



A Step Closer to State

Any word you want to use to describe the outcome of Thursday's Class 6A-Region 1 Girls Basketball Regional Quarterfinal at Lake Mary High School would fit. Crushed, clobbered, smashed, thrashed, etc., etc., etc....they all work. Page 1B

Community warned about Internet scam

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is warning the public about a possible Internet scam.

According to Sheriff Don Ealinger, the Michigan Department of Treasury recently received an alert from the Internal Revenue Service about a fraudulent scam being conducted via e-mail.

Some taxpayers have received e-mail from a non-IRS source indicating that the taxpayer is under audit and needs to complete a questionnaire within 48 hours to avoid "assessment of penalties and interest." The e-mail refers to an e-audit and references IRS form 1040. The taxpayer is asked to provide social security numbers, bank account numbers and other confidential information.

The IRS does not conduct e-audits, nor does it notify taxpayers of a pending audit via e-mail. Do not provide the requested information - this may be an identity-theft attempt. If you receive an e-mail of this nature, please contact the sheriff's office at 407-665-6600.



Planting Trees

When to celebrate Arbor Day can be confusing, especially if you live in Seminole County. Page 1C

Seminole Smile



Carol Fordham - Staff assistant for the Casselberry Fire Department

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Police target aggressive drivers

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

Longwood department receives grant to rid roadways of dangerous motorists

LONGWOOD - Slow down, wear a seat belt and put a smile on when traveling through Longwood. A new state grant is helping the police department crack down on aggressive drivers.



Roberts

Operation Stop Radical Inconsiderate Performance while driving, better known as STOP RIP, began Jan. 18. Although the whole police department is working to track down aggressive drivers, Officer Wayne

Roberts is the point man in the operation.

The grant provided Roberts with a brand new unmarked squad car loaded with all the law enforcement goodies, including front- and rear-mounted radar, and an in-car video camera and audio recorder.

The results are stunning. From mid-January to Thursday afternoon, Roberts ticketed almost 170 aggressive drivers.

"And today's not over," he quipped. "Other officers look for these violations, but this is my sole purpose."

In addition to the street enforcement, Roberts is also spreading the word through public appearances.

Infographic titled 'WHEN CONFRONTED BY AN AGGRESSIVE DRIVER' and 'AGGRESSIVE DRIVERS: WHO ARE THEY?'. It lists safety tips like 'Make every attempt to get away' and 'Put the phone in the back seat' and describes aggressive driver traits like 'They are high-risk drivers who climb into the anonymity of an automobile'.

Next week he will be at Lyman High School to alert teenagers to the dangers of aggressive driving and in the following weeks he will speak to every city neighborhood

watch program. "The objective is to educate the public about aggressive driving in hopes of reducing crashes," he said.

According to crash statistics compiled by the National Highway Traffic Safety See Drivers, Page 8A



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent



Speed legend

NASCAR legend Kyle Petty, one of the most popular drivers on the NASCAR Winston Cup circuit, stopped Wednesday at the Sanford Sprint Store to meet some of his fans. Petty brought along his No. 45 Sprint Dodge car. More than two decades ago, Petty won his first stock car race at Daytona. He will race again during this weekend's Daytona 500, where he is 34th in the line-up. Last year, The Sporting News named the driver its first "NASCAR Good Guy."

ABOVE: NASCAR driver Kyle Petty signs an autograph for 3-year-old Travis Bridges and his brother, 8-year-old Tyler. The Sanford children are with their father, Berman Bridges.

LEFT: NASCAR racing legend Kyle Petty takes a minute to pose for a photograph before signing more autographs for his fans.

Antique business shut down after owner goes to jail

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

SANFORD - Life probably couldn't get much worse for Sanford resident Ronald Troy Browning.

After police arrested him last week for producing illegal drugs and dealing in stolen property ring, city building and fire inspectors shut down his business, Ron's Antiques at 422 S. Sanford Ave., Wednesday.

Inspectors found open five-gallon cans of furniture lacquer, multiple extension cords, frayed wiring and a "jerry-rigged" electrical panel at the business.

On top of those infractions, investigators also discovered a newly constructed second floor within the building. Investigators believe the second floor served as

Browning's and several other people's living quarters. The building was permitted for commercial use only.

"With them smoking in there, we could have had a vapor flash fire," Sanford Fire Marshal Tim Robles said.

The dangerous second floor, which surprised inspectors because a building permit was never requested before its construction, had only one support beam on the header, said Robles. Florida Power and Light shut off the power Wednesday and the owner was ordered to board up the building. The owner will have to go through the city permitting process to have the building reopened, Robles said.

Permits and licenses obviously See Business, Page 8A

Unique parenting class may cease at college

By Dan Ping Editor

SANFORD - Parents know all to well that babies don't come with instructions.

There are plenty of books on the subject, and parents have their own childhood experiences to draw upon. There's also the mother-in-law who knows exactly how her grandchildren should be raised.

But those resources don't always provide the answers, particularly for first-time parents who never seem to run out of questions. Meet Penny O'Connell and Elaine Ray.

O'Connell and Ray operate the Parenting Labs, a one-of-a-kind

program that provides parents with the skills they need to raise their children. What makes the Parenting Lab unique is the fact that parents participate in the program with their children.

"We should really call it the Parent and Baby Lab," O'Connell said. "This is not something where you have to get a babysitter so you can go to class for an hour. You learn by doing."

Parent and Child Learning The classes meet twice a week for two hours. The sessions are divided into seven six-week periods beginning in August and running through May. Parents can choose to attend just one six-week

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An evening with a cop and his best friend

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series exploring the day-to-day duties of Sanford police officers. Today's article focuses on the K-9 unit.

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

SANFORD - "Bark, bark, growl." That's the sounds heard anytime someone walks close to Sanford Officer Tony Raimondo's squad car.

Dax, a 186-pound, 2-year-old German Shepherd "does not like people by the car," Raimondo said. Not to worry, though. The dog's bite is not as bad as his growl, unless Raimondo needs it to be. The playful pup is a little too over protective of his master, but when it comes to police work - he's second to none.

"People view our dogs as weapons - they're just tools," Raimondo said. "They find people and search buildings. They're not vicious at all."

Even on the slowest nights of patrolling the city streets, Raimondo and Dax are quite possibly the busiest duo on the force. They spend a lot of time backing up other officers,

responding to building alarms and searching for narcotics. Lunch breaks and bathroom breaks are extended for the K-9 unit as well.

"He takes breaks just like I do," Raimondo said. On breaks Raimondo practices obedience training with Dax. Occasionally Raimondo will put Dax through a short tracking exercise where the dog is rewarded with hot dogs for following a scent. Dax loves hot dogs. He normally eats four cups of dry food a day, with an occasional hot dog as a treat. However, on department training days when all the police dogs participate, Dax can eat as many as 10 to 15 hot dogs during the exercises, Raimondo said.

Dax is a full-service police dog, which means although he is trained primarily for searching buildings and tracking suspects, his secondary training was in narcotics detection. Other full-service dogs in the county have elective training in bomb and cadaver detection.

The selection of police dogs is a detailed process where few make the final cut. Dogs are tested on a variety of criteria, many of which an average dog owner wouldn't even

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Herald photo by Christopher Patton

Officer Tony Raimondo and police dog Dax check a suspicious vehicle and the area immediately around the car for the presence of narcotics.

SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

Federal alert: If you tried to access the Seminole County web page last week, you may have had trouble logging on. That's because the county computers had problems. Serious problems. As in FBI-type problems.

County technicians shut down the web server Wednesday at 5 p.m. after the G-Men discovered suspicious references to the Seminole County web pages in an overseas chat room. Evidently Johnny Ashcroft and the boys over at the Justice Department were serious when they threatened to monitor the Internet in the U.S. war on terror.

Kim Patterson, manager of information services for the county, said the reference was to credit card information supposedly available on the Web site.

Patterson said no security breaches occurred and indicated the page in question was an unused practice form that had never been erased.

"The county doesn't collect credit card information on its web site," Patterson said.

No county employees were involved in the chat room discussion, according to Patterson. The web server was up and running again by Thursday morning.

Wonder if the FBI alerted anyone about those dirty jokes being circulated through the county's e-mail system?



Double dribble: Local hoteliers on the Tourism Development Council were so busy being indignant about a proposal to fund a hotel/conference center in Sanford, they didn't notice they could talk out of both sides of their mouths.

First they skewered the financial consultants' projections as overly optimistic and gloated about the hotel becoming a monumental failure. Minutes later they moaned about the unfairness of using the hotel tax to fund a hotel that would put them out of business. The hoteliers covered both sides so well you'd have thought they moonlighted as Vegas bookmakers.

They made a good point about the hotel tax, however. Asking taxpayers, even tourist taxpayers, to fund construction of a hotel for a private company is not the wisest use of tax dollars. But then neither is building a "public" soccer facility that the public never gets to use.

Two of the three cents generated by the hotel tax goes to pay for the construction and upkeep of the Sylvan Lake Park Soccer Complex. Four of the six fields are available to the public. The other two are off-limits. Same with the giant weightroom at the park. Those facilities are reserved for the United States Soccer Federation. While the federation has used the facility—most notably in the mid- and late-1990s when Brandt "I'm too sexy for my shirt" Chastain and the U.S. Women's National Team trained at Sylvan Lake—it's been months since the fields have been used. Unless the federation releases the county from its 10-year contract, the public won't set foot on the fields until 2003.

Two-thirds of the hotel tax funds a facility that soccer-crazed Seminole County residents can't use. So why are TDC board members self-righteous about levying a tax for a hotel/conference center the public can use?

Of course, Red McCullough and the other blowhards on the TDC failed to notice their hypocrisy. McCullough should be forgiven, though, if he didn't notice the double talk. Rather than think for himself, Red literally read from a script provided to him before the meeting. Reviews of the performance panned McCullough's over-acting, but Seminole County Commissioner Carlton Henley just might win an Oscar for his script-writing ability.

Sad shape: No, not talking about the Clock Keeper (though he really ought to lay off the biscuits and gravy down at the Colonial Room). The Clock, the real one in Magnolia Square, is in pretty pitiful shape. One side is boarded up. The other three sides have stopped working and each shows a different time. That means The Clock is only accurate six times a day (Again, talking about the real one, not the column).

Repairs are in order, however. Stella Oritt, is donating money to have The Clock fixed, hopefully for good. Oritt's grandfather purchased The Clock years ago and donated it to the city. While it's city property, the gracious Ms. Oritt has on more than one occasion provided the funds to keep The Clock in operation.

New clock movements have been ordered, as have new faces. A high-tech Global Positioning System will be installed so The Clock will never be more than one-tenth of one second inaccurate. The maintenance may be done as early as next week.

Now if Ms. Oritt could just do something with the Dodge Diplomat owned by the Herald's Clock Keeper.

—Dan Ping, Herald Editor

Got a tidbit for Around The Clock? Send e-mails to TheClock@seminoleherald.com.

Working on SIZZORS



Workers are continuing their work on correcting a mold problem at the Seminole County Public Safety Building on Bush Boulevard using a SIZZOR lift to reach the second and third floors.

Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Cracker Barrel Robbed

Seminole deputies responded early Monday morning to the Cracker Barrel restaurant at 200 Hickman Drive, across from the Seminole Towne Center mall. The restaurant manager reported to police at approximately 4:30 a.m. that a black male brandishing a chrome revolver handgun robbed the restaurant of \$9,000.

According to the police report, the robber forced his way into the business as the manager was entering through the front doors. He then forced three employees, already at work, to lay down on top of each other in the main office as he ordered the manager to open the safe.

The suspect was described by witnesses to be a thin, built man, approximately five feet and seven inches tall, wearing all black clothing with a black bandana wrapped around his face.

Additional sheriff's office units, Sanford police and a Longwood K-9 unit set up a perimeter around the restaurant. The police dog tracked the suspect's scent to the Hops restaurant parking lot across State Road 46. Fresh tire tracks were conducive to that of marks left as a result of a vehicle spinning its wheels, according to the police report.

A nearby Mobil gas station employee told police that a white Pontiac Grand Am occupied by several black males recently left the parking lot at a high rate of speed. Anyone with information involving the case is encourage to call the sheriff's office at 407-665-6600.

Retail Theft

Seminole Deputy Hiram Castro arrested Ashley Arpin, 19, of Altamonte Springs and Sarah Baker, 20, of Longwood Monday for retail theft. The two allegedly attempted to steal several items including cigarettes and razors from the State Road 434 Albertsons grocery store.

Seminole Deputy Scot Van der Weide arrested Gerald Grant, 71, of Lake Mary Wednesday for shoplifting. He reportedly tried to steal disposable razors from the Lake Mary Publix grocery store.

Trespassing School Grounds

Longwood Officer Trafton Patrick arrested Marciana Cintora, 61, of Longwood Monday for trespassing school grounds, disturbing the peace and resisting an officer. Apparently



Cintora entered the Longwood Elementary property and started yelling at police and school staff. She resisted arrest by refusing to enter the squad car and grabbing the door to prevent from being placed in the police vehicle.

License Suspended

Winter Springs Officer B. Mayhugh arrested Alberto Sepulveda, 24, of Winter Springs Monday for driving with a suspended license and attaching license plate not assigned to vehicle.

Seminole Deputy Debbie Gregory arrested Christina Adamo, 26, of Lake Mary Tuesday for her third charge of driving with a suspended license. Adamo was apparently involved in a traffic accident at Lake Emma Road and Lake Mary Boulevard.

Seminole Deputy Christopher Torina arrested Robert Burgess, 28, of Winter Springs Tuesday for resisting an officer and driving with a suspended license.

DUI

Seminole Deputy Samuel Best arrested John Herndon, 41, of Altamonte Springs Thursday for driving under the influence. Herndon reportedly contacted the sheriff's office advising that he was following a vehicle around that he believed was occupied by one of America's most wanted Taliban members.

Communications advised deputies that Herndon sounded intoxicated. He refused a breath test.

Oviedo police arrested Bradley Delack, 38, of Longwood Tuesday for driving under the influence and failure to sign a citation. He also refused a breath test.

Cocaine Possession

Sanford Officer Frederick Eldridge arrested Terrell Hunt, 19, of Sanford Tuesday for possession of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a place of worship and resisting an officer. Police arrested Eldridge near the corner of 10th Street and Hickory

Avenue, after a nearby resident alerted police to the possible drug activity. Hunt attempted to run from police and ditch the baggie of the crack cocaine.

Seminole Deputy Marcus Bullock arrested Lara Baca, 42, of Lake Mary Wednesday for possession of cocaine.

Sanford Officer Frederick Eldridge arrested Willie Blake, 20, of Sanford Wednesday for possession of cocaine and marijuana and giving false information to police.

Aggravated Assault

Seminole Investigator Michael Cannady arrested Christopher Walls, 19, and Thomas Alessandro, 20, both of Geneva, Tuesday for aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony, first degree arson, possession of an incendiary device and using explosives. Walls and Alessandro allegedly lit and threw several Molotov Cocktails at a State Road 419 residence.

Breaking a Window

Sanford Officer Shannon Dawkins arrested Jeffrey Brown, 20, of Sanford Tuesday for throwing a missile into a dwelling. Brown allegedly threw numerous objects at a Academy Avenue residence and eventually shattered the front window.

Out of State Fugitive

Seminole Deputy Carey Manuel arrested Carlos Chairez, 47, of Longwood Tuesday for an out of state fugitive warrant. Chairez's active warrant is from the FBI in reference to the United States District Court in New Mexico. He apparently violated conditions of a pretrial release for the charge of assault aboard an aircraft.

Forged Checks

Seminole Deputy Warren Treadwell Jr., arrested James Smith, 40, of Sanford Wednesday for passing two forged checks. Smith reportedly tried to cash two stolen personal checks at the Oviedo Albertsons grocery and liquor stores.

Illegal use of Credit Card

Sanford Officer Chris Woehr arrested Patricia Wing, 31, of Geneva Wednesday for four counts of illegal use of a credit card, two counts of forgery and two counts of uttering a forged instrument. Wing reportedly used a stolen credit card to make several purchases around Sanford.

OUT & ABOUT

SAT 16

The city of Longwood is sponsoring a night of Bluesgrass Saturday, Feb. 16, from 6 to 10 p.m. in historic downtown Longwood at the Community Building, located at the corner of West Church Avenue and Wilma Street.

Bring a lawn chair or bring your strings and join in. Refreshments will be available. No alcoholic beverage allowed.

For more information, call 407-260-3447.

A Classic Car Cruise & Street Party will be held in Historic Downtown Sanford from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16.

The event will include food, '50s music, and a live DJ.

For more information, please contact Sanford Main Street at 407-322-3600.

Family Fitness Fun Day will be held at Central Winds Park in Winter Springs 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16.

The event will include moonwalks, clowns, refreshments and more. The event is sponsored by the City of Winter Springs Parks & Recreation Department.

For more information, call 407-327-4761.

THUR 21

Lyman High School's Project GRADD is sponsoring a dinner and TV game show event, "Who Wants To Be A Lymanaire?" Thursday, Feb. 21.

After a gourmet dinner and silent auction, everyone is invited to compete for prizes in the interactive TV game shows, including Hollywood Squares, Family Feud and The Weakest Link.

Silent auction items include Clinique men's and women's gift baskets, bed and breakfast stays, Magic game tickets, restaurant coupons and golf packages.

In addition, Project GRADD will be selling chances to win two free round-trip tickets to anywhere in the continental 48 states, good through 2002. Cost is \$5.

Cost for "Who Wants To Be A Lymanaire?" is \$15 for students and \$20 for adults. Tickets are available in the school's front office or call Debbie Cangiolo at 407-695-3960.

SUN 24

A Black History Celebration will be held from noon until 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at the Big Lot Plaza parking lot, located at 2921 Orlando Ave.

The event will feature live entertainment with gospel music, a salute to the history of black music and the citizens of Sanford. Emcee will be Leon Joseph of Star 94.5. A special tribute will be given to ladies of soul by Sister Soul of Orlando.

The event is free to the public.

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Obituaries

WALTER L. AEBY

Walter L. Aeby, 84, of Gainesboro Street, Deltona, died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2002, in Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford.

Born in East Chicago, Ind., he moved to Central Florida from West Miami in 1979. He was retired from the accounting department at Florida Power and Light Co., where he worked for 29 years. He attended Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Orange City. He was a former member and governor of the Loyal Order of Moose in South Miami and received numerous awards for his volunteer work with COP (Citizens Observation Program). He volunteered for the Volusia County Sheriff's Department's DARE program and was a state certified crime prevention practitioner.

Survivors include one daughter, Marie Duhamel of Brewerton, N.Y.; two grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Volusia County Sheriff, COP, P.O. Box 569, DeLand, FL, 32763.

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

LAVINA E. ADAMS

Lavina E. Adams, 90, of Karen Avenue, Altamonte Springs, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, in Island Lake Center, Longwood.

Born May 17, 1911, in Chicago, Ill., she resided in Central Florida for two years. She was a member of Altamonte Chapel.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas L. Rebik of Altamonte Springs and Robert Schmidt of Chicago, Ill.; four grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

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

EMMA BOOZER

Emma Boozer, 84, of Locust Avenue, Sanford, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, in Florida Hospital, Altamonte.

Born Jan. 1, 1918, in Quitman, Ga., she was a nurses aid. She was a member of Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include one nephew, Johnny Golden of Sanford; one niece, Marva Alexander of Sanford; and four sisters, Mable Turner of Sanford, Melinda Daniels of Fayetteville, N.C., Tiny Robinson of Cleveland, Ohio, and Louella Thompson of Detroit, Mich.

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

CLEO TANNER CARTER

Cleo Tanner Carter, 80, of Cedar Avenue, Sanford, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002.

Born in Alma, Ala., she moved to Central Florida in 1948. She was a retired accountant for the city of Sanford. She was a member of Grace Methodist Church of Lake Mary and the Garden Club of Sanford.

Survivors include one son, Ricky of Sanford; two grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Brisson Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

LOUIS CRAVER

Louis Craver, 85, of Fox Chapel Court, Deltona, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002, in Florida Hospital, DeLand.

Born in York, Pa., he moved to Central Florida from Arlington, Va., in 2001. He served as a warrant officer-W03 with the U.S. Army and received numerous honors and medals during his service. He was past member of Columbia Lodge No. 285 AF & AM of Arlington, Va., in 1976, and was a member of the Scottish Rite of Arlington, Shrine-Kena Temple of Alexandria, Order of Eastern Star Chapter and the Military Officers Club in Fort Meyer, Va.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Gola Craver; three daughters, Gola Foreacre of Deltona, Georgia H. Jett of Nokesville, Va., and Cynthia Vasquez of Albuquerque, N.M.; one brother, Donald Craver of Arlington, Va.; one stepson, Henderson D. Houghton of Utah; nine grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL, 33631-3356.

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

DILLIE DIEBOLD

Dillie Diebold, 84, of Bailey Avenue, Sanford, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, in Central Florida Regional Hospital.

Born May 5, 1917, in Conway, S.C., she resided in Central Florida for 45 years. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include six sons, Ralph Foley of Sanford, Tony and Pearly Foley, both of Tampa, Roy Foley of Fort Walton Beach, Douglas Foley of Charleston, S.C., and Billy Foley of Mullins, S.C.; two daughters, Betty Cosgrave and Patricia Bigler, both of Sanford; two sisters, Eula Sager of Napoleon, Ohio, and Alline Carroll of Whiteville, N.C.; 19 grandchildren; and 22 great grandchildren.

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

MABEL L. GEORGE

Mabel L. George, 74, of Stavr Street, Orlando, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002.

Born in Gainesville, she moved to Central Florida in 1999. She was a cook. She was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include three sons, Maurice and Herbert Taylor, both of California, and Kenny of Orlando; three daughters, Marion Ellis of Orlando, and Carolyn

lundy and Margaret Vinson, both of Gainesville; two sisters, Annie Mae Covington and Ethel Mae Richardson, both of Gainesville; two brothers, Sloan Richardson of Gainesville and Willie B. Davis of Lakeland; 27 grandchildren; 74 great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren.

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

INA MAE DOWDA LEE

Ina Mae Dowda Lee, 86, of South Sanford Avenue, Sanford, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, in Longwood.

Born in Merritt Island, she was a lifelong resident of Central Florida. She was a member of Pine Crest Baptist Church of Sanford.

Survivors include her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home Oaklawn Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

MARGARET LOUISE MANNING

Margaret Louise Manning, 92, of Lake Avenue, Sanford, died Friday, Jan. 11.

Born in Henderson, Ky., she moved to Central Florida in 1926. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Westview Baptist

Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Jean McLain of Sanford; one son, James of Daytona Beach; one son, Charles F. Benham of Sanford; five grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home Oaklawn Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

FREDERICK ALBERT MATCHULAT JR.

Frederick Albert Matchulat Jr., 90, of Citrus Tree Drive, Orange City, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002.

Born in Hoboken, N.J., he moved to Orange City from Lorane, Ore., in 1980. He was a former plant manager for Avon

Corporation. He was a member of the COP (Citizens on Patrol) of Deltona and a World War II U.S. Army-Air Corps, where he served as a staff sergeant.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Gertrude; one son, Peter Matchulat of Farmington, N.M.; one daughter, Karen Garguilo of Closter, N.J.; two brothers, Otto and Gustav, both of New Jersey; and eight grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105.

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

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OPINION

Too Many Questions

City's hotel/conference center plan was full of holes

The Seminole County Commission's decision not to move forward on Sanford's proposal for a hotel/conference center was a good one. Commissioners instead committed to fund the construction of a conference center, indicating a private company should decide whether to build a hotel.

Would Sanford's plan have worked? This newspaper doesn't doubt that it would have been successful. But when government tells the people it's going to spend \$54 million for a single project, the people need to feel comfortable that government knows what it's doing. In this case, the comfort level wasn't there, and the blame lies with the city administration, particularly City Manager Tony VanDerworp. VanDerworp failed to provide answers to critical questions.

Specifically:

Special Purpose Ownership Entity, is it subject to Florida's stringent Sunshine Law? A journalist's reading of the statutes seems to indicate that it would be. VanDerworp and the city never provided a definitive answer. The Sunshine Law can be a bear to deal with at times, but that's the point. If a specially-created entity is going to oversee the largest construction project in the city's history, there needs to be a very clear definition about how that entity will be held accountable.

What financing model will be used to fund the project? Two models were presented: one that pledged the full faith and credit of the city and county and one that did not. It was never clear which was the preferred model. It was also never detailed how the city or county would pledge its credit if that was the model chosen. Property taxes? Sales taxes? CRA funds? No details.

The answer to any specific financing question always seemed to be, "The bond market will tell us." Maybe us regular folks are too simple-minded to understand the bond market, but it would seem prudent to at least put together some specifics on what your plan is.

Where did the \$700,000 in Tourism Development Council taxes come from? When the County Commission approved using TDC money last year, the number was \$600,000. The hoteliers raised a stink at that time that the dollar amount was too high. Why the increase?

Why didn't the city indicate any contribution from the TDC would require an increase in the hotel tax? Raising the tax is not a bad idea. Despite the hoteliers claims otherwise, a four percent bed tax still makes Seminole competitive in the market. Volusia County is at four percent. So is Brevard. Orange County leads the region at 5 percent. But why were city officials caught off-guard about the need to raise the tax? Clearly the current 3 percent tax is already committed. Any new funding would have to come from an increase.

Furthermore, why did the city not realize there were serious legal issues about using hotel tax money to build a hotel?

Where were the worst case scenarios? Acquest's pro formas combined with Hunter's feasibility study painted a rosy picture. Most likely it was a pretty safe assumption considering Hunter's conservative performance on past projects.

But if Sept. 11 taught us nothing, it was to expect the unexpected. Lay it out there. The public's smart enough to realize that a worst case scenario is just that—worst case. At least then everyone knows what the possibilities are.

What happens to the groups that use the Civic Center? It's not clear why this question was never answered since it was asked five months ago at the time the city first began putting its proposal together. It should have been in the main report.

It doesn't appear to have been addressed at all until the day the report was released to the public. On that day, VanDerworp called Recreation Director Mike Kirby into the conference room and asked for a list of activities at the Civic Center. He also directed Kirby to consider what options were available for alternative locations.

Given such short notice, it's little wonder why city never settled on an alternative. There was talk of using the National Guard Armory, of using multiple sites based upon the activities, and even building a new center on the east end of Ft. Mellon Park. However, no cost estimates were provided or back-up plans created. It wasn't until last week that a letter was even sent out notifying the groups that the Civic Center was being considered for demolish. Why?

These are just a few of the questions. City Commissioner Art Woodruff no doubt has a composition book full of them.

This newspaper strongly believes that a conference center project is vital to downtown Sanford. Therefore it was disappointing to see the city's less than best effort. It appears the county's commitment may provide an even better opportunity for Sanford. City and county officials should move quickly to develop a plan. More than anything, however, VanDerworp needs to eliminate the vague generalities from the city's next proposal.

Bring you're A-Game, Tony. This is too important to leave it in the bag.



Your View

Center shouldn't turn its back toward Sanford

To the editor:

I would like to thank *The Seminole Herald* for publishing floor plans of the proposed Hotel/Conference Center in the Feb. 10, 2002, issue (p10A). I deal with plans examination every single working day as a licensed building contractor. With an undergraduate degree in architecture also, and from that point of experience, I would like to point out some issues with the proposed design that I feel the city needs to examine before deciding to proceed with the difficult task of giving approval for a project of this prominence.

What I have gathered from a review of the plans, shown in your paper, is that in the future (after the Conference Center is built) the citizens of Sanford may be asking themselves, "what did Sanford do to cause this building to be built with its back toward us."

Since elevation drawings were not shown for this project, I will attempt an explanation: 1. The main elevation and the entrance to the building are toward the east (this elevation faces Ft. Mellon Park). This elevation is the one shown when presentations are made to the deciding bodies. This is the elevation that is "prettiest" from an aesthetic point of view, designed to draw the customer into the project. This is also the side that has a very large parking area next to it! 2. Looking at the north elevation (the view from a boat on the lake) one would see a two story structure similar to the side of a movie theatre on the right with a massing of a five story structure next to it topped off with two more floors directly in the center (a "wedding cake" effect). 3. The south elevation (the first street side) would not be too imposing as the seven story "wedding cake" area would be set-back somewhat. However, the left end

of the building would appear to be a two story structure similar to the side of a movie theatre with a high solid wall to the right closing off the pool area from visual intrusion by the public. 4. The elevation that has me most concerned is the west elevation (this is the one that would be seen by persons approaching from Sanford Avenue, First Street downtown and Seminole Boulevard from the proposed river walk. This elevation would have a two story structure (similar to a movie theatre viewed from the back) to the left end, with solid two story walled areas along the entire Sanford Avenue except for a large void area in the middle which is designated as a LOADING DOCK. Now, Citizens of Sanford, please understand, this city does not historically have loading docks. The city was designed with alleys that used to serve the purpose of loading docks only the semi-tractor trailer of today cannot service alleys conveniently. In order to see what one of these areas would look like (and sound like) please drive or take the bus to the Seminole Towne Center Mall and go around to one of the "rear" service areas and observe.

It is my opinion that this structure was not designed with enough concern for the site where it is located. What the design appears to me to be is a standard rectangular conference type center building often built on a site in "anywhere, USA" and usually somewhere where there is a lot of land and similar structures surrounding it (i.e. the I-drive area).

In conclusions, it has been said, a picture paints a thousand words. Without taking my word for any of this descriptive text and before making a financial decision on a poor design, I would challenge the city to ask for elevation drawings of each elevation of the building and a perspective (or isometric) drawing not only from the front of the building, but also from one or more of the sides of the building that people will be approaching it from (i.e., Sanford Avenue and

First Street or Sanford Avenue and Seminole Boulevard). A perfect viewpoint for this perspective would be from the same vantage point as the historic picture of the Sanford Chamber of Commerce printed in *The Seminole Herald* p.8A titled "Vintage View," Feb. 10, 2002, issue.

Monarcha Marcot
Sanford

Post problem at post office needs to be corrected

To the editor:

Do you use the mail drop box at the Lake Mary Post Office on Lake Mary Boulevard? I do, almost daily. But since they recently installed the yellow poles in front of the box, I can no longer reach the drop slot from my car. Now I must park my car and go into the post office.

I have contacted the postmaster, who admits to being aware of this new problem and that there are no funds to fix it. If you also have this problem, please help by calling or writing Postmaster L.C. Johnston at the Lake Mary Post Office.

Many thanks for any help anyone can give.

Sincerely,
E. Murray Taylor
Lake Mary

Geneva resident smells lots of rats around tax reform

To the editor:

I smell a rat about tax "reform." Rather, a lot of rats! If the sales tax reform is truly planned to be "revenue neutral" (no more tax dollars to be collected after reform than now), why would Mr. John McKay put his political neck on the line if he sees it making no more money than the present 6 percent state

sales tax? How is no more money going to help schools and the elderly?

If I lose my job, can I afford to continue paying for my weekly lawn and pool services? If I decide to do these services myself, the new sales taxes on these services goes pool!

Or does Mr. McKay just want to get the camel's nose under the tent so that they can come back to us next year and say that the state finances are so bad that we must now raise the tax back up to 6 percent and keep the new taxes on services as well? Beware when any politician offers you a "free" lunch!

Come on now Mr. McKay, "Get real!" Do you think we were all born yesterday?

Respectfully,
Richard T. Creedon
Geneva

Bush needs to consider stance on drug rehabilitation

To the editor:

I sympathize with Gov. Jeb Bush as a parent. It's never easy to raise children. I sincerely hope that his family issues will broaden his vision and help him understand the problems that many Floridians face.

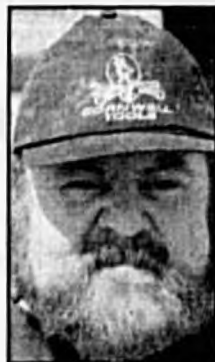
Most importantly, I hope that the governor will take a serious look at his stance on drug rehabilitation. Since becoming governor, Mr. Bush has slashed the state's drug rehabilitation programs, especially those connected with the penal system. It is acceptable for Noelle Bush and other affluent people to suffer from drug addiction but criminal for the poor and disenfranchised? I wish Gov. Bush the best with his family, but I hope these trials will make him more sympathetic to common people with a common problem.

Deborah Ryan
Orlando

On the Street

The Herald asks people what they think ...

The area's need for speed will be answered this weekend when NASCAR drivers take to their race cars Sunday to drive 200 laps around the Daytona International Speedway. We asked people who they think is going to win the infamous Daytona 500 and why.



It's going to be Michael Waltrip. He has to prove he doesn't need a blocker to win because last year, they said he needed one to win the race.
Floyd Ward
DeLand



Dale Jr., is going to wreck Michael Waltrip to win the race.
Mika Greenya
Sanford



Mark Martin is going to win second, but Jeff Gordon is going to win the race.
Glen Owen
Sorrento



Michael Waltrip is going to win. He's got the car to beat. He is running good, and he's on a hot streak.
Jeff Koch
Deltona



Dale Earnhardt Jr., is going to win. He's got a fast car.
Myrannett Boynton
Sanford



Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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- 1 Learned one
 - 7 Shock
 - 12 Affectionate gesture
 - 15 D.C. mortgage insurer
 - 18 Got stuffed
 - 20 School gathering
 - 21 Heading a push
 - 23 Barn sport?
 - 25 Listening closely
 - 26 Capitol workers
 - 27 ...ski
 - 28 Control group
 - 29 Lost traction
 - 30 Zone
 - 31 Damages
 - 33 Overtime cause
 - 35 Hand-me-down?
 - 38 Pass, as time
 - 40 Lumbar
 - 43 Some are fragile
 - 44 Attendance count
 - 45 Gaps
 - 46 Mild ail
 - 48 Succinct
 - 49 Hidden treasure
 - 50 Eagle's weapons
 - 51 Merciless
 - 52 Root vegetable
 - 55 Thickening
 - 56 What to expect from a saucy waiter?
 - 59 Skater Midori
 - 60 Piece for a guard
 - 61 Thunder sound
 - 62 Ethereal
 - 63 Clinched, as a game
 - 64 Wayfarer's shelter
 - 65 Plumber's analysis?
 - 68 Sveha
 - 70 Pioneer
 - 72 Sidestep
 - 73 Sit tight
 - 75 Eastern Mediterranean port
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Obituaries

WINOMA F. MCGHEE
Winoma F. McGhee, 79, of Abigail Drive, Deltona, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, in her residence.

Born in Kennett, Mo., she moved to Central Florida from Montrose, Mich., in 1987. She was a homemaker. She was a charter member of Lakeside Fellowship United Methodist Church and a member of Eastern Star of Montrose, Mich., a den mother for the Cub Scout of America in Montrose, a secretary for Jobs Daughters of Montrose and a member of the Child Study Club of Montrose. She enjoyed sewing and quilting.

Survivors include her husband of 60 years, Floyd McGhee; one son, Neil McGhee of Sanford; one daughter, Sheryl Agnew of Deltona; four grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to Lakeside Fellowship United Methodist Church Building Fund, 3074 W. Lake Mary Blvd., Lake Mary, FL, 32746.

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

ROBERT W. SILVIUS SR.
Robert W. Silvius Sr., 55, of Alto Place, Lake Mary, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002.

Born Nov. 18, 1946, in Portland, Maine, he moved to Florida in 1988. He was a member of All Souls Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Silvius of Lake Mary; his father, Moses W. Silvius of Yarmouth, Maine; two sons, Robert Silvius Jr., of Orlando and Michael Silvius of Indianapolis, Indiana; one daughter, Karen Isabella of Deltona; three brothers, David Silvius of Yarmouth, Maine, Richard Silvius of Marietta, Ga., and Timothy Silvius of Baltimore, Md.; two sisters, Sue Seamans of Lee, Mass., and Sylvia Young of Hollis, Maine; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, in the chapel of Gramkow Funeral Home in Sanford. A reception will

follow in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to All Souls Catholic Church, Building Fund, 301 W. 8th St., Sanford, FL, 32771.

Gramkow Funeral Home of Sanford is in charge of arrangements.

ETHEL B. WILLIAMS
Ethel B. Williams, 83, of East Dale Circle, DeLand, died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2002, in Alliance Nursing Home, DeLand.

Born in Jasper, Ala., she moved to Central Florida from Pine Hurst, Texas, in 1993. She was a retired school teacher for the Pasadena School System. She was a member of Alliance Chapel. She loved cooking.

Survivors include one son, Buck Williams of DeLand; one daughter, Linda Hill of Pasadena, Texas; one sister, Sue Sortino of Jasper, Ala.; and four grandchildren.

Fourtowns Cremation Inc., of Orange City is in charge of arrangements.

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Historical Society hosts annual meeting

The Sanford Historical Society held its annual meeting on Jan. 24, at which time annual reports were given, officers were installed and the new president gave a glimpse of plans for 2002.

The meeting was presided over by vice president Jay Jacobs in the absence of Christine Best, who was ill.

A review of the year included a recap of the outstanding programs presented in 2001, which included "Writing your family history," and histories of Sanford Avenue, Lake Monroe, Seminole County Sheriff's Office and the Upsala community.

Special events held included hosting the Sanford Historic Trust's Tour of Homes at the Sanford Museum and hosting the Saint Lucia Day Open House. During the meeting, Charlotte Smith of the Trust presented a beautiful banner to the Society in appreciation for its help with the Tour of Homes.

Two publications were produced by the Society during the year: "New Upsala," which includes work by Bettye Smith and Olga Hunter; and "The Swedish History of Seminole County." Both books were authored and/or compiled by the publications committee of Charlie Carlson, Christine Best and Teri Patterson.

Joe Hunt was commended for chairing the calendar committee, which produced the Society's 2002 calendar, the first to have a color cover. There were 550 sold with more on order. A waiting list is being compiled at the Sanford Museum.

Winners of free 2002 memberships for selling the most calendars were Grace Marie Stinecpher, Doug Fetzer, Don Knight, Tom Sheibenberger, and Bette Skates.

The membership committee

reported that 33 new members had been added during the year to make a total of 158, an increase of 10 over the previous year.

Six newsletters were produced during the year with a new, much improved technical design by Jay Jacobs. Editor is Grace Marie Stinecpher.

A large number of Heritage Bricks were installed in front of the Museum. It was announced that the space allotted for them is almost filled up, so members and others are encouraged to purchase one soon.

Mona Walker, chair of the Sunshine Committee, reported that several cards had been sent to ailing and bereaved members. The Society lost eight members through death: Dr. Vann Parker, Bill Tyre, Bill Bush, Admiral Richard Fowler, Sid Vihlen Sr., Dr. Earl Weldon, Juanita Mercer, and Lourine Messenger.

Equipment for the Museum purchased during the year by the Society included several display cases, additional chairs and a storage rack, and a revolving book rack. Several additions to the collection were also purchased.

In her report, Museum Curator Alicia Clarke told of the new Sanford Fire Department exhibit in the museum. James McCollem, firefighter, has collected the majority of the items from retired firefighters and others. When added to previous donations, there is quite a large display.

Additional items are being sought from both the fire and police departments.

There have been many and varied items donated to the museum during the past year, the latest being a genealogy of the Ralph Austin Smith family. Other genealogy "how to" books have been placed

on loan to be used for research.

Ms. Clarke drew attention to the fact that in the movie "Alli" there is a character closely related to Sanford. Drew "Bundini" Brown, who was born in Georgetown and is buried in Sanford, was Alli's corner man and coined the champ's famous phrase, "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee."

Jamie Fox plays Brown in the movie.

The following 2002 officers were installed by Ms. Clarke: Jay Jacobs, president; Bette Skates, vice president; Teri Patterson, secretary; Grace Marie Stinecpher, membership secretary; and Doug Fetzer, treasurer. Joe Hunt, Patty Swann, Serena Fisher and Christine Best were installed as directors.

Following the installation, the new president gave a preview of 2002, which included several programs already scheduled. These will be the Story of the Vigilante Memorial, Boys of Summer (A look back at Sanford's glory days of baseball), a history of Mellowville and burial customs in the area.

Bette Skates announced two field trips that have been scheduled, the first being a trip to the airport to view the Vigilante. The second trip will occur on Feb. 18, when the members go to Lakeview Cemetery to help find missing graves and also record information on markers. They will meet at the Museum at 9 a.m.

The budget for 2002, presented by treasurer Doug Fetzer, was adopted.

It was announced that the Society will be involved in plans for the city's 125th birthday celebration, which will occur in September.

Door prizes were awarded to Nell Snow, Doug Fetzer and Walt Smith. Delicious refreshments provided by Patty Swann were enjoyed by a large number of members present.

Class

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period, but O'Connell said most participate throughout the year.

"Each period we discuss a different topic: how to discipline your child, how to promote cognitive skills, everything you need to know as a parent," O'Connell said.

She stresses that it's never too early to enroll in classes and notes that newborns are welcome.

"From birth to 2 years old is a critical time," Ray said. "Children develop so quickly at that age. The sooner you put them in a stimulating environment, the better off they will be."

Classes are divided into age groups from newborn to 3 years old, with each class having a range of about four months. Each class period usually begins with a 25- to 30-minute lecture on a specific topic, an expert guest speaker are common. There is lots of interactive time: singing songs, finger-painting and sharing time.

"The parents love sharing time," O'Connell said. "They can tell the others about a new product they found, a community event that's happening or even share an experience they had that relates to something we have talked about."

At all times, the children participate with the adults.

"It's funny because you notice the kids going to other parents when they need help with things," Ray said. "If Mom or Dad is busy asking a lot of questions or participating in the lecture, the child will go to another parent to get their shoe tied or get help with a book."

That's one of the benefits of the class, Ray said. Children in the classes learn social skills earlier, aren't afraid to ask others for help and understand that sharing is an important life skill.

They're not always happy

about it, but they learn early that they have to share," Ray said.

Making Connections

But it's not just the children who benefit. The adults improve their parenting skills, of course, but they also make important bonds with their classmates.

"Parenting today is a very isolating experience," Ray said.

She noted that families today are much different than past generations. Single-parent families are prevalent, and two-parent families are usually two-income, as well.

"When we were kids, the mothers stayed home," Ray said. "It wasn't uncommon for mothers to get together during the day to socialize, share tips and help each other with the children. That doesn't happen much today. When it does, it's hard, especially in a place like Central Florida where people are moving in and out all the time and you might not know your neighbors."

"The parenting program creates a community for our parents. It's a support group, a social club, a learning environment. Most of our students develop strong friendships with each other."

Program In Jeopardy

For all the benefits they provide to parents, O'Connell and Ray are worried their program won't be around much longer. Though the \$70 tuition each six weeks covers the Parenting Labs' \$36,000 annual budget, Seminole Community College is cutting the program, mainly because the college needs the space to expand other academic programs.

"They told us in December the program was cut," O'Connell said. "We had to scramble to put together a non-profit corporation to continue the program. SCC has

said we can still use the portable classrooms until April, but even that's not guaranteed."

Naturally O'Connell and Ray believe their program is critical and want to continue. In addition to the parents, some leading educators stress the importance of early childhood development. O'Connell said Princeton University president recently addressed an Orlando business group and promoted the cause.

"When asked where the emphasis should be placed in our educational system, he said not the college or high school level but early childhood programs," O'Connell said.

Space Is the Need

With tuition and donations of supplies taking care of most of the expenses, O'Connell said the most pressing need is space. Several have offered sites, but so far the locations haven't met the program's unique needs.

"A number of churches have offered, but they can't dedicate the space solely for our program," O'Connell said. "We have class four days a week, and we have a lot of supplies and equipment that we can't pack up every day so someone else can use the space."

The ladies say the need about 2,000 square feet of dedicated space, with air conditioning, bathrooms and 35 to 40 parking spaces.

"We don't know where we're going to go," Ray said. "We've got more than 100 parents in the program, and they come from all over the region: Titusville, Kissimmee, Volusia County, and here in Seminole County. The need is there."

For more information on how to assist the Parent Education Programs, contact O'Connell or Ray at 407-328-4722 ext. 3378, or

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2002-2003 CONSOLIDATED PLAN PROCESS

Seminole County is the recipient of federal grant funds through a number of programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) PROGRAM, the HOME 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 very low and low 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."

Anticipated Grant Amounts:

CDBG	\$2,759,000
HOME	\$ 910,840
ESG	\$ 84,000
TOTAL	\$3,763,840

Range of Activities: The County is able to undertake a wide range of activities under these programs to benefit very low/low income people or in areas where the majority of the people living there are very low/low income.

Citizen Input: The purpose of this public hearing will be to solicit citizen input for the purpose of funding activities for FY 2002-2003. Funding will be considered for the three (3) main categories of activities as published in the *Seminole Herald* and the *Orlando Sentinel* on January 20, 2002. The hearing will be held on February 25, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Seminole County Services Building, Room 3024 1101 East First Street, Sanford, Florida 32771.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT ADA COORDINATOR 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AT (407) 685-7941.

PERSONS ARE ADVISED THAT IF THEY DECIDE TO APPEAL ANY DECISIONS MADE AT THESE MEETINGS/HEARINGS, THEY WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THEY MAY NEED TO INSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS BASED, PER SECTION 288.0105, FLORIDA STATUTES.

This plain Jane learned what really counts early on in life

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from a mother whose daughter was a "plain Jane," constantly overlooked by boys who preferred her beautiful friend. That letter has stayed with me because I was a plain Jane compared to my best friend in high school. I'll call her Lisa. Lisa had more boys lined up than you can count. Every boy wanted to date her.



Dear Abby

Luckily for me, my self-esteem has never been dependent upon my looks. As a result, my life has been 100 percent easier than my beautiful friend's has been. I have always thought of myself as funny and smart. Therefore, I WAS funny and smart around boys.

Lisa has struggled with anorexia since puberty. She has had a string of scummy boyfriends who treated her horribly. I have enjoyed honest, relaxed, fun-filled relationships with boys from high school through the present. I am now 22.

I implore the parents of girls to make sure their daughters feel valued for their intelligence and talent. Girls need to know it's OK to exploit their strengths. Parents can do that by making sure that their daughters know that being smart, athletic and funny are wonderful traits.

There is no reason why a mother should worry that her daughter is a plain Jane. It doesn't help matters to reinforce the idea that looks are everything. It is far more important to help a girl become a strong, confident person. The boys will discover her soon enough.

FABULOUS JANE, FAIRFAX, VA.

DEAR FABULOUS JANE: You and I were blessed with mothers who taught us early and often to value ourselves for the strengths and resources every girl has. However, many girls do not know how to appreciate and use their gifts and talents in pursuit of their goals.

The fact is, each one of us has qualities and abilities unique and genuinely beautiful, and far more important than makeup and clothing.

Last spring, I hosted a live Internet chat for the government's Girl Power campaign at www.girlpower.gov. Girl Power was created to help girls make it from childhood to adolescence without turning to unhealthy eating habits, drugs, depression or obsessions with unrealistic images of how they should look and act. It features bodywise pages to help girls make the most of their physical and intellectual abilities, and feel good about who and what they are. Feeling good about oneself is a key ingredient for beauty.

There was once a neglected and unwanted little girl who often worried that she was a "plain Jane" or worse, but she made the most of what she had. Later on, she said this: "No one ever told me I was pretty when I was a child. All little girls

should be told they're pretty, even if they aren't." We remember her as Marilyn Monroe, as pretty as any girl ever was.

So, a thought for the day: If you're an adult, make sure every girl you care about knows that she's smart and pretty and valued, and tell her why you think so. The secret to being beautiful is feeling beautiful; the secret to being successful is knowing that success is within your reach.

DEAR ABBY: My father remarried eight years ago when I was 26. I have never figured out how to introduce his wife. She never filled a "motherly" role for me. I feel odd introducing her as my stepmother, so I end up saying, "This is my father and his wife, Blanche." I think she feels slighted by my approach. Do you have any appropriate suggestions?

NAME CALLER IN TEXAS

DEAR NAME CALLER: Ask Blanche what she would like to be called. It will make future introductions less awkward for you and other members of your family.

DEAR ABBY: I have been taking college classes on and off for 15 years and will finally gradu-

ate in May. I will be the first college graduate in my family. I love my husband, but he has not been supportive of my goals. He's said many times that he is not interested in what goes on in my college classes.

My problem is, I need to choose an escort to walk with me during commencement. Even though my husband is the logical choice, I feel he doesn't care.

A true source of encouragement and support has been my father-in-law, "Max." Not only has Max paid for my college, he asks about it regularly and is very proud of my high grade-point average.

Abby, this may seem like an easy question for you, but I want to do the right thing. Who would you choose?

COLLEGE GRAD IN THE GARDEN STATE

DEAR COLLEGE GRAD: Ask Max. He's given you maximum support — emotionally as well as financially. I am sure he will be thrilled to escort you, and it's a thoughtful way for you to acknowledge all he has done for you.

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

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12 contestants to compete for Miss Seminole crown

Miss Seminole County 2002 will be crowned next Saturday.

The third annual event, a preliminary to the Miss Florida Scholarship Pageant and the Miss America Scholarship Pageant, will be held at the Helen Stairs Theatre Saturday evening. Throughout the day, contestants will sit down with the judges during the interview process.

Valerie Weld will serve as mistress of ceremonies, and Miriam and Valerie's School of Dance Arts will provide entertainment.

Twelve contestants will vie for the crown by participating in various competitions, including interview, swimsuit and evening wear.

Once Miss Seminole County 2001 Sasha Marie Platt hands over her crown, this year's winner will have numerous scholarship opportunities offered to here from various colleges, including Seminole Community College and Stetson University. She also receives a scholarship from the local pageant franchise.

In June, the winner will participate in the Miss Florida pageant. Throughout the year, she will represent Seminole County at various functions.

Tickets for the evening's festivities are \$10 and can be obtained by calling the Helen Stairs Theatre box office - 407-321-8111.

Meredith Koverik, 20, is currently attending the University of Central Florida where she is seeking a bachelor's of engineering. A graduate of Eau Gallie High School, her platform is "Odyssey of the Mind" (Creative Thinking in Groups).



Ashlynn Kristina Walker, 18, is a senior at Seminole High School where she is a Bright Future Scholar and has been an active member of the show choir, Destiny. Her platform centers upon improving fine arts programs in public schools.

Vera June, 23, is a graduate of Seminole High School and the University of Houston. She has been accepted to Stetson University's Law School, and her goal is to one day be a judge. Her platform is abstinence before marriage.



Emily Martin, 22, a graduate of Ed White High School, attends the University of Central Florida where she is a junior majoring in forensic science. She aspires to work with high profile crime and the FBI. "Stop Smoking Before It Starts" is her platform.

Amanda McLain, 19, is a graduate of Seminole High School. Currently attending Seminole Community College, she has a strong interest in politics and hopes to run for office one day. Her platform is the importance of reading education.



Lisa Van Aletine, 17, is a student at Lake Mary High School and serves as vice president of the student body. Although she places music as her first career choice, she has a strong interest in child psychology. Her platform is the promotion of respect among youth.

Terry Lee Sugge, 18, is a senior at Winter Springs High School. She plans to either study photography or psychology, specializing in children. Planning to help the youth of America, her platform is volunteerism.



Shannon Lynn Shelton, 24, is a graduate of Michigan State University. She holds a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University. She currently is a sports writer for the Orlando Sentinel. Her platform is "Building Healthy Lifestyles."

Alicia Wells, 23, is a student at the University of Florida, where she serves as a Gator Guide. Upon graduation, she hopes to be a special events director with the Tennessee Titans. JOY (Jump Start Our Youth), a program to raise self-worth in youth, is her platform.



Kimberly Mae Beaman, 20, is a graduate of Trinity Prep and currently attends Valencia Community College. Her fields of study are communications and journalism. Her platform is Awareness of Learning Disabilities.

Allison L. Kreiger, 18, is a graduate of Bishop Moore and attends the University of Florida. Majoring in public relations, she hopes to attend law school. Her platform is the awareness and prevention of eating disorders.



Leah-Teresa Annette Crymes, 22, graduated from Bellevue East High, Nebraska, and is currently enrolled at the University of Central Florida. She is a musical-theatre major hoping to perform and direct for Broadway. Her platform is supporting arts in education.

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Briefs

WINTER SPRINGS BASKETBALL LEAGUE SIGN UPS

The City of Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department announces that the Winter Springs Basketball League will hold registration today and next Saturday (February 16 & 23) for the Springs Basketball season.

Leagues are offered for boys and girls grades K-through-12.

The cost is \$80 for residents and \$85 for non-residents. There is a discount for additional siblings of \$10.

Games are played at local Middle Schools, Winter Springs High School and the University of Central Florida on Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information, contact the Winter Springs Basketball League at 407-327-8952 or Winter Springs Parks and Recreation at 407-327-4761.

THE 1ST ANNUAL SEAN MACHER MEMORIAL BENEFIT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Local fans have the opportunity to see some of the best softball players in Central Florida play this weekend when The 1st Annual Sean Macher Memorial Benefit Softball Tournament is contested.

Both Co-Ed and Men's teams will be playing in the tournament and fans will also have the opportunity to inspect the renovations at Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium as this will be the first event held at the facility featuring local talent.

Games will also be played on Zinn Beck Field behind the leftfield wall of the Stadium.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the All Souls Catholic School Class of 2002 Playground Project.

ROGERS SPEAKS

Seminole High School softball coach David Rogers had the rare opportunity to speak at the Bass Pro Shops Spring Fishing Classic 2002 in Orlando on Friday.

Rogers, one of the best fishermen in Central Florida, spoke at the seminar on salt-water fishing tips Friday night for his sponsor Culprit.

SANFORD BASEBALL

The City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department Babe Ruth Baseball League still has space available for players, but time is running out fast. For more information call 407-330-5697.

BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT

Seminole County residents Richard Murray, Jeff Lanctot and Tim Daniel will be among 32 lucky competitors -- the top finishers at this fall's local pool competitions from Orlando to Jacksonville -- will get their next shot at advancing at the Canadian Club Sharpshooter Challenge Regional Championship on Saturday, February 16 at Trick Shots (6620 Old Winter Garden Road) in Orlando.

The world's most famous billiard player, Jeanette "The Black Widow" Lee, will perform an exhibition at 5 p.m.

The regional winners earn \$1,000 while the runner-ups receive \$500 and they will then play Ms. Lee for an additional \$1,000. For each of the matches Ms. Lee wins, Canadian Club will donate \$1,000 to the National Scoliosis Association. The 44 regional tournament qualifiers, winners and runner-ups from 22 tournaments, will advance to the 2001-2002 Canadian Club See Briefs, Page 2B

Raminole set for annual run

Lake Mary, Seminole to host round-robin baseball tourney

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

SANFORD — Local fans will have an opportunity to get an early look at what should be a bumper year for baseball talent in Seminole County when the Raminole Tournament is held this coming week as Seminole and Lake Mary high schools.

If fans want to get an even earlier glimpse they can head to either the Apopka Invitational or Lake Brantley's Big Blue Bonanza today (Saturday) as

the championship rounds of those tournaments will be played all day.

Also on this weekend's slate is the prestigious Early Bird Invitational Tournament for softball teams at Lake Mary High School.

The Raminole, the brainchild of Lake

Mary's Allen Tuttle and Seminole's Mike Powers, has become one of the top tournaments in the state.

And with several players who have already signed college scholarships and an equal number of prospects expecting to be drafted in the June Major League

Free Agent Draft, this year's event could be one of the best.

The tournament will have two games played at both Seminole and Lake Mary on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, with Thursday and Saturday being kept open for make-up games.

On Monday at Seminole, Seabreeze plays the Fighting Seminoles at 4 p.m., with New Smyrna Beach and Lyman squaring off at 7 p.m.

At Lake Mary, Winter Springs tackles Lake Brantley at 4 p.m., with the host See Baseball, Page 2B

A step closer to state

Girls teams advance to semifinals

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

LAKE MARY — Place your own adjective here.

Whatever word you want to use to describe the outcome of Thursday's Class 6A-Region 1 Girls Basketball Regional Quarterfinal at Lake Mary High School would fit.

Crushed, clobbered, smashed, thrashed, etc., etc....they all work.

The No. 1 state ranked Rams led 23-0 before Ed White could score and it was 37-7 at halftime as Lake Mary cruised to a 64-12 triumph over the visitors from Jacksonville.

The Rams (31-0) led 15-0 after the first period, holding the Commanders to 0-for-7 shooting from the floor and forcing 11 turnovers.

Ed White finally got on the board with 5:36 left in the half on a layup by Denean Kellam as Lake Mary coach Carl Brown went to his bench early and often.

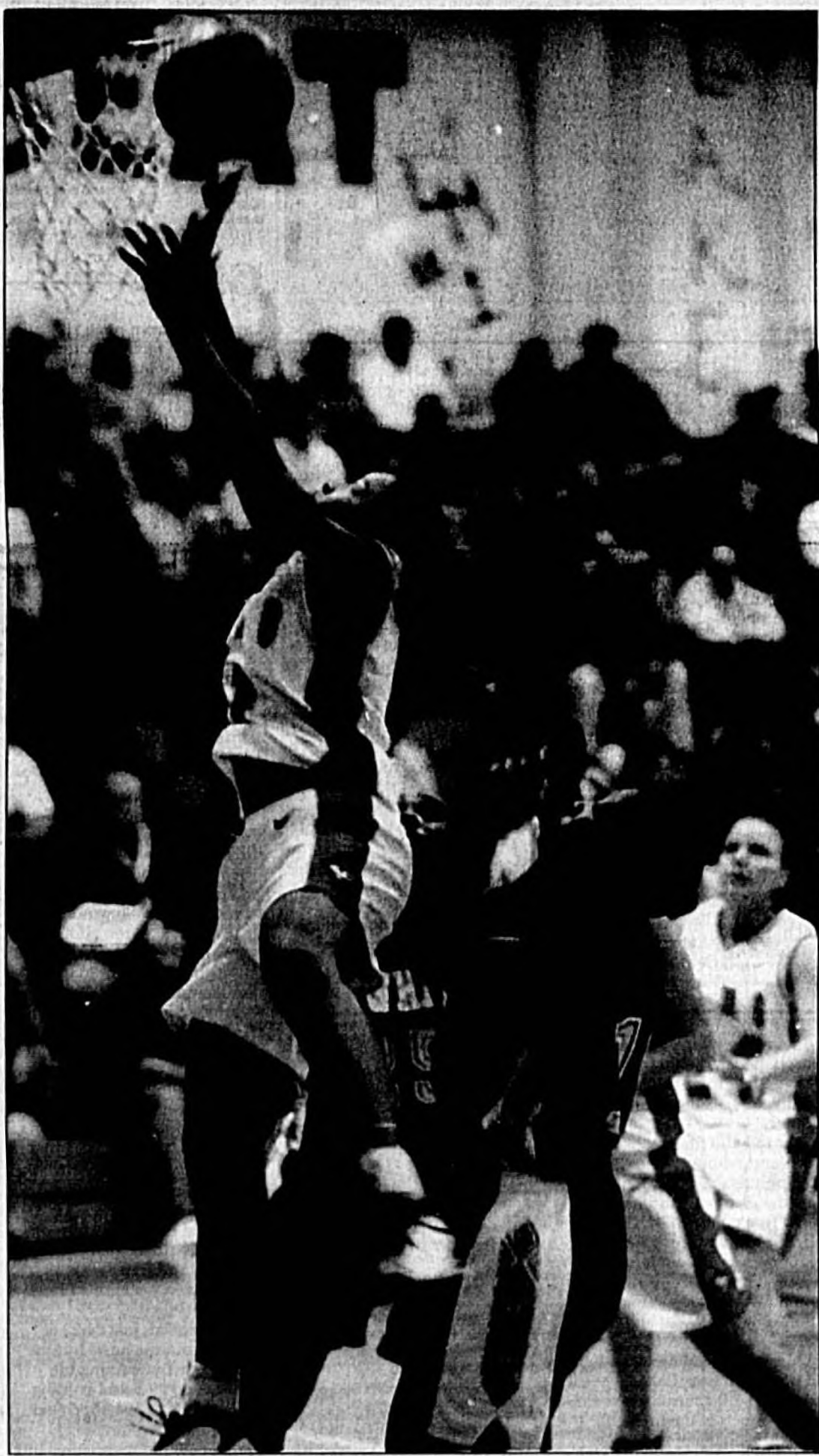
The second half actually proved to be worse for the visitors as the Rams won the third quarter, 11-3, and the fourth quarter, 16-2, despite Brown taking his regulars out for good with five minutes left in the game.

Lake Mary's defense held the Commanders to 5-for-43 shooting (11.6-percent) and forced 29 turnovers.

Senior forward Jackie Beik had an outstanding game, with 16 points on 8-of-11 shooting. She also had seven rebounds and an assist.

Rachel Whelan also scored in double figures, scoring 10 points, to go along with four rebounds, two steals and two assists.

Other contributors were Alexa Kane (nine points, five rebounds, three assists, four steals), Angie Pressey (seven points, six rebounds), Brittany Green (six points, seven rebounds, two assists), Bryn Mosler (six points, four assists, three steals), Jodi Gregory (four points, three rebounds, four steals), Meghan Chamberlain (three See Girls, Page 2B



Lake Mary sophomore guard Angie Pressey drives to the basket for two of her seven points in the Rams' 64-12 thrashing of Ed White in Class 6A-Region 1 Quarterfinal action Thursday night at Lake Mary.

Boys' district finals tonight

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

SANFORD — His birth certificate and school records may say he is a freshman, but Darryl Merthie's play on the floor says he is much, much older.

Merthie, along with senior Francis Lizardo, put Lake Mary on their shoulders in the third period as the Rams outscored Lake Brantley, 24-12, in the period to break a 28-28 halftime tie and rolled to a 64-34 victory in the Quarterfinals of the Class 6A-District 2 Boys Basketball Tournament at Seminole High School's Bill Fleming Memorial Gymnasium Wednesday night.

With the victory the No. 4 seeded Rams (8-17) earned the auspicious honor of taking on No. 1 seeded Oviedo (23-5) in Friday's Semifinals. The other game had No. 2 DeLand taking on No. 3 and host Seminole.

If Lake Mary was to advance the Championship Game tonight (Saturday), it needed a Herculean effort from the entire team. The Lions, ranked No. 3 in the state this week, have not lost a regular season game all year and have only one loss to a Florida team this season, in the Great Florida Shootout in Kissimmee at Christmas time. They also mauled the Rams, 105-64, in a game just two weeks ago at Oviedo.

Tonight's final is set for 7:30 p.m. at Bill Fleming Memorial Gymnasium following the Junior Varsity Championship Game between Oviedo and DeLand at 6 p.m.

In the Class 5A-District 6 Tournament at Titusville High School, No. 2 seeded Lake Howell (16-15) played maybe its best game of the year, outscoring Winter Springs (12- See Boys, Page 2B



Lake Mary freshman Darryl Merthie had 24 points, two rebounds, five assists and three steals against Lake Brantley.

Winless week for SCC diamond teams

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

SANFORD — If you can't score, you can't win.

Never has a truer statement been made as far as the Seminole Community College baseball and softball teams are concerned this week.

Both squads played more than well enough to win, but all they had to show for it was an 0-for-3 week.

The baseball team was at home on Thursday to play host to always tough Manatee Community College from

Bradenton and a familiar face to local fans helped do in the Raiders.

Former Oviedo High School star Larry Grayson went 3-for-4, including a triple, scored two runs and two RBI as the Lancers dropped the Raiders, 8-1.

SCC (3-7) was held to five hits in the contest. Winter Springs freshman John Michael Howell had a double, while Donnie Burkhalter, Devin Williams, Dan Quartararo and Tommy Solitario had one single each.

The Raiders' only run came in the eighth inning when Lyman's John Williamson, who reached on a fielder's choice, scored on a balk.

SCC will be at home on both Monday and Tuesday, hosting Pasco-Hernando Community College on Monday at 1:30 p.m. and Brevard Community College on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

The softball team tasted defeat for the first time on Wednesday, and they got a double dose as Indian River Community College (10-2) swept a doubleheader from the Raiders (5-2), 3-0 and 5-0.

"I thought we played really well that first game," said SCC head coach Courtney Miller. "But (we) just never got the clutch hit we needed to drive in any runs.

See SCC, Page 2B

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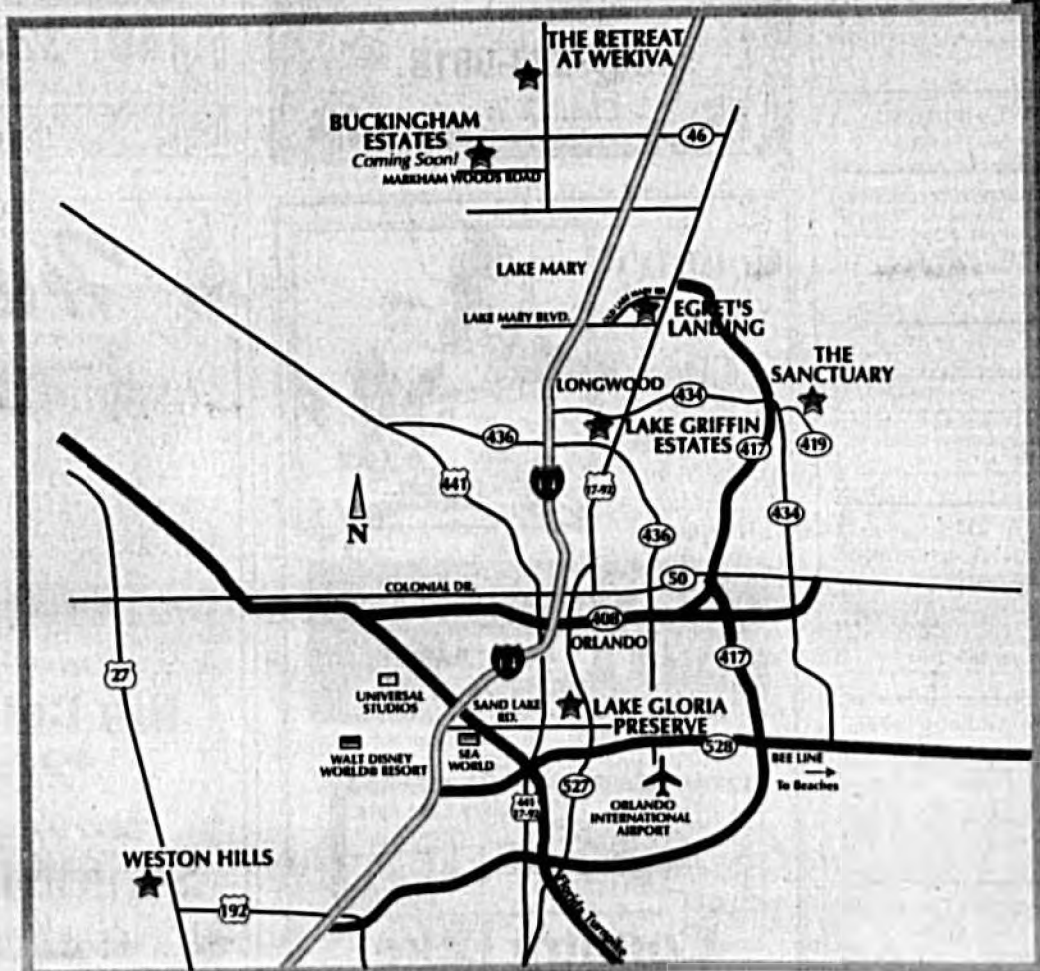
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because Margaret Knight invented the machine that made them. It was just one of 22 machines that she patented in her life. Imagine a world without bald eagles. That could have happened had it not been for Rachel Carson and her book "Silent Spring" which illustrated the consequences of DDT use to the public. Imagine how different the world would be if Grace Hopper, who was told it couldn't be done, hadn't developed a way to program computers in plain English.

These are just a few of the women who have affected how we live our lives today. To celebrate women such as these, March is Women's History Month. The theme for this year's celebration is "Women Sustaining the American Spirit." Each year, the National Women's History Project chooses six women to honor. This year marks the 15th Anniversary of Women's History Month.

To find out more about Women's History Month and this year's honorees, log on to www.nmhp.org.

This March is also a big month for Girl Scouts. March 12 marks their 90th Anniversary. When Juliet Low founded Girl Scouts, it wasn't ladylike for girls to go camping or play sports, but Girl Scouts did, and still do.

To celebrate Women's History Month and the 90th Anniversary of Girl Scouts; there will be a special celebration at Winter Springs High School on March 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Women in the New Millennium; Celebrating the Women of the Past, Preparing the Women of the Future" is a special celebration for all Seminole County girls, grades K through 12. The celebration is being planned by Girl Scout Troop 148 of Lake Mary. The focus of the event is to show girls what an important part of history women are and will continue to be.

At the celebration, girls will be able to meet Florida Native wildlife, courtesy of the Central Florida Zoo. Other groups attending the event include the Central Florida Fencing Club, the Florida Fossil Hunters, NASA and the Orlando Science Center. The event is being sponsored in part by the Seminole County Cultural Arts Council, Inc. and by the Meredith Corporation.

Knights renew vows after 15 years

The crystal wedding anniversary was the 15-year celebration of the marriage of Deacon Oscar and Sister Agnes Knighton.

The Knights renewed their vows before guests at Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church. The event was held 2 p.m. Dec. 22, with the Rev. Roosevelt Green officiating.

Mrs. Knighton chose for the occasion a formal-length white sleeveless gown with a round neckline. Her flow length veil of illusion silk net was adorned with a crown of white roses. She carried a cascade of white violets, baby breath and ivy leaf with purple and white streamers.

Soloists were Tovah Gillis, Latress Haws and Lee Barnes Haws.

Escorting the bride was Richard Riggins. Special couples of honor were friends of the Knights. Attending as special guest was Rose Andrew. Special court members were Mildred Wilson, Helen Young and Wilhelmina Mosley.

Honor couples were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Riggins, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Barnes Haws, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Carl



Deacon Oscar and Sister Agnes Knighton and friends

Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrance Bouden, Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rucker and Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Acree.

Serving as best man was Anthony Bryant. Keraston Riggins was bell ringer. Flower girls were Tameka Tubbs and Kenya Ware. Ushers were Khalif Wilson and Chancey Hampton.

The reception was held at the Ramada Inn in Longwood. Serving the wedding as mistress of ceremonies was Ruthia Hester. Serving as hostesses were Rosa Ware, Carolyn Cohen, Marion Wilson, Shawna Cohen, Josie Burke, Cora Majors and Juanita G. Harold.

Phi Delta Kappa taking applications for summer camp

The Central Florida Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa (a professional fraternity in education) is looking for current high school juniors interested in attending the fraternity's 2002 Summer Camp/Institute on

the Indiana University campus in Bloomington, Ind., and is intended for high school juniors considering teaching as a career. If you know of a junior interested in attending, please contact David Scott at

Idyllwilde Elementary School at 407-320-3750 for an application. The Central Florida Chapter covers expenses for the attending students.

Application deadline is March 15.

Hawkins

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Wear a Re Dress will be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 9. Cost is \$25, which includes lunch. Topics of interest will include health, finances, family issues and spirituality. Sessions for youth will focus on self-esteem, violence, sexuality, abstinence and finances.

Sponsorship will enable our under-served population of female youth to believe in themselves and to reach for the stars. To make donations or register, call Corine V. Wilson, president, at 407-331-5665.

The Grove Counseling Center's Strengthening the Families Program recently began its third year of providing services to youth and families in Sanford. The Strengthening Families Program is designed for parents and youth ages 12-14 years old. The SFP curriculum is researched based and considered a best practice model by the center for substance abuse prevention. Strengthening Families was scientifically evaluated through Project Family at the Institute of Social Behavioral

Research at Iowa State University. Youth attending the program had significantly lower rates of alcohol, tobacco and marijuana use compared to other youth.

In the previous two years, SFP has provided services to more than 120 families. Parents have expressed an appreciation for the program and staff. The sessions are for six weeks, once per-week on Tuesdays at the West Sanford Boys and Girls Club, located at 919 W. Persimmon Ave., in Sanford. Dinner is served from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Parents and youth attend separate

skill-building groups for the first hour of the session and the second hour is where the parents and youth interact and learn together. Life experience are also exchanged with other families in the group.

When necessary, program interventions can be done in the home. School visits/home visits are made to assist the parents/youths enrolled in the program monitor progress at school and keep lines of communication open between school and home.

Booster sessions are held six to 12 months after completing the core program to monitor

gains and encourage use of skills learned during the regular sessions. Parenting sessions include but are not limited to handling stress, communicating when you don't agree and balancing love and limits.

All sessions are free. For more information and to enroll, call 407-327-1765, ext. 1300. The schedule for 2002 is as follows:

- Jan. 8 through Feb. 12
- Feb. 26 through April 2
- April 16 through May 21
- June 4 through July 9
- July 23 through Aug. 27
- Sept. 10 through Oct. 15
- Oct. 29 through Dec. 3

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Planting trees on ARBOR DAY

When to celebrate Arbor Day can be confusing, especially if you live in Seminole County.

Arbor Day is celebrated nationally on the last Friday of April. However, Florida's Arbor Day is the third Friday in January. This year in Sanford, the tree planting holiday was celebrated on Feb. 11; and in Lake Mary, Girl Scout Troop No. 458 celebrated the day on the first day of February by planting trees behind City Hall.

According to the National Arbor Day Foundation, the idea for Arbor Day originally came from Nebraska and one of its founding citizens. Among pioneers moving into the Nebraska Territory in 1854 was J. Sterling Morton from Detroit.

Morton was a journalist and soon

became editor of Nebraska's first newspaper. Given that forum, he spread agricultural information and his enthusiasm for trees to an equally enthusiastic audience. His prominence in the area increased, and he became secretary of the Nebraska Territory, which provided another opportunity to stress the value of trees.

On Jan. 4, 1872, Morton first proposed a tree-planting holiday to be called "Arbor Day" at a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture. The date was set for April 10, 1872. Prizes were offered to counties and individuals for planting properly the largest number of trees on that day. It was estimated that more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day.

Arbor Day was officially proclaimed on March 12, 1874, and the day itself was observed April 10, 1874. In 1885, Arbor Day was named a legal holiday in Nebraska and April 22, Morton's birthday, was selected as the date for its permanent observance.

During the 1870s, other states passed legislation to observe Arbor Day, and the tradition began in schools nationwide in 1882. Today the most common date for the state observances is the last Friday in April, and several U.S. presidents have proclaimed a national Arbor Day on that date. But a number of state Arbor Days are at other times to coincide with the best tree planting weather, from January and February in the south to May in the far north.

In honor of Arbor Day this year, The National Arbor Day Foundation — a nonprofit education organization dedicated to tree planting and environmental stewardship — is giving each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during February 10 free American redbud trees. The free trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Redbud Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE, 68410, by Feb. 28.

"Other holidays repose upon the past. Arbor Day proposes for the future."

— J. Sterling Morton



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent
Members of the Sanford Scenic Improvement Board and Parks Department plant bald cypress trees in front of the city's water treatment plant in honor of Arbor Day.

Pre-Kindergarten Early Intervention pre-registration begins in Feb. 26

Seminole County Public Schools' Pre-Kindergarten Early Intervention Program will be conducting pre-registration and recruitment for children who will be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2002.

Program services are based on families meeting income guidelines as defined by the free and reduced lunch criteria, which is published by the school district and Federal Government (200 percent of Federal Poverty or below).

Families must be working or partici-

pating in Welfare Reform activities (One Stop), and living in the Seminole County school zone.

Program services are provided to students within elementary school settings and operate on a full day of services. Parents pay a fee for services based on their income. Information on this will be provided at the pre-registration event. The following documents are required before children can enter school in August. Families are encouraged to bring as much of this information as possible to the event, including:

- Birth Certificate
 - Child's Physical (HRS 3040 form)
 - Child's Social Security Card
 - Custody papers (if applicable)
 - ONE STOP participation letter or two months of current pay stubs for each
 - Working member of the household
 - 2001 Income Tax Return
 - Immunization Records (HRS 680 form)
 - Proof of Residency (lease/deed)
 - Food Stamp letter (if applicable)
- Other documents may be requested.

This event will be held from 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Feb. 26 in the, Eastmonte Civic Center, located at 830 Magnolia Drive, Altamonte Springs. (It is also known as the George Perkins Community Center).

Pre-registration will also be held every Wednesday, beginning March 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Educational Support Annex, located at 1722 W. Airport Blvd., Sanford.

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Masonic Home Day held in St. Petersburg

By June McFadden Thomas
Special to the Herald

ST. PETERSBURG — The Grand Royal Matron, H.L. Joan Schwebel, a retired Seminole High School teacher, and Grand Royal Patron, S.K. Ronald St. Jacques, of the Grand Court Order of the Amaranth of Florida appointed Seminole Court No. 59's Sharon and Dean Smith to be in charge of arrangements for Masonic Home Day in St. Petersburg on Sunday, Jan. 20. Members in attendance totaled 189.

It was a great day that began with coffee and doughnuts provided by the Masonic Home Guild.

Prior to the start of meetings, most Amaranth visitors went to see their "moms and pops," Masonic Home residents that each Amaranth Court in Florida sponsors, delivering gifts and money in addition to well wishes from their home courts.

I was also able to visit an old

friend and former Sanford resident, Grace Hudson.

I got to know Grace as members of Sanford First United Methodist Church and I have visited with her every time we go to the Masonic Home. Her late husband and son, Phillip, were Past Master's of Sanford Masonic Lodge No. 62.

Grace, who celebrated her 92nd birthday on Dec. 9, is very happy and loves the Masonic Home.

Following visitation, Grace and other home residents attended the Amaranth meeting and along with the Amaranth members were treated to skits put on by the Home's Resident Skit Group. It was very funny and everyone enjoyed it.

Amaranth Day Chairman Sharon Smith then introduced each of the Grand Line Officers to those in attendance. Following the big meeting, the Masonic Home's board meeting and individual club meetings were held after which visitors enjoyed a delicious roast beef

lunch in the Masonic Home Cafeteria.

The Amaranth membership has done many things for the Masonic Home over the years. In addition to donating money and other necessities to help the residents, the Order every year undertakes a special project to help the Masonic Home.

Among the projects completed so far have been a walkway from the home out to the Intercostal Waterway; Sitting benches along the walk to rest on if the resident tires during the trek and also a gazebo near the end of the walkway to protect the residents from the weather while enjoying the beauty of the waterway. The group also purchased a big screen television and refurbished a sitting room for residents and visitors to enjoy.

For local residents who would like to write to Grace E. Hudson, her address is:
Masonic Home of Florida,
3201 First Street Northeast, St. Petersburg, FL 33704.



Grace Hudson and June McFadden Thomas

2002 Valentine king and queen crowned

Hamilton Head Start recently held its 2002 Valentine King and Queen Ball.

Sharing love with the one you love was the theme for the gala affair celebration for the little guys and girls. The event was held 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, and the Hamilton Headstarters dressed in their formal and Sunday attire to enjoy an evening of special Valentine fun.

With Rachel Gatlin presiding, the pledge to the flag and opening song was given. Hamilton Head Start teacher Earthy Allen welcomed the parents and guests. After the occasion, the guests were entertained by Hamilton students, including "The Purple Violets," Taylor, Alexis, Travis, Anwon and Monique.

Hamilton Class B was "Simon Says," Hamilton Class F was "Roses Are Red," Keysheanna, Jasmin, Hanna and Jykia. Hamilton Class A was "My Bunny," Semondiyln, Diamond, Kiandia, Cornelius and Zykenia.

Hamilton Head Start highlighted the celebration with the crowning of the Valentine 2002 3-year-old king, Triston Wallace and 4-year-old queen, Tyerra Ingram. The Royal Court was introduced.

King Triston is the son of Marchon Jackson and Ebert



Valentine King Triston Wallace and Queen Tyerra Ingram

Wallace. Queen Tyerra is the daughter of Ruth Harrison and Jeff Ingram.

The Hamilton Head Start teaching and staff gives special thanks to the Head Start parents and other participants for the success of the special evening with the Headstarters.

Hugs and kisses to all.

It's been 10 years for the Central Florida Chapter International Black Woman's Congress.

The annual "Every Woman

Should Wear A Red Dress" Conference will be held March 8 through March 9. The theme is "For Every Mountain."

The 2002 Red Dress Dance will be 8 p.m. Friday, March 8. Attire is semi-formal or African attire. It will be held at the Holiday Inn, Altamonte, located at 230 W. State Road 436. Tickets are \$25 for single and \$45 for couples. Call IBWC office at 407-331-5665 for more information.

Every Black Woman Should

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Showy Swamp Maple favorite of landscapers and Bonsai creators

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The newly emerging leaves, red flowers and fruits signal the arrival of the spring. They appear in December and January in Florida. Blooming is short lived, followed by masses of boomerang-like shaped fruits known as keys.

The fruits contain two seeds or samaras, each with a single wing. The seeds of the red maple are quite popular with squirrels and birds. The buds

and fruits are a primary source of food for gray squirrels in late winter and early spring.

Seedlings are a favorite food for deer.



Al Ferrer

Uses

Can be used as a Bonsai, wide tree lawns, medium-sized tree lawns, for buffer strips around parking lots or for median strip plantings in the highway, near a deck or patio, reclamation plant,

screen, shade tree, or residential street tree.

The Tree

The red maple is a fast growing tree, reaching a height of 60 to 75 feet. Leaves are ovate and simple with serrate margins. Leaves are deciduous, 2 to 4 inches long. Their color in fall varies from orange, red and yellow, very showy.

Flower color is red and showy in the winter and spring. Fruit have elongated wings, from 1 to 3 inches long, red and showy. The winged fruits can fly a long distance. The bark is thin and easily damaged from mechanical impact. The tree requires pruning to develop a strong structure. It is susceptible to breakage.

Surface roots can lift sidewalks or interfere with mowing.

Light Requirement

The tree grows well in partial shade, partial sun, or in full sun.

Soil Tolerances

Red maples grow well in clay, loam or slightly acidic sandy soils. They tolerate well-drained soils or those with extended periods of flooding. Irrigation is often needed to

support street tree plantings in well-drained soils.

The tree makes the best growth in wet places and has no other particular soil preference except that chlorosis or yellowing may develop on alkaline soils where it grows poorly.

Varieties

Due to graft-incompatibility problems which cause the tree to break apart, preference should be given to plants produced on their own roots. Choose varieties with regional adaptation. Armstrong, Autumn Flame, Bowhall, Gerling, October Glory, Red Sunset, Scanlon and Tilford, are some of the best know varieties.

Pests

Leaf stalk borer and petiole-borer cause the same type of injury. Both insects bore into the leaf stalk just below the leaf blade. The leaf stalk shrivels, turns black, and the leaf blade falls off. The leaf drop may appear heavy but serious injury to a healthy tree is rare. Gall mites stimulate the formation of growths or galls on the leaves.

The galls are small but can be so numerous that individual leaves curl up. Galls are not serious and usually chemical controls are not needed. If borers become a problem it is an indication that the tree is not growing well. Controlling borers involves keeping trees

healthy. Chemical controls of existing infestations are more difficult.

Diseases

Anthraxose is a fungus problem in rainy seasons. The disease resembles, and may be confused with, a physiological problem called scorch. The disease causes light brown or tan areas on the leaves. Anthraxose can be controlled with fungicide sprays as the leaves open in the spring. Scorch may occur during periods of high temperatures accompanied by wind.

Trees with diseased or inadequate root systems or trees that do not get enough water, will also show scorching. Scorch symptoms are light brown or tan dead areas between leaf veins. Tar spot and other leaf spots may cause some concern among homeowners but rarely require control.

Nutrient Deficiencies

Manganese deficiency is the most common nutrient deficiency found on maple trees. Symptoms of this problem are yellow or yellowish-green leaves with darker green veins. Plants exposed to weed killers may also show similar symptoms.

Al Ferrer is Seminole County Urban Horticulturist. Inquiries may be directed to him at the Cooperative Extension service, 250 W. County Home Road, Sanford, FL 32773 or phone 888-5558. All Seminole County Cooperative Extension services are open to all regardless of race, color, sex, handicap or national origin.

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African ecosystems are among the most diverse and productive wild lands in the world. But Africa faces tremendous challenges. Learn about these animals and how organizations worldwide are working with Africa's governments, institutions and people to preserve its natural heritage for both wildlife and humans.

"Animals of Africa" tour will include the African slender-snouted crocodile, hippopotamus,

serval, African crested porcupine, banded Egyptian cobra, East African green mambas and more. Visitors will receive a complimentary self-guided tour sheet.

To support wildlife conservation, the Zoo is a participant in the American Zoo and Aquarium Association's Species Survival Plans (SSP) for African Animals like the cheetah and red-ruffed lemur. SSPs manage the breeding of species in order to maintain a healthy and self-sustaining captive population as well as research, public education and reintroduction.

The Central Florida Zoo is located at 3755 NW Highway 17-92 and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For more information, call 407-323-4450, extension 149 or visit www.centralfloridazoo.org

Admission for adults is \$7, \$3 for children 3-12 years, \$4 for seniors and free for children 2 and under.

Native American culture highlights club meeting

A former Sanford businesswoman delighted members of the Sanford Woman's Club with a program on "Native American Culture" at the February meeting. The stunning brunette, Linda (Behrens) Armachain, a full-blooded Cherokee Indian, arrived wearing the full regalia of an Indian princess.

The former owner of Headliners Beauty Salon in Sanford, Linda now owns and operates a beauty shop and boutique in Orlando. Her hairstyling expertise won her numerous awards and carried her to high places including a stylist for Universal Studios.

Linda was introduced to the club by Peggy Mergo, chair of the Education Department. The members were intrigued with the charming speaker, her review of Indian lore and legends, her colorful attire and the array of Indian artifacts that she displayed. Adding to the interesting exhibit were Indian mementos brought to the meeting by the club members.

According to Linda, the Cherokee Tribe is the largest tribe in North Carolina where she has a number of relatives. She said about 7,000 of the 56,000 tribal members now live on the reservation which is self-supported by schools, a

hospital and a casino. Contrary to popular legend, Linda said the tribe pays the United States Government a sizeable sum annually.

In the early times, Linda said her ancestors survived by planting gardens and hunting. Today, they sell their homemade crafts including: baskets, pottery, jewelry and a variety of clothing. She added that the older an item is, the more

expensive it is. The clubwomen were all eyes and ears as Linda explained the articles on display.

She fashioned the lovely authentic outfit she wore featuring a beaded headband enhanced with eagle feathers. Her fringed red and black calf-length was complemented with a beaded belt which she made as well as the black moccasins she so proudly wore.

Second Vice President Mindy Tooley read an inspirational article on the "American Indian". Later, Mindy inducted Patricia "Patty" Mahany into the club membership and presented her with a long-stemmed red rose, the club flower. It was also announced that Ann Howland was reinstated into the club membership.

President Betty Jack presided over the business session and heard routine reports

from the officers and committee chairwomen.

Helen Polgar, first vice president, reported on the Annual Italian Night which will be held Friday, Feb. 22, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the clubhouse, 309 Oak Ave. Tickets are: \$6, adults, and \$4, for children, 12 and under. No tickets will be sold at the door. For information on tickets and reservations, call Marty Colegrove, 407-322-6706.

The president announced the club will host the Seminole County Federation of Women's Clubs' meeting Feb. 25 at the clubhouse. This is a covered dish event and starts at 11 a.m. All club members are invited to attend.

It was a day for sweethearts. The hostesses decorated the clubhouse in the Valentine motif. The tables were centered with vases of carnations accented with miniature hearts and other Valentine appointments.

Hostesses were: Jane Saxon and Carol Dennison, chairs, Betty Bruestle, Pat Brooks, Helen Polgar, Eve Rogero, Wanda Ross and Julie Wallace.

Coming Up

In addition to the Sanford Woman's Club's Italian Night coming up this weekend Feb. 22, two other community events are scheduled.

On Saturday, Feb. 23, a parade of talented young women will strut their stuff in



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent
Linda (Behrens) Armachain, right, a full-blooded Cherokee Indian, was guest speaker during the February meeting of the Sanford Woman's Club. Standing with Armachain is Peggy Mergo, chair of the club's Education Department.

the Miss Seminole County Scholarship Pageant, a preliminary to the Miss Florida Scholarship Pageant and the Miss America Scholarship Pageant. The uptown competition will be held in downtown Sanford's beautiful Helen Stairs Theatre. The dazzling festivities will get under way admission is \$10.

Valerie Weld will serve as mistress of ceremonies and Miriam and Valerie's School of Dance Arts will provide top-notch entertainment.

Another big event scheduled Sunday, Feb. 24, is the Sanford Seminole Art

Association's Annual Membership Show at the Sanford Garden Club, 200 Fairmont Drive at the entrance to Sunland Estates. Patrons can browse and admire the colorful paintings which will also be up for sale.

There is no admission charge and dessert will be served during the show hours, 2 to 4 p.m.

Tournament next Saturday

The Sanford Lakeside Lions Club is gearing up again for a great day of fishing, picnicking and fun when it sponsors its annual Fishing Tournament for the Blind.

The event pairs experienced boat-captains with sight-handicapped adults and children who may not otherwise experience the challenge and thrill of fishing. A cookout and awards await anglers after the morning tournament.

The free event will take place Saturday, Feb. 23 at Mullet Lake Park near Sanford. Reservations are encouraged by Feb. 18. Children must be chaperoned.

For further information, call 407-321-4415.

Who: Sanford Woman's Club

What: **Annual Italian Night**

Why: For Local Charities

Where: At Woman's Club, 309 S. Oak Ave.

When: Friday, Feb. 22, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Spaghetti with all the trimmings. Carry-out available.

Tickets: \$6.00 adults: \$4.00, children 12 and under.

Reservations must be made by Feb. 18 by calling 407-322-8706 for information.



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Church Notes

Guest Speaker Tim Lee
Tim Lee will be a guest speaker at Palmetto Avenue Baptist Church, located at 2626 Palmetto Ave., in Sanford, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24.

Lee is a former Marine Corps Sergeant and Purple Heart recipient from the Vietnam War. A violent land mine explosion in 1971 placed him in a wheelchair, but also made him one of the most listened to people in America. Lee will share personal testimony.

Friends and Family
House of Refuge will be celebrating "Family and Friends Day" during its 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 24 service.

The church is inviting all family and friends to come and celebrate with the congregation. Special guest will be the Women's Choir of Coleman Federal Institution.

In March, the church will be celebrating its Pastor's Appreciation on Sunday and Wednesday nights starting March 3. Various churches will be coming and rendering service. The appreciation for Pastor Dora Richardson will end April 14 during the 11 a.m. service.

For information about upcoming events, call 407-324-4711.

Craft Show
The Women's Ministries of Sanford Church of God is sponsoring a craft show Saturday, April 13.

To reserve a space, call Yolanda Tanksley at 407-322-3942. The craft show will be in the air conditioned gymnasium of Sanford Church of God, and spaces will be first come, first serve.

Yard Sale
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, located at 2525 Oak Ave., in Sanford, will have a yard sale Friday, March 8, and Saturday, March 9.

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



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Between Park and Oak, Downtown

Morning Worship
10:00 am

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2626 Palmetto Ave.
Sanford, FL 32773
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Rev. Larry French Associate Pastor
Charles Simpson School Principal
Bill Simpson Couples Pastor
Brian Brown Pastor Student Ministries
Sunday Services:
• Early Worship 8:48 a.m.
• Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
• Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
• Evening Family Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Activities:
A.W.A.M. for Children 7:00 p.m.
Teen Discipleship 7:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
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Rev. Tom Smith Pastoral Care
Rev. Richard Waggoner Music Director
Mark Williams Youth Minister
Adam Wilcox Youth Intern
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Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Activities for all ages 6:00 p.m.
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Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
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Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. AWANA/Youth 8:30 p.m.
Discipleship Training 7:00 p.m.
Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir 8:00 p.m.

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5400 Markham Woods Road
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Coffee and Donuts 8:30 A.M.
Bible Study 9:45 A.M.
Worship 10:45 A.M.
(Children's Church Provided)
Children's Awana Club 6:30 P.M.
Worship 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday
Church Family Dinner 6:00 P.M.
Prayer and Bible Study 7:00 P.M.
Youth Meeting
Children's Choir and Team Kid Clubs
(Nursery provided all services)

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Sanford, Florida 32771
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Randy Walker Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
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Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Evening Worship (TBA) 4:00 pm
Monday Bible Study 7:30 pm

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Baptist

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4100 Paola Road (46A)
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407-323-0523
Sunday Morning
Worship 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday AM Worship 10:45 a.m.
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Sanford, Florida 32773
(407) 322-3737
Church Office
J Earl Welch Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Old Truths for a New Day

Church Notes

Motivational Program
 "Tell All Souls About My Mercy," a spiritually motivating program, will be presented at All Souls Catholic Church 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19.

The program is sponsored by Mother of Mercy Messengers, Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy. The program is for everyone. All Souls Catholic Church is located at 810 S. Oak Ave., in Sanford. For more information, call 407-322-3795.

Free Concert
 Community United Methodist Church invites the community to a free outdoor evening concert by the country group, "Laredo," 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24.

The musical offerings will highlight country artists such as Faith Hill, Reba McEntire, Shania Twain and the Dixie Chicks.

Free hot dogs and hamburgers will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. Bring blankets and lawn chairs.

The church is located at 4921 South Highway 17/92 in Casselberry. For more information, call the church office at 407-831-3777.

Prayer Breakfast
 The 10th annual Seminole County Prayer Breakfast will be held 7 to 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, in the Sanford Civic Center.

Keynote speaker will be Ted DiBiase, who is best known for his role as the villainous "Million Dollar Man," in the world of professional wrestling. Currently, he shares the gospel and the joy that can only be found in Jesus.

A corporate sponsorship for a table of eight is \$150, and individual tickets are \$15. Seating is limited, and reservations are required.

For more information or reservations, call 407-333-0548. Checks should be made payable to Seminole County Prayer Breakfast and sent to P.O. Box 140964, Orlando, FL, 32814-0964.

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