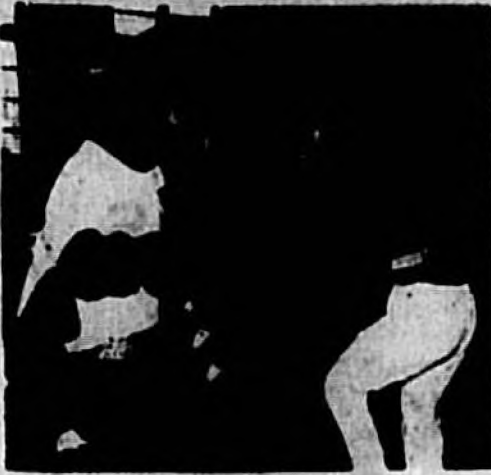


Why is this woman dancing with a lobster at Pine Crest Elementary School? See Page 7B

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## Call: Drug dealers out at home

### One man, one legislator push for tougher 3-strikes law

By VICKI BOGGS  
Herald Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — It's one, two, three strikes you're out... But when it comes to jail time for criminal offenses in Florida, it's a whole other ball game. Many, including some in law enforcement, believed that



Florida already operated under a full "three strikes you're out" policy when it came to criminal offenses.

Not so, says Sheriff Don Ealinger. "There are enhanced sentences for habitual offend-

ers," he said. "But there never really has been three strikes you're out for all criminals."

According to Ealinger, habitual offenders, including those convicted of buying or selling drugs, are not considered under that law. The law, he explained, only affects habitual violent offenders.

"But we have to say 'enough is enough,'" the sheriff said.

That's just what Sanford resident John Curry said after years of watching drug deals going down on the streets near his home in the Lockhart community.

He called the sheriff's office **See Strikes, Page 8A**

If it's spring...



Herald Photo by Steve Barnes

If it's spring, it must be a carnival. The Oviedo High School Booster club is hosting its annual Spring Carnival through Sunday on the school's campus on King Street. Midway rides, games, entertainment, an auction and good food are featured to benefit the school's athletics department. A jet ski and trailer will be raffled. Price for tickets at the gate is \$1. The carnival opened at 10 a.m. Saturday and will open at noon Sunday.

## Teacher, pregnant teen and abortion

By BARBARA MARTIN  
Herald Correspondent

While state law says that teachers can not refer students to abortion services, one 16-year-old former student is saying her teacher did just that and the Seminole County School Board is investigating the

charge. John Reichert, director of Human Resources and Professional Standards for Seminole County Schools said that while his investigation is not complete, he is convinced that the teacher did not do as the girl alleges. The Lake Brantley High School teacher.

Mea Coleman said the then 15-year-old girl, had come to school crying and saying that she didn't want to have an abortion.

The girl recently said she had already picked out a name for the baby.

"Well, if it was a boy, which I was hoping to have, I was going to name it Joey," said **See Abortion, Page 7A**

## Central Florida still mecca to homeless people

### Bill makes no excuses for his chosen lifestyle

By STEVE BARNES  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — For many of us, a good neighborhood is one with good schools, nice neighbors and low crime.

Bill, 42, would agree with the last two at least. But topping his list of qualifications would be dumpsters full of food.

Bill is homeless.

For the past 10 years, he has made his home on the streets of Orlando. A few weeks ago, he and a friend moved to Sanford to get away from the crime problems they faced in the city.

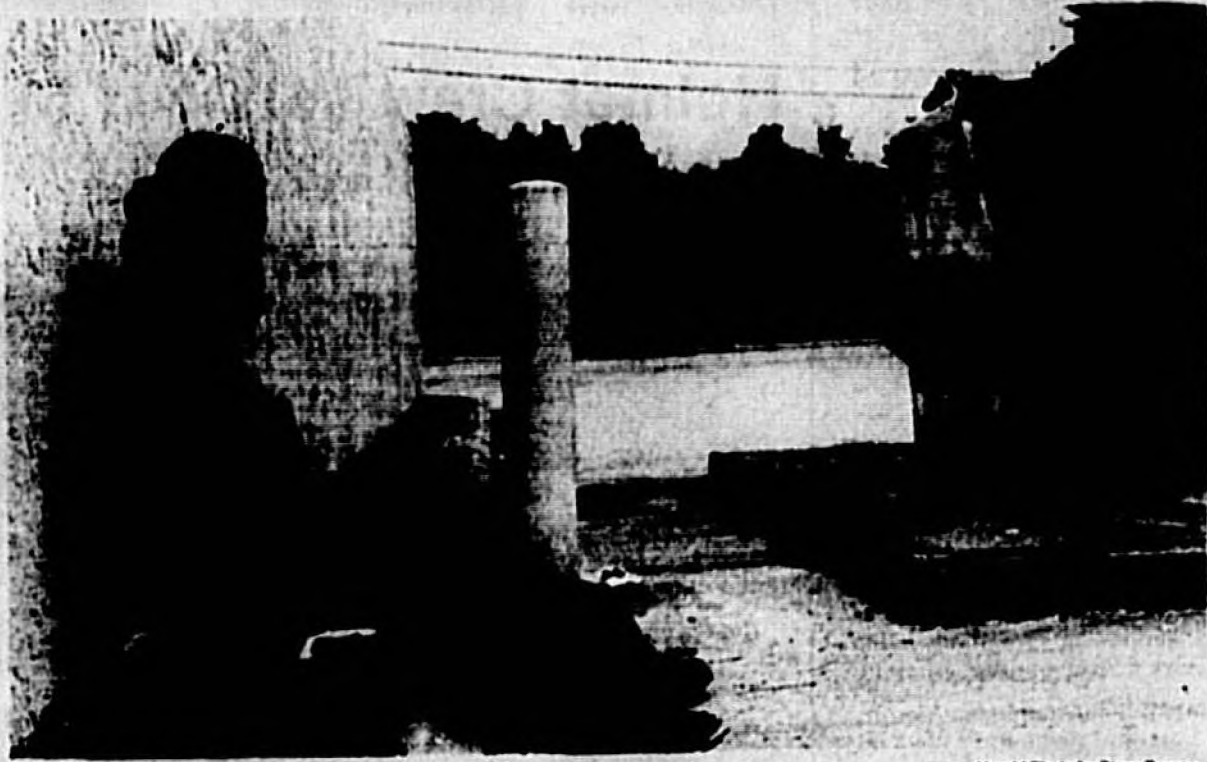
According to Bill (who did not want to give his last name) crime in Orlando is a real problem. In his previous home on South Orange Blossom Trail, he was constantly har-

assed by drug dealers and prostitutes. About five years ago, he was attacked in his sleep by five men with baseball bats.

No more. His new "home", located in the woods behind a local strip mall, is a much safer neighborhood. It is also conveniently located near a fast food restaurant with a dumpster full of food.

Bill shares his neighborhood with five other homeless people. Says Bill, "We look out for each other. One person stays at the camp to watch our stuff during the day."

Unlike some homeless people, Bill enjoys his lifestyle. He says he likes living on the street because, "I don't have any bills and I like to drink." To support himself, Bill works **See Bill, Page 8A**



Herald Photo by Steve Barnes

Bill has chosen to be homeless and chosen Sanford for safety.

### Plight grows in Sanford

By STEVE BARNES  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Homelessness is a growing problem in Central Florida, says Mother Weaver, Director of the Outreach Rescue Mission in Sanford.

The mission is home to about 30 displaced men who receive housing, food and clothing through the shelter on 15th Street.

The new women and children's shelter next door currently houses five single women and 10 families.

In addition to those living at the facility, the mission also provides food and clothing to approximately 400 people each day. According to Weaver, not all of these people are homeless. Many just come for **See Homeless, Page 8A**

## County fire, rescue pros hot about emergency care debate

By STEVE BARNES  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — There are 230 Seminole County Professional Firefighters and emergency medical technicians hot under the collar because they believe the Board of County Commissioners is intent on "giving away" EMS care to a private company.

Tim Nicholson, vice president of the firefighters association said Friday he is fearful that the commissioners are about to destroy "one of the best EMS/Fire/Rescue divisions in the world." Pursuant to BCC direction, the consultant firm

of Deloitte & Touche has prepared an EMS Request for Proposal for the commissioners to review and authorize to release on Tuesday.

Board Chairman Randy Morris, adamantly opposed to the study and the RFP, regards the EMS issue as "pure unadorned politics."

Not so argues Commissioner Win Adams, who along with commissioners Grant Maloy and Dick Van Der Weide approved the Deloitte & Touche study which in itself is costing the county \$30,000.

"I know we have an exemplary EMS/Fire/Rescue Service but what I don't know is what the costs are," Adams said. "How much is this really

costing us? I believe we owe it to the public to know this. We've never gotten a good handle on this, and I won't be satisfied until I get the numbers."

Adams said he believes the Deloitte & Touche review and the RFP will provide the handle that has been missing.

Nicholson is concerned that the BCC has already begun to fragment the local EMS and First Response agreements between the county, the cities and surrounding areas. The county firefighters contend they are far more qualified to take on these duties than any private company.

"Our concern is that a private company whose

primary concern is profit will undercut to secure a contract and then a year or two later raise their costs," Nicholson said. "Our primary concern is service to the public not profit."

At present the county has a two-tiered system in which the county's fire departments are the first responder (first to arrive on the scene) but transport of the patient is done by a private ambulance that also responds to the scene and bills the patient.

In the existing system, LifeFleet Atlantic has done all the ambulance transport - taking patients to the hospital. In life and death situations **See Rescue, Page 8A**

## It's time to dot the i's in county manager's contract

By RUSSELL WHITE  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Negotiations to appoint Gary E. Kaiser as the Seminole County manager have been completed and incorporated into an agreement that is scheduled to be signed at Tuesday's Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioners Randy Morris, Win Adams and Daryl McLain are expected to ratify Kaiser's appointment two weeks to the day they unexpectedly voted that he be the permanent manager.

Commissioners Grant Maloy and Dick Van Der Weide remain opposed to the appointment. Both prefer a national search for the

position, and are concerned that because Kaiser does not have a master's degree his appointment does not comply with the current county charter.

County Attorney Robert McMillian said there are no legal problems with Kaiser's appointment.

The terms of the agreement are that the county will pay Kaiser an annual salary of \$112,000, and this salary shall be reviewed each year on or about Oct. 31, the date of his original assumption of the duties of acting county manager.

Kaiser shall also be entitled to receive, within 30 days on execution of the agreement, a lump **See Contract, Page 8A**

### Eggs-traordinary!



Herald Photo by Tommy Weaver

Ruth Gaines, president of the Plover Club of Sanford, is ecstatic over the charming and egg-otting eggheads the club is selling as a service and educational project. The colorful Easter eggs have made a name for themselves in the community for more than 25 years. For information about the eggs and where to buy them, see Doris Dietrich's Around Town column, Page 4B.



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# Around the county: government

## The City of Lakes is using too much water

By **ROSE POMPANO**  
Herald Staff Writer

**LAKE MARY** — When it comes to water use and wastewater disposal, it appears as though everyone is against the Lake Mary government. How to handle the problem was discussed Thursday afternoon during a commission work session. It was the second time, and probably not the last, that these discussions were held.

St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) says the city is using more drinking water than it should, and not getting enough return on water and sewer bills to handle upkeep and maintenance.

Citizens have already said they would object to any increase in water or sewer bills.

One of the focal points of Thursday's discussion was to determine how a proposed increase should be handled. One of the most suggested methods would be to increase utility bills effective June 1 with which to begin the overall increase, then go into Phase II of the increase in June of 1998.

S. Johns was represented at the meeting by Robert Ori, of the Public Resources Management Group of Maitland, who was handling the matter between SJRWMD and the city.

"If Lake Mary will amend its rate structure," Ori said, "you may be able to satisfy the edicts of St. Johns. I also suggest you launch into a massive public relations drive to ask residents to do whatever they can to reduce the amount of fresh water they are using," he said.

"What we are looking at in the rate structure," he said, "is a 3,000 gallon minimum. For that, no one would pay less than \$6.45. St. Johns says they would agree with that, as long as the city promoted the reduced use in water."

For higher charges, the fees would be increased possibly 25 percent, with some discussion even focusing on 30 to 40 percent more.

"I think it would be unfair to hit anyone with this kind of an increase," said Commissioner Gary Brender. "Sure, we can conduct a conservation drive, but I don't think we will be able to get people to lower their use."

Commissioner Sheila Sawyer objected to the SJRWMD edict. "Our agreement on water use with St. Johns goes all the way back to 1991," she said. "We report on the city's usage twice a year. Why haven't they come to Lake Mary before if our use of water is going so far over? Why do they wait until the last minute, then we have to rush in and solve everything

for them." "It's clear to me," Sawyer continued. "St. Johns fell down on the job. They had five years to let us know and didn't. Had they told us back then, we may have had ample time to urge people to get their amount of use down."

"But Lake Mary has been growing since 1991," Ori responded. "And the water use is getting worse rapidly. St. Johns is trying to help, but this heavy usage is reducing underground water supply, and they want you to preserve more of it."

During previous discussion of the amount of water used by Lake Mary residents, Ori had said St. Johns wants to target the per capita use at 150 gallons per day per person in future years. In comparison with other areas studied, he said Lake Mary is 22 percent above the district-wide goal.

While the system-wide average in Florida is between 6,000 and 8,000 gallons per month, he said Lake Mary's use is 13,000 to 15,000 gallons per month. He said 20 percent of the Lake Mary users are over 20,000 gallons and eight percent use more than 40,000 gallons.

"It all boils down to the fact that Lake Mary is using more water than it should," he said.

While the present direction appears to be heading toward increasing all utility bills for the water and sewer charges (except persons on septic tanks), Commissioner Greene said he didn't believe increasing the rates for everyone. "Especially those people using less water, would be fair. He cited retirees with fixed incomes who should not be punished by an increase. "Most of them already use very little water," he said, "and they couldn't conserve more if they had to."

Following a lengthy discussion regarding both potable water and wastewater, discussion centered on increasing 10,000 gallon users bills from \$38.78 to \$48. The 20,000 gallon user would have the bill increased from \$50.98 to approximately \$62.

Mayor David Meador suggested sending St. Johns a communication regarding the commission's feelings about the matter. "Then we'll launch into an informational project through the news letter and other communications," he said, "to urge people to start cutting back on their water use."

No decisions were made during the work session, and the matter is expected to be brought back for further consideration by the commission in the near future.

## Longwood looks at sewage, and other environmental issues

By **STEVE BARNES**  
Herald Staff Writer

**LONGWOOD** — The Longwood City Commission set April 7 as the date for public hearings on mandatory sewer connections for duplexes and single family homes.

This will be the first opportunity for the public to express opinions on an issue that has challenged the commission for some time.

The state requires residents to connect to sanitary sewer lines within one year of availability. It also requires that residents be given one year advance notice of pending availability.

The commission has been wrestling with the issue of what constitutes proper notification, and how to fairly assess charges to residents.

Also on the agenda for April 7 is a public hearing on the creation of a business advisory council.

The commission also approved amendments to the commission rules and procedures, including the elimination of time limits on commission meetings.

John Pagano presented the commissioners with a baby food jar full of polluted water and a complaint about city response times concerning environmental safety issues.

Pagano claims he was in front of his Sonoma Court home earlier this month when he noticed chemical tainted water running down the gutter along the street. According to Pagano, who does environmental work for industry, the pollutants were petroleum based.



Longwood Commissioner Ron Sargent examines a water sample brought in by resident John Pagano.

Pagano says it took code enforcement workers 45 minutes to respond to his call. He claimed that was too long and that the city could be held liable for environmental damage caused by slow response times.

He also suggested that the city establish a hot line for reporting such problems and that the city be more aggressive in punishing polluters.

City Attorney Richard Taylor suggested Pagano contact the Environmental Protection Agency, saying that

federal environmental laws had stiffer penalties than those of local ordinances.

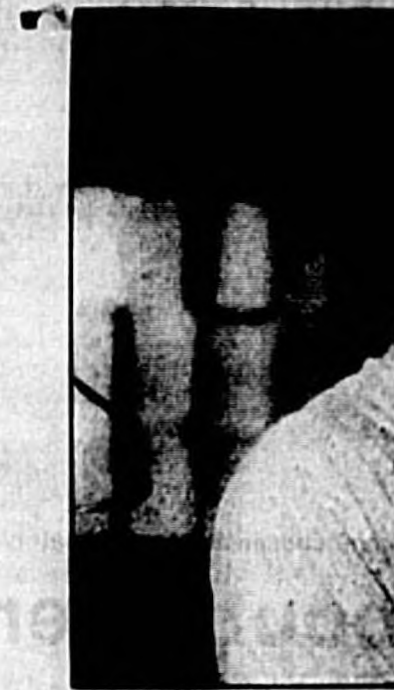
Pagano replied that he would prefer to handle these types of issues locally when possible.

The next meeting of the commission will be held March 24.

## Helmet Crew sets out to make Longwood safer

By **STEVE BARNES**  
Herald Staff Writer

**LONGWOOD** — Bicycle safety



Longwood Police Chief Greg Manning wants young bike riders to be hard headed.

was on the agenda at Monday's regular Longwood City Commission meeting.

Longwood Police Chief Greg Manning presented the com-

mission with a report outlining the "Helmet Crew" project.

Helmet Crew is a project designed to help reduce the number of children injured in

bicycle accidents by providing and encouraging the use of safety helmets.

In order to accomplish this goal, Longwood Police will begin issuing "trading tickets" to youngsters found riding without a helmet. The tickets contain a synopsis of the new state helmet law and a pledge. The pledge is an agreement by the child that he or she will wear their helmets while riding.

The child may then redeem the ticket for a free helmet at the Longwood Police Department. The helmets are being provided through donations by local businesses.

The program is designed to educate children and parents about the new Bicycle Helmet Safety Law which went into effect January 1, 1997. The new state law requires children age 16 and under to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle. Beginning January 1, 1998, police will begin issuing tickets for \$17 for children who violate the law.

## WEATHER

### LOCAL FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy. High in the mid to upper 70s. Wind northeast 10 mph. Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low in the upper 60s. Wind northeast 5 to 10 mph. Monday: Mostly cloudy. High in the mid to upper 70s. Wind east 20 mph. Tuesday: Sunny. Lows in the low to mid 50s. Highs in the low to mid 70s. Wednesday: Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid to upper 50s. Highs in the mid 70s. Thursday: Scattered showers. Lows in the 50s. Highs in the lower 70s.

### SUN INDEX

The Ultra Violet Index (UVI) rating for Orlando is 9. Better wear hat and sunscreen.

The UVI exposure levels are rated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

### BEACH CONDITIONS

Daytona Beach: Waves are 2 to 3 feet and glassy. Current is running to the south with a water temperature of 66 degrees.

New Smyrna Beach: Waves are 2 feet and glassy. Current is running to the south with a water temperature of 65 degrees.

### TIDES

**SUNDAY SOLUNAR TABLE:** min. 11:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., max. 5:40 a.m., 5:30 p.m. **TRUMPETS:** 1:37 a.m., 2:01 p.m., 8:39 a.m., 9:03 p.m. **MOON:** 2:00 p.m., 1:00 a.m.

**Cocoa Beach:** high, 8:35 a.m., 8:57 p.m. low, 1:37 a.m., 2:21 p.m.

## Boy's body found after gator attack

By **VICKI BOGGS**  
Herald Senior Staff Writer

**OSTEEN** — Volunteers and law enforcement officials were solemnly moving through the waters of Lake Ashby north of Osteen Saturday morning, hoping against hope that they would find little Adam Binford alive. They didn't.

The 3-year-old disappeared on Friday afternoon beneath what his mother called a big splash while playing in the water with his dog near the shore of the popular lake.

The little boy and the 11-foot gator that snatched him were found late Saturday morning. The gator was killed and a necropsy will be performed.

An autopsy will determine whether the boy was asphyxiated. His body was found on the banks, with the gator beside him.

Searchers also combed the 64 acres of woods surrounding the lake.

The boy was found near the Volusia County park and the eighth hole of the golf course.

There have been complaints about gators in the area, but there have been no reports of attacks.

## It could be a long day in Sanford

By **ROSE POMPANO**  
Herald Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — Monday promises to be a long day for members of the Sanford City Commission and the city staff.

Monday afternoon, the city commission will hold a work session beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the city manager's conference room. Several items which have been previously discussed, will be brought back again.

As of this past week, the following items were listed on the agenda for the work session:

- Prioritization of goals.
- Presentation by Sanford Main Street, Inc.
- Discussion — The role and responsibilities of the Police/Fire Liaison Commissioner.
- Discussion — Request to assist with funding the Seminole Vision (by Greater Seminole County Chamber of Commerce).
- Discussion — Continuation of agreement with Environmental Protection Agency for water quality monitoring.
- Discussion — Request for funding for the Sanford Historical Association.
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• Discussion — Residency requirements for city employees.

• Discussion — Board appointments/re-appointments.

• Regular agenda items and additional items.

• City Manager's report.

The regular commission meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., in the commission chambers of city hall. As of this past week, the following items were listed on the agenda:

- Citizen participation
- Public hearing — Consider rezoning a portion of property between Airport Blvd. and West Lake Mary Blvd. and between Old Lake Mary Road and Art Lane from single family residential to planned development.
- Public hearing — Consider rezoning a portion of property between E. Third Street and E. Fifth Street, and between Pine Avenue and Hickory Avenue from multiple family dwelling to planned development.
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Simonole Towne Center for additional development areas.

• Public hearing — Consider the use of funds to be received under a U.S. Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant program.

• Public hearing — Consider closing, vacating and abandoning utility easements between BR-46 and Coocola Drive, and between Georgia Avenue and Hartwell Avenue.

• Consideration — Request for street closures for three special events.

• Consideration — Declare K-9 police dog surplus and sell to his handler.

• Recommendations from Planning and Zoning Commission.

• Consideration — Board resignation/removal/appointments.

• Consent agenda

• Invoices paid.

• Consideration — Increase scope of services and cost of contract for surveying services for Mill Creek Year Three project.

• City attorney's report

• City manager's report

• City commissioners' reports

• Appointment

• Sanford City Hall is located

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## POLICE BRIEFS

### Hospital problem

Kenneth David Trutschky, 37, of DeBary, was arrested at Columbia Medical Center-Sanford on Wednesday. He had apparently been taken there for treatment when officers said he reportedly became belligerent and threatened others. He was arrested on a charge of disorderly intoxication.

### Burglary

Sharon Victoria Barracks, 25, was arrested in the 500 block of Orange Drive in Altamonte Springs Thursday. Altamonte Springs police charged her with burglary, assault and battery and criminal mischief. She was also accused of threatening an apartment resident.

### Traffic stop

Rodney Heath Bordeaux, 30, was arrested Thursday by Oviedo police at a service station at Alafaya Trail and Mitchell Hammock Road. He was charged with possession of under 20 grams of cannabis.

### Theft arrest

A 1986 Ford driven by Roosevelt Davis, 51, of Apopka, was stopped by Sanford police Thursday at Celery and Mellonville avenues. Officers found the vehicle had been listed as stolen in the 200 block of N. Elm Avenue. Davis was arrested on a charge of grand theft auto.

### Sanford police reports

• A 1987 Ford, reported stolen Feb. 16, in Orange County, was located Thursday in the 1300 block of Lake Avenue in Sanford.

• Video game equipment and coins with a total estimated value of \$820 were reported stolen Wednesday from a residence in the 1400 block of Magnolia Avenue in Sanford.

• A \$450 lawn mower was reported stolen Thursday from a structure in the 1000 block of S. Sanford Avenue in Sanford.

• A 14-year-old boy told police another person threatened him with a small handgun Wednesday morning on the grounds of Sanford Middle School. He said the person with the gun demanded money. There was no indication that any money was handed over or any injuries in the incident.



## Excitement builds toward Oscar night

By DAVID FRASER  
Herald Staff Writer

And the winner is... Jerry Maguire? The English Patient? Fargo? Shine? or Secrets & Lies? Despite who it is, Hollywood is on edge. Las Vegas is making the bet. Price-Waterhouse is tallying the votes. And movie lovers everywhere are waiting to see which of their favorite films will take the big prize.

Enzian Theater in Maitland is glad to lend a venue for those movie buffs who wish to watch the biggest night for the movie industry.

Enzian will host its fourth annual Academy Awards Party starting at 8:00 p.m., Monday, March 24. There will be free champagne till 9:00 p.m.. The event will be hosted by Real

Radio 104.1's Ed Tyll. Starting at 9:00 p.m., the Oscars will air live from Los Angeles at the Shrine Civic Auditorium and Enzian partiers will get to see them on the Enzian main screen.

Throughout the night, live and silent auctions will be held. Prizes range from a trip to Toronto, Canada to autographed movie memorabilia including posters, books, press kits, and props. Also there will be other prizes including tickets to entertainment and art events among other things.

Food will be available from 10:30 to midnight with a special breakfast buffet to be cooked up by Chef Elroy. Members of Enzian Film Society, the Florida Motion Picture and Television Association, International Television Associ-

ation, Variety Clubs of America, Inc., and Women In Film may purchase tickets for \$25 each and general admission will be \$30 per person. Proceeds for this Oscar gala will go to the 1987 Florida Film Festival. (At press time, the deadline for reserve seating had expired, but you may want to inquire about any additional seating in case the party has not entirely sold out). For more information about tick-

ets, dress, food or any other questions, call 629-1088 and speak with an Enzian representative.

Oscar night is one of the most anticipated nights in entertainment. And Enzian Theater is proud to be a host to celebrate this night honoring the best in the motion picture community. For film buffs or those just interested in who will get the big prize, Enzian's Oscar Party is the ticket.

### Beware Of The Bait And Switch.

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## The way we were: More on McBrides

This is a continuation of Charlie McBride's remembrances of his early life in Sanford.

Charlie's Uncle Mac quit orange grove work and moved the family to town in early 1893. The first place they lived in was in a two story building just west of the Florida House (between Elm and Laurel avenues on the north side of First Street.) Uncle Mac went to work for P.J. Parramore Livery Stable which was located on North Park Avenue.

The family again, took in boarders and the first were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams and their daughter, Blanche. Aunt Mollie took care of the boarders; she charged \$40 per month.

J.B. and Tom Williams owned a grocery store across the street from the West End Grocery on First Street. Their store was later moved to a building just north of the city hall and fire station. (An 1890 map shows the fire station in the DeForest Building on First and Magnolia where the present Touchton Building is located.)

The McBride's next house was on Tenth Street in one of Tom Allen's houses. Tom worked for the railroad and was known as the wreck foreman.

Some of their boarders at this house were John and Frank Brown who worked for the railroad. Another boarder, a section foreman for the railroad, got drunk one night and died in a building at First and Sanford Avenue. The railroad paid for all funeral expenses and Supt. Purdon even called for a special train for the day of the service. It consisted of one mixed car (colored in front and white in the rear), baggage and freight cars. The family went to the cemetery by train where undertaker T. J. Miller and his crew had the grave all ready.

In Sanford, Charlie's teacher was Miss Early and Prof. Lynch was his principal. Uncle Mac was new in the wood business, so after school Charlie would stand up the wood that he sold.

In June 1894, the family moved to the Cameron place on the west side where they farmed. They harvested 160 bushels of sweet potatoes the first year and 200 the next. In December came a big freeze which took most of the oranges and the freeze in February 1896 took the rest.

There was a lot of rain that second fall and the lake overflowed. Rabbits and snakes were plentiful; Bill and Frank Cowan killed rabbits which they sold, two for 25 cents.

Charlie walked to the Fort Reid School where he was again a student. Later he rode a donkey which Uncle Mac had traded for sweet potatoes.

Joe Cameron was a policeman with a salary of \$40 per month; he later became a Marshall for \$75 per month. He bought 900 acres east of



GRACE H. STONE-CIPHER

Sanford from the railroad at 50 cents per acre. The land lay west of the Chase and Company Packing House.

The Cowan crew, in island named Bird Island in the middle of Lake Jessup. He and Uncle Mac grew a winter crop of vegetables there in 1896. Mr. Cowan furnished a helper, Harry Letchman, a German fellow, which they paid \$12 per month plus food.

They all stayed on the island during the week and would come home on the weekend. Charlie would drive a horse and wagon down to the Morrel Bed where boats could land and pick them up Saturday.

Mr. Cowan was a tinner by trade and could make almost anything from tin. He worked for Fernald Hardware Company for 25 cents an hour.

A bad cold spell wound up their vegetable business on the island.

In September 1899 while the family was visiting the John Cowans, they looked up and saw big black smoke coming from the direction of their house. By the time they got there, very little could be saved. The first had started in the kitchen.

The McBride's spent that night at the Cowans and moved into the Finnegan place the next day where they lived until the late summer of 1900.

That summer, both Uncle Mac and Charlie got jobs selling Mr. Lindsey's peaches. Uncle Mac also lighted downtown Sanford's street lamps for \$20 per month.

The McBride's moved to Fourth Street across from T. J. Appleyard who ran the Sanford Chronicle for many years. They next moved to Mellonville Avenue into the Robb place. Mr. Robb had moved to town where he had a bicycle business.

In the fall of 1900, Uncle Mac rented an acre of land around Second Street and Sanford Avenue. He and Mr. Leffler raised celery there, borrowing money from Mr. Beardall the first year.

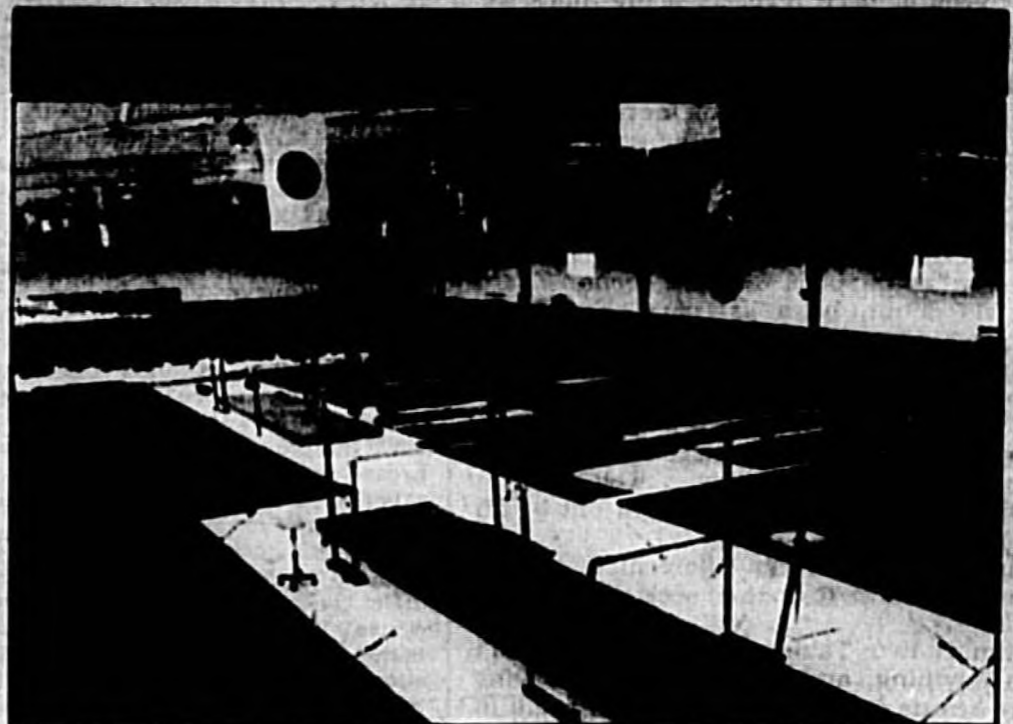
Quite a few people owned milk cows in town. There was an ordinance that they had to be driven out each morning and brought back in the evening. Uncle Mac got the job, but Charlie did the work. For eight months Charlie was in the saddle every day. Some days he would have a hard time finding the cows and the owners would get mad when

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## EDITORIAL

# Big Brother is watching and he doesn't smoke

Years ago, when George Orwell wrote "1984" he coined a phrase that many people are not only using today, but becoming more and more concerned over: "Big Brother is watching you."

He predicted, many decades earlier, that by 1984, the government would have such control over individual lives, that officials would be watching your every move, and finding practically everything they could to bring you to your knees.

Many people believe that individual rights are constantly being taken away from us. In a number of cases, we believe this is certainly true. Naturally, our leaders say that this is being done to protect others. Of course in some cases, we lose our personal protection.

Case in point, we have to go through city codes and ordinances just to build a fence around our property in order to protect ourselves. We just can't do it on our own anymore.

Now, our Florida Legislature is looking into handing out punishment for youngsters caught smoking or in possession of cigarettes. (This is not to condone smoking in any way, but to point out what we believe is a Big Brother situation).

If certain legislators get their way, any person under age 18, seen in possession of a cigarette, could be arrested. The first two instances would result in fines of \$25 and some community service.

The third instance however, would result in a two-month suspension of their driver's license. Who believes that just because a person's license has been suspended that it's going to stop him or her from driving?

Read the crime reports in the Sanford Herald. How many times do the initials DWLSR appear? It means someone was caught driving while his license was under suspension or been revoked. Many times we see DWLSR (Habitual). That means more than one traffic stop has been made.

If this measure passes, are we going to have our law enforcement officers become "Cigarette Cops"? Will they be searching for persons under age 18 in possession of a cigarette? Anytime they see a teen-age driver going down the highway puffing away, will they conduct a traffic stop?

And what happens to those teens? There will, no doubt, be a list of such offenses compiled, which could eventually come back to haunt them. It may result in a refusal of college entrance, refusal to allow a youngster to go into officers training school in the military service, and if that person grows up to become involved in politics, ...well, we can just imagine what will be brought out by an opponent.

Number one: Our law enforcement officers have much more to do than seek out smoking teens.

Number two: Taking a license away won't stop anything, and we will end up having more arrests for DWLSR, which will result in more people with criminal records.

Big Brother? Yes. This is an excellent example. How would you treat it if you actually had a bigger brother who wouldn't let you alone?

## LETTER

### Oviedo wrong choice

The City of Oviedo has been asked to co-sponsor the annual Econ River Celebration held at the Little Big Econ State Forest. I must protest this choice as this city for the last few years has attempted and in some cases succeeded, in weakening the existing Econ Protection Rules. Even now, the city's plans for further degradation of the river basin is being challenged by Florida State Department of Community Affairs (DCA), The Sierra Club and the Audubon Society.

Having served on the Little Big Econ State Forest Task Force and the Seminole County Natural Lands Committee, I am certain that Oviedo is the wrong choice for co-sponsorship.

Stanley E. Stevens, Jr.  
Chuluota

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

Letters to the editor are welcome. All letters must be signed. Include daytime telephone number. Letters should be on a single subject and be as brief as possible. The letters are subject to editing.

# County reorganization and storm water

Well it's about time! The new County Manager has proposed the beginning of reorganization of County Departments and other innovative changes. The key word here is innovative. A breath of fresh air has descended upon our county. Will it last? I hope so. So let's explain it as much as possible.

I'll start off with the summary of the report. The proposed organizational structure is position neutral (no additions or deletions) and is reflected in Attachment B. The Department of Health and Human Services is being eliminated. The Department of Central Services is being renamed to Administrative Services. The Department of Judicial Services is renamed to Community Services.

Now this quote is what I find very important to the citizens of Seminole County. "While citizens find it nearly impossible to get to the federal government and almost equally difficult to get to state government, they have ready access to their county government....Now the rest, I like this... This is not a problem, but an opportunity; an opportunity to demonstrate that government can and will be sensitive to their concerns."

That last quote tells us about the direction and philosophy of our new County Manager, Mr. Kaiser. He is saying what all of us believe, that there is a strong need for government to renew its relationship with the people. Mr. Kaiser is on the right track, and based on the first changes recommended, we must hope that the movement continues.

There are two processes taking place here. First, an important restructuring of our present county governmental departments and secondly, an effort to restore the relationship between our county government and the people of Seminole County.

Again a quote, "It is the fundamental rethinking and radical redesign of business processes to achieve dramatic improvement in areas such as cost, quality, service and speed."

It is impossible to explain the entire restructuring process, but I will mention a few. The function of land acquisition will now be placed where it belongs within the County Attorney's Office. We've made that suggestion in this newspaper. However, on this one I would suggest further changes and improvements. This procedure should never



Think about this, Seminole County

**ERNEST HUTTON II**

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have been outside the County Attorney's Office. It's where it belongs.

Storm Water could be an area that needs a great deal of input from those who have been involved in the County for many years and it would be wise to take advice and counsel from others outside government on this one, or it could over shadow much that is being done. Special interests could cause a great deal of problems regarding the storm water program. I would advise that this program be addressed fairly, as it addresses several issues.

The important point is that the recommendations are exceptionally well thought out and are designed for solving Seminole County problems. It is apparent that innovative thinking and a good mind were this process. That, in itself today, is reassuring. Considering all that this County has been through, the wrong person in the County Manager's position could have been a disaster. It looks like a very good choice has been made at a very important time.

I would hope that the apparent philosophy of our County Manager reaches to the depth of our government and that the trust and service desired by all of us will become a reality. I hope that open minds will prevail and afford us the opportunity to set a new example of cooperation between government and the people of this County. Apparently, the structure for this goal is being set.

The column you have just read was written on Tuesday, 3/17. I addressed the storm water issue and state it could be a major problem if not properly handled. The beginning of the storm water issue was addressed later that day.

This morning I talked to Commissioner Morris and asked several very important questions that will either help in getting support from the taxpayers, or cause another unfortunate lack of confidence with county government.

I have already expressed my points of view regarding this issue. Since I have been in real estate in this county since 1969 and a resident for 32 years, I know what the problems are and, more importantly, how this issue should be addressed in a fair manner.

He assured me that there will be two parts to this question. First, addressing the normal run off problem, and secondly, another to address the flood prone areas. This is how it should be handled and, if it is done in this manner, it will be fair and should be supported by the public. However, I for one, am not willing to pay the costs for flood prone flooding as this problem was well established years ago.

The county has always been aware of these areas, as have been the developers, and the residents moving into the flood prone areas. Therefore, the costs of protecting these areas must be borne by the homeowners living in these flood prone basins. Thus a two fold tax must be put in place. Anything else cannot be defended by county government.

I also believe we have people with brain power, knowledge, ability and history of the county to solve many of our problems. I would suggest that we use our local resources as

consultants, when possible. I'm convinced we'll get better solutions to our problems.

The new County Manager has applied this knowledge. Why should we stop there? If we're going to pay for consultants, let's use the best. Those who live in Seminole County and know the history behind these problems, so that the issues can be explained clearly to the taxpayers.

Morris assured me that this matter is going to be addressed very much as I have stated and that rates will reflect the fairness issue. If this indeed is the final result, then a storm water plan needs to be presented, in full, showing that a great deal of thought was given to the stated issues. At that point it needs to be supported and funded as quickly as possible.

# Do you know your legislators?

Over the past few weeks, I've discussed government administrators and politicians. This week it's time to look at the State Legislators. How many of you can even name your State Representative or Senator? Representatives serve a 2 year term--Senators serve 4 years. Each election, you have a chance to change your local representative, but there have been few changes in Seminole County Representatives or Senators over the past few elections. Given apparent voter apathy in state elections, one might feel that the job is unimportant.

Actually, it's very important! To give but one example of how your state legislator can affect your life--try the Lottery. What a fraud perpetrated by your State Legislature. It did not enhance education, it is an excuse to deceive you while shifting tax dollars to pet projects and other port barrel items. A shell game of unparalleled proportions, no politician who voted to loot the Lottery should be allowed to remain in office. Stop and think...if those same politicians recognize that funds intended by citizen voters to enhance education are being diverted...why haven't they changed THEIR votes in each of the past years? Why do they leave the plunder unchanged? They beat their breast and cry piously, but then continue the rape of educational funds. And this is only one of many examples.

Let's look at what happened each year in the Legislature in regards to laws passed that affect you and yours. Each Representative and Senator files bills. Some file a few--some file many. Almost all bills are a restriction to someone's rights or practices. Each year, layer upon layer of law is passed which adds its weight to laws passed in previous years. Some law is passed to explain previous law. Some is passed to stop what some feel are bad practices. Laws passed are rarely appealed. Some laws on the books prevent horses from being tied to light posts on city streets...or some such outdated folly.

Already this year, some 5,000 bills have been filed. Last year 582 of them were passed. 99 of them were signed into law by Governor Chiles, 451 of them became law without the Governor's signature. Twelve were vetoed. With a budget of over \$71,000,000 for both the House and the Senate, that averages \$126,000 plus per law. And that's before the cost of administration is added in, or the cost of forcing compliance.

However it's not just the law that gets passed which weighs down individual rights--it's what happens behind the scenes. With each law comes an administrative rule. The administrative rule, or rules, define a short one page law passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor. A nameless, faceless staff existing continuously through administration after administration writes the rules of how the law will be enforced. Sometimes administrative rules will completely reverse the intent of the Legislature, developing procedures which are in total opposition to the stated intent of the law.

Then you have judges--they get the law into their chambers and no one knows what will emerge. Despite having 12 judges on the U.S. Supreme Court, they still operate by a majority rule...and sometimes, they even change their minds.

So, what is the point of all this? Maybe it's to point out that it may be time for a change. We accept the intrusion of the Legislature into



**BOB GOFF**

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our lives because we are conditioned to never question the right of the lawmakers. It's the basis of democracy. What is never discussed on Nightline or on the 6 o'clock news is responsibility. Maybe it's time to demand responsibility from lawmakers. Maybe it's time to demand that lawmakers clean up their mess. Maybe for every law they pass--it's time for a referendum to require them to delete an equal number. Maybe it's time to pass laws in even numbered years--and repeal them in odd numbered years.

In closing...a few thoughts to ponder. Check out the State Statute section of the public library. You might be surprised at how many laws (over 13,000) there are on the books. As each year passes, legislators define each existing law by passing more laws that provide exceptions or more restrictions. The sheer weight of the law and administrative orders restricts your life more and more each passing year.

As the year passes, that weight becomes more and more oppressive. If you have more costs to do business today than you did last year or the year before, what's the reason? Is it a new layer of laws or administrative rulings? If this is the case--where will your business be in 5 years--or 10 years, if law making goes on unchecked? How much will your product cost? How much more will you have to add to your prices to assure compliance to laws yet unpassed?

Will anybody be able to afford you or your product?

**Berry's World**

"I guess the new business climate here is OK, but I really miss wasteful spending."

**JIM SHUPE**

Jim Shupe is the principal of Lakeview Academy, a private school in Oviedo, Florida.

# Keys to finding academic success

The main thrust of my article on "Converting Theory Into Practice for Academic Success" was the notion of sifting through current educational research and applying it at the school level to improve and enhance current practices.

At Lakeview we implemented some of the research of Benjamin Bloom to accommodate for different rates of learning. We all know that learning is a function of time, and that all students can learn. We must make accommodations for those students who learn at a slower rate than their peers.

Our teach/reteach instructional strategy provides a second chance for students who initially failed to demonstrate mastery of a topic. Those who make below a 75% on a test are given an opportunity for a retest. Students who score higher than 75% go on to enrichment activities to learn even more about the topic they just completed. Students at both ends of the learning spectrum profit from this learning strategy. On one hand, our failure rate has dropped dramatically, while at the other extreme, we average over 40 percent of our entire student body on the Honor Roll each grading period.

We are also piloting a program in our sixth-grade for students who enter our school deficient in basic skills, especially reading. These students are placed with two teams of teachers in block schedules and the majority of their school day is spent on reading, writing, language arts, and math. Science and social students are covered thematically. Students enrolled in this program are experiencing remarkable success in all of their basic skills.

This recently published article is a milestone for me as a writer, because it demonstrated a versatility over a wide variety of topics and writing styles. I have been writing for the Sanford Herald for 12 years, and I have also been published in the Florida Sportsman magazine. It is very gratifying to be published in a scholarly publication such as the "Bulletin" of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. This journal for middle level and high school leaders contains issues on a monthly basis which are on the cutting edge of educational innovation and practice across the country.

I am very proud of the staff of Lakeview because they are always willing to do what is best for children--even if it involves changing current practices. We embrace Deming's model of continuous improvement, and we are already looking forward to doing a few things differently next year in order to improve student performance.

# Perspective

## Swimming coach debates need for municipal pool at SHS

Having directed a heretofore promising effort to bring a pool to the city of Sanford, I was somewhat disappointed by the negative tone of the Sanford Herald's editorial of this past Tuesday ("Paying for municipal pool"). The editorial piece focused on three key issues: whether or not there is a need for a pool in Sanford, the location of the pool, and the scope of use of such a facility. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to address point by point the inaccuracies and misconceptions presented in the article, as well as resolve any confusion regarding the use of the proposed facility.

**"Does Sanford need a city swimming pool?"** Absolutely. No progressive community can make the claim that it cares about the public good while ignoring a desperate community need for localized, affordable swimming instruction.

**"Should it be located on Seminole High School property?"** Yes. Seminole High School is Sanford, for all intensive purposes. The school is the one place in this community that is able to transcend racial tensions. Any other location will create divisive feelings among groups feeling that the pool is in the "white community" or the "black community". Finally, Seminole High has three-and-a-half acres of prime land on the campus that can be made available at no cost to the city.

**"We (the Herald) believe although this could be in error, that the majority of Sanford residents . . . would not use the facility."** Nothing could be further from the truth. Student response to the pool proposal has been incredibly enthusiastic. Every student would have access to four levels of swimming instruction, as well as lifeguarding classes that would provide the necessary certification to seek summer employment. Local residents would have a myriad of programs to choose from, including infant swim classes, swim lessons for all ages and ability levels, aqua aerobics programs that target the elderly, masters "vel" swimming, an age-group swimming team program running year-round, and aqua instruction, just to name a few. The fact of the matter is that this heated pool would be in constant use, year-round, and the high school swim team would use it for only three hours a day of the 15 hours that it would be available. Furthermore, the use by a swim team would never interfere with any of the above listed programs, due to the size and layout of the proposed 50 meter facility.

**"Seminole High would use the pool during school hours. The rest of the time it would be available to citizens."** Untrue again. The plan that I submitted at a Monday meeting of interested parties, including city and school board officials, spelled out the specific uses for the pool, including a sample schedule of the various programs and the times that they could be run. Many of these programs would run concurrently to the high school classes taking place, and the pool itself would be in constant use from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, as well as being open on weekends.

**"There is no question that small children are in dire need of swimming lessons."** This



**TONY ACKERSON**

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wasn't an inaccuracy, but it is worth repeating. Please remember that drowning is the leading cause of death for children under four years of age in our state. Scores of kids on our campus cannot swim. Just two years ago, a Seminole High School student drowned with his father when their fishing boat overturned in seven feet of water. Regardless of any other reasons that you need to support this project, keep in mind the single most important one: This pool will save lives.

**"The pool must be easily and agreeably accessible to everyone."** I disagree. This pool will be accessible to every man, woman, and child in our community that wants to take part in one of the many programs running out of the facility. This pool will not be easily accessed by people looking for a summer hangout or a meeting place, due in large part to the location of the pool on a high school campus. This eliminates one of the central fears of voters that led to the demise of the 1991 referendum—the idea that a public pool would soon become a breeding ground for unsavory activities.

**"Sanford residents . . . shouldn't be unduly burdened with paying for a pool."** This gives the impression that the taxpayers are going to be bled dry in order to put a pool in Sanford. The reality is that if the city were to fund half of a 1.3 million dollar facility, the cost to a homeowner with a \$75,000 home would be in the neighborhood of six dollars a year. Apartment residents and many Sanford homeowners would see no tax increase whatsoever. I do agree that Sanford shouldn't have to go it alone in paying for a pool. However, since all Sanford residents will have access to the pool, and high school swimming classes will be conducted on school board property, it is only fair and reasonable that the city and the school board share the responsibility.

In the final analysis, the editorial is correct that Sanford residents should not bear too heavy a burden to provide a swimming pool to this community. I, for one, happen to believe that fifty cents a month for providing comprehensive swimming instruction, exercise programs for all ages and abilities, alternative community athletic programs, high school job training, and increasing student and community pride is money well spent.

### LETTERS

#### To a beautiful lady

Eunice I. Wilson truly is a great leader to the community of Sanford.

It all started from childhood back in 1939. Ms. Eunice I. Wilson entered New York School of Mortuary Science and graduated in 1939. Having been employed by Eichelberger Funeral Home during her high school tenure, she returned and continued to work the Eichelberger business.

With the passing of Lofton Eichelberger, Eunice took over the helm of the Establishment, taking control of the institution. In 1955, she named it Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc. She took the antiquated equipment and did a masterful job giving excellent service.

I owe my life to Eunice I. Wilson. She helped and taught me for years to deal with my problems at home, school and even the workplace.

It all started on Nov. 8, 1993. I came home from school one day and received a disturbing phone call. It was my mom—she had just broke the news to me that my father had died at 2:08 p.m. I was very sad to hear what happened because I never got a chance to say goodbye.

The next day we went to the funeral home to make arrangements for my father. I was sitting in Alzada Washington's office when Ma. Wilson walked by and said to me, "Hey, boy."

I then asked her if I could work for her after school and on the weekends.

She said, "Yeah, as long as I can keep you off the street."

Since that day, I have grown to love Ma. Eunice very much. I am interested in being a funeral director and an embalmer.

Shortly after my dad died, my mom became very ill and died on Dec. 30, 1993. I thought my life was over, but trusting and believing in the Almighty God has helped me in my time of sorrow.

I always will cherish Eunice Wilson. Again I owe my life to a Beautiful Lady.

In closing, during these years with Ma. Eunice, I have seen her build the business into a giant. Her deep and faithful service to God has sustained her through many trials and snares. Thanks to her and the entire Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary Staff, I will one day be a successful man.

Sinaca Lingard  
Sanford



Grandpappy says, "Education comes in many ways. If you're smart, you're smart... otherwise play golf!"

#### Body scrub parlors

I cannot help but to respond to the article that appeared in Sunday's paper (County Cracks Down on Body Scrub Parlors, March 16). As always, reporters never print the rest of the story. I believe it would go as follows: The manager of Krystal's needs to be more concerned where the "kids" that come off the second shift (11 p.m.) go than what they work next to.

Many of them, which you did not print, go to a certain club in downtown Orlando. This club had 53 ambulance calls last year and 9 deaths. How many did Spoilers have?

The next area, with another side, is the part that was written about the 'proliferation of adult entertainment establishments'. For sometime, Seminole County has had a regulation prohibiting additional 'adult businesses from opening'. It's called a zoning regulation. As far as body scrubs go, until the county classified them as adult entertainment, they were not. However, in late 1995 and early 1996 there were seven (7) body scrub salons in Seminole County. At present there are four (4). Now how does that translate into 'proliferation'?

Next is the issue about transients and how they are adversely affecting the neighborhood.

#1. The building Spoilers is located in sat vacant for years. In fact the 'homeless' used the buildings to hang out and sleep around UNTIL Spoilers opened and then they (Spoilers) chased the transients away. Blight the neighborhood? You can hardly find Spoilers or We Knead You but you sure cannot miss Jai Alai with all of its glitter. Blight the neighborhood? What a joke!

#2. Lower property value. Of that you would never be able to convince the race track considering the money they paid and spent to open their store directly across the street from a TOPLESS BAR. Does not the closed down K-Mart lower property value? At the very least, it is an eye sore. Get the facts...how do these businesses promote crime?

The bar, at the end of the building where Synations is located, has numerous, numerous calls for drunks and drugs. Now

many of these types of calls have been to Synations? The only calls that go to Synations is for guys wanting refunds for NOT GETTING prostitution. Doubt it? Ask the beat patrolmen.

#3: 'Cause business to move'. What a dumb no brainer comment that was. Target, Steak & Shake and Taco Bell all purchased land and spent mega bucks to open their businesses. Their businesses, by the way, were within 1-1/2 blocks of a topless bar and in fact, an adult book store (which has since closed) when they purchased the property and built their stores. The topless bar and adult book store were not even a consideration.

And don't forget RaceTrack building across the street from a topless bar. Why don't you direct the run down condition of Fern Park on the real culprits, K-Mart and in Casselberry, the closed down ABC Liquors. Both closed because they were not making enough money.

And what about the biggest eye sore of them all, the former Seminole Plaza on the corner of 436 and 17-92. For a long time it was a terrible eye sore that was breeding ground for transients and rodents. Now after it finally got torn down, it is just an ugly eye sore.

Don Eslinger is a good sheriff. He has his priorities in the proper order. I believe if there is anything going on (illegally) in the current body scrub salons, Sheriff Eslinger would put a stop to it. He doesn't want and we the citizens of Seminole County don't need more laws and regulations to enforce what would take the street deputies and detectives away from serious crime. Seminole County is a much safer place to live than Orange County, even with its body scrub salons.

Be good reporters and report the whole and complete story.

Bob Waldorf  
Lake Mary

#### Forewarned about taxes

Thank you for Nick Pfeiff's article, "The Times Are A Changin'". County Commissioner Randy Morris reportedly told the Sanford Chamber of Commerce he wants the members "to be prepared for the county to raise taxes: because it's a matter of either we raise taxes or there will not be a new courthouse". Sanford businessmen who badly need a new courthouse downtown may applaud this news. Seminole County property owners who suffered through the infamous "Tax Increase of 1991" should say: "Been there, done that, don't want to do it again, and thanks for the warning."

We property owners who still consider it our money before it is legally confiscated by the county, remember 1991 very well. Increased assessments followed by no millage roll-back equaled the largest net tax increase in our history. Taxes on my modest home exceeded my 1990 bill by \$277.34. More affluent neighborhoods saw their property owners suffer even greater increases. Then, under the expertise of our new County Manager, Mr. Rabun, those increased revenues were absorbed into the fat of county government like a rabbit rolled over by a rattlesnake. An appropriate version of Parkinson's Law was proven once again: (In any bureaucracy) "Expenses will rise to meet available income".

Thanks to Nick Pfeiff and the Sanford Herald we taxpayers are now forewarned and forearmed. What are we going to do about it? Watch our wallets and attend County Commission meetings or roll over and play dead? It is our choice.

Donald M. Fann  
Sanford

#### Help student with geography

Will you help me by printing this in your paper?

I need your help. My fifth grade class is studying the United States and its geography. Will you send postcards, pictures, posters, magazines, or anything that will help me learn more about your state, our country, and its people?

I have learned much about our country and its people this way.

Sent to Robbie Litchko, Grandview School, Grandview Avenue, Catskill, NY 12414

Thank you  
Robbie Litchko  
Catskill, NY

#### What to do with doodoo

Here in Sanford we have a serious and extremely unsanitary situation regarding dog owners.

Dog waste is regularly found on sidewalks, in people's yards and any green yards. You can't walk or children play without being halted by this smelly and public nuisance.

The existence of this problem is the dog owners fault. They should be forced to install indoor toilets for dogs like cats use litter boxes, and train their pets to do their business in a sanitary manner: not losing them at midnight to go next door to a neighbor's yard.

In the majority of these cases, people like me that don't own dogs have to clean up after their pets. If you say something to them, they become your enemies.

This is not fair and I am sick of seeing pooches fouling up the tree lined streets in this picturesque town of Sanford and vicinity.

I was hoping that the Homeowners Association in this subdivision could do something about this situation. I understand that you pay these dues to enjoy a clean neighborhood. They say nothing can be done.

In Belgium, Spain and New York they have enacted an ordinance requiring dog lovers to install indoor toilets or carry a shovel and bag to clean after their pets, otherwise they will be penalized with a fine.

Maricla Fish  
Sanford

## Divorce too easy to get, laws must better protect children

When Hollywood actor Charlie Sheen filed for divorce after a five-month marriage to Longwood, Fla. model Donna Peele, he declared, "I couldn't breathe. I had to come up for air."

He explained on Entertainment Tonight why he elected to choose divorce: "You buy a car, it breaks down, what are you going to do?"

Few would argue that divorce sometimes is justified. Sadly, divorce has become all too common even outside of Hollywood. According to 1994 data, Florida now has the eighth highest divorce rate in the country.

The most frightening reality is that all too often marriages end because, like Charlie Sheen, people just want a change.

Part of the reason for the rise in these so-called "no-fault" divorces is an underlying social attitude that encourages "freedom" and entices people to drop responsibilities. Public policy also has played a role in the rising divorce rate. A share of the blame must be placed at the feet of no-fault divorce laws.

No-fault divorce has created a bizarre situation where now it is easier to leave a spouse of 20 years than it is to break a car lease.

Soaring divorce rates should be of concern to all Floridians because divorce not only causes suffering for those affected but also damages our communities. Consider the effect on our kids who sometimes are left to wonder if perhaps the "fault" somehow is theirs.

Compared to children of intact families, children of divorce are more likely to drop out of school, engage in pre-marital sex, become pregnant outside of marriage and commit crimes.

Yet children are not the only victim of divorce. No-fault divorce also adds to the ranks of the one group most plagued by poverty—single mothers. The intact family is the best department of health, education and welfare we can hope for. When it dissolves, the economic burdens can become intense, particularly on mothers.

Since 1971, Florida has been guided by a no-fault divorce law. However, many now are questioning the effects of such laws. They are suggesting that we open a debate in this state

### MARK W. MERRILL

Mark W. Merrill is a member of the Commission on Responsible Fatherhood and president of Florida Family Council, a statewide, non-profit research and education organization dedicated to strengthening the family.

### GUEST COLUMNIST

to consider what can be done to make divorce less common.

First, couples contemplating marriage must understand the importance and reality of the marriage covenant and consequences of divorce. Since three-quarters of all marriages are blessed by religious institutions, some reforms could be instituted by churches, synagogues, and other places of worship without any change in the law.

For example, noted author Mike McManus has encouraged clergy in numerous cities across the United States to unite to create what he calls a "community marriage policy" which establishes minimum standards if a couple wants to be married in a church or a synagogue in that city.

Five years ago, churches in Peoria, Illinois, adopted such a policy which, among other things, requires that a couple complete a pre-marital counseling program before marriage. Since that time, the divorce rate has dropped by 30 percent.

Second, the law should require that a couple that has filed for divorce complete a court-approved counseling program or seminar. If minor children are involved, a parenting class also should be required prior to the entry of final judgment to dissolve the marriage.

Many marriages can be strengthened through programs like Family Life Conferences and Marriage Encounter, or literally saved through programs like Retrouvaille, which has shown that over 80 percent of troubled marriages can be saved.

Finally, there is evidence that no-fault divorce laws are partly responsible for the high divorce rate in Florida. Thus, reforming these laws may be in order.

## Bill

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at the local labor pool on the days he wakes up early enough.

Most of his pay is used to buy alcohol. "The last time I worked was sometime last week. I think I got drunk for about three days before I ran out of money."

When Bill is not working or drinking, he entertains himself by reading what he describes as pornography.

The story of Bill's homelessness dates back to 1980 when he was convicted of kidnapping and rape in Arkansas. (Bill maintains he did not commit the crimes.) After serving seven years and three months of a 10 year sentence in Cummings Prison, Bill was paroled.

He says he chooses to live on the streets because it gives him freedom. "I don't like authority ever since I was in prison. He also dislikes homeless shelters because, "I don't want somebody telling me what to do every day."

Following his release from

prison, he left Arkansas and headed south to Florida to be near his father.

Both of his parents died in February of 1992, only 23 days apart. His father died from a brain tumor, his mother of a drug overdose. Bill says his mother never used illegal drugs and speculated she may have died of an accidental overdose of prescription medication.

Bill also has a son, William Jr., whom he has not seen since the child was three-years-old. William Jr. is 19 now. Says Bill, "I would like to see him, I miss him."

Bill may also be married.

## Rescue

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the county personnel who were first on the scene take the patients to the hospital rather than making a transfer to the private ambulance.

On Feb. 18, the BCC needed five hours to debate the EMS and ambulance service issue before it decided on a 3-2 vote to get a cost evaluation RFP conducted

he's not really sure. He says he was married before he went to prison and has never received any divorce papers to sign, but he has not spoken to his wife since his incarceration.

Although he misses his family, he likes his new home in Sanford.

Bill says most of the people he meets are fairly nice, but most don't understand the problems faced by the homeless. "If they lost their car and their house they would be in the same situation. They couldn't handle it."

Bill has no intention of changing his lifestyle. "I like things just the way they are."

by Deloitte & Touche. A calendar of events is now in place, beginning with Tuesday's BCC meeting.

Deadline for the submittal of responses to the RFP is April 28. The matter will be concluded on Tuesday, June 24 when the BCC is scheduled to approve of the necessary agreements and EMS/ambulance contracts.

Meanwhile, expect plenty of hot debate.

## Homeless

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the free food.

Weaver estimates there are over 100 homeless people living in Sanford now. The number fluctuates depending on the time of year, with winters bringing additional homeless people to the area to escape the cold.

According to Jay Marder, director of Planning and Development for the City of Sanford, the 1990 US Census is vague when it comes to counting the homeless. The document reads in part, "There is no generally agreed upon definition of homeless." However it does give the number 103 as the "number of other persons in group quarters." Marder interprets this number as including both people living on the street and in emergency shelters.

Weaver also states the number of homeless in Sanford is increasing each year. "A lot of homeless people come here from Orlando because the shelters there fill up quickly. We don't turn anyone away."

"People would be surprised if they realized how many people really live on the streets," says Weaver. "They sleep everywhere; park benches, vacant houses, even on people's porches. Sometimes people have someone sleeping on their porch at night and don't even realize it."

Officer Tom Skiba of the Sanford Police Department says that while the department does not maintain files on the

number of homeless people in the area, he has no doubt the number is increasing. "A lot of homeless people come to Central Florida for the climate. Once they get here they tend to stay in the local area."

Skiba says the department receives numerous complaints from residents and business owners about homeless people loitering. While the police try to encourage the homeless to get help at local shelters, there

is little else that they can do.

"Unless they are caught committing a crime, we can't make an arrest. We run their names through the computer, but if they give us a false name we have no way of finding out if they have outstanding warrants," Skiba said.

"It's really a sad situation, but 99 percent of them don't want any help. They're very content."

## DEATHS

### GLADYS H. SMITH

Gladys H. Smith, 86, E. Broadway Street, Oviedo, died Thursday, March 20, 1997 at her residence. Born July 23, 1910 in Woodbine, Ga., she moved to Central Florida in 1927. She was a retired elementary school educator and a member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. She belonged to Retired Teachers Association, Alumni Association of BC-C and Senior Citizens for Better Living.

Survivors include sons, Joseph, Altamonte Springs, Elliot, Oviedo; daughters, Linda Johnson and Judith Smith, both of Oviedo; sister, Valerie Mons. Opa Locka; four grandchildren.

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

### MARGARET KINLAW WATSON

Margaret Kinlaw Watson, 78, Wood Ridge Trail, Sanford, died Thursday, March 20, 1997 at her residence. Born June 13, 1918 in Bladen County, N.C., she moved to Central Florida in 1918. She was a bookkeeper in the produce business.

Survivors include daughters, Mary Anne Jones and Laura Faye Watson, both of Sanford.

Baldwin-Fairchild-Oaklawn Park Cemetery and Funeral Home, Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

### FRANK ZINA

Frank Zina, 87, Saledo Drive, Altamonte Springs, died Thursday, March 20, 1997 at Florida Hospital-Altamonte.

Born July 29, 1909 in New York City, he moved to Central Florida five days ago. He was retired commercial fisherman, a World War II U.S. Army veteran, and a Catholic.

Survivors include wife, Evelyn; stepson, Ira Joseph Volpe, Wildwood, N.J.; stepdaughters Mary Hamilton, Philadelphia, Margaret Trojak, Altamonte Springs; 18 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren.

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

### FUNERAL

WATSON, MARGARET KINLAW  
Funeral services for Mrs. Watson will be 11 a.m. Monday at the Baldwin Fairchild Oaklawn Chapel in Lake Mary with Dr. Wayne Harvey officiating. The family will receive friends at the chapel on Sunday from 2 until 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Building Fund, First Baptist Church of Sanford, 519 Park Avenue, Sanford, FL 32771.

Arrangements under the direction of Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, 2899 CR #A, Lake Mary, FL 32773 (407) 999-8111.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### Seminole County, Florida VOLUSIA/SEMINOLE HOME CONSORTIUM (southern sector)

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - CONSOLIDATED PLAN PROCESS**

Seminole County is the recipient of federal grant funds through a number of programs administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME housing grant program (Volusia and Seminole counties formed a consortium in 1991 to qualify for this program), and the Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program. These programs are designed primarily to assist the County's low and moderate income residents. In order to streamline the administration of these programs, HUD has consolidated all of the local planning and citizen participation requirements of these various federal programs into a single administrative process: "The Consolidated Plan".

<b>Anticipated Grant Amounts:</b>	
CDBG	\$2,685,000
HOME	\$765,094
ESG	\$71,000
Total	\$3,521,094

**Range of Activities:** The County can undertake a wide range of activities under these programs if they benefit low/moderate income people or areas where the majority of the people living there are low/moderate income.

**Past Performance:** The purpose of this public hearing will be to solicit citizen input concerning agencies that have received past Community Development Block Grant Funding. The hearing will be March 24, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Seminole County Services Building, Room 1028, BCC Chambers.

**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE EMPLOYEE RELATIONS DEPARTMENT ADA COORDINATOR 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AT (407) 321-1130, EXTENSION 7941.**

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...parents get pregnant...

**Abortion**

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the girl. "It was going to be Ashley, my best friend's name, if it was a girl."

According to the teacher, the girl's 18-year-old boyfriend at the time, and his mother, were trying to force the girl to abort the baby. Coleman said she reported the incident to the guidance counselor and they both informed the social worker, then an assistant principal. No one informed the girl's parents who didn't know their daughter was pregnant or was responding emotionally to pressure to abort the baby.

"I followed the protocol by passing the information on to the guidance counselor and the social worker," said Coleman, who said she strongly encouraged the girl to talk to her parents. "I could not call the parents because of the rules of confidentiality."

Under Florida constitutional law, a minor child cannot be compelled or pressured to notify her parents of her pregnancy. The law does not, however, address what school employees should do when that same girl is being compelled or pressured to make a choice she doesn't want by adults who are not her parents or guardians.

At a later point in time the girl gave into the pressure to abort the baby, but said she regretted it afterwards.

The abortion was done at the Women's Health Center, 1030 Herman Avenue, Orlando last fall without the knowledge or consent of the girl's parents.

Recently, the girl said it was her teacher, Mea Coleman, who located the abortion clinic.

But Coleman said, "No, that's not true. (Her ex-boyfriend's) mother did. We can't do that. (She) told me that (her boyfriend's) mom is making me have the abortion."

"Now I did call (the abortion clinic) on my own," continued Coleman, "because I wanted (the girl) to know she would have to tell her parents and get legal consent to do this. And I asked them (the abortion clinic personnel) about that and they said, 'No, all they needed was an emergency court hearing.' I was surprised."

When asked if Coleman made an appointment, the girl said, "No, she called and then I went the next day and they just let me in."

The girl did say that there was more than one call.

"We had a couple (of abortion clinics)," the girl said. "Some said you needed to be 18, some you needed a parent's consent and the one she called, the Women's Health Center, was the only one who said it was confidential ... they won't tell anybody."

The girl who had asked twice during the interview if her teacher was going to get into trouble said her teacher picked the number out of the phone book.

When asked if the teacher then wrote the address down for her, the girl said, "Well, it was kind of weird because the address was on it (the ad), so I just copied it. It had the directions right to it."

A check of the center's Yellow Page ads for 1986 and 1987 in two local phone books lists only the center's phone number, services and city of location -- no address or directions. The white pages lists only the address.

That night after the abortion, the girl said she called Coleman.

"She knew I was going to get it done, so she gave me her house number," said the girl. "She just wanted to make sure



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The instructions about abortion on guidance department note paper the teen girl's parents found in her bedroom.

I was OK."

The parents first found out about the abortion when they were searching their daughter's room after her ex-boyfriend abducted the girl a second time. In her room, they found a piece of note paper from the school guidance department. On it were written the abortion center's name, address and medical instructions to be observed before the abortion. The note was written in their daughter's handwriting.

Coleman said the girl had taken the note paper from her desk.

The ex-boyfriend's mother would not comment about the abortion.

The incident is also being investigated by the State Attorney's Office by Carol Wilder, division chief of the Sexual Crimes Child Abuse Unit. Wilder will make the decision about what charges to press, if any, either against the ex-boyfriend, who was an adult when he impregnated the girl and possibly against the clinic for irregularities. The State Attorney's office subpoenaed the girl's medical records from the abortion clinic last month.

The following guidelines are used by Seminole County Public School personnel when dealing

with girls who are or believe they are pregnant:

1. A student, who advises any School Board employee that the student is pregnant or suspects she might be pregnant.

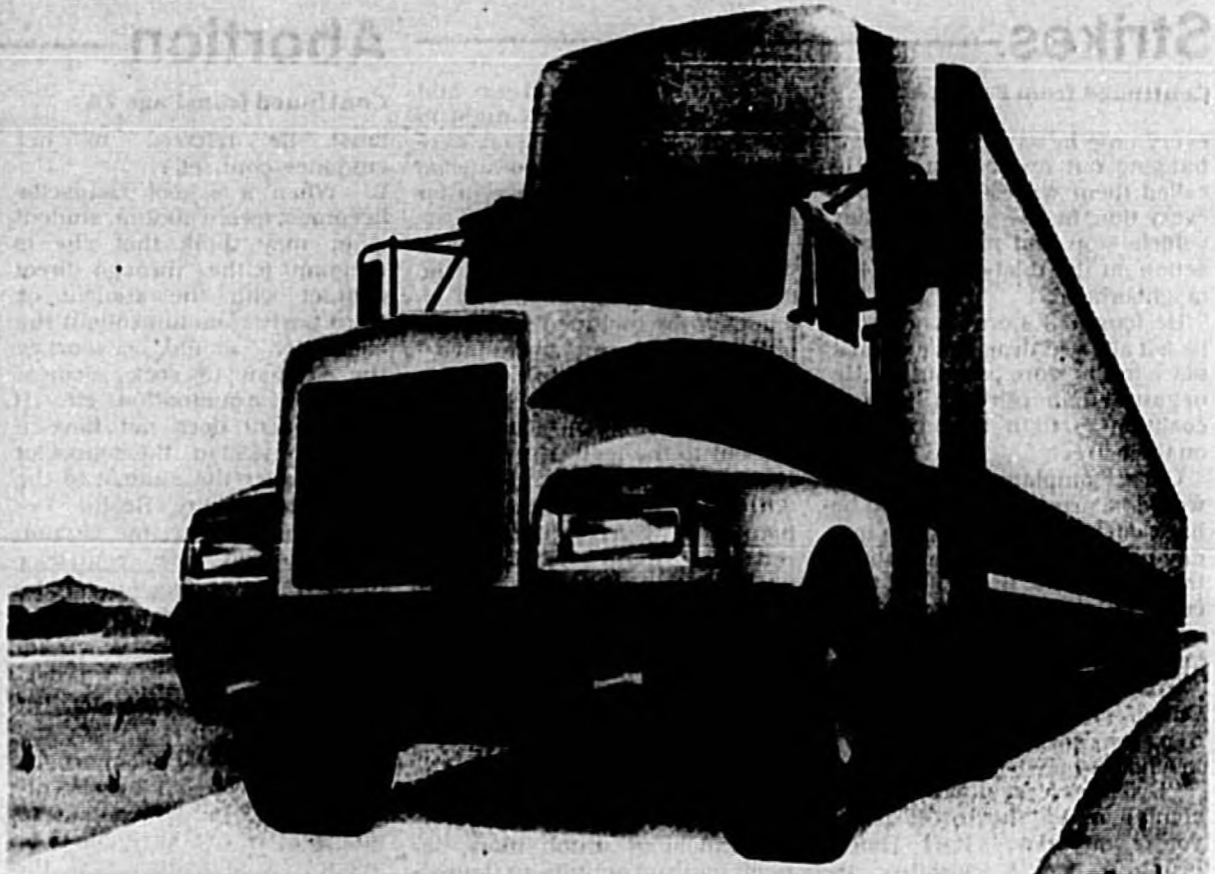
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## Strikes

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every time he saw a drug dealer hanging out on the corner. He called them with a tag number every time he saw an unfamiliar vehicle stop and make a transaction on the dusty roads of his neighborhood.

He fought a store owner who he felt allowed drug deals to take place in the store parking lot. He organized neighbors into a coalition to fight the criminals on their streets.

Curry complained the dealers would be arrested, but they'd be back out on the street again in a day or so. Deputies would shrug their shoulders, he said. All they could do was arrest them. It was up to the courts to keep them in jail or not.

That wasn't good enough for Curry, so he took his case to Rep. Tom Feeney who saw merit in what he had to say.

"Drug possession was just not coming under the three strikes you're out law," Karl Thornbrugh, Feeney's legislative assistant, said.

Many of the dealers and buyers who were not caught in the midst of a transaction were merely charged with possession of a controlled substance, a far lesser charge.

"We wanted to see if we could get them to stiffen up the definition of habitual felony offender to be included under the stiffer sentencing guidelines," Thornbrugh said.

Feeney and his assistant have drafted a bill they hope to present to the legislature during the current session. The bill, which could tentatively be named for Curry, attempts to redefine "habitual felony offender" to include the stricter penalties for unlawfully selling, manufacturing or delivering, or possessing with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver a controlled substance.

Thornbrugh said the bill, if it makes it through the legislative process, is "just the beginning" of what's to come. It will, however, make it much more difficult for drug activity to flourish in Florida, he said.

## Abortion

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must be referred to her guidance counselor.

2. When a school counselor becomes aware that a student is or may think that she is pregnant (either through direct contact with the student or third party communication) the counselor should encourage the student to seek medical attention, examination, etc. If the student does not have a family physician, the counselor should refer the student to the Seminole County Health Department. Under no circumstances will the counselor make value statements to the student or discuss options regarding the pregnancy or suspected pregnancy, such as termination or adoption of the child upon birth.

3. If the student is under 18, the student should be encouraged to inform her parent or guardian of her pregnancy or suspected pregnancy. If the student requests assistance with informing her parent or guardian, the counselor should provide that assistance, if the counselor feels comfortable in doing so or refer the student to the school nurse. The counselor or school nurse should always advise the student that they will be happy to accompany the student when she

meets with her parent or guardian and that if necessary, the meeting can be held at school.

4. Sometimes, it will not be in the student's best interest to notify her parent/guardian, due to the situation at home. For that reason student's right of privacy must be respected, without exception. Under Florida constitutional law, a student cannot be compelled and should not be pressured to notify her parent/guardian of her pregnancy or suspected pregnancy, there should be no parent/guardian notification, independent of the student and against the student's wishes or without the student's knowledge and permission. Board employees will subject the School Board to suit for damages for breach of privacy.

5. If the student at any point becomes suicidal or threatens to run away, the principal and the appropriate law enforcement agency must be notified. Any parental notification should be handled by the law enforcement agency or medical personnel. The student should be kept under observation until law enforcement arrives.

6. The student must be advised of alternative educational programs of instruction, other than those at her home school. However, the student should be

advised that participation in any alternative program is voluntary.

7. In the event a student confides in a School Board employee of her intention to terminate her pregnancy or that she has terminated her pregnancy, parental/guardian notification is prohibited by

law. As deemed appropriate, a referral may be made to an appropriate local agency, such as the Seminole Mental Health Association or the Seminole County Health Department for counseling or medical care.

8. All employees are obligated to maintain the student's privacy and confidences.

## Contract

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five-percent merit award (based on his salary as Public Safety director) for his service as Public Safety director prorated from his present review date through Oct. 21, 1996.

Kaiser will also be provided with a county-owned vehicle for his exclusive use for the term of his appointment as county manager.

Kaiser, 52, who was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., has served 24 years in Seminole County. His first job was as a volunteer with the Altamonte Springs Fire Department. He eventually became the first paid firefighter with this unit and its first chief.

In 1973 he was hired to form a county-wide fire protection and rescue service. As Public Safety

director he built a department that BCC Chairman Morris says is "the envy of all others in the state of Florida."

There's been an outpouring of support for Kaiser from leaders in the county and from concerned citizens. Sandra A. Hoefl, executive director of the Florida Youth Orchestra, said last week that she believed Kaiser was "just the person to put integrity back into Seminole County government."

Commissioner Adams said Friday that he sincerely believes that "everyone should start playing ball together and get on with what's best for the county." The decision to make Kaiser manager has been made, he said, and it is time "to move on with business."

## Stinecpher

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he didn't bring them home on time. He was paid \$1 per cow, two cows for \$1.25, which averaged him \$70 per month.

This job gave Charlie a chance to know a lot of people and he was able to describe every house and tell who lived there. People referred strangers looking for directions to the "cow boy".

Uncle Mac made him give up the job in 1902 as he wanted him to go to Miss Brumley's private school in town. Charlie decided not to go, giving as his reason that there were too many stuck up people there and he was just a poor cracker boy. Uncle Mac got mad and told him to get out of the house.

Charlie went to Mr. John Cameron who put him to work the next day at \$12 per month, plus board. After several months, Charlie went to work for J. E. Pace making crates for celery, eggplant and tomatoes. He then went back to Mr.

Cameron for \$18 per month, plus board.

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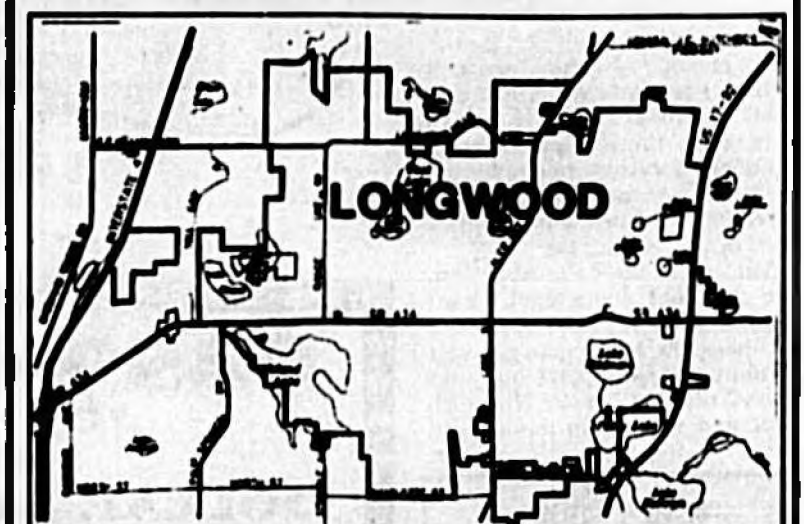
### NOTICE OF CHANGE OF PERMITTED, CONDITIONAL OR PROHIBITED LAND USES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE CITY OF LONGWOOD, FLORIDA, that the City Commission will conduct a series of public meetings to consider adoption of a Land Development Code pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 163.3202, FS. The schedule for these meetings is as follows:

- March 31, 1997 - Public Workshop - 6:00 PM
- April 7, 1997 - First Reading/Public Hearing - 7:00 PM
- April 21, 1997 - Second Reading/Public Hearing - 7:00 PM

All of these meetings will be held in the City Commission Chambers located at 175 W. Warren Avenue, one block west of CR 427 and two blocks north of SR 434, in Longwood.

**ORDINANCE # 97-1351**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONGWOOD, FLORIDA, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 406, AS AMENDED, SAID ORDINANCE BEING APPENDIX A (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LONGWOOD, FLORIDA; REPEALING ORDINANCE 971, A MORATORIUM ON BILLBOARD CONSTRUCTION; REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CITY CODE CONCERNING OTHER ASPECTS OF LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION; REPLACING THE REPEALED SECTIONS WITH A NEW CHAPTER 24 OF THE CITY CODE; SAID CHAPTER 24 BECOMING THE OFFICIAL LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE CITY OF LONGWOOD; SAID CODE PROVIDING FOR PERMITTED, CONDITIONAL AND ACCESSORY USES; PROVIDING FOR SIGN AND BILLBOARD CONTROLS; PROVIDING FOR REDUCING THE REVIEW PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR LOCATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.



A copy of the proposed Land Development Code is available for public review, and/or purchase, in the Community Services Department at 174 W. Church Avenue, Longwood from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, or you may call the Department at 407-280-3482.

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# Sports

**Extra Points...**  
**Jeff Berlinicke**  
Herald Staff Writer

## Tiger Woods picking up PGA torch for Arnold Palmer

It was a changing of the guard Friday at Bay Hills in Orlando.

For decades, Arnold Palmer ruled the world of golf. While your showoffs like Greg Norman and Freddie Couples played before polite, well-meaning crowds, it was always Arnie that commanded the attention.

He was, and still is, the hero of a generation that watched the Brooklyn Dodgers and (old) Green Bay Packers and adored Mickey Mantle, Johnny U. and went through the tumultuous 60's with the hope that there would someday be heroes again.

Then Arnie got old. He won his last PGA tournament in 1973 and hasn't done much since.

The Brooklyn Dodgers left Brooklyn. The Packers went years living on their memories and the Boston Celtics went from Russell, Coussey and the Jones boys to Bird, McHale and Parish to the worst record in the NBA.

We watched Arnie get old, win a couple of times on the Seniors Tour, then fade from contention, but never from our hearts or memories.

When he came down with prostate cancer, he was the same old Arnie as ever, vowing to beat cancer like he did when he vowed to fire a 62 during the final round of the U.S. Open at Cherry Hill back in 1963.

He beat the disease like he whipped the field in '63 and the whole sporting world was pulling for him.

Who didn't want to see just one more of Arnie's patented swings? You know, the one where he comes back far too fast on his backswing, fires and steps around neck level on the follow-through, whipping the driver around like a fly swatter?

It was the same swing that made him the Golfer of the Masses.

Arnie brought professional golf from making hundreds of dollars a week to the corporate boardrooms of America. Ridiculed in the PGA player who doesn't own his own private jet and shoe contract.

The fact that nearly every top PGA player in America, except for the one entertaining the president, came to Orlando for Arnie's comeback, is more a salute to Arnie than anything else.

The know Arnie is the one that gave them the courtesy car-lifestyle they enjoy at each PGA stop.

They watch Arnie signing autographs after firing an 81 on Thursday and realize their own responsibilities.

Arnie is the reason there are no Shaquille O'Neil's playing on the PGA Tour.

That's why watching Tiger Woods closing out his round on Friday about the same time as Arnie was about to tee it off was so special.

It was a changing of the guard.

The game has been around for hundreds of years but it was Arnie who brought it to the masses. He electrified golf crowds all over the world and moved the game from the country club to the mounds.

Unfortunately, it never went farther and the game was at a stopgap for 40 years.

Jack Nicklaus tried to change things but, except for an occasional miracle at Augusta, was always the anti-Arnie.

Tom Watson, Nick Faldo, Nick Price, Johnny Miller and a ton of others have tried to be the new king and have failed.

Arnie always had the charisma or something else that the theirs lacked.

Flash ahead to Bay Hills, 1997.

Arnie's hair is a lot more white than last year, no doubt on part to the surgery and everything else he has suffered in the past months.

Despite it all, he teed it up Thursday and outdrew his playing partners Scott Gump and Luke Mary's Fulton Allem consistently.

His putting game is what caused the 81, but the amazing thing is what happened as his round progressed.

Arnie's Army became Tiger's Troops.

As Arnie started to close out his round, Tiger teed off with most of the Army cheering with an admiration reminiscent of the days when Arnie brought the Great Unwashed out to the links.

It was as if everyone at Bay Hills said, "Arnie, thanks for everything," and they anointed a new king.

Now it falls upon Tiger to take the game to the next level. He was mobbed everywhere at Bay Hills and looked tired at times. After a four-under 68, he struggled through a lackadaisical round on Friday. Even Arnie

See Jeff, Page 5B

## Players heed coach Lyman wins after ultimatum

By **TONY BOGGS**  
Herald correspondent

**LONGWOOD** — With half the season gone and his team still underachieving (by his expectations), Lyman High School baseball coach Bob McCullough gave his team an ultimatum — play the game or find a seat on the bench.

"I sat a player down for showing up late to practice and told the rest of them that if they didn't start working hard, I'd replace them with junior varsity players who would," said McCullough Friday with a shrug. "We haven't playing to the level that we're capable of playing. That has to change."

On Friday night, the Greyhounds took that first step in what McCullough hopes will be a turnaround, beating the Oviedo Lions 5-3 in a 6A-District 4 and Seminole Athletic Conference contest.

The win improves Lyman to 7-8 and 2-2 in both district and conference play. Oviedo, which saw a five-game win streak come to an end, is now 12-4, 3-2 in the conference, and 2-2 in the district.

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SAC; Lyman F.B. 3-2 6A-District 4, 2-2 SAC.	SAC; Lyman F.B. 3-2 6A-District 4, 2-2 SAC.

Junior second baseman Jose Torres was the primary lion tamer, going 3-for-3 with a double and a pair of two-run singles.

"We shook up the lineup tonight," said McCullough. "Apparently, some of these guys want to keep their job. They came to hit tonight and play aggressively. This is the way we're capable of playing."

"Torres tore the ball up. He stepped up and got some big hits for us. That's something we've been missing this season."

Lyman loaded the bases against Oviedo starting pitcher Ben Knapp (1-1) in the third inning as Matt Malloy singled, Kevin Nass drew a walk, and Clyde Chaney reached on a sacrifice fly. Malloy, Malloy beating the throw to third.

See Lyman, Page 5B

## Quiet Louwsma carries big stick

By **JEFF BERLINICKE**  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — Two words can be used to describe Seminole shortstop Chris Louwsma.

Soft-spoken and soft-handed.

The second is what has helped him to become one of the most sought after baseball players in Seminole County.

Louwsma found himself drawn to baseball at a very early age. He collected baseball cards, played on little league teams, and followed the game closely on television.

"I've been playing baseball for about 12 years," Louwsma explained. "That's almost my whole life. It's the first sport I became interested in and I've stuck with it because I really love it. I've just always known I wanted to be a baseball player."

However, when he first stepped onto the varsity team as a freshman, it was evident to head coach Mike Powers that Louwsma needed a little bit of work to become that player.

"Chris could not run when he first came here," Powers recalled. "I told him that if he didn't start moving, I was going to stick him with a red hot poker. He was also very shy, especially on the field. But he had matured over the past couple of years, and has worked very hard with extra practice and time in the weight room."

Part of what has helped Louwsma the most has been playing on fall leagues. Assistant coach Rod Ferguson, in addition to being the fielding coach for Seminole High School, is also a coach for the American Legion fall league team. He has witnessed the improvements that Louwsma has made.

"Chris' problems in the beginning were really just a lack of experience," Ferguson said. "But he has shown tremendous improvement and his work ethic has also improved with age. The fall league play has been a real asset to him, especially at the plate."

In addition to having one of the best gloves that Seminole High School has seen in years, Louwsma has also made quite a name for himself as a batter.

Already this year he is batting .500, is a big RBI man for his team, and solidifies that line up of the number five position. Louwsma attributes his improved batting to the great pitching he faced in the fall league and spending countless hours practicing in the batting cage.

Powers attributes it, at least in part, to a blue magic marker.

"When Chris was a sophomore and we were playing in the Lake Brantley Big Blue Tournament, I brought a blue magic marker to the game," Powers explained. "I told the kids that I had gotten it at a magic shop and it would help them in the game. I drew a blue lightning bolt on Chris' arm and told him that one day soon he was going to hit a home run. He did that very day."

"I think that took a lot of the pressure off of Chris. He was able to relax at the plate after that and become a very powerful and consistent hitter."

Several changes have been made to Louwsma's game this season, proving that what the magic marker may have done for his batting, the weight room has certainly done for his throwing.

First, Louwsma has been moved from third base to short stop



Slugging senior shortstop Chris Louwsma has pro and college scouts drooling as he puts up big numbers for Seminole High School.

because of his great fielding. Second, he has given up volleyball, which he played for the varsity team, in order to devote more time to baseball. Finally, his coaches are seriously considering adding to his duties the position of relief pitcher.

Practicing and weight training have added to Louwsma's success at shortstop. He is hurling the ball

at around 88 miles per hour and is still working towards improving that speed. Powers and Ferguson said that they feel he would be a good addition to the pitching roster because he could come into the game and provide a definitive switch in style for the batters.

Seminole High School is lucky

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Former Lake Mary High School star and current Florida Gator offensive lineman Scott Bryan works hard on the weights in an effort to add some more muscle and strength as personal trainer Matt Arena looks on.

## Ex-Ram returns as a National Champion

By **JEFF BERLINICKE**  
Staff Writer

Gainesville is a long way from Lake Mary.

Not necessarily in miles. The drive only takes about 90 minutes.

But if you're a Lake Mary football player, dreaming of playing for the national championship at the University of Florida, it takes a lot more than an hour-and-a-half journey.

It takes hour after hour in the weight room. Thrown in a strict training regimen and a bunch of good grades, not to mention about 250 pounds of muscle.

Then, you might just earn the right to be one of the dozens of players looking to fill the five starting jobs on the Gators' offensive line.

See Bryan, Page 5B



# Malone: afraid to hang his litho at home

SANFORD — Anyone have \$25,000 to spend on an unframed 20-inch by 33-inch lithograph featuring the NBA's 50 greatest players, and autographed by the 49 living members?

A national sports memorabilia company known as Field of Dreams - or is it Scheme's - had 250 of these lithos created and signed during the NBA All-Star festivities this year. Fifty were given to the players - one of them to Pete Maravich's widow.

Perhaps you've heard Rick Barry's angry reaction to the fact Jerry West and Shaquille O'Neal were not at the 50 Greatest Player gathering (their autographs are on the litho). "They should have been there," said Barry. "This is a great honor for all of those named to the team...the only guy who had a reason not to be there was Pete Maravich."

Field of Dreams privately sold 150 of the other lithos and has 80 more for sale at \$25,000 apiece - call 1-800-50-Litho if you've got some loose thousands.

Proceeds from the sales will benefit the NBA Legends Foundation that helps retired players and their families. League officials expect the proceeds to exceed \$1 million.

Utah Jazz forward Carl Malone said he is extremely proud to have one of the lithos. "I'm going to find a very special place to hang it but not in my house," Malone said. "I don't want anyone to break in just to steal it."

Where, pray tell, will the Mailman hang his art? Where does anyone with expensive sports memorabilia display the goods?

For many, their prized possessions are in safety



boxes at their banks. That means a visit every month or so to sneak a look at something they prize but are afraid to have at home because a thief may arrive in the night.

There's been a problem for 20 or more years - ever since a simple sports collecting hobby grew to preposterous proportions.

The worst scenario concerns an old fellow named Jake Wise, who collected baseball cards from the early 1900s. As he grew older, Jake lived in an old Middletown, Md. house with 30,000 or ballplayers (pictures and cigarette cards).

Old Jake sold his cards for next to nothing, and as word spread, some big dealers came rushing to his place.

He suspected some of these creeps were stealing from him, which they really didn't need to do because he was offering them cards at a price they could easily handle and make big bucks for themselves.

When Jake died, a New York dealer swept into

town and offered Jake's only living relative \$10,000 for the lot. That's \$10,000 more than anyone suspected Jake's stuff was worth. The dealer knew, however, that he had a couple million dollars worth of baseball art.

Incredibly, there are folks getting ripped off every day, maybe not as much as Jake's family did, but there's still a lot of scandal.

Especially vulnerable are widows, whose husbands have some early baseball material that has become extremely rare. Dealers with any sense of decency should offer anywhere from a third to a half of what these goods are worth on the market. Few do, however.

The advice here is to get some sound advice. Baseball cards and other old sports material are big game in estate auctions. Don't just sell your collections to anyone. Ask around. And store your things at the bank in the meantime.

Some insurance companies have policies for sports collectibles, but be prepared to pay a steep price.

Unfortunately, Carl Malone's concerns are well-founded.



The late Pete Maravich is the only signature missing from a lithograph signed by 49 of the NBA's 50 greatest players. The litho sells for \$25,000.

# PGA needs to deal with spectators

A disturbing thing took place this weekend at the Bay Hill Invitational in Orlando.

Sure, Tiger Woods is great for the game but the crowds were far more unruly than at any recent tournament to come this way in years.

On Friday, Orange County schools were in and the kids were at the event in force. There's nothing wrong with that except that, not only the kids but nearly everyone else in the

hoards following Tiger were completely unruly.

It was tough to see his playing partner Mark O'Meara, a fellow Orlando resident, trying to putt after Tiger when the masses were literally running to the next tee.

While Tiger was outriving O'Meara nearly every hole, the crowd was scurrying for position while O'Meara was trying to hit. That happened the entire round. Even Tiger looked a little tired

of the mob scenes following him each week.

If Tiger and the PGA Tour want to bring golf to the masses, they better teach that etiquette and decorum have kept the class of the game alive when those words seem to be missing in every other sport.

Remember, that's what makes golf so special.

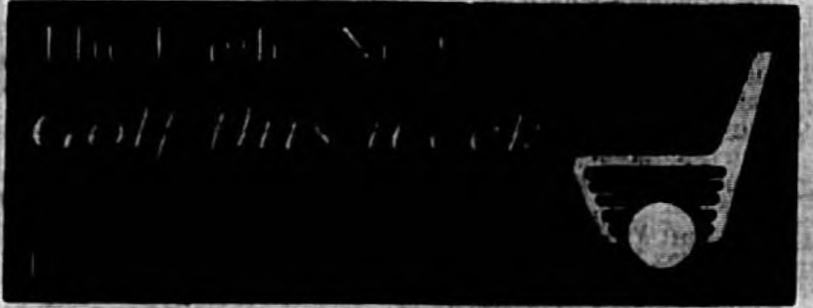
## Chip Shots:

At Timesess, St. Patrick's Day called for the First Annual

Superintendent's Irish Open last weekend. In a best two balls of four competition, Craig and Sarah Baird teamed with

Claudia and David Wickham for a 114 to take first place. They were followed by Sonny and Kaye Simerly and Ed and Jenny Nerries.

At Mayfair, the course will host its next Thursday Night Scramble March 27. Call the pro shop at 322-2531 for details. Peggy Burton won the Women's Golf Championship at



Alaqua last week. Bring rounds of 78-9 to roll to an easy win over second-place Marti Rattick.

## Upcoming events:

April 7: Sprint Titleholders LPGA Championship at LPGA International, Daytona Beach.

April 28: Red Cross of Central Florida Golf Marathon at Sweetwater Country Club. May 10: Jeff Blake Boys and Girls Club of Central Florida Golf Tournament at Alaqua Country Club.

# University of Central Florida tennis teams get national ranking

For the first time in their history, the University of Central Florida's tennis teams have achieved national ranking. In the world of college tennis, the top 75 teams are ranked, unlike football and basketball, where the top 25 are the only ones who get mentioned.

Last week, UCF's Division I teams not only broke the top 75, but the women catapulted to 45th and the men were not far behind at 51st.

On the women's side, top seed Maria Widyarthana, only a freshman, is ranked 60th nationally and has helped to volley her team to a 12-1 record.

Wins for the women have included a 5-4 victory over Oklahoma as well as wins over state rivals Stetson and Jacksonville. The men have relied on their number one seed, Mattias Akesson, to achieve their 12-3 record.

Add to their wins a shut out of No. 49 South Florida and a close 4-3 win over Florida International, ranked 65, and it's

easy to see how they broke the top 75. With the regular season coming to a close, UCF's teams are looking forward to their Trans America Athletic Conference Championships, taking place in Macon, Georgia in April.

## CLASS NOTES:

**Seminole High School:** with a 5-2 victory over Oviedo High School and a 6-1 beating of Lake Howell, both away matches, the Lady Noles improved their record to 6-0 on the season.

## COMING EVENTS:

**Lake Sylvan Park:** A spring break tennis camp will be held March 24 thru March 28. Lessons will be given daily from 9am to 11:30 am followed by a Round Robin tournament from 12:30 pm to 3 pm. The camp is open to juniors ages 8-18. For further information, call 322-6567.

**Mens' Leagues:** On Tuesday night, the

Heathrow and Orlando teams will visit Bunnell (BUN) in the other division. Sabal Point will visit Wimsleyton, while Tusconville will play at Bunnell (BUN).

**Lake Mary High School:** The girls' team will visit Oviedo for a conference match-up at 5 pm on March 31 and will host conference rival Lake Howell on April 1 at 3 pm. The boys' team will host Lake Howell on April 2 at 3 pm.

**Seminole High School:** The boys' and girls' teams will host Spruce Creek on April 1 at Sylvan Lake Park and visit Lake Brantley on April 2. Game times are at 3:30 pm.

**UCF:** Both the mens' and womens' teams travel to Louisiana this week to play matches against Tulane on April 2, New Orleans on April 3, Nicholls State on April 4, and Southeastern Louisiana on April 5.

# Louwsma

Continued from Page 1B to have Louwsma on their roster at all. A serious accident almost removed him from the line up completely and left him with the first hand knowledge that life is all too short.

Last year, Louwsma was badly burned when he inadvertently used gasoline instead of diesel fuel to burn a garbage pile at his home.

"I was in a hurry because I wanted to watch the Magic game on television," Louwsma recalled. "So I grabbed the first container I saw without checking it. When I lit the fire, it basically blew me up."

"I was out of school for several weeks and even after I returned, I had to stay out of the sun because I was burned so badly. But I came back strong and I think that the realization that life is pretty short gave me the desire to make the most of it

while I'm here." Several major league teams would like to ensure that he does just that.

Louwsma has already started receiving letters from teams that are interested in him, including the Cleveland Indians and the Arizona Diamondbacks. This is all pretty exciting for a Sanford born and raised high school senior. However, the decision as to what to do after high school will require a lot of thought.

A baseball player has three options: sign out directly to a major league team; sign and follow, which means he attends Junior College for at least a year and then moves up to the professional team; or go to a four year college, where he will have to stay until he is a junior or reaches 21 years of age.

Deciding between college and the majors will not be an easy choice for Louwsma, although

he said he'll try not to think too much about it until the time comes. He did say, however, that it would be hard to pass up his chance to go into the major leagues, even if it did mean putting college off for a while.

His father, Wes, is also thinking about the pros and cons of college against going straight to a major league team.

"Nothing is set in stone, yet," Wes said. "We'll have to see what Chris' options are and decide together at that time what is best for Chris. I am just so proud that he has done so well. It's an honor that the teams are interested in him. An honor that not many kids get."

Ferguson believes that Louwsma has done so well because of good upbringing.

"I have had a little more of an opportunity to work with Chris," Ferguson said. "Since he first stepped onto the team, he had

not complained even once. He works hard, plays hard, and is just an all around good kid. I attribute that to his parents doing a good job raising him."

Until it's time for a decision about college or playing for a professional team, Louwsma wants to spend as much time in the country as he can, hunting a Bahing with his friends, and maintaining his 3.0 grade point average. He also wants to continue practicing and improving in the hopes of helping to lead his baseball team to the state finals.

Fowers said that the most important thing for Louwsma now is to continue to work on fundamentals and hone his skills. As long as he can stay motivated, everyone believes Louwsma can go as far as he wants to and be very successful. Louwsma just wants to take one day at a time.

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## Easter eggheads egg-citing

Be careful what you write or your words may come back to haunt you.

Some 25 years ago, I was approached by Sue Stephenson of the Sanford Pilot Club to write about some eggs the Pilots were selling. What can one write about a silly egg. I mused to myself. That was until I saw the colorful beauties lined up for sale to delight some pretty special ladies around town.

Sue presented me with one of the dressed-up eggs which I still have to this day. My egg lady (a real cute chick) is attired in a chic black lace outfit complete with a black lace chapeau complemented with pearls and diamonds.

The lovely egghead rests on a square box holding Easter straw which could be filled with candies or maybe real diamonds or pearls or maybe money — depends on how good the recipient has been.

Sue explained how the Sanford Pilot Club members carefully blew the egg from the shell, painted faces on the empty shells and dressed them to resemble real people. The egg was used to make egg cakes, she explained.

So I accepted the decorated egg, named her Ima Negg (I'm an egg) and wrote how her sisters were on sale to benefit the Pilot Club's service projects including educational scholarships.

A few days ago, I received a note from Marian Rethwill. She wrote: "Hi there! We egg cousins are still around. I'm Ima, you know, and I have my cousins Charlie Clown and Bobby Bunny with me. We also have some other distant cousins around — the cake egg gang."

"We three cousins look funny, pretty and cute, but you know that cake egg gang — they not only look great but when you're tired of looking at them, you just eat 'em. Pretty tasty stuff, too!"

From all appearances, Ima and her egg family are here to stay for the Sanford Pilot Club.

The decorated eggs have been on sale at both Sanford locations of Suntrust Bank and at Publix. If there are any left for Easter Week, they will be on sale at Suntrust, Monday, Thursday and Saturday and Publix on Saturday.

For that special someone in your life, these adorable eggheads make eggs-otic, egg-celent and egg-ceptional gifts.

### BETA SIGMA PHI REUNION

According to Joyce Sammet, the Founder's Day Reunion for Beta Sigma Phi is scheduled May 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Glen Abbey Country Club in DeBary.

Joyce said the Sanford area Beta Sigma Phi members invite all BSP members-at-large and former members to attend this festive spring event. Joyce said, "We are looking forward to reuniting with all of our friends and meeting new ones."

For information and reservations RSVP to Pat Johnson, 323-1888; Helen Hamner, 668-2846; or Joyce Sammet, 321-6126, to join your sisters for this special day.

### TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Robin Scott Pfeifer, well-known in Sanford as an accomplished dancer with Ballet Guild of Sanford-Seminole, has been named as 1996-97 Teacher of the Year at Woodland Acres Elementary School, Jacksonville, where she has taught for five years.

Robin, a 1988 graduate of Lyman High School, Longwood, is the daughter of Sandy and David Scott, principal of Idyllwild Elementary School in Sanford.

### DANCERS IN EASTER PARADE

Some 54 dancers from School of Dance Arts are cast in the Disney Easter Parade scheduled Easter Sunday on ABC television at noon. Thirty little dancers will appear in "At the Hop" and 24 other "Main Street Kids" will go back to the turn of the century for a Party in the Park.

## 94th birthday Senter winters in Sanford

**SPECIAL TO THE HERALD**

**SANFORD** — Clara Irene (Smith) Senter calls Sanford her second home. The feisty nonagenarian celebrated her 94th birthday March 18 at the Sanford home of her son and his wife, William and Pat Foster, where she spends the winter. Clara also shares her time with her daughter and family, Anna Chandler in Satsuma.

According to Pat, Clara loves to read and play cards. "She is in very good health," Pat said, "and her mind is as sharp as a tack."

Clara has a large family to enjoy and be proud of. She has 11 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren and 19 great great grandchildren.

Clara was born March 18, 1903 in Knoxville, Tenn. The family, including a sister, Frances, moved to California

when Clara was 2 and her mother died when she was 7. The sisters were raised by an aunt in Morristown, Tenn.

After finishing school, Clara attended a business college and at age 15, went to work in a war prison barracks at Fort Oglethorpe. Her job was terminated when World War II ended in 1917. She then went to work for a law firm and eventually moved to Florida where she met and married Carl Foster and they had three children, including the above-mentioned Carl Jr.

The family moved to Hendersonville, N.C. in 1938 and built a restaurant with cottages called Foster's Stone Tavern. The business flourished until World War II when supplies became limited and the business closed. The family moved to Oak Ridge, Tenn., where Carl worked in the defense plant there and

Clara became a member of Guardettes, a female security group to guard the plant. Clara liked this work and was later promoted to lieutenant.

After the war, the family moved back to North Carolina, sold the business and for the next 20 years traveled across the United States. They moved back to North Carolina in the 60s to settle down and build a home. Carl died before the home was finished and Clara completed the home in Hendersonville.

Later she met Oren P. Senter whom she married and the couple spent the winters in Florida and the summers in North Carolina. Clara worked in the gift shop of the hospital in Hendersonville until she was 80. Oren died in 1986.

Clara loves Sanford and the people. She has a lot of friends here and is a familiar visitor at the Sanford Woman's Club.



Clara Irene Senter at age 94.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

## DAR savors Stenstrom's 'Sanford History'

**SPECIAL TO THE HERALD**

Douglas Stenstrom, a Sanford native, was the guest speaker at the March meeting of the Sallie Harrison Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held at the Lake Mary home of Claire O'Connor.

Introduced by Virginia Nikler, vice regent, the Sanford son spoke on "Sanford History." A graduate of Seminole High School and the University of Florida, Stenstrom attended the University of Virginia Law

School and is a graduate of Stetson University Law School where he later served as chairman of the Stetson Board of Trustees. A descendant of the early Swedish settlers brought to the Upsala village of Sanford by Gen. Henry Sanford, Stenstrom became a Seminole County judge at age 26. He later served as state senator in the Florida Legislature.

The polished and eloquent speaker told the DAR members many facts and memories about Sanford which, as he explained,



Sallie Harrison Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution members admire the Signature Quilt bearing 747 signatures which was crafted as a fund-raiser by the Ladies Aid of

the Community Church of Lake Mary in 1926. Holding the quilt are (from left): Mildred Lind, Claire O'Connor, Mary Jane Duryea, Alison Durham and Heidi Haines, regent.

is only 160 years old. He said the history of Sanford began in 1836 when white settlers first came and settled in DeLeon Springs. That was followed by the arrival of Gen. Sanford and the first railroad which opened in 1888 to become a boom to the fruit industry. After two freezes in 1894 and 1895 wiped out the fruit trees, it was discovered that

celery was a profitable crop. During the next several decades, celery was the main-stay of the area, Stenstrom said.

He told the members about the opening of Sanford Naval Air Station and how this facility enhanced the community. The air base was located at the present Orlando Sanford Airport. Stenstrom, who still heads the

Sanford law firm of Stenstrom, McIntosh, Julian, Colbert, Whigham and Simmons P.A., is involved in an oral history program at the Sanford Museum where he interviews long-time residents of Sanford on Thursday mornings.

Heidi Haines, Regent, presided over the business meeting and

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Heidi Haines, regent of the Sallie Harrison DAR Chapter introduces guest speaker Douglas Stenstrom.

Photos Courtesy of Verna Becker

## WEDDINGS



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Aaron Guch

## Stimson-Guch vows exchanged

Cynthia Leigh Stimson and Matthew Aaron Guch announce their marriage today.

The formal ceremony took place at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Altamonte Springs, on Dec. 20, 1996 at

10:30 a.m., with Rev. Frank I. Blankenship III officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Diane Stimson, of Lake Mary.

The bridegroom is the son of Steve and Susan Guch, of

See Guch, Page 5B

## Mills, Bettencourt marry

Erika Lynn Mills and James Manuel Bettencourt announce their marriage today.

The traditional ceremony took place at First Presbyterian Church of Lake Mary on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 3 p.m., with Rev. A.F. Stevens officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Frances Neville, of Lake Mary, and William Mills, of Lakeland.

The bridegroom is the son of Robert and Madeline Bettencourt, of New Bedford, Mass.

Given in marriage by her mother and her grandfather, Tom Quillan, the bride chose for her vows a traditional candlelight, long gown accented with pearls and Battenburg lace on the train.

She wore a chiffon veil with a headpiece of small roses and pearls. Her cascading bouquet was made up of ivory roses accented with pearls and trailing ivy.

Heather Hoffman served the bride as maid of honor and wore a long, empire-style, cranberry satin gown with lace and pearl accents. She wore a small barette, garnished with roses and lace, in her hair. The honor attendant carried a European, hand-tied bouquet of blush and champagne roses accented with fern.

Bridesmaids, dressed in gowns identical to the those of

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Mr. and Mrs. James Manuel Bettencourt

**Hobbyist of the Week**

**Cara's a lifelong collector**

By SUSAN WENNER  
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — Jim Cara has collections of postcards, paper memorabilia, shavers, Beatie's paraphernalia and more which all reflect days gone by and a trip down memory lane.

As Cara put it, "I've always had a hobby." He began collecting rocks at a young age but gave many to his daughter.

"His stamp collection has since been sold. Coins from various eras have been 'blended' with his father's collection and few still remain in his possession. As for his miniature whiskey bottle collection he said, "they're all gone. Besides my mother didn't like that collection much anyway."

His California raisin collection of about 20 to 30 was recently sold for \$25. He added that at one time they were worth close to \$50.

One collection that Cara started in 1972 was cited as a Beatie's memorabilia. "I still have a few things from that collection," he said. "I still have an Irish linen (table cloth) that was only released in the United Kingdom."

He chuckled as he told a

humorous story about a blue Beatie's lunchbox that he had. "I paid a quarter for it over 18 years ago at the Sanford Flea Market. Five years ago a radio station was running a scavenger hunt. Last on the list was a Beatie's lunchbox."

After putting an ad in the paper Cara found that one girl and later a gentleman from North Carolina leased the lunchbox from him in an effort to win the contest.

"Later in January, I sold it for \$125. It was great. I ended up making \$350 off that lunchbox. Today, in near mint condition that lunchbox would sell for \$500 with a good thermos."

His eleven year hobby of collecting postcards was highest in number. "I started with Sanford and DeLand postcards," he said. "I keep them in a lot of three ring binders and in plastic shelves. My dad had about 10 or 12 from the 40s and 50s. I have paid as much as \$50 for one. Small towns tend to be more valuable than larger towns because the larger towns produced so many. I have about 300 of Sanford dating back to the turn of the century to the present. I have about 400 to 450 of DeLand. I have a few from

Deltona, DeBary, Pierson and Casadaga. The Lake Mary postcards are hard to find. One postcard I have from 1915 to 1920 from Lake Helen shows an old post office with a man with a horse drawn mail delivery carriage. It has an emaciated horse standing with him. I later found out that the horse died a week after the photo was taken."

A recent trip to a trading show netted Cara even more cards for his collection. Cara was able to trade an unwanted item of his for a \$200 trade value toward postcards that a man had.

"I like to collect old paper advertisements too," he said. "Once when my mother-in-law was cleaning out her attic we found numerous things. She was a retired school teacher so she had a lot of paper items that she sent off for to teach units to her students. There was a double bubble, a Kraft paper that helped teach proper nutrition and an Ivory chart to encourage hand washing."

He continued by saying, "I've got old maps, advertising, Chamber of Commerce brochures (called tourist boards in the 1920s), ashtrays, matchbooks, yearbooks and school diplomas. I have local history



Herald Photo by Susan Wenner

Jim Cara began collecting when he was a child and has been an avid collector all his life.

stuff throughout my house. Generally, the older and rarer the more valuable they are."

In the past year Cara has begun a collection of 60s and 70s items. He displayed an old clock, a statue, a psychedelic glasses case and an acrylic set of glasses. "I like the Peter Max things," he said. "I have a few functional household pieces too. I have some hi-jaz. They are highball jackets that fit like a mitten over a glass. I have about eight or nine electric razors. The packaging on them is just as

interesting as the razor. I have one statue that has a man on it and at the bottom it says, 'Happiness is a negative Wasserman.' I have some soda bottles from the early 70s. There are the kind that are heated and stretched."

Cara shared that he began attending toy and collectible shows. He also occasionally scans a magazine called "Toy Shoppe" for the latest prices and buys.

Cara has been employed by

Seminole County Government in the Property Appraisals Office as the Commercial Coordinator of Income for 23 years. He is also a part of the West Volusia Historical Society and served on the board of directors until recently. He is also on the Advisory Board for the Sanford Historic Society.

He and his wife, Cynthia, of 15 years live in DeLand and have one daughter, Emily. Cynthia is part of the Bel Canto Singing Group and a member of PEO, an educational sisterhood.



PTA president Cathy Hodell (left photo, from left), Leslie Grubl, Nancy Cox and James Redblood at Heathrow Family Night.



Herald Photo by Mary Rowell

Lake Mary Line Dancers perform for AARP.

**Celebrities attend Heathrow Elementary Family Night**

It was a big night at Heathrow Elementary. There were quite a few celebrities visiting the Media Center for the Spring Book Fair. Mrs. Frizzle of the Magic School Bus fame, Curious George, Clifford and Big Red Dog and an unknown, but very familiar looking turtle were all there. Children lined up for pictures and autographs of the celebrities and parents lined up to buy books.

Outside the smell of barbecue drew the crowds to the back of the school. The food for this year's family night was barbecue chicken, barbecue pork and hotdogs catered by the Florida Crackers.

There were celebrities outside too. Jimmy Sawgrass, James Redblood, Matthew Eaglebear, Sunshine and Misty came to teach children and

parents alike about Native Americans. Many people's view of Native Americans is that of the old Westerns. That's why educational programs like this one are so important. Of course, to the children, they're just fun.

James Redblood is from the Chickahominy tribe in Virginia, part of the Powhatan Confederacy. At one time, there were 40 tribes in Virginia. Sadly, now there are only seven. James and his son, Matthew Eaglebear, are related to Pocahontas on his father's side. James keeps the traditions of his people alive with his dancing and his music. James has several flutes which he plays. Some are made from cedar. Some from cane, but each has its own distinct sound and smell. Red cedar is an important tree. Legend has it that red cedar



LAKE MARY  
MARY ROWELL

was the first tree that God made. So, when James and Matthew pack away their regalia, they pack it in red cedar to take away the negative spirits. (They do not wear costumes. Costumes are worn by people pretending to be something they're not.)

The dances intrigued the audiences. James is a traditional dancer. Matthew is a fancy dancer and Misty is a cloth dancer. Traditional

dances have been around almost forever. The Fancy Dance didn't come into being until the 1920's. It's a competition dance with quicker, faster movement.

Jim Sawgrass is Muskogee Creek. Muskogee is the name the tribe called themselves. When the English came, they called them Creek because they lived near rivers and creeks. Jim dispelled some of the myths that some people still have about Native Americans. He also showed the audience how to start a fire in a turtle shell. He then lit the bonfire.

With parents standing in a ring around the fire, the children in the audience came up and took part in the dancing. Every had a wonderful time. This was the biggest turnout ever for a family night at Heathrow

**AARP participates in line dancing**

After the business section of the meeting at the Frank Evans Center, the Lake Mary Chapter of the AARP really got down to business. Their guests for the March 18 meeting were the Lake Mary Line Dancers. The dancers performed to several songs including their own dance version of the Village People's "YMCA". (The dancers were lead by Bob Musleva, a very elegant dancer and able teacher.) The dancers then asked for members of the audience to come forward and learn a few steps. Only three brave souls, Dee Buckland, Syl Riso and Val Sanderson, stepped up to join the dancers. Participation not withstanding, everyone had a great time. The April and May meetings

are shaping up to be a lot of fun too. The Forest Critters are scheduled for April and an ice cream social is scheduled for May. The May 20 event will be held at the Community Building to accommodate a larger crowd. The DeBary and the Sanlando AARP chapters have been invited to join in the fun. A 7-piece band will be the entertainment. If you'd like to join in on the fun, stop in at the next AARP meeting. It will be held at the Frank Evans Center on Tuesday, April 15 at 1 p.m. Despite the date, nothing scary is planned.

Always thinking ahead, the AARP is planning its fall fund raiser. It will be a garage sale on Saturday, Oct. 11. Members will begin collecting items for the sale after the April meeting. If you would like to donate something for the sale, contact any AARP member.

**Guch**

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Longwood.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose for her vows a long-sleeved, boxed neckline gown, accented with four rows of pearls. The A-line floor-length skirt had a long train. Sequins, lace and pearls accented the sleeves, bust and bottom of the gown. She wore a satin trimmed headpiece with a flower clip.

The bride carried a bouquet of white roses around a family prayer book accented with Christmas greens and trailing ivy.

Sarah and Elizabeth White served the bride as honor attendants. They wore matching forest-green floor-length gowns

with heart-shaped necklines. Their bouquets were Calla lilies and roses, accented with Christmas greens and tied with plaid holiday ribbon.

Bridesmaids, dressed in gowns identical to the those of the honor attendants, were Amy Newman, Robbin Graham and Sheila Reedy.

Ian Guch and Todd Conway, served as best men. The usher was Jason Stimson and groomsmen were Miles Bobbitt, Justin Thomas and Chris Poe.

The center atrium of the Sheraton Orlando North, in Maitland, was the setting for the reception.

Mary Turner kept the guest book and passed out bubbles

**Bettencourt**

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the honor attendant, were Kim Acker, Kerry Mills and Jaclyn Martin.

Mike Eugenio, served as best man.

The ushers and groomsmen were Marc Atkinson, Paul Hidenbrand and Joe Acker.

The flower girl was Alechia

Mills. The Marina Hotel, in Sanford, was the setting for the reception.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Maui.

The couple are employed by Andy Williams, the bride as a dancer and the groom as a trumpet player, in Branson, Mo., where they will make their home.

(instead of rice) to the guests.

The newlyweds honeymooned on a Carnival cruise to Nassau and Freeport, Bahamas.

The bride is employed as a teacher and the groom is a Winn-Dixie store manager. They are making their home in Lake Mary.

**DAR**

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heard routine reports.

After Stenstrom's interesting address, the members admired a signature quilt made in 1926 as a fund-raising project by the Ladies Aid of the Community Church of Lake Mary (under Presbyterian liturgy). This colorful, prized craft is designed with 30 squares and a total of 747 signatures. Among the signatures on the quilt are: United States President Calvin Coolidge, Florida Gov. John W. Martin, Sanford Mayor Forest Lake and several Seminole County commissioners.

Following the program, a letter was read by Mrs. Charles K. Kemper, president general of the American Revolution, and the meeting was adjourned.

Hostesses for the meeting were Libby Boyd, Alison Durham and Dorothy Eriaman.

**Lost girl befriended in Harlem**

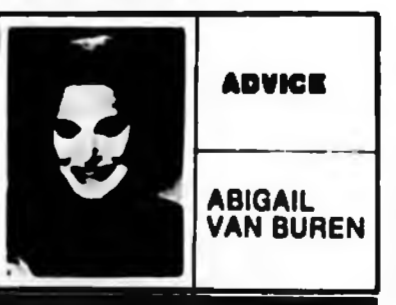
DEAR ABBY: You asked readers to tell you about random acts of kindness they have experienced. Well, here's mine. It's the story of a black woman's kindness to a 16-year-old white girl who was lost in Harlem. It was a cold and rainy night late in December of 1944.

My 15-year-old brother and I had gone to visit an elderly aunt in New York between Christmas and New Year's. My brother decided he wanted to go back to Connecticut after a couple of days, but I wanted to stay longer. I thought I knew the city and suggested that he get the train at the 125th Street station to save time. I saw him off and then unknowingly got on the wrong bus to return to my aunt's.

I knew I was in trouble when the bus turned onto either Lexington or Amsterdam Avenue. I had no money. I was the only white person left on the bus. In the back of the bus a group of musicians were tuning up (remember, it was war time and gas was rationed).

I was sitting next to a woman, and I began to cry in absolute terror. The woman asked me what was wrong. I told her I was lost and had no money. She said she'd give me the bus fare, and proceeded to tell me where to go after I got off the bus. I cried harder and told her I was afraid of her people. The woman then offered to get off the bus with me.

We walked across the street to-



ADVICE

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

gether in the cold rain, and she waited with me until a bus came. She got on the bus with me, paid my fare and told the bus driver where I was to get off. The bus driver closed the door behind her, told her that he had taken her, block and demanded that she pay another fare for herself.

I have often thought of this good woman and prayed many, many times that God has been good to her for her kindness to me. I have also tried to show kindness to all people, black or white, that I have worked with or met. I was so distraught, I don't know if I ever thanked her. Writing this letter to you, Abby, is my sincere thanks to this Good Samaritan.

ANNA HART ZIRUK,  
BREWSTER, MASS.

DEAR ANNA: With a little luck, your Good Samaritan may see this letter and remember her good deed. Thank you for re-

minding us that you can't judge the quality of people by the color of their skin.

DEAR ABBY: You advised "Miss X" — a male pre-op transsexual — to use the women's rest room when dressed as a woman. Bad idea. It is illegal for people to use a public rest room intended for the opposite sex, regardless of how they are presenting themselves.

Speaking as a longtime cross-dresser, my idea of transvestite hell would be to get arrested wearing a dress and high heels and have to spend a night locked in a cell with a group of Hell's Angels.

Abby, most women are offended by the idea of men using their rest room regardless of how the man is dressed. I easily pass as a moderately attractive woman, but I respect the fact that I am not wanted in the ladies rest room and I stay out of it.

I suggest that "Miss X" do the same until after the operation. When I am dressed up in public, I find small restaurants and convenience stores that have a single unisex bathroom or a single-stall men's room with a door that locks.

KANSAS CITY CUTIE

DEAR CUTIE: It will please you to know that I got several complaints for my answer. Thank you for setting me straight.

SUNDAY MORNING TV schedule table with columns for channel, program name, and time.

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PRIME TIME TV schedule table with columns for channel, program name, and time.

Additional TV schedule table with columns for channel, program name, and time.



Alvin Ailey Dancers combine with Tjari Arts students when they visited Sanford.

# Smith honored for service to church and community

Eitel N. Smith, Christian, musician, community worker and owner of Champion Tailors was honored by his church, family and friends. Trinity United Methodist Church was the setting for saying 'we appreciate your service' for this dedicated Christian servant. Johnny Joseph presided over this service held in Smith's honor.



Special thanks go to Pastor Rivers, Trinity Church and the committee for this great appreciation tribute for a Christian leader.



Eitel N. Smith

Favorite selections of Smith's were sung by the St. James AME Church choir. The selections presented were "Trust and Obey," "I Have Hope," "I Am Redeemed," "Yes It is No Secret What God Can Do For His Children" and a special musical honor rendering music of the soul was given by Bro. and Mrs. L. Thompson.

Pastor Eddie Rivers, Jr. gave the scripture and prayer. A hearty welcome was given by Oliver Harrold. Tributes from the church on Smith's life as a member was given by Willie Metz, his former co-worker and D. C. McCoy spoke of 'his friend'. Rev. S.S. Robinson read a tape of his respect and tribute for Smith as a member and a friend of Trinity United Methodist Church.

After coming to Sanford around 1940, Smith connected and became a member of Trinity where his service and musical talent at the console has been enjoyed for over 50 years without any compensation or financial gain. Smith was reminded that the world is a stage and he is one of the actors and oh, what a Christian actor, servant and friend of humanity he is.

Myrtle Brown's tribute in verse was a reflection of him as a gift to those who know him. Turner Clayton spoke of Smith as a neighbor and friend and of the contributions he has made and is making to his community. Smith has organized Crime Watch in his community.

Smith's sister-in-law, Bernice LaVain, gave a brief tribute of Smith as a member of their family. Eitel was married to the late Florida Thomas Smith, an educator in the Seminole County school system for many years.

A presentation of a money collar to Smith along with other gifts were presented by his friend Wesley (Snow) Wright. The moment had arrived for the honoree to give words of thanks for the great surprise that indeed was well deserved.

He is a Christian worker in the vineyard of the Master. Yes, Mr. Smith, your honesty will always be remembered as you deal with your customers. Do all the good you can in anyway you can, to all you can. One of Smith's motto's has always been to help someone all the time.

Out-of-town guests were his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Smith from Baltimore, Maryland, as well as, other relatives from Crystal River, Orlando, Jacksonville and Atlanta.

## Choir to sing in play

The Gospel Song Play entitled "I Find No Fault" will be directed by recording artist Vernon "Papa" Jones on Saturday March 29th at 7:00 pm at New Life Baptist Church, 1625 Dorchester Road, Holly Hill. Featured will be the renowned Sanford Workshop Choir and New Life Church choir. The community is invited.

## Clean-up drive

New Mount Calvary Baptist Church, pastored by the Rev. Ricky Scott, invites the community to join the churches 'Clean Up Our Community Drive' on Saturday, March 29th. All wishing to help in this drive will meet at New Mount Calvary Church on West 12th Street.

## Dancers visit

The Alvin Ailey Dancers stopped in Sanford for a visit with Director Pat Whitley of Tjari Arts. The students interested in dance were treated to an hour of tutoring by the Alvin Ailey Dancers who showed them many of the poised, graceful, professional steps that have made the dance team a national success.

## Crooms meeting

Crooms Academy classes from 1931 throughout are invited to attend a meeting planned to give historical advancement to Crooms Academy. A representative from each class is asked to attend Thursday, March 27th 7:00 pm at the Seminole African-American Academy at

## Goldsboro reunion

Goldsboro Elementary School Historical Reunion Committee is helping to write the last chapter in the history of Goldsboro. If you are a student or former student, you are invited to attend all activities planned for reunion week. The events will be in next weeks column.

A table listing movie titles and showtimes, including 'LIAR LIAR', 'THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK', 'THE ENGLISH PATIENT', 'RETURN OF THE JEDI', 'JUNGLE 2 JUNGLE', 'SILENA', 'LOVE JONES', and 'HOWARD STRICK'S PRIVATE PARTS'.

Advertisement for 'Can You Afford Not To? Child Proof Your Home Today!' featuring 'Safe Surroundings Child Proofing Co. Inc.' with a list of safety products like gates, latches, and magnetic locks.

Advertisement for 'EASTER SALE SPECTACULAR' featuring 'FREE CERAMIC EASTER BASKET' and 'TUX RENTALS \$39.95 EASTER HATS' with a list of clothing items and store address.

# School scenes



## Sanford Middle is tops in county again

By VERA BODENHORN  
Herald Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — While the campus of Sanford Middle School seems hectic and peaceful, the school is jumping with activity leading the quality staff principal Bill Moore has assembled.

Last year, choral teacher Madeleine Zimmerman was named the county's Teacher of the Year.

Several weeks ago, Carol Ahlstrand was named the county's school-related employee of the year.

This week, Algerina "Al" Bradwell was tapped as the Seminole County School Social Worker of the Year.

Bradwell has been a school social worker for nearly a quarter of a century.

At Sanford Middle, she works with a wide variety of students. Chiefly, she serves those youngsters who are chronically

truant, who have exceptional education needs, who have academic and emotional concerns, who are dealing with substance abuse issues and who have economic and social needs.

In addition, she is involved in parent-teacher issues, in individual and group counseling and in organizing and utilizing community resources.

Bradwell said she loves the challenge of working at Sanford Middle School as a social worker.

The school, she said, includes children from all racial and socioeconomic backgrounds. Each student, she noted, and his situation is extraordinarily unique.

Despite the recognition of her social work and school peers, Bradwell said that is not what motivates her to continue in her work.

"Seeing their (the students') wonderful little faces daily is the all the recognition one needs," she said.



Algerina "Al" Bradwell

### In appreciation

Teachers at Pine Crest Elementary School in Sanford were feted by the administration and by the Sanford Red Lobster restaurant, which is a business partner. Entertainment was provided by several groups, including Cindy Robinson and Dawn Ridgeway (above). At right, the teachers sat back and relaxed for a spell while others did the work. They played games, enjoyed good food and balloons and received a sampling of gifts from the sponsors. And, at far right, some cut a rug with the Red Lobster mascot.

Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent



# Health/Fitness

## IN BRIEF

### Free health checks

**SANFORD** — April is Occupational Therapy Month and Florida Sunshine Rehab is having a health fair to promote wellness in the community.

On Tuesday, April 1 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. there will be a free clinic outside WalMart on U.S. Highway 17-92 in Sanford.

There will be free blood pressure checks, balance checks and information about occupational therapy, medicare, good nutrition and much more.

There will also be lots of fun and games as well.

Everything, including refreshments will be free.

For more information, call Florida Sunshine Rehab at 328-5080.

### I Can Cope

**SANFORD** — Columbia Medical Center in Sanford is sponsoring an I Can Cope education program for patients, family members and friends affected by cancer.

Through informative presentations, educational materials and the sharing of common thoughts and feelings.

The structured group meets for six consecutive weeks beginning April 3.

All groups will meet from 3:00 to 5 p.m. at the Columbia Cancer Center-Sanford.

For more information, contact Case Management at 331-4500, ext. 5780.

Registration is required.

The seminars include Learning About Cancer, Understanding Cancer Treatments, Managing the Effects of Illness, Keeping Well in Mind and Body, Communicating Concerns and Feelings, Exploring Self-Esteem and Intimacy, Mobilizing Resources and Support and Celebrating Life.

### Keep Us Informed

The Sanford Herald welcomes health information for our health and fitness page.

You can submit information to us at: The Sanford Herald, P.O. Box 1867 or N. French Ave., Sanford, 32771. Phone: 323-2611 or Fax: 323-9408.

## Center to bring better health care to Oviedo

By DAVID FRASER  
Herald Staff Writer

There is a great deal of clarification needed about the building going up on West Broadway Street in Oviedo. It is not a hospital!

It is, however, a multi-purpose health care facility, a project of Orlando Regional Health Network which in turn is a subsidiary of Orlando Regional Healthcare System. "There will be no beds in this facility," said Elizabeth McManus, manager of Business Development. "There are no overnight stays".

Scheduled to open for July 1987, the Orlando Regional Healthcare Center of Oviedo -- as it is formally known -- is a 73,000 square foot ambulatory care facility that will offer a full line of health care services. The facility, which is said to be the first of its kind, will contain primary care and specialty physicians, diagnostic radiology, rehabilitation services, urgent care, outpatient surgery, an in-house pharmacy, laboratory services and a community resource center. The site will be an easy convenience for Oviedo, Tuslawville and Winter Springs residents.

Right now there is a temporary structure that is the

residence of three professionals. Dr. Jackie Miller, D.O. is board certified in family medicine specializing in family medical care, comprehensive health screenings, school physicals and minor surgery. Dr. Marie Guinonez, M.D. is board eligible in pediatrics and specializes in comprehensive health screenings, school physicals, prenatal counseling and new mother counseling. And Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner Kathie Smith specializes in family nurse practitioner, women's health, school physicals and family medical care. Each of these are now seeing patients. There are also OB/GYN specialists in the temporary building.

Orlando Regional Healthcare System is a 1,338-bed community owned hospital system. It was originally known as Orange General Hospital and it was established in 1918. O.R.H.S. now encompasses six hospital facilities in four counties and more than 10 healthcare-related affiliates.

O.R.H.S. hopes that its new facility will serve the population of the area with its multiple healthcare programs believing that given the growth and population, the area needs premiere healthcare facilities and services.



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**Clear Your Mind Today**  
Sunday, March 23, 1997

In the year ahead you will be in a better position to increase the harmony and balance in your life. Your material ambitions will complement your dreams.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** An agreement you enter into today may not succeed if both parties fail to fulfill in detail that to which they agreed. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Co-workers might attempt to shift their burdens to you today if they think they can. Help if possible, but let them cover their share of the responsibility.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** This is not a good day to take extreme chances. You might begin to depend too heavily on Lady Luck instead of your own ability to control your destiny.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** If you have to deal with bigots today, don't be unduly awed by their titles and trappings. They don't have as much clout as you believe they do.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** For the sake of peace, don't debate volatile issues with an acquaintance who loves to argue. You won't be able to turn him or her off today.

**VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** It's best not to participate in any financial matter that you have misgivings about. Today, it is wise to abide by your instincts and perceptions.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Do not underestimate your competition today, especially if they are operating close to your turf. They may know something you haven't figured out yet.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** You might be unrealistically generous today and give away something of value on an impulse, or make a commitment you'll later not want to fulfill.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Avoid groups today in which there may be persons present who make you feel uncomfortable. You don't need their company.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Try not to put yourself in a position today where you have to rely on others to fulfill a commitment. It might not work out very smoothly.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Your powers of persuasion may not be up to par today and you might try to impose your ideas upon the nonreceptive, which would only make matters worse.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Be very prudent today in the management of your personal resources. You may also want to think twice before offering economic advice to an associate.

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**WIN AT BRIDGE**

Next time, turn the other way

By Phillip Alder

Mark Twain started an article with "Reader, suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself." (Please write to Twain's descendants, not me, if you take offense.)

In today's deal, I am repeating myself, sort of. The North hand and the auction are identical to yesterday's, and the East hand is similar. Also, declarer starts along a parallel path. But there the similarities end.

Playing in three no-trump, declarer received a club lead around to his 10. With eight winners (three hearts, three diamonds and two clubs), South could see one route to a ninth trick: finding the opposing hearts splitting 3-3. However, that odds-against possibility could wait. Declarer played a heart to dummy's king and called for the spade queen. Knowing the rule about covering the last of touching honors,

East played low -- and killed the defense.

If West won the trick, declarer could take his return and drive out the spade king, ending with at least 10 tricks: two spades, three hearts, three diamonds and two clubs. So, West ducked. Yet now South, with his ninth trick in, ran for home.

Note that if East wins the third trick with his spade king (the fatal play yesterday) and returns a club, the contract must fail. But how does he know? I wish I had a simple answer. Perhaps the only indicator is that in yesterday's deal, West's club suit was known to be established. Here, it is presumably not ready to run. East

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**ROBOTMAN**

by Jim Meddick

WELL, I'M NOT SURE THAT I'M GOT BY LOOKS BACK, I'VE GOTTA ADMIT IT'S NOT EASY BEING YOU. GUY THROUGH LIFE WITH THE FACE OF A BITZER, BREAM LIKE A BUNNY AND LEGS OF A CHOW.

KEEP YOUR CHIN UP, MATE!

THEY'RE ALL... HE'S A REALLY NICE GUY...

YOU DON'T KNOW ANY AMERICAN SLANG, DO YOU?

ALL I KNOW IS "BAMB" HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH A BEY LITTLE PLASTIC DOLL...

**FLORIDA**

Moist Acres

LET'S GO OVER IT AGAIN... HOW MANY MORE PERMITS DO WE NEED FOR YOUR RETIREMENT ACCOUNT?

SORRY, WE'RE NOT INTERESTED.

IT'S SOME SALES CALL...

HERE LET ME MAKE THAT...

LISTEN, YOU SOB! I DON'T WANT WHATEVER YOU'RE SELLING! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DEALING WITH HERE? SOME STUPID SOB WHO WOULD RESPOND TO A...

PROB? WELL, NO... I WROTE MAKE OF THAT...

**ANNIE**

by Leonard Starr

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