to raise money for Habitat for Humanity.

Registration runs from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office/Public Safety complex. Riders will donate \$10 before beginning a scenic ride through

Seminole, Lake and Volusia counties. The event is open to Seminole County employees and their families.

The charity motorcycle run will end at 1 p.m. with lunch and a raffle drawing at Otter's Riverside Restaurant off Caraway Place in the Port of Sanford.

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Promenaders honor 9/11 with Red, White and Blue dance

The Starlight Promenaders celebrated the anniversary of 9/11 at their Red, White and Blue Memorial Dance on that evening. The program started with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an inspirational message delivered by Orlea Gay. After a moment of silence in honor of the victims and heroes of 9/11, the program continued with square dancing to patriotic music.

A group of 10 dancers from the Flagler Ocean Waves, who were "raiding" the club were present at the dance.

The previous Friday evening, 26 Promenaders attended a dinner dance at the VFW hall in DeBary. After giving a demonstration, non-dancers were invited to join the group and received their first lesson in square dancing.

The class of 2003 will start Wednesday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. and will continue every week after. The first two evenings are open free to all men, women, singles, couples from teens to 100+.

Jack and Orlea Gay reported 734 teddy bears were received and turned over to the Volusia County sheriff's office to be distributed to children having had traumatic experiences.

Two squares signed up to "raid" the Pirates of Apopka on Saturday evening and an Ice

Cream Festival was held Wednesday, Sept. 18. All square dancers in the area are invited to join the Promenaders any Wednesday evening at the DeBary Community Center, 34 South Shell

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founder and partner at Southern Pool Designs in Longwood.

Southern Pool Designs, which specializes in the design and construction of luxury swimming pools throughout Central Florida, was recently named one of the top swimming pool design firms in the U.S. by Pool & Spa magazine, the leading U.S. trade publication.

"From automated pool and spa controls to very sophisticated lighting systems, water features and water gar-

dens that emphasize plant life and a more natural design, home owners are really looking for a unique environment," said Kirkland.

He added that it's all part of the American homesteading trend that has pushed home building to the top rungs of American industry and generates billions in annual sales for Home Depot, Restoration Hardware and similar retailers.

"A home is a big investment, and a home owner has plenty of reason to

create a perfect environment around the home," Kirkland said.

For many homeowners, that includes a swimming pool and spa with remote controls that operate pool pumps, filters, fountains, water features, temperature and lighting with the touch of a finger.

"What we are seeing is the evolution of technology," Kirkland explained. "Control systems that were initially designed for resort hotels and corporate office buildings are now available

to home owners for as little as \$700," he said.

The future of pool design is automation, convenience, and the sort of creative environment that makes you think "ooh and ahh" every time you use it.

Southern Pool Designs was founded in 1997 by John Kirkland and David Montague. The firm, which employs 17 workers, recently moved into a new expanded 4,000 square foot facility off County Road 427 in Longwood.

Engineered Homes approaches \$50 million sales mark during first eight months of the year

Despite the recent closeouts of two residential communities and the sale of two others to a national homebuilder, Engineered Homes cruised toward the magic \$50 million mark in home sales activity for the year's first eight months.

The 7-year-old Winter Park-based homebuilding company, which currently has three Seminole County developments underway, closed out the January-August timeframe with 242 homes sales for \$49.7 million - for an average sales

price of \$205,372, reports Sales & Marketing Director Marilyn Anderson.

Those figures probably would have been much higher had it not been for the closeouts of two of the company's most successful communities -

Weston Hills in south Lake County near Clermont and Lake Gloria Preserve in south Orlando - and the sale earlier this summer of The Sanctuary and The Retreat at Wekiva to a Michigan-based company.

"We are in great position to have a banner year in every respect, especially with the emergence of our two newest communities - Buckingham Estates and Mission Park - which will fill that void of the two sold communities," says Anderson.

Buckingham Estates, which is located just north of Heathrow, already has begun to pay big dividends since formal-

ly opening last month. The planned 313-home community already has logged \$6.5 million on 19 sales - an average of \$342,105.


Mission Park, a new 201-home community off U.S. Highway 27, is expected to continue where Weston Hills left off. Weston Hills, a 392-home development, chalked up more than \$60 million in sales volume in a little over 3 1/2 years. Mission Park is still in the early stages of construction, with models expected to be ready later next month (October).

Even short-handed, Engineered Homes still posted impressive sales numbers in

August, finishing the month with 20 sales for \$4.2 million. The dollar volume represented a 14 percent jump over July figures, thanks to Buckingham Estates' strong showing (5 sales, \$1.8 million).

Egret's Landing in Lake Mary and Lake Griffin Estates in Casselberry also had solid numbers for August. Egret's Landing had eight sales for \$1.3 million, while Lake Griffin Estates just fell shy of the million-dollar plateau with \$923,400 on five sales.

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SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

Guest talking on cell phone flunks wedding etiquette test

DEAR ABBY: My husband travels all over the state of Florida as a disc jockey. He provides musical entertainment at weddings, conventions, school dances and corporate events. I recently accompanied him to an evening wedding that was held at an upscale country club.

No sooner had the ceremony begun when a young woman entered, crossed the center aisle and sat down. A moment later, her cell phone began to ring. Instead of turning off the phone, the woman took the call! She got up, walked in front of the videographer, and stood next to my husband and me behind our equipment while speaking loudly to the caller throughout the entire ceremony.

Although countless guests turned around and glared at her, she never once stopped to consider that perhaps her phone conversation was disrupting the bride and groom as they recited their vows, or that her voice would be the only one picked up by the videographer's microphone.

I felt so embarrassed I actually hid behind our equipment in order to avoid the murderous stares from the guests. Only after the ceremony was over did she finally end the call. To add insult to injury, her date arrived right before dinner wearing tennis shoes, shorts and a T-shirt with a nearly naked woman on the back.

Our society seems to have lost touch with any inkling of decent conduct.

STILL SHOCKED IN FLORIDA

DEAR SHOCKED: How sad that a guest or someone in the wedding party was not assertive enough to escort the woman out of the room. However, since no one was willing to do so, whoever was officiating should have halted the ceremony and firmly instructed her to either end the call or complete it outside.

P.S. It appears she and her date are made for each other.

DEAR ABBY: This is for "Still Bugged in Illinois," whose thoughtful mother gave a bride and groom a gift of \$20 (and she hadn't even been invited to the wedding). When the bride opened the envelope, she made a rude remark about the amount of the gift.

I fondly recall a much different response to a similar situation. Before the late Judy Garland married David Rose, a star-studded shower was held at the home of Judy, her mother and sister.

When I arrived and realized that my simple gift couldn't compare with the lavishly wrapped presents I saw, I became embarrassed. I hid my gift behind a potted plant, thinking I could give it to Judy privately after everyone had left the party.

Instead, her butler retrieved my present from behind the plant and added it to the others on the gift table. It was the very first gift Judy opened — a copper silent butler for which I paid \$6.95. It was all I could afford.

Upon opening it, Judy rushed over to me, gave me a big hug and said, "Thank you, Margie — I love it!" The next gift was a complete portable bar from Joan Crawford, followed by a generous gift from Jimmy Stewart, etc.

"The bigger they are, the more gracious." **MARGIE STEWART JOHNSON, STUDIO CITY, CALIF.**

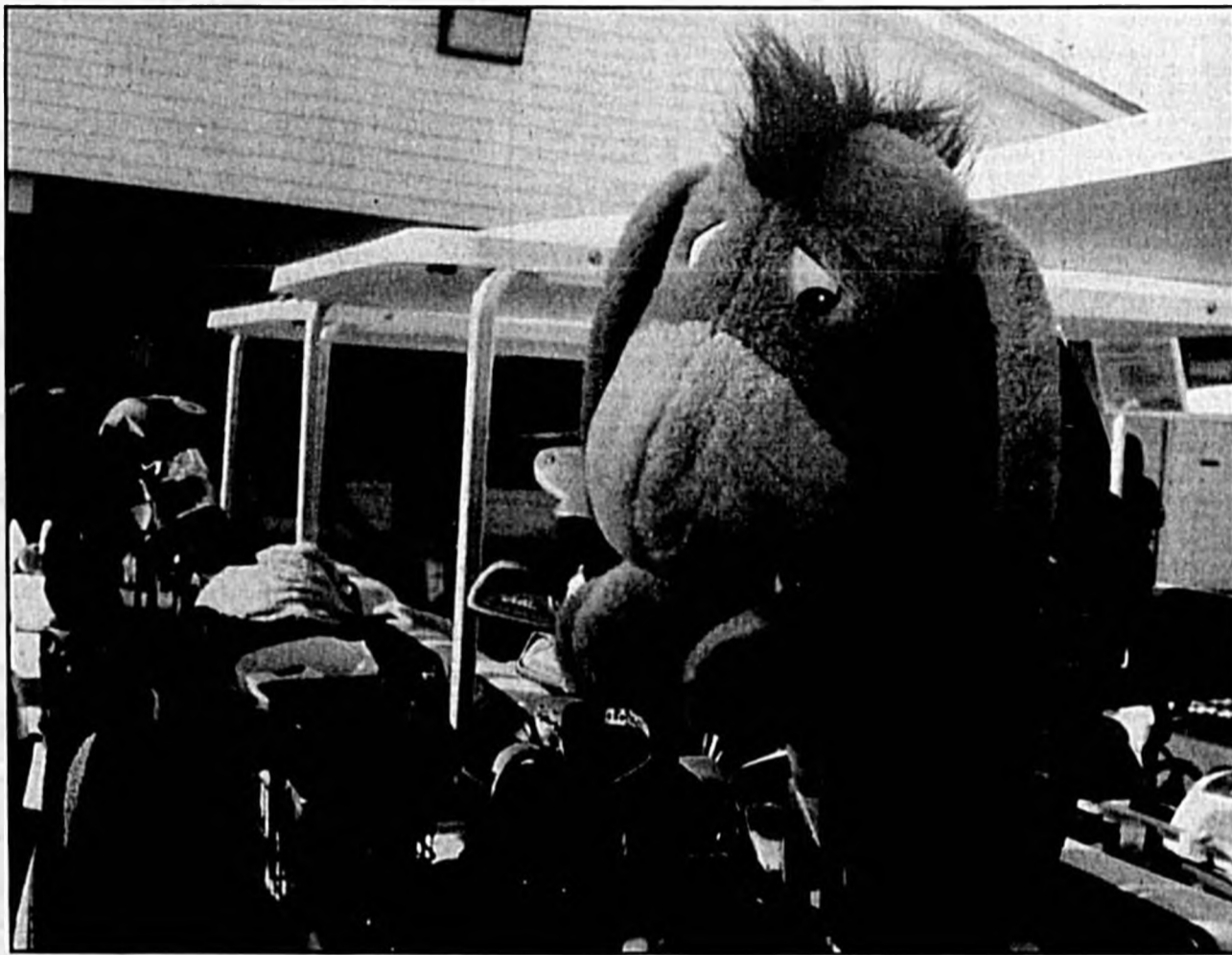
DEAR MARGIE: A gracious hostess would never humiliate a guest in her home, and Judy Garland was obviously a gracious hostess. Thank you for sharing your story.

P.S. I'm surprised Joan Crawford didn't also give Judy a set of wooden coat hangers.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Eying Eyeore



Winnie the Pooh's friend, Eyeore, was spotted during Sanford Main Street's Inaugural Golf Classic held earlier this month at Mayfair Country Club.

Carjacking

The Seminole County Sheriff's Department is investigating a robbery on Foxwood Drive, west of Altamonte Springs. Shortly after 1 p.m. Friday, a woman drove into her friend's driveway. As she exited the vehicle, a man with a gun accosted her and demanded the keys. She threw the keys to the ground and fled. She was not injured. The suspect is described as a black male, 5 foot six to 5 foot eight tall, 190 to 2300 pounds. He took the victim's beige silver four-door 1996 Nissan, Florida tag UBK-7V.

Coincidentally, only three blocks away in the 200 block of West Cottmore Circle, only moments before, a black male reportedly went to the residence where members of his ex-girlfriend's family were working as housekeepers. Armed with a handgun, he got into an argument with another male, and fired two shots. Nobody was hurt. He fled the scene.

It is not known if these two incidents were linked. The investigation continues.

Stolen Car

Seminole County deputies arrested two persons early Tuesday at the westbound rest area on Interstate-4, when it was shown the vehicle they were driving had been stolen out of Nashville, Tennessee. Patrick Shawn Shields, 25, of Antioch, Tenn. was charged with grand theft motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle without a license. The passenger, Allison Renea Fielding, 18, of Hermitage Court, Tenn. was charged with grand theft motor vehicle.

More Charges

The Seminole County sheriff's office has amended charges against a 40-year old Geneva man, Charles Lindsay Summers III. He was arrested last Wednesday after he allegedly hit another man walking on a Geneva street, with a vehicle then drove off. The victim had been carrying his 5-year old son on his shoulders. The victim, Therisco Leonardo Jordan, 26, is recovering at Orlando Regional Medical



Center. His son, who was also injured, was treated and released from Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford.

Summers III turned himself in to Sanford police Wednesday night. At that time, he was charged with aggravated battery, hate crime (Jordan is African-American) and hit and run. New charges have been added including attempted murder and attempted premeditated murder. Summers III remains in the Seminole County jail under no bond.

Multiple Charges

Levory William Hickmon, 36, of Bethune Circle, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Monday. After officers attempted a traffic stop, Hickmon finally stopped in Edward Higgins Terrace, and police said he fled from the vehicle. After he was apprehended and a search was made of his vehicle, he was charged with driving with a suspended license, fleeing/attempting to elude an officer, reckless driving, resisting an officer without violence, possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), tampering with evidence, and possession of narcotics equipment.

Traffic Stops

Timothy J. Roorda, 30, of Cornish Way, Lake Mary, was stopped by Lake Mary police early Tuesday on the I-4 exit ramp. He was charged with driving under the influence (DUI) and driving with a suspended/revoked license.

Fremys Tirado, 31, of Orlando, was stopped by deputies on SR-434 Monday. He was charged with possession of cocaine and possession of narcotics equipment.

Arlington Perry Mills, 29, Olive

Avenue, Sanford, and Stephen Willis, 31, of Elm Avenue, were stopped by sheriff's deputies Monday at Locust and Celery Avenues. Mills was charged with possession of an open container in a vehicle, possession of cocaine and resisting an officer without violence. Willis, the driver, was charged with possession of an open container in a vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with no valid drivers license.

Aaron J. Hardaway, 29, of Holloway Court, Sanford, was stopped by Sanford police Monday at 10th Street and Olive Avenue. He was charged with possession of cocaine and possession of narcotics equipment.

Bobby Daniel Wilson, 31, of Apopka, was stopped by deputies on Highway 117-92 at Bush Blvd. Monday. He was charged with possession of cocaine and possession of narcotics equipment.

Domestic Cases

James Michael Rutledge, 45, of Sabal Lake Drive, Longwood, was arrested by deputies at his residence Monday following an altercation with a female. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

Tracy Keshon Jamison, 27, of William Clark Court, was located and arrested at his residence Monday. According to the report, deputies questioned a female at the hospital, and was told Jamison had approached her in her vehicle at a night club, struck her and threw rocks at her. He was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and throwing missiles into a vehicle.

Shoplifting

Lana Rossann Rajpaulsingh, 24, of Landing Drive, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Monday at a retail store in the 3600 block of Orlando Drive. Officers said she had taken items from the store in a shopping cart without paying. She was charged with petty shoplifting from a merchant.

OUT & ABOUT

THUR 19

The Seminole County Housing Authority will be accepting applications for the Tenant Based Rental Assistance, (two-year program only) on Sept. 19, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon only.

The program is intended for persons who are employed or attending school full time.

SAT 21

Harleys, Hondas and others will be revving up Saturday, Sept. 21, to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. Registration will be from 8:30 until 10 a.m. at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office/Public Safety complex. Riders will donate \$10 then take a scenic ride that will take them through Seminole, Lake and Volusia Counties. The event is open to Seminole County employees and their families. The run will end at 1 p.m. with lunch and a raffle at Otter's Riverside Restaurant off Caraway Place in the Port of Sanford.

A huge flea market with three buildings full of items, will be held Saturday, Sept. 21, from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Lutheran Haven, corner of SR-426 and Chapman Road in Oviedo. Food will also be available. Proceeds are to benefit Lutheran Haven Nursing Home. For information phone 407-977-7546.

The City of Longwood will present the third annual Bike Rodeo, Saturday, Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. until noon, at Longwood City Hall, 175 West Warren Avenue. It will be a day of activities dealing with bicycle and bicycle safety. Several challenges will be offered through the event. Great prizes and refreshments will be available. The event is free of charge and is sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. For additional information phone 407-260-3447.

SAT 28

First-time homeowners workshop, sponsored by National City Mortgage, will be Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at 417 E. 2nd Street, Sanford. GoldenRule Housing and Community Development Corp. is host of the workshop. Reservations are required by phoning 407-324-9123. Certificates are accepted by City of Orlando, Seminole County and Volusia County SHIP programs. SHIP is now making available up to \$27,000 down payment assistance. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

Members of the Central Florida Stamp Club will be giving away free collectible stamps to young people at the Winter Park Stamp Show at the Maitland Civic Center Saturday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. A silent auction will also be held.

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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. 02-877-CP
IN RE: ESTATE OF FOSTER JOSEPH SCHUREN,
 Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of FOSTER JOSEPH SCHUREN, deceased, whose date of death was July 20, 2002, is pending in the Circuit Court for Seminole County, Florida, Probate Division, File Number 02-877-CP, at the address of which is Post Office Drawer C, Sanford, FL 32771. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with the Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this notice is September 11, 2002.
RICHARD J. SCHUREN
 Personal Representative
 William H. Morrison, Esquire
 Florida Bar No. 143323
 BALDWIN & MORRISON, P.A.
 7100 South Highway 17-82
 Fern Park, FL 32730
 Telephone: 407/834-1424
 Attorney for Personal Representative
 Publish: September 11, 18, 2002
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LEGALS

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 02-CC-1683-20-U
ALAFAYA WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, Plaintiff
 v.
LOUELLA ELESIA TAYLOR, and all unknown heirs, devisees, grantees and all unknown or unrecorded interest which may exist, Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned will offer for sale the following described real property in Seminole County, Florida:
 LOT 62, ALAFAYA WOODS, PHASE V, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 35, PAGES 82-84, PUBLIC RECORDS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 TOGETHER with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water, water rights and water stock, and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property, including replacements and additions thereto, for sale to the highest bidder for cash on the 8 day of October, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., at the West Front door of the Seminole County Courthouse, 301 North Park Avenue, Sanford, Florida 32771, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the action on September 6, 2002.
 Maryanne Morse
 Clerk of the Court
 By: Mary Sroupe
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 Shawn J. O'Brien, Esquire
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 221 Northeast Ivanhoe Boulevard, Suite 205
 Orlando, Florida 32804
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation should contact COURT ADMINISTRATION, at the SEMINOLE County Courthouse at 407-685-4227, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service. Publish: September 11, 18, 2002
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LEGALS

OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 02-CC-896-20-F
ALAFAYA WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, Plaintiff
 v.
JOSEPH A. DELER and PAUL DELER, and all unknown heirs, devisees, grantees and all unknown or unrecorded interest which may exist, Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned will offer for sale the following described real property in Seminole County, Florida:
 LOT 74, ALAFAYA WOODS, PHASE I, UNIT A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 31, PAGES 80-85, PUBLIC RECORDS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 TOGETHER with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water, water rights and water stock, and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property, including replacements and additions thereto, for sale to the highest bidder for cash on the 3 day of October, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., at the West Front door of the Seminole County Courthouse, 301 North Park Avenue, Sanford, Florida 32771, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the action on September 5, 2002.
 Maryanne Morse
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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 02-CA-1238-18-A
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$2,049.00 IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY
NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: Reverius E. Bratcher
 Last known address:
 4958 Bencome Village Road
 Orlando, Florida 32808
 Current address: Unknown
 And all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against Reverius E. Bratcher, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.
YOUR ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action for forfeiture of the following property seized and held in Seminole County, Florida: \$2,049.00 in United States Currency has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Seminole County, Florida. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the Clerk of this Court either before service on Sheriff's General Counsel or immediately thereafter, otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
DATED this day of SEP05, 2002.
MARYANNE MORSE
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 By: Ruth King
 Deputy Clerk
 If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at 301 North Park Avenue, Suite N-301, Sanford, Florida 32772, telephone (407) 685-4300 extension 4227, within 2 working days of your receipt of this Notice of Hearing. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call (800) 955-8771. Publish: September 11, 18, 25, 2002 and October 2, 2002
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Fishermen catch more when they are better prepared

By Tom Heath
Special to the Herald

I was recently asked to write a few short articles concerning one of the passions in my life — offshore fishing. I was nervous about my ability to come up with relevant information that you the reader would find of interest.

You may ask, "Who are you to tell me something new about fishing and where did you earn the credentials to be expert on such an enormous subject?"

I was born and raised in Michigan and cut my teeth catching Bluegills, Crappies, Bass, Northern Pike, Salmon and Trout. As I ventured to Florida for family vacations as a teen, I was bit by the "headboat bug" and thus began my lessons in the ways of Grouper and Snapper.

I built my first wood boat as a young teen and promptly found a nice lady who allowed me to store it in her yard on a local lake. I was the only kid around who had my own boat and thus access to the coves and deeper water which could only be reached by boat.

Those were the days of full stringers of fat Smallmouth Bass,

Pike and the occasional Bowfin or Dogfish as they were called. I even caught Carp of 20 pounds on ultralight tackle during the hot summer months. This leads us to the juicy subjects of lures, tackle and boats of all shapes and sizes.

Underlying every fisherman's passion is the desire for more and better tackle and bigger and faster boats! I began collecting tackle as a boy and have most of my early rods and reels and tackle boxes filled with what has become collectible tackle. I have attended few tackle shows being too busy using the stuff to stop and take inventory! I also have little patience for the numerous TV shows focusing on fishing.

I am lucky enough to live on a canal leading to Ponce Inlet on Florida's East Central Coast and have my 31-foot offshore boat sitting on a lift ready to go at any moment the moon, stars, seas and my lovely wife all agree it might be a good fishing day.

When asked how I consistently have good luck fishing, I must say preparation is the key. I have had scores of great teachers who have taught me some important lessons, none of which is more important than being prepared, just like the Boy Scouts. What this means is always having your tackle in order, fresh line, functional drags, full fuel in the boat, balts rigged, livies caught ahead of time, electronics all working properly and programming of GPS and Loran done ahead of time at the dock, not out in the ocean with big seas hampering your ability to focus on the numbers, key pads and instruction booklets.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of being pre-

pared. Always expect to be stopped by the Marine Patrol, always expect to encounter storms and always build redundancy into your equipment — extra rods, reels, electronics, radios, bottom machines, etc. My present vessel was setup for long trips offshore, 40 to 100 miles and long days which begin at 3:30 a.m. and often don't end until long after dark! I remember a book from college called Future Shock which taught the reader to reduce the chance for problems and future shock by being prepared, planning ahead!

The articles to follow will focus on the hottest fishing right here in my backyard — Atlantic Sailfish, Marlin, Tuna, Dolphin (Mahi), Wahoo, Kings and the long list of bottom fish including Grouper, Snapper, Cobia, Triggers, Amberjack and Sharks. I sincerely hope I can pass along some techniques of the best fisherman and women in the area. As Ralph Waldo Emerson states in his essay on Compensation, "We must borrow from all and follow none as we cut our own path in life." This has been my practice as a fisherman — borrow all the techniques I can from all the people who have shared with me over the years.

I look forward to your comments and questions. I will do my best to answer any questions which can be sent to Gradyreelmagic@aol.com.

Thanks in advance for your help in making this series of value to fisherman of all ages!

Tom Heath is a New Smyrna Beach resident. His articles will appear regularly in the Seminole Herald and provide tips and techniques for fishing along Florida's East Coast.

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NAACP holds 59th annual conference

By Marva Hawkins
Herald Correspondent

The 59th Annual Session of the Florida State Conference of NAACP Branches of the Florida State Convention was held recently. "Freedom Under Fire: A Reflection of Our Heritage - Past, Present and Future" was the theme of the annual session hosted by the Seminole County Branch, at the Altamonte/Orlando Hilton Hotel.

The three day conference of workshops, forums, dialogues were held to inspire over 300 members, youth and adults and officials in attendance.

Under the leadership of State President Odora Obi Nweze and other national, regional, state and local officials, the convention was deemed a grand success. Participants, observers and delegates were enlightened to the task at hand that included education, voter empowerment, economic development, health and membership.

The candidate form for office seekers was held Friday afternoon with many presenting their platforms. The youth of the conference held their session on Saturday. Youth from all over the state were in attendance and participated in the Afro-Academic, cultural, technological and scientific academic competition (ACT-SO).

To close the session, members of the community, city officials and branch members gathered for the Freedom Fund Awards banquet. First Vice President Whitfield Jenkins presided.

Presentation of the colors was by Chief Robert Merchant and Altamonte Police Honor Guard.



Herald photo by Marva Hawkins
Pictured, from left, are NAACP Branch President Turner Clayton, State President Odora Obi Nweze, Guest Speaker Dr. Asa Hilliard III, and State Vice President Whitfield Jenkins.

The invocation was given by Dr. Paul Matthews of the Florida State Conference.

Seminole County Branch President Turner Clayton gave the welcome of the evening.

Sanford's own Ingrid B. Nathan led the audience in the singing of "Lift Every Voice and Sing", the official song of the NAACP.

Music renditions were by Master Markques Menefee of Tri-City Branch Council. He sang the dynamic and beautiful "God Bless the USA."

Greetings were given by Althia Miller of Region five youth division, and LaToya Kelp, Vice President of Florida State Youth.

Highlighting the evening was the guest speaker, Dr. Asa G. Hilliard III, Fuller E. Callaway

Professor of Urban Education, at Georgia State University, a well known distinguished historian, educator, psychologist and author of many books and papers.

Dr. Hilliard reminded us to be informative, know our heritage, trust each other, highlight and celebrate the history of African Americans, give honor to our leaders, and address our special problems. No, we have not yet arrived when we have so many black men in prisons. He spoke of the cultural styles and social process we must create for wholeness among our people.

Special thanks to Seminole County Branch President Clayton, Vice President Ken Bentley and branch committee members for a hosting job, well done.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The City of Sanford has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

A. Initially proposed tax levy	\$8,799,681
B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes	(\$13,197)
C. Actual property tax levy	\$8,812,878

This year's proposed tax levy

\$9,884,475

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

**Monday, September 23, 2002
7:00 P.M.**

at
**the City Commission Room at the City Hall
300 North Park Avenue
Sanford, Florida 32771**

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

Festival

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the festival goes toward scholarships for students at all seven Seminole High Schools, Senator said. Since 1986, almost \$1.5 million has been distributed to more than 250 high school students. This year, a minimum of eight scholarships will be distributed among students.

For 16 years, the Lake Mary/Heathrow Festival of the Arts has supported and helped fund our arts program, which is a vital part of our curriculum for the

students" said Seminole School Board Chairman Sandra Robinson. "The festival also gives recognition to the students in our community."

According to festival organizers, the success of the Lake Mary/Heathrow Festival of the Arts, which Sunshine Artist Magazines included in its 2001 list of top 200 art shows in the nation, is based on a partnership with the community, volunteers, individual contributions from local businesses, and the various chambers of commerce in Seminole. The goals

of the festival include producing a juried show featuring local, national and international artists and craftsmen, raising money for graduating high school students, fostering pride and involvement within Seminole County and stimulating and energizing the local economy.

Plans for this year's festival are currently being finalized.

Books

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pare young children for reading and motivate school-age children to read regularly. In 2001, through a national grassroots network of more than 400,000 community volunteers, RIF programs provided 15 million new, free books and other essential literacy resources to nearly 5 million children. Last year, RIF celebrated its 35th anniversary and the milestone of placing more than 200 million books in the hands and homes of children most at risk of educational failure.

Stalker played an integral part in bringing the RIF program to Idyllwild several years ago through a grant application. As a result, three book give-aways are held at the school each year.

Different than the original RIF program, the classroom collections are permanent classroom-based lending libraries, Stalker

said. They are accompanied by resource materials describing the use of the collections and motivational activities to strengthen parent-child-school interaction.

Each collection is shared by at least two classrooms and is stored on wooden bookshelves, which were also provided to the school as part of the grant. Students will be able to "check out" books and take them home for a limited amount of time.

"They will be able to take the books home and share them with their parents," Stalker said. "This adds another element to their reading."

"So many of these kids only have access to books when they are at school," she said. "This new program gives them just one more opportunity to take books home with them and improve their reading skills."

Tax

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which is down, and while we have been making some gains, it is difficult to replace this amount."

The primary charge of the TDC, established by referendum in 1988, is to promote the county's tourism industry and attract visitors, which together, will create a

positive economic impact for Seminole County.

Guests at each of the county's 44 short-term accommodation facilities include service hotels, extended stays, suites, inns, bed and breakfasts, lodges and campgrounds, pay the "Bed" tax of three percent, which entirely funds the TDC budget.

Pipe

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"This is the reason we don't use corrugated metal pipe in this city anymore," Herman said at the time of the incident. "You can expect to get about 50 years out of metal pipe. This one didn't make it quite that far. It was about 47 years old."

The problem is not limited to the Georgetown area. Herman said metal stormwater pipes were installed throughout the city in the 1940s through the early 1970s. To replace all of the pipes at one time with concrete pipe would cost more than \$100 million, Herman estimates.

"You're talking five to 10 times more than the entire city budget," Herman said.

City Manager Tony

VanDerworp has recommended hiring a consultant to analyze Sanford's stormwater rates and suggest changes to that will allow the city to accumulate reserves for future upgrades to the system. The city completed a similar restructuring for water rates last year.

"We need to find a way to generate revenue through those stormwater funds," VanDerworp said.

Central Florida Environmental Inc. of Longwood was awarded the contract to repair the line at a cost of \$515,000. Florida Concrete Pipe Inc. of Astatula will provide the concrete pipe at a cost of \$172,000. The project is expected to be completed within four months.

BUDGET SUMMARY

CITY OF SANFORD - FISCAL YEAR 2003

Millage Per \$1,000 General Fund 6.625	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Enterprise Funds	Internal Service Funds	Totals
Cash Brought Forward	\$1,000,000	\$ 1,954,221	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 475,000	\$ 4,579,221
Estimated Revenues							
TAXES: Millage per \$1,000							
Ad Valorem Tax (6.625)	8,949,599	665,327	0	0	0	0	9,614,926
Franchise & Utility	7,104,310	0	0	0	0	0	7,104,310
Licenses and Permits	1,101,680	0	0	0	0	0	1,101,680
Intergovernmental Revenue	3,775,983	774,800	0	7,000	0	0	4,557,783
Other Revenues	1,671,884	170,900	0	2,176,600	25,000	32,000	4,076,384
Charges for Services	4,518,777	0	0	12,476,139	1,215,409	0	18,210,325
Interfund Transfers	588,806	224,097	171,940	0	0	0	984,843
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	27,711,039	1,835,124	171,940	14,659,739	1,240,409	32,000	45,650,251
Total Estimated Revenue And Cash Brought Forward	\$ 28,711,039	\$ 3,789,345	\$ 171,940	\$ 14,659,739	\$ 2,390,409	\$ 507,000	\$ 50,229,472
Expenditures/Expenses							
General Government	\$ 4,465,993	\$ 2,300	\$ 0	\$ 21,956	\$ 941,807	\$ 0	\$ 5,432,056
Public Safety	13,595,440	48,966	0	0	0	0	13,644,406
Physical Environment	2,863,186	0	0	8,766,429	0	0	11,629,615
Transportation	2,590,199	894,775	0	1,194,769	0	0	4,679,743
Economic Environment	26,500	15,000	0	0	0	0	41,500
Human Services/Health	151,450	0	0	0	0	0	151,450
Culture/Recreation	4,008,490	0	0	0	0	0	4,008,490
Debt Service	0	615,360	171,940	4,509,905	0	0	5,297,205
Other Uses	613,744	1,624,138	0	166,680	1,448,602	507,000	4,360,164
Interfund Transfers	396,037	588,806	0	0	0	0	984,843
Total Expenditures/Expenses	\$ 28,711,039	\$ 3,789,345	\$ 171,940	\$ 14,659,739	\$ 2,390,409	\$ 507,000	\$ 50,229,472
Reserves							
Total Appropriated Expenditures/Expenses and Reserves	\$ 28,711,039	\$ 3,789,345	\$ 171,940	\$ 14,659,739	\$ 2,390,409	\$ 507,000	\$ 50,229,472

The tentative, adopted, and/or final budgets are on file in the office of the above mentioned taxing authority as a public record.

Community Notes

Lights, Camera, Action

Edward Jorden, a noted filmmaker, will be shooting a scene for his new movie, "Return to Bollywood" Monday, Oct. 1, at Magnolia Acres historic house, in Longwood.

Golf Tournament

Lake Mary Elementary School will hold its annual golf tournament on Oct. 11 at Alauqua County Club. Cost is \$80 per player and includes green fees with cart, a continental breakfast, lunch, beverages, and prizes.

Format is 4-Golfer Scramble, Best Ball, Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Entry deadline is Oct. 1.

You can also sponsor a hole - Gold = \$600 comes with a free foursome, a plaque of appreciation and a customized sign on a tee box. Silver = \$300, comes with a plaque of appreciation and a customized sign on a tee box. Bronze = \$125, entitles you to a shared hole sign.

For additional information contact Liz Chaires at 407-320-5661 or e-mail at liz_chaires@scps.k12.fl.us.

Square Dancing

The Starlight Promenaders Square and Round Dance Club in DeBary will begin new square dance classes in October, open to all men, women, singles and couples of all ages. Free nights will be Wednesdays, Oct. 2 and 9 at 7 p.m.

All square dancers are invited to join any Wednesday evening at the DeBary Community Center, 34 South Shell Road. Workshops begin at 7 p.m. For additional information phone 386-574-3692.

German American Society

Saturday, Oct. 12, the German American Society will be holding its annual "OKTOBERFEST" at the beer garden and club house, 381 Orange Lane, Casselberry. There will be lots of entertainment and delicious food.

Apopka's 120th Birthday

Apopka's 120th Birthday Celebration will be observed at a special festival and family celebration Saturday, Oct. 26 from 11 a.m. until dusk at Kit Land Nelson Park, Park Avenue, Apopka. The event is free of charge and much entertainment and food is scheduled for guests of all ages. For additional information phone Jackie Trefcert, 407-886-2777.

Jazz Concert

The Altamonte Jazz Ensemble, directed by Mike Arena will present a special concert with a tribute to the music of Quincy Jones, Sunday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. at Winter Springs High School Auditorium, 130 Tuskawilla Road, Winter Springs. Admission is \$5 at the door. Quincy Jones music has spanned five decades along with superstars such as Frank Sinatra, Michael Jackson, Steven Spielberg, Oprah Winfrey and others. Jones has appeared with Lionel Hampton and Count Basie.

For additional information phone 407-322-7528.

Volunteers Needed

The Seminole County Guardian Ad Litem program is in need of volunteers to advocate for the best interest of abused, neglected and abandoned children in a court proceeding. To become a Guardian Ad Litem volunteer you must be 21 years of age or older, possess good judgment, common sense and be capable of helping a child in crisis. You must present favorable references, consent to have your background checked and complete 24 hours of training.

Guardian Ad Litem training will be held at the Juvenile Justice Center, 190 Bush Blvd. in Sanford on Nov. 8, 9 and 15. For more information phone Tina at 407-665-5376.

School Notes

Florida Power Donation

On Tuesday, Sept. 10, Sophia O'Keefe, community relations manager at Florida Power, made a corporate donation to the Take Stock in Children Scholarship fund with a total impact of \$15,000.

The dollars will be used to purchase college scholarships for at-risk students in Seminole County Public Schools.

The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools serves as the lead agency for the Take Stock in Children program in Seminole County. In Seminole County Public Schools, Take Stock scholars are selected in the eighth grade to receive 2+2 Florida Prepaid college scholarships (2 years at a Florida community college and 2 years at a Florida university). The students earn their scholarship by signing a contract promising to maintain a 2.0 GPA, to stay in school until graduation,

and to remain drug and crime free.

Each student is matched with a mentor who meets with him or her on a weekly basis. The mentor is a caring adult committed to helping the student succeed in high school.

Florida Power not only provides financial support to the Take Stock in Children program, a number of their employees mentor Take Stock students!

For information on mentoring or sponsoring a Take Stock in Children scholar, contact Lisa Reineck at 407-320-0196 or e-mail Lisa_Reineck@scps.k12.fl.us. For information on The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools, contact Dr. Tina Calderone at 407-320-0180 or e-mail Tina_Calderone@scps.k12.fl.us

Disney Donates Computers
Stenstrom Elementary School

was the recipient of a donation from the Walt Disney Corporation.

Disney donated 45 Compaq computers for use in Stenstrom Elementary School classrooms. Bill Kerkmann, who directs the replacement and installation of computer hardware for Disney, facilitated the donation.

Kerkmann, along with several Disney associates, delivered the computers during the summer months. Shannon Pomp, Stenstrom's tech facilitator, together with Mike Harvey and Randy Chorpening, Seminole County Public School's technology staff, worked to configure the computers for classroom use.

Pomp held a version of a "Disney Computer Store" for Stenstrom teachers to pick-up their new computers.

For additional information regarding donating to Seminole County Public Schools please call

Richard Wells, Director, Community Involvement, at 407-320-0176.

Seminole System Receives Award

The State of Florida approved an \$834,128 SIT (School Infrastructure Thrift) Award to Seminole County Public Schools for the cost effective design and frugal construction of Bentley Elementary School.

The SIT program was established in 1998 by the State of Florida to recognize districts that use diligence and sound business practices in the design, construction, and use of educational facilities. Seminole County Public Schools has received an award for every eligible project and has collected over \$8.4 million for a total of five projects.

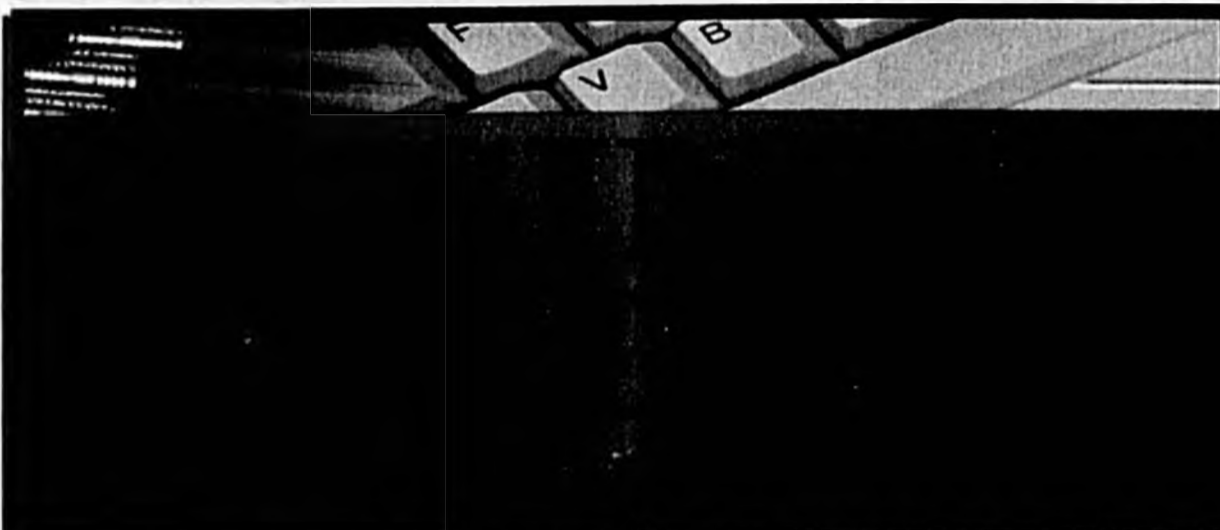
SHS Band Fund-Raiser
The Seminole High School

Band is now selling America's ValuCards as their school fundraiser. The cards sell for only \$10 and offer hundreds of dollars discounts from 15 area businesses such as: Free Entree at Chevy's, Free Sandwich ad McDonald's, Free pizza at Domino's, Free breadsticks at Papa John's, Free beverage at Taco Bell, Free blizzard at Dairy Queen and a Free 2 Liter at Pizza Hut. Plus outstanding discounts at Pet Animal Supply, CiCi's Pizza Sergio's, Claires and Icing Boutiques, Choo Choo Car Wash, Hair Cutter, Dry Cleaning Soft Touch and Quizno's Subs.

Visit www.valucards.com for complete business listing throughout Florida. Unlike coupons, ValuCards can be used every day for an entire year.

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ValuCards are available by contacting a Seminole Band Student.



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Sports

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Briefs

S.G.A. FUNDRAISER

Sanford Gymnastics Association, Inc. is having a fundraiser to support its programs Friday and Saturday (Sept. 20-21) at the Sanford Gymnastics building at 601 East 25th Place (behind First Church of the Nazarene off South Sanford Avenue).

The event will run from noon to 7 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Space is still available for vendors who want to set up a table and there will also be a huge yard sale.

Call Elaine Wilson at 407-321-8421 to reserve vendor space. Vendors already committed are Tupperware, Southern Living, Italian Ice, Mary Kay, Discovery Toys, Pampered Chef, Home and Garden, Thermomix, Creative memories and Lonaberger Baskets.

Donations to the yard sale are needed and can be either dropped off or picked up except when classes are not in session (5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday) by calling the office (407-323-2462) or George or Jeanette Stiffey at 407-322-8234 or 407-829-0272.

Food will also be available and potential students may register for a class or a trail class for gymnastics, cheerleading, Kung Fu or Tae Kwon Do.

SANFORD SOCCER

The Sanford Recreation Department is offering Kicks N Dribbles Instructional Soccer for ages 5-to-8 and 9-12.

Player Placement Day (cost \$35) will be Saturday, September 21st at 9 a.m. at Zinn Beck Field (behind Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium).

The instructor will be Brian Dorman, a teacher at Sanford Middle School.

Reserve your spot by calling the SRD at 407-330-5697.

PREP BASEBALL SHOWCASE

BASE Sports will present the Florida All-Star Baseball Talent Showcase on Saturday, September 28 at the Joe DiMaggio Baseball Complex in Clearwater.

This showcase is designed for high school players looking to play at the collegiate level. Players will show their skill individually by position as well as hitting and timed running.

The showcase starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. In case of rain, Sunday, Sept. 29th will be used.

Parents are invited to join their son and attend a very informative NCAA Recruiting Workshop, where the athlete will be taken through the college recruiting process.

More information may be obtained by calling 419-382-2273. Advanced registration is required and there is a fee.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Lake Mary Elementary School will hold its annual golf tournament on Oct. 11 at Alauqua County Club. Cost is \$80 per player and includes green fees with cart, a continental breakfast, lunch, beverages, and prizes.

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For additional information contact Liz Chaires at 407-320-5661 or e-mail at liz_chaires@scps.k12.fl.us.

Lions living up to expectations

By Tony DeSormier
Special to the Herald

OVIEDO — For Winter Springs quarterback Jacob Garcia, Friday night qualified as a nightmare of almost Biblical proportions. No matter what he and the Bears attempted to do, the Oviedo Lions had an answer for it as they posted their second consecutive shutout to open the season, third if you include the preseason 'Classic' game against Lake Mary, beating the visiting Bears 32-0 in a Seminole Athletic Conference contest at John Courier Field.

The Oviedo defensive septet of Justin

Oviedo defense still has not allowed a score this season

"The Swamp Thing" Bradley, Ray Brown, Howard Lingard, Clint McMillan, Matt Perkins, LaDarion Rudolph, and Cliff Sawin harassed, hurried, flushed, sacked, stalked and generally abused Garcia all night long.

When it was finally over, Garcia had been sacked and tackled for a loss seven times for a total of 32 yards (he did have one rushing attempt that gained four yards) and completed just 10 of 27 passes

for 83 yards.

Oviedo defensive backs nearly came up with three interceptions while several other passes were batted down at or near the line of scrimmage with the violence of a volleyball spike.

"We generate a lot of good defensive pressure," said Oviedo coach Greg Register. "Our front seven is very strong, very quick, and very physical. And they play just as hard in the fourth quarter as

they do in the first quarter."

As Bradley, Brown, and Lingard et al. ran amuck, Winter Springs spent the first half bottled up its own end of the field. The Bears didn't cross their 30-yard line until the second quarter and didn't get across the 50-yard line until midway through the fourth quarter.

Limited to just six first downs (five coming in the fourth quarter), the Bears had just one series that was more than six plays long.

"All we can do is suit up and try again next week," said a frustrated Steve Katz, head coach of the Winter Springs Bears.

"We just made too many mistakes
See Lions, Page 2B

Rams make statement

Lake Mary upset nets ranking; Patriots get past Lyman

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

KISSIMMEE — Note to voters for the FSWA (Florida Sports Writers) Florida High School Football Poll...Don't snub Lake Mary again.

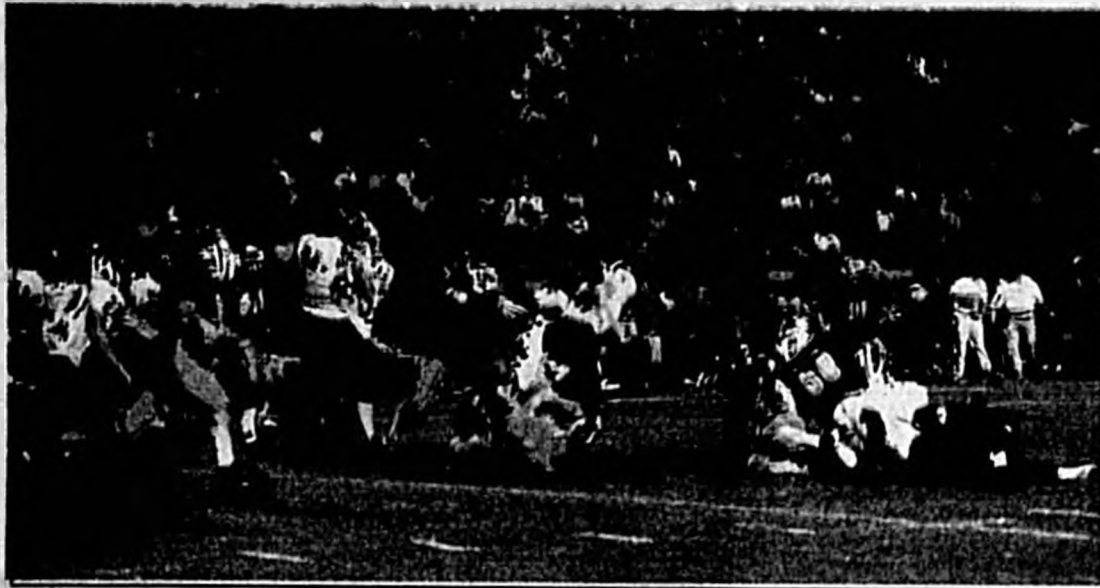
The Rams (2-0) pulled off the second big upset of the early football season, following Edgewater's defeat of nationally-ranked Palm Bay during the opening week, totally dominating No. 2 Class 5A state-ranked Osceola, 21-0, at Kowboy Field in Kissimmee last Friday night.

Coming off a state playoff appearance and with four strong running backs, led by three-time all-state performer Reggie Campbell, and a veteran defense led by highly recruited linebacker Keith Rivers, Lake Mary head coach Greg Stanton was more than a little miffed when the Rams only received one preseason vote and then was left off completely in the first week's real poll.

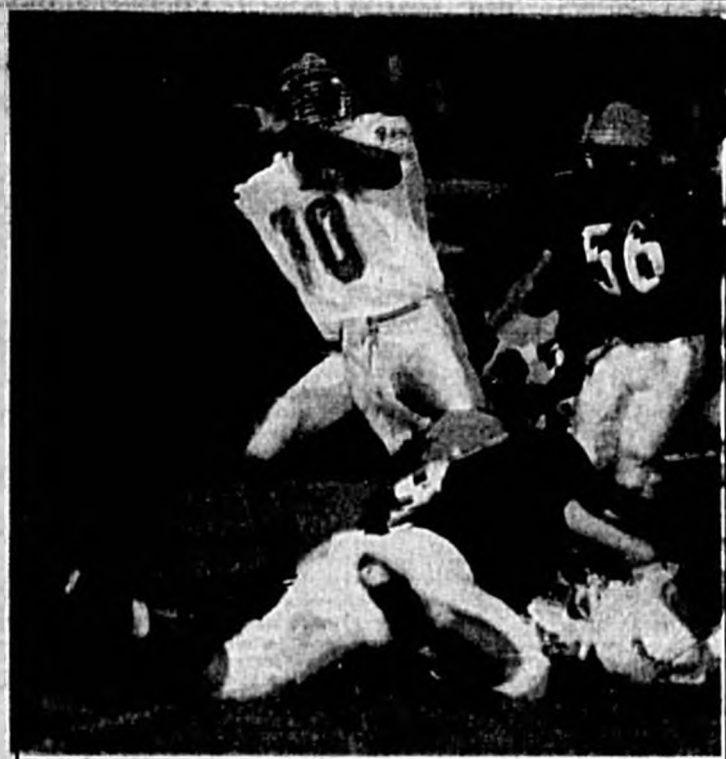
Lake Mary took out that frustration on Osceola (1-1), not allowing the potent Kowboys offense to cross the 50-yard line in the first half and blanking the hosts for the first time since 1996, a string of 69 games.

The Rams took control of the game immediately, scoring on its first two offensive series' of the game.

The first drive was aided immensely by an offside penalty on fourth down at the Osceola



Photos by Jim Weitz and Ardi Slocum



33 and three plays later Campbell took a pass from quarterback Jon Clark and dashed the final 15 yards into the end zone.

Clark was at it again on the

next series, hitting Derrick Grayson with a pass which the junior running back turned into a 54-yard score to cap a five-play drive. Ryan Pascioni added both extra point kicks.

It was good night for the quarterbacks as Lake Brantley signal-caller Jon Venters (above) breaks between two Lyman defenders on the way to a 114-yard rushing night and 16-6 victory over the Greyhounds and Lake Mary's Jon Clark (left) threw two touchdown passes to lead the Rams to a 21-0 upset of Osceola in Kissimmee. This week schedule has Winter Springs getting things started on Thursday when the Bears travel to Daytona Beach Municipal Stadium to take on state-ranked Mainland beginning at 7 p.m.

On Friday at 7:30 p.m., Ed White visits Lake Brantley at Tom Story Field, Sandalwood visits Oviedo at Jon Courier Field, Spruce Creek takes on Lake Mary at Don T. Reynolds Stadium, Lake Howell travels to Bayside and Seminole hosts Lyman in an SAC contest at Thomas E. Whigham Stadium.

Kissimmee's lone scoring 'chance' came after it recovered a fumble at its own 46, but got no closer to Lake Mary territory.

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Barringer outruns Zabel at Edgewater

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

ORLANDO — Jennifer Barringer has stamped herself as the early leader for the title of best female cross country in Seminole County.

The Oviedo sophomore ran a 19:30 to edge two-time defending Seminole Athletic Conference champion Jessica Zabel of Lake Mary by 12 seconds to lead a sweep of the top three finishers in the Girls' Class 4A portion of the Edgewater Invitational at Cypress Grove Park on Saturday.

Lake Brantley freshman Amanda Hintz was third in a time of 19:50, while Winter Springs junior Davina Craig gave the SAC four runners in the Top 5, coming home fifth in a time of 20:30.

Craig's run paced a good team effort for the Bears, who finished second behind Team Champion Boone. Lake Brantley was fourth, Oviedo sixth and Lake Mary 10th.

In the other races, only Oviedo's boys team, fifth in Class 4A, finished in the Top 5 either individually or as a team.

This coming Saturday, the place to be will be Greenwood Lakes Middle School when the Lake Mary Classic takes place starting at 8 a.m.

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Long Haul repeats in ASA/USA

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

SANFORD — It has not been the best of summers for Long Haul/Taylor Brothers/Shen Corp./TPS.

But you could not tell it from its performance this past weekend as it repeated at the ASA/USA Men's Super Slow Pitch Softball National Championships held on Rinker-Stenstrom Field at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium.

Led by tournament Most Valuable Player Jeff Wallace, Long Haul, which won all four association titles in 2001, scored at least 24 runs in each of its four victories and go undefeated for the second straight year here.

Long Haul/Taylor Brothers/Shen Corp./TPS came into the double elimination tournament ranked No. 3 in the nation, but had not won a tournament since the Smokey Mountain Classic back in the spring.

But right from the beginning the team showed it meant business, rolling over New Construction, 25-15, in the opening game Thursday night.

The champions then crushed PhoneMasters/K & G/TPS, 25-4, in the Winner's Bracket semifinals on Friday to earn a shot at No. 1 nationally-ranked Backman/Dan Smith/Menosse/Easton in the Winner's Bracket Championship on Saturday.

Backman/Dan Smith had advanced with a couple of tough wins over No. 4 ranked Mid-South Mizuno, 9-7, and No. 2 ranked Hague/Resmondo/Walzer/Worth, 16-15.

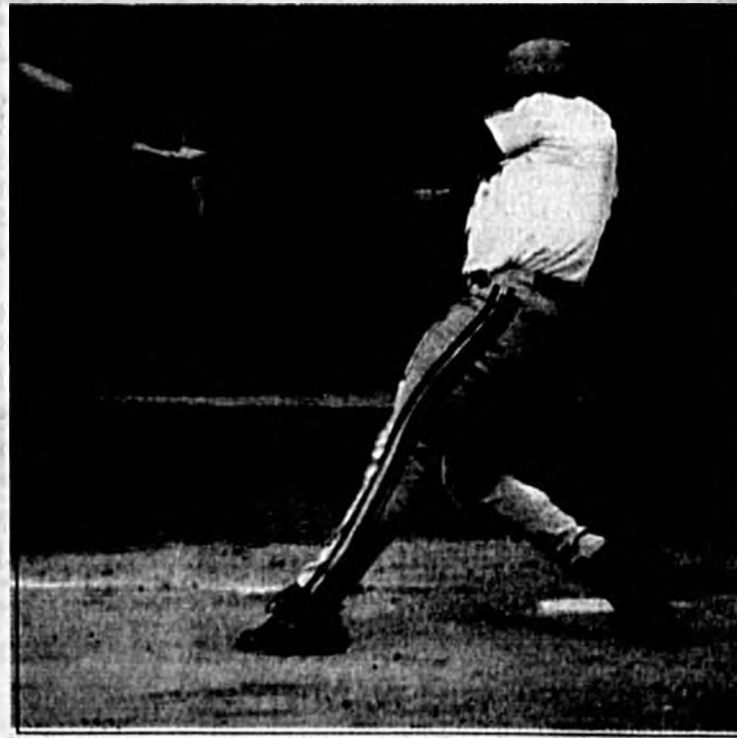
The matchup between the two heavyweights proved to be a classic with Long Haul/Taylor Brothers/Shen Corp./TPS scoring six runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to pull out a 35-33 victory in a contest that lasted 3:14.

Backman/Dan Smith had gotten a two-run home run from Demond Thomas and solo homers from Jeff Hall and Brett Helmer to take a 22-29 lead in the top of the seventh inning.

But in the bottom of the frame, John Mello led off with a home run and one out later, Andy Purcell, Hank Garris and Wallace hit back-to-back-to-back round trippers to tie the score.

After an intentional walk to Rusty Bumgardner, who hit a video taped 519-foot home run in an exhibition prior to a Minnesota Twins game earlier this summer at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, Todd Martin launched a game-winning walk-off blast well beyond the leftfield wall. Wallace finished the game 6-for-6 with six home runs and 11 RBI as Long Haul blasted 21 home runs. Bumgardner and Martin chipped in with three home runs each.

Hall was also 6-for-6 and hit four home runs as
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Herald photo by Jim Weitz

A batter puts a charge into one for Hague/Resmondo/Walzer/Worth during play at the ASA/USA Men's Super Slow Pitch Softball National Championships Saturday at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium.

Sidewalk project receives city's go-ahead

By Michelle Jerla
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — The wait is finally over for residents in the Evansdale area.

Commission Thursday gave its approval for city staff and the engineering firm of Dyer, Riddle, Mills and Precourt Inc., to move forward with the Evansdale Road/Pine Tree Road sidewalk project. The decision follows months of public input gathering and engineering studies to determine the best funding and design alternative for the project.

Fund availability will determine if Evansdale gets one or two walkways

Thursday's motion included addressing drainage problems and the construction of traffic calming devices and a sidewalk on the south side of Evansdale and Pine Tree roads. If enough funds are available following the first phase of the project, a sidewalk will also be constructed along the north side of the roads.

"What we are proposing won't solve

every problem out there," Commissioner Gary Brender said. "But, we will not make it worse. We will make it better. But, it won't be perfect."

When the Evansdale development was built in the early 1980s, there were no city requirements to build sidewalks in the neighborhood. However, as more residents moved into the area, people became

increasingly concerned with pedestrian safety, especially for children walking to and from school.

"Sidewalk codes have changed since the development went in," Lake Mary Mayor Thom Greene said. "Back then, many people didn't want sidewalks. They liked the country-like atmosphere of the area."

The engineering firm presented Commission Thursday with four alternatives for the sidewalk project, including the construction of a 5-foot sidewalk on the

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Tribe tripped by potent duo

This past week did not prove to be very kind for the Seminole High School girls volleyball team as it fell to a pair of powerful squads in straight games.

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Devoted educator dies at age 73

By Marva Hawkins
Herald Correspondent

A devoted and dedicated educator, Theodore "Ted" Levett Johnson of Flagstaff, Ariz. died early Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2002. He was 73.

Born in Sanford on May 27, 1929, to Ezekiel Benjamin Johnson and Carrie T. Wilson Johnson, he was a 1947 graduate of Crooms Academy where he was an honor student.

After high school Johnson attended Florida A & M College and because of his health he transferred to Northern Arizona University (NAU) where he received his degree in history. After graduation in 1956, he returned to Sanford where he taught history at his alma mater, Crooms Academy for ten years.

In 1966 Johnson returned to Arizona and received his masters degree in English from NAU in 1967. Joining the faculty at NAU in 1969, he taught composition literature and minority literature. Being the dedicated professor that he was, Johnson became involved as an advisor to four campus organizations, and served on a wide range of university committees. He was a great trailblazer in the service of diversity and minority student needs at NAU for more than 30 years and was active in civil and political affairs in Flagstaff.

Johnson was recognized with an Alumni Service Award, and most recently the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Achievement Award by the Black Student Union. Students always saw him as someone that they could talk to, someone who would listen and understand their needs. His greatest contribution to NAU has been his quietest one - his influence on students of all backgrounds and his willingness to guide, support, and educate students throughout his career at NAU.

A pioneer and politician in the See Johnson, Page 7A

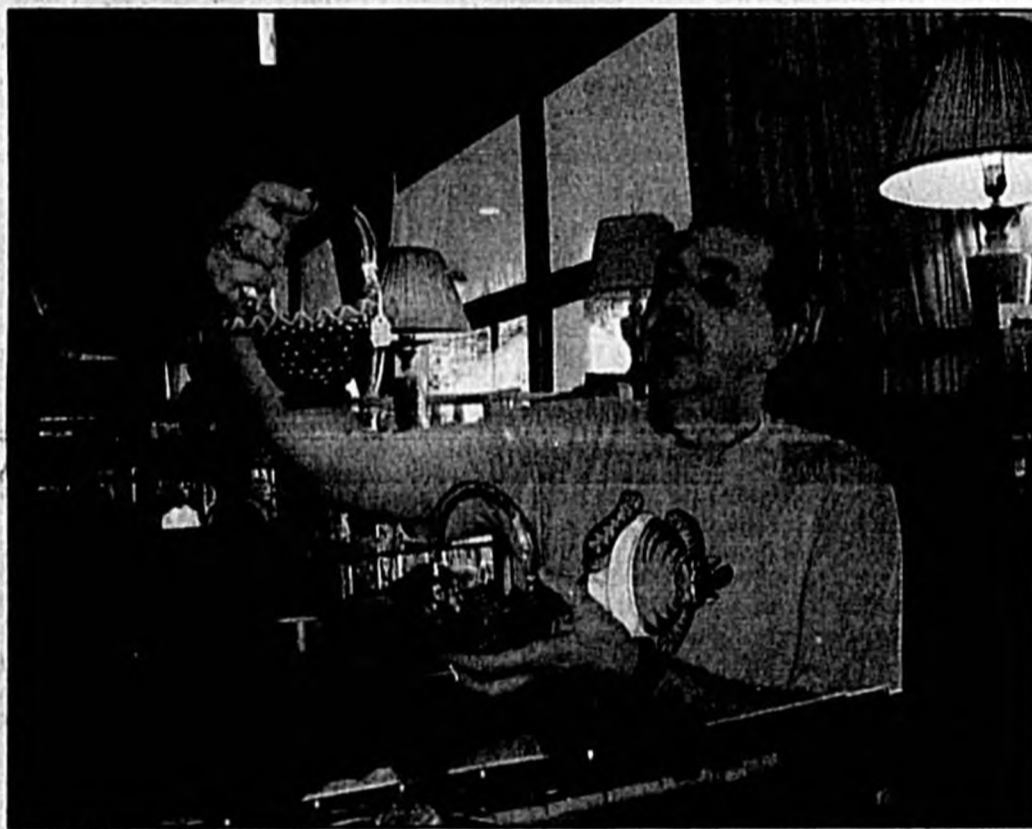


Johnson

Glassy goodbye after 28 years



This weekend's Sanlando Depression Era Glass show and sale is one of the last glass shows that will be held at the Sanford Civic Center before it is torn down to make room for the Conference Center.



Donald Mousseau of Daytona holds up a few pieces on display at his booth during this weekend's glass show.



Millie Downey has been the coordinator of the Sanlando Depression Era Glass show and sale since 1968.

Sanlando show leaving Sanford after January

By Michelle Jerla
Managing Editor

The Sanlando Depression Era Glass show and sale has become the next victim of progress.

After this weekend's event, only one more show will be held in Sanford before it moves to its new home at the DeLand fairgrounds. The January show will be the last glass show held in the Sanford Civic Center before it scheduled to be torn down to make room for the proposed Convention Center.

"We've held the show in the Civic Center, twice a year, since 1973," said show coordinator Millie Downey. "And, I'm definitely sad about leaving Sanford."

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Sanford considers car lot alternatives

By Dan Ping
Editor

SANFORD — City Commissioners will take public comment on the revision of Schedule E of the Land Development Regulations.

Key among the revisions are stiffer regulations for used automobile dealerships wanting to relocate to Sanford. The regulations do not affect existing dealerships, but several owners have expressed concern about the changes.

When the ordinance was originally presented to commissioners, the regulations called for a minimum one acre lot for any new used-car dealership. Jim Dunn, owner of CMC Automotive Group, called the move a "poison pill" that would force dealerships out of the city.

City planners reduced the minimum lot size to one-half acre. The street frontage requirement has also been reduced to 125 feet, the minimum allowed by the Florida Department of Transportation for roads with speed limits less than 45 miles per hour.

Monday's public hearing on the changes is the first of two opportunities citizens will have to comment on the issue.

Also on Monday's agenda, commissioners will discuss during their 4 p.m. work session a proposed condominium development along Lake Monroe.

A private firm, QG Investments Inc., has proposed building five 10-story structures along U.S. Highway 17/92 on property north of The Seminole Herald building. The company has already purchased 8.5 acres and wants to buy about 8 acres of city land adjacent to its property. The city's property includes the Public Works complex and the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) building.

In a letter to the city, Sid Vihlen Jr., who represents Mehbub Manji of QG Investments, asked commissioners to consider entering an "exclusive option purchase agreement" to begin negotiations in exchange for a non-refundable option payment of \$200,000.

Vihlen states in his letter that QG Investments needs the all of the city's property in order for the project to "make sense from a development and a financial

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Making Spirits Bright

It may be a few weeks before the beginning of the holiday season, but Gerry Weldon's house already looks like Christmas has arrived.

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Awash with squash

Fall markets are awash in squash! With so many to choose from, it's easy to get confused.

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Seminole Smile



Bill Carrico - Lake Mary Director of Parks and Recreation

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'Great Fire' changed Sanford's future

By Dan Ping
Editor

SANFORD — As the city prepares to celebrate its 125th anniversary of incorporation, it's worth remembering an event that change the face of downtown Sanford.

Shortly after 9 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22, 1887, a week shy of Sanford's 10-year anniversary, bells tolled throughout the city, alerting residents of a fire at Altree's Bakery. Crews responded, but the blaze quickly raged out of control, with nearby wood-frame buildings serving as a ready source of fuel.

When the fire was finally extinguished the following day, several blocks of the densely populated downtown had been destroyed and losses were estimated at more than \$250,000.

The fire wasn't unexpected. By the late 1880s several Florida towns had already experienced similar disasters, and the Great Chicago Fire had decimated that midwestern city 16 years earlier. Alicia Clarke, curator of the Sanford Museum, said records indicate that warnings had been issued about Altree's Bakery.

"The city was already doing fire

inspections at that time," Clarke said, noting that the Sanford Fire Department was created in 1883. "There were concerns about the bakery, and it appears that the fire started in the chimney."

Though the fire destroyed many businesses and personal fortunes, Clarke said the city's business and government leaders took a "glass-half-full" attitude. A building boom began almost immediately. Wood-frame shacks were replaced with large brick structures, many of which not only remain 115 years

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Sanford Museum photo: Fire crews survey the damage left by the 1887 Great Fire of Sanford. This picture was taken from Sanford Avenue facing west down 1st Street. The large white building is the Sanford House Hotel, which was spared thanks to the efforts of hotel guests, employees and local citizens.