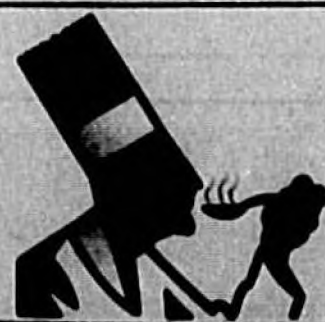




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## Emergency rescue: How are we doing?

### Seminole Fire/Rescue: Transport 1 year later

Editor's note: Today marks the 1-year anniversary of the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners' vote to award transportation service to Seminole County Fire/Rescue.

By Debra Wood  
HERALD CORRESPONDENT

SEMINOLE COUNTY - Blaring dispatch signals shatter the quiet of the firehouse. Within seconds, Seminole County paramedics are on the road responding to a resident's call for help. Siren wailing, lights flashing, they arrive prepared for whatever emergency exists.

Until last year, the county crew that responded would have started treatment on the injured victim, then waited for a private ambulance to take the patient to the hospital. Now, thanks to a Board of County Commissioners decision, not only can they initiate care, the same crew can continue treating the patient all the way to the hospital. Citizens benefit from an improved continuity of care.

The issue of who would provide emergency medical and transportation services, the county or a private firm, created much debate, intense lobbying and genuine concern about endangering Seminole County's award-winning first-response system. The fire department's proposal received the majority of votes, but county residents and taxpayers are the real winners of this hotly contested battle.

"I think we've had terrific success. There have been zero complaints. Everything we're hearing is wonderful," said Randy Morris, commission chairman. "Everything we anticipated has happened — the response time and the customer satisfaction."

#### First response

In emergency medicine, minutes matter and seconds make the difference between life and death. Seminole rescue units' goal is to respond within 5 minutes. One of the reasons for their success is the county's first-response system.

Until 1974, volunteers fought Seminole's fires and provided emergency care to the injured or ill. Several disastrous fires prompted the county to hire Gary Kaiser, then chief of the Altamonte Springs Fire Department, to organize a countywide fire-protection system. Kaiser, Seminole's current county manager, not



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Firefighter/Paramedic Sally Tyrrell assists a Lake Mary accident victim.

only put together a fire department, he built the first-response system through agreements with Seminole cities. Please See Transport, Page 2A

## Judge sentences wife killer to electric chair

By Lucy Lear  
HERALD EDITOR

SEMINOLE COUNTY - A Sanford man convicted of murdering his wife after 5 botched attempts was sentenced Tuesday to die in Florida's electric chair.

"I hereby sentence you to death," Circuit Judge Seymour Benson told Michael Stoll, 36, a self-employed carpet layer whose wife Julie was found dead Nov. 3, 1994, the victim of a series of attacks that left her neck broken and larynx crushed.

Stoll's co-conspirator, Chris Stewart, 23, struck a plea bargain, testifying for the state that Stoll was the mastermind behind the murder. Stewart admitted he is the one who choked the last breath from Julie by pressing his knee against the back of her neck, braced by the wood support from the couple's waterbed. The prosecution contended that Stoll was present, assisting and encouraging Stewart throughout the ordeal. Stewart was convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to 50 years in prison. Stoll has maintained his innocence, claiming he assisted Stewart only after the murder because he feared him.

Shackled and in handcuffs for the 5-minute hearing, a somber Stoll was ushered into the courtroom, head down, to take his place beside his attorney, Jack Edmund.

Before Benson entered, Assistant State Attorney... Please See Stoll, Page 2A



Michael Stoll, 36, was sentenced to die in Florida's electric chair for the murder of his wife.

## Sanford will get new City Hall in deal with Seminole County

By Russ White  
HERALD STAFF WRITER

SANFORD - The city and the county are talking deal - creating a swap as big as the one the baseball team formerly known as the World Champion Florida Marlins recently made

with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Sanford is relinquishing City Hall in its trade with Seminole County.

The county gets City Hall and the 5 acres of land it sits on off the Lake Monroe waterfront. In return, Sanford gets a new City Hall from the county.

More than likely it will be located on 13 acres of city-owned property across from Sanford Middle School on French Ave. (17-92).

The Board of Seminole County Commissioners voted 4-1 Tuesday to buy Sanford City Hall, gut and refurbish the

21-year-old structure and use it as part of a courthouse expansion. The current courthouse across Park Avenue from City Hall will be renovated and a new Judicial Plaza Center will be built on property now used as a parking lot.

"It's a very good deal for

them," Sanford Mayor Larry Dale said Tuesday. "The county solves its courthouse dilemma and all it has to do is build us a new City Hall - we already own the property. That's what makes it such a good deal for them. All we ask Please See Deal, Page 2A

## Brush fires, the week after: Cleaning up, rebuilding

### Agencies rally to assist

By Nick Pflaumer  
HERALD STAFF WRITER

GENEVA - In the wake of forest fires that ravaged approximately 2,000 acres of land and several dozen structures near Geneva this past weekend, agencies are rallying to assist persons left homeless and aid in rebuilding utilities and infrastructure.

The State of Florida Tuesday requested additional funding from the federal government to help deal with the aftermath of the fire in Geneva as well as across the rest of the state in Flagler, Putnam, Lake, Brevard, Sumter and Baker counties. Please See Relief, Page 2A



Several homes, cars and about 2,000 acres near Geneva were damaged severely enough in this past



weekend's fire to warrant the posting of signs warning of danger.

### Sheriff's disaster relief program

By Joann Hughes  
HERALD STAFF WRITER

GENEVA - In response to the devastating fire in the Geneva area, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office is instituting a scaled down version of the Adopt-A-Block program used following the tornado disaster.

"As with the tornadoes, we are seeing an excellent collaborative effort by Seminole County Public Safety agencies, the fire department, the sheriff's office, and the community," said Chief Deputy Steve Harriett. Please See Sheriff, Page 2A

## Explosive growth prompts hearings on new area code

By Nick Pflaumer  
HERALD STAFF WRITER

SANFORD - Telephone users in Sanford, Seminole County and parts of the Central Florida area may soon have a change in their area codes. The Florida Public Service Commission is to hold hearings on the subject in early August.

To explain the reason behind the need to change dialing procedures, BellSouth Regional Director Larry Strickler went way back. "If you've been around Sanford long enough you probably remember when our telephone numbers were 3 digits," he said. "Then we went to 7. Now, there is a possibility we may have to dial 10 digits, and I don't personally believe people are ready to accept dialing that many numbers for just a local call." Strickler assured the Herald that BellSouth is

not involved in this decision. "It's up to the Public Service Commission to decide after they receive input from the general public," he stressed.

He explained that basically, there is one issue, and only two options. "The issue is the rapidly expanding growth in this area. We have simply run out of telephone numbers.

The two options are to split the area codes and eventually have to change again up the line, or overlap phone numbers."

The split is what Strickler said he expects will be the ultimate decision of the PSC. It would take Seminole County and some of the immediate surrounding area out of the 407 area code and assign a new code. "That has two options as well," he said. "Either we'll have a new code or we'll end up with an additional three digits, and making a phone call will require people to Please See Code, Page 2A

## School board head gets raise, despite question about vote

By David Franier  
HERALD STAFF WRITER

SEMINOLE COUNTY - The Seminole County School Board voted to give Superintendent Paul Hagerty a \$2,000 raise based on performance Tuesday night. However, the vote was temporarily called into question due to the ambiguity of whether one member voted or not.

Chairman Barbara Kuhn said that she thought it was a unanimous decision but was unsure if member Bob Goff actually said "aye". "As an elected official, you have Please See Hagerty, Page 2A



Supt. Paul Hagerty

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**How slow can you go?**

A picture, hopefully, is worth a thousand words, especially from a Lake Mary police officer. The city of Lake Mary recently purchased a speed

monitoring device to inform motorists of their speeds in particular areas. Above left, a driver sees a display of 31 miles per hour in the 25 mph

zone on west-bound East Crystal Lake Avenue. Right, showing an exercise of caution, a city vehicle obeys the limit.

Herald Photos by Tommy Vincent

**IN BRIEF**

**Fire assistance**

GENEVA - Residents of the Geneva area of Seminole County who have been ravaged by the recent fires are now able to receive assistance counseling at the Geneva Resource Center.

"The counseling will help to ease some of the discomfort of not knowing where to turn for resources," said Seminole County Public Safety spokesperson Paula Ritchey. The counselors will be able to advise and assist residents on programs and services available.

**SIB meeting**

SANFORD - The Scenic Improvement Board will meet today (Wednesday) at 4 p.m. in the Sanford City Commission conference room.

With the SIB normally not

holding meetings in July and August, the next regular meeting will be in September. Items scheduled for discussion during today's meeting include Centennial Park colors for the gazebo, and various work projects.

**Zoo education**

SANFORD - Children are invited to explore the Central Florida Zoological Park and learn about animals around the world. Two classes will be offered throughout June and July, the Nature Niche and Animal Trackers.

The Nature Niche is a week-long adventure that uses the natural wetlands that surround the zoo for a dynamic and exciting program.

Animal Trackers will travel the globe in a make believe

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**Seminole firefighter helps train peers in the Ukraine**

By Debra Wood  
HERALD CORRESPONDENT

Not content with simply serving others during his regular workdays, a Seminole County paramedic spent his vacation sharing his skills with people half a world away.

Seminole County EMS/Fire/Rescue Lt./Paramedic Ted Shistle recently returned from his second trip to the Donetsk Trauma Center in the coal-mining region of Ukraine. He and a team of doctors, nurses and medics participated in an American International Health Alliance (AIHA) Medical Partnership Program to improve health care in Central and Eastern Europe.

"I have a gypsy wanderlust in me," Shistle responded when asked why he made the trips. "I wasn't going to miss an opportunity to do something significant."

Although quantitative results can be hard to measure in a country with significant unemployment and poverty, Shistle has seen progress.

"From what we saw from the original techniques [they were using] to what we saw after teaching them, they could [now] deliver a higher quality of EMS [emergency medical system] care. They've come a long way in the two-year period," Shistle said.

The American medics showed Ukrainian physicians



Herald Photo by Debra Wood

Lt./Paramedic Ted Shistle (left) with one of the Ukrainian EMS instructors in a recent pre-hospital EMS care course in Donetsk, Ukraine

and ambulance drivers how to rescue, transport and treat injured and ill patients using proven procedures. To achieve long-term benefits, they taught instructors at a new training center, who will pass the knowledge on to future emergency workers.

Some of the nurses on the U.S. team worked with Ukrainian providers to im-

prove infection control, implementing sterilization procedures and limiting antibiotic use. Although gloves and supplies are scarce, the hospital has made progress with infections and mortality rates.

"Their infection rate is pretty high. They give a lot of antibiotics and have a significant problem with antibiotic resistance," Shistle explained.

The partnership between the foreign hospital and the Orlando Regional Healthcare System (ORHS) is one of 32 partnerships in 11 nations sponsored by the AIHA. Shistle also works part time as a helicopter medic on the Air Care Team at ORHS and as a paramedic instructor at Seminole Community College.

The Ukraine does not have paramedics or emergency medical technicians. Fire departments respond only to fires. Doctors ride the ambulances, which are dispatched by hospitals. Both are organized by the diseases they treat, for example a cardiac hospital handles a heart attack and an orthopedic facility sets broken bones. The ill or injured may wait a half hour or longer for an ambulance to arrive.

Ukrainian physicians put the skills they learned from U.S. medics last fall to the test during rescues at a deadly coal-mining accident this spring.

"I got to go down in the mine. It was quite an adventure, a mile under in a shaft with tight places," Shistle said. "It's a pretty dangerous place to be."

A Ukrainian coal miner's life expectancy is 40 to 45 years. Most die young in mine accidents or from respiratory illnesses and cancer. They earn about \$150 per month. But it's work. About 300,000 people

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**WEATHER**

**LOCAL FORECAST**

Today: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low-90s. Lows in the low-70s. Thursday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low-90s. Lows in the mid-70s. Friday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low-90s. Lows in the low-70s. Saturday: Partly cloudy. Highs near 90. Lows in the low-70s.

**EXTENDED OUTLOOK**

WEDNESDAY Pctly 92 72 THURSDAY Pctly 93 75

FRIDAY Pctly 91 72 SATURDAY Pctly 90 71

**LOTTERY**

Here are the winning numbers selected on Tuesday in the Florida Lottery:  
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Lotto (June 6)  
1-10-22-31-33-43



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**TIDES**

TUESDAY:  
SOLUNAR TABLE: min. 6:00 a.m., maj. 11:55 a.m., min. 6:05 p.m., maj. --- p.m.  
TIDES: Daytona Beach: high: 8:55 a.m., 9:24 p.m., low: 2:58 a.m., 2:51 p.m. New Smyrna Beach: high: 9:00 a.m., 9:29 p.m., low: 3:03 a.m., 2:56 p.m., Cocoa Beach: high: 9:15 a.m., 9:44 p.m., low: 3:18 a.m., 3:11 p.m.

**BEACH CONDITIONS**

Daytona Beach & New Smyrna Beach: Seas are 1-2 feet with a light chop. Water temperature at Daytona is 80 degrees and at New Smyrna, 81 degrees. Winds are from the southeast at 10-15 m.p.h.

**STATISTICS**

The high temperature in Sanford Tuesday was 92 degrees and the overnight low was 69.  
Recorded rainfall for the period ending at 10 a.m., Wednesday totaled .00 inch.  
•Sunrise.....8:27 a.m.  
•Sunset.....8:22 p.m.

**The new guard**

The 25 returning members of the Lake Mary High School Color Guard were joined by the following 17 new members to form the 1998-99 team. The new members are (in alphabetical order) Shalimar Basner, Brianne Bevelacqua, Bonnie Bittman, Danielle Cintron, Amber Clore, Tanya DiBenedetto, Sydney Ellis, Jeccikka Gulaucks, Somer Hodges, Terri James, Shannon McDonald, Katie Nas, Katherine Palumbo, Amanda Schade, Lyssa Schechter, Rachel Schwitters, and Brittany Standridge. During a week of try-outs, the girls learned two routines including basic dance, flag, and performance skills. These new members will help make up the flag line for the upcoming season. The returning members will be learning advanced skills on rifle, sabre, flag, and dance. Mrs. Dersheimer is the director of this squad and holds practices during the summer to prepare for the fall season. The girls also have the opportunity to go to a camp at FIU in Miami or Rollins College to improve their skills.



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The 1998-99 officers are Sam Myers - Commanding Officer (left, lower photo), Mandy Bumgarner - Co-Captain, Jen Alexander - Senior Officer, Morgan Stewart - Senior Officer, Naomi Mangot - Junior Officer. The rest of the team includes (not in order): Tia Albright, Shalimar Basner, Carolyn Bentley, Brianne Bevelacqua, Bonnie Bittman, Kristine Bowser, Lindsey Bradley, Danielle Cintron, Amber Clore, Mary Davis, Tanya DiBenedetto, Sydney Ellis, Connie Flanagan, Andrea Flores, Jeccikka Gulaucks, Allie Herrera, Somer Hodges, Terri James, Claire Johnston, Valerie Klemovitch, Shannon McDonald, Katie Nas, Candice Olsen, Louise Palagano, Katherine Palumbo, Amanda Schade, Lyssa Schechter, Rachel Schwitters, Sarah Shedden, Brittany Standridge, Audry Strain, Renee Stucka, Jennie Tomassini, Jessica Vanderlofske, Heather Wingfield, Erin Wright, Zanette Viera

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# Transport

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The system enables firefighters and paramedics closest to the location of an emergency to respond to that call regardless of artificial municipal boundaries. This close cooperation between cities and the county delivers emergency help quickly. The agreement also eliminates the need for duplication of personnel and fire stations just across city lines, saving the expense of additional bricks and mortar. Oviedo is the only Seminole County city that does not participate.

"When the county started [a fire department], it seemed like a logical and prudent thing to do," Kaiser said. "People didn't care whose jurisdiction it was. They wanted the quickest help available."

Altamonte Springs was the first city to sign on in 1975. In subsequent years other Seminole cities joined and eventually Maitland, Winter Park and Orange County became part of the first-response agreement. Fourteen months after the program started, Seminole County received the National Association of Counties award for the most improved fire protection program. The county continues to host national and international government officials who are looking to improve their fire-rescue systems.

"It's a shared resource. It's one communication system. It's seamless and it provides for automatic delivery of resources," Kaiser continued. "All the things happen automatically in a matter of seconds."

Dispatchers know the closest available unit to the emergency and immediately dispatch that truck. If a rescue vehicle has to transport someone, which can take up to an hour, a battalion chief will move units to that station from somewhere else in the county to ensure all

areas are covered and can meet the response-time goals.

## The 2-year controversy

Governments provide emergency medical care to their citizens at no charge. No one receives a bill when they call 911. But at several hundred dollars a trip, transporting the patient to the hospital generates big revenue, which enticed private providers to fiercely compete for Seminole's business.

The controversy over who should transport persisted for two years. According to Chase Groves resident Tim Nicholson, a firefighter and vice president of the Seminole County Professional Firefighters Association, the county began purchasing transport vehicles eight years ago with plans to eventually take over transport. Because the private company only had five ambulances serving Seminole County, patients sometimes experienced long waits, which also tied up firefighters and trucks.

Seminole cities began transporting, but by the time Seminole County EMS/Fire/Rescue had ambulances in all of their stations, a different set of commissioners had other ideas. Last April the current board of commissioners opened up bidding not only for transport but also for emergency medical care, which would have privatized the county's rescue services. Instead of Fire-Rescue units responding to the scene of an accident or medical emergency a private company would have shown up.

Although private companies contract for both fire and rescue services in other areas, few believed a proprietary system could make first response work in Seminole County. Fire chiefs and city officials in participating locales threatened to pull out of the first-response agreement if a private ambu-



Naval Photo by Debra Wood

Firefighter from the Lake Mary/Seminole County station at the scene of a medical emergency. From left: Seminole Firefighter/Paramedic Ed Pando, Lake Mary Firefighter/Paramedic Rob Howington and Seminole Firefighter/Paramedic Lt. Rick Lella.

lance company took over Seminole Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The agreement is based on the ability of participants to provide "like services." Firefighters maintained that a private company would not have the expertise to free victims injured in tight or high spaces, such as in collapsed buildings or on new-construction scaffolding. Only one private firm, LifeFleet, bid on the job. The other bidder, Rural Metro, agreed that they could not make first response work and bid only on transport services.

"The effect [of a private company receiving the contract for emergency medical services] would have been to splinter the system. Instead of everything working seamlessly as one, a component would have been pulled out," Kaiser said.

For firefighters and paramedics the issue also meant their jobs. Tim Nicholson estimated 60 to 80 jobs would have been lost. The union prepared for battle, addressing home-

owners associations, mailing brochures and enlisting citizen support.

"We showed them what we could give them," Nicholson said. "In the long run [a private company] would have cost them a lot more money. The citizens were smart enough to see that, and on the day the vote went down, they went to the [commission] chambers. It was standing room only. The citizens made the decision."

A \$65,000 study by the accounting firm Deloitte & Touche that ranked the county's proposal higher than the two private bidders also helped sway the commission's vote. The criteria the consultants considered included personnel qualifications, response time commitments, user fees, first-responder budget, past performance and standards, equipment and the ability to perform in disasters.

Commissioner Win Adams, who asked for the proposals and the study and ultimately proposed granting the contract to Seminole Fire-Rescue, felt

the process was good for the community.

"Competition brings out the best in everybody. Government employees can't strictly feel that jobs are owed to them," Adams said. Now, not quite a year later, Adams is pleased with the results. "I would say we have one of the best operating systems in the country. It's people cooperating."

Grant Maloy, the sole commissioner to vote against the firefighter's proposal, continues to harbor concerns. He pointed out that the firefighters are now asking for a pay hike using revenue generated by the transport business. Accountability is another issue. The county could hold a private firm answerable for meeting desired performance criteria with penalties, but that is more difficult to do with a government system.

"You can hold them accountable, but it sure is hard when you don't have a set of criteria to measure them by," Maloy said. "Overall, I think the firefighters are doing a pretty good job transporting. The whole battle seemed to deal more with politics than public safety."

## Citizen benefits

The revenues are about \$600,000. That would have gone to a private-sector company. That's [now] being returned to the county and the taxpayers. And we've done it without an increase in personnel or equipment," County Chairman Morris said. "Our rate structure is below what the private sector was charging [for transporting patients]. On all counts, the decision we made was right."

The county charges a flat fee, at the Medicare allowable rate, for transports, a savings of at least \$100 per ride compared to the private ambulance company's basic rate. Patients save even more because the county does not charge for supplies or for mileage within Orange and Seminole counties.

"The fee helps us recoup some of the cost," said Battalion Chief Norm Miller. "With maintenance and supplies increasing we need to recoup [expenditures] to keep the tax rate at a constant."

Now, the money patients or their insurance companies spend on an ambulance ride goes back into community coffers enabling Seminole's Fire-Rescue department to purchase the latest and most advanced life-saving equipment.

"We're generating revenue that stays here in the county versus going to a private company," said Lt. Mark Pollack. "The revenue should increase manpower and equipment, which will benefit citizens. The more we do the more valuable we will be to the community."

The department plans to have a paramedic ride on every fire engine, which will be equipped to handle advanced life-support emergencies. Conversely, the new rescue-transport units have firefighting capabilities. Department management places a high priority on training, providing in-house continuing education courses and supporting personnel who want to return to school.

All Seminole Fire-Rescue personnel are cross-trained as firefighters and emergency medical technicians (EMT). They work 24-hour shifts with rotating assignments on both fire trucks and rescue vehicles. The versatility adds to the department's effectiveness. When the trucks arrive at the scene of an emergency, everyone knows their role. For instance, at the scene of a minor accident, the paramedic's prime focus is on assessing and treating the injured person, another firefighter documents these actions and the patient's medical history, another firefighter cleans up hazardous materials that leaked from the car to prevent any additional accidents.

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# SEMINOLE Sports

## The Herald

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# Home field advantage

## Home teams win all three Women's softball games

From Staff Reports

**SANFORD** - It was a good night for the teams with a better record and the home teams in Tuesday night's Sanford Recreation Department Women's Spring Slow Pitch Softball League tripleheader at Pinehurst Park.

All three matchups proved to be good ones and the defenses got to show off on a low scoring night.

The Eagles fell behind 3-0 in the top of the first inning, but took the lead for good with four runs in the bottom of the first inning and went on to double the score on W.D. Associates, 12-6.

That game ended up being the only one in which a team scored in double figures as the Sharks scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to edge Curt's Alleycats, 6-4, and league-leading

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Eagles	438 004 2 - 12 14
Curt's Alleycats	000 120 1 - 4 13
Sharks	000 230 2 - 6 7
Vaughan Incorporated	000 210 2 - 5 10
Sunniland Corporation	000 220 2 - 7 10

Sunniland Corporation broke a scoreless tie with two runs in the bottom of the third inning and nipped Vaughan Incorporated, 7-5.

Sunniland Corporation is now 6-1 on the season and leads the Sharks (5-2), the Eagles (4-3), Vaughan Incorporated (3-4), W.D. Associates (2-5) and Curt's Alleycats (1-6).

Next Tuesday night at Pinehurst Park, the Sharks take on Vaughan Incorporated at 6:30 p.m.; Sunniland Corporation plays W.D. Associates at 7:30 p.m.



Marie Dye scattered 11 hits and helped her own cause with two hits and two runs scored to lead the Eagles past W.D. Associates 12-6 in Sanford Women's Softball League action Tuesday night at Pinehurst.

### Extra Points...

Dean Smith

Herald Sports Editor



## Here's another opportunity to support our young people

**SANFORD** - Okay sports fans, it's time to get off the couch and go support Sanford's future baseball stars.

Tonight at 6:30 p.m. at Roy Holler Junior Field in Ft. Mellon Park, game two of the Sanford Recreation Department Babe Ruth Baseball 1988 Bambino City Championship Series will be played.

The Railroaders-Cubs, who have posted an outstanding 18-1 record this season, won the first game over the Boys and Girls Club-Expos (who aren't so shabby with a 14-6 record) Monday night and can win the crown with a victory tonight.

The City Championships are always one of the top events in Sanford and is usually very well attended. I remember back in the 70's when you could not get a seat in the stands and the fences were lined with fans.

This is a good opportunity for local adults to show support for our youth as they take part in an activity that teaches respect for authority, teamwork, how to compete with others in a positive way, and, a lot of times, humility.

It also gets the kids out from behind the computer or from in front of the television and gets them out in the fresh air where they can get some exercise and play a real game and not some computerized facsimile.

It's also good for the adults to get out of the house for a family type outing once in a while.

Shoot, the price is right, it's free. And don't worry about missing the Bulls-Jazz game, you should be home in plenty of time.

Sports agents are becoming the scum of the earth. Lawyers have always gotten a bad rap for bringing frivolous law suits and getting criminals off who should be punished.

But sports agents are quickly taking their place as scorned people. And rightfully so.

Being a St. Louis Cardinals fan for years, I was disturbed when the Redbirds took J.D. Drew in the draft last week.

Not that Drew isn't a good player, but how does he figure he deserves Major League money when he hasn't proven anything yet?

Agent Scott Boras has given Drew the false impression that he is worth a reported 11 million dollars. How ridiculous. Now I feel the major leaguers are over paid, but at least they have earned the right to earn that type of money. Not a college player who has never swung a wooden bat or faced professional pitching.

It also bothered me last week when I heard reports that Lake Brantley star Felipe Lopez said he deserved to be drafted as high as he was and that he should get a large sum of money to sign.

Wrong. The only thing the players who

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### CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

at Roy Holler Junior Field

Game 1 - Railroaders-Cubs  
 Game 2 - Expos-Boys and Girls Club  
 Game 3 - Cubs-Boys and Girls Club  
 Game 4 - Expos-Boys and Girls Club

FRIDAY  
 at Roy Holler Junior Field  
 Game 1 - Railroaders-Cubs  
 Game 2 - Expos-Boys and Girls Club

# Co-leaders slug way to Industrial softball wins

From Staff Reports

**SANFORD** - There were no changes in the Sanford Recreation Department Spring Men's Industrial Slow Pitch Softball League as the top two teams both rolled to victory on Wednesday night.

However, several changes in the bottom of the first inning and never looked better in whipping Safety Klean 15-3 and Data Max withstood an early challenge from Safety Klean and cruised to a 14-8 triumph.

The league is still deadlocked at the top with both Data-Max and Invacare both standing at 6-2. Safety Klean is still looking for that elusive first win, falling to 0-8.

The league plays a doubleheader every Friday night at Pinehurst Park beginning at 7 p.m.

Contributing for Invacare were Thad Hatcher (two home runs, two runs scored, four RBI), Tom Olson (one home run, one single, three runs scored, three RBI), Jim Sedow (two singles, one run scored, two RBI), Angel Figueroa (two singles, two runs scored) and Robert Soest (two singles).

Also contributing were Richard Outen (one home run, two runs scored, three RBI), Tom Moses (one single, two runs scored, two RBI), Robert Redding (one single, one run scored, one RBI), Keswick Lashley and Brent Rein (one single and one run scored each) and Bob Hall (one single).

Providing the offense for Safety Klean were Jim Link

(one double, one single, one run scored), Mark Guit (one double, one run scored), Mike Mohammed (one single, one RBI), George Nicely (one single) and Randy Manor (one run scored).

Powering Data Max were Bobby Brown (one double, two singles, one run scored, one RBI), Doc Richards (one home run, one double, two runs scored, two RBI), Chris Bryson (two doubles, two runs scored, two RBI), Terry Atkinson (two doubles, two RBI) and Chip Smith (one double, one single, four runs scored).

Other hitters were Bill Michaels (two singles, one run scored, one RBI), Carlos Sanchez (two singles), Joe Sisco (one single, two runs scored), Lewis Armstrong (one single, one run scored) and Donny Cerce (one run scored).

Safety Klean was led by Nelson Merced (one double, two singles), David Klotter (two singles, one run scored, one RBI), Jim Link (two singles, two runs scored), Mike Mohammed (one double, two runs scored, one RBI), Randy Manor (one single, one run scored, one RBI), Terry Schwan (one single, one RBI), Mark Guit (one single, one run scored), Jay Judy and George Nicely (one single each) and Alvin Gilles (one run scored).

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# S. Power Sports rebounds, Fla. Rock rolls on

Special to the Herald

**ALTA MONTE SPRINGS** - Seminole Power Sports bounced back from its first loss of the season, while Florida Rock continued to roll over the competition in Men's Summer Monday Night Slow Pitch Softball League action at the Seminole County Softball Complex.

Seminole Power Sports put it all together in routing UFO, 21-6, and Florida Rock did likewise in thumping Price Waterhouse, 17-7. No score was received on the late game between Cooter Browns and Pretzels.

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Tyler Butler shows off his long jump form during the opening night of the 18th Annual Lake Mary Summer Track Series at the Lake Mary High School Track Complex in Don T. Reynolds Stadium Monday evening.

# 18th annual Lake Mary Summer Track Series off and running

By Dean Smith  
 HERALD SPORTS EDITOR

**LAKE MARY** - Darnel Butler won nine blue ribbons as the 18th Annual Lake Mary High School Summer Track Series started Monday evening at the Lake Mary High Track Complex at Don T. Reynolds Stadium.

Other top winners Monday were Tema Kudakwashe with seven blue ribbons and Brittany Fendle and Clayton Winkle with five blue ribbons each.

The meets are open to any and all age groups, both male and female, and has become a regular family affair with several members of a family taking part.

The meet, the brainchild of veteran Lake Mary track and cross country coach Mike Olson, begins with field events at 5:30 p.m. and running events at 6:30 p.m. and will be run each Monday evening. Please see Track, Page 2B.

**RESULTS**  
 Long Jump - 1. Darnel Butler (best in 17-18 meet), 27.4; 2. Mark Watson (best in 15-16 meet), 19.4; 3. Tema Kudakwashe (best in 15-16 meet), 15.4; 4. Chris Ingalls, 12.4; 5. Tyler Gann (best in 11-12 meet), 11.4; 6. Scott Butler (best in 10-11 meet), 11.4; 7. Steve Hunter, 10.4; 8. Clayton Winkle (best in 9-and-under meet), 10.4; 9. Darnel Butler (best in 8-and-under meet), 9.4.

600-meter dash - 1. Mark Watson (best in 15-16 meet), 2:5; 2. Darnel Butler (best in 17-18 meet), 3:0; 3. Tema Kudakwashe (best in 15-16 meet), 3:1; 4. Chris Ingalls, 3:2; 5. Tyler Gann (best in 11-12 meet), 3:3; 6. Scott Butler (best in 10-11 meet), 3:4; 7. Steve Hunter, 3:5; 8. Clayton Winkle (best in 9-and-under meet), 4:0; 9. Darnel Butler (best in 8-and-under meet), 4:1.

100-meter dash - 1. Darnel Butler (best in 17-18 meet), 17.0; 2. Mark Watson (best in 15-16 meet), 18.2; 3. Tema Kudakwashe (best in 15-16 meet), 19.0; 4. David Butler (best in 10-11 meet), 19.8; 5. Matt Ting, 20.2; 6. Ben Hugh, 20.8; 7. Tyler Gann (best in 11-12 meet), 21.0; 8. Cameron Smith, 21.5; 9. Bryan Christian (best in 9-and-under meet), 22.0; 10. Clayton Winkle (best in 8-and-under meet), 22.5.

200-meter dash - 1. Darnel Butler (best in 17-18 meet), 34.4; 2. Tema Kudakwashe (best in 15-16 meet), 35.4; 3. Matt Ting (best in 11-12 meet), 36.4; 4. Wade Campbell, 37.0; 5. Hunter Roberts (best in 11-12 meet), 38.0; 6. Mike Mosler, 39.0.

400-meter dash - 1. Darnel Butler (best in 17-18 meet), 71.1; 2. Tema Kudakwashe (best in 15-16 meet), 72.4; 3. David Butler (best in 10-11 meet), 73.8; 4. Cameron Smith, 75.2; 5. Ben Hugh, 76.5.

800-meter dash - 1. Darnel Butler (best in 17-18 meet), 1:48.1; 2. Tema Kudakwashe (best in 15-16 meet), 1:50.4; 3. David Butler (best in 10-11 meet), 1:52.8; 4. Cameron Smith, 1:55.2; 5. Tyler Gann (best in 11-12 meet), 1:57.6; 6. Bryan Christian, 1:59.0; 7. Hunter Roberts, 2:01.4.

1600-meter dash - 1. Darnel Butler (best in 17-18 meet), 3:38.1; 2. Tema Kudakwashe (best in 15-16 meet), 3:40.4; 3. David Butler (best in 10-11 meet), 3:42.8; 4. Cameron Smith, 3:45.2; 5. Tyler Gann (best in 11-12 meet), 3:47.6; 6. Bryan Christian, 3:50.0; 7. Hunter Roberts, 3:52.4.

3200-meter dash - 1. Darnel Butler (best in 17-18 meet), 7:18.1; 2. Tema Kudakwashe (best in 15-16 meet), 7:20.4; 3. David Butler (best in 10-11 meet), 7:22.8; 4. Cameron Smith, 7:25.2; 5. Tyler Gann (best in 11-12 meet), 7:27.6; 6. Bryan Christian, 7:30.0; 7. Hunter Roberts, 7:32.4.

6400-meter dash - 1. Tema Kudakwashe (best in 15-16 meet), 14:40.4; 2. Darnel Butler (best in 17-18 meet), 14:42.8; 3. David Butler (best in 10-11 meet), 14:45.2; 4. Cameron Smith, 14:47.6; 5. Tyler Gann (best in 11-12 meet), 14:50.0; 6. Bryan Christian, 14:52.4; 7. Hunter Roberts, 14:54.8.

12800-meter dash - 1. Tema Kudakwashe (best in 15-16 meet), 29:20.4; 2. Darnel Butler (best in 17-18 meet), 29:22.8; 3. David Butler (best in 10-11 meet), 29:25.2; 4. Cameron Smith, 29:27.6; 5. Tyler Gann (best in 11-12 meet), 29:30.0; 6. Bryan Christian, 29:32.4; 7. Hunter Roberts, 29:34.8.

1 mile - 1. Tema Kudakwashe (best in 15-16 meet), 5:00.4; 2. Darnel Butler (best in 17-18 meet), 5:02.8; 3. David Butler (best in 10-11 meet), 5:05.2; 4. Cameron Smith, 5:07.6; 5. Tyler Gann (best in 11-12 meet), 5:10.0; 6. Bryan Christian, 5:12.4; 7. Hunter Roberts, 5:14.8.











**BLONDIE**

by Chic Young



**BEETLE BAILEY**

by Mort Walker



**THE BORN LOSER**

by Art Sansom



**PEANUTS**

by Charles M. Schulz



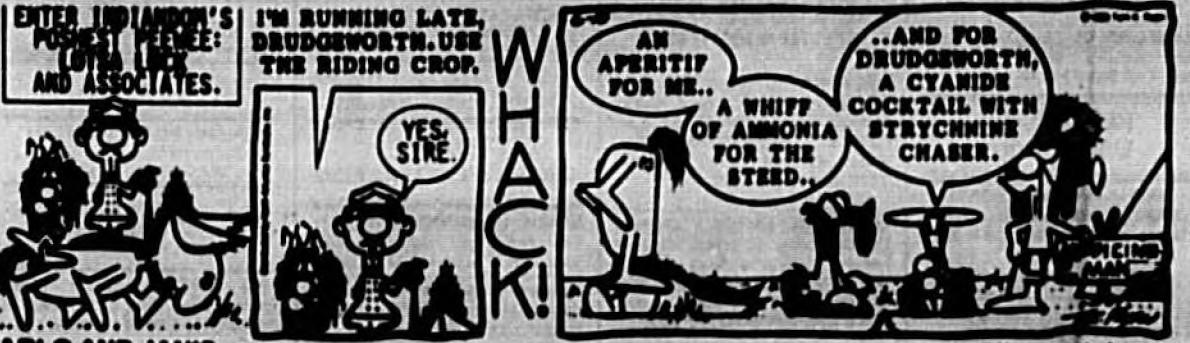
**BEK & MEK**

by Howie Schneider



**TUMBLEWEEDS**

by T.K. Ryan



**ARLO AND JAMM**

by Jimmy Johnson



**FRANK AND ERNEST**

by Bob Thaves



**GARFIELD**

by Jim Davis



**ROBOTMAN**

by Jim Meddick



**What's the word on energy healing?**

DEAR DR. GOTT: What are you, a time traveler from the dark ages? You knock energy healing because it doesn't fit into your narrow concept of health care.

I am a practitioner who has practiced the laying on of hands for almost 30 years. Each of us is involved in the giving and receiving of waves, pulsations and flows of light energy emitting from the body. Thought is energy and we can heal across miles without a touch. I am a conduit of God's energy that is the sweetest discovery of truth that a helpless and suffering humanity has come to terms with. This is the consciousness of now. We perceive the body as spinning, whirling, pulsating creations of electrical magnetic energy that can be channeled for wellness. You are missing out on the greatest time in the history of our planet.

DEAR READER: Huh? Do people actually pay you to hear this stuff? You can lay on hands until you're blue in the face. But when I have a heart attack, suffer from pneumonia or need my gallbladder removed, keep away from me. I want REAL medical treatment.

Of all the alternative medical therapies available, energy healing is the most bizarre, and there are no reputable scientific studies showing any virtue whatsoever in the practice. I think that your entire theory of health and wellness is a spinning, whirling and pulsating creation of a fertile mind. And in this analysis, I am being more than generous.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Since I had a normal colonoscopy last year, I've noticed that my stools are soft on some days, hard on others. Also, they are longer on Mondays than on Saturdays. If I eat a spicy meal, I may have stools that break apart, but if I have oatmeal for breakfast, they are connected. On occasion, parts of my evacuations are larger than others. To keep a record of these changes, I sometimes use a tape measure to document the diameter and length of my bowel movements. Sign me a concerned reader.

DEAR CONCERNED READER: Get a life. To some people, the length, breadth and quality of their bowel movements are more important than their spiritual enlightenment. Stop obsessing about your stools. For heaven's sake, there are more important issues to consider. Your colonoscopy effectively proved

**DR. GOTT**



PETER GOTT, M.D.

that you are free of significant colonic disease. Relax, take a deep breath, put away your tape measure, enjoy occasional spicy meals, disregard the calen-

dar, continue your oatmeal, and leave your poor old bowel movements alone.

(Suggestions: Refocus your attention on peace in Northern Ireland, Internal Revenue Service abuses, starvation in Africa, campaign spending — you know, the usual trivial concerns.)

If you would like to write to Dr. Gott send your letter to: P.O. Box 3017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158.

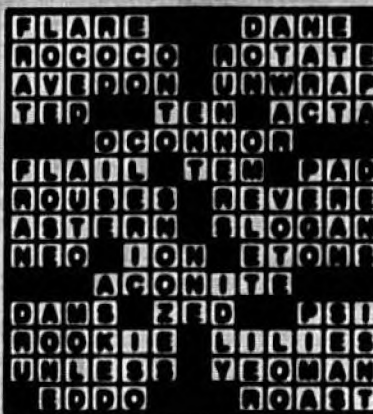
**ACROSS**

- 1 One who is convalesced
- 7 Conference, slangily
- 13 Type of job or track
- 14 Glacial epoch (2 wds.)
- 15 Casual shoe
- 16 Slender average golf scores
- 17 Art deco illustrator
- 18 Demon
- 20 Organ of sight
- 21 Understand?
- 22 Geography: class item
- 27 Noddy sleepers
- 32 Dancer Alvin —
- 33 Actress Anouk
- 34 Yacht parts
- 35 Playground sign
- 36 Register

**DOWN**

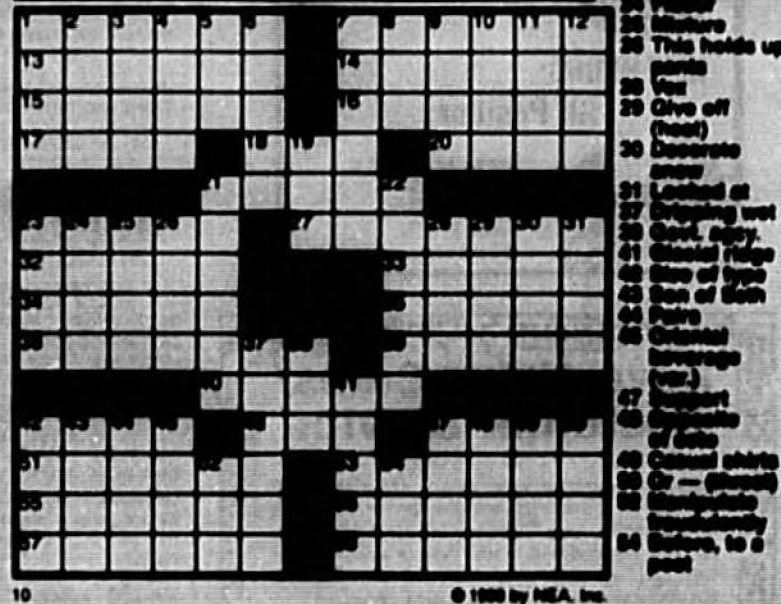
- 11 Used to be
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- 20 Marble
- 23 Alps and Andes (abbr.)
- 21 Old Faithful, e.g.
- 22 Breakfast foods
- 23 Smoothie with effort
- 34 Filter
- 35 Mixture
- 36 This holds up pants
- 38 You
- 39 Give off (verb)
- 40 Decorate
- 41 Lined at
- 42 Wrapping material
- 43 Coat, e.g.,
- 44 Stained fabric
- 45 Size of type
- 46 One of Sam
- 47 Pairs
- 48 Oriental beverage (var.)
- 49 Support
- 50 Synthesis of cells
- 51 Casual shirt
- 52 Or — (abbr.)
- 53 Synthesis
- 54 Before, to a post

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**



**STUMPED?**

Call for Answers: 1-800-454-3535 ext. code 100



**WIN AT BRIDGE**

**Use your entries profitably**

By Phillip Alder

We have been looking at keeping an entry to reach established winners. But sometimes you need entries to do other things, like take finesses.

On today's deal, what is the right line of play in three no-trump after West has led the spade king?

There are only six top tricks. You could establish three more in clubs, but if you lead that suit, the opponents rate to be able to cash at least four spade tricks to go with the club ace. In other words, you are a speedy one down.

You must cash nine tricks without losing the lead. This requires finding the heart king inside (cash East). But if East has three or more low cards with the king, you will have to finesse three times. This requires three dum-

my entries. These are available in diamonds if the opponents' diamonds are dividing 3-2 and you are careful. Win trick one or two with the spade ace, cash the diamond ace, and cross to the dummy by leading the diamond five to the queen. Take a winning heart finesse.

Did the diamonds split 3-2? If not, play a diamond to dummy's king, take a second heart finesse, and cash the heart ace. If the king drops, all is for the best in the best of all possible worlds; if not, you're down.

Here, though, the diamonds are 3-2. So, next, overtake the diamond jack with dummy's king and repeat the heart finesse. Finally, lead the diamond three to dummy's four, take a third heart finesse, and cash the ace, your ninth trick.

You deserve a round of applause if you got this deal right: You were watching those spots, which translated into entries.

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

**HOROSCOPE**

**Our Birthday**  
Thursday, June 11, 1998

Your gift for making friends will be embellished in the year ahead. Though you'll get to know several new people, you'll still hang on to your favorites.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Today you're apt to be more concerned about the welfare of those you love than your own needs and wants. Let these noble aspirations prevail both socially and in the commercial world. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** In situations where others see problems today, you'll see possibilities. Their days could turn out to be bummers, but yours should be fun.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Objectives you thought unattainable could be within your

**ASTRO-GRAPE**

**BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

reach today. Use your imagination and resourcefulness. They're the keys to getting what you want.

**VIUSO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Instead of visiting your usual haunts today, go places where you can meet new people. There's a chance you'll encounter someone with whom you'll have an instant rapport.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Try to devote time today to endeavors that improve or beautify your surroundings. You could be ingenious in these areas at this time.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)** If you have an important matter to discuss with another today, don't use the phone or e-mail. You'll be far more effective face-to-face.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Conditions remain favorable for you where finances are concerned. Put money-making at the top of things to take care of today.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You're not the type of person who goes unnoticed. Today, however, your personality may have an extra dynamic that sets you apart from others.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Instead of restraining impulses that urge you to do something special for the one you love today, go all out. Your joy comes from functioning as a giver.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** If you vary your routine today, it will have an invigorating effect on your outlook. Be sure to include friends in your plans.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Lady Luck thinks you're special today, so be alert for unusual developments which could fulfill a material desire.

**TALNUS (April 20-May 20)** Your warmth and wit are more than a match for people with aggressive inclinations today. If confronted by aggressors, meet them down with your charm.

**ANNIE**

by Leonard Starr

