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Road woes for River Rats

The Sanford River Rats lost two tough one-run decisions to the Daytona Beach Barracudas over the weekend, seeing their lead in the Florida Collegiate Summer League dwindle to one game.

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March of Dimes raises \$500,000

The March of Dimes has announced that this year in the tri-county area WalkAmerica raised \$489,000.

That breaks down to \$54,000 in Osceola County and \$435,000 for Orange and Seminole counties. Almost 3,000 people gathered at Lake Lily in Maitland on April 24, to participate in WalkAmerica and 500 people participated on April 3 in the Osceola Walk at Kissimmee Lakefront Park.

With more than 1,400 communities participating nationally, WalkAmerica has raised more than \$1.3 billion for preventing diseases and disabilities in America's babies since 1970, according to the organization.

This year's top teams were SunTrust, Wachovia, KinderCare, Kmart, and Sprint. The top new team was Hannover Life RE, which raised \$17,500. The most improved team in dollar increase is Bank of America, raising more than \$70,000, up over \$30,000 from the previous year. The number one team this year and for the past five years is Publix, which raised more than \$100,000 in the tri-county area.

March of Dimes also announced that April 30th is the National WalkAmerica Day for 2005. The Central Florida Walk will take place that day, followed on May 7, 2005 by WalkAmerica in Kissimmee.

The rate of premature births in the U.S. is growing and more than 450,000 babies are being born too soon or too small each year, putting them at a greatly increased risk of lifelong physical and mental disabilities. There is so much more that needs to be done to give every baby a healthy start in life.

For more information, call 407-599-5077.

Seminole Smile



Jeanne Gold — Executive director, Safehouse of Seminole

Cartgate: Official faces ouster

Deputy city manager notified he may be fired for using golf cart

By Dan Ping
Editor

SANFORD — The city's second-in-command was suspended with pay Monday and could face termination for improper use of a golf cart.

Andrew Van Gaale, who became Sanford's deputy city manager in September 2003, received written notice from City Manager Al

Griehaber that he has until July 17 to respond to charges that he used a city-leased golf cart for personal gain during Sanford's July 4 celebration.

In a memo dated July 12, Griehaber alleges Van Gaale violated 19 state laws and city policies ranging from solicitation of gifts and operation of a golf cart on a roadway

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Mayor may call for vote on Sanford city manager

By Dan Ping
Editor

SANFORD — Mayor Brady Lessard may call a special meeting of the city commission to determine the fate of City Manager Al Griehaber.

Lessard, disappointed with Griehaber's handling of a personal issue involving Deputy City Manager Andrew Van Gaale, said the incident is

giving the city a "black eye."

"There are no winners in this," Lessard said. "Everyone is going to end up with egg on their face."

Griehaber placed Van Gaale on suspension with pay and asked him to resign his position for using a city-leased golf cart for personal use during the city's July 4 celebration. Van Gaale

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Cruising the Boulevard



After months of repairing and sprucing up, Seminole Boulevard opened to traffic again this week. The road running parallel to the new RiverWalk reminds people as they drive or stroll by that Sanford is booming with colorful banners on the streetlights. Looking west, top photo, the Seminole County court building and Sanford City Hall are landmarks along the boulevard. Looking east, right photo, workers put finishing touches along the road. The marina and new palm trees are visible.



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent

Moving may be mill's only choice

By Ashley Coover
Herald Intern

SANFORD — A manufacturing company in Sanford may have to relocate because of the area's rising utility fees and the accompanying increase in franchise fees being collected by the city.

Unicell Paper Mills Inc., supplies tissue paper in bulk to other manufacturing companies that repackage the tissue for consumer sales.

The company located its new manufacturing plant in Sanford in 2001 based on utility cost estimates supplied by Florida Public Utilities and Florida Power and Light Energy Services.

Unicell officials understood that by locating within the City of Sanford, the company would pay the city a franchise fee based on a fixed percentage of their utilities bills.

That franchise fee has become a sore issue with Unicell officials as utility costs have increased.

Cities in Florida charge franchise fees, or taxes, for certain services that third-party vendors provide residents and businesses. Consumers who use electricity, natural gas, cable television and/or telephone service are all taxed by cities for the privilege of using those services, even though the cities do not provide or maintain the services.

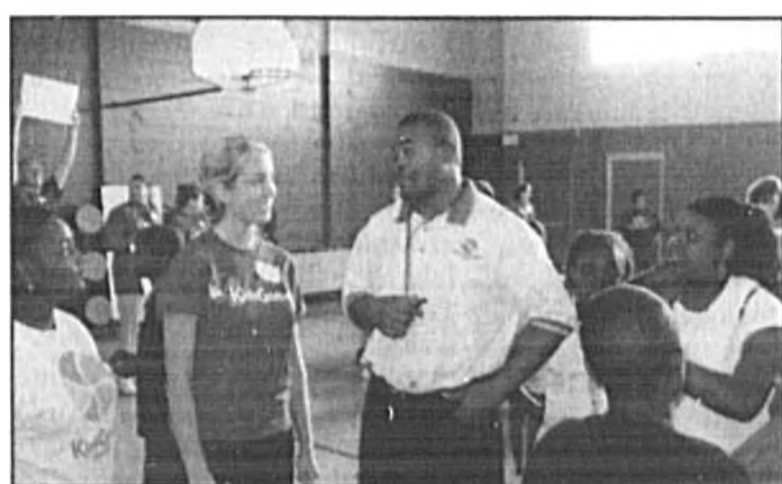
Some residential consumers gripe about the fees, particularly on a basic necessity like utilities. But because the fees are relatively small, usually 3 or 4 percent of the bill, many people fail to notice the tax.

Large industrial companies, however, are acutely aware of franchise fees because increases in electrical or natural gas rates equate to thousands of dollars each month.

Unicell, for example, is the largest user of natural gas in Central Florida and the second largest user of electricity in the region. Only NASA's Kennedy Space Center uses more electricity.

Since the company began its Sanford operations, electricity costs have increased by more than 41 percent and total natural gas costs are more than double the estimates Unicell expected. Accordingly, the franchise

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Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Henderson and somebody talk during preparation for the KidsGames, a mini-Olympics for children ages 6 to 14.

'Mini' Olympic spirit hits county

By Kate Lucas
Herald Correspondent

SANFORD — The spirit of the Olympics is coming to Central Florida.

KidsGames, a mini-Olympics for young people between the ages of 6 and 14, is a summer event that takes place in venues all around the world. Seminole County youth will have a chance to

participate in KidsGames when it comes to the Orlando area this week through July 16.

The weeklong program is expected to have more than 1,000 youth from Seminole County at four area venues that include Sanford and Lake Mary/Heathrow. Almost 300

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Seminole student takes national, state titles

SANFORD — A local high school student won more than \$5,000 in national and state competitions in interpretation and writing, according to a news release from Seminole County Public Schools.

Elisabeth Kristin Gilbert, a Seminole High School student in the International Baccalaureate program, earned the National Award for Outstanding Interpretation and the State Level Superior Award in the Senior division in Literature for a short story she wrote titled, "Electric Blue." For this achievement,

Elisabeth won an expense-paid trip for two to the June 2004 National PTA Convention in Anaheim, Calif., where she was honored, received a \$750 Scholarship and a \$5,000 education bond from Parent Media Group.

Elisabeth won two Reflections National Awards of Excellence in 2000-01 and 2001-02 at the middle school level. Last year she won a distinguished award at the state level. In 2003 she also won a Finalist award in the national Ayn Rand Anthem essay contest. In her spare time



Gilbert

President of the Anime Club. Elisabeth has been an avid reader throughout her life and her main literary influences have been Ayn Rand,

Langston Hughes, Allen Ginsberg, and Jack Kerouac. At this time writing is just her hobby but her dream after college is to develop it into a career and become a novelist.

Each year, National PTA's Reflections Program, an arts recognition program, challenges students nationwide to create an original artistic work that supports a specific theme. In 2004, more than 630,000 children participated in this cultural arts program which encourages creativity in literature, musical composition, photography, and visual arts.

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Briefs

Sanford's Good Neighbor Fund passes \$6,000

Sanford's Good Neighbor Utility Fund has granted more than \$6,000 of emergency assistance since its inception. One hundred and fourteen customers faced with life emergencies including major water breaks, job losses and serious illness have benefited from the kindness of Sanford utility customers.

"The Good Neighbor Fund brings together customers with means and customers with needs, maintaining critical water service," said Bill Marcous, Manager of Utility Support Services.

Contributions can be made by mail or in the Fund's drop box at the customer service counter in Sanford City Hall.

Upon raising enough money, applications meeting eligibility are reviewed for assistance.

For information on how to contribute, please contact City of Sanford Customer Service at (407) 330-5630.

Sanford Elks install local leader

Joe Rogers of Sanford Elks Lodge No. 1241 was installed as leader of the East Central District of the Florida State Elks Association.

The installation took place at the Grand Lodge Convention in Minneapolis the week of July 4, a July 8 news release said. The national men's group, based in Chicago, said in the release that Rogers will be the national representative for his area. He will promote the 1.1 million-member organization's charitable and patriotic activities in local communities.

Rezoning meeting changed

The next meeting of the Seminole County Public Schools High School Rezoning Core Committee charged with developing high school rezoning plans for Seminole County Public Schools has changed locations from the Educational Support Center to Lyman High School. The time remains the same at 3-6 p.m. Aug. 19.

Seminole County students learn to overcome disabilities

University of Central Florida students will help middle schoolers with disabilities learn to use technology that helps them communicate with friends and relatives and allows them to keep up with their schoolwork, according to a July 12 news release from the university.

Of the seven students attending, four are from Seminole County Public Schools, according to Robin Basile. Two are from Lyman High School, one from Winter Springs High School and one from Rock Lake Middle School.

Eight UCF students specializing in exceptional education and communication disorders will work one-on-one with the young students.

The program is called TEENTECH, a camp hosted by the Toni Jennings Exceptional Education Institute at the UCF Academy for Teaching, Learning, and Leadership.

Students will visit Walt Disney World's Animal Kingdom, the news release said. A second group will follow the same instruction next week.

The students will use software that helps them find information on the Internet, improve their math skills and write papers based on outlines they have created.

Each student will use the computers to find information on animals and then write a report, the release said.

"This program has a great impact on our students and the middle schoolers," said Basile, assistant director of the Toni Jennings Exceptional Education Institute.

"We have children who return year after year because this helps them keep up with their classwork. Our students get a chance to apply what they're learning in class about working with students with disabilities, and this invaluable experience makes them better teachers."

The middle schoolers, each of whom is joined by at least one parent, have disabilities such as cerebral palsy and Down's syndrome that make it difficult for them to communicate. Students pay \$50 to attend a weeklong session; scholarships are available for families that cannot afford the fee, Basile said.

Florida Footwear



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Sandals in summer are one of the main forms of footwear in the Sunshine State. This fanciful array of sandals was photographed in front of Knight's Shoes in downtown Sanford.

Drug related

- William Manny Miranda, 19, of Lake Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police on July 9 at his residence. He was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana.

- Julio Angel Torrez-Perez, 19, of Milltowne Way, Lake Mary, was arrested by Sanford police Friday following a traffic stop on West Fifth Street and Olive Avenue. He was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana.

Burglary

- Cornell James, 41, listed as homeless in Sanford was arrested by Sanford police Sunday in reference to the burglary of a residence in the 800 block of South Elm Avenue. He was charged with burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, loitering/prowling, resisting an officer without violence, possession of narcotics equipment and larceny of over \$300.

Battery

- James Andrew Hartman, 44, of French Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday at his residence following an altercation with a female. He was charged with battery — causing bodily harm.

- Fredrick William Rogers, 56, of Laurel Avenue, Sanford, was arrested at his residence by Sanford police Monday as the result of a dispute with a male. He was charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic violence) and obstructing justice by intimidating a witness/victim.

- Yvonne Brancaccio, 41 of Hartwell Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by police Friday at her residence, following a disagreement with her husband. She was charged with battery — touch or strike.

- Khai Xuan Hoang, 33, of El Portal Avenue, Sanford, was



- arrested by police Friday at his residence. Officers said he was involved in an altercation with his wife. He was charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic violence).

- Eliu Barbosa, 32, of Fox Quarry Lane, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Friday at Charleston Club in Sanford, following a report of an argument with a female. He was charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic violence), simple assault with threat to do violence (domestic violence), and violation of conditional release.

- James Thomas, 26, of Wyndham Crest Boulevard, Sanford, was arrested by police Saturday at his residence as the result of a dispute with a female. He was charged with battery — domestic violence in the presence of a child.

- Timothy L. McIntyre, 44, of Olive Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by police at his residence Saturday following a dispute with another man, reportedly with a knife. He was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

- Belinda Thrift, 49, of Pinecrest Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Saturday in a business in the 2600 block of Orlando Drive. Officers said she had been involved in a dispute with a male. She was charged with battery — touch or strike (domestic).

Traffic stops

- James Joseph Osborn, 40, of Sanford Avenue, was report-

edly involved in a crash Saturday at Sanford Avenue and Airport Boulevard. Sanford police arrested him on charges of driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol or drugs, DUI with property damage, reckless driving, no proof of insurance, failure to display a registration, and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/canceled license.

- Michael Brandon Tucker, 21 of Beverly Court, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Sunday following a traffic stop at Eighth Street and Poplar Avenue.

The vehicle was stopped in reference to a failure to return a vehicle.

He was charged with possession of narcotics equipment and operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

- Benito Lee Rodriguez, 26, of Hartwell Avenue, Sanford, was stopped by police early Tuesday.

The vehicle was reportedly taken without permission, but the owner refused to press stolen vehicle charges. Rodriguez was subsequently charged with driving with a suspended license.

- Morio Dient White, 21, of Jack Court, Sanford, was arrested by police July 7 following a traffic stop on West 13th Street at Holly Avenue. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, having unsafe/faulty equipment (no brake lights) and driving without a seat belt.

Other charges

- Aikia Lisa Ward, 23, of Winter Springs, was arrested by Sanford police on July 7, at the Florida Department of Corrections office on Orlando Drive.

Police were called regarding a probationer making a suicidal comment.

Ward was placed under arrest on a charge of probation violation.

OUT & ABOUT

WED 14

The City of Sanford Waterfront Master Plan Steering Committee will meet at 4 p.m. in the City Manager's conference room at city hall. A number of staff reports on the proposed sale of city hall, North Shore Restoration Project, and a waterfront ordinance are scheduled for discussion on the agenda.

THUR 15

The Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce Professional Women's Network Meeting will be from 8 until 9:30 a.m. at Florida Hospital, Altamonte, 601 E. Altamonte Drive. Speaker will be Dr. Theresa Oakley with the Florida Hospital, on "Everything You Need to Know about Menopause. For more information phone 407-333-4748.

FRI 16

Maitland Heritage Week begins, running through July 22. Special events will be featured each day, including a Mystery Dinner Theater on July 16, Family Day at the Maitland Historical Museum on July 17, Gallery Talks with Maitland Historians Sunday July 18. For information or locations, phone 407-644-2451.

SAT 17

The City of Longwood's monthly evening of Bluegrass is being held at the Community Building from 7 to 10 p.m. Listen or bring your strings and join. For more information, call 407-260-3447.

MON 19

The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 2525 Oak Ave., Sanford, has scheduled Vacation Bible School from July 19 through July 23, from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The theme is "Construction I.N.C." (In the name of Christ). Crafts, stories, snacks and music will be experienced each day with a family program and cookout the morning of July 23. For more information and registration, call 407-322-3552.

There is still time to register through July 14 from 6-7 p.m. for the Summer Basketball program at the Youth Foundation. The program is for ages 6-10 or first through fifth grade. All games and practices will be held at the West Sanford Boys and Girls Club July 19-Aug. 29. For more information, call J.J. Wiggins at 407-417-2560.

SUN 25

The Altamonte Jazz Ensemble, directed by Mike Arena, and the Leisure Services of Altamonte Springs will celebrate the music of George Gershwin, beginning at 7 p.m. at Lake Brantley High School Auditorium, 991 Sand Lake Road. Admission is \$5 at the door. Special appearances will be from vocalist Linda Cole "Lady of Song" and pianist Dave Sheffield.

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Games

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Melinda Whiteman, left, leads the KidsGames participants in an activity at the Boys and Girls Club in Sanford July 13. More than 2,500 young people are taking part in the games this week.

have signed up for the Sanford Boys and Girls Club location. More than 2,500 youth and 400 volunteers are expected to participate across the greater Orlando area.

Participants will be able to play soccer, basketball, flag football and track and field events as other activities such as creative arts, cheerleading and KidsMedia; photography, video and journalism.

"We're excited at the response we've gotten to KidsGames and that so many partners have signed on to participate in KidsGames since we launched the program," said Wayne Edwards, coordinator of KidsGames Orlando.

More than 20 churches, clubs, and organizations have worked to make KidsGames happen in Seminole County.

The Games will culminate in a closing ceremony at the TD Waterhouse Center in Orlando at 7 p.m. July 16. The event is open to friends and family of the participants and the public.

Doug Hughes of radio station Z88.3 will host the ceremony, which will feature entertainment, games, awards, Andrew DeClercq of the Orlando Magic and World Martial Arts Champion James Sang Le.

"Two thousand lives is a lot of lives to touch," Edwards said.

"With the community pitching in as they have, KidsGames will be a fun-filled week that the kids will hopefully remember for many years to come."

For more information about KidsGames Orlando visit: www.kidsgamesorlando.com.

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fees the company pays the city have also risen to amounts which Unicell's president, Girish Sharma, says have put Unicell in serious financial trouble.

"I can live with an inflation of 4 or 5 percent," Sharma said. "I cannot live with an increase of 300 percent. I've become totally uncompetitive."

Sharma turned to city officials to ask for help in the form of an exemption from or caps on franchise and utility taxes on electricity and gas charges, among other requests.

"The City of Sanford is committed to assist Unicell," said Al Grieshaber, Sanford's city manager. "We are studying the possibility of a cap on the franchise and utility taxes, which is within our power, subject to legal guidance, and to assist Unicell with contacting state officials to make them aware of the challenges and seemingly inequities."

Tracy Turk, senior director of business development in Seminole County and member of the Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission, provided the city with a copy of the City of Eustis's ordinance to cap the amount a company pays in utility taxes to a certain amount per month, which is applicable only to qualified manufacturers.

"Action will be contemplated after the matter is studied and financial calculations of the impact presented to the city Commission for its decision," Grieshaber said.

Unicell is requesting that the franchise fees at least be capped at a reasonable amount, or, preferably, that the fees Unicell pays the city be waived entirely.

"I believe that we should have exemption from those taxes because we, as manufacturers, supply to other manufacturers," Sharma said. "We do not sell to the customers. We do not profit from rising

"I cannot live with an increase of 300 percent."

**Girish Sharma,
President of
Unicell**

funds.

"We were unjustly denied the agreed incentives like QTI award on a classical chicken and egg logic that construction was not completed by the agreed date while construction could not start because approvals were not forthcoming," Sharma said.

Unicell did not receive QTI funds because it failed to create the 70 jobs it agreed to within the allotted time frame, to which the state granted Unicell an additional year because of Sept. 11 events, Turk said.

William McDermott, director of economic development for Seminole County, suggested Unicell also bring its concerns to Enterprise, Fla.'s Manufacturing Advisory Council. The council assists companies like Unicell by coordinating activities that will help make overall energy costs more competitive for Florida manufacturers.

Unicell's other requests included adjustment for payment of taxes and an installment plan to pay the company's total tax bill.

Seminole County and the City of Sanford have assisted Unicell in the past by offering Unicell the opportunity to participate in the County's Jobs Growth Incentive package, which waived certain city fees for Unicell.

The company was also reimbursed for building permit fees and paid for every new job that met the required salary level.

"In essence, the total award from the City was \$157,775," Turk said. "The county provided an additional \$137,000 in JGI funds to Unicell."

Sharma said Unicell will be forced to close its Sanford facility if the company's taxes and franchise fees do not decrease.

"I'm not trying to pressure you," Sharma told commissioners. "But without some relief, we have no other choice."

energy prices."

Sharma is also requesting that city officials assist the company in seeking exemption from tangible personal property taxes.

Tangible personal property taxes, which businesses pay on equipment, ranging from office supplies to massive machinery, make upgrading equipment a problem, Sharma said. As a manufacturing company, he said Unicell must constantly upgrade its equipment to remain technologically ahead and environmentally safe.

"We are scared of upgrading [our equipment] because anything you upgrade increases property taxes," Sharma said.

The city has already tried to assist Unicell with its tangible property taxes, but because of prohibitory state statutes, the county's property appraiser was unable to implement an accelerated depreciation schedule on Unicell's equipment, Turk said.

An accelerated depreciation schedule would help reduce the tangible personal property taxes Unicell pays on equipment at a faster rate.

Unicell also wants the City of Sanford to help with state's release of Qualified Target Industry (QTI) funds. The state initially allowed Unicell to participate in this state tax refund incentive program, but Unicell never received the

Local Hospice expands over three years

Hospice of the Comforter, the only nonprofit Hospice serving Seminole, Orange, and Osceola Counties, recently celebrated the topping out of the first phase of its Altamonte Springs campus expansion, the Center for Community Care located adjacent to its current facility.

The two-story, 25,000-

square-foot Center is being constructed to house Hospice of the Comforter administration and patient care team staff. Construction began in the summer of 2003 and will be completed in the late summer of 2004.

"We are looking forward to moving into our new facility," stated Robert G. Wilson,

President/CEO/Chaplain of Hospice of the Comforter. "This much-needed expansion allows us to increase efficiency and the level of care that we provide to our patients, their families, and the community."

The complete expansion will be constructed on a 5.5-acre campus in three phases over the next three years.

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Obituaries

Seminole Rotarians mark 100 years

JEANETTE JOY BROWN BECHARD
Jeanette Joy Brown Bechard, 65, of Sanford, died Wednesday, June 30, 2004 at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. She was born May 18, 1939 in New York. She was a homemaker.
Survivors include daughter and friend Sheila Bechard and Celso Tovar; sons and their wives, Alan and Donna Bechard and Chad and Angel Bechard; brother and his wife, Ernest W. and Yvonne Brown II; sisters and their husbands, Stephanie and Robert Reininger and Deborah and Richard Hatch; two grandchildren.

JAMES W. DUNLAP, SR.
James W. Dunlap, Sr., 79, of Sanford, died Friday, July 9, 2004 at his residence. He was born Aug. 9, 1924 in Detroit, Mich. He was a retired welder in the steel industry with 30 years of service to Uni-Pak. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of Sanford Alliance Church.
Survivors include sons, James Jr. of Sanford, Ralph Gainor Dunlap, Sr. of Katy, Tex.; daughter, Kathy Fieck of West Palm Beach; stepdaughter Debbie Swink of Prague, Okla.; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild.
Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

CHRISTINE B. LEACH
Christine B. Leach, 89 of Geneva, died July 9, 2004. She was a former waitress. Survivors include daughter, Christina Harper of Kentucky; sister, Iva Campbell Burford of Virginia; 16 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.
There will be a graveside service Wednesday, July 14 at 10 a.m. at Geneva Cemetery with Pastor Daryl Permenter of the First Baptist Church of Geneva officiating.
Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

ELBERT DAVID MAXWELL
Elbert David Maxwell, 89, of DeBary, died Wednesday, July 7, 2004 at Central Florida Regional Hospital. He was born May 22, 1915 in Cairo, Ga. He was employed for 44 years at Tropical Radio and Telegraph. He was a lifetime member of First Baptist Church, Fort Lauderdale.

Five members celebrate local service years
Five members of the Kiwanis Club celebrated 147 years of community service through their Kiwanis Club projects at the Wednesday noon luncheon meeting of their club at the Chamber of Commerce building. The Kiwanians applauded their members' service longevity to meet local needs. The local civic club sponsors over 20 community projects yearly and has been involved in community betterment for the past 80 years.

Survivors include wife, Carol Maxwell of DeBary; son, Elbert David Maxwell, Jr., of Sanford; daughters, Janet M. Jernigan of Lake Mary, Chelly D. Speed of Irvine, Cal.; brother, Robert Dwight of Cresco, Penn.; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were held Saturday, July 10 at Oaklawn Chapel with interment at Oaklawn Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, American Lung Association or Paralyzed Veterans of America.
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LEONARD "DEWEY" SMITH
Leonard "Dewey" Smith, 65, of Holly Avenue, Sanford, died Friday, July 9, 2004 at Central Florida Regional Hospital. He was a cable splicer for BellSouth and a member of Mount Sinai M.B. Church.
Survivors include father, Dewey Smith of Sanford; mother, Dorothy Graham of Deltona; wife, Ernestine Smith of Sanford; sons, Leonard Smith Jr., Allendale, S.C., Samuel Geter of Orlando; Darrell Smith of

Denver, Colo., Keith Jefferson of New York, Greg Jackson of Winter Haven, Leonard Berry of Orlando, Dewey Smith of Deltona, Colin Smith of Sanford; daughters, Belynda Moore of East Point, Ga., Lynette Harris of Calumet City, Ill., Jonel Hopkins of Rochester, N.Y.; brothers, Howard Smith, Russell Hollerman and Raymond Smith, all of Sanford, Richard Smith of Miami and George Smith of Altamonte Springs; sisters, Laura Stephens of Deltona and Bernette Smith of Washington, D.C.; 22 grandchildren; one great-grandchild.
Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 17, at 11 a.m. at Mount Sinai M.B. Church, 1843 Jerry Avenue, Sanford, with Reverend Anthony Miller, Pastor. Viewing will be from 4 until 7 p.m. at Mt. Sinai M.B. Church.
Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

SHIRLEY ANN SMITH
Shirley Ann Smith, 51, of First Street, Oviedo, died Wednesday, July 7, 2004. She was born in Oviedo. She was a cook.
Survivors include son, Robert Beasley of Orlando; daughters, Diane Grason and Mary Anne Smith of Oviedo, Roxanne Smith of Orlando; brothers, Earl Smith of Oviedo, Clifford Smith of Eatonville, George Smith of Orlando; eight grandchildren.
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In Loving Memory Of Willie James Martin
Willie James Martin, 75 of Rahway, NJ died Wednesday June 24, 2004.
He was born May 19, 1929 to the late Joe and Irene Martin in Sanford, FL. Willie J. was raised in Sanford where he had many fond memories. He later went into the navy and fought during World War II earning the rank of Chief Petty Officer. He was also a member of Newark, NJ VFW. After 38 years of working for General Motors Co. of Linden, NJ, he retired. He was a Baptist.
On July 3, 1949 he was united in marriage with Mary L. Martin. They shared a union of 54 years. Willie J. was a fine distinguished and noble man. He loved to talk to everyone how listened. He will be remembered always.
Survivors include wife, Mary L. Martin, Son Larry Hinton, Daughters Irene M. Johnson, Patricia Martin and Shelia M. Jones. Four grandchildren, all of Newark, NJ.
Two brothers, Theodore R. Martin (Marie), Samuel Martin (Eula).
Three sisters, Odessa Martin Crawford and Allie M. Martin Pryer of Sanford, Merion Martin Edwards of Springfield, MA. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.
Funeral services were held Tuesday June 29, 2004 at 11:00 am at Perry's Funeral Home in Newark, NJ.
Perry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.
Interment - Veterans National Cemetery, Trenton, NJ

NASCAR INSIDER

STANDINGS

How the top 10 stack up this week

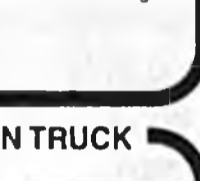
NEXTEL CUP	
1. Jimmie Johnson	2,720; previous: 1
2. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	2,615; previous: 2
3. Jeff Gordon	2,478; previous: 3
4. Tony Stewart	2,393; previous: 4
5. Matt Kenseth	2,321; previous: 5
6. Bobby Labonte	2,278; previous: 6
7. Elliott Sadler	2,252; previous: 8
8. Kevin Harvick	2,229; previous: 10
9. Kurt Busch	2,211; previous: 7
10. Ryan Newman	2,173; previous: 9

Kevin Harvick jumped two spots in the standings with a 10th-place finish in the Tropicana 400.



BUSCH SERIES	
1. Martin Truex Jr.	2,863; previous: 1
2. Kyle Busch	2,811; previous: 2
3. Jason Keller	2,504; previous: 7
4. Ron Hornaday	2,495; previous: 4
5. David Green	2,495; previous: 6
6. Greg Biffle	2,487; previous: 3
7. Jason Leffler	2,444; previous: 8
8. Bobby Hamilton Jr.	2,393; previous: 5
9. Michael Waltrip	2,293; previous: 9
10. Mike Bliss	2,232; previous: 10

Jason Keller's second-place finish in the Tropicana 400 vaulted him four spots in the standings.



CRAFTSMAN TRUCK	
1. Dennis Setzer	1,662; previous: 1
2. Bobby Hamilton	1,658; previous: 3
3. Carl Edwards	1,557; previous: 2
4. Rick Crawford	1,510; previous: 4
5. Matt Crafton	1,501; previous: 5
6. Chad Chaffin	1,485; previous: 6
7. Jack Sprague	1,463; previous: 10
8. Jon Wood	1,454; previous: 7
9. Ted Musgrave	1,445; previous: 9
10. Travis Kvapil	1,418; previous: 8

Bobby Hamilton Sr.'s win in Saturday's Built Ford Tough 225 moved him to within six points of the standings leader.



THE RACING 411

NEXTEL CUP

Race: New England 300
Where: New Hampshire International Speedway
When: July 25, 2 p.m., EDT
Defending champion: Jimmie Johnson (right)
Race distance: 317.4 miles/300 laps
Race record: Jeff Burton; 117.134 mph; July 13, 1997.
Qualifying record: Ryan Newman; 133.357 mph; Sept. 12, 2003.
Storyline: Jeff Gordon is the winningest driver at New Hampshire with three victories. Rick Hendrick is winningest owner with five victories.



BUSCH SERIES

Race: New England 200
Where: New Hampshire International Speedway
When: July 24, 1 p.m., EDT
Defending champ: David Green
Race record: Bobby Hamilton Jr.; 110.368 mph; May 11, 2002.
Qualifying record: Kevin Harvick; 130.718 mph; May 11, 2001.
Storyline: Nextel Cup regulars Michael Waltrip, Kevin Harvick, Robby Gordon, Greg Biffle, Kasey Kahne and Matt Kenseth are among the drivers scheduled to compete at "The Magic Mile."

TROPICANA 400 REVIEW

A scrappy win

Wreck, fight mar Stewart's victory

By RICK MINTER
Cox News Service

Joliet, Ill.
 Tony Stewart won the Tropicana 400 at Chicagoland Speedway, but along the way he ran into Kasey Kahne, setting off an eight-car crash and raising more questions about Stewart's driving and NASCAR's decisions on penalties.

Stewart had the dominant car all day, leading 160 of 267 laps including the final 27 to get his first win since October at Charlotte.

But on a restart on Lap 128, he ran into the back of Kahne, his closest challenger, and sent Kahne's Dodge slamming into the outside wall.

Kahne's crew chief Tommy Baldwin Jr., who saw Stewart spin his driver at Darlington earlier this year and blames Stewart for another wreck at Talladega, immediately sprinted to Stewart's pits.

Once he and his crew arrived, racing's version of a bench-clearing brawl was on. Baldwin, who was summoned to the NASCAR trailer after the race, said Sunday's on-track incident was no different than many others this season.

"That's just Tony Stewart doing what he's been doing all year driving like a moron," Baldwin said. "He gets away with it all he wants, and all NASCAR does is fine him. He's got plenty of money. The guy needs to sit out a race."

Stewart, who blamed Kahne for Sunday's wreck, has been involved in numerous on-track incidents this year. During one stretch he was involved in wrecks in five of six races. Two weeks ago he was fined \$50,000, docked 25 points and placed on probation for grabbing Brian Vickers after the road-course race at Sonoma, Calif.

NASCAR officials, who last week dropped Jason Leffler from second to 13th in the finishing order of the Busch race at Daytona for running into Dale Earnhardt Jr., said Kahne's crash was "just a racing incident" and no penalties would be assessed.



Tony Stewart (right, celebrating with crew chief Greg Zipadelli) skipped the typical post-race victory lap and drove straight to Victory Lane, saying he was in a hurry to get away from the controversy.

RACE STATISTICS

Time of Race: 3 hours, 5 minutes, 33 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 2.925 Seconds.
Winner's Average Speed: 129.507 mph.
Caution Flags: 9 for 43 laps.
Lead Changes: 20 among 13 drivers.
Lap Leaders: Jeff Gordon 1-14; Kasey Kahne 15-19; Terry Labonte 20; Kevin Lepage 21; Tony Stewart 22-83; Jimmy Johnson 84; Mark Martin 85-94; Sterling Marlin 95-99; Matt Kenseth 100; Dave Blaney 101; Robby Gordon 102-103; Stewart 104-121; Kahne 122-128; Stewart 127-173; Marlin 174; Stewart 175-180; Johnson 181-210; Bobby Labonte 211; Marlin 212-214; Jeremy Mayfield 215-240; Stewart 241-267.

NASCAR spokesman Herb Branham said the pit road scuffle is being investigated. Ray Evernham, Kahne's car

owner, was livid over the lack of punishment for Stewart. He said that if NASCAR won't suspend Stewart, he'd like to handle matters himself.

"He needs [a beating]," Evernham said. "That's the problem with [Stewart]. Nobody has ever really grabbed him and given him a good beating. If he doesn't get suspended, maybe I'll do that."

Jimmie Johnson finished second in the 400, ahead of Dale Jarrett, Jeff Gordon and Jeremy Mayfield.

Stewart skipped the typical post-race victory lap and drove straight to Victory Lane, saying he was in a hurry to get away from the controversy.

"It's a lot easier for me just to go home," he said. "There's no media or TV people or anything to be upset about. It's a positive and happy experience when I get there."

He also said Kahne inexplicably slowed to trigger the crash. Kahne disagreed. "I just turned us around," he said. "His car is better, and sometimes I think he forgets he has a brake in it."

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

Race: Dodge Dealers Ram Tough 200
Where: Gateway International Raceway, St. Louis.
When: Saturday, 7 p.m., EDT
Race distance: 160 laps/200 miles
Defending champ: Brendan Gaughan
Race record: Jack Sprague; 113.726 mph; May 7, 2000.
Qualifying record: Stacy Compton; 133.093 mph; Aug. 19, 1999.
Storyline: Many fans at Gateway will be cheering for local favorite Carl Edwards, a Columbia, Mo., native.

TROPICANA 400 NOTEBOOK

Top 5 drivers in points pull away from pack

By RICK MINTER
Cox News Service

Joliet, Ill.
 The Nextel Cup points race is looking like a runaway, with the top five drivers steadily pulling away from the rest of the field.

With eight races to go before the Sept. 11 cut-off, where the top 10 in points or those within 400 of the leader will be separated from the pack to run for the championship in a playoff-type format, the playoff lineup is beginning to take shape.

After Sunday's race at Chicagoland, only the top five in the standings are within 400 points, meaning the possibility of more than 10 drivers in the chase for the championship is becoming remote.

Jeremy Mayfield, who moved from 12th to 11th in the standings thanks to a fifth-place finish in the 400, is 612 points behind leader Jimmie Johnson but only 65 out of the elite group.

Two drivers in the top 10 stumbled after being involved in a crash on Lap 19.

Ryan Newman's No. 12 Dodge blew a tire, spun around and collected the No. 87 Ford of Kurt Busch, and that sent both drivers into the garage for lengthy repairs.

Newman finished 34th and dropped one spot in the standings to 10th, while Busch wound up 35th and dropped two points positions to ninth.

A happy fourth

Jeff Gordon's bid for three consecutive Cup victories came up short despite a late-race rally in which he made up a lap and came from 24th at one point to finish fourth.

"It feels like a win right now," Gordon said. "There was a time in that race that we were in serious trouble."

Gordon, who started on the pole, almost got lapped early but got a reprieve from a caution flag that flew just as race winner Tony Stewart was about to pass him.

"We had luck on our side," Gordon said. "We can't have those problems happen any more, and certainly not in the last 10 races. We'd be in big trouble."

Good pit strategy

Dale Jarrett finished third in the 400, tying his previous best 2004 performance three races ago at Michigan.

Like Gordon, he overcame laps lost early to finish in the top five.

"When it started getting a bit cloudy my car just kept getting tighter and tighter, so that allowed us to make the pit stop that we needed there towards the end — with about 20 to go — to get two tires," Jarrett said. "These are the kind of days that we've got to have if we entertain any thoughts of getting back in the top-10 in the points."

Jarrett is 12th in the standings, a scant 90 points out of the top 10.

NASCAR pulls cars for spot check

Several cars were impounded by NASCAR for testing after Sunday's race. Spokesman Herb Branham said it was to determine what race teams are doing to the cars and to see what happens aerodynamically when the rear spoilers are trimmed, as the circuit plans to do next year.

ON TV

Event	Time	Channel
NEXTEL CUP New England 300 1:30 p.m., July 25		TNT
BUSCH SERIES New England 200 1 p.m., July 24		TNT
CRAFTSMAN TRUCK Dodge Dealers Ram Tough 200 7:30 p.m., Saturday		SPEED CHANNEL

TALK THE TALK

A guide to NASCAR terms

"Black flag"

A display of the black flag means that a car must go immediately to the pits and report to a NASCAR official. A car can receive a black flag for many reasons, including a driver violating the rules, or a potential problem with the car that warrants a closer inspection in the pits.

NASCAR examining races ended under caution

Nextel Cup Series director John Darby said the circuit may soon adopt rules that will result in more races ending under the green flag.

"There's a lot of conversation internally right now... looking at a green-white-checkered-style finish," Darby said. "But it's not something that's simply changed overnight."

Darby said any changes that reduce the chances of races ending under caution need to be reasonable for Daytona and Talladega, where it takes at least two laps to get the cars up to speed after a caution.

That might mean several laps run under green before the white and check-

LOOK AHEAD

- July 25 — New England 300, New Hampshire International Speedway
- Aug. 1 — Pennsylvania 500, Pocono Raceway
- Aug. 8 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- Aug. 15 — Sirius at the Glen, Watkins Glen International
- Aug. 22 — GFS Marketplace 400, Michigan International Speedway

ered flags.

Darby also decreed that a shock absorber should do its intended job of dampening the actions of the springs and nothing else.

Teams have increasingly used shock absorbers to raise or lower the back of a car to improve its aerodynamics, but rules announced recently make that more difficult.

NASCAR has mandated minimum and maximum shock pressures, required teams to pressurize the shocks in the presence of series officials, and will measure rear quarter-panel heights after the race to ensure there have been no changes.

—Rick Minter

BUSCH REPORT

'Iceman' melts after son wins 1st Busch race

By RICK MINTER
Cox News Service

Joliet, Ill.
 Terry Labonte has 22 Nextel Cup victories and two championships, but he said seeing his son Justin win the Tropicana Twister 200 Saturday with a last-lap pass of Mike Wallace was "sweeter than any race I've ever won."

Few in attendance could disagree, especially those who saw NASCAR's stoic "Iceman" choking with emotion as he watched his son drive the family-owned No. 41 Dodge into Victory Lane.

Or those in the press room who heard the Iceman's emotional recounting of the congratulatory cell-phone call from his friend and neighbor Pattie Petty on what would have been her late son Adam's 24th birthday.

"That one got me the most," Terry Labonte said.

Or the stream of well-wishers who came to the winner's circle — everyone from NASCAR president Mike Helton to drivers like Jason Keller



and David Green.

Or anyone who saw the big smile — and occasional tears — on Justin's face after taking the checkered flag.

"I guess I'm kind of in shock," said Justin Labonte, who started 34th and led only twice for 12 laps in just his 31st career Busch Series start. "I just ran as hard as I could every lap and it paid off."

Keller finished second, ahead of Jeff Burton, Kasey Kahne and

Before Saturday, Justin Labonte (left) had never led a lap in the Busch Series and his average finish was 29th.

Ashton Lewis Jr.

Before Saturday, Justin Labonte, 23 had never led a lap in the Busch Series, and his average finish was 29th.

Terry Labonte, who watched the race from atop his team's transporter, said he, too, was stunned by the turn of events.

"I can at least talk after I win," he said. "But I couldn't say anything after Justin won."

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Cart

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to offensive conduct in public and disregard for safety rules.

Grieshaber would not comment on the individual allegations or clarify how Van Gaale allegedly violated each of the 19 different state laws or city policies.

"My positions are outlined in the findings of fact presented to the deputy city manager," Grieshaber said. "I will not comment on specific allegations because I do not want to

prejudice his rights or prejudice the matter in any manner. I'm not going to discuss my thought process."

Once Van Gaale responds to Grieshaber's allegations, the city manager will make a decision by July 20 on what punishment to impose. Van Gaale may ask for additional time to respond to the charges which would delay Grieshaber's decision.

As part of the preparations for the July 4 celebration, the city obtained golf carts for staff members to use during the event. Mayfair Country Club donated eight carts for city use, and the city leased five others from Mid Florida Golf Carts for \$75 each.

According to Grieshaber's findings of fact, on July 1 Van Gaale called Lisa Jones in the city's recreation department to ask if the city was obtaining golf carts for July 4. Jones, who oversaw the lease of the carts, said yes. Van Gaale, who oversees the city's code enforcement department, asked if one could be reserved for him to handle code enforcement duties, since he had given employees in that department the day off. Jones said she would attempt to reserve one but the carts were set aside for other departments.

Van Gaale later informed

Jones he had spoken with Mid Florida Golf Carts and the company was sending an extra cart.

An employee in the DeLand office of Mid Florida Golf Carts, Mitch Sander, told a Sanford police investigator that the company routinely sends a spare cart at no charge in case one of the carts malfunctions.

Jones, in a written statement, said she called Van Gaale on Sunday, July 4, and told him a cart had been set aside for his use. Van Gaale picked up the cart in the early afternoon.

About 7:30 p.m. on July 4, Grieshaber saw Van Gaale driving the golf cart in the Mayfair subdivision with two minor children sitting in the front seat and a minor child standing on the back. Both Grieshaber and Van Gaale live in the Mayfair subdivision, about eight blocks east of the July 4 activities.

Van Gaale approached Grieshaber, who told Van Gaale that "he didn't like that." Van Gaale attempted to fit all three children, two nieces and a nephew, in the seat, but eventually told his nephew to "run back home," according to Grieshaber's notes.

Later that evening, a neighbor told Grieshaber she had seen two women driving the golf cart in the neighborhood.

Van Gaale admits that he used the golf cart. He apologized in person to Grieshaber Tuesday morning, July 6, the first work day after the federal holiday, and he provided Grieshaber with a written apology on July 7.

"I am disappointed that I have let you down as my boss/mentor, as well as the mayor who has been a supportive advocate of my contributions to the team," Van Gaale wrote in the letter. "During the event, I was available and on call all day. As we discussed on (July 2), I was hosting a family barbecue and planned to run between my house and downtown via

"I will not comment on specific allegations ..."

Al Grieshaber,
Sanford
City Manager

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golf cart. In doing this I made two mistakes. The first was allowing my mother and wife to drive the golf cart. The second was my (sic) giving my nieces and nephew a ride in the neighborhood. It was a lapse in judgment, and I regret any exposure brought upon the city because of it."

On Tuesday afternoon, July 6, Grieshaber called Van Gaale and told him to take the rest of the day off with pay. He later instructed the personnel officer, Kevin Smith, to inform Van Gaale that his access to City Hall would be denied and not to report to work until told to do so.

In a phone conversation with Van Gaale on Wednesday, July 7, Grieshaber said he asked Van Gaale about calling the golf cart company.

According to Grieshaber's notes, Van Gaale said he had called to arrange a cart for his use and that he would personally pay for it if needed. Van Gaale told Grieshaber both the DeLand and Longwood offices of Mid Florida Golf Carts were out of carts. However, Van Gaale said the company told him they normally send an extra cart and would be doing so with the city's order.

Grieshaber's notes indicated that he asked Van Gaale if he did not realize that using a city-leased cart for personal use would be a conflict, and Van Gaale said he had not considered it.

On Thursday morning, July 8, Grieshaber told Smith to inform Van Gaale that he must turn in his keys to City Hall, his cell phone and all city property; prepare a written brief on all outstanding work projects; and resign by 5 p.m. If Van Gaale failed to comply, Grieshaber said he would launch a formal investigation and put everything in writing.

Mayor Brady Lessard intervened and asked Grieshaber to extend Grieshaber's decision until noon Friday, July 9, which the city manager did.

About 20 minutes prior to the noon deadline, Van Gaale sent an e-mail to Grieshaber, personnel officer Smith and Lessard.

"I am not quite certain what is going on," Van Gaale wrote. "All I know is that on Tuesday afternoon I was sent home from work, and I was phoned that night and told not to come to work the next day. The following day I was also told not to return to work. I have since been asked to resign or face an investigation and be terminated thereafter."

"I have not received any written or verbal explanation of what the investigation would be about, why I have been suspended and why I have been asked to resign," Van Gaale added.

"... How can I make an informed decision without being apprised of any violation, reasons for my suspension or any options available to me?"

Van Gaale said he would not resign. Three hours later Commissioner Randy Jones asked that the deadline be moved until noon Monday, July 12, and Grieshaber agreed.

Van Gaale met with Grieshaber at 12:30 p.m. July 12 and informed the city manager that he would not resign.

Grieshaber then gave Van Gaale a written notification of the charges against him and that the city manager proposed termination.

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has admitted using the golf cart and apologized for "inappropriate use of city equipment." However, he has refused to resign. Grieshaber has provided written notification that he recommends terminating Van Gaale for violating 19 state laws and city policies.

Lessard began intervening last week when he was informed of the incident. He met several times with Grieshaber and Van Gaale, separately, to find compromise.

At a mid-afternoon meeting Tuesday, July 13 — the day after Van Gaale was formally notified of the charges against him — Lessard tried one last time to find an alternative at a face-to-face meeting between Grieshaber and Van Gaale.

"The mayor told the city manager to 'End this now,'" said George Saunders, a community activist who was at the meeting. "He pounded his fist on the table and said there is much more work to be done in Sanford rather than waste energy on all of this."

"He also said that, if he had to, he would find two more votes on the city commission to fire Mr. Grieshaber."

Lessard confirmed Saunders quotes as an accurate assessment of the conversation.

Under the city charter, the

city manager is responsible for all hirings and firing except for one: his own. The city commission hires and fires the city manager and can terminate his service at any time. However, any termination without cause would require the city to honor the city manager's contract, and Grieshaber's \$125,000 per year contract does not expire until August 2005.

A separate disciplinary action Grieshaber imposed on another city employee on July 7 may be influencing Lessard's actions. A citizen reported to city officials that she saw James Orioles, a code enforcement officer, pick up a prostitute in the Georgetown area of Sanford. Orioles was in a city truck at the time and on the clock. The prostitute, Veronica Jackson, said Orioles gave her money to expose herself. Orioles admits Jackson was in the truck but denies he gave her money.

Grieshaber originally notified Orioles that he was recommending termination, but later reduced the discipline to a three-day suspension without pay.

Ironically, Van Gaale, who oversees the code enforcement department, had recommended to Grieshaber that Orioles be fired.

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Sports

Moody or not, reds are biting

Special to the Herald

What a great week for Big Reds.

My first trip of the week started with Malcom Mobley of Georgia and his son-in-law Mark. We landed seven Big Reds out of 12 hook ups. The largest fish of the day was 25 lbs. Mark had never fished for reds so I would consider it a banner day for him. Malcom who is one of my favorite people I have ever met sat back and watched Mark fish. This was the third time in two weeks I have fished with the Mobley family.

Wednesday (July 7) I had Kirk McKinnon and his two sons, Taylor and Matthew. We hooked four reds and landed two with Taylor being the lucky guy. We also added several trout and lady fish. The reds were annoyed today and did not eat as well. It was still a great day because the fish were in a school of about 150 fish.

Thursday was another day of happy reds fish as I had Sean Strosser and his good friend Jon McDougal. The first fish of the morning came before daybreak weighed in at 26 pounds. The second fish was rather large but he managed to chew through the leader after a 10 minute struggle. That would be the only misfire of the day. The next five fish were landed. Jon landed the largest fish which weighed in at 26-1/2 pounds. We also had a 23lb, 21lb, 19lb and 17lb fish for the day. Sean and Jon were excellent anglers and did a great job battling these fish.

Friday I was joined by Dwight Williams of Mobile, Alabama and Benny Van Winkle of Sanford. Little did we know today would produce the fish of the week, a 40 lb monster landed by Dwight.

We lost our first fish of the morning when the hook pulled, but the next fish was in a school of 150 tailing fish. As we crept toward the school Dwight and Benny both made great cast into the school and I thought we would hook a double. Next thing you know Dwight is hooked up and the fish is peeling the line toward the channel. The fish ran about 100 yards of line on the first run and we had to pole toward the fish to gain some line. After recovering about 60 yards the fish made a short run of 20 yards and then continued to bulldog as he pulled the Hell' Bay boat around. Finally after a 22 minute battle the beast was landed. We ended the day pulling on a few trout and lady fish.

The reds have been moody but seem to be more aggressive each day. The trout are also starting to bite this week and the best baits for the trout continues to be the Rip Tide 3 inch Mullet. A bait that has worked well on the reds has been Capt. Mike Hakala's spoon. A 27 pound red ate the 1/4 once pink spoon this week. The bait is thick right now and the fish are going to become more aggressive each day, so don't hesitate to See Outdoors, Page 9A

Oviedo baseball sends two to Regionals

Special to the Herald

Oviedo Babe Ruth Softball is not the only group from the South Seminole County community having a big summer.

The 11-and-Under Cal Ripken League State Tournament was played in Winter Haven with 14 teams split in two brackets, North and South.

Oviedo was in the South bracket and won the first game 6-3 over Tampa Forrest Hills, before losing its next game to defending State and Regional champion Jupiter, 10-5, to go into losers bracket.

The team remained alive by beating Okahelee, 5-1, to win the losers bracket and earn a return match with Jupiter, but would need to win to advance.

In the first elimination game Oviedo won 1-0 on a home run by Zach Adams.

Jeff Driskel and Josh Thall combined on a three-hitter, striking out 12, and marked the first time Jupiter had been

8U and 11U teams head to North Carolina and Virginia, respectively

shut out in 82 games.

The two then played in the winner-take-all championship game and the Oviedo fans did a wild jumping cheer to get the kids pumped.

In a game for the ages Oviedo prevailed 6-5 to win the championship with great pitching from Jeff Driskel, Zach Adams and Josh Thall.

But the play of the tournament saw a Jupiter runner get throw out at second and then on a return throw to the plate by Connor Stanley, the potential tying run was nailed for a double play.

Jeff Driskel hit a solo home run in the

top of the sixth inning for the go ahead run and Tony Covington made a diving catch at the fence to preserve the win and give Oviedo the Florida South championship.

Then on Monday Oviedo played Ponte Vedra, the champs of the North, for the overall state title.

Ponte Vedra was undefeated until they met Oviedo, which survived, 7-6, with Tyler Marlette and Jeff Driskel hitting two-run home runs.

Also, Tony Covington won the base running contest with the time of 11.19 the fastest time in tourney history.

The new Florida 11-and-Under champions will head to the World Series in Winchester, Virginia, July 22nd-through-28th where Oviedo will compete against 10 teams from Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Virginia, East and West North Carolina and Florida North.

What a great effort by the team, parents, fans and all involved.

Coaches are Jim Stanley, Dave Marlette and Jerry Driskel with the team being made up of Zach Adams, Ryan Baker, Tony Covington, Jeff Driskel, Alex Faberle, Austin Lager, Tyler Marlette, Matt McCastlain, Gabe Rivera, Connor Stanley, Josh Thall, and Josh Tipton.

The 8-and-Under Cal Ripken team finished second in their tournament and have also received an invite to the Regional which will be held in North Carolina.

Lost weekend

Sanford sees lead dwindle

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

While the weather remained the main topic of discussion, the standings in the Florida Collegiate Summer League then took a dramatic turn over the weekend.

Both games scheduled for Sunday (July 11th) were rained out, meaning only five of the eight games scheduled for last week were played.

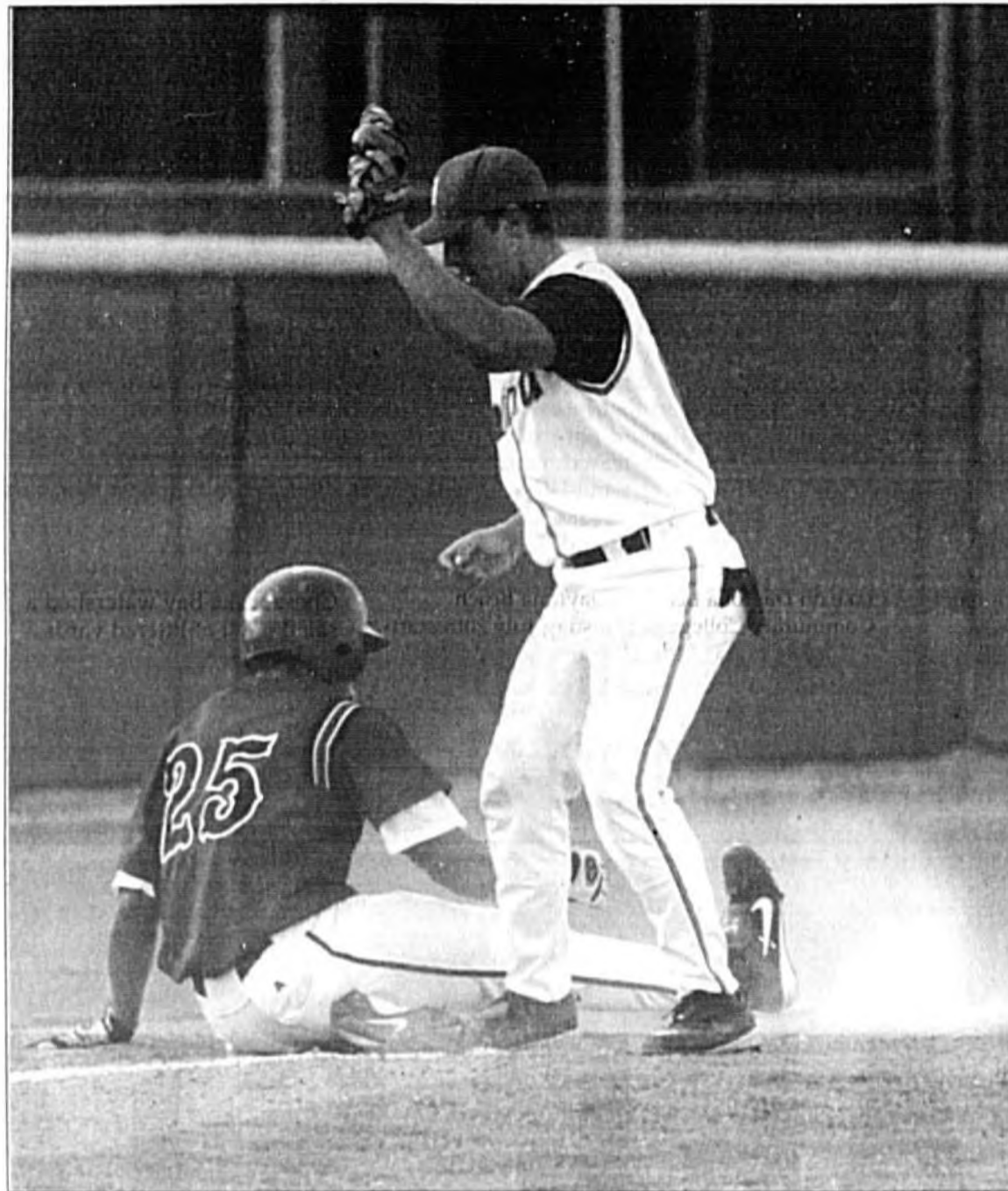
But the big news was the Orlando Shockers winning on Friday and Saturday, while the league-leading Sanford River Rats were losing two tough decisions, allowing the Shockers to close to within one game of the league lead.

On Friday at Tinker Field, Lee Cruz went 3-for-5 with a grand slam and drove in six runs as Orlando thumped Winter Park, 11-5.

Matt Gerber also homered for the hosts to back the pitching of David Nathanson, who ran his record to 5-0.

The River Rats, meanwhile, were being outscored by Daytona Beach, 9-8, with James Belyea going 2-for-3 with two RBI and Brett Sellers getting the pitching decision.

On Saturday, the Orlando See FCSL, Page 9A



Herald photo by Jim Wentz

Sanford River Rats catcher Brent Sellers, who has better than a 50-percent average of throwing out would-be base stealers, shows that he has other skills, tagging out Winter Park runner at third base in a recent game at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium. Sellers has also been swinging a good bat for Sanford, ranking second on the team in batting average, .308, and leads the team in doubles with four and is near the top in RBI with five. Sellers and the River Rats are in the midst of a long road trip that has seen their league lead diminish to only one game over Orlando.



Photo courtesy of Stetson University

Former Lake Mary resident and Stetson University baseball senior Chris Westervelt has been selected as the Department of Athletics' Male Athlete of the Year for 2003-04 and also received the Melching Leadership Award, given annually to the male athlete at Stetson that best exemplifies leadership and success both on the playing field and in the classroom.

Westervelt, Brown named Stetson Athletes of the Year

Special to the Herald

Stetson University baseball senior Chris Westervelt (Batesville, Ark.) and women's basketball junior Kristy Brown (Marietta, Ga.) have been selected as the Department of Athletics' Male and Female Athletes of the Year for 2003-04.

Westervelt, a third-team All-America catcher and the Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Year who grew up in Lake Mary and played in the Longwood Babe Ruth Leagues, batted .385 with 11 home runs, 56 RBI, and 130 total bases in 2004. He started all 59 games for the Hatters (36-23) and ranked among the top five league leaders in 10 offensive categories.

Following the season, Westervelt earned All-America (Collegiate Baseball), Academic All-America (CoSIDA), All-Region (American Baseball Coaches Association), Player of the Year and first-team all-conference (Atlantic Sun) honors for his performance. He was an 11th-round draft selection by the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Brown, meanwhile, earned first-team all-conference honors after averaging a double-double of 17.1 points and 10.1 rebounds per game. She led the league and ranked 18th in the nation in rebounding, and also ranked among the national leaders in field goal percentage (.524) and scoring. A two-time A-Sun Player of the Week, Brown set a school record and tied an NCAA season-high with 24 rebounds vs. Charleston Southern on Dec. 20. She later helped lead the Hatters (13-16) to a first-round upset over top-seed Belmont in the Atlantic Sun Conference quarterfinals and was named to the all-tourna-

ment team.

Westervelt and Brown were also selected for the Melching Leadership Awards, given annually to the male and female athletes at Stetson who best exemplify leadership and success both on the playing field and in the classroom.

The Distinguished Senior Female and Male Athlete awards went to Emma Astrom (Stockholm, Sweden) of the women's soccer team and Bryan Zenchyk (Coral Springs) of the baseball team.

Astrom, a four-time all-conference selection, completed her career as Stetson's all-time record holder for assists (18). She also ranks third in school history with 16 career goals and 50 career points. In 2004 Astrom was named the A-Sun Defensive Player of the Year, helping lead the Hatters (11-7-3) to their first-ever appearance in the semifinals of the Atlantic Sun Conference Championship.

Zenchyk finished his stellar four-year career with a .366 batting average, the third-highest total in school history. He is one of two players in school and conference history to amass over 300 hits, 30 home runs, 70 doubles, and 200 RBI. Zenchyk was a two-time first-team all-conference selection and a Freshman All-American in 2001.

Richards Plavnieks (Riga, Latvia) of the men's crew team was chosen as the Male Scholar Athlete of the Year, while Kara Martin (Fort Myers) of the women's soccer team was chosen as the Female Scholar Athlete of the Year. Plavnieks, a History major, earned a perfect 4.0 GPA in 2003-04 and graduated Summa Cum Laude. See College, Page 9A

"Brutal Battle" set for DeBary

Special to the Herald

Southern Championship Wrestling presents "Brutal Battle 04" this Saturday (July 17) at the DeBary VFW Post #8093.

In the Main Event, "Former ECW Star" Steve Corino will take on NWA, TNA and SCW talent, Vordell Walker, in a one-on-one contest.

Corino, better known for his days as the ECW Heavyweight Champion, is now currently competing in Japan for a various number of organizations.

Vordell, on the other hand, is no stranger to gold either as he has captured the attention of the NWA and TNA as he is often seen on Wednesday evenings on Pay Per View Television.

Also scheduled on the 17th will be a tournament for top contendership for the SCW Heavyweight Championship featuring Thump Dupree against Chris Nelson and Ryze against Leon Scott with the winners of those matches to square off later.

The tournament winner will get the opportunity to face champion Jason Hexx at the next SCW event.

In a no holds barred, no time limit "Brutal Battle", Dagon Briggs and Johnny Schumacher with Seven will enter the squared circle against Manny Montana and Mister Saint Laurent with So Cal Val.

In a Southern Cruiserweight Championship Match, Champion Aaron Epic will put See Wrestling, Page 9A

Outdoors

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book a charter.

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BREVARD COUNTY HARD CLAM LICENSE SEMINAR COMING UP

The Department of Agriculture and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) announce a make-up educational seminar for the Brevard County Hard Clam License. Before any license to harvest wild hard clams in Brevard County can be renewed or obtained, commercial clambers must have proof that they have attended one of these required educational seminars.

The Brevard County hard clam license is a one-year license, and holders must attend one of these educational seminars per license year. If clambers have missed one or more of the educational seminars, or have never attended any of the seminars, they have the chance to complete one Aug. 4 from 1 p.m.-to-5 p.m. at the University of Florida Extension Service Conference Room, 1455 Treeland Blvd. SE, in Palm Bay. For directions call (321) 952-4536.

Because the number of commercial clammer licenses for Brevard County has dropped below 400, the fishery will be reopened for NEW licenses until 400 have been issued. The fee for new Brevard County Clamming License licenses is \$100 for Brevard County residents and \$400 for nonresidents of Brevard County.

* First priority for new licenses will be given to those individuals who have missed one educational seminar. Interested clambers must submit their application and make up ALL required seminars within a 60-day period beginning July 1. This window of opportunity closes Aug. 29.

* Second priority for new licenses will be given to individuals who previously held a KL license (Brevard County Clamming License). Interested clambers must submit their application and make up ALL required seminars within a 60 day period beginning Sept. 1. This window of opportunity closes Oct. 30.

* Final priority for new licenses will be given on a first-come, first-served basis to all other individuals. Interested clambers must submit their application and make up ALL required seminars within a 60 day period beginning Nov. 1. This window of opportunity closes Dec. 30.

Please note: No new licenses will be issued between Jan. 1 and June 30 of any year.

No test will be given at the seminar, but applicants must complete the seminar and receive a certificate of completion before they are eligible to apply for a new Brevard County hard clam license. They must also hold a current commercial saltwater products license with an RS (restricted species) endorsement to harvest clams in the county.

There is no charge for the seminars, but seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participants should arrive at the seminar 15 minutes early for registration. No one will be admitted after the seminar begins. Attendees should bring their Brevard County hard clam license (if applicable), saltwater products license (if applicable), and a photo identification card, such as a driver's license.

Anyone lawfully harvesting from shellfish or aquaculture leases is not required to have the Brevard County hard clam license while harvesting from such leases.

For questions or additional information about the required educational seminars, please contact David Heil at the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at (850) 488-5471. For questions regarding licensing, call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Commercial Saltwater Licensing Office at (850) 487-3122.

Please note: The regular annual educational seminars for current license holders who do not need to make up any of the educational seminars will be scheduled, as usual, in November 2004 and May 2005 for the 2004-05 license year.

HURRICANE PREPARATION STARTS WITH THE RIGHT LOCATION

With NOAA forecasting above average tropical storm activity this year, the July issue of the BoatU.S. damage avoidance newsletter Seaworthy took a look at the lessons learned from last fall's devastating Hurricane Isabel. What the newsletter found could help boaters better prepare for this hurricane season.

The Seaworthy story reviewed the experiences of three Chesapeake Bay area marinas in Isabel's path - Hartge Yacht Yard, MD; Herrington Harbor North, MD; and Jordan Point Yacht Haven, VA. All were well run marinas, well respected and popular with local boaters.

Beginning three days before the storm hit, all 297 boat owners at Hartge's were reminded that hurricane preparations were their responsibility. Boaters took the news seriously, coming down to prep their boats in droves - decreasing windage, adding extra lines and chafe protection. Several boats were moved to hurricane holes. Yard employees prepared buildings and grounds then went home leaving a handful of volunteer staff.

At Herrington Harbor North - one of the largest marinas in the Chesapeake Bay with 1,300 boats - elaborate plans were made while Isabel was still well off the Georgia coast. Everyone was notified and dock walkers made notes of potential problems - giving some owners a second call. Anything on the grounds that could float or fly was secured, windows battened, and as the storm moved ashore power at the docks was finally cut off.

Jordan Point boaters were also contacted and heeded the call - but the message was different. Boats had to be moved to a hurricane hole or they would be hauled and stored ashore. No one could remain in the slip at this low-lying marina whose fixed docks were vulnerable to a southern storm track. Several boats had sunk when Hurricane Fran skirted the area in 1996. By late Wednesday - in the nick of time - 80 boats had been neatly blocked ashore in two neat rows. After the grounds were secured, nothing could be done except go home and wait.

Hurricane Isabel struck with its full force Thursday evening, September 18. Early Friday morning dawned bright and sunny, with the Chesapeake Bay watershed a salad bowl of littered yards,

downed power lines, damaged houses, sunk boats, and thousands of downed trees. At Hartge's - whose sheltered location at the end of a narrow inlet kept it protected - the combined storm surge and rain flooded several equipment buildings, but the boats only had minor damage, thanks to the volunteers who had stayed up the night first lengthening, then shortening lines as they rode the cresting surge. While its ultimate success lies in the marina's sheltered location, the volunteer staff effort was also commendable. However, at the exposed Herrington Harbor or Jordan Point, walking the docks would have been deadly.

A seawall at Herrington was breached by the surge, destroying large sections of docks that were exposed to the waves. Eight boats were sunk and many were damaged. The worst damage came to Jordan Point, where despite the many precautions, the eight-foot surge and six-foot breaking waves destroyed the vacant docks then proceeded to sweep the low-lying storage area, lifting all 80 boats off their stands and pinning them against a hill. All of the boats were damaged and about a quarter were a total loss.

So what is there to gain from this experience? "Location and preparation are key," says Bob Adriance, BoatU.S. Marine Insurance Technical Director and author

of the story. "Try to select your marina with hurricane protection in mind. Its exposure to predominant storm tracks, elevation and protection from headlands are key factors. Sometimes a hurricane hole is a better option," he said.

Adriance also acknowledges that it's impossible for all marinas to offer the protection such as Hartge's location. "So look at your storm preparations now. Have you reviewed your marina's hurricane policy, and your own preparations? Are you ready if a hurricane strikes your boat in the next 72 hours?"

As Isabel becomes a faint memory for some, Herrington Harbor is rebuilding 250 slips, adding a higher sea wall and another new seawall that offers southerly protection. Jordan Point is replacing its devastated fixed docks with floating ones, adding taller pilings to ride the next hurricane surge and adding a breakwater. Boaters can get their own free hurricane preparation help with the Seaworthy brochure, Hurricane Warning: A Guide to Preparing Boats and Marinas for Hurricanes, which includes a free Hurricane Planning Worksheet that takes boaters step-by-step through the storm preparation procedures.

For both of these free valuable tools and for other information on hurricanes, visit <http://www.BoatUS.com> or call 800-283-2883.

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Shockers defeated the Winter Park Diamond Dawgs 11-3 at Tinker Field behind the strong pitching of Altamonte Springs' Mario Lombardo.

Cruz again was the hitting star, going 4-for-5 with a double and a triple.

Meanwhile on the East Coast, the Barracudas again topped Sanford by a single run, edging the River Rats, 7-6, with Robbie Clear getting the pitching win. Tim Orlosky led the Daytona Beach offense, going 2-for-4 with a triple.

Sanford still leads the league with an 11-7 record, but Orlando has now won three in a row and stands at 10-8, one game behind the River Rats.

Daytona Beach (9-8) remains in third place, but now stands just 1-1/2 games out, with Winter Park (5-12) in fourth, 5-1/2 games behind Sanford.

The River Rats were to have played in Daytona again on Tuesday with Orlando going to Lake Brantley High School to face Winter Park tonight at 7 p.m.

The schedule for this weekend has Orlando and Daytona Beach playing at Tinker Field in a three-game series with Friday and Saturday's games beginning at 7 p.m. and next Sunday's (July 18) game starting at 1 p.m.

The River Rats, meanwhile, will continue a long road trip at Lake Brantley against the Diamond Dogs with single nine-inning games starting at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 1 p.m. on Sunday the 18th.

In early week games next week, Sanford will take on Daytona Beach at Daytona Beach Community College on Tuesday, July 20th starting at 7 p.m. and Orlando will take on Winter Park at Lake Brantley High School starting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 21st.

Sanford will not be at home again until Friday the 23rd when they open a weekend series with the Shockers beginning at 7 p.m.

Tickets for all FCSSL games are just \$8 for the whole family or \$4 for individuals and a \$1 for students. Kids under six are free.

For more information, check out the league website at www.floridaleague.com and follow the links to your favorite teams.

College

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Laude with a 3.96 cumulative GPA. Martin, a Marketing major, earned a 3.96 GPA in 2003-04 and was named and Outstanding Junior in the School of Business.

The Wendell N. Jarrard, Sr. Awards are presented annually to the male and female athletes who best exemplify academic excellence, athletic competition and leadership, and integrity and community service. Westervelt and women's soccer junior Carrie Lorenz (Loxahatchee) are Stetson's Jarrard Award recipients for 2003-04.

ESPN TO TELEVISION FOOTBALL OPENER AT WISCONSIN

UCF's first game of the George O'Leary era at Wisconsin (Sept. 4) will be televised live nationally on ESPN at noon. The ESPN appearance for the Golden Knights marks the third consecutive year that UCF has opened the season on ESPN.

Wrestling

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up his belt against the hair of Josh Rich.

In a Tag Team Contenders Match, Sam Stash and David Mercury will take on The Heartbreak Xpress.

Also scheduled to appear are Gorgeous Gary, David Mercury and many more.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with Bell Time set for 8 p.m. at the DeBary VFW, located at 351 South Highway 17-92, just North of Dirksen Boulevard on the right at the top of the hill before getting to DeBary.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children 12-and-under and are available at DeBary Furniture, 386-668-9575.

For more information please visit the SCW at www.scwflorida.com.

The Golden Knights have made five other appearances on ESPN or ESPN 2 in school history, including two national television appearances in 2003 at Virginia Tech and home vs. Marshall.

The Wisconsin game in Madison marks the first-ever meeting between the two schools. The Badgers are coming off a 7-6 season in 2003 including a trip to the Music City Bowl.

The Wisconsin game will also air live on the UCF ISP Sports Network and via the Internet at www.ucfathletics.com.

UCF OPENS ITS 2004 HOME SCHEDULE SEPT. 11 VS. BIG EAST CO-CHAMPION WEST VIRGINIA AT THE FLORIDA CITRUS BOWL. KICKOFF IS SCHEDULED FOR 6 P.M. IN ORLANDO. FOR TICKET INFORMATION, CONTACT THE UCF TICKET OFFICE AT 407-823-GOLD.

LYONS PLAYS FOR CELTICS IN SUMMER LEAGUE

Former UCF men's basketball standout Dexter Lyons is taking the opportunity to further his on-court career by playing for the Boston Celtics in the Pepsi Pro Summer League at the RDV SportsPlex this week.

The league allows 2004 draft picks, young veterans and free

agents to showcase their talents. For Lyons, playing in the summer league means exposure to scouts and the chance to sign a professional contract with a National Basketball Development League (NBDL), or overseas squad or possibly an NBA team. Among those also featured on the Celtics' roster are Al Jefferson, Delonte West, Tony Allen, Marcus Banks and Kendrick Perkins.

Lyons, a 6-5 forward, saw limited action and scored no points in Boston's 86-69 win over the New Jersey Nets in the opening game on July 6. The competition continued through July 10 with games against the Cleveland Cavaliers (July 7), Miami Heat (July 8), Washington Wizards (July 9) and Orlando Magic - including No. 1 draft pick Dwight Howard (July 10). The summer league contests were not open to the public.

The 2003-04 Atlantic Sun Defensive Player of the Year, Lyons averaged a team-high 18.3 points and 4.4 rebounds per game during his senior year. The Golden Knights won the Atlantic Sun Championship and earned a Division I NCAA Tournament berth for the third time in program history.

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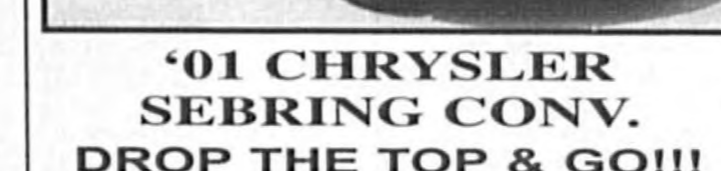
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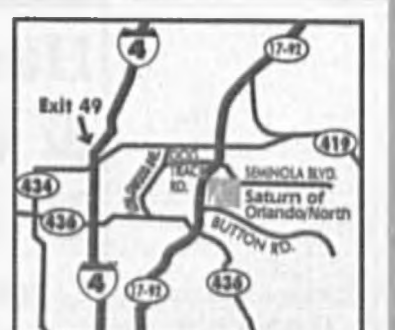
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA... LEONARD TERRY, Plaintiff... ODELL COSBY and NELLIE COSBY, his wife, et al. Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION

THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO: DEFENDANTS: ODELL COSBY and NELLIE COSBY, his wife, et al. YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY SEVERALLY NOTIFIED THAT LEONARD TERRY has filed his Complaint in the Circuit Court, Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Seminole County, Florida.

ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GIVES WRITTEN NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRICT DECISION... The District gives notice of its intent to issue a permit to the following applicant(s) on August 10, 2004.

City of Casselberry, 95 Triple Lake Dr., Casselberry, FL 32707, application #284. The District proposes to allocate 7,021 million gallons per day of groundwater to supply an estimated population of 50,152 people for household, commercial/industrial, irrigation, water, utility and unaccounted water (utility losses) uses and a maximum daily allocation of 21.8 million gallons per day for essential (fire protection) use in the year 2020.

THE DISTRICT'S CONTAINING EACH OF THE ABOVE-LISTED APPLICATION(S) IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY EXCEPT FOR LEGAL HOLIDAYS 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the St. Johns River Water Management District Headquarters or the appropriate Service Center.

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Notice of Application for Tax Deed... MARYANNE MORSE, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT... Notice of Application for Tax Deed... PARCEL ID# 32-19-31-513-0000-1470

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA... NURI TANSU YILDIZ, Plaintiff AND SABIVE MELTEM OZORUK, Respondent... NOTICE OF ACTION

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Sanford, FL 32771 on or before July 28, 2004, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT... TO THE CONTEMPORARY INVESTIGATION AGENCY, INC. Case No.: CD2004-0293; A 9400048

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA... MARYANNE MORSE, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT... NOTICE OF ACTION

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described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit: LOT 34, ORANGE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 18, PAGE 58, PUBLIC RECORDS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$103,750.00 IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY... NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT... TO: Clinton James Dunston, 825 Sheoach Circle, Winter Springs, FL 32708

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION... MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AS NOMEMEE FOR HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE... NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 28th day of June, 2004, and entered in Case No. 02-CA-2399-14-L of the Circuit Court in and for Seminole County, Florida.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE... Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale and the Final Judgment entered in this cause in the Circuit Court of Seminole County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Seminole County, Florida, described as:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION... IN RE ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE E DALPHY, Deceased... NOTICE OF TRUST

CHARLOTTE E DALPHY, a resident of Seminole County, Florida, who died on July 14, 2003, was the grantor of a trust entitled THE DALPHY FAMILY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, dated December 15, 1995.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED... PARCEL ID# 07-20-32-500-0003-0020... Description of Property: LEG SEC. 07 TWP. 20S RGE. 32E WLY. 370 21 FT OF LOT 2 TRACT 3 ST JOHNS RANCH ESTATES UNREC'D PLAT

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HAWKINS A/K/A RENETA RUTH HAWKINS; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the WEST FRONT DOOR OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

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Telephone: (386)734-2131 Attorney for Lawrence R. Dalphy G034... Publish: July 7, 14, 2004 G034

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Circuit Court. Dated on 7/8/2004. MARYANNE MORSE, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT... NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that TERRY D. NICKELSON, the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED... PARCEL ID# 10-21-31-504-0000-0020... Description of Property: LEG N 120 FT OF W 1/2 OF LOT 2 BLK D ALEXANDRIA OR OVIEDO PB 1 PG 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that TERRY D. NICKELSON, the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED... PARCEL ID# 10-21-31-504-0000-0020... Description of Property: LEG PT OF LOT A DESC AS W 120 FT OF N 100 FT OF S 225 FT E 161 7 FT OF N 50 FT OF S 175 FT ROSELAND PARK PB 7 PG 51

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which it was assessed is/was as follows: CERTIFICATE NO: 610 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 1997... PARCEL ID# 35-19-30-513-2000-0200

Names in which assessed: ERNEST G GRAHAM... All of said property being in the County of Seminole, State of Florida.

Monday, AUGUST 23, 2004, at 11:00am. Payment of Sale fee, applicable documentary stamp taxes and recording fees are required to be paid by the successful bidder at the sale.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED... PARCEL ID# 25-19-30-5A1-0815-0120... Description of Property: LEG LOT 12 (LESS N 18 FT FOR RR) BLK 8 TR 15 SEMINOLE PARK PB 2 PG 75

Names in which assessed: FREDDIE C YOUNG, NELL J YOUNG... All of said property being in the County of Seminole, State of Florida.

Monday, AUGUST 23, 2004, at 11:00am. Payment of Sale fee, applicable documentary stamp taxes and recording fees are required to be paid by the successful bidder at the sale.

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NOTICE... Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.78 Elite Towing Inc. will sell on July 30, 2004 at 10:00 am at 118 Marker St., Altamonte Springs, Florida. Seller reserves the right to bid. Sold as is, no warranty. Seller guarantees no title. Terms cash. Car one 1997 PONTIAC VIN # 1G2NW52MVC784207

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WEEKEND
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Summer hoops

Several local basketball players will compete in AAU National Tournaments at Walt Disney World's Wide World of Sports this week.

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County manager releases proposed budget

Seminole County Manager Kevin Grace has submitted his proposed budget for fiscal year 2004/2005 to the Board of County Commissioners for its review and consideration.

The 2005 budget is the second year of the County's biennial budget process, and was tentatively approved last year.

The total proposed 2005 budget for services falling under the auspices of the Board of County Commissioners is \$585 million which represents a 2.8 percent increase over FY04.

The proposed budget holds the County's tax rate constant for the sixth consecutive year, county officials said.

Issues facing Seminole County in FY05 are largely related to legislative actions taken by the State of Florida.

Funding mandates levied by the State will cost Seminole County taxpayers approximately \$2 million each year.

The Board of County Commissioners will review the County manager's outlined spending plan with staff at a work session at 8:30 a.m., Monday July 19 in the Board of County Commissioners chambers.

The Commission chambers are located at the County Administration Building, 1101 E. First St., in Sanford.

As part of the budget process, the Commissioners will hold two public hearings in September.

Seminole Smile



Steve Waring — Program manager, Seminole County Parks and Recreation

City manager claims he was misled

By Dan Ping
Editor

SANFORD — The city's top administrator contends it was misrepresentations, not solely the use of a golf cart, that led him to recommend termination of his second-in-command.

City Manager Al Grieshaber placed Deputy City Manager Andrew Van Gaale on suspension with pay on July 6 regarding his personal use of a city-leased golf cart during Sanford's July 4 celebration. Two days after the suspension was implemented, the city manager asked Van Gaale to resign or face an investigation that would end in ter-

Van Gaale's continued employment 'detrimental,' says Grieshaber

mination.

"... (I)t would be inappropriate to have Andrew on the second deck with me," Grieshaber wrote in a July 14 memo following a meeting with Van Gaale and Mayor Brady Lessard. "I thought it would be detrimental to the organization."

As part of the preparations for the July 4 celebration, the city obtained golf carts for staff members to use dur-

ing the event. Mayfair Country Club donated eight carts for city use, and the city leased five others from Mid Florida Golf Carts for \$75 each.

According to Grieshaber's findings of fact, on July 1 Van Gaale called Lisa Jones in the city's recreation department to ask if the city was obtaining golf carts for July 4. Jones, who oversaw the lease of the carts, said yes. Van Gaale, who oversees the city's code

enforcement department, asked if one could be reserved for him to handle code enforcement duties, since he had given employees in that department the day off.

About 7:30 p.m. on July 4, Grieshaber saw Van Gaale driving the golf cart in the Mayfair subdivision with two minor children sitting in the front seat and a minor child standing on the back. Both Grieshaber and Van Gaale live in the Mayfair subdivision, about eight blocks east of the July 4 activities.

Van Gaale approached Grieshaber,

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Peers help seniors battle scams

By Steve Paradis
Managing Editor

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Senior citizens often make easy targets for crimes or scams. Sometimes that leads to shame or embarrassment and the victims do not report the problem.

Now seniors in Seminole County will have peers who can talk them through the situation and lead them to help.

The Seniors vs. Crime Project will have its grand opening at its storefront office at the Altamonte Mall July 22 at 11 a.m. Initially the project will reside in the C.O.P.S. Center hosted by the Altamonte Springs Police Department. The center is located just inside the mall's entrance between Sears and Dillard's.

"We're helping our peers," said Sandra Jernigan, the storefront manager. She will head the Senior Sleuths, as the projects volunteers are called.

"We're not going to turn anyone away," Jernigan said. "We have a lot of seniors in the area and the police department is very busy."

The services will be available for any senior, she said. They expect to have seniors from throughout the county.

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'Chief' shared his life with everyone near him

By Marva Hawkins
Herald Correspondent

Chief Petty Officer Michael Caolo, 84, died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Florida Hospital, surrounded by his loving family, after a long illness with congestive heart failure.

He was retired from the U.S. Navy after serving 20 years, including service during World War II.

The "Chief" as he was affectionately called was surrounded at his bedside by his lovely wife of 62 years, Jackie Caolo, his children, sons Michael Jr., Jack and Mark, and daughters Bonnie and Susan.

Against all odds, he was able to enjoy the last three months of his life which he spent at home doing those things that brought him the most joy, which he shared with his family, making his famous and delicious Italian spaghetti sauce and faithfully

listening to his favorite big band classics of the '40s, while grilling dinner in "The Chief's Gazebo".

Chief spent many afternoons with his wife Jackie as they enjoyed the beautiful spectacular sunset on Lake Monroe.

He often shared the aisles of the local grocery store as he spoke with friends, fellow veterans of the Navy Fleet Reserve, sharing stories of his career in the Navy where his tour of duty, after joining at the age of 18, to make a career which saw him serve on the Battleship USS West Virginia BB-48 before the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor. Serving at Naval Air Station, Miami, he flew in the large PBV Catalina anti-submarine seaplanes along the Florida coast and in the Caribbean. He met his life long love, Jackie, on the beach in

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Missing man's truck found

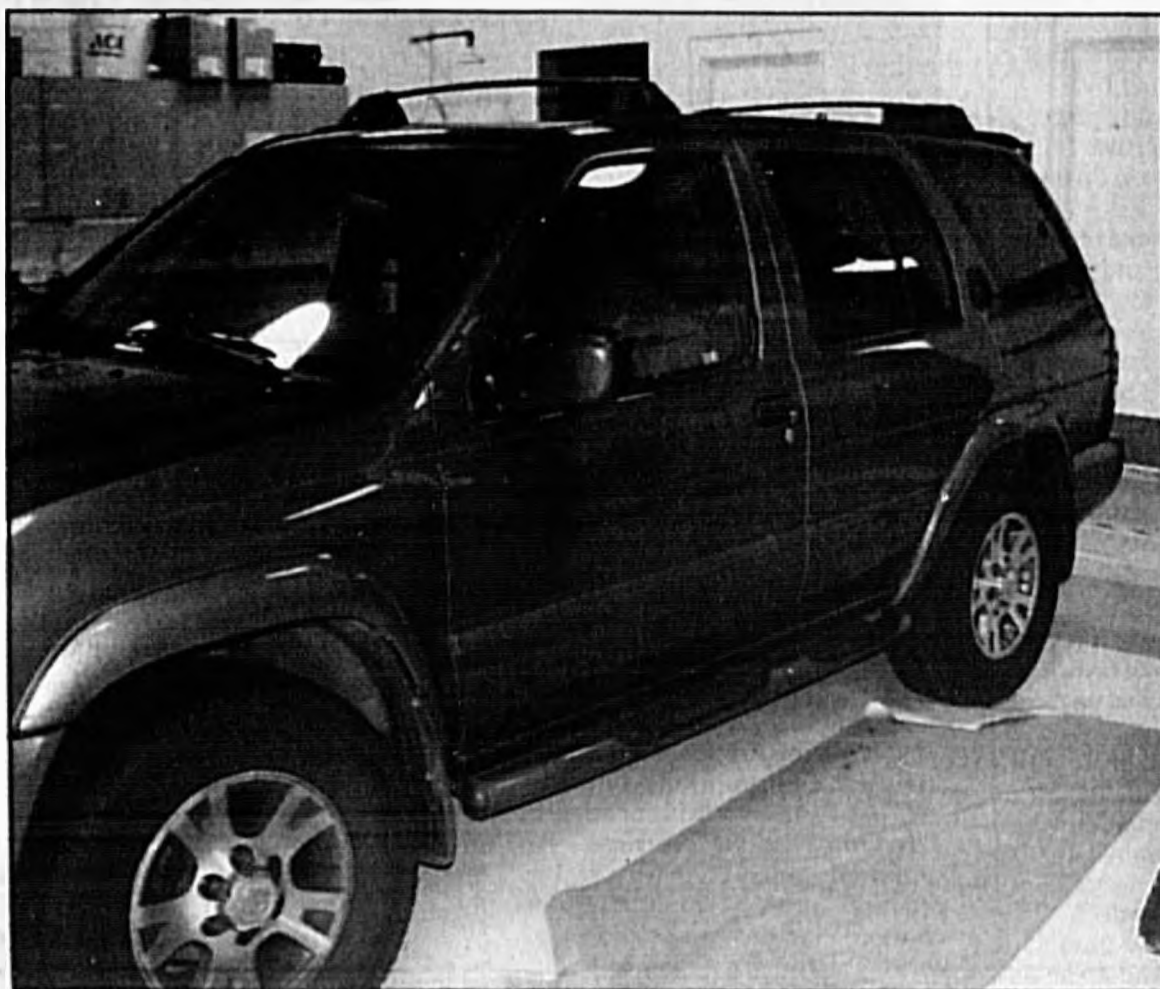


Photo submitted by Seminole County Sheriff's Office



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Vincent Reali, above, of Sanford has been missing since June 24, but his SUV was found locked and parked at a plaza in Winter Garden on July 7. The photo above comes from a poster that has been placed around town by Reali's family and friends. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is processing the vehicle, left, for evidence.

Brother searches for answers

By Steve Paradis
Managing Editor

SANFORD — A missing Sanford man's truck was recovered by the Winter Garden Police Department July 7, but the discovery has left more questions unanswered for the man's family.

Vincent Reali, 39, disappeared along with his blue 2000 Nissan Pathfinder June 24. He was last seen leaving his business, The Auto Club in Sanford, around 3 p.m.

The SUV was recovered at about 3

a.m. July 7. A businessman reported the vehicle in the parking lot of the Tri-City Center Plaza at the corner of State Road 50 and Dillard Street in Winter Garden, said Investigator Jeff Bean of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

Vincent's brother, Dominic Reali said July 16 that he has no idea why the truck would be in Winter Garden.

"I don't have a clue," Dominic said. Vincent co-owns The Auto Club, a wholesale car business on West 27th Street in Sanford.

The Sheriff's Office speculated that

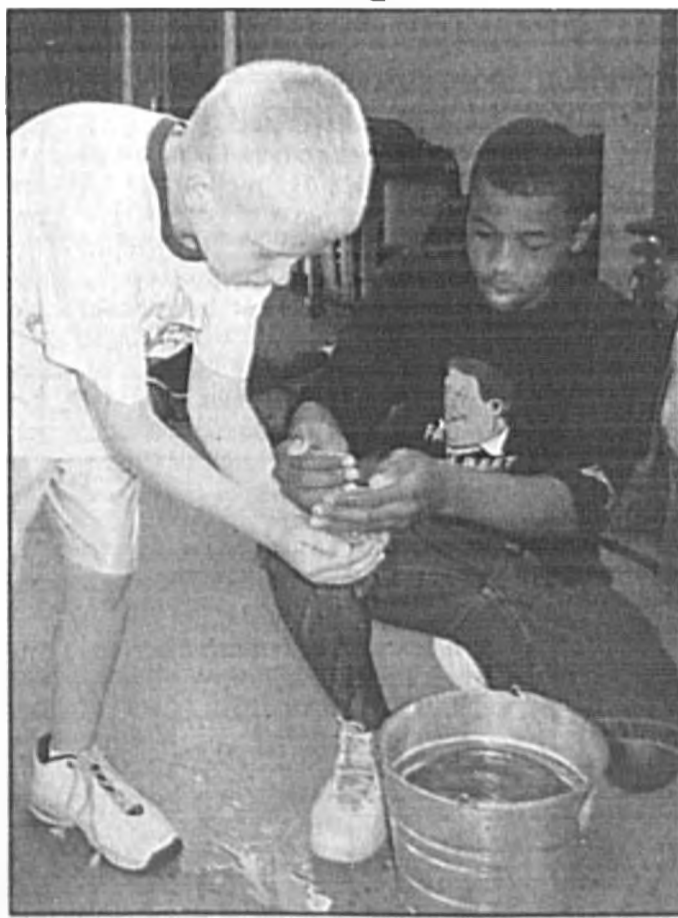
Vincent may have gone to an auto auction the night he disappeared. A large auction is held in Ocoee, Dominic said, but that is on Tuesday and Vincent disappeared on a Thursday.

There was an auto auction June 24 in Sanford, Dominic said, but the sons' father attended that one.

"They rarely went to the auction in Ocoee," Dominic said. "I have a hard time believing he would be in Winter Garden for that."

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Bucket Brigade



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Zach Thompson, left, and Bill Perry practice for the final event water relay of the International KidsGames held July 12-16 at the Sanford Boys and Girls Club.

Alcohol sellers comply with law

By Steve Paradis
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — Sixteen-year-old Amanda Kelly will never forget the first time someone sold her beer.

She sat outside a restaurant with another young woman and ordered a beer. The waitress asked her how old she was, but before Amanda could reply, the server asked to see identification.

Amanda handed the woman an ID that clearly stated her name and her age. The waitress said the young women would have to move inside where they were served. The waitress was later

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