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Have a ball

If you like sports, this week offers a full plate with basketball, baseball, softball, soccer and auto racing on the local scene.

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Crooms reports bomb threat

Sanford police and firefighters responded to what proved to be a false bomb threat Tuesday morning at Crooms Academy of Technology, 2200 W. 13th St.

According to police spokesperson Cleo Cohen, officers were unable to find anything suspicious, and students, who had been evacuated from the school, were allowed to return to class shortly after 10 a.m.

There was no immediate indication regarding how the threat was made or what it may have involved. Police are investigating.

Thieves burglarize closed country club

Alaqua Country Club, 3060 Players Point, Longwood, abruptly closed on Jan. 14, due to financial difficulties. On Thursday, Jan. 22, unknown persons apparently decided to visit the club anyway, entering through the locker room door to the golf pro shop.

As a result, thousands of dollars in merchandise was reported stolen. Items included 25 golf shirts, one outerwear-pin, 105 boxes of golf balls, seven pairs of polar sunglasses and two Ezgo electric golf carts.

According to the Seminole County Sheriff's Office report, the golf course superintendent noticed the door leading from the weight room to the stairway and cart storage area was unlocked. It is believed this is the door where burglars entered the facility. He also told investigators he noticed a cabinet door was removed from a liquor storage area, but there were no details on what if any of the contents were taken. Of the items which have been determined to be missing, the total value was more than \$10,000.

Seminole Smile



Lisa Harrison — Hostess at Vivona's Italian Restaurant in Lake Mary

Commissioners approve reorganization

By Dan Ping
Editor

Sanford's reduction in force eliminates 13 positions from city roster

SANFORD — City commissioners began Monday's meeting honoring two police officers who retired after more than 50 years of combined service. The meeting ended with commissioners being quizzed about 10 employees who were laid off

last week.

The lay-offs were made by City Manager Al Grieshaber, who cited the city's financial woes as the reason for the dismissals. He said the city had

pulled nearly \$2.2 million from city reserves in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, 2003. Of that amount, Grieshaber said 65 percent of the expenses were recurring costs.

"We can't keep spending non-recurring revenues on recurring expenses," Grieshaber said.

The most pointed questions came from Paula

Freytes-Torres, who asked commissioners why her position, funded by federal grants, was eliminated as part of the reduction in force (RIF).

"I prepare the timesheets, and I know the money is paid out of LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) and weatherization

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Planting the seeds for dreams



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Christian Berglund, director and vice-president of The Central Florida Dream Center, is helping to lead a social change in Sanford.

Central Florida Dream Center is addressing the community's needs

By Michelle Donahue
Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — The Central Florida Dream Center is a part of a growing movement of one-stop human services and outreach stations that are springing up in cities across the United States.

Originating in Los Angeles, the concept was developed by father and son visionary team, pastors Tommy and Matthew Barnett, whose primary focus is to help the needy by meeting them within their circumstances.

Christian Berglund, the director and vice-president of The Central Florida Dream Center agrees with the Barnetts.

"We believe that asking families

and individuals what they need is the way to build bridges," Berglund said. "We do this in teams and go block by block in the high risk areas of Sanford."

Ultimate Dream Center strategy is built upon a centralized service model that offers comprehensive service programs in a single location. This service model not only provides resources in a consolidated manner, but is also conducive to addressing the needs of the community with the highest measure of efficiency. The model also makes outreach and education more cost effective, so that donor dollars can help a greater number of people in need than if the programs were distributed to other locations.

Located at 540 Pecan Ave., The Central Florida Dream Center's goal is to methodically "empower and restore individuals, families, and entire communities," believing that love for one's neighbors is the only thing that will truly lead to lasting social change within any community.

"Although we are faith-based in our outreach, we are not a church," said the 26-year-old Berglund. "We do network with several mainstream denominations including the Assemblies of God, Baptists, Catholics, Methodists, Nazarenes, and others, as well as several non-denominational churches, but we don't stop there."

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Iraqi Diary: Explosion at Assassin's Gate

Editor's note: Staff Sgt. Charlie C. Carlson III, son of Sanford historian Charlie C. Carlson II, is deployed in Baghdad as part of the 549th Military Police Company. He is providing the Herald with a journal of his experiences.

18 Jan 2004 This morning about 0800 the coalition headquarters in the green zone was hit with a powerful truck bomb that killed 25 people and injured 50 to 60 others. This was across the Tigris, west from our location.

Most of the casualties were lined up at the gate going to work because Sundays are regular work days in Iraq. These casualties were Iraqi employees who work at the headquarters. This particular entrance is appropriately nicknamed "Assassin's Gate." At the present time I don't know about U.S. casualties. We were told there were some, but most were Iraqis.

We did not have to respond to this one as we were involved in an inventory layout. It is good that the new soldiers did not have to see that

bloody mess with blasted body parts laying around like a blown-up butcher shop. I would love to know these things to war supporters. You cannot begin to imagine what blast injuries look like. This was about the first big bombing that we have not been involved in.

We did do a recon of a target house and on the way back to camp we decided to take Route Pluto and go to the Regiment for chow. On the way we encountered two Iraqis, a father and son, waving us down. We doubled back and stopped and told them to come over to us. They told us they had found what they thought was a bomb. I immediately ordered my patrol to block off the highway and the on-ramp. At that time we knew we could forget about going to chow.

We called it in and soon there were two Kiowas hover-



Carlson

ing overhead for air support. I saw the pilot motioning with his hands asking us what the situation was. Making a motion with our hands we told him it was a bomb. He kept us covered for awhile until the IPF [Iraqi police] and EOD [bomb disposal unit] arrived. The EOD sent in their

robot which set a charge and blew the device in place. It turned out to be a Russian made electronic converter box and not a bomb. But you never know about these things. With that incident over, we proceeded on our way to Camp Marlboro.

The army is planning to cut back the number of armed patrols as new units arrive in the troop rotation. There are 19 bases or camps within the city of Baghdad and most of these will be closed. The 1st Cavalry Division will replace the 1st

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Mica finds federal \$ for Lake Mary, airport

By Dan Ping
Editor

SANFORD — The Omnibus Appropriations bill approved by the U.S. Congress last week contained funding for two Seminole County projects.

Congressman John Mica (R-Winter Park) said the Orlando Sanford International Airport and the city of Lake Mary will receive funding for key projects those entities are planning.

The airport received a \$500,000 grant to extend Runway 9R/27L. The runway is being extended to alleviate safety concerns that occur because of the close proximity of small aircraft pilot training operations to airline flights on the main east-west runway.

The current 3,500-foot runway will be extended to 7,000

feet to handle the growth in aviation flight training and corporate aircraft operations. Mica previously secured \$1 million for the project.

"We should be able to complete our capacity study and finish the planning for this project," said Larry Dale, president of the Sanford Airport Authority. "We appreciate all that Congressman Mica has done for the airport. He's been very supportive of meeting our needs."

In addition to the airport, the city of Lake Mary is scheduled to receive \$100,000 for its downtown development improvement program. The city is now proceeding with an economic redevelopment project and is working to improve parking, traffic circulation, sidewalk and

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Mica



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SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

IN BRIEF

Transportation group urges quick clearance of automobile accidents

Metroplan Orlando, the region's transportation partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation, District 5 and the Florida Highway Patrol, held a meeting in Orlando on Friday, Jan. 16. The goal was to discuss relief for traffic congestion, primarily on Interstate 4, although involving other major arteries such as U.S. Highway 17-92.

Traffic incidents and accidents are accounting for more than half of this region's traffic congestion. It has been determined that clearing accidents quickly can help reduce congestion and improve safety conditions for responders. Regional agencies and the driving public can both be part of the solution.

Metroplan Orlando has announced two initiatives to reduce traffic congestion and improve mobility. The first plan is the Tri-County Area Open Roads Policy. This is a landmark commitment of police and fire/rescue officials in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties, as well as all 19 municipalities. It calls for the quick clearance of incidents. This will enable rescue and law enforcement vehicles a clearer passageway to serious incidents which require assistance. This is based on initiative number two — "Move it, yes you can."

The move in policy is a campaign to inform the public that they can, and MUST, by Florida law, make every reasonable effort to move their damaged vehicle off the roadway if they are involved in a minor traffic accident.

The meeting involved members of the Orange County Commission, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida Highway Patrol, fire/rescue and police representatives from throughout the three counties, and private tow truck operators.

Efforts to promote the two concepts were stressed at the meeting, and further information is expected to be released to the public in the near future.

Geneva registered sexual predator violates terms of 16-year probation

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office, Warrants and Fugitive Apprehension Unit arrested Friday a Geneva-area man, who is a registered sexual predator, who is living in Seminole County.

Robert Wayne Horn, 52, was arrested on a warrant for violating the terms of his probation. He essentially was not being cooperative in his court-ordered counseling that was a requirement of probation. He was arrested at his residence at 2039 Shadow Drive in Geneva.

According to his felony registration information, Horn served seven-and-a-half years of a 16-year sentence in the Florida Department of Corrections. His original charge involves a case out of Polk County, Florida regarding sexual battery and Fondling of a victim less than the age of 12. Records show Horn was released from prison on Aug. 8, 2003, and was under probation for 16 years.



Horn

Public servant spotlight

Name: Donald A. Rufo
Professional title: Sergeant
Department: Seminole County Sheriff's Office
Office: Seminole Neighborhood Policing
Years on the job: 12
Born: Philadelphia
Resident of: Sanford
Age: 37
Marital status: Single
Training: Critical incident negotiation, crisis intervention
School attended: Winter Park High School, Valencia Community College
Hobbies: Avid sports fan — especially Philly sport teams
Why did you choose your current profession: To make a positive difference by committing myself to community service.



Transportation alternatives



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Sometimes you just cannot get a flight to your preferred destination so you have to prepare for other transportation alternatives. This photograph was taken at the intersection of First Street and U.S. Highway 17-92 in Sanford. The airplane drew curious stares from motorists using varied modes of transportation.

Sex offense

Robert Cecil Walker, 40, of Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Monday. He reportedly had offered a minor \$100 to have sexual relations with him. He was arrested on charges of cruelty towards child-abuse without great harm (domestic); sex offense-against child-fondling-lewd and lascivious act in the presence of a child under 16 years of age; trespassing after warning; and solicitation of prostitution.

Thefts

Todd LeFlore, 30, of Academy Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police on Jan. 14. He reportedly was manager of a business in the 100 block of French Avenue. Following an interrogation at the Sanford Police Department, it was determined he had taken money from two bank deposit bags, which were to have been deposited. The amounts totaled \$4,028.44. He was arrested on a charge of larceny, over \$300.

Beulah Black Copeland, 54 of West 12th Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at a store in the Seminole Towne Center. She reportedly had taken 127 candy bars from the store at which she was employed over the last two months, for a total of \$317.00. He also is said to have taken a ring and earrings. She was arrested on a charge of larceny, theft of over \$300.

Wonezell Randolph Britt 42, and an 18-year-old girl of Rosecliff Circle, Sanford, were arrested by Sanford police Saturday at a store in the 3600 block of Orlando Drive. They reportedly took steaks, lobster, two boxes of beer, two packages of deodorant and men's clothing from the store and attempted to exit without paying. The girl, arrested as Jane Doe, was charged with retail theft over \$300 and resisting an officer by obstruction of a disguised person.

Sharon Teague, 34, listed as homeless from Winter Park, was arrested by Sanford police at a store in the 1500 block of French Avenue Friday. She was accused of taking items from the store without paying. She was charged with retail theft.

Domestic cases

Cheryl Johnson, 29, of Cardinal Cove Circle, Sanford, was arrested at her residence by Sanford police



Monday. She reportedly had been in a dispute with her husband. She was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (domestic). As officers attempted to handcuff her, they said another woman, identified as Helen Daniels, 30, of Heron Lakes Drive, Sanford, attempted to pull her free from the police. She was also arrested on a charge with obstructing a police officer — interfering with a prisoner.

Alton Gerald Lawrence, 40, of Academy Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday following a dispute with his wife at his residence. Officers said he ripped off the power meter to the house. He was charged with simple assault (domestic) and property damage of over \$200.

Travis Knight, 24, of Scott Drive, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police in Castle Brewer Court Sunday. Police were called in regard to a possible disturbance. Knight had reportedly thrown an object at a woman's vehicle following a verbal argument. He was charged with simple assault (domestic violence) and throwing a missile into a vehicle.

Mark Allen Watkins, 47, of Cedar Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday at his residence following a fight with a female. He was charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic violence).

Dana Sellers, 29, of Windridge Circle, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police at his residence Sunday. He had reportedly been in a dispute with his wife. He was charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic violence).

Phillip Jose Rios, 21, was arrested by Sanford police on Grove Drive in Sanford Saturday following a dispute with a female. He was charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic violence).

Traffic cases

Dangirts Kropas, 31, of Wind Chase Boulevard, Sanford, was stopped by Sanford police Saturday on West 22nd Street. He was charged with driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol or drugs, and driving with no lights after dusk.

John Thomas Farrell, 37, of Maple Avenue Sanford, was stopped by Sanford police Sunday on Hiawatha Avenue. He was charged with DUI alcohol or drugs, and possession of under 20 grams of marijuana.

Abel Rosa, 25, of Villa Capri Circle, Sanford, was stopped by police Saturday on Rinehart Road. He was charged with driving with a suspended license and having an expired motor vehicle registration.

Laroy Lockett, 25, of Scott Avenue, Sanford, was stopped by Sanford police Saturday on Ridgewood Lane in Sanford. He reportedly sped away when approached by a squad car on Hartwell Avenue. He was apprehended and charged with fleeing with disregard of safety to persons or property, reckless driving, resisting an officer without violence, and driving with a suspended license.

Monique Shonte-Yetter Scott, 18, of West Seventh Street, Sanford, was stopped by Sanford police Saturday after a brief chase near her residence. The vehicle was located in some bushes against a utility pole. Her baby was in the vehicle at the time. She was charged with child neglect, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license and resisting an officer without violence.

Gordon M. Depauw, 39, of Capital Lane, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Monday at Second Street and Cypress Avenue. He was charged with DUI alcohol or drugs, driving with a suspended license, and driving with a license from another state while his Florida license was suspended.

Bradley Scott Schleper, 20, of DeBary, was reportedly involved in a single car crash at French Avenue and Seminole Boulevard early Tuesday. His vehicle had over turned into Lake Monroe. Sanford police charged him with DUI alcohol or drugs, reckless driving, and possession of liquor by a person under the age of 21.

OUT & ABOUT

WED 28

The Sanford Senior Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd., will host an "Over 50 Dance" from 2 to 4 p.m. Music is provided by the Deltonans, a 12-piece Big Band. Cost is \$3. For more information, call 407-302-1010.

The Starlight Promenaders have announced that regular square and round dances will begin at 7 p.m. at the DeBary Community Center, 38 South Shell Road. Classes start at 7 p.m. with club dancing beginning at 8 p.m. For further information phone 386-851-0708.

THUR 29

Retirees and guests of the Sanford Fire Department will hold a monthly luncheon beginning at 11 a.m. at the old fire station building in downtown Sanford at 109 South Palmetto Ave. Barbara Farrell, owner/occupant of the old fire station building has invited all retirees, previous employees, current employees and guests to have lunch and reminisce about the history of the building. Retiree Chuck Bose will also have a book signing for his book about the Sanford Fire Department, \$21. Call Chief Jerry Ransom at 407-302-2517 to RSVP.

FRI 30

The city of Casselberry hosts an Auld Lang Syne Dance from 7 to 9 p.m., at 200 N. Triplet Lake Drive, Casselberry. Dance to the tunes of the old time favorite Big Band music era played by Joseph Alo. Singles welcome. Free Admission. For more information, call 407-696-5122.

THUR 5

The Seminole County Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold a Good Morning Seminole meeting beginning at 7:15 a.m. at Orlando Marriott - Lake Mary. A panel on issues impact will be narrated by Dan Peterson with Sprint. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

SAT 7

Come to the country at the Geneva Community Center for a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee for just \$3. Then climb aboard a bus for an 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. narrated historical tour of Geneva. The tours are just \$6 per person. Advanced registration is required by calling 407-349-9982. All proceeds benefit the Geneva Historical Society, Geneva Museum of History and historic Fort Lane Park.

SUN 8

The Four Chaplains, Ceremony and Story will be presented at the American Legion Campbell-Lossing Post 53, 2874 S. Sanford Ave., beginning at 2 p.m. The occasion will be in memory of the two Protestant pastors, a Catholic priest and a Jewish rabbi, who gave up their life jackets when the "Dorchester" was sunk in the North Atlantic on Feb. 3, 1943, during World War II. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the ceremony.

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Noted Sanford dentist dies

Dr. Julius C. Ringling, D.D.S., 85, of Sanford, died Jan. 25, 2004. Extremely active in area organizations, he practiced dentistry for 42 years in Dr. Starke's professional office building in Sanford.

Ringling was born in Tallahassee and graduated from Florida A&M University in 1939. He graduated from Howard University, College of Dentistry in 1945. His first practice was in Panama City, prior to moving to Sanford.

He served as a Board of Trustee member of Seminole Community College, and was active in the National Dental Association and the Florida Dental Association as well as the local association. He was a member of the Bi-Racial Committee of Seminole County.



Ringling

He supported the arts and frequently spoke to students about the importance of dental health and hygiene, often giving toothbrushes and other items to students. Ringling served as a trustee and choir member of Allen Chapel AME Church for several years, and supported the PTA's of Goldsboro, Hopper and Crooms High School. He also served as Treasurer of SEED CO. for a number of years.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Dorothy Smith Ringling; son, Julius, Plantation; daughters, Lorraine

Offer, Altamonte Springs and Charlotte Farrior, Greensboro, N.C.; sister, Rubye W.R. Parker, Belmont, Calif.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Allen Chapel AME Church. Calling hours will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Allen Chapel, 1203 Olive Ave., Sanford, and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to Seminole County Chapter of FAMU Alumni Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 262, Sanford, 32772-0262 or Allen Chapel AME Church, Young Peoples Department, c/o Pastor Henry, 1203 Olive Avenue Sanford, 32771.

Gail and Wynn's Funeral Home, Orlando, in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries

VERNA M. CAGLE

Verna M. Cagle, 95, of Longwood, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004, in Longwood. Born May 17, 1908, in Cresson, Pa., she moved to Central Florida from Lake City in 1990. She was a teacher and member of Nativity Catholic Church. She was church organist in Lake City and a member of the 4-H group and Newcomer clubs, and a volunteer at the VA hospital in Lake City.

Survivors include daughter, Shirley Reilly, Longwood; three grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Ruth Lappe, Kenneth, Ethel, Jack Dodson, Edith Schirra and Anne Shober.

Funeral services were held Jan. 27 at Oaklawn Chapel, Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

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

CHRISTINA RENEE GOLDEN

Christina Renee Golden, a.k.a. Christy Love, 25, Howell Branch Court, Winter Park, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004. She was born in Orlando. She was a trainee at Central Florida Contract Industrial.

Survivors include mother, Earnestine Gould-Jackson; father, Bernard Golden; stepfather, Williams Jackson, Jr., all of Oviedo; sister, Schantel Manderville, Orlando; brothers, Julius Gould and Jason Scott, both of Oviedo; cousin, Shiquita Alexander; maternal grandmother, Alberta Gould, Oviedo; paternal grandmother, Martha Lee Bellamy; maternal grandfather, Alphonzar Freeman; great-grandmother, Roberta Blanford, Leola Bell; great grandfather, William Horne.

Golden's Funeral Home, Inc., Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

THOMAS SKIBA

Thomas Skiba, 62, of Orange City, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2004, in Orange City. Born May 19, 1941, in Scranton, Pa., he moved to Sanford in 1977 from Binghamton, N.Y. He was retired from the Sanford Police Department. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Navy and was one of the first crew members who chartered the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk.

Survivors include wife, Rose Skiba, Orange City; son, Richard Skiba, Deltona; daughter, Michelle Youngberg, Deltona; brothers, Robert, Walter, and Joseph Skiba, all of Binghamton, N.Y.; brother, John Skiba, of California; sisters, Mary Yerveck and Doris Gasbarra, Endicott, N.Y.; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be held 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at Gramkow Funeral Home, 500 E. Airport Blvd., Sanford.

Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

CHARLES LEWIS VOGEL

Charles Lewis Vogel, 69, E. Church Avenue, Longwood, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004. He was born in Minneapolis. He served as a gunners mate in the U.S. Navy and was a retired drill press operator and roofer.

Survivors include wife, Lorna; children, Jamie, Longwood, Debra Barstad, Milwaukee, and Christopher Vogel, Cudahy, Wis.; brothers, Richard Vogel, Motley, Minn., and Gary VanDussen, Mora, Minn.; sister, Grace, Branson, Mo.; nine grandchildren.

A private service will be held at the home of his son, Jamie at 364 E. Church Ave. in Longwood, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31.

Tri-County Cremation Service, Longwood, in charge of arrangements.

Ebony fashion show slated for Jan. 31

Ebony Fashion Fair, Saturday, Jan. 31, presents Color Splash at Olympia High School, 4301 South Apopka Vineland Road, Orlando. The show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30, which includes either a one-year subscription to *Ebony* or a six month subscription to *Jet*.

Ebony Fashion Fair sponsor Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., will celebrate 50 years of community service to the Central Florida community. The Delta's of Greater Orlando promotes

the bond of sisterhood and encourages the scholarship of youth. Thirty plus years of proceeds from charitable actions benefit Delta charities such as the NAACP, American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, Sickle Cell Association, American Hearing, Hospice of Central Florida, UNCF, Ronald McDonald Home and college scholarships.

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and colorful. Call Kitty Ellison at 407-291-3426 for tickets. Support the world's largest traveling fashion show, the latest in fashion. Celebrate "Color Splash." Twelve magnificent models, 10 gorgeous women, full-figured models and handsome men will showcase the styles by world-famous designers. Take the style of Oscar de la Renta, and Black designers Antonio Winfield, Beaulah Cooley, L'Amour, Steven Burrows and Fusha.

EDITH FRANCES CLARK

Edith Frances Clark, 65, of Winter Springs, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004. She was born May 19, 1938, in Stamford, Conn. She was a legal instrument examiner, and a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include brothers, John R. Clark, Ralph Clark, Michael Clark and Vincent D. Clark; sisters, Susan Clark and Kathy Clark.

Funeral services were held Jan. 27 at Banfield Funeral Home with Pastor Stanley E. Coon officiating. Burial will be in Florida National Cemetery.

Community Briefs

Golf tournament to benefit MLK scholarship fund

City of Sanford Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. steering committee's Fourth Annual Golf Tournament is Jan. 31 at 8:30 a.m. The shotgun-start tournament will take place at Sabal Point Country Club in Longwood. Proceeds benefit the MLK scholarship fund. For more information, call Evola Frye at 407-322-8945.

Sorority sponsors annual jazz brunch

Sanford Alumnae Chapter

of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host Saturday, Jan. 31, the annual jazz brunch, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Orlando-Lake Mary Marriott. Call 407-321-5814 for tickets or more information.

Longwood hosts exercise class for seniors

The city of Longwood will present Seniorcise events, each Tuesday and Thursday at the Longwood Community Building, 200 W. Warren Ave., beginning at 9 a.m. Cost is \$2 per class, which will offer fun

and easy to follow aerobics combined with stretching and strengthening routines, specially designed for older adults. For more information, call 407-260-3447.

Free tax help offered at area branch libraries

Tax-Aide volunteers, trained and certified by the IRS will provide free income tax assistance at two locations in the Seminole County area starting Monday, Feb. 2, through Thursday April 15. The locations include the

Seminole County Library, West Branch at 245 Hunt Club Blvd., in Longwood from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and the Sanford Senior Center, 403 E. Seminole Blvd., in Sanford from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. For more information, call 407-628-4381.

Guardian Ad Litem Program seeks volunteers

The Seminole County Guardian Ad Litem Program is in need of volunteers to

advocate for the best interest of abused, neglected and abandoned children in a court proceeding. To become a Guardian Ad Litem volunteer, you must be 21 years old, possess good judgment, common sense and be capable of helping a child in crisis. You must

present favorable references, consent to have your background checked, and complete 30 hours of training.

Training will be held at the Juvenile Justice Center, 190 Bush Blvd., in Sanford on Feb. 20, 21 and 27. For more information, call 407-665-5370.

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BUSINESS

Sanford facility earns acute hospital honor

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — HealthGrades, the health-care quality company, has announced that Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford has received the 2004 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence.

This distinction places Central Florida Regional Hospital among the top five percent of all acute-care hospitals in the nation in terms of overall clinical excellence across a broad array of services.

HealthGrades analyzes the quality of care at more than 4,700 hospitals across the country each year and publishes ratings based on the performance of the hospital.

"We feel very honored to receive this distinction from HealthGrades," said Rodney R. Smith, CEO. "What could be better for our patients, physicians, associates and

community than to know that a highly regarded independent source has determined that Central Florida Regional Hospital's overall clinical quality for our patients is at an exceptional level compared to hospitals nationwide? Everyone throughout our organization and in the community should take pride in this tremendous accomplishment."

Only 164 hospitals in the entire nation have received the Distinguished Hospital Award for 2004.

Each year, HealthGrades offers the Distinguished Hospital recognition to an elite group of hospitals that achieve notably high levels of performance across service lines that include cardiac, stroke, orthopedic, pulmonary/respiratory, vascular and several individuals procedures/diagnosis such as prostate, cholecystectomy, treatment of sepsis, bowel obstruction and GI bleed.

Savage named president of Sanford's Self-Serve Foods

Appointment of Robert "Bob" E. Savage, of Charlotte, N.C. as president and chief operating officer of Self-Serve Foods, Inc., Sanford, has been announced by founder and Chairman Jeno F. Paulucci.

With 21 years experience in foods industry manufacturing, retailing, warehousing, transportation, sales and marketing, Savage will direct and supervise all aspects of SSFI business, focusing on strategic planning and category management for frozen Michelina's

Hot Subs and Michelina's Microwave Pizza.

He most recently served as a consultant for the Mann Group, Charlotte, and as region manager for Chef America/Nestle Foods in the southeast.

After earning his bachelor's degree in marketing at Texas Tech University in 1982, he served as store director and warehouse manager for HEB Grocery Company and sales manager for JR Simplot Company, and nine years as a foods brokerage executive.



Wal-Mart opens second supercenter in Sanford



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent
Mike Moore, regional vice president for Wal-Mart, (top) welcomes the crowd to the opening of the Rinehart Road supercenter. Sanford officials (above) helped Wal-Mart associates cut the ceremonial ribbon for the new store. Pictured (from left to right) are City Manager Al Grieshaber, Sanford officers Claudia Webber and Bill Willis, commissioners Randy Jones, Kevin Hipes and Velma Williams, Store Manager Beth Jenkins, and Deputy City Manager Andrew VanGaale.

City officials help cut ribbon at new store

Sanford city officials, community groups and others gathered at the new Wal-Mart Supercenter at 1601 Rinehart Road last week to celebrate the grand opening.

Wal-Mart marked the new store opening by donating \$24,000 to 23 different community organizations and causes through Wal-Mart's Good Works community involvement program.

Those receiving checks included Milwee Middle School, Kids House of Seminole, Sanford and Lake Mary police and fire departments, Seminole High School, City of Sanford Recreation Department, Rescue Outreach Mission of Sanford, Bentley Elementary School, Goldsboro Front Porch Council, Crooms

Academy of Information Technology.

The opening event on Jan. 21 included members of American Legion Post 53 presenting the flag and Wal-Mart associate Karis Bradley singing the national anthem.

The 208,000-square-foot center features a full line of groceries, including baked goods, deli foods, frozen foods, meat and dairy products, and fresh produce. It is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition, the store features a tire and lube express, vision center, McDonald's, portrait studio, Smartstyle hair salon, pharmacy, Regal nail salon and gas station.

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Business Briefcases

Tubbs named as new LaNier Associates vice president

Steven Tubbs has been named vice president of Business Development for LaNier Associates, a marketing, advertising and public relations firm, headquartered on West Lake Mary Boulevard, in Lake Mary.

Tubbs has over 30 years experience in marketing communications and client relations for corporations, agencies, government, and non-profits.

"Steven brings extensive, diverse experience to our organization and clients, including high technology, real estate development and sales, health care, financial services, resorts and tourism and manufacturing," said Gene LaNier, chairman/CEO of LaNier Associates, Inc.

The company, founded in 1980, represents regional, national and international clients in integrated marketing, advertising and public relations services.

Coldwell Banker's Webb on National Resort Committee

Robin L. Webb, Coldwell Banker Commercial in Maitland, has been appointed to the National Association of Realtors Resort Area Real Estate Committee by National president Walter T. McDonald of Riverside, Calif. The 2004 committee leaders are chairman Tad Gilster and Vice Chairman Benjamin Blair.

Webb joins 45 other resort specialists selected from across the country to sit on this NAR committee. The committee's charge will be to monitor, review and analyze issues and trends affecting resort area and second home markets, and recommend policies to NAR's Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Members will also provide feedback on proposed legislation and regulatory rulemaking.

The Resort Area Real Estate Committee will conduct its first meeting in Washington, D.C. in May.

Lake Mary chef brings years of experience to Heathrow restaurant

Following a two-year hiatus as personal chef for a major music producer and executive chef at Alaqua Country Club, Executive Chef John Andrich has returned to play his culinary arts for patrons of Luigino's restaurant, 120 International Parkway, in Heathrow, an upscale steakhouse noted for its unique pasta creations and seafood dishes.

Andrich, who resides in Lake Mary, has more than 30 years experience in restaurant operations, including four years as executive chef at Luigino's restaurant from 1997 to 2001. As a National Certified Food Manager and a member of Research Chefs of America, during that period he also directed the Foods Research Center in Sanford, for Luigino's, Inc., where he directed the research program for Michelin's Signature line of frozen entrees.

He began his career at Martha's Vineyard in 1977 where he received a four-star rating in the *New York Times*. He received his first appointment as head chef at Michael Angelo's in New York in 1983, and since 1988 he has served as executive chef in upscale restaurants and resorts in New York, New Jersey and Florida.

Stirling opens two luxury communities in Winter Park

Stirling International Realty, Inc., which will end 2003 with sales of homes and commercial property worth more than \$460 million, has opened two new luxury communities in Winter Park.

Roger Soderstrom, founder and owner at Stirling, said the firm is exclusive sales and marketing representative for both communities.

Perle du Lac, a gated community of 13 secluded estate homes on the north shore of Lake Virginia, on the Winter Park Chain of Lakes offers custom condominium homes with boat slips priced from \$795,000 to over \$1.1 million.

Soderstrom said model estate homes at Perle du Lac are open every day. Seven homes remain available for sale.

At Harper Place, located on Shultz St. in Winter Park, luxury town homes with private courtyards, custom kitchens and two car garages are priced

from \$289,000. Six town homes are available for sale in the first phase at Harper Place. The model center is open Tuesday through Sunday, Soderstrom said.

Engineered Homes posts \$71.7 million in 11 months

Unlike November temperatures, sales activity for Engineered Homes showed no signs of cooling off.

A sizzling November aided by the continued success of its Buckingham Estate community near Heathrow rocketed Engineered Homes over the \$70 million sales plateau for the year's first 11 months.

According to Marketing Director Marilyn Anderson, the Winter Park-based home building company posted its best November to date with 39 home sales for \$8.4 million in volume at three Central Florida residential communities. Buckingham Estates, the company's flagship community across from Heathrow, posted \$1.2 million in sales volume.

For the January-November period, Engineered Homes has logged \$71.7 million in gross volume on 326 home sales —

an average of \$217,391 per transaction, notes Anderson.

The company already has posted more unit sales than it did all of last year (319) and just shy of the company's record \$72.8 million in volume posted for all of last year.

Engineered Homes, with communities in Lake, Seminole and Osceola counties, realized sizable jumps in both production and sales over October figures (30 for \$6.6 million), underscoring the vitality of the area's new home market, says Anderson.

November's \$8.4 million represented Engineered Homes' fourth highest in its 7-year history, even though it is operating with fewer communities and less inventory than years past.

The company was paced once again by its Mission Park and Brighton Lakes communities which combined for 35 of the 40 sales for \$7.2 million. Mission Park, located on U.S. Highway 27 near the Four Corners area in south Lake County, led the way with 21 sales for \$4.3 million. Brighton Lakes in Kissimmee, chalked up \$2.9 million on 14 sales.

Coleman honored as city employee of the year



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

The city of Sanford recently selected utility department employee Cedric Coleman as the city's employee of the year. The employee of the year is selected from one of the previous employee of the months. Coleman was honored as the April employee of the month in 2003. He was selected for his quick work in a Jan. 28, 2003, accident. He reportedly helped put out a burning vehicle and directed traffic until emergency units could arrive.

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Death

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"We do believe the car was there a few days," Cohen said.

Craft said she walked down to the water's edge late Saturday afternoon to inspect the vehicle. She said the car appeared to be stuck in the mud, and she noticed beer cans and a prescription for blood pressure medication in the front seat. After waiting for someone to claim the vehicle, Craft said she called Sanford police Sunday morning about the abandoned car.

Police officers reportedly told her to have the vehicle towed. When she went to the lake again Sunday afternoon with a friend, that's when they reportedly made the gruesome discovery.

"It was just a shock," Craft said. "It's not like it's a well traveled (area)."

"My concern to the police department was way was she in my backyard? What was she doing there?"

Cohen said investigators are not sure what brought Stone to the private backyard. Police are hoping the final medical examiner's and toxicology reports will reveal more information. Those reports are not expected to be completed until next month.

"I just want to know what she was doing back there," Craft said. "It's kind of an eerie feeling. I live there alone and I'm very concerned why someone would drive into my backyard."

Diary

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Armored Division which the 2nd Cav and 549th come under. The plan is to establish a large base outside of the city for the 1st Cav Division. I think they want to lessen the impression that we are occupying the city, instead of being inside, they will be on the outside working in. The Iraqi police are suppose to take over most of the enforcement duties inside the city.

A new U.S. brigade has arrived in Sadir City, the Shiite area of Baghdad that we've been patrolling. Of course there is a big problem as battle conditioned units rotate out and new ones come in, the new ones will be less experienced and will not have established rapport with the locals. The army will try to do some overlapping to lessen this situation. Still it will be a shaky period as I'm sure that the insurgents will try to take advantage of the situation and there will be more U.S. casualties as a result. There are soldiers alive today who will be dead in the coming months, you can count on that.

The turnover of troops involves 100,000 coming in to replace 125,000 going out. This is a very costly logistical situation, especially in terms of transportation of troops and equipment. Most of our heavy stuff will remain here. Among the ones coming in is a brigade from the 2nd Division in Korea. We only have 37,000 in



The Nightstalker-2 Squad, the 1st platoon of the 549th Military Police Company based in Fort Stewart, Ga., open holiday packages sent to them by Sanford residents.

Korea standing against North Korea. Now they are pulling some of those to come over here. If that ain't "Robbing Peter to Pay Paul" then I don't know what you would call it. I still think the U.S. bit off more than it can chew in Iraq.

During the rotation, 60,000 troops will redeploy through a base in Incirlik, Turkey, but Turkey will not allow incoming units to go through there.

Those who redeploy through Turkey can only be on the ground there for 24 hours and cannot leave the base. Kuwait will remain the main point of incoming and outgoing troops and units. We could end up going through either place.

Our replacement unit has not arrived yet and I still don't know who they will be. But get ready for a huge turnover in Iraq because you should start

hearing more about it in the news. Our unit's incoming mail has now been shut down, so do not mail anything. Soon they will shut down our outgoing mail, email will be the last to shut down and I will continue to use it until it is no longer available for communications.

Next issue: Raiding an arms dealers' home

Grants

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lighting enhancement projects. As part of this effort, the Downtown Development Improvement Program will permit the better long-term use of downtown properties and it will also help create the potential for public-private partnerships, provide jobs and improve the commute of Central Florida residents and visitors.

"We've done a lot of work on our own since we first made this request, so there are a lot of things we can spend the money on," said Lake Mary Mayor Thom Greene. "This money will be a great help in completing our surveys and planning our ground water retention."

Greene said the city has also requested highway funds for a bypass of downtown.

"We get a lot of traffic into downtown from Chase Groves, and we hope to be able to do some planning on that," Greene added.

"I am pleased that the federal government will be a funding partner to these community projects," Mica said. "While some may call these projects pork, they unquestionably benefit transportation, education and community improvement benefits."

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Omnibus Appropriations bill by a 242-176 vote on Dec. 8. The Senate approved the bill last week, and President George W. Bush is expected to sign it this week.

Firings

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money the city gets in grants," said Freytes-Torres, who worked in the Community Development department. "Why is my name on the list?"

Neither Sanford Mayor Brady Lessard nor Grieshaber answered the inquiries by Freytes-Torres. She was

told she would receive a written response from the city manager.

After the meeting, Grieshaber said finding efficiencies, not funding, was the reason for the elimination.

"That was an authorized position," he said. "When you address a reorganization from

an efficiency stand point, you address the position, not the funding source."

Commissioners approved Grieshaber's reorganization plan which permanently eliminated the 10 positions of the employees laid off plus three vacant staff slots.

Vice Mayor Velma Williams

was the lone dissenter. She expressed "grave concern" about a number of issues, particularly the decision to move the personnel department under finance director Kevin Smith.

"It has nothing to do with Kevin personally," Williams said, "but the personnel department should be under a neutral person. If an employee in the finance department has a personnel problem, they're going to have to go to the head of their own department to get something done."

Grieshaber said Smith would oversee the day-to-day operation of the department. However, policy and procedural duties in the department would be split between Grieshaber and Deputy City Manager Andrew Van Gaale.

Commissioner Art Woodruff voted for the reorganization but said the city may have to change its policies to avoid additional RIFs. Primarily, he said commissioners should consider abandoning its push to cut property tax rates if it impacts city services. The city has lowered

its tax rate, the highest in Seminole County, five consecutive years.

"If you look at the tax cuts over the years, that's a million dollars," Woodruff said.

He also advised his colleagues that "we have to take a look at the fire and police pensions." During the stock market boom of the late 1990s, the city increased pension benefits to public safety workers. Those increases forced the city to contribute nearly \$450,000 over the last two years to cover shortfalls when the market collapsed.



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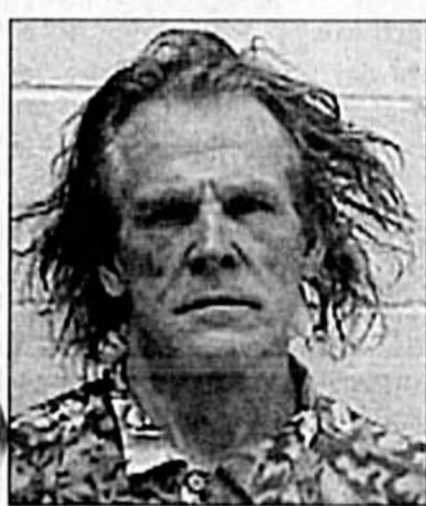
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In fact, The Central Florida Dream Center's plan of action also includes working along side other social service programs to help meet the seemingly indomitable challenge of combating the city's plethora of poverty-related problems head on. These agencies include a spectrum of faith-based, secular and governmental organizations like the Seminole County Sheriff's office, Bethany Christian Services, the city of Sanford, Wal-Mart and others.

The Central Florida Dream Center also works directly with the Goodwill Self Sufficiency Center to provide resume' preparation and the opportunity to gain valuable work experience related to administration support. Such partnerships actively encapsulate The Central Florida Dream Center's motto of "doing together what we cannot do alone," and includes bridging the gap between like-minded organizations.

The Dream Center operates out of a 46,000-square-foot building, though much of the facility needs major repairs. Phase 1 of the reconstruction plans will cost an estimated \$1.7 million, and will enable the center to offer preventative-style programs such as recreational activities, parenting classes, and job skills classes that will include trades like carpentry, plumbing, computer training, and beautician school.

When asked about donor participation needed to turn this vision into a fully functioning facility, Berglund stated that they currently receive no governmental funding and are dependent upon private donations.

"Private donations are of vital importance for The Central Florida Dream Center's success," Berglund emphasized. "Not just in terms of covering general operating expenses, but for items that donors may not typically think about. For instance, before our facilities can be fully operational we

need major improvements done. This will include costs related to things like demolition, rewiring, architecture, plumbing, and fees associated with proposal submission to the city of Sanford."

Berglund further assures that The Central Florida Dream Center "always allows donors to designate their primary desire for how they'd like their monetary support to be used," pointing out that there are many opportunities for donors to pour their offerings into.

Long-term plans for the Dream Center include providing auto repair, childcare, and addiction resources, in addition to free medical, vision and dental care. Food and clothing distribution, a community kitchen, classrooms, office space, dormitories for the homeless, and a laundry facility are also being planned. Dream Center officials are optimistic that the Phase I will be completed by the summer of this year, and hope to have the entire 46,000-square-foot project finished by the fourth quarter of 2005.

One of the main objectives for the local center this year is to form strategic networks with major corporations to provide extra resources, Berglund said. For example, Walt Disney World recently donated several expensive mobile basketball stanchions, complete with rims, for the kids to use during recreational events. Such instances of networking will provide The Central Florida Dream Center with additional resources needed to reach out to families with activities that interest them.

Additionally, the members of The Central Florida Dream Center staff are also available for speaking engagements to churches and civic organizations in an effort to educate others on the center's needs. Berglund refers to this as "casting the vision" to others.

GED courses, scholastic tutoring, and mentoring programs are already available

to local residents at The Central Florida Dream Center, and the last Saturday of every month Block Parties are held at 1 p.m. These are similar in scope to community days and include physically-oriented games where children can play for prizes, as well as increase their motor skills and self-esteem. An after-school program, called His Kids, will also kick off again on Wednesdays in February.

Both current and future planned programs will require a lot of assistance from like-minded individuals and organizations in order to make the comprehensive scope of the center work, and volunteers are encouraged to apply. By getting involved locally, volunteers will have an opportunity to help reduce the incidents of child abuse, drug use, domestic violence and other crimes that are among the highest in the state of Florida.

Sanford Mayor Brady Lessard endorses The Central Florida Dream Center and encourages community financial and practical support.

"... (T)here's no cause more important to me than family," Lessard said. "My goal as Mayor is to see Sanford, Seminole County, the state of Florida and the world a safe place to raise all of our children."

Lessard also compliments the Dream Center for their "tireless commitment to their vision," as well as the determination exhibited by the organization's president, Paul Benjamin, and his outreach team, to bring it into reality.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and talent to The Central Florida Dream Center, or if you would like to donate financially, you may obtain more information by calling their vice-president and director, Christian Berglund, at 407-302-0880, or visiting their Web site at www.cfdreamcenter.org.



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Some of the leadership of the Central Florida Dream Center (left to right) Paul Benjamin, chief operating officer and president, Marietta Aglietti, volunteer accountant, and Christian Berglund, vice president and director, explore the center's new accounting system.



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Police warn against identity thefts

From Staff Reports

The Oviedo Police Department has issued words of caution to Central Florida residents regarding identity theft problems.

According to investigator Debra Jacobs, criminals continue to contact members of the public in an effort to obtain personal information that would allow financial and identity theft.

Recent fraudulent internet contacts from persons posing as representatives of an Internet Service Provider (ISP) have been received in Central Florida and already have been referred to their corporate Fraud Investigators.

In an effort to avoid having citizens fall for these criminals' ploys, the Oviedo Police

Department has issued a reminder to the public. Most importantly, do not reveal personal information to anyone who contacts you by telephone, mail or over the internet. The following warnings are also being issued.

Keep your personal information personal.

Do not give out personal information on the telephone, through the mail or over the Internet unless you initiated the contact. You never can be absolutely certain of the identity of someone who contacts you.

Know with whom you are dealing. If there is any doubt, check the organization's website or call the customer service number listed on your account statement.

Remember, identity thieves

may contact you posing as representatives of banks, Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and even government agencies, in an effort to try to get you to reveal personal details such as your Social Security number, mother's maiden name, account numbers, or other identifying information. Legitimate businesses do not gather your personal information by using such methods.

A thief's letters or e-mails can look very official. A thief's voice and presentation can sound very convincing. But you can avoid identity theft by keeping your personal information personal. For more information about avoiding identity theft and fraud, log on to www.consumer.gov/idtheft.

Mail stolen from Winter Springs apartments

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office reports two Winter Springs apartment complexes were victimized Saturday by possible mail thefts.

More than 200 individual mailboxes from Willa Springs and Shadow Creek apartments could have mail missing, according to authorities.

Sheriff's office deputies responded to both apart-

ments within an hour of each other.

According to the incident reports, deputies described mail being scattered throughout the area as several of the large group of mailboxes had been pried open up from the back.

Residents of the apartments were concerned as they reportedly feared identity theft.

Residents of apartment complexes and communities with large groups of mailboxes are encouraged not to let mail pile up. They are also advised if they think someone has stolen sensitive mail, run a credit report to make sure no one has opened a credit card under their name.

The sheriff's office turned the investigations over to the U.S. Postal Service.

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Sports

Liberty Christian teams remain unbeaten

By Shelle Knowles
Special to The Herald

The Liberty Christian School boys basketball team held off a late charge by the Deltona Christian School Crusaders Monday night to post a 45-42 victory in a battle of two undefeated teams.

Coupled with a 69-33 win over North Kissimmee Friday night, the LCS Patriots pushed their season record to 8-0.

The Lady Patriots also won twice, topping Deltona 50-18 and whipping North Kissimmee 50-13, to push their season record to 7-0.

Liberty's junior varsity boys, playing for the first time this season, beat Deltona 39-16 with three players scoring in double figures, Sergio Ciancaglini with 13, Arseninator Galarza with 12 and Halston Canter with 10.

For the boys' team, the game against Deltona was a defensive struggle. At the end of the first period the Patriots were in the unusual position of trailing on the scoreboard, 12-10.

Midway through the second period, the Patriots scored four baskets in a row, two of them by Dave Barnes, and carried a 23-16 lead into the intermission.

Behind the offense of Joe Stephen and Mark Tavanyar, who scored all of Liberty's second-half points, the Patriots increased their lead to 34-25 at the end of the third period.

Deltona fought back to tie the score at 42-42 with 41 seconds left in the game, but Stephen drove for a basket with an assist from Tavanyar 10 seconds later and Tavanyar put the game on ice when he hit the front end of a one-on-one free throw situation.

Stephen scored 18 for the Patriots and Tavanyar added 17. Tavanyar led the team with 10 rebounds.

Liberty and North Kissimmee were knotted 16-16 at the end of the first period, but Liberty outscored its opponent 23-8 in the second period and never looked back.

Tavanyar led the Patriots with 25 points and Stephen added 16. Ryan LaRose and Jason Jenkins had eight points apiece.

The girls, meanwhile, jumped out to a 22-5 lead over Deltona at the end of the first period and were coasting 36-8 at the half. Three Lady Patriots finished in double-figures, led by Kim Slate with 20. Brittany Unsworth added 14 and Taja Scott score 10. Unsworth and Scott each grabbed nine rebounds.

In Friday's game, the Lady Patriots we up 22-3 at the end of the first period and 27-10 at the half before outscoring North Kissimmee 23-3 in the second half.

Unsworth led all scorers with 17 points and Scott added 16.

The Patriots return to the Sanford home hardwood this Friday for a rematch with North Kissimmee. The girls play at 5:30 p.m. and the boys at 7 p.m.

Lake Mary girls first to win in district soccer

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

Holly Peltzer got the girls soccer postseason underway in grand fashion, netting the game-winning goal in the final two minutes to give Lake Mary a 3-2 victory over Lake Brantley in the first round of the Class 6A-District 3 Tournament at Larry Gergley Stadium in Winter Park.

Peltzer got loose for the score when a kick by Rams goalkeeper Natalie

Rams edge past Lake Brantley in 6A-3; Lyman falls in 5A-3

Haerens got past a pair of Patriots defenders and when the Lake Brantley keeper bobbed the ball when she came out to claim it, the star senior was there to claim it.

Lake Mary will now face top-seeded, and host, Winter Park in tonight's

(Wednesday) semifinals with the winner to face the survivor between Apopka, which edged University on Monday, and Edgewater in the Championship Game on Friday.

In the Class 3A-District 5 Tournament at Flagler Palm Coast's

Sal Campanella Memorial Stadium in Bunnell, fifth-seeded Lyman missed a penalty kick early in the game and it was all downhill from there as the Greyhounds were eliminated, 2-0, by fourth-seeded Mainland.

Tonight's semifinals (Wednesday) has Pine Ridge (12-10-2), a 3-1 winner over New Smyrna Beach, taking on second-seeded Lake Howell at 5 p.m., while the Buccaneers (9-10-3) will

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Wonderful weekend

Lions claim big victories

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

As far as edge of your seat excitement and big time victories go, the only thing that could have made this past weekend better for the Oviedo basketball program was if it had been in the playoffs.

The Lions girls, ranked No. 4 in the state, blocked a game-tying three-point attempt with seven seconds to upset No. 2 ranked Lake Mary, 39-36, in a defensive struggle at Oviedo High School.

The boys' game was even more exciting as the Lions (15-3) scored twice in the final 10 seconds, both scores coming from senior star Pat Kiscaden, to avenge their only district loss of the season, 70-68, at Spruce Creek.

The win by the Oviedo girls (18-2) also avenged an earlier loss to the Rams (16-2) and gives the Lions four wins in six games over the past two seasons.

Lake Mary led at the half (17-16) and after three periods (26-24), but with the game tied at 32-32 the Rams went without a point for over three minutes as the Lions seized control, building a six point lead, 38-32.

Lake Mary's two star seniors, Angie Pressey and Meghan Chamberlain, finally broke the string with field goals around an Oviedo free throw to cut the lead to 39-36 with 25 seconds left.

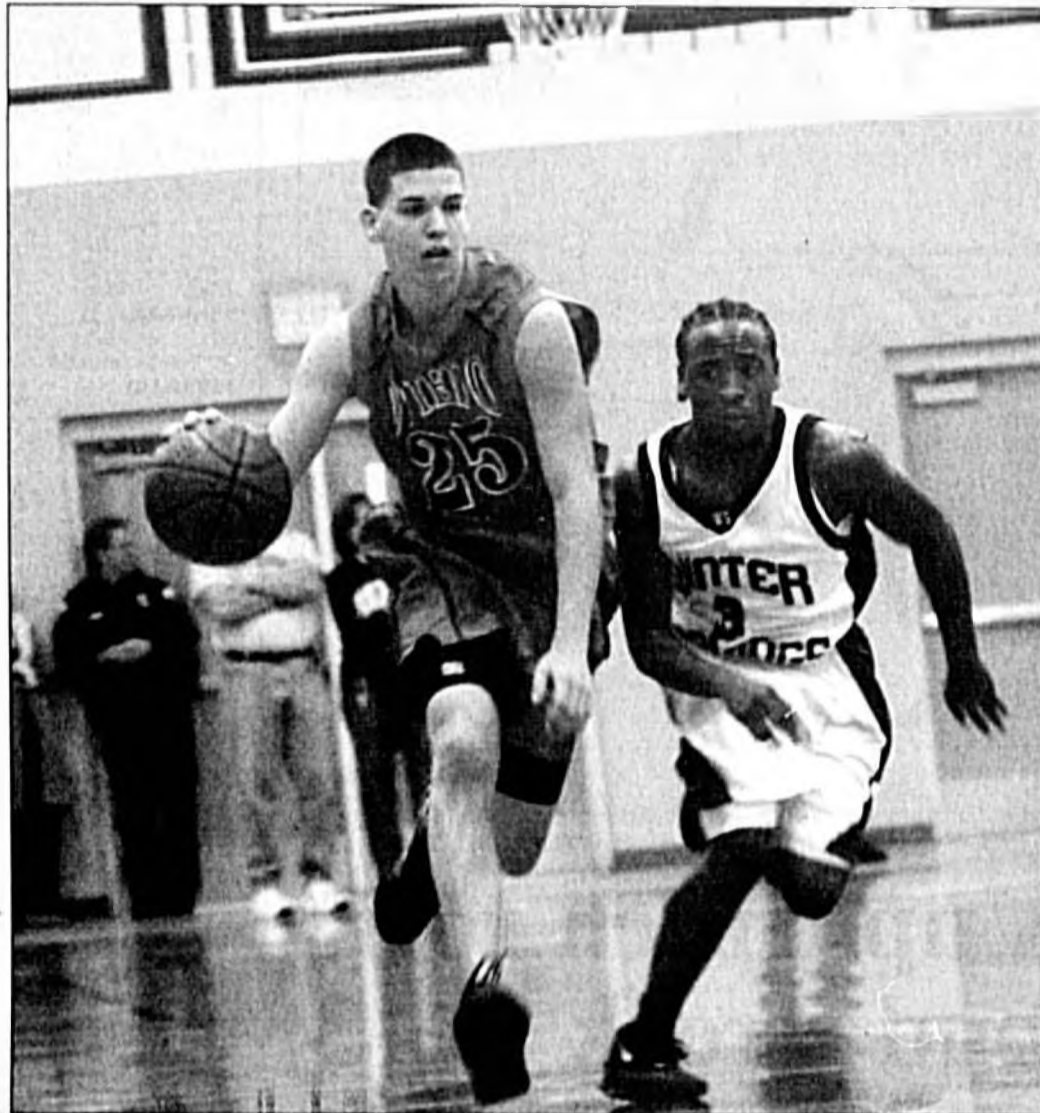
The Rams then got a final chance when the Lions missed a free throw, but the Lions' Kelly Dwyer got the big block with seven seconds remaining and Lake Mary was unable to get off another attempt before the clock ran out.

Whitney Tossie led a balanced Oviedo attack with 12 points, while Pressey scored a game-high 15 points for the Rams. Chamberlain was the only other player for either team in double figures with 12.

The boys looked to be headed to an easy win as they led by as many as nine points in the second quarter as they tuned up for this week's district showdown with No. 4 state-ranked DeLand.

The homestanding Hawks finally tied the game in the third period, but it was not until their was 4:13 left in the game before they took their first lead of the game, 61-60, and they maintained the advantage until the

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Herald photos by Jim Wentz

It was a great weekend for Oviedo basketball as Pat Kiscaden (No. 25, above) hit a game-winning jump shot with 2.6-seconds left as the Lions (15-3) avenged their only district loss to Spruce Creek, 70-68, in Port Orange to set up a showdown with DeLand (14-2), who's only district loss is to Oviedo, this week for the top-seed in the upcoming district tournament, and the No. 4 state-ranked girls, led by Whitney Tossie's (right) 12 points, upset No. 2 ranked Lake Mary (16-2), 39-36, giving Oviedo (18-2) four wins in the last six meetings between the two girls powerhouses.



Herald photo by Jim Wentz

Seminole Community College's Rushawn Johnson (No. 20) has had the 'three-ball' working of late as the sophomore buried 10 three-pointers last week. The Raiders will return home tonight (Wednesday) to host a Mid-Florida Conference doubleheader with Florida Community College at Jacksonville. The women tipoff at 5:30 p.m. and the men at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Girl lifters qualify

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

Host Spruce Creek dominated, but the Seminole Athletic Conference more than held its own in the Girls Section 4 Weightlifting Meet last Saturday.

The Hawks qualified 12 individuals for the state meet to be held February 7th at DeLand High School, but the SAC garnered 14 of the available 30 spots in the 11-team meet.

Winter Springs and Seminole each qualified five lifters, while Oviedo will send three and Lake Brantley one.

Seminole and Oviedo both two individual champions and Winter Springs one.

Amy Joyce (119) and Jennifer Spee (183) were the Fighting Seminoles claiming

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SECTION 4 MEET

At Spruce Creek

The top three qualifiers in each class qualify for the state tournament at DeLand on Feb. 7. (Bench-Clean & Jerk—Total)

101 _ 1. Ashley Perival, Spruce Creek, 135-135 _ 270; 2. Kimberly Torres, Lake Brantley, 135-130 _ 265; 3. Lisa Ferrante, Winter Springs, 110-105 _ 215.

110 _ 1. Samantha Turnbull, Spruce Creek, 125-145 _ 270; 2. Jaycia Kargas, Spruce Creek, 135-135 _ 270; 3. Jenna Fitzpatrick, Seminole, 135-125 _ 260.

119 _ 1. Amy Joyce, Seminole, 105-150 _ 255; 2. Nicole Lomups, New Smyrna Beach, 135-120 _ 255; 3. Kelly Fuller, Spruce Creek, 120-135 _ 255.

129 _ 1. Megan Kranz, Oviedo, 165-150 _ 315; 2. Melissa Caisie, Spruce Creek, 150-150 _ 300; 3. Ashton Rice, Seabreeze, 125-145 _ 270.

139 _ 1. Angela Candage, Seabreeze, 175-185 _ 360; 2. Ashley Cleavers, Winter Springs, 160-185 _ 345; 3. Virginia Phillips, Winter Springs, 135-165 _ 300.

154 _ 1. Keri Hagerman, Spruce Creek, 165-165 _ 330; 2. Jennifer Joyce, Seminole, 145-155 _ 300; 3. Caitlin Janelle, Spruce Creek, 165-130 _ 295.

169 _ 1. Julia Martin, Spruce Creek, 190-190 _ 380; 2. Erica Tumminello, Spruce Creek, 160-175 _ 335; 3. Jennifer Telson, Oviedo, 150-160 _ 310.

183 _ 1. Jennifer Spee, Seminole, 160-165 _ 325; 2. Amanda Martingano, Spruce Creek, 165-155 _ 320; 3. Erin Beach, Spruce Creek, 150-160 _ 310.

199 _ 1. Amy Hartman, Winter Springs, 210-165 _ 375; 2. Amanda Wright, Spruce Creek, 170-190 _ 360; 3. Ashley Rosso, DeLand, 160-145 _ 305.

Heavyweight _ 1. Tana Meredith, Oviedo, 195-150 _ 345; 2. Janet Jones, Seminole, 145-135 _ 280; 3. Andrea Davidson, Winter Springs, 145-130 _ 275.

Raiders return to home court

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

Seminole Community College will be a busy place this week as all four Raiders' teams will see action at home.

The men's and women's basketball teams kick things off with a home Mid-Florida Conference doubleheader tonight (Wednesday) against powerful Florida Community College from Jacksonville.

The women of coach Lisa Nuxol saw their seven-game winning streak, and conference unbeaten string, come to an end against M-FC leading Central Florida Community College in Ocala last Wednesday and needs a victory over the Stars to solidify its hold on second place in the conference. FCC-J will also be smarting for a win as they were defeated by defending conference champion Daytona Beach Community College, the Falcons' first win after three M-FC losses, on Monday.

Sophomores Natalie Emmanuelli and Winter Springs' Missy Guadagnino along with freshmen Kirsten Harris, Danielle Jenkins and Lake Mary's Bryn Mosler have been leading the way for the Raiders.

Coach Stan Cromartie's men are also in need of a win if they hope to make a run at the conference title. Despite hot shooting by sophomore Rushawn Johnson, 10 three-pointers in his last two games, the scoring of fresh-

man sensation Travis "TJ" Jones and the all-around play of William Graham and Vince Mosley, SCC has lost two straight in the M-FC and needs to win its home games.

The women will tip-off at 5:30 p.m. with the men set to take the floor at 7:30 p.m. or 20 minutes after the completion of the first game, whichever is later. Admission to all home games is free.

In other men's basketball news, Mosley was named FCCAA Player of the Week-Honorable Mention for Week 7 (Jan. 19) and former Raider star JD Bracy has received a scholarship to play basketball for Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Last season Bracy, a Kissimmee native who transferred from Florida State University, was named the Mid-Florida Conference Player of the Year and was named FCCAA All-State and an NJCAA All-American nominee after averaging 18.7 points, 5.4 rebounds, 5.3 assists, and 2 steal per game, and shot 40.4% from the three-point line.

He was the FCCAA Week 10 Player of the Week and FCCAA Player of the Week Honorable Mention for Week's 1 & 7.

Bracy helped lead the Raiders to a 22-10 overall record, a 6-4 conference record, and a Mid-Florida regular season and conference tournament runner-up finish.

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CASE NO.: 99-CA-219
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by and through the Secretary of VETERAN AFFAIRS, Plaintiff, vs. CRAIG A. JOHNSON and MALISSA J. JOHNSON, his wife, and UNKNOWN TENANTS-OWNERS, Defendants.

LEAGLS

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the order of final judgment entered in this case in the Circuit Court of Seminole County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Seminole County, Florida, described as:
NOTICE OF ACTION CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
TO ROBERT J. BLOCK and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT J. BLOCK

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Notice of Application for Tax Deed
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that HELEN T. HERNANDEZ, the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon...
CERTIFICATE NO: 522 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2001

LEAGLS

Notice of Application for Tax Deed
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon...
CERTIFICATE NO: 1917 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 1999

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Notice of Sale fee, applicable documentary stamp taxes and recording fees are required to be paid by the successful bidder at the sale...
Auction
In accordance with the provisions of the State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at USA Stor-A-Way Self Storage located at 4051 West SR 46, Sanford, FL 32771, (407) 302-4077. And, due notice having been given to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold at public auction at the above stated address to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of on Thursday, February 5, 2004.

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to be auctioned.
Eric Jackson - Furniture, Boxes of Clothing, Kids Toys, TV Garden Hose, Video Tapes, Clothing.
Samuel Jamison - Gym bags, boots, and Hedge trimmer, suite case.
Yeliza Vera - Bike, love seat, radio, tables, lamps, mattress, mirrors, kitchen chairs, sporting goods, TV stand pillows, area ruga.

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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF ACTION CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

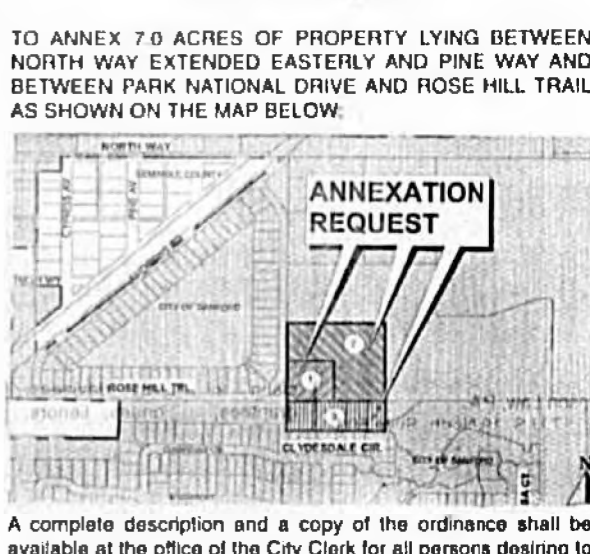
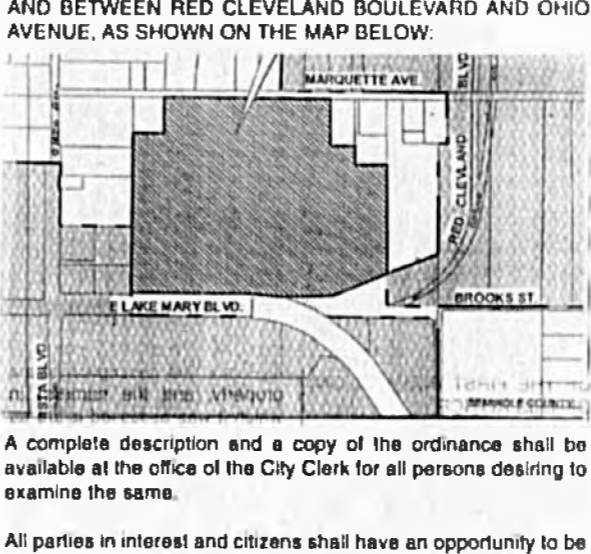
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ANNEXATION REQUEST



Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the Commission Room at the City Hall in the City of Sanford, Florida, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on Monday, February 9, 2004, to consider the adoption of an ordinance by the City of Sanford, Florida, title of which is as follows:
ORDINANCE NO. 3835
TO ANNEX 42.55 ACRES OF PROPERTY LYING BETWEEN MARQUETTE AVENUE AND E. LAKE MARY BOULEVARD AND BETWEEN RED CLEVELAND BOULEVARD AND OHIO AVENUE, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP BELOW.

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ORDINANCE NO. 3841
TO ANNEX 0.41 ACRE OF PROPERTY LYING BETWEEN ROSE DRIVE AND FERN DRIVE AND BETWEEN SANFORD AVENUE AND PALM WAY, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP BELOW.

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ORDINANCE NO. 3840
TO ANNEX 0.31 ACRE OF PROPERTY LYING BETWEEN E. 2ND STREET AND E. 4TH STREET AND BETWEEN CRESCENT BOULEVARD AND SHIRLEY AVENUE, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP BELOW.

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Exciting week

Abena Bosia helped the SCC women avoid an upset in a week of upsets and near upsets.

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The Sanford Herald returns to its roots

Republic Newspapers, Inc. will change the name of its Sanford newspaper to *The Sanford Herald* beginning with the Feb. 1, 2004, issue.

The name change is a return to the moniker the newspaper held for almost 90 years.

"We're returning to our roots," said Dan Ping, editor and publisher of *The Herald*. "R.J. Holly purchased the newspaper and changed the name to *The Sanford Herald* for a reason — Sanford was the epicenter of what would become Seminole County. Sanford has always been the heart and soul of *The Herald* and we believe it is important that our name reflect that."

The Knoxville, Tenn., based newspaper corporation purchased *The Sanford Herald* Sept. 1, 1997, from Robert Haskell. The company changed the name of the newspaper to *The Seminole Herald* in April 1998.

"We thought *The Herald* should have a name that provided county-wide appeal," said Nick Drewry, president of Republic Newspapers. "We've since discovered that wasn't the best way to serve the community."

In conjunction with the name change, Ping announced that *The Herald* was increasing the frequency of the company's newest publication, the *Lake Mary Herald*. Published on Thursday, the *Lake Mary Herald* will become a weekly newspaper beginning Feb. 5. The paper began publishing every two weeks on Aug. 7, 2003.

"We're excited about the success we've had with the *Lake Mary Herald*," Ping said. "Our readers have been supportive of our efforts in Lake Mary. We look forward to serving that community and expanding our publications throughout Seminole County."

Seminole Smile



Rev. Ron Merthie — Pastor of New Life Word Center in Sanford

Will arts festival move to Sanford?

By Dan Ping
Editor

Organizers of the annual arts show in Heathrow ponder move to Riverwalk

SANFORD — The city's \$11.5 million Riverwalk project is receiving rave reviews — and a possible commitment from a regional art festival — despite the fact that construction will not be finished for another month.

Top organizers of the Lake Mary/Heathrow Arts Festival

met with Sanford officials last week to discuss moving the event to the Riverwalk along Lake Monroe.

"They were impressed with what they saw," said Al Grieshaber, Sanford city man-

ager.

Leslie Riggon, one of the festival's organizers, confirmed that she had met with Grieshaber and Deputy City Manager Andrew Van Gaale. For a number of years, the fes-

tival has been held on land next to the North American headquarters of Automobile Association of America on International Parkway. Colonial Properties currently owns the land and has plans

to build townhomes on the site.

"They might or might not get construction underway before the festival," Riggon said. "Either way, that will no longer be a site we can use, and we didn't want to risk making plans that might conflict with Colonial's plans."

Discussions are in the early

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New bus route links Lake Mary to Sanford area

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — A new bus route along Lake Mary Boulevard is being touted by officials as a connecting route to link employees with employ-

ers. The new LYNX bus travels — starting at about 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday — in a continuous loop from the Workforce Central Florida One-Stop Career Center on Sand Pond Road near Greenwood Boulevard to Lake Mary Boulevard and then to the Wal-Mart at Seminole Centre on Orlando Drive.

At the shopping center, Sanford residents traveling on routes 34 (Sanford/Midway), 39 (U.S. Highway 17-92 from Sanford to Fern Park) and 46 (Seminole Town Center mall to Seminole Centre) can pick up the new Lake Mary route.

According to Joe Saviak, LYNX director of government affairs and communications, the Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority witnessed a 36 percent increase in ridership over the past year.

"Most of these folks are getting to and from work," he said at a ribbon cutting for the Lake Mary bus route Thursday. "...If LYNX bus service would stop for one day, 7,000 employees would have no way to get to work."

Lake Mary officials are equally excited about the bus route. One of its four

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Herald photos by
Tommy Vincent



Lake Mary Mayor Thom Greene (above) cut the ceremonial ribbon for the new LYNX bus route in the city Thursday. Also present were several area government officials, including Lake Mary commissioners Gary Brender and Mike McLean. Seminole County Commissioner Carlton Henley (left) said with the growth of the county, developing mass transportation will be essential in the future. The new service is LYNX's sixth route in Seminole County. Another route at the airport is proposed to begin in April.

Two men arrested for 2001 murder

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

SANFORD — The Sanford police and Florida Department of Law Enforcement cold case squad notched another victory with the arrest of two Sanford residents for the murder of 21-year-old Milton Roundtree Jr.

Since its inception last year, the partnership between the two law enforcement agencies has solved three of the 27 unsolved murder cases in Sanford.

Some of the cases go back as far as the 1950s, said Sanford Police Chief Brian Tooley. "The primary nature of this initiative is to bring closure to these older cases," he said at a press



Sheppard



Mulkey

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Residents object to 9-inch intrusion

By Christopher Patton
Managing Editor

SANFORD — Never has nine inches been so contested.

Arvind Rane, of 1654 Pine Valley Drive in unincorporated Longwood, proposed to build an addition to a house he recently purchased. The sale was contingent on the grant of a variance from Seminole County to encroach 9.6 inches of the 25-foot front yard setback.

County staff supported the variance as did the Board of Adjustment as they unanimously approved Oct. 27 to uphold an appeal.

The sale went through, but there was one catch — dozens of residents in the Rolling Hills neighborhood did not support the variance and challenged its issuance

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Iraqi Diary: Raiding an arms dealer named Ali

Editor's note: Staff Sgt. Charlie C. Carlson III, son of Sanford historian Charlie C. Carlson II, is deployed in Baghdad as part of the 549th Military Police Company. He is providing the Herald with a journal of his experiences.

19 Jan. 2004 Remember in my 14 Jan 04 letter? I told about how we conducted surveillance on a target house for a future raid. Well it was an arms dealer's house and we conducted the raid tonight.

The arms dealer's name is Ali, and he lives over in Zone 22, just outside of Zone 21 which is all of Sadir City. We coordinated and linked-up with the IPE,

[Iraqi police] DCIS [Defense Criminal Investigation Service], a combat engineer, an Iraqi translator, and a military translator.

About 1900 hours, after we did our briefing, we waited inside the warehouse until it was time to go. We had some of our homemade stew and even offered some to the DCIS guys and the engineer that was with us. I played a couple of rounds of cards with the IPF lieutenant while we waited.



Carlson

At 2100 hours we moved out. I had one of the DCIS agents in my vehicle and we moved to the assembly area where the assault element was waiting. They had the breaching tool used for bashing down doors. We made the device from two picket pounders and nicknamed it "knock knock."

I used two of my trucks as the blocking element. I had my first truck move up the road past the objective with the assault element and used my truck as a

shield in case we came under fire. We then staged by the outside gate of the target house, and I ordered my first truck to move up past that point to block that end of the road. Then I had my B-Team to move their truck into position and block the other end of the road.

I took my new gunner, Pvt. Honstead, and put him on the ground with the spotlight to scan the roof tops of the houses on both sides of the street for any snipers as they like to attack us during raids. With this being the new gunner's first real mission, I didn't want

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