

Seminole low on YMCA priority list

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

The Central Florida YMCA is preparing to receive a \$33 million bond with almost half the money earmarked for capital improvements.

What improvements can Seminole County members expect? A new parking lot and refurbished locker rooms for the Lake Mary facility at the cost of \$269,000.

Lake Mary facility to receive a fraction of total Central Florida funding

Orange County facilities, however, are scheduled to receive \$5 million in enhancements.

Seminole County Commissioner Randy Morris sounded off on the apparent inequity at the most recent commission

meeting. Although commissioners unanimously approved a resolution supporting the bond issuance, Morris wasn't happy.

The Central Florida YMCA serves Seminole, Orange, Marion, Lake, Brevard and Osceola counties. The two most expen-

sive capital improvements planned with the 2002 bond issuance are also the only proposed expenditures for Osceola and Brevard counties. The Titusville and Osceola facilities will receive \$2.4 and \$2.8 million, respectively, for renovations.

Comparing U.S. Census 2000 population figures, Seminole County is a little less than half the size of Orange County. Seminole

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Raiders rebound

With the game on the line, the Seminole Community College softball team stood up and denied Lake-Sumter Community College. Page 1B

Sheriff's office warns of possible scam

Seminole County Sheriff's deputies made contact last week with out-of-state paving crews, which were offering to pave driveways for area residents. The crews were working in the Geneva and Chuluota areas.

Although it has not been proved that crimes occurred in these instances, the sheriff's office would like to urge residents to be cautious.

Many times, these traveling paving crews will pull up to a home and offer to pave a driveway for a bargain. They say they have some leftover asphalt from another job and could do the work cheaply, according to authorities.

According to those in the paving industry, quality work is determined by the base layer preparation; the type of rock used underneath the asphalt layer. Many times, traveling paving crews fail to do proper base layer preparation and only apply an asphalt cover, which will crumble weeks or months later.

The sheriff's office suggests residents do not do business with traveling paving crews, which show up unannounced to do work. Anyone who has had contact with traveling paving crews or who has any concerns, call the Seminole County Sheriff's Office at 407-665-6600.



African Adventure

When Kelly Foster told her friends and family she wanted to go to South Africa instead of Australia as part of the International Mission on Diplomacy, they thought her decision was a bit unusual. Page 1C

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House passes bill on redistricting while Senate still ponders

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

TALLAHASSEE — If the state legislature fails to fulfill its three constitutional requirements by March 22, the house will not be at fault, said House Speaker Tom Feeney, R-Oviedo.

With only two weeks remaining in the session, the senate still must finalize a new state budget, complete cabinet reorganization and redraw the district maps for state leaders and U.S. Representatives. On the other hand, the house only lacks approving reorganization, and Feeney anticipates a vote on the issue early this week.

"In the house, we've been timely and organized. We're hoping the senate can start getting organized," Feeney said.

The house passed two redistricting bills Wednesday with overwhelming support. Representatives stayed close to their party lines in the congressional reapportionment vote as the bill passed with a 78 to 36 margin. State senate and house redistricting proposals passed with much greater support. More

than 25 percent of the minority vote approved the measure in an 86 to 32 tally.

"It was really the smoothest redistricting process I've ever been involved in," Feeney said.

As a "freshmen" representative 10 years ago, Feeney said the controversial matter was further complicated by some legislatures practice of "cloak and dagger." He credited this less painful experience to a more open process, which included 24 public hearings across the state.

If the house versions of redistricting passes the Senate's approval without change, Seminole County stands to lose a state representative and gain a new Congressman. Rep. Jim Kallinger, R-Winter Park, only serves three precincts in the southwest corner of the county, however, with the house's redistricting proposal he would lose those in the area of Howell Branch Road and Aloma Avenue.

Citing tremendous growth in East Central and South Florida, Feeney said "it was pretty easy" for the house to draw districts for

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Commission to consider interlocal agreement for conference center

By Dan Ping Editor

SANFORD — City Commissioners will consider an interlocal agreement with Seminole County to build a conference center in downtown Sanford.

The agreement generally outlines the responsibilities of the city and the county, and a more detailed agreement would be signed in the coming months.

The county would design and construct the facility in consultation with the city. The city would agree to provide the land and all auxiliary structures—primarily parking facilities. The city would also assume the costs, responsibilities and liabilities for operating the conference center.

Additionally the city would provide land for a hotel to be integrated with the center. County commissioners have made clear, however, that they will not fund a hotel with county tax money.

While the county is agreeing to assume the expense of constructing a conference center—between \$10 and \$15 million—the agreement does not come without costs for Sanford. The city would pay to operate the facility, and in most instances, stand-alone conference centers lose money.

The Emerald Coast Conference Center near Destin is still under construction, but operators expect it to lose \$400,000 annually. The Hattiesburg Lake Terrace Convention Center in Hattiesburg, Miss. has been open three years and lost \$400,000 in Fiscal Year 2001.

The Sanford Civic Center posts an annual operating loss of \$178,551.

City officials still plan to pursue a hotel partnership to offset operational losses from the conference center. A Request for Proposals (RFP) has not been

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Pledging allegiance



Almost 200 people recited Thursday the Oath of Allegiance and the Pledge of Allegiance during Sanford's annual naturalization ceremony sponsored by the Pilot Club of Sanford Inc.

194 leave Civic Center as new U.S. citizens



Grace Camille Francisco holds up a U.S. flag Thursday after receiving her certificate of citizenship following Sanford's naturalization ceremony.

By Michelle Jerla Managing Editor

It's a paragraph containing only 140 words, but it can change a person's life in a matter of minutes.

The passage is the Oath of Allegiance, and it was recited Thursday by 194 people from 56 countries who have been waiting months — sometimes years — to become U.S. citizens. Many arrived at the Sanford Civic Center several hours before the naturalization ceremony, eager to start a new phase in their lives.

Alma and Cesar Francisco watched as their daughter, Grace Camille Francisco, recited the Oath of Allegiance and then the Pledge of Allegiance during Thursday's ceremony. The Orlando couple, originally from the Philippines, became U.S. citizens several years ago and have waited for more than a year for their daughter to follow in their footsteps.

The University of Florida student said she began the naturalization process, which includes the initial application for citizenship and an in-depth interview, about a year ago. However, she's lived in the United States since she was 4 years old.

"It's been a long process, and I am

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British bobby earns college credit at SCC

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

GENEVA — There's a British bobby toting a gun around Seminole County. But, don't be alarmed — he's trained.

Of the 2,500 Great Britain police officers only 140 carry firearms. Islander Darrell Johnson is one of those.

Johnson is scheduled to depart for Britain Monday. He will be taking back knowledge gained from a 44-hour Seminole Community College firearms instructor course.

The class is primarily attended by sheriff's office deputies and

local police departments such as the Winter Springs Police Department, which had five officers attending the class.

Few travel such great distances for a college credit, but then few have a rare and unique relationship as does Johnson and the class instructor. Their common bond is in their training. They were introduced to each other because of their similar military backgrounds. Johnson is a Royal Marine Commando and SCC range master Tony Figueroa is a U.S. Marine.

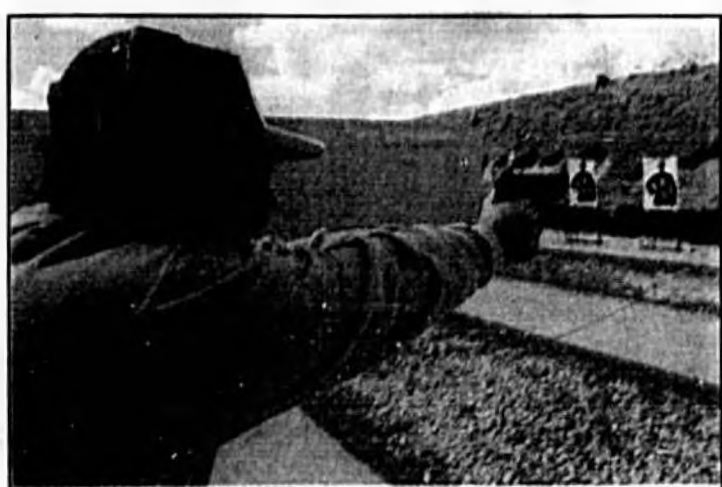
Similar to his trans-Atlantic associate, Johnson is training to be a firearm instructor. The similar-

ties don't stop there. For 22 years Johnson's been a bobby. Prior to being a SCC instructor, Figueroa was a Casselberry officer for 22 years.

The SCC instruction teaches Johnson, among others, proper gun range management, basic shooting principles and firearms and equipment familiarization. Graduates of the course are qualified to go back to their departments and train other officers.

Last Wednesday, students participated in discretionary decision-making exercises. In one such drill, students flipped over three blocks

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British bobby Darrell Johnson practices shooting recently during a 44-hour firearms instructor course at Seminole Community College.

SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

Smoke and mirrors: If you like to burn the butts or take a dip of snuff, don't plan on applying at City Hall.

The administration, in an effort to keep health care costs in check, plans to unveil a tobacco abstinence policy. Current employees won't be subject to the rule, but new employees must agree not to use tobacco—on the job or at home.

What's more, if you've had a puff in the last 12 months you can't even apply for a job. The policy states that "Any applicant for a General employee position shall be a non-user of tobacco or tobacco products for at least twelve (12) months immediately preceding his/her application for employment."

Now everyone knows tobacco is not good for you, even the Clock Keeper who still slips a pinch between his check and gums from time to time. Couple that with skyrocketing health insurance costs and it's understandable why the city wants to adopt the policy. But can the city really refuse to hire employees because they've used tobacco in the last 12 months? You can't refuse to hire a recovering alcoholic, or drug abuser, a person with AIDS or someone who's overweight.

If the proposed policy were already in place, City Manager Tony VanDerworp couldn't get a job with the city. What about elected officials? If so, Commissioner Whitney Ekstien couldn't be elected. Neither could Mayor Brady Lessard. Or former mayor Larry Dale. They all use tobacco in one form or another.

This is not an endorsement for tobacco use. It's a nasty, unhealthy habit. But if the city is serious about cutting health care costs, don't stop with tobacco. Take out the candy machines, ban the birthday cakes and baked goods at office parties, and require employees to exercise regularly. Either that or make "offending" employees pay for the full cost of health insurance.



Accuracy: The Clock, the newly refurbished one on Magnolia Square, has a global position system to keep it accurate despite power outages and such. No such system has yet been installed in The Clock, your favorite column.

Joe Desaro, the city's Human Resource director, lives in South Seminole County, not Kissimmee. Before taking the job with Sanford, he did commute to St. Cloud, but never, he assures me, did he live in St. Cloud and commute to Seminole. Wonder if we can get Stella Orrit to donate one of those GPS system to this column.

Downtown pads: There are proposals flying around town about condo towers on the lakefront. While none of those has yet to gain traction, a more modest plan is moving forward for living facilities downtown.

The Hotchkiss Building at the corner of 1st Street and Palmetto Avenue will soon have modern apartments on the second floor. Dr. Sherwood Jacobson owns the building and plans to pump \$225,000 in renovating the exterior and interior of the building. The work qualifies him for \$25,000 in city funds through the Historic Building Incentive program. No one asked, but the plan earns the Clock Keeper's endorsement.

Not only does it rehabilitate one of the historic old buildings, it will attract a few folks to live downtown. The plans call for seven apartments, some small lofts, others a bit larger with separate bedrooms. During the first phase, four of the apartments will be completed.

Hopefully other building owners will follow Mr. Jacobson's lead.

'Twas nearing St. Paddy's Day and all through City Hall,

Not a word on the "process," just a "no comment" wall.

Not a scrap of a note, not a single e-mail, A request for documents failed to unveil.

How could it be the Clock Keeper wondered, were the sources all wrong, did the grapevine blunder?

Allegations were made, yet the days still pass, Was the supervisor cleared, or did he sexually harass?

Was it a plan to conspire, to make him look bad, From a former employee who could have left mad.

Might be a gaffe, an innocent mistake, Who knows for now, guess we'll just wait.

Have a comment for The Clock? Send it to TheClock@seminoleherald.com

—Dan Ping, Editor

The bus stops here



At the end of the school day, a swarm of yellow buses start gathering at Sanford Middle School preparing to take school children home. Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Marijuana Possession

Oviedo Officer G. Robertson arrested Walter Barrett, 41, of Winter Springs Thursday for possession of 241 grams of marijuana. Police pulled him over for a broken taillight. Police reported Barrett made assertive movements toward the back seat, allegedly trying to hide the brown paper bag full of marijuana.

Seminole Deputy Larry Magee arrested Shaun Milicic, 18, Vernon Prawl, 19 and John Ross, 18, all of Winter Springs, Wednesday for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Authorities responded to 4201 Christian Place in Sanford after a caller reported a suspicious vehicle in the area. The three above suspects and two juveniles were reportedly smoking marijuana in the parked vehicle.

Seminole Deputy John Hawkins arrested Jayson Peterson, 26, of Lake Mary Wednesday for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Police stopped the suspect in reference to a Volusia County arrest warrant for possession of a controlled substance and concealed weapon.

Seminole Sgt. Mark Dibona arrested James Gill, 38, of Sanford Wednesday for possession of marijuana. Authorities stopped Gill after he ran the red light at 25th Street and Sanford Avenue. A small bag of marijuana fell to the ground as Gill exited his vehicle, Dibona reported.

Seminole Deputy Jalam Vann arrested Darrius Sessions, 20, of Sanford Wednesday for possession of marijuana and crack cocaine. Authorities stopped Sessions for an illegal window tint and searched the vehicle after they detected a strong odor of cannabis emitting from the car.

Seminole Deputy Don Wheeler arrested Latonia Williams, 28, of Longwood Wednesday for possession of marijuana and driving with a suspended license.



officer, resisting an officer and obstructing police. Smith reportedly pulled the radio from the deputy and threw it 20 feet away. In the process, the suspect also tore the deputy's uniform. It reportedly took two separate shocks from a stun gun, before deputies could quell Smith's struggle. Another charge of battery on an officer was added later at the jail when Smith reportedly kicked a deputy twice in the lower abdomen.

Burglary
Sanford Investigator Cynthia Littles arrested Samuel Fead, 43, of Sanford Tuesday for burglary. He reportedly entered the vacant residence at 703 Sanford Avenue without the owner's permission.

Suspended License
Seminole Deputy John Hawkins arrested Shelley Mincy, 31, of Lake Mary Tuesday for driving with a suspended license.

Seminole Deputy Steven Sosa arrested Arnick Footman, 21, of Sanford for driving with a suspended license. Authorities originally stopped Footman for having the driver's side headlight out.

Trespassing
Seminole Deputy Don Wheeler arrested Robert Ennis, 18, of Sanford Tuesday for trespassing. He was reportedly attempting to sell items door-to-door in the Lake Forest Subdivision.

DUI
Seminole Deputy David Kohn arrested Crystal Medeiros, 29, of Sanford Wednesday for driving under the influence. Police observed her driving approximately 60-mph in a 40-mph zone of Sanford Avenue. The suspect stated she had been sick after consuming some alcoholic beverages. The deputy noted "the defendant still had fresh vomit on the front of her shirt." Breathalyzer tests at the jail revealed a blood alcohol content of about .147.

Shoplifting

Sanford Officer Erik Zabik arrested Shaneka Freeman, 21, of Sanford Wednesday for shoplifting. She reportedly tried to walk out of the Orlando Drive Wal-Mart with several packs of panties concealed inside her bra. She also attempted to conceal a pair of slippers in a store bag. The total value of merchandise taken was \$16.69.

Sanford Officer Kenneth McLacklan arrested Dania Fernandez, 33, of Sanford Tuesday for larceny. She reportedly attempted to steal several make-up items from the Orlando Drive Wal-Mart.

Sanford Officer Daniel Barbara arrested Willford Herring, 55, of Sanford Tuesday for his second charge of shoplifting. He tried to steal four Butterfinger candy bars from the French Avenue Winn Dixie.

Cocaine Possession
The Sanford Police Department Tactical Unit executed a search warrant Wednesday at 412 Cypress Avenue. Agents arrested resident Constance Smith for possession of cocaine. Telly Ingram, 27, of Sanford was also arrested for possession of marijuana.

Seminole Investigator Michael Anthony arrested Michael Williams, 26, of Sanford Thursday in reference to an active Seminole County warrant for the sale of cocaine.

Battery on an Officer
Seminole Deputy Don Casseaux arrested Charles Smith, 48, of Sanford Tuesday for battery on an

OUT & ABOUT

WED 13

The Central Seminole County Democratic Club will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, in the Seminole County Public Library, located at 580 Greenway Boulevard in Lake Mary. Copies of the bylaws will be distributed and discussed. Refreshments will be served, and admission is free. All present and prospective democrats in Lake Mary, Heathrow, Longwood and Altamonte Springs are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Susan Herbel at 407-829-6424 or Sid Soloway at 407-333-1211.

THUR 14

The Professional Women's Network of the Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce will meet 8 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 14, in Florida Hospital-Altamonte, located at 601 E. Altamonte Drive in the Family Resource Center. Speaker is Sgt. Linda Belmore of the Lake Mary Police Department. For reservations or information, call Sally Underwood at 407-333-4748.

The League of Women Voters of Seminole County will sponsor a luncheon featuring School Board Chairman Sandy Robinson 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 14, in Saltwater Jack's Restaurant, located at 525 E. Altamonte Drive in Altamonte Springs. For more information, call 407-772-0147.

The monthly meeting of the Seminole County Democratic Executive Committee will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, March 14, in the Seminole County Public Library, located at 215 N. Oxford Road in Casselberry. All present and prospective Seminole County Democrats are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Bob Poe at 407-622-1783 or Rosalie Cook at 407-324-2776.

U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown will have her Sanford Outreach Service 3 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14, at Brother Keepers Inc., located at 1303 W. 13th St., in Sanford. Appointments are not necessary. For more information, call 407-872-0656.

FRI 15

The Central Florida Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa (a professional fraternity in education) is looking for current high school juniors interested in attending the fraternity's 2002 Summer Camp/Institute on the Indiana University campus in Bloomington, Ind., and is intended for high school juniors considering teaching as a career. If you know of a junior interested in attending, please contact David Scott at Idyllwild Elementary School at 407-320-3750 for an application. The Central Florida Chapter covers expenses for the attending students. Application deadline is Friday, March 15.

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Obituaries

RUBY J. DETHLEFSEN
 Ruby J. Dethlefsen, 77, of St. Andrews Boulevard, Winter Park, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, in Winter Park Memorial Hospital.

Born Sept. 8, 1924, in Sawmills, N.C., she resided in Central Florida for 46 years. She was retired from the Orlando Sentinel, where she worked as the head of communications. She was a member of St. Andrews United Methodist Church in Winter Park. Survivors include four sons, Charles J. Dethlefsen of Winter Park, Peter W. Dethlefsen of Cocoa Beach, Gary Dethlefsen of Winter Park and Fred Dethlefsen of Casper, Wyoming; one daughter, Gale Poleshuk of Oviedo; one brother, William Julian of Conover, N.C.; and two grandchildren. Banfield Funeral Home of Winter Springs is in charge of arrangements.

GERALDINE F. DUERR
 Geraldine F. Duerr, 83, of Chipola Avenue, DeLand, died Thursday, March 7, 2002, in Florida Hospital-DeLand.

Born in Jasper, Ala., she moved to Central Florida from Dover, Dela., in 1997. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Air Force Sergeants Association-Women's Auxiliary and the VFW Women's Auxiliary. She volunteered for the Red Cross, where she had more than 3,000 credited hours. She was of the Protestant faith. Survivors include one son, Larry Duerr of Deltona; one daughter, Pamela Hagan of Richmond, Va.; one brother, Leburn Flurry of Bessemer, Ala.; one sister, Leona Jacobson of Auburn, Calif.; and one grandchild.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 111 North Frederick Avenue, Suite 100, Daytona Beach, FL, 32114. Baldauff Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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FELICITA D. HARRIS
 Felicitia D. Harris, 85, of Boca Drive, Casselberry, died Monday, March 4, 2002.

Born May 14, 1916, in Gurabo, Puerto Rico, she moved to Central Florida from Missouri in 1970. She was a homemaker. She was of the Catholic faith. Survivors include one niece, Patsy Piper of Greenfield, Ill. Baldwin-Fairchild Oaklawn Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

ARLENE ANN HENNESSEY
 Arlene Ann Hennessey, 56, of Belltower Avenue, Deltona, died Monday, March 4, 2002, in her residence.

Born in Chicago, Ill., she moved to Central Florida in 1967. She was a mortgage broker for Approved Mortgage Funding Inc., in Orlando. She enjoyed sewing. She was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include two sons, Frank Loment of Chicago, Ill., and Michael Loment of Florida; one brother, Ronald E. Sis of San Francisco, Calif.; one sister, Diane V. Hofmeister of Yorkville, Ill.; and one grandchild.

Phoenix Cremation Society Inc., of South Daytona is in charge of arrangements.

MAYCIE LOSSING
 Maycie Lossing, 97, of West Airport Boulevard, Sanford, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002.

Born Aug. 18, 1904, in Mathews, N.C., she moved to Florida in 1922. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was of the Methodist faith.

Survivors include three sisters-in-law, Frances Wilson of Sanford, Alice Rountree of Sanford and Sylvia Carey of Sanford; two nephews and three nieces.

Funeral services were 1 p.m.

Friday, March 8, in Oaklawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Lake Mary.

Gramkow Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

EUNICE T. MARTIN
 Eunice T. "Aunt Eunice" Martin, 101, of Country Club Road, Sanford, died Sunday, March 3, 2002.

Born in Sanford, she worked as a citrus packer for Chase and Co. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Sanford and the Swedish Historical Society.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews, including Barbara and David Sherman, with whom she lived.

Funeral service was held 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 6, in Brisson Funeral Home. Brisson Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

WARWICK NELSON
 Warwick "Mork" Neilson, 47, of South White Cedar Drive, Sanford, died Friday, March 1, 2002.

He moved to Central Florida from New Zealand in 1980. He was a carpenter in the construction industry.

Gramkow Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

VERA PHILLIPS
 Vera Phillips, 91, of Landover Place, Longwood, died Wednesday, March 2002.

Born April 11, 1910, in Flowery Branch, Ga., she moved to Florida in 1924. She

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worked for Sanford Dry Cleaners for more than 60 years as a bookkeeper. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Sanford for more than 50 years.

Survivors include two sisters-in-law, Marian Phillips of Jacksonville and Helen Phillips-McGuire of Sanford and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services are 10 a.m. Saturday, March 9, in Evergreen Cemetery, with Pastor Rick Blythe officiating.

Gramkow Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

FRANK O. WEST II
 Frank O. West II, 55, of Swiss Lane, Deltona, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, in McNeil Hospital in Berwyn, Ill.

Born in Fort Fairfield, Maine, he moved to Central Florida from Pompano Beach in 1986. He was an over the road truck driver for BTI.

Survivors include his wife of 25 years, Mary D. West of Deltona; two sons, William J. Dolson of Jacksonville and Frank O. West III of Calhoun, Ga.; one daughter, Teresa M. Johnson of Jacksonville; his mother, Pauline P. West of Fort Pierce; three brothers, Terry West of Orange Park, Victor West of Alford and Chris West

of Fort Pierce; one sister, Sheree Spears of Jasper, Ga.; and one grandchild.

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

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL WINNIZKI
 Christopher Michael Winnizki, 40, of Abbott Avenue, Deltona, died Sunday, March 3, 2002, in his residence.

Born in New York City, N.Y., he moved to Central Florida in

1985. He was a commercial electrician. He was a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Deltona. He was interested in computers.

Survivors include his father, Michael Winnizki of Deltona; one sister, Barbara Winnizki of Queens, N.Y.; one uncle, John Winnizki of Deltona; and one aunt, Anne Winnizki of New York City.

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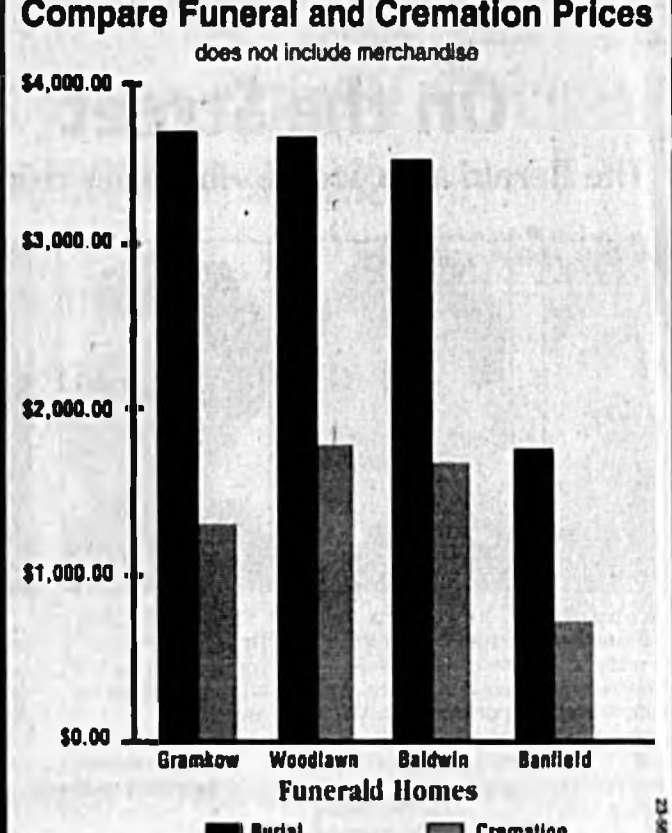
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OPINION

Pay it Forward

Sanford commissioners should approve a plan to pay 20 percent of the mortgage or rent for cops who live in the city

City Commissioners have an opportunity Monday night to raise the bar for compensating the city's police officers, while at the same time providing substantial police protection for Sanford citizens. A proposal by Mayor Brady Lessard would pay 20 percent of the mortgage or rent for any officer who lives inside the city limits.

To say the least, the idea is "outside the box thinking," but Lessard has been down this road before. Soon after he was elected in 1996 as the District 1 City Commissioner, Lessard proposed the police department begin a bike patrol. Other commissioners dismissed the proposal as a goofy idea made by the kid from California. Lessard persisted and today the bike patrol is one of the most effective and popular units in the department.

So before commissioners dismiss another seemingly silly idea, they should consider the benefits to the city. First, officers who live in their community know their community. While Sanford officers have done an admirable job in learning the issues that are important to the city, nothing quite connects you to a community like living there. You pick up the nuances of the neighborhoods. You know which cars are suppose to be there and which ones seem out of place. You're aware of which residential streets motorists drive too fast on, and where trucks cut through where shouldn't.

Second, officers who live within the city limits provide a greater police presence. A cop may not be on duty but you can bet that when he or she is out in the community, they're observing their surroundings. Sanford gets an extra set of eyes and ears on patrol when an officer lives within the city limits. In addition, the Commission allows officers who live in the city to take their patrol cars home. The officers have full access to the vehicle during their off-duty hours, which means more police cars on the street and incidentally, more police cars parked in neighborhoods. Think of it as a Neighborhood Watch sign on steroids.

Finally, officers who live in the community care about the community. That's not a slight to those officers who choose, for a number of good reasons, to live elsewhere. During the Tooley administration, the department has proven time and again that it is committed to making Sanford the best city in Central Florida. But when you live in a community you take things a little more personal. That mower taken from the carport isn't just some stranger's mower, it belongs to your neighbor Bob. That hooker straying her trade isn't walking just any street, that's your street. Cops who live in the city aren't going to find a solution to the problem because it's their job. They'll find the solution because it's their community.

Yes, the program will cost additional money. Currently 25 officers live within the city limits. Lessard figures the cost will be about \$36,000 annually. That's less than the city spends on cell phone bills each year. If 75 percent of the department's 110 sworn officers live in the city—a generous assumption—the city's cost is about \$110,000 a year. That's cheap when you consider the city is, in essence, nearly doubling its police presence 24 hours a day.

First and foremost citizens look to their city leaders to provide good public safety. Lessard's proposal does that. City Commissioners should support his plan. In the end it's not just the officers who benefit, it's the public.

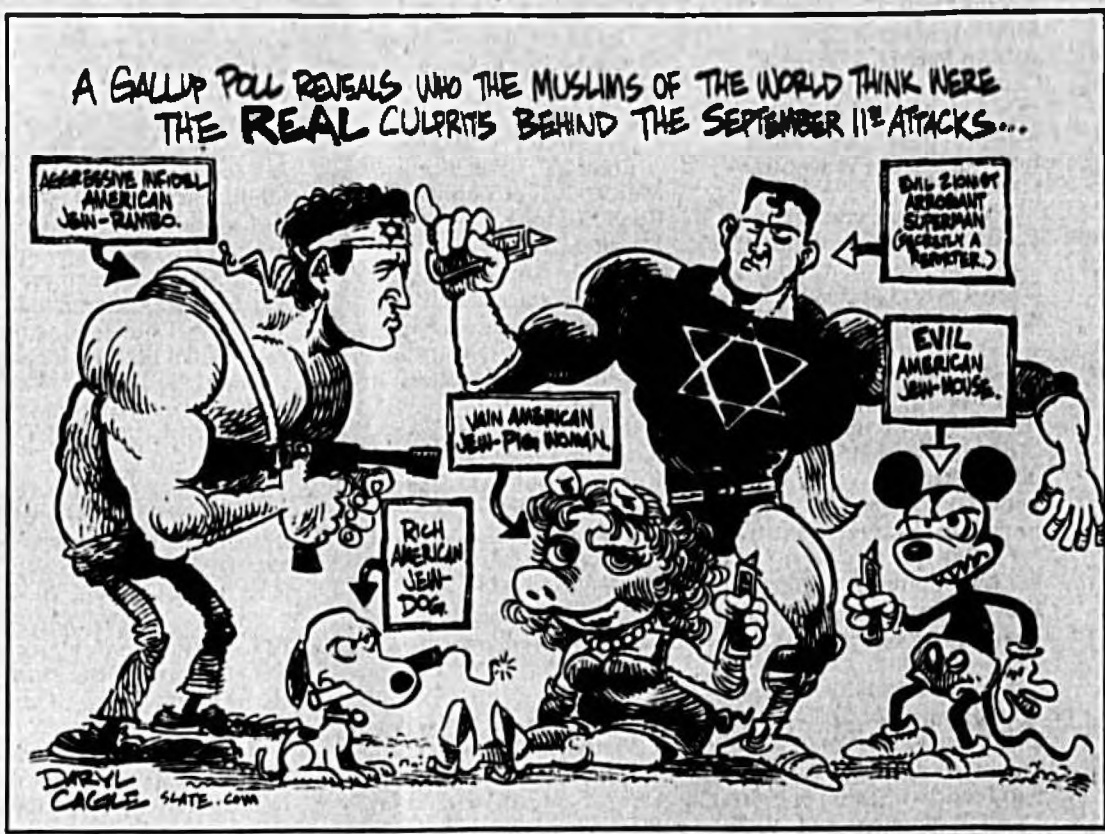
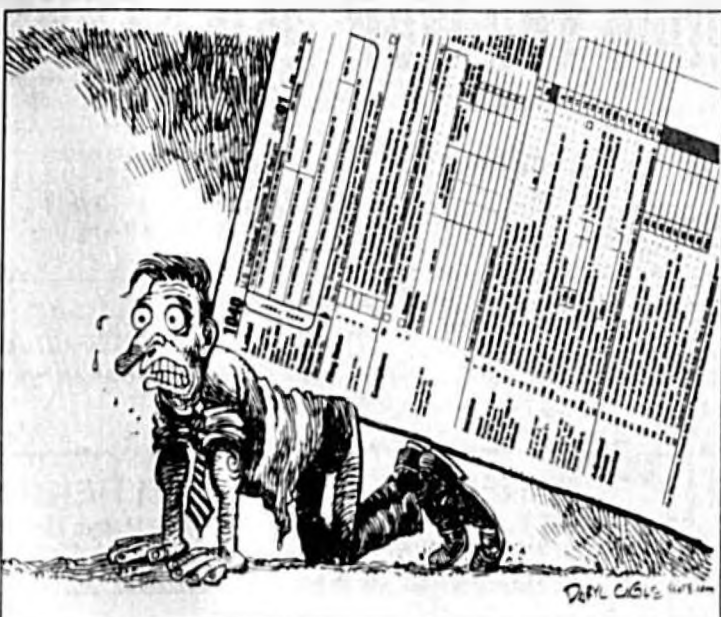
YMCA should expand its role in Seminole County

Seminole County residents who want to utilize the services of the YMCA have few options. Try parking at the YMCA in Lake Mary, or better yet exercising during peak hours and you'll find that supply doesn't meet demand.

County Commissioner Randy Morris hits the nail on the head when he says the leadership at the YMCA has failed to adequately provide services to Seminole County. Lake Mary has a full-service Y, and there's a partial service facility in Oviedo. Compare that to the 15 centers in Orange County. Of course, Orange County has a much larger population base, but the 15 to 1.5 ratio is out of whack. You can bet that same ratio doesn't apply when it comes time to solicit funds for the nonprofit organization.

However, the residents in Seminole County aren't blameless. James Ferber, the CEO of the Central Florida YMCA makes a good point when he says Seminole County needs better leadership to attract more services. An organization as successful as the YMCA can't meet every need, especially when a community fails to take responsibility for requesting services.

The YMCA would do well to make better efforts to create and implement programs in Seminole County. Morris should do his part, too, and identify what services the county needs and which community leaders should help develop an action plan. By working together, the YMCA and Seminole County can solve this inequity of service and thus improve the quality of life for local residents.



A speech everyone should take the time to hear

"I'm not sure he could give this speech everywhere in the country these days," someone said as George Rupp, the retiring president of Columbia University, greeted Pulitzer Prize jurors last Tuesday. "But it's time we began talking about some of this."



Richard Reeves

"I, for one," began Rupp, a former dean of the Harvard School of Divinity, "am concerned about the constant repetition of the cliché that there was one world on Sept. 10 and a completely different world on Sept. 11. The world was indeed changed. But it happened long before Sept. 11. The tragic events of that day were confirmation of fundamental changes over the past generation that prepared the way for such a catastrophe."

He noted that commentators, many of them in the room at the Columbia Faculty Club, "went back 60 years to Pearl Harbor to find 'the day that changed the world.'" But Pearl Harbor did not happen in a vacuum. Many, many people saw it coming. More than changing the

world, Pearl Harbor focused American intention on what had been really going on in the world before Dec. 7, 1941. Among the events of the six years that preceded the bombing of the American fleet were Germany's repudiation of the Treaty of Versailles, Italy's invasion of Ethiopia, and Hitler's invasion of the Rhineland, of Austria, Poland and the Soviet Union. In Spain, Franco was bombing Madrid; Japan had invaded China and Indochina. The Germans already occupied France, London was being bombed, and Britain had barely saved most of its army at Dunkirk.

Pearl Harbor was more than a sneak attack on a sunny Sunday morning in Hawaii. "All this was history before Pearl Harbor," said Rupp. The world was going to war whether the United States understood it or not — and we could not escape into our natural isolationism.

"We were far behind our president in understanding world

events then," he continued. (There are those who think the opposite is true today.) "This time we were not at all isolated. 'Globalization' was a buzz word (with) a dark side. As it brought us economic progress, it also brought us vulnerability to envious enemies. Most Americans had little idea that there were people who hated us with sufficient passion and technology to bomb our greatest city ...

"Globalization means that business and communications can operate quickly and broadly. It also means that violence nurtured by poverty, disease and starvation anywhere in the world is near to us."

And yet, he continued, Americans continue to resist any kind of foreign aid to the wretched of the Earth. The actual amount of foreign and humanitarian aid distributed by the U.S. government is as low as \$3.8 billion a year, a great deal less, I'm sure, than we are spending to try to find Osama bin Laden. Polls indicate that Americans think we spend about 15 percent of the federal budget in foreign aid, which is about 150 times as much as the reality: 0.1 percent.

The theory behind Rupp's speech is that if we spent more on the former, we might not have to deal with the latter. Foreign aid, which attracts corruption like honey, certainly doesn't solve all problems — and it creates a few — but the problem is not the money as much as the truth that most Americans don't give a rat's ass for the poor and sick, the desperate and crazy of the world — unless they make Nikes or some other essential product.

So, said Rupp: "As globalization has added in the spread of democracy, terrorism has reached across the seas. ... We are all at ground zero."

Rupp is putting his money where his mouth is. When he leaves Columbia, he will take over the presidency of America's largest refugee organization, the International Rescue Committee, which is a leader in a growth industry, trying to help the women and children, mostly running for their lives all across our globalized planet.

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Job opportunities are crucial if marriages are going to last

You won't catch me poking fun at President Bush for emphasizing marriage as a way out of poverty for poor women and their children. Not only does common sense endorse the president's goal, but so do academic studies: Children growing up in one-parent families are four times as likely to be poor as those growing up in two-parent homes.



Cynthia Tucker

So the problem with President Bush's welfare reform proposal is not its goal of encouraging marriage. That's laudatory. The problem is the strategy: Neither Bush nor his advisers — mostly wealthy and well-educated — have a clue about the barriers to marriage faced by the poor and working classes.

Here's just one: Since the 1970s, as assembly lines have replaced workers with robots, as factory jobs have fled overseas and the family farm has all but disappeared, men without college degrees have seen their earning power steadily

decline. And men without good jobs are not good prospects for marriage. The president's naive proposals for relationship counseling and marital enrichment classes will not change that.

Since the beginning of human history, marriage has been largely an economic institution. Marriage rates have begun to decline in the Western world not because of changing sexual mores but because of changing gender roles. As women, especially college-educated women, have had increased career opportunities, they have been less likely to marry for money.

But the same technological innovations that have rewarded brains over brawn — allowing college-educated women more economic opportunity — have narrowed the workplace options for those without college degrees. For women with children and few workplace skills, marriage to a stable, responsible and employed partner remains the best route to economic security.

But their male counterparts are less likely to be able to offer that security.

Men with marginal jobs paying minimum wage are anything but stable. They tend to drift from one romantic relationship to another. They are unreliable in paying child support.

As economic prospects have declined in agricultural areas and factory towns, drug abuse has increased. Even as the use of crack cocaine has declined in large cities, rural blacks are falling victim to its crude appeal.

But employers show little enthusiasm for resumes that include an arrest record or workers who can't pass a drug test. During the past decade, the need for labor was so acute that even men with criminal records were hired as short-order cooks or busboys or construction laborers. But that period of record prosperity is over, and those men are now far less likely to find jobs.

So why would any woman — even a poor woman — wish to marry such a man? He'd be more likely to drag his family down than

to shore it up. He'd resent his wife's job, if she found one; he would tend to be abusive; he may be tempted to continue his criminal activity.

Don't think for one minute that the poor are so different from you and me than they don't share our romantic ideals. Researchers conducting a "Fragile Families Study" of 5,000 children and their unwed parents have found the following: At the time of the child's birth, three-quarters of the mothers believed their chances of marrying the fathers were "50-50" or better.

So what got in the way? Jobs — or the lack thereof — were one barrier. The study found that most of the fathers lacked college degrees and many had spotty employment records.

President Bush wants to set aside \$100 million to provide marital counseling to the poor and to run public service campaigns encouraging marriage. But until job prospects improve, those programs are unlikely to cause the overcrowding of wedding chapels.

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On the Street

The Herald asks people what they think ...

It's been about six months since the Lake Mary Police Department moved from its old headquarters on Rinehart Road to its new facility on Crystal Lake Avenue. We asked several police department employees how things are going since last year's move and what they think about the new building.



It's made a big difference for the entire agency. It's really increased morale and made everybody feel proud. It's a real tribute to the city.
Sam Belfiore
Deputy Chief



It's wonderful. It's something not only the employees are proud of, but the city is proud of, too. We get compliments on the building everywhere we go.
Richard Beary
Police Chief



I love the building. I'm proud of it. And, I'm not out in the hall anymore. I've got my own space.
Veleria Henry
Administrative Secretary to the Police Chief



I love the building. I feel it's an enhancement to the job. The old building was dusty and crowded. It's definitely a morale booster for us.
Erik Cerbulla
Emergency Communications Operator



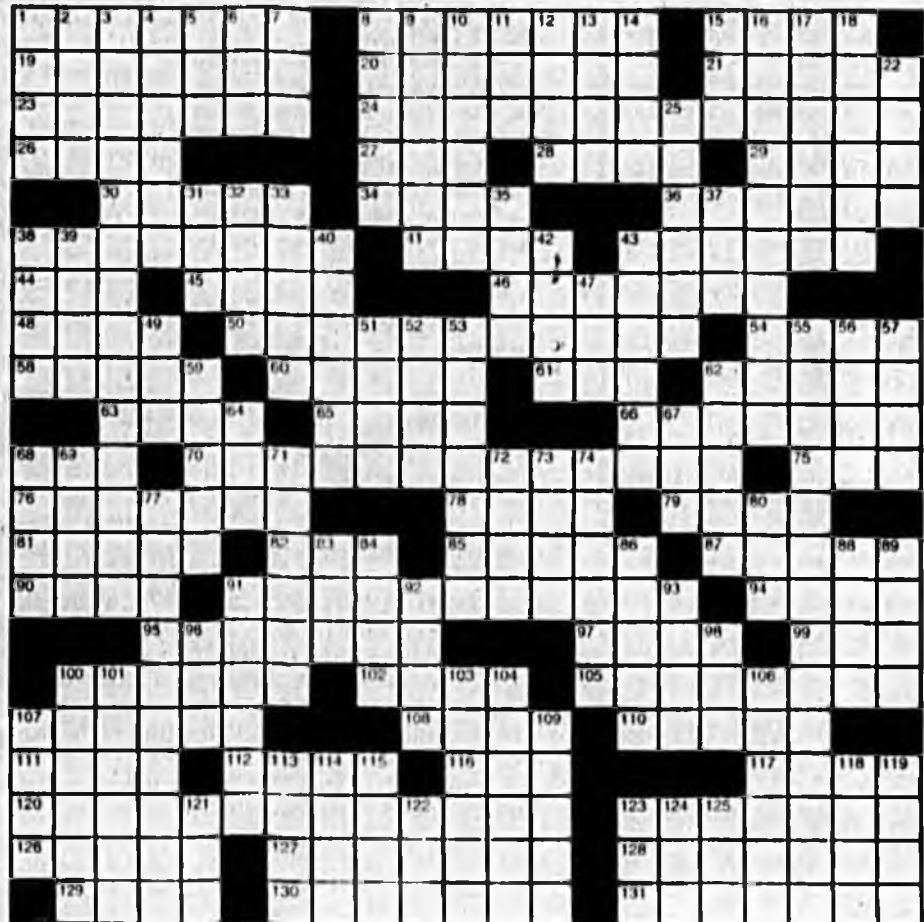
I love the new building. We are lucky to have it. There's lots of room, and we absolutely needed it.
Shannon Criscl
Records Clerk

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- "WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE" By ELIZABETH C. GORKSI**
- ACROSS**
- 1 "Laf" got
 - 8 Marsh denizen
 - 15 Shrek, for one
 - 19 Leisurely gait
 - 20 Molly
 - 21 Eggs on
 - 23 Four-pedaled vehicles
 - 24 Bar music
 - 26 Former Atlanta arena
 - 27 Just fine
 - 28 Italian hot spot
 - 29 Condo, e.g.
 - 30 Acquire, as debts
 - 34 Low digits
 - 36 Buffoons
 - 38 Alter, in a way
 - 41 Vacation plan
 - 43 Sales agent: Var.
 - 44 Brief association?
 - 45 TriBeCa neighbor
 - 46 No-name
 - 48 Obstacle for Hannibal
 - 50 Stem
 - 54 "Regrets only" alternative
 - 58 "Cool"
 - 60 Stripsand's "Funny Girl" role
 - 61 Luis, Brazil
 - 62 Drive back
 - 63 Rajah's mate
 - 65 Site in el mar
 - 66 Obvious
 - 68 Chy.
 - 70 Winter festival art
 - 75 Angler's need
 - 78 "Good evening, Henri"
 - 78 Where Tabriz is
 - 79 Nerdy type
 - 81 Opponent of Paricles
 - 82 Acting coach Hagen
 - 85 Slangy turndowns
 - 87 Sub stations
 - 90 Feudal figure
 - 91 Seasonal sensation
 - 94 French Nobelist André
 - 95 Trumpet blare
 - 97 Flight to Haifa
 - 99 Tiny parasite
 - 100 Spiritual leaders
- DOWN**
- 1 Anatomy words
 - 2 Poile address
 - 3 Cheney, to brush, e.g.
 - 4 Close
 - 5 Put away
 - 6 Party mem. since 1828*
 - 7 Jr. and sr.
 - 8 Upset with
 - 9 Force to leave
 - 10 Volleyball player, at times
 - 11 He's a doll
 - 12 Shod item
 - 13 ...wero
 - 14 Part of TVA: Abbr.
 - 15 Roman goddess of plenty
 - 18 Airport maintenance group
 - 17 4 Seasons hit of 1964
 - 18 More jittery
 - 22 Fleet fleet
 - 25 Starry-eyed folks
 - 31 Short change?
 - 32 "Oops..."
 - 33 P.T.'s expertise
 - 35 Vestige
 - 37 Black cuckoo
 - 38 Shrik provision
 - 39 Author _____ Stanley Gardner
 - 40 "Walker, Texas Ranger" star
 - 42 Soup vegetables
 - 43 Sofa fabric
 - 47 "Soul Food" actress Long
 - 49 Dept.: Abbr.
 - 51 Frisbee, e.g.
 - 52 Legal rights org.
 - 53 Type of wax
 - 55 Toothpaste ad promise
 - 56 Florida's Beach
 - 57 Implore
 - 59 Gibson garnish
 - 62 Brought the "ouse down?"
 - 64 Nancy's here
 - 67 Photo lab file item
 - 68 Basics
 - 69 Underground figure
 - 71 Blows
 - 72 Campus VIP
 - 73 Runner's goal
 - 74 One-sided
 - 77 Breakfast request
 - 80 Mind reader, briefly?
 - 83 Musical syllable
 - 84 Melodies
 - 86 Three-time French Open champ
 - 88 "Yeah, man!"
 - 89 Jazz club units
 - 91 Tell
 - 92 Nodded wine
 - 93 Tabula _____
 - 96 _____ Dhabl
 - 98 USPS piece
 - 100 Take offense at
 - 101 Postwar British prime minister
 - 103 Vinegary
 - 104 Fixed up
 - 106 Round numbers
 - 107 Rubberneck
 - 109 Some wall inserts
 - 113 Sounds of awe
 - 114 Collaborative number
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 - 119 "Touched by an Angel" role
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 - 123 Japan leader, Abbr.
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The Way We Were: Early history of the Southern Bell Company's presence in Sanford

A booklet has recently been published about Southern Bell in Sanford entitled "Sanford Telephone Pioneer History 1915-1983." It was edited by Warren F. Penners. In it is a copy of a Sanford Herald article telling of the purchase of the Sanford Telephone Company by



Grace Marie Stinecpher

..... Southern Bell, plus reminisces by more than 40 former employees. Today, I'll share with you the beginnings of Southern Bell in Sanford and also read some of Mr. Penners' reminiscences from his many years with the company. In April 1917, the Sanford Telephone Company was sold to Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. They received all the lines and equipment of the former home company. The local company was financially unable to purchase new equipment needed to take care of the constantly increasing business. Sanford subscribers on April 22, 1917 numbered 424. Patrons of the line had signed a petition in favor of the transfer which helped persuade the city council to grant Southern Bell a new franchise. The new owners planned to give the patrons one of the best equipped and most complete telephone systems in the state. Every subscriber would have a new automatic phone. The old method of ringing the bell would be abolished. All lines would be metallic from the phone to the central office, and

most of the system would be of copper wire with cables under ground in the business portion of the city. A modern central office was planned and would be located in a new building to be erected by the owners. The office and switchboard would have equipment costing about \$25,000. These improvements would mean a slight increase in rates, but only after all improvements had been made. It was estimated that about six months would be required to place the new system in shape. All materials had been ordered and would be shipped at once. Local men would be in charge of the system: Jesse E. Karnaly would be acting manager, and W.A. Parr would be acting superintendent. Evidently, the new building was not built, as all the offices and operating room were located at 110 E. 1st Street on the second floor of the Rand Building. The commercial office was later moved to 118 S. Palmetto Avenue. When Sanford converted to dial phones in 1957, the office and work center had been relocated to 501 W. 9th Street. W.F. Penners came to Sanford in 1938 to replace a man who had been killed. His title was combination man, probably because he had received training in various aspects of the system. He later became plant manager. The managers preceding him were Howard Overlin, Earl V. Turner and D.H. MacGillis. Prior to their becoming plant managers, MacGillis and Penners served as foremen. MacGillis was responsible for the maintenance and installation in Sanford, Oviedo and Geneva while Penners was

responsible for the central offices of the same cities. Penners recalled the chief operators as Verna Woodcock, Berta Breeden, Pearl Hegler, Betty Wolfram, Dot Cooper, Dot McCullum, Lois Smiley and Lolly Clements. After 1957, the plant managers were L.E. Crittenden, A.L. Probst, Charles Schenburn, Floyd Hostetter, Ed Meyer, Clayton Pickles, Ed Terry, J.O. Grandean, Charles Hayes and H.C. LeRoy. Mrs. Mae Sheppard was the business representative for many years. As the business grew, she was assigned various telephone operators to help in the business office. Penners recalls some of these being Marjorie Lee, Margaret Wiggins, Virginia Wallace and Wanelle Lanier. By 1957, the operating room on 1st Street had expanded to 28 positions, five toll positions and one information position. At peak periods, there were 34 operators, two supervisors and the chief operator on duty. In 1938, there were three plant people: two installer repairmen - O.E. Pennington and W.F. Penners - and a private manager - E.V. Turner. By 1957, the following employees had been added to the plant: J.F. Greene, C.A. Lee, John Hanlon, Glenn McKendree, Ray DeFallot, Bill Reed, Alda Hill, Mary Koleff and D.H. MacGillis. In 1957 the entire personnel in the three departments had greatly expanded. There were approximately 100 employees when Sanford went to dial service. For the next two weeks, I will bring you some remembrances by users of the other Southern Bell employees. I think you will enjoy their stories.

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Sanford City Commission Agenda for March 11, 2002

Sanford City Hall,
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WORK SESSION

4 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, second floor

1. Presentation of Employee of the Month Award for March 2002.
2. Interview of prospective Board appointees. (R-1)
 - A. Historic Preservation Board. (There is one vacancy.) Interview Linda Daniels, James Ross Lee, Stephanie Powers, and Rey Sylvester. [Dr. Eric Zandell also has an application on file, however, his schedule on Mondays prohibits him from attending the Work Session.] Doug Groseclose was previously interviewed.
 - B. Sanford Housing Authority. (There is one vacancy.) Interview Ross Parker Bieling.
3. Presentation by Youth Commission.
4. Presentation re: Heritage Festival.
5. Discussion re: Conference Center/Interlocal Agreement. (R-10)
6. Presentation of First Quarter Financial Reports.
7. Discussion re: Risk Management Report/Safety Policy. (C-5)
8. Discussion re: Purchasing Policy. (C-6)
9. Discussion re: First Street Lighting. (R-11)
10. Discussion of Regular Agenda Items, Add-on items, and other items.
11. Mayor's briefing
12. City Manager's briefing

REGULAR MEETING

7 p.m., City Commission Chamber, first floor

- Approval of Minutes
- Feb. 25, 2002 Work Session, Special Joint Meeting, and Regular Meetings. Recommended by the City Clerk and the City Manager.

- ### Consent Agenda
1. Approve Change Order #2 from Amick Construction for five items required for St. Johns Parkway Phase I, in the amount of \$33,062.86, funded from the 1st Generation One Cent Sales Tax.

- Recommended by the City Manager.
2. Approve Amendment #59 with CPH Engineering for Engineering/Inspection Services during construction of St. Johns Parkway Phase III (from Rinehart Road to Upsala Road). In the amount of \$230,445 (\$220,385 funded from the 1st Generation One Cent Sales Tax, \$10,060 funded from the Utility Department). Recommended by the City Manager.
 3. Approve request for a "Seize the Day Picnic" special event to be held on private property on First Baptist Church parking lot across the street from church at 519 Park Avenue on March 17, 2002, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Recommended by the City Manager.
 4. Approve request for a "Salute to Freedom Centruy Bike Ride" special event to be held on City property (Ft. Mellon Park and city streets) from 6:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., December 1, 2002; approve street closure request of Seminole Boulevard from Sanford Avenue to San Juan Avenue, from 6:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.; and approve request to close streets as bicyclists travel through town. The Sanford Police Department and Seminole County Sheriff's Department will monitor all street closures. Recommended by the City Manager.
 5. Adopt Safety Policy. Recommended by the City Manager (WS-7)
 6. Adopt Purchasing Policy. Recommended by the City Manager (WS-8)

- ### Public hearings
1. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 3695 to annex .96+ acres of property lying between Blaine Street and Harrison Street and between Dixie Way and Roosevelt Avenue (1451 Dixie Way); Thomas H. Watson, Jr. and Shellie A. Watson, owners. Recommended by the City Manager. Ad published February 27 and March 8, 2002.
 2. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 3696 to annex .44+ acres of property lying between Santa Barbara Drive and Florida Street and between Marshall

- Avenue extended southerly and El Capitan Drive (2620 El Capitan Drive); Kathleen Bowe, owner. Recommended by the City Manager. Ad published February 27 and March 8, 2002.
3. First reading of Ordinance No. 3699 to vacate that certain 10' utility and drainage easement lying between Coastline Road and Challenger Court and between Maritime Drive and Central Park Drive, effective upon issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy for the proposed building; Von Pourde, applicant. Recommended by the Development Review Team, Director of Engineering & Planning, and the City Manager. Ad published February 24, 2002; owner notified February 22, 2002; property posted February 25, 2002.
 4. Re: 6.60+ acres of property lying between Bush Boulevard and Hwy. 17-92 and between Hwy. 17-92 and College Road; Seminole County Judicial Center (101 Bush Blvd.); Seminole County Board of Commissioners, owner; Jamie Croteau, Director, Seminole County Administrative Services, applicant; Hugh W. Harling, Jr., representative.
 - A. First reading of Ordinance No. 3700 to amend the future land use map of the Future Land Use Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan, and change the designation of the property from MDR-15, Medium Density Residential-15, to GC, General Commercial. Recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Director of Engineering and Planning, and the City Manager. Ad published February 10, 2002.
 - B. First reading of Ordinance No. 3701 to rezone the property from MR-2, Multiple Family Residential, to GC-2, General Commercial. Recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Director of Engineering and Planning, and the City Manager. Ad published February 10, 2002.
- ### Regular Items
1. Board appointment. (WS-2)
 - A. Historic Preservation Board. Robert Kuhn resigned from the

- Board effective February 18, 2002. Applications are on file from Linda Daniels, P. Douglas Groseclose, James Ross Lee, Stephanie Powers, Rey Sylvester, and Dr. Eric Zandell. NEED TO APPOINT A REPLACEMENT.
- B. Sanford Housing Authority. Joe Davis resigned from the Board. Application on file from Ross Parker Bieling. NEED TO APPOINTMENT REPLACEMENT.
2. Condemnation Status Report. Acting Community Development Director/Deputy City Manager and the City Manager recommend 60 day extension for Condemnation Report No. 02-02, 419-423 E. 4th Street, Ruth Allen and Theodore Johnson, owners; and recommend 4 month extension for Condemnation Report No. 02-03, 518 Cypress Avenue, Herbert and Morgan Frison, owners.
 3. First reading of Ordinance No. 3697 to amend City Code re: Special Events and Peddlers. Recommended by the Director of Engineering & Planning and the City Manager.
 4. First reading of Ordinance No. 3698 amending Personnel Rules and Regulations adding policy re: tobacco abstinence for General Employee applicants/new hires. Recommended by the Human Resources Director and the City Manager.
 5. First reading of Ordinance No. 3702 amending Firefighters' Pension Plan. Recommended by the Finance Director and the City Manager.
 6. Adopt Resolution N. 1898 accepting construction and future maintenance and attendant costs associated with Phase I of St. Johns Parkway running from Smith Canal to Melisch Road. Recommended by the Director of Engineering & Planning and the City Manager.
 7. Adopt Resolution No. 1899 amending the Classification and Pay Plan to add one (1) Community Service Officer position to the Police Department Uniform Division. Recommended by the Human Resources Director, Police Chief, and the City Manager.
 8. Approve Historic Buildings Incentive Grant for 213 E. 1st Street. Recommended by the Director of Engineering & Planning and the City Manager.

9. Authorize submittal of Residential Construction Mitigation Program grant application to Department of Community Affairs. Recommended by the Deputy City Manager and the City Manager.
 10. Approve Conference Center Interlocal Agreement. Recommended by the City Manager. (WS-5)
 11. Decision re: First Street Lighting Agreement with the Downtown Business Association. (WS-9)
 12. Approve Site Plan for Lowes Home Improvement located at 3780 Orlando Drive, Lot 3 - Live Oak Center, based on the plan meeting the Standards for Consideration and subject to conditions. Recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission, Engineering & Planning Director, and the City Manager.
 13. Approve Final Plat for Lexington Park, a proposed 19 building medical office complex located at 301 Mangoustine Avenue, based on consistency with the approved Preliminary Subdivision Plan and compliance with State Statutes Chapter 177. Recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission, Engineering & Planning Director, and the City Manager.
- Add-on Items
 - Information only
 - City Attorney's Report
 - City Clerk's Report
 - City Manager's Report
 - Citizen Participation
 - City Commissioners' Reports
- ADVICE TO THE PUBLIC: IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL A DECISION MADE WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THE ABOVE MEETING OR HEARING HE MAY NEED A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS INCLUDING THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE WHICH RECORD IS NOT PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF SANFORD. (FS286.0105)
- PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE ADA COORDINATOR AT 407-330-5626 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.

Citizens urged to plan for wildfires

Seminole County EMS/Fire/Rescue is reminding citizens that it is wildfire season and asks citizens to be prepared. Seminole County continues to have construction growth in the woodland settings and reminds citizens to use good fire safety practices.

If you're building a home or planning to build a home in the woodland environment select landscaping that would help contain a fire rather than fuel it. Use fire resistant or non-combustible materials on the roof and exterior structure of the dwelling.

If you currently live in a woodland setting, you can reduce potential exposure by creating a minimum of a 301 foot safety zone around your home. This reduces the flame exposure near your home. If you live in a pine forest a minimum of 1001 is recommended. The safety zone around homes also allows fire/rescue units room to maneuver in the event of an emergency, said Terry Schenk, Seminole County Fire Chief.

Additional safety steps include regularly cleaning your roof and gutters, inspecting your chimneys at least twice a year and pruning any tree branches within 151 of the stovepipe. Clear all flammable vegetation and mow your grass regularly.

Keep an emergency supply kit ready at all times with food, water, tools, important family documents and papers, and other necessary items.

If a wildfire threatens, back your car into the garage or open space and point your vehicle in the direction of escape. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

For additional information on wildfire safety you can visit the Seminole County Public Safety website at <http://www.seminolepublicsafety.org> or call 407-665-5150 for a free brochure.

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Seminole 4-H wins state honors

A five-member team of high school students from the Seminole County 4-H Club in Sanford won the sixth annual LifeSmarts competition held at the Florida State Fair in Tampa.

Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles H. Bronson, whose agency sponsored the state competition, presented the winning team and its coach with a check for \$3,500 to defray expenses to the national competition later this spring. The Sanford Seminole team will participate in this year's national finals April 13 through 16 in Arlington, Va.

Students from around Florida competed for the state championship of "LifeSmarts...the Ultimate Consumer Challenge," on Feb. 18 at the State Fair in Tampa. LifeSmarts is an innovative competition that tests students in five important areas of consumer issues: personal financial management, health and safety, the environment, technology and telecommunications, and con-

sumer rights and responsibilities. The program is designed to encourage students to think seriously about these important issues through a challenging, game-show format.

En route to qualifying for the Florida State Championship, 14 coaches with 20 teams from Florida public and private high schools, 4-H clubs and home schools competed in Internet-based preliminary competition, which ran from Oct. 15 to Jan. 11.

Shelda Wilkens, 4-H agent in Seminole County, coached the winning team comprised of high school students John Terwilliger, Ricky McOwen, Dan Estray, Sarah Bestin and Jonathan Estray. Two teams from Martin County High School placed second and third, while two teams from Hudson High School placed fourth and fifth.

"High school students spend billions of dollars each year, but studies show that many lack knowledge about consumer issues," Bronson said. "Through

the LifeSmarts program, students learn how to get answers to practical problems, like buying a car and insurance, or applying for a credit card. These are skills that will last a lifetime."

The national coordinator of the LifeSmarts competition is the National Consumers League (NCL). Founded in 1899, the League is a national non-profit organization that identifies, protects, represents and advances the economic and social interests of consumers and workers through education and advocacy.

To learn more about the LifeSmarts competition, check out the LifeSmarts Web site at www.fl-ag.com/lifesmarts.

Solution to Today's Puzzle

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the new Congressional seats in those two regions. Florida was rewarded with the two additional seats after the 2000 Census reflected a growth in the state's population. The 25 U.S. Representatives for Florida, including the addition, will represent roughly 639,000 residents apiece.

Feeney said it was exciting time for the people of Florida as the new seats will translate into 10 percent more clout in Congress. If the senate agrees with the proposed congressional district that is nestled among Seminole, Volusia, Brevard and Orange counties, Feeney said "I would run for that seat."

The other leading candidate for the new district in South Florida is Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Miami, who is also the congressional redistricting bill sponsor.

Growth is also partially responsible for pushing Kallinger out of the county. In the past 10 years, the cities of Lake Mary, Longwood, Casselberry and Altamonte Springs accounted for 16,000 additional residents. The population influx is shrinking Rep. Carey Baker's, R-Mount Dora, northwest slice of the county and Rep. David Meador's, R-Lake Mary, central strip. Rep. David Simmons, R-Altamonte Springs, western chunk gains little ground in Seminole. He sacrifices, however, most of his share in Lake County. Feeney's current eastern district actually gains more ground in the county, but loses much of its portion of Volusia.

Kallinger's proposed move from Seminole County isn't all bad for the representative. Rep. Allen Trovillion, R-Winter Park, is serving his last stint in the house because of term limits. Kallinger's proposed district would incorporate more of Trovillion's old district in downtown Winter Park.

"Out of all of my 40 precincts those were my top three performing precincts," Kallinger said about his Seminole precincts. "I'm pleased with what we have (proposed), but I would love to be a part of Seminole County."

"District maps are still apt to change. It's the first time in 122 years Republicans have controlled the redistricting process and Democrats will more than likely challenge the maps in court," Kallinger said. Legislatures have until May to complete the maps or the courts will finish reapportionment.

Bobby

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to reveal a number. Within 30 seconds, the shooter was required to fire and hit the target with the corresponding number. At first glance, it was hard to spot the bobby in the class. He was wearing a U.S. Marines' sweatshirt.

"He said he was cold," said shirt owner Figueroa, who a couple years earlier received a Royal Commando sweatshirt from Johnson.

Johnson said he plans to retire from public service soon. He's using the SCC training to begin his own law enforcement training business. While many of the U.S. firearm training drills are similar to what he's experienced in Britain, there is slight differences, he said. The use of more multiple targets will help him "catch a few people by surprise" in his training business, he said.

"I intend to train internationally," he said.

Perhaps one difference between the two military men is their experiences as police officers. For the last six years, Johnson has been a bobby on the firearms unit. In that time he's responded to 237-armed incidents, but gratefully has never had to discharge a weapon.

"Whenever we get deployed, we know there is a problem there," he said. "Right off, we're a little more prepared."

Because so few bobbies are armed, they receive more firearm training than the average American officer, he said. Handguns are completely banned in Britain and shotguns by law cannot have a magazine that holds more than three shells. Despite the strict rules, he said the only ones it really affects is the law-abiding citizen.

"It probably takes a criminal only an hour to get a gun," Johnson said.

Reading Across America



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent



ABOVE: School Board Vice Chairman Jeanne Morris reads to students during Idylwild Elementary School's celebration of Dr. Seuss Read Across America Day. Professionals from the community read to various classrooms throughout the day.

LEFT: A Cat in the Hat poster hangs in the hall at Idylwild Elementary School.

BELOW: Jacoba Collins, dressed as Cat in the Hat, sits next to Al Leining, one of the many readers during the day.



Lisa Stalker, Idylwild's Teacher of the Year, looks through books with students. Stalker received a grant for a RIF (Reading is Fundamental) program, where every student in the school through fifth grade received their own paperback book.

The hills are alive ... with the sound of many cracking bones

DEAR ABBY: The year 2002 is a palindrome. We had the last one in 1991, and the next one will be in 2112. Very few of us living today will experience that one.

My wife and I now reside in a retirement community. While we are seniors, none of us is ready to "graduate" quite yet. We have met many wonderful people here and made many new friends.

There have been rumors circulating that Julie Andrews did a concert for AARP. Among her selections was a song from "The Sound of Music," "My Favorite Things." She altered the lyrics to fit in with the AARP theme. Here are the new words to that famous melody:

"Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
"Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
"Bundles of magazines tied up in string.
"These are a few of my favorite things.

"Cadillacs, cataracts, hearing aids, glasses,
"Polident, Fixodent, false teeth in glasses,
"Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
"These are a few of my favorite things.

"When the pipes leak,
"When the bones creak,
"When the knees go bad,
"I simply remember my favorite things,
"And then I don't feel so bad.

"Hot tea and crumpets, and corn pads for bunions,
"No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
"Bathrobes and heating pads, hot meals they bring,
"These are a few of my favorite things.

"Back pains, confused brains, and no fear of sinnin',
"Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',
"More of the pleasures advancing age brings —
"When we remember our favorite things.

"When the joints ache, when the hips break,
"When the eyes grow dim,
"I simply remember the great life I've had,
"And then I don't feel ... so bad!"

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DEAR DEAN: The rewrite ten lyrics are a hoot, but I doubt that Julie Andrews ever warbled them. Fortunately, today medical science has provided us with solutions to many of the physical problems that used to be associated with aging. We know so much more than we used to about the benefits of preventive medicine, and because of that knowledge, advancing age no longer guarantees infirmity.



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am a newlywed. My husband, "Max," is kind, caring, attractive and compassionate. However, he does one thing that hurts my feelings.

When we make love, he wants me to shout out names of other women and describe their physical attributes. Max says he needs me to do this in order for him to make love to me.

I know Max loves me very much and sees no harm in doing this, but I find it humiliating. Any suggestions?

NO NAME IN NEW YORK

DEAR NO NAME: Humiliating? I would think you would find it distracting. One of the first things a sex therapist would tell you is that people are responsible for their own sexual fulfillment. Have you tried shouting out, "Brad!" "Georgette!" "Matt!" "Tom!" "Russell!" etc.?

What's good for the gander might also be spice for the goose.

Patricia Phillips and her daughter **Jeanne Phillips** share the pseudonym **Abigail Van Buren**. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Commission

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issued and no specific details about a partnership are available. Generally, it is expected that the private sector would fund the construction of the hotel, and most likely operate both the hotel and conference center.

The city commission will discuss the agreement during its 4 p.m. work session on Monday and will vote on the matter during the 7 p.m. regular meeting.

In other business, the commission will:

- Decide whether to adopt a personnel policy prohibiting the use of tobacco products for all general employees. A similar policy has already been approved for firefighters and police officers.

The tobacco abstinence policy will not apply to current employees, but it will effect anyone applying for a city job. Under the terms of the policy, the city will not accept applications from—much less hire—those who have used tobacco within one year of applying for employment.

The policy states: "Any applicant for a General employee position shall be a non-user of tobacco or tobacco products for at least twelve (12) months immediately preceding his/her application for employment."

"It's a condition of your application," said Joe Denaro, human resource director for the city. "If

you used tobacco, you would be considered in violation of the application process."

- Consider approving a \$25,000 Historic Building Incentive grant for the Hutchkiss Building at 213 E. 1st Street.

The owner of the building, Dr. Sherwood Jacobson of New York City, plans to spend \$225,000 of his own funds to renovate the exterior and interior of the building. The interior work will include converting the second floor into modern apartment/loft units. This first phase will create four new apartments, with three more to be added later.

The Seminole County tax assessor appraised the building value at \$164,317, with a land value of \$53,475.

Barbara Farrell & Associates LLC is the agent for the renovation.

- Determine if there is consensus for a temporary downtown lighting solution. The three options are: rent the electrical system from the Downtown Business Association for three years for a total cost of \$20,000; purchase the system from the DBA for \$25,000; or continue renting mounted portable lights for special events at a cost of about \$825 per event and wait until the 1st Street improvements are made.

- Approve the site plan for the Lowes Home Improvement store

at 3780 Orlando Drive (adjacent to the Speedway gas station).

- Approve a final plat for medical complex on West 1st Street adjacent to the hospital.

FCAT fun



Herald photo by Marva Hawkins

Students at Goldsboro Technology School prepared for their FCAT tests this week. Kindergartners and first- and second-graders made FCAT good luck bags, which were presented to the students taking the FCAT. Pictured are Ms. Diana Miller's second-graders presenting the bags to the students in Ms. Vickie Cranias's fifth-grade class. The students reminded the fifth graders that there was no need to worry, no need to fear, they had learned what was needed to take the test, they were to relax and take the test. In the FCAT kit, the students found all the things to help them: a four-leaf clover for luck, a package of Smarties because they were so smart, a penny to assure them that they use good "sense," a stress ball to squeeze so they wouldn't be tense, and a piece of gum so they will stick with it. With the help of their classmates, the Goldsboro Eagles spread their wings and flew to success.

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Craft and gift lovers have a new haven in Sanford. Sharon Burr and her husband, Richard, have opened 101+ Crafters in the Wal-Mart shopping plaza. And, like the name implies, items made by local and national crafters can be found within the confines of the store. "You never know what you will find," Sharon Burr said. "There are some really neat things here." Burr herself never knows what her store might offer during any given week. The artisans bring their items to the store and display them in their specified booth. "That's what makes it fun," Burr said. "I never know what they are going to bring in." Burr doesn't limit her store to just crafts. Many booths are filled with items people buy wholesale and then sell, at a cost many customers will find surprisingly low. In 1994, the Burrs bought their first store,

Longwood's 101+ crafters, from a Chicago man. It was a decision neither regret. The store started having a loyal customer base, and people began to tell Burr how they would love to see her expand into northern Seminole County. Almost seven years later, the couple decided it was time to do just that. "It was all about location, and when I heard about Super Wal-Mart, I decided this was a good place to locate," she said. "And, people are really excited we are here." The store offers something for everyone. In one corner there are paintings and homemade soaps, in another there is jewelry and bath salts. In one corner, Pat Jones-Petrick has a booth filled with English teas and scones, items usually hard to find in this area. "This is actually a gift store, and people can find really neat gifts," Burr said. "And, it helps people, who have items here, supplement their income." The store is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.,



Sharon Burr owner of 101+ Crafters.

Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., and it is currently stocked with a variety of home decorations and other items. Several booths are already getting ready for the up coming holidays, and an array of items can be found throughout the store.

Burr said there is also space for additional people to rent booths. Prices begin at \$65 per month and increase, depending on size. Anyone is welcome to rent space, as long as items are in good taste. The store is located at 3701 S. Orlando Drive. Call 407-327-1101.

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YMCA

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and Brevard counties added together almost equal Orange, but their YMCA funding is still almost half of Orange's, said Morris. He argued YMCA funding ratios should be comparable to a county's population.

"I can deal with a two for one expenditure rate," Morris said comparing the Seminole and Orange populations. "Suburban communities are not getting close to their fair share."

Where Does the Problem Begin?

"The problem is no one wants to pick a fight with the Y," Morris said. "They're a great institution, but you can disagree with their policies."

On Jan. 23, the Orange and Seminole counties industrial development authorities approved an interlocal agreement to issue bonds for the YMCA. County commissions then pass resolutions ratifying the bond issuance. By the time it reaches commissioners, however,

it's too late for them to deny the bond issuance. If they do, they stand the chance of ruing other counties, and possibly their own, planned improvements.

The process of lobbying for more YMCA improvements starts and ends at the YMCA executive board, said Mack McReynolds, chairman of the Seminole County Industrial Development Authority.

"I feel from my standpoint we need to re-institute some stronger volunteers on the Y board," McReynolds said. "You have to have people that are passionate about the Y."

"It's hard to sit on the back of the bus and influence the driver."

From the Backseat

McReynolds compared influencing the YMCA's funding decisions to the lobbying efforts at the turn of the 20th century by the founders of Seminole County. Residents of what was then north Orange County wanted their own county. They elected legisla-

tors who pushed for the creation of a new county government.

"It's kind of always been that way - nothing's changed," he said about influencing a group in charge.

Adding a stronger presence to the executive board may not be the sole solution to the intractable funding problem. A community driven campaign would also work, McReynolds said.

"I think community support would influence the Y board more than anything else," he said. "They're not going to come up here and hold our hands. We have to show the initiative."

Morris has a slightly different take. The Lake Mary YMCA is 28,000 square feet trying to serve 42,000 people in a five-mile radius and 102,000 in a 10-mile radius, according to YMCA statistics. In comparison, the Winter Park YMCA is more than 2,000 square feet larger and much nicer, according to Morris, but only has 2,000 members.

"We need more and better ser-

vices," Morris said. "The Y board itself needs to look closer at their needs."

"The organization needs to understand they don't operate in a vacuum."

Looking from the Inside Out

"A gymnasium is much better than a parking lot," said a former YMCA board member who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The board member continued the Lake Mary parking lot and locker room proposed renovations were originally scheduled to be completed with the funds from a 1997 bond issuance. The 1997 bond helped fund the remodeling of the Lake Mary facility, which included the construction of a new 15,000 square foot wellness center. A lack of money, however, stalled the parking lot and locker room improvements, he said.

About \$11 million of the 2002 bond issuance will be used to refinance that 1997 bond. The reason the parking lot has become a necessity now is that original

plans called for a grassy parking area. "There's so much traffic up there the grass has turned to dirt," he said.

"I would like to see Seminole get more stuff - I'm biased though," he said.

According to the board member, the area of State Road 46A was at one time a targeted location for another Seminole County YMCA. Evidently, the member said, a \$2.2 million renovation of the YMCA metro offices was a higher priority than a new facility in Sanford.

"I'd rather see a facility built than another office," he said. "You wonder about the stuff they spend money on, but it's their company and it's a judgement call."

Leadership is the Answer

"We would love to build more in Seminole County," said James Ferber, Central Florida YMCA CEO and president. "What we need is some leadership (there)."

Several projects that will be funded with the 2002 bond

issuance will eventually be paid for by donations. The YMCA uses the borrowed funds until the donations, which are commonly paid over a period of time, trickle in. Ferber used the proposed \$1.75 million remodeling project at the West Orange facility as an example.

"There is a group of volunteers in West Orange that will raise anywhere from \$1 to \$2 million," he said. "What has happened in Seminole County hasn't supported the Y like West Orange has."

Citing another example from various planned capital improvements, Ferber said the \$2.8 million Osceola County facility renovation will also be paid with donations. The county, city and school board all pitched in funds to support the project.

"There are some great people in Seminole that need to step up and take care of this," he said.

"We would love to sit down with the leadership in Seminole County and say what are we going to do about this."

Naturalization

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relieved it's over," Francisco said. "I am finally a U.S. citizen."

Following the ceremony, the trio planned a small celebration and a possible shopping trip for the college student.

"I'm hoping to convince them to take me shopping," Francisco said. "I'm going to try to milk this for all it's worth."

As a result of a recent change to U.S. immigration law, many naturalized parents will not have to wait for their children to become citizens. In February 2001, the "one U.S. citizen parent" rule was adopted by congress, which allows children under the age of 18 to claim automatic citizenship after at least one parent completes the naturalization process. On Thursday, numerous children became U.S. citizens while watching their parents take the oath.

Gordan and June Smith, however, watched three of their four children become U.S. citizens before they decided to go through the process.

The Canadian couple were all smiles Thursday when they recited the oath together. After living in Central Florida for several years

and going through the naturalization process for almost two, they were ready to declare themselves U.S. citizens.

"Our friends and family have long anticipated this moment," Gordan Smith said. "In fact, so have we."

"We've lived here for a few years, and we've really enjoyed life here, so we decided a while back that we wanted to become citizens," he said. "We are excited we have finally done it."

Although not a simple process, Sanford's annual naturalization ceremony began almost a decade ago to help make becoming a U.S. citizen a little easier for applicants. According to Pilot Club Chaplain Doris Stein - who went through the process more than 50 years ago - her organization began sponsoring the event so people living in or near Seminole County didn't have to travel to Orange County to become citizens.

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Don't worry about trying to cook the traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage. That is just what Americans think the Irish eat. Irish stew, (ballymaloe or stobhach in Gaelic) is as Irish as food can get. Traditionally cooked with inexpensive cuts of mutton, the Irish now have as many recipes for Irish stew as Macy's has paraders!

The following recipe I threw together for a beef stew is designed for you to serve a hearty meal on March 17. This delectable dish practically cooks itself as it simmers to mouth-watering tenderness. The meat is so tender, the flavors so succulent, your Irishman will think you spent days preparing it. Put it on a bed of pasta, (or egg noodles as the Irish say) and this is a delicious one-dish meal that is easy to prepare and even easier to clean up.

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Have a happy (and romantic) St. Patrick's Day!

"Irish" Stew
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- 2 1/2 lbs. top round, cut into two inch squares
- 4 carrots, sliced into rounds
- 4 stalks of celery, cut into one inch pieces
- 1 large onion, medium dice
- 4 ounces of salt pork, medium dice
- 1/2 cup marsala wine

For dessert...
Chocolate Cream ... made with a circular slice of angel food cake layered between chocolate cream and mint cream. Yes, the mint layer has to be green. With the flavors of fresh whipped cream, peppermint, chocolate and light and fluffy cake blending together, what could be better? Well, if your Irish eyes are not smiling by now, a bit of Bailey's Irish Cream or an Irish coffee wouldn't hurt. It is St. Patrick's Day after all!

If your glass is empty, you won't be able to toast and it would be a sad St. Patrick's Day with no toasts to friends and loved ones, here and gone. So I will raise a glass to you and yours and leave you with an old Irish folklore saying: May the leprechauns be



Irish Stew

- 2 14 ounce cans of beef stock (low sodium)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 bag of egg noodles (16 oz)
- cornstarch for thickening

1. In a large saucepot turned to medium heat, place the diced salt pork. When sizzling, add the onion. Saute until onion is translucent.
2. Add the meat, letting each side brown. Then add the marsala wine and the beef stock.

3. Simmer for three hours.

4. Fifteen minutes before stew is done, prepare noodles according to package directions.

5. Check stew, and if it is not sufficiently thickened, make a slurry from a tablespoon of cornstarch in a little bowl with some cold water. Add to stew and make sure it boils—it will thicken immediately.
6. Serve stew over noodles. Serves 6-8.

Cheddar Irish Soda Bread
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- 3 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 1/4 cups buttermilk

1. Grease a baking sheet and preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.

2. Sift together dry ingredients.

3. Make a well with dry ingredients, and put other ingredients (including butter and cheese) in the well.

4. Begin combining the ingredients until a soft

dough is formed. Keep kneading for about five minutes and shape the dough into a round.

5. Place on baking sheet, cut a big "x" across the top and dust with a little extra flour.

6. Bake until brown 45 to 50 minutes. Let cool on a wire

rack. Cut a slice and enjoy!

Heavenly Mint Chocolate Cream Trifle
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- One two inch thick slice straight off the bottom of an angel food cake
- One pint of heavy whipping cream
- One package of dark chocolate chips
- One teaspoon of peppermint extract
- One teaspoon of green food coloring
- 1/2 cup of sugar

1. Melt 3/4 of a package of chocolate chips over a double boiler. Let cool until only slightly warm but still melted.
2. Whip half the cream and add 1/4 cup sugar, peppermint and green food coloring.
3. Put cream in a trifle dish, placing the angel food cake on top.

4. Whip other half of cream and fold in the chocolate.
5. Place on top of the angel food cake in the trifle dish. Serve and enjoy! (Serves 6-8 hungry leprechauns)



Heavenly Mint Chocolate Cream Trifle

Elizabeth Dougherty is a member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals and the Florida Restaurant Association. She is currently renovating a former bed-and-breakfast in Sanford where she will teach classes and begin a foundation to educate youngsters about food and food etiquette. Her Web site is www.theculinarycapers.com

Section C

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March 10, 2002

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African Adventure

Foster participates in International Mission on Diplomacy

By Michelle Jerla
Managing Editor

When Kelly Foster told her friends and family she wanted to go to South Africa instead of Australia as part of the International Mission on Diplomacy, they thought her decision was a bit unusual.

"I had the choice between traveling to either country, and I decided to go to South Africa," Foster said. "I talked to a lot of people before making the decision, and they told me a lot of different things. I even thought about flipping a coin to make my decision.

"In the end, I decided if I ever want to go to Australia, I can go as a tourist. South Africa is not a common place to go."

It was a weighty decision to make for the 21-year-old University of Central Florida junior, who had never traveled outside of the United States. A 1999 graduate of Seminole High School, Foster's previous travels included the usual Spring Break trips and family vacations. In fact, she doesn't even like to fly.

"I hate flying," she said. "But, after a 14-hour flight to South Africa, and then flying to the different cities while I was there, I guess I got over that fear."

Foster's journey began last year while taking a Third World politics class. With a double major in radio/television and political science, the class piqued her interest in the governments and cultures of other countries.

Others became aware of Foster's fascination with third-world politics and affairs, and the honor student was eventually given an invitation to participate in the International Mission on Diplomacy, a program sponsored by the National Youth Leadership Forum.

Foster made her country choice and then began preparing for her first trip abroad. She applied for a passport, completed a 15-page research paper on South Africa and received the various inoculations needed before traveling to Africa.

On Jan. 4, Foster left

Orlando for the first leg of her journey. She arrived at New York's JFK International Airport to meet the rest of her delegation before boarding a South African Airways flight to Johannesburg. A day after she left, Foster arrived at the Johannesburg airport only to board another flight to Cape Town less than two hours later.

"We went outside for about 10 minutes before getting on the next plane, and my first thought was that Africa was nothing like I thought it would be," she said. "There were taxis and people everywhere. It had a very metropolitan atmosphere."

The Republic of South Africa is slightly less than twice the size of Texas and is located on the southernmost tip of Africa. The country's population is nearly 44 million people of various ethnic groupings. There are 11 official languages.

Johannesburg, one of the largest

cities in South Africa, has a metropolitan population of 6.5 million and is the nation's primary gateway cities.

Once in Cape Town, Africa's heritage city, the delegation began exploring the South African government, culture and lifestyle. Although most of the days were spent in forums, lectures and meetings with

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Kelly Foster, a junior at the University of Central Florida, spent two weeks in South Africa as a delegate with the International Mission on Diplomacy. She arrived in Johannesburg on Jan. 5, then immediately traveled to Cape Town. On Jan. 9, she flew to Durban for a four-day stay. She returned to Johannesburg on Jan. 13, where she stayed until her return to the United States on Jan. 18.

Kelly Foster display various items she collected during her two-week stay in South Africa. While studying the government, culture and diversity of the African country, she also spent time sightseeing. She traveled to the Hluhluwe Game Reserve, the Kwabhekungu Cultural Village, the township of Soweto and the Rosebank African Market.

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The theme of the 2002 Agricultural and Labor Program Inc.'s annual corporate meeting and luncheon was "Envisioning the Future: Providing A Window of Opportunity for Children and Families, Whatever It Takes."

All corporate members met for the 11:15 a.m. business meeting, where Chairman William Holt presided. Four regional advisory councils were acknowledged by Mattie Maloy, Southern Region board member.

The annual financial report was given by Gaye Williams, board treasurer. Minutes were read by Josephine Howard, board secretary, and adopted by corporate members. Chairman Holt and CEO Deloris Johnson gave the annual report and program overview.

During the annual corporate luncheon and 2002 board installation, mistress of ceremony for the occasion was Dorothea Williams-Fogle of Sanford, who is a retired educator.

The luncheon was open with the rendering of the musical selection "God Bless America," by the mother/daughter musical artists from Sanford, Eloise W. Dilligard and Jasmyne George. The luncheon guests were welcomed by Grace Miller, Northern Region board member.

As a moment of honor to the oldest board member of the ALPI,

was given to a legend and great leader, Arabell Wiggins of Winter Haven. Chairman Holt presented a dozen roses to this great lady.

During the Chairman's Message, he also gave thanks to the ALPI's powerful board of directors, skilled dedicated staff and the corporate's most valuable asset — our proficient CEO, Deloris Johnson for her leadership of the corporation.

The corporation's objective remains committed to served the total spectrum of socially, economically disadvantaged children and families throughout Florida. It is always focusing on and providing the mechanism toward achieving and maintaining family stability and economic self-sufficiency through jobs, income, housing, education, social services, health, training and community relations.

Musical entertainment was shared with guests by soloist Jacqueline Reddick of Sanford, who sang, "Even Me Lord." A special tribute to the guests was given by Jasmyne George, who sang, "I Don't Know About Tomorrow."

The introduction of the keynote speaker was made by Josephine Howard, at-large board member. The ALPI luncheon speaker was the dynamic, energetic and knowledgeable Dr. Minnie Boyer Woodruff, a retired educator and former principal of John Young Elementary. Her

message to the group was one of empowerment. She encouraged each person to have a good character, set of beliefs, possess great moral values, and become the architect of one's life. The message will long be remembered by the guests.

Special recognition was given to our many sponsors, agencies, partners and collaborators whose efforts between ALPI and communities we serve are indeed crucial to the success of the ALPI.

The 2002 Robert Bryant Award recipient was Wilbert McTier, a dedicated board member of the ALPI. He is a state of Florida career worker, whose dedication to the communities he serves is utmost. He is the No. 1 leader in networking to help service individuals in need of service.

The 2002 board members from all four regions were installed by Attorney Albert Miller. Representatives on the ALPI board of directors from the Northern Region, Orlando/Sanford, are Grace S. Miller, Marva Hawkins, Commissioner Velma Williams and Vernon McQueen.

The Seminole County Chapter of Florida A.M. University Alumni's annual banquet will be held 6 p.m. Saturday, March 16, in the Sanford Civic Center.

The speaker for the occasion is Carolyn Hepburn Collins, president of FAMU National Alumni Association.

Hepburn-Collins holds a bache-



Wilbert McTier receives the Robert Bryant Award from Board Chair William Holt while looking on is Josephine Howard and Dr. Minnie Boyer Wood.

lor's degree in food, nutrition and institutional management from the university, where she graduated in 1973. She holds a master's degree in public administration from Golden Gate University in San Francisco, Calif., with a dual emphasis in health services management and administration and organization and management. She also has received a master's degree in food and nutrition science from Florida



Hepburn-Collins

State University.

Collins is a clinical nutrition specialist at Tampa General Hospital. She is the second female in history to serve as president of FAMU National Alumni Association. She is proud and honored to serve her Alma Mater as the first president of the NAA in the third millennium.

The alumni, friends and the community are invited to hear his dynamic speaker during the March 16 banquet. Tickets are available for \$25 and may be purchased by calling 407-330-7484 or 407-323-6366.

Daryl Mobley is chairman of the banquet and Gina Joseph is president of the Seminole County chapter of FAMU Alumni.

Scholarships will be awarded to deserving students of Seminole County schools during the event.

Adventure

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local dignitaries, the group spent time visiting various sites, including the Hluhluwe Game Reserve.

"I didn't get to see all the animals I thought I would see, but it was amazing," Foster said. "In Florida, you can go to Animal Kingdom and see the same animals, but it isn't the same. On safari, you feel like you are in the middle of nowhere. You could even reach out of the car window and touch a zebra.

"Plus, it's fun to say I've been on an African safari."

Foster also met her South African peers, who had as many opinions about Americans as their counterparts had about them.

"They are so different, but yet so the same," Foster said. "The people, especially in Cape Town, were so open to talk about their country. They tell you exactly how it is without making you feel like you are stepping on their toes.

"They also told us their opinions about Americans," she said. "They thought all Americans were arrogant, for example. Now, after meeting us, they know that isn't true."

Many questions the delegates had for the South Africans focused on segregation and Apartheid, which was abolished

in the early 1990s.

"It was almost shocking in Cape Town," Foster said. "It is one of the most beautiful places in the world, but it's not a place where I would want to live. Segregation is still going on, which I expected, but not to the degree that it still occurs.

"But, it is also a very developed city," she said. "I was honestly surprised by how developed it is. Other areas, outside of Cape Town, may not be as developed but are not as segregated."

On Jan. 9, the group left Cape Town and traveled to sub-tropical Durban, South Africa's second largest city. After four days, the delegation returned to Johannesburg. After four more days, Foster boarded a plane bound for the United States.

Experiencing a reverse culture shock, it took Foster a few days to return to the normality of every day life in Orlando. However, she welcomed American cuisine, which she missed while in South Africa.

"South African food is really heavy," she said. "I enjoyed some of it, but I did lose some weight while I was there. I think one night they even served us rat, one of the country's many delicacies."

Now considering a possible career in the foreign service, Foster said she would like to return to Africa.

"I would definitely like to go back, not just to South Africa, but all of Africa," she said. "I feel like I didn't do and see everything I would have liked to have seen.

"And Africa made me realize I

can be independent," she said. "I learned a lot about the country, and a lot about myself. The trip

showed me that I can go overseas — that I can do things on my own."

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Officials deem Olde Lake Mary Days a success

Despite the strong winds, which blew tents over and almost lifted the moonwalk off the ground, this year's Olde Lake Mary Days was a huge success. The favorite for the kids attending the festival, besides the almost flying moonwalk, were the living history demonstrators. Children really got a kick out of the skirmishes between the 37th Alabama Company H and the



Mary Rowell

3rd Rhode Island Battalion C. The 3rd Rhode Island won the first skirmish. There were fewer of them, but, being an artillery battalion, they did have that cannon on their side!

The Native American demonstrators included the Talako Indian Dancers. Dancers of all ages entertained the crowds and occasionally invited the audience to join in. The Lake Mary Historical

Society held their first cakewalk. Local Girl Scouts donated cakes to the cakewalk. There was a cake-decorating contest for those girls decorating their own cakes. First place went to Chelsey O'Boyle of Troop 504, second place to Sevie Filosofos of Troop 458 and third place to Kristina Altendorf of Troop 1031.

This was the first year at Olde Lake Mary Days that the crafters and artisans were judged. There were three major awards and two honorable mentions. The Mayor's Award went to Faye Siler. Faye hand-paints rocks to look like animals. They're very realistic looking. Second place went to Shannon Baughman who makes delicious homemade jams and jellies. Third place went to Lois Bauer who makes lovely silk floral arrangements. Honorable mentions went to Mary Jane Duryea for her handmade candles and Bryant and Sally Moultrie with their handmade leather belts.

Club Learns Art of Stamping
There is an art to stamping, but the great thing about it, is that anyone can learn to do it. The



Members of the Lake Mary Women's Club at their booth at Olde Lake Mary Days. Herald photo by Mary Rowell

special guest at February's meeting of the Lake Mary Woman's Club was Kristin Bartholomew. With simple rubber stamps and a little creativity, you can make your own colorful greeting cards, invitations and stationery. You can also decorate bags and make your own gift-wrap. You can even decorate fabric. If you're interested in classes, you can contact Kristin at 407-302-4522 or online at kristin@cnkdesigns.com. The Lake Mary Woman's

Club once again had a booth at Olde Lake Mary Days. This year, the club raffled off two living plant baskets. The beautiful baskets were created by Woman's Club members Patti Hart and Diane Turtle. Patti chose a spring theme for her basket and Diane's chose a patriotic theme for hers. The winners of the baskets were I. Dugger and Estelle Konviser. If you'd like to join the Lake Mary Woman's Club or would like more information, call Wanda at 407-330-3331.



Dee Gracey from the Lake Mary CIA and Lillian Griffin the Lake Mary Historical Commission in the Lake Mary Historical Museum. Herald photo by Mary Rowell

Crooms ninth-graders pass first test in series

Twenty-three ninth grade students from Crooms Academy of Information Technology successfully passed the first out of a four test series in the Cisco Networking program. Each of these students

received four college credits from Seminole Community College for the CET 1600C — Cisco Networking Fundamentals Course. High school students are able to receive college credit in technical courses through the

nation-wide Technical Preparation program. The four course series prepares students for the national certification exam called Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA). The ninth-grade students

took the same exam as juniors and seniors in other high schools and college students who are enrolled in Applied Technology programs. Seminole Community College personnel said they were impressed with the results.

Zoo hosting book drive

Office Depot in partnership with WMMO, and Zephyrhills Water will be sponsoring a book drive during the Central Florida Zoo's Adventure Trail on March 30.

From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., children bringing a new book will receive a free admission to the zoo. All of the books will be donated to Seminole County Public Schools.

During the Hippy Hop Adventure weekend at the zoo, children will be able to discover clues and answer education and animal and Earth Day questions. Children will receive free bunny tails, enjoy face painting, and meet the Easter Bunny.

However, the book drive/child's free admission is only for Saturday, March 30 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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DAR presents essay, good citizen awards

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Doris Dietrich

recognized Seminole County youth with an "Awards Day" tea held at the Bettye Smith Cultural Arts Center on Feb. 8. Essay contestants from fifth through eighth grades were recognized and each winner received a certificate and American History Medal.

Virginia Powell reported the following: The theme this year was: "As editor of Philadelphia Gazette, interview at least two signers of the Declaration of Independence and write an article for the July 5, 1776, edition."

American History Essay winners were presented their awards by

Gail L. Clover, chairman, to the following: Maddie Gonzalez fifth grade, Keeth Elementary; Adrian Chase, sixth grade, Indian Trail; and Justin Aplin, eighth grade, Jackson Heights. These winning essay are forwarded to the State D.A.R. and the state winner will receive a savings bond.

In addition to the essay awards, Good Citizen awards

were presented to outstanding seniors by chairman, Heidi Haines. These seniors have demonstrated qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism and were given a certificate and Good Citizen Medal.

The awards were presented to: Merissa Cohen, Lake Mary High School; Tiffany Georgi, Seminole High School; and Kathryn Abbot, Lake Howell High School. Winners not present were, Asher Wildman, Oviedo High; Lindsay McCall, Lake Brantley High and Veronica Cordero, Winter Springs High School.

The business meeting was presided over by Julia Sartin, regent, and members of the chapter served tea to winners and guests.

Federated Clubs Meet

The Sanford Woman's Club hosted a meeting of Seminole County Federation of Women's Clubs on Feb. 25 at the Oak Avenue clubhouse. Other clubs represented were: Oviedo Woman's Club, Altamonte Springs Woman's Club, Casselberry Woman's Club and the Garden Club of Sanford Inc.

The local club won a monetary gift for having the largest representation. The clubs met at 11 a.m., followed by a covered dish luncheon at noon. Members brought their culinary specialties with the

Sanford Club also providing a ham, cheese and potato casserole.

Betty Jack, host club president, opened the meeting and Mindy Tooley gave a devotional program followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Betty Akers, president of the Seminole County Federation of Women's Clubs, presided over the business session.

Toby Troutman presented tickets to the Helen Stairs Theatre as door prizes.

Members discussed various projects they have completed and what they have planned for the future. Betty Jack said, "We had a good meeting."

New Residences

Longtime Herald readers will remember Dorothy McReynolds as the feisty southern belle who lived in Sanford for so long. Not too long ago, Dorothy sold her spacious home near the airport and moved to the coast to be near her son and his wife. Her health is not the best and she is legally blind.

Dorothy would love hearing from her Sanford friends. Her address is: 125 Palm Breeze Drive, Edgewater, FL 32141. Telephone: 386-423-0239.

Another of Sanford's favorite ladies, Doris Stein, has moved away from the city, but not too far. After an accident, Doris later fell and broke her hip. A Sanford resident for 55 years and 45 years in the same house, Doris now lives at Chambrel in Longwood. She has been featured several times on television leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Incidentally, she lives independently and is looking forward to her 90th birthday in May.

Her address is: 150 Islander Court, Apt. 192 LK, Longwood,



Photo submitted to the Herald
Gail Cover, chairman of the DAR American History Essay Contest, stands with winners Adrian Chase, Maddie Gonzalez and Justin Aplin.

FL 32750. Telephone: 407-767-6728.

Sanford Art Displayed

Art enthusiasts who crave a feast for the eyes should visit the window display at Sanford Flower Shop on Cozumel Street in Sanford. Tim Donahoe, his sister, Kit Thompson, and their mom, Charlotte Davis, invite all to come and visit the exceptional art exhibit at their place of business. The lovely watercolor art is the work of Katherine Bishop, longtime Sanford resident who is multi-talented.

The paintings are scenes from Sanford landmarks.

Sorry, but they are not for sale. Katherine laughed and said, "It would be like selling my children."

Grand Opening

An all-day celebration was the order of the day all day last Saturday when Avant Beauty Salon hosted Grand Opening festivities. Customers and guests were served a continuous buffet of goodies from a large table set up in the back of the newly-decorated house of beauty. Sanford welcomes June Sirizi, manager-operator, to the community.

ACS Benefit

Swing into spring when the Seminole County Board of the American Cancer Society proudly presents its annual Luncheon and Fashion Show Thursday at Heathrow Country Club. The popular spring fling fund-raiser for cancer research is usually a sell-out long before it gets started good.

Beverly Boothe and Carole Kirchhoff are busy getting final details in order. Locals are serving on the committees and as models showing spring finery from Dillard's.



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DAR Good Citizens Awards recipients are Tiffany Georgi, Heidi Haines, Merissa Cohen and Kathryn Abbot.

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For more information, call 407-323-8999.

Yard Sale

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, located at 2525 Oak Ave., in Sanford, will have a yard sale Saturday, March 9.

Proceeds from the yard sale will go toward the camp fund, which has a goal of sending the church's youth, ages 10-17, to summer camp at Woodlands Lutheran Camp.

Inspirational Concert

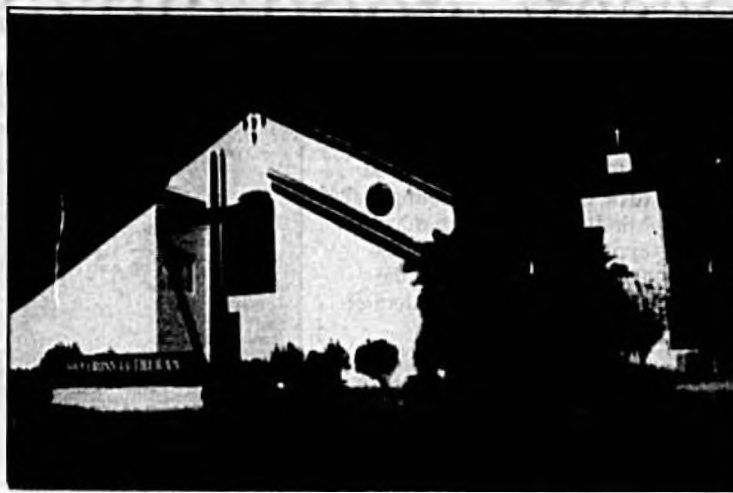
Dave and Barb Anderson are coming in concert to Ascension Lutheran Church in Casselberry 6 p.m. Sunday, March 10.

The inspirational concert is sponsored by the Music Ministry of Ascension Lutheran Church.

Throughout 24 years of ministry, the Andersons have touched audiences around the world with sincerity and warmth. In 1993, the couple was in a plane crash that occurred over the icy waters of the Bering Sea off the coast of Nome, Alaska. They were returning from a humanitarian and Christian ministry mission in the Russian Far East. The miracle of God, by surviving the crash, has changed their lives and their ministry.

Their music is a blend of contemporary, gospel and traditional. Accompanying the Andersons is pianist Dale Pust from Minneapolis, Minn.

The community is invited to attend the concert. A free-will offering will be received. For more information about the concert, call Ascension Lutheran Church at 407-831-7788.



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