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Briefly

Deputies arrest man who leaves his wallet

From Staff Reports
SANFORD — Late Monday night, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office arrested a suspect who fled the scene after leaving his driver's license behind at a DUI checkpoint during the weekend.

David Jerome Wright, 23, was located at his home in Osteen when deputies arrested him.

Wright had given his driver's license to authorities at the DUI checkpoint early Sunday morning. But before any further testing could be done, Wright drove off.

Deputy Daniel Anderson, who was stationed nearby, activated his lights and siren and pursued. The deputy was able to get Wright's tag number. The deputy was also able to see Wright behind the wheel with the aid of the patrol car's spotlight.

At that point, Wright was on Interstate-4 and accelerated to more than 100 miles per hour. Anderson broke off the pursuit.

Having information from Wright's driver's license, which the suspect left behind, as well as his tag number and the visual identification, Anderson made the arrest.

Today is ...

Wednesday, March 1, 2000
Today is the 61st day of 2000 and the 71st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1954, five congressmen were wounded by a terrorist attack in the House of Representatives. On this day in 1988, Courtney Gibbs of Fort Worth, Texas, won the Miss U.S.A. Pageant. On this day in 1994, Frank Sinatra received a special "Legends" award at the Grammys.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Augustus Saint-Gaudens (1848-1907), sculptor; William Dean Howells (1837-1920), novelist; Glenn Miller (1904-1944), musician; David Niven (1910-1983), actor; Ralph Ellison (1914-1994), writer; Robert Lowell (1917-1977), poet; Dinah Shore (1917-1994), singer; Yitzhak Rabin (1922-1995), Israeli leader; Harry Belafonte (1927-), singer; is 73; Robert Conrad (1935-), actor; is 65; Ron Howard (1954-), director; is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1969, Mickey Mantle announced that he was retiring from professional baseball.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Common sense is not so common."
Voltaire

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Feb. 26) and new moon (March 6).

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Wanted man commits suicide

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Scared and running out of friends willing to help him, Earl Rozier ended nearly a week of hiding from the police by committing suicide early Tuesday morning.

Rozier, 37, was a suspect in last week's murder of 38-year-old Charmaine Ferguson. She was stabbed to death in an Altamonte Springs apartment complex where Rozier was a maintenance worker.

At 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, Orlando police responded to the 900 block of West Washington Street in reference to a suspi-

Maintenance man Earl Rozier spent nearly a week running from police before taking his life

cious incident with possible gun shots. Once on the scene, the body of Rozier was found lying on the sidewalk on West Washington Street near Parramore Avenue.

Rozier was pronounced dead on the scene with a self-inflicted gunshot

wound, investigators said. He was alone when he died. However, police would not comment about whether a suicide note was found at the scene.

His body had cuts and injuries which may have been inflicted during a struggle last week with Ferguson, investiga-

tors said.

"He approached an old friend for help, and because of the notoriety of this case, they refused him," said Altamonte Springs police lead investigator Milton Humphreys. "He was looking for some place to go, and running out of people to turn to."

Investigators have not yet determined a motive for why Rozier may have killed Ferguson. They did know each other, but investigators are still attempting to determine how well.

Despite the death of Rozier, the investigation has not been closed. Humphreys

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Streets of Goldsboro



A resident of Goldsboro rides his bike on one of the newly paved streets in the community. Commissioner Velma Williams is upset the streets weren't paved using top-grade asphalt and curbs weren't arched.

Williams dissatisfied with paving job; however, other cities have no complaints

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Sanford City Commissioner Velma Williams says she is not satisfied with the quality of paving recently performed on streets within the Goldsboro area.

"Praise the Lord, I have not had a single complaint. Everyone I have talked to loves it. It sure beats having a dirt road."

Rick Diaz
Lake Mary Public Works Director

paved streets, with a smoother finish and curbs. However, other communities have seen good results using cold-mix paving.

"Praise the Lord, I have not had a single complaint," said

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Herald photos by Tommy Vincent

Lake Mary chamber has new name

Merged chambers become Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber

By Michelle Jerla
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — The Chamber's got a new name.

The new identity for the newly merged Greater Seminole County and Lake Mary-Heathrow chambers of commerce was announced this morning during the organization's monthly breakfast meeting. The new name is the Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"We are going to take the new name beyond heights you ever imagined," said Diane Parker, the executive director of the newly merged Chamber. "This has been the best time to combine our resources."

In November, the chambers announced their plans to merge. Following the unanimous votes by executive boards and boards

of directors of both chambers and approval from Lake Mary's membership (Greater Seminole County members did not vote in the matter), the merger became official at the beginning of February.

According to Bill Stange, who was the executive vice president of the Greater Seminole County Chamber, the merger will eliminate any duplication of services, offer better programs and give members a bigger voice in business issues affecting the state. Previously, there were about 100 businesses that were members of both chambers.

The consolidation of the two largest chambers in Seminole County brought together nearly 3,000 businesses from Seminole and surrounding counties and the staff from both chambers was combined.

Following the announcement of the merger, the Lake Mary City Commission approved a resolution asking the Chamber to keep the words "Lake Mary" in its name, since it is the state's second oldest chartered chamber and is 77 years old.

And, the Chamber showed it was listening. When Parker

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FAA looks into British gun incident

Controversy centers on difference between American and British laws

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — British officials are asking how assault rifles and handguns used to fire on British police last spring could be hidden in suitcases checked at Orlando Sanford Airport, making it past airport security.

Britain's deputy prime minister has called for an investigation, though airport officials say they have followed all Federal Aviation Administration regulations.

Part of the international controversy the Orlando Sanford Airport finds itself in centers on the differences between U.S.

and British law.

Possessing guns of any kind is against the law in Britain. However, under U.S. aviation regulations guns may be stored in an area beneath the plane.

"Licensed guns checked properly into the cargo area beneath an airplane are not considered to be a threat," said FAA spokeswoman Kathleen Burgen.

She added that anything brought into the passenger compartment of a plane would go through a metal detector and passengers would be checked by a magnetometer.

The controversy began last week in Britain when George Knights was convicted on multiple weapons violations, which could land him a life sentence.

He was arrested in April 1999 after he fired upon police, who stopped him because he had an expired registration sticker on

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Lake Mary honors heroes

By Michelle Jerla
Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — Two Seminole County Reserve Deputies felt they were only doing their job when they saved an 11-year boy's life. They probably didn't expect to become local heroes.

But, that's exactly what has happened to Seminole County Reserve Deputies Dave Herman and Mike Bernosky. The two

men have been honored by various local agencies and will once again receive special recognition during Thursday's Lake Mary City Commission meeting.

Herman and Bernosky, who own To Protect and Cut Lawn Service, became local celebrities two weeks ago after rescuing Sammy Todd from a bizarre accident.

Todd was playing with his dog when he decided to climb a tree. According to reports, the

boy fell and became entangled in the dog's leash, which tightened around his neck and choked him.

The two deputies, who were working on yards in the Manderly subdivision off Rinehart Road, saw Todd hanging from the tree, cut him down and loosened the leash. The 11-year-old once again began breathing.

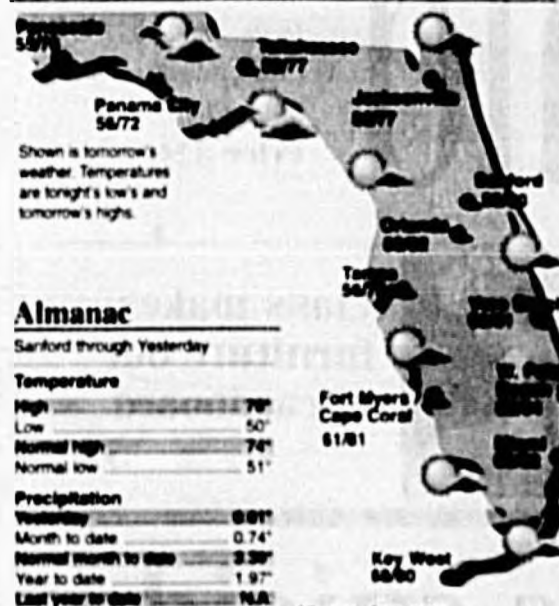
Todd is recovering from the

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Florida Weather



Five-Day Forecast for Sanford



UV Index Tomorrow



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Sanford through Yesterday
Temperature
 Yesterday: 79°
 High: 50°
 Normal high: 74°
 Normal low: 51°
Precipitation
 Yesterday: 0.01"
 Month to date: 0.74"
 Normal month to date: 3.39"
 Year to date: 1.97"
 Last year to date: N/A.
 Normal year to date: 6.16"

Regional Weather

Florida: Look for clear skies and pleasant weather across the state tonight. Plenty of sunshine and warm weather will be around tomorrow.
Georgia: Clear skies are in the forecast tonight, except for a little fog along the Atlantic coast. Sunny and pleasant tomorrow.
Mississippi: Clear skies are in the forecast tonight, except for a little fog along the Gulf Coast. Sunshine and pleasant weather return tomorrow.
Alabama: Clear skies are in the forecast tonight, except for a little fog along the Gulf Coast. Sunshine and pleasant weather will return tomorrow.
South Carolina: Skies will be partly cloudy tonight with cooler weather coming into the west half of the state. Sunny and not as warm tomorrow.
Louisiana: Skies will start off clear tonight with a few clouds toward daybreak. Sunshine will give way to increasing clouds tomorrow.

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight 6:58 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday 6:49 a.m.
Midnight today 11:30 p.m.
Moonset today 2:28 p.m.

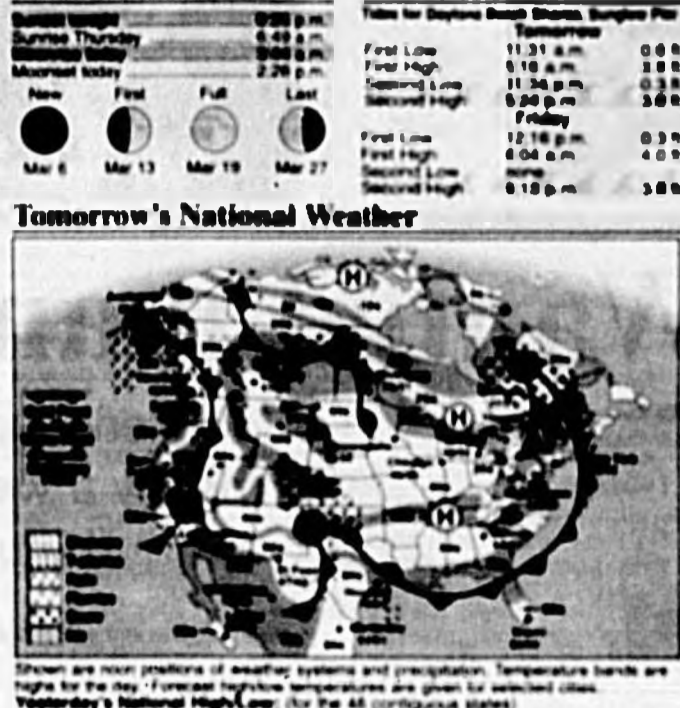
Tides

Tides for Daytona Beach Shores, Daytona Pier
Tomorrow
First Low 11:31 a.m. 0.0 ft
First High 6:10 a.m. 3.0 ft
Second Low 11:36 p.m. 0.3 ft
Second High 9:08 p.m. 3.0 ft
Friday
First Low 12:16 p.m. 0.3 ft
First High 6:04 a.m. 4.0 ft
Second Low none
Second High 6:18 p.m. 3.0 ft

National Cities

City	Temp	High	Low	City	Temp	High	Low
Atlanta	68	72	64	Chicago	52	56	48
Baltimore	54	58	48	Columbus	58	62	50
Boston	48	52	42	Dallas	62	66	54
Charlotte	72	76	64	Denver	48	52	42
Chicago	52	56	48	Detroit	48	52	42
Cleveland	48	52	42	Houston	72	76	64
Daytona Beach	78	82	70	Los Angeles	68	72	60
Daytona	78	82	70	Memphis	62	66	54
Daytona	78	82	70	Minneapolis	48	52	42
Daytona	78	82	70	Mississippi	68	72	60
Daytona	78	82	70	New Orleans	72	76	64
Daytona	78	82	70	New York City	50	54	48

Tomorrow's National Weather



Regional Cities

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Atlanta, GA	72	76	64
Birmingham, AL	68	72	60
Daytona Beach, FL	78	82	70
Daytona, FL	78	82	70
Daytona	78	82	70

World Cities

City	Temp	High	Low
London	58	62	50
Paris	52	56	48
Tokyo	68	72	60
Sydney	72	76	64

Briefs

Response class
 The Lake Mary Fire Department will hold its next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class, March 6. The classes are free to Lake Mary residents and businesses. Ideas and information will be presented in preparing for a disaster and what to do if a disaster strikes.
 In addition, participants will learn emergency rescue skills and how the county, city and state emergency response systems operate. This is an interactive hands-on class.
 Classes are sponsored by the Florida Department of Emergency Management and the City of Lake Mary. For information or registration on the upcoming class, phone 407-333-8207.

Seminole Spokes
 Seminole Spokes Welcome Wagon Club of Seminole County will hold its monthly luncheon at Mason & Jardin, Altamonte Springs, Wednesday, March 8, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The program will be a charity auction. The "Millennium Quilt" winning raffle ticket will be drawn.
 For reservations or information phone Ann at 407-302-9331 or Lynne at 407-865-9681.

Spring Break 2000
 A week of fun adventures are being planned by the Altamonte Springs Department of Leisure Services. Events include trips to Sea World, Wet-N-Wild, Island of Adventure, Water Mania and Fantasy of Flight.

Registration will be March 6 through March 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Westmonte Park.
 Participants must be 6 years of age or older, not to exceed 14 years.
 For additional information phone Lem Reed at 407-869-2516.

SCC to host voice recital
 Dr. Rebecca Brown will present a voice recital, Literary Characters in Song, on March 7, 8 p.m., in the Fine Arts Concert Hall on the Seminole Community College Campus. The recital is free and open to the public.
 Brown is the director of Choral and Vocal Activities at SCC. She conducts the Seminole Concert Chorus, Seminoleband, and the Masterworks Chorus.

For more information, call (407) 328-2040 or (407) 328-2039.

Jacqueline Jones in concert
 Jacqueline Jones and her band will perform at Seminole Community College Thursday, March 9, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the Fine Arts Concert Hall, the concert, part of the Blues and Jazz Humanities Thursday Night Concert Series is free and open to the public.
 For additional details, phone SCC at 407-328-2039.

GED Testing
 Seminole Community College will register GED test candidates for April testing dates, March 20 through 23, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., and at 11 a.m. only on March 24. A free GED prep course will also be offered for adults. Interested persons are asked to phone SCC at 407-328-2153.

Cassberry run
 The City of Cassberry Parks and Recreation Kick Around the Block IV 5K run will be held at Secret Lake Park, 300 N. Traylor Lake Drive, Saturday, March 11 beginning at 8 a.m. This is an all-day family event, with live music, closures, a rock climbing wall and many other events for everyone of every age. Proceeds will benefit the city's Youth Drunken Prevention Program. For additional information, entry fees or registrations, phone 407-899-1313.

PUBLIC HEARING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS City of Longwood, Florida

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE CITY OF LONGWOOD, FLORIDA, that the City Commission will hold the second of two required public hearings on March 6, 2000, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard, in the Longwood City Commission Chambers, 175 West Warren Avenue, Longwood, Florida, to receive public comment and consider enactment of the following ordinance. The ordinance provides for amending the Future Land Use Map of the City's Comprehensive Plan as follows:

Ordinance Number	Location	Parcel I.D. Number	Existing	Proposed	Acres ±
00-1527	150 feet west of the Northwest corner of US Hwy 17-92 and SR 434, Longwood, FL	33-20-30-513-0800-0120	City Residential Professional	City General Commercial	1.47
		33-20-30-513-0C00-0010			1.13
		33-20-30-513-0C00-0030			0.72

A copy of the project information is on file with the Planning Division for public review between the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The office is located at 194 Wilma St., Longwood, Florida or you may call the Division at 407-260-3462.

At this meeting interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the request. The City Commission may continue the public hearing to other dates and times as deemed necessary. Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the ADA coordinator at 407-260-3481, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

All persons are advised that if they appeal any decision made at these meetings, the appeal must be based on the public record made during consideration of this matter. Since the City of Longwood does not provide verbatim minutes of its meetings, it is the responsibility of an appellant to provide such minutes at their own expense. (See Chapter 286.0105, FS)

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF CHANGE OF PERMITTED, CONDITIONAL OR PROHIBITED LAND USES City of Longwood, Florida

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Ordinance Number	Location	Parcel I.D. Number	Existing	Proposed	Acres ±
00-1528	150 feet west of the Northwest corner of US Hwy 17-92 and SR 434, Longwood, FL	33-20-30-513-0800-0120	City RP	City C-3	1.47
		33-20-30-513-0C00-0010			1.13
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Calling all Catholics, find a place to build that school

As a lad I slipped up once in a while, eating a hot dog on Friday. Back then a Catholic could go to hell for that.

Today, there's a new set of rules. Hot dogs are OK unless it's Lent. Lent begins today — No hot dogs today, either. It's Ash Wednesday.

By sunset I expect to hear at least a half dozen people ask why my forehead is dirty. Another half dozen will ask what's the big deal about you Catholics needing a high school in Markham Woods.

Here's the answer: We need the school to realize we aren't going to be here forever and we need the high school because it will provide our children a strong Christian-based education. Catholic kids still say prayers and read the Bible at school. It's constitutional.

Seminole County is big enough to afford CPFL Catholic high school. If the people in

Markham Woods don't want it in their neighborhood, fine. Let's build it somewhere else. The Diocese can sell its 72 acres or swap the land for similar acreage elsewhere.

Or better yet, perhaps the Diocese should forget the high school and use its property for a shrine. If Vatican authorities go for the deal, the Shrine of Lourdes could be moved from the French Pyrenees to a "Miracle Mile" on Long Pines Road.

Catholics once prayed for miracles. They also prayed that their sons and daughters would enter religious life. That's changed. Parents now pray that their sons and daughters find other vocations. In two years, the Diocese of Orlando released one priest — a 77-year-old widower, Father Al Ferraro, of All Souls Church in Sanford.

As a Catholic, I'm concerned with the plight of Catholics in this country and this county. I pray the church officials here find a place they can build their high school. Not everyone is

together on the plan — one spearheaded by the Rev. Patrick Caverly at the Church of the Annunciation.

Interesting, too, is that a good many of those protesting the Markham Woods site go to the Church of the Annunciation. The church is named for the first joyful mystery of the Rosary, the Angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she was chosen to be the Mother of God. "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said."

The result of the public hearing on the high school on Monday night may have pleased the people who live in the Markham Woods neighborhood but I'm not that sure it pleases a certain higher authority who wants what is best not just what is more acceptable.

One day — not far down the road — those who refused to see the promise of this school they did not want, may be saddened with what does happen to the land.

Heaven help us, maybe they'll build a church there.

Russ White's column appears daily in the Seminole Herald.



Russ White

Senior seminar this Friday

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office periodically conducts seminars for senior citizens concerning available compensation if they are the victims of crime.

The next seminar for seniors takes place March 3 at the Lake Monroe Providence Church at 4561 Douglas Avenue in Sanford.

State law provides that a victim over 60 years old or a victim who is disabled can be

compensated for crimes, which affect their quality of life. Reimbursement for property loss can be as much as \$500. The program also provides reimbursement for medical bills and replacement of such items as glasses, if they are lost or damaged in a crime.

The job of the sheriff's Victim Services Representative is to help victims overcome obstacles such as necessary forms to fill out, and to help senior apply for compensation.

For more information and times, contact Victim Advocate Sherry McGrew at 407-665-6922. The program is being coordinated through Better Living for Seniors at 407-333-8877.

Obituaries

MYRON E. BLAINE
Myron E. Blaine, 83, Lawton Ave., Orange City, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2000 at DeBary Manor Nursing Home. Born in Goodfield, Ill., he moved to Central Florida from Denver, Colo. in 1983. He was the manager of a bookstore and Student Union at the University of Missouri. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Merchant Marines, and a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, DeBary.

Survivors include care giver, Norman Cordova, Orange City. Baklauff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

Jeanette Kuchek, both of Deltona.
Baklauff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

MARY HIELD
Mary Hield, 88, E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2000 at Florida Hospital, Altamonte. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., she moved to Central Florida five years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Stephen Russian Orthodox Church, Longwood.

Survivors include daughter, Irene V. Cannizzaro, Palm Springs.

RENE SEGARRA LORENZO
Rene Segarra Lorenzo, 36, Conant Drive, Deltona, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2000 at his residence. Born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, he moved to Central Florida in 1993. He was a truck driver and attended Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church.

Survivors include daughter, Corina Mary Segarra, Puerto Rico; father, Raul Segarra.

Deltona, mother, and Nereida Lorenzo, Camphill, Pa., brother, Raul A., Deltona; sister, Sandra, Hialeberg, Pa.
Baklauff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

LEWIS E. WAGER
Lewis E. Wager, M. Kingslake Drive, DeBary, died Tuesday, Feb. 29, 2000 at Mariner Healthcare of Orange City, in DeBary. Born in Berlin, N.Y., he resided in Deltona from 1980 to 1994, and in DeBary since 1994. He was a retired foreman for Rensselaer County, N.Y. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Deltona, and a volunteer for Berlin Fire and Rescue Squad.

Survivors include wife, Ruth E.; daughters, Arlene F. Wager, DeBary, Kathleen A. Primrose, Berlin, N.Y.; sisters, Emily Felsburg, Philadelphia, Pa., Eleanor Alberta Kerns, Charlotte, N.C.; two grandchildren.

Baklauff Family Funeral Home, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

Briefs

Violence prevention event
Thursday, March 2, beginning at 9 a.m., Spring Lake Elementary School will host a Weapons in School Eliminated (WISE) Program Orientation. Over 1,000 elementary school students are expected to be involved in the program designed to help save lives.

Volunteers needed
Special Olympics of Seminole County (SSOC) is in need of volunteers to coach aquatic and softball. For additional information, phone the SSOC Hotline at 407-263-8043.

Appreciation Breakfast
The Salvation Army will host its annual Civic Appreciation Breakfast 9 a.m., Saturday, March 4 at Markham Woods Presbyterian Church, 5210 Markham Woods Road in Lake Mary. Volunteers will be honored at the breakfast and several guest speakers will be featured.

World Day of Prayer
Friday, March 3, has been designated as World Day of Prayer. A number of observances will be held locally as well as nation and world wide in Winter Springs, residents of Village Oaks at Taskawilla by Marriott, an assisted living community for seniors, will join in the event in a special observance at 11:30 a.m. This is a non-denominational event designed to reinforce the bonds between people of the world as they join in a global circle of prayer.

Village Oaks at Taskawilla is located at 1016 Wills Springs Drive. For additional information, phone Dixie Thomas at 407-699-7999.

Piano recital at SCC
Parist Scott Beard will present a piano recital, featuring the music of Frederic Chopin, on Sunday, March 5, 4 p.m., in the Fine Arts Concert Hall at Seminole Community College. The event is free and open to the public.

Beard will be performing several Chopin works published posthumously.

Beard is the coordinator of Keyboard Studies at Sheppard College and artistic director for the Reynolds Hall Recital Series. For more information, call (407) 328-2040 or (407) 328-2039.

LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected in the Florida Lottery:

February 9 (Feb. 70)
1-7-13-10-10

Lotto (Feb. 20)
13-17-24-27-30-41

Mega Money (Feb. 20)
6-24-29-27 — Megaball 3

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Play 4
44-1-7
Cash 3
44-3

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Opinion

Our View

Seminole needs a more accessible veterans hospital

For the past five years, there has been talk about building a veterans hospital in the Central Florida area. At one time, the hospital was proposed in the Deltona area, to handle Volusia, Lake and Seminole County veterans. Then, with the closure of the military facilities in the Orlando area, it was determined that a more southern location was needed, to also serve Orange County.

There is no doubt such a facility is needed in this area. At the present time, most veterans seeking such a facility must drive to Gainesville. For those in serious trouble, it's much too far to drive and costly for spouses or others to stay while a person is served at the hospital.

Congressman John Mica has been pushing the drive for the hospital. Several months ago, in a report issued by the congressman, it was reported that plans were nearing completion and financing had been arranged. The only thing missing from the concept was a location. It was indicated — but not specifically stated, that officials were seeking land in Sanford, on which to construct a veterans clinic. Certainly, there is sufficient land available in this area for such a facility.

However, in contacting Congressman Mica's Washington, D.C., office earlier this week regarding the status of the search for land, his press secretary Gary Burns commented, "No new developments."

That's all that was said — no explanation was forthcoming.

The Sanford area has probably more veterans per capita than most areas of similar size. Sanford was determined to be such a wonderful area that many former servicemen stationed at the Sanford Naval Air Station chose to remain and have produced families which have also stayed in the local area. Others, former Army, Air Force or Marine vets have also found this a good place in which to settle.

Add the Orlando area veterans, plus the hundreds in the Deltona, Orange City, DeBary and Deland areas, and there should be such a demand that the officials and Congressman Mica should be involved in an all-out effort to bring this to fruition.

We need a veterans' hospital. If not in Sanford, at least in the close proximity. Our veterans deserve better care.



Your View

Organization's volunteers receive a deepest 'thanks'

To the editor:
If you had occasion to go to the Seminole Towne Center during the holiday shopping season, you probably noticed many teenagers in the mall. Granted some of these were there to just "hang out" and "go out," but many of them were there giving of themselves by sharing their time and energy to assist Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County.

As a fund-raiser, Habitat for Humanity was wrapping gifts for shoppers at a booth in the mall to raise money to build houses for deserving low-income families. Many teens representing their churches or school clubs came with their families or sponsors and donated their time to wrap gifts. None of these adults or students received anything other than a verbal "thank you" for their efforts. These are the teens that will make our community better and stronger in the future. These are teens that are about people in need.

There is one young woman who stands out as the volunteer. I met many more teens than anyone else. Her name is Petra Debes of Sanford. Petra is out standing because she came alone for full days and evenings with out the pleasure of coming with friends or peers. Many days she had other "big" plans but when she was asked to fill in for someone who was unable to volunteer, she willingly gave up her plans and worked for Habitat.

It truly was one of the best examples of a teen who is headed in the right direction. Thank you Petra! You are someone we are blessed to know. Hats off to you!
It will be impossible to name each club or organization that worked so hard to make this year's wrap-up a success. Please accept our deepest appreciation to you all, and may God bless you as you grow and yourself to others.
Dwain Aubrey
Director of
Community Outreach
Habitat for Humanity of
Seminole County

McCain — fitting the mold of an American hero

WASHINGTON — John McCain fits the mold of American hero. A man who displayed conspicuous courage in youth now offers a compelling vision in his maturity. Having sustained torture and near death as a Vietnam POW, he has focused his campaign, and increasingly the country's attention, on the need for drastic reform in Washington.



Chris Matthews

This is not to predict McCain's victory, simply to argue that what he says about the "Iron Triangle" of lobbyists, corporations and lawmakers in Washington is as undeniable as his courage in the "Honor Hilton." Also that his election this November would fit neatly in the romance that has gripped so much American history. Think of Teddy Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy.



TR won the governorship of New York and the vice presidency after his Rough Riders charged up San Juan Hill in the Spanish-American war. Dwight Eisenhower went to the White House after leading the Allies to victory in Europe during World War II. It's no big deal being president, his grandson and biographer once remarked, for a guy who received Adolf Hitler's surrender. John F. Kennedy succeeded because in no small part due to his heroics in saving his crewmen after his PT boat was rammed by a Japanese destroyer. In each case, we see the same pattern: courage in battle, vision in politics.

TR fought his own party to reform the civil service and the corrupt patronage system, and built the trusts. Eisenhower brought an era of peace and prosperity by giving the country a breather from the long period of Democratic rule and by moving his own party to modernize. JFK ended his party's lip service to civil rights in the north and west and their collaboration with the segregationists down south. A Cold Warrior, his greatest legacies were the Peace Corps and the nuclear test ban treaty.

John McCain may someday follow in their footsteps. He was a navy pilot who took risks flying over Hanoi. When his captors offered him early release because of his father's rank as commander in chief of the Pacific navy, he adhered to the military code: first prisoners taken first to go home. For that decision, he would spend years in solitary confinement in the "Honor Hilton." He returned home with his limbs broken, his honor intact.

Now he faces the angry jibes of his political rivals. "John McCain has spent 18 years in Washington, you know, triple the time he spent, you know, over in Vietnam in a POW camp," said Michigan governor and George Bush promoter John Engler. What the governor must not know himself is that Americans do not derive courage in war as just another item on a politician's resume. Teddy Roosevelt would not be on Mt. Rushmore were it not for that other hill his Rough Riders charged in Cuba. Smiling

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Education

Winger prepares for elementary school's opening

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

OWIEDO — August is approaching quickly for Kay Winger.

Winger is the principal of the new Evans Elementary School, which will open in August on Chapman Road in Oweledo. For nearly eight years, Winger has been a principal, having led Spring Lake and Longwood elementary schools.

However, she said the challenges faced in opening a new elementary school are unique.

"There will be a whole different set of challenges," Winger said. "In other situations, the staff was well established when I got on the scene. Plus, even though the district policies and procedures are set, we will need to set school standards for the student ramp and how to get the safest standards to arrange classroom."

During the first year, Evans Elementary is expected to handle 650 students in kindergarten through the fifth grade. The campus is designed for about 800 students.

Winger is currently seeking out an office located in Carillon Elementary School. The hiring of teachers will begin in March, and kindergarten registration will be held during the first week of May.

"Staffing is always a challenge, finding the right mix of people," Winger said. "We're making sure, with lots of help from the district, that books and supplies arrive on time and that there is a place to put them."

Winger has taught in elementary schools for 17 years in several states, coming to Volusia Elementary School as an assistant principal in 1983. She

has also been the Principal of Spring Lake Elementary for five years, and Longwood Elementary for nearly three years.

She holds a master's degree in administration and supervision from the University of Central Florida. Her bachelor's degree is in elementary education from Westminster College in Pennsylvania.

"I am looking forward to the challenge of opening a new school," Winger said. "I look forward to working with parents and the community in establishing the school family in the Oweledo area."

Oweledo area."

The two-story red brick building for Evans Elementary contains 112,000 square feet of space, and sits on 15 acres.

The school's wiring for technology includes a multi-purpose room located off the main entrance lobby for after-hours access by the community and a television studio with an adjacent control room.

In addition, the campus features a covered physical education pavilion and separate entrances for buses and cars.

Briefs

Academy students place at fair

Three students from Annunciation Catholic Academy won first place at the Seminole County Science Fair held in February and will go on to compete in the State Science Fair at the University of Florida from March 17 through April 14 (overall). 17 students from the Catholic school placed at the fair.

The winners included:
Behavioral Science — Christopher Davis, second place; Spencer Swartz from the Florida Ethnological Association, Central Region.
Biochemistry — Kay Meyer, first place; Steve Kavage, second place; Robert Matthew, second place.



Meyer

Chemistry — Andrea Ganic, first place; Mike Savino, first place.
Computer Science — John Harris, third place.
Earth Science — Robert M. Neme, third place; Special Award Honorable Mention from Associated Builders and Contractors and SSI; Timothy O'Kelly, Honorable Mention; Megan Houligan, Honorable Mention.
Engineering — Brian Newman, third place; Special Award from the Human Factors Society; Nick Petre, Honorable Mention; Kayley Fordham, Special Award from the Society of Women Engineers with a scholarship to Expanding your Horizons.
Environmental Science — Lucy Medley, second place; Special Awards from Orlando Reef Divers and Scuba World; the Society of Women Engineers; the Water Environment Foundation; Water Mama and Florida Recycling Services; Alexandra Marshall, Special Award from the American Lung Association.

Medicine and Health — Rachel Espinosa, third place; Special Award from the Seminole County Medical Society.
Microbiology — Kathleen Gary, first place, invited to State; \$100 savings bond; Katie Endelicato, second place.

Team — Jennifer Kolos and Nicholas Kolos, second place; Stacie Pinney, Middle School Science Teacher.



Gary

Stacie Pinney, Middle School Science Teacher.

Herald Teacher of the Week

Design Reef teachers sixth grade language arts at Carillon Middle School in Oweledo. Prior to teaching in Oweledo, Heidi Meyer, who has an art first degree in education, the program taught at Middle Ridge Elementary School for nine years. She is a 19-year-old art teacher.

Meyer has a master's degree in instructional technology from the University of Central Florida. Her bachelor's degree is in education from UCF.

Meyer recently taught her own own campus topics with Herald Staff Writer Bill Kerns.

Favorite part of teaching: "Designing and creating assignments that are of their interests, needs and abilities of the students. I know that the design is effective and the kids enjoy learning every day."

Most memorable experience as a teacher: "Creating

an archaeological project while teaching Florida history. The kids were really turned into their past and it was neat to see them so turned on to history."

Biggest challenge for teachers: "Finding a positive balance between teaching the required material, completing the unrelenting amount of paperwork, enjoying the job, and most important, connecting with the students as people."

Advice for parents: "Communication. Talk to your kids about school matters and really listen to what they are saying and not saying. Also, communication with your child's teacher is important."

Advice for students: "Be curious. Ask questions. Never tire of learning everything you can."

Advice for new or prospective teachers: "Have a philosophy and be well grounded in it. Stay focused on the really important things. The kids

come first."

Best advice you have ever received: "Take time for yourself. This advice pertains to both adults and kids. We all need time for ourselves to recharge and energize things that are important to us."

Personist who have inspired you: "Every creative, dedicated, hard-working teacher I have worked with."

Favorite book or inspirational message: "A man is rich according to what he gives, not according to what he has."

Hobbies: "Spending time with my two boys, raising and playing with our four



Heidi Meyer

dogs, reading, visiting new and used book stores, and antique shops, and spending time outside."

If you would like to nominate a teacher for the Herald's Teacher of the Week, contact Herald Editor Tim Ping or Staff Writer Bill Kerns by fax 407-321-9408 or E-mail sbelcher@aol.com.

Program's applications available March 9

Applications will be accepted March 9 for the Pre-Kindergarten Early Intervention Program, which serves economically disadvantaged 4-year-olds in Seminole County.

The program provides educational and health screenings for children.

Parents or guardians can fill out applications for the program from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 9 at the American Legion Hall, 2874 S. Sanford Ave., Sanford.

Parents should bring proof of residency, along with the child's birth certificate, physical and shot records and Social Security number.

For details, call 407-321-9232 or 407-321-0414. Information can be obtained in Spanish at 407-321-0415.

Temporary furnishings



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Seminole High School students Tim Carlson, left, and Nelson Beverly pose with cardboard box furniture they designed and constructed in drafting class. Not pictured are Patrick Hutton and Shane Burnseed.

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FAA

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his car. No one was killed in the 45-mile chase, during which Knights fired about 60 bullets at police.

According to a London tabloid *The Sun*, assault rifles were stockpiled by Knights at Florida gun shows in 1997 through 1999. He then smuggled guns into the U.K. through the Orlando Sanford Airport.

Burgen said FAA investigators want to talk to Airtours plc, the charter airline service Knights used, to make sure the security plan the company has on file with the FAA is being followed in Sanford.

Every airline files a separate security plan with the FAA. Burgen said she could not comment on security plans for Airtours, and officials with the company could not be reached

for comment.

The *Sun* said one of its own journalists boarded a charter flight at the Sanford airport with a pistol replica this month, and was never checked.

Greg Dull, vice president for Orlando Sanford International Inc., the international terminal operator, said there is no legal requirement to screen checked bags on outbound flights to Britain on international carriers.

Dull said that even domestic airlines, which are required to make random screenings of outbound luggage bound for certain destinations, are not required to do mandatory checks of suitcases headed to the United Kingdom.

Dull stressed that the smuggled guns did not present imminent danger to passengers aboard the planes because they

were carried under the planes.

The *Sun*'s investigation into Sanford's security procedures stemmed from testimony given during a trial of Knights, who last week was convicted on multiple weapons violations and faces life in prison.

After Knights' arrest, stockpiles of weapons were found at his London home, in a nearby hideaway, and in a storage unit rented in his name in Kissimmee.

From a mailbox address at 1342 E. Vine St. in Kissimmee, Knights obtained a valid Florida drivers license and a concealed weapons permit.

Knights carried his luggage through the "Nothing to Declare" channels of customs at London's Gatwick Airport. The *Sun* staffers went through the same area at Newcastle, England, and also were not stopped, according to published reports.

Paving

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Rick Diaz, Lake Mary's Public Works director. "Everyone I have talked to loves it. It sure beats having a dirt road."

Furthermore, city officials point out that cold-mix paving is a better alternative for low-traffic dirt roads because the roads can be paved quicker and cheaper than using traditional paving methods.

"It's a way to get a road useable and driveable within a relatively short period of time," said Tony VanDerwoop, Sanford city manager.

Cold-mix paving does not involve the creation of storm water retention ponds normally required for traditional paving projects. In addition, cold-mix paving saves on the costs of purchasing land for stormwater ponds, soil surveys, land surveys, and state permits.

All remaining 2.5 miles of dirt

roads in the city limits were paved in February. The total cost of Sanford's cold paving project, performed in several months, is estimated at \$250,000.

VanDerwoop said paving the city's dirt roads using traditional methods would take 24 to 40 months, and cost about \$1.3 million.

"This was a way for us to get the streets paved in the near-term," VanDerwoop said.

Mayor Larry Dale said that Public Works officials will investigate whether the paving has been properly performed.

The cold-mix paving process used by the city involves preparing the sub-base of the road by mixing clay and shell into the existing dirt road. The preparation ensures that soft spots do not cause an installation or future maintenance problem.

VanDerwoop said concrete grading and seeding for the roads still needs to be completed, and the roads will become smoother over time.

Cold-mix paving has also been used in Orange County, and parts of Seminole County, including the city of Lake Mary.

Lake Mary is in the second year of using cold-mix paving for its roads. Last year, 3.2 miles of dirt roads were paved in the city. During the next five years, Lake Mary will pave the remaining 11.7 miles of dirt roads.

The program cost the Lake Mary \$250,000 last year. This year, another \$200,000 is in the city's budget for the paving project.

Diaz said cold-mix paving allows water to seep through, creating recharge for the aquifer. Traditional pavement is non-porous.

Suicide

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said other arrests are still possible.

"We're still just as much involved as we were before Earl Ruzier was found dead," Humphreys said. "Just because he took his life doesn't mean that it's over. We still need to prove the case."

On Monday police arrested Ruzier's wife, Verda Lee Ruzier, 49, was charged with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence. The charges filed against her are still pending with the State's Attorney Office. Verda Ruzier has not been cooperative during questioning, Humphreys said.

She had knowledge that her husband committed a crime and helped him dispose of blood-stained clothing, Humphreys said. He would not comment on whether the clothing belonged to Earl Ruzier or Ferguson.

Earl Ruzier had not shown up for work since Thursday, the day Ferguson was killed in her second-floor apartment at The Oaks of Spring Valley.

Police said that a knife has been located in her apartment which may be the murder weapon.

Earl Ruzier called detectives Saturday on a cellular phone to profess his innocence, but police wanted to question him further.

"He said he wanted to take his own life, and he didn't want to go back to prison," Humphreys said.

State records indicate Ruzier was sentenced to probation after being convicted of aggravated battery in 1995 in Orange County.

Ferguson was stabbed more than two dozen times. Her 11-year-old son found her body, clad only in a pair of panties, on the blood-stained carpet of her bedroom floor after he came home from school, police said.

Ferguson's severely disabled 12-year-old son was found on her bed. Humphreys confirmed that the child was in the room when his mother was killed. However, he cannot speak or walk and has been unable to help detectives.

Ferguson and her two young sons had lived at the apartment at 591 Spanish Trace Drive for about eight months after moving to Florida from the Philadelphia area.

Her 21-year-old son, who lives in Pennsylvania, took his brothers home with him Saturday, investigators said.

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Heroes

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accident and will return to school next week. Meanwhile, the two men are receiving accolades from the community, including the Seminole County Sheriff's Office and Town Centre Community Church, where Todd's father, the Rev. Sam Todd, is the church pastor.

The Lake Mary City Commission is scheduled to recognize Herman and Bernosky during the special presentations segment at the meeting's beginning.

Also during Thursday's meeting, Lake Mary City Manager John Litton is scheduled to discuss the construction of a right-turn lane from southbound Country Club Road to westbound Lake Mary Boulevard. The lane has been designed by Seminole County and construction costs will be shared between the two municipalities.

The project is scheduled to begin March 11 and last for 10 days. Two-way traffic will be maintained, but at times will probably be delayed.

In unfinished business, City Commission will consider a second reading amending code

enforcement procedures to bring the city up to date with Florida's statutes.

In new business, City Commission is scheduled to:

- Consider resolution No. 634, which concerns replacing the existing off-site sign for Seminole Community College.
- Consider the request for a site plan for the conversion of a 930-square-foot residence into an office in the Downtown District.
- Consider ordinance No. 967, which concerns rezoning 18.34 acres located north of Humphrey Road from A-1, Agriculture, to RCE, Rural Country Estates.

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announced the new name during the morning meeting, the audience showed its approval with a round of applause.

"We are having a wonderful time working together to serve you," Parker told the audience.

During the meeting, the staff was introduced to the members, including Lisa Blackwelder, Ken Covert, Lorriane Duthu, Bobbie Halle, Bob Klettner, Debbie Lee, Martha Miller, Linda Reynolds and Linda Sullivan.

When asked about the merger, Reynolds responded "It's been very, very interesting."

Upcoming events for the Chamber include the Network 2000-Business Expo March 28, the Professional Women's Network March 30 and Capitol Connection April 11 and April 12.

For more information, call the Chamber at 407-333-4748.