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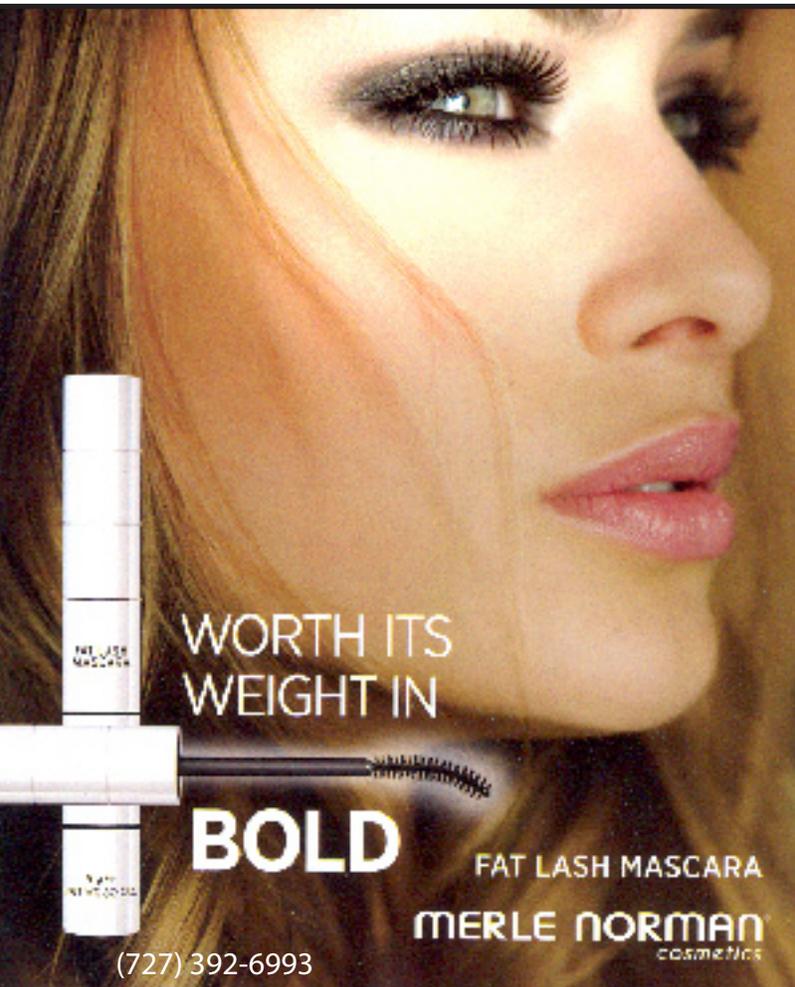
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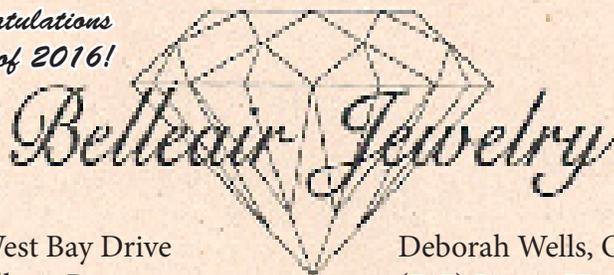
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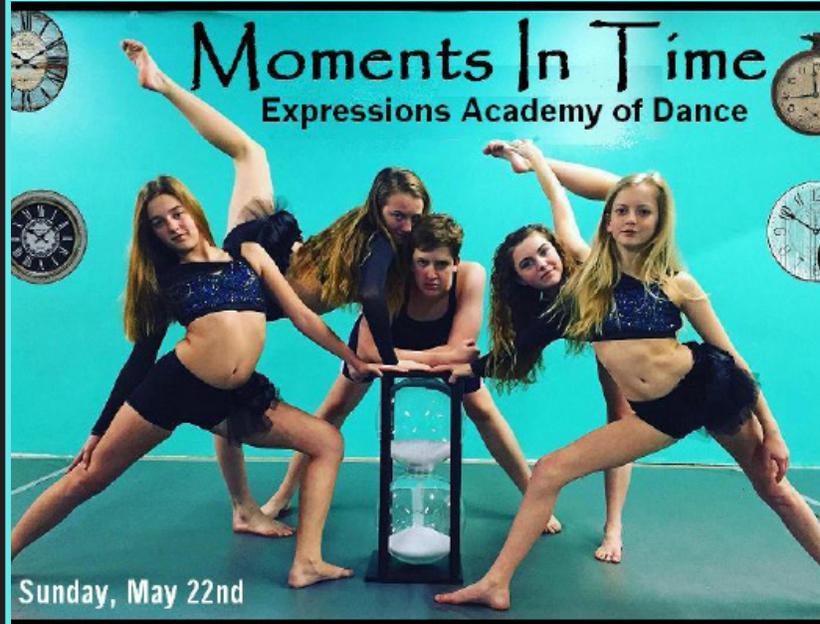
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Dearly Beloved:

A Farewell to Prince

By Shelby Smith

On April 21, 2016 and the days that followed, the world turned purple in mourning for their beloved Prince. Known for his eclectic work, vivacious stage presence, elaborate dress and makeup, and diverse vocal range, Prince was and will forever remain a music icon and legend.

Released in 1984, "Purple Rain" and the album of the same name took the world by storm. A power ballad, "Purple Rain" is considered by many to be one of Prince's greatest accomplishments, and some critics consider the song to feature one of the best guitar solos in music history.

"When there's blood in the sky - red and blue equals purple... 'Purple Rain' pertains to the end of the world and being with the one you love and letting your faith/god guide you through the purple rain," Prince said.

Prince came into fame at an early age; he was contracted by Warner Bros. in 1978 and worked with them for the subsequent twelve years until he engaged in a contrac-

tual battle with the label in 1990.

In 1993, Prince changed his stage name to an unpronounceable symbol also referred to as the "Love Symbol". In order to complete his contract with Warner Bros. he was required to release five more albums, so he released all five between 1994 and 1996. In 1998, he signed with Arista Records and released sixteen additional albums. In 2000, he became Prince once again.

"People didn't just know

him as an artist; it feels like everyone has just lost a really close friend," Greg Culbreath (11).

Throughout his music career, Prince released 39 albums and impacted the music world in a way no artist was able to before him. Prince is highly regarded in the music industry because he never conformed and always remained true to himself.

"I don't really care so much what people say about me because it usually is a reflection of who they are," Prince said.

Over the years, Prince's music has remained influential and relevant in an ever-changing society, and it will continue to reign long into the future. 🎓

"Dearly beloved, we are gathered here today to get through this thing called life. Electric word: life, it means forever and that's a mighty long time. But I'm here to tell you, there's something else: the after-world."

- "Let's Go Crazy"
by Prince and the Revolution.



Prince Rogers Nelson

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A Lifetime in the *Spotlight*

By Savannah Erwin

Yearning for another big break, drama teacher Ms. Nancy Sears will soon become the Theatre Chair of the Patel Conservatory at the David Straz Center, which means that after 23 years she will be leaving Seminole High School.

Sears' first theatrical experience was her elementary Christmas pageant show at St. Mary's Catholic School.

"My teacher showed us the costumes we would be wearing and told us we would each be picked to play a role. I was very excited about the idea, and I prayed to God that I would be cast as an angel and not an animal. I wanted pretty wings - not a tail! Later, when I was

given the role of 'Mary Mother of God,' I went home crying because 'Mary Mother of God' was wearing a blue sheet over her head and didn't have wings," Sears said.

Throughout the years of performing and teaching students, Sears has reached new levels of excellence and has received several awards for her accomplishments in the classroom and on the stage.

"I was nominated for Pinellas County Teacher of the Year and a finalist in two categories:: commitment to children and families and encouraging children to achieve at a higher level. I have served on the following boards: Florida State

Thespians board member, District Four Thespians Chair, Florida Theatre Association for Theatre Educators board member and Florida Theatre Conference secondary school auditions committee. I have been honored with opportunities to perform at the State Competition in Marsoni Hall and the Straz Center the Florida Theatre Conference for the honor," Sears said.

While she has loved and continues to love the theater and passing that passion on to her students, Sears also loves the stories behind the magic.

"There are often deep lessons that are written into the wonderful stories we choose to tell as performing artists, but it

is within the very process of learning to tell those stories that performing arts teachers have the opportunity to teach valuable life skills. These are skills that are desperately needed in the membership and leadership of our society today. To be a successful performing artist, a student must learn about things like work ethic, organization, respect, loyalty, time management, tolerance, injustice, humility, equality and the list goes on," Sears said.

With her new position as Theater Chair of the Straz Center, one thing is certain: Ms. Sears will flourish in her new home on the stage. 🎓



Farewell, *Family*

By Faith Jones

The Warhawk family is clipping its wings for the upcoming year. The 2016-17 school year will not only see the loss of crucial courses; it will also witness the loss of two veteran teachers, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Whitfield.

As of August, the family and consumer subjects, including child development and nutrition and wellness classes, will no longer be offered. Family-consumer courses have been designed to teach students practical skills, such as cooking and proper parenting. In some cases, they have inspired students to think about career choices they would have never considered otherwise.

Other high schools in the area, including Tarpon Springs, Clearwater, Largo, and Dunedin, will still offer these courses.

“The students learn through hands-on activities. The classroom is relaxing and students can really let their creativity flow,” Mrs. Miller said.

Although the loss of the courses will have a heavy impact on the school, the loss of Mrs. Whitfield and Mrs. Miller weighs even greater upon the students and faculty.

“I grew up in Seminole. I went to school here. My parents went here. My grandparents even helped plow the first football field here at Seminole High,”

said Mrs. Miller.

“My favorite part of cooking was the Thanksgiving feast. Everything—the stuffing, the turkey, the mashed potatoes—was made from scratch,” said Mrs. Whitfield.

After 36 years of being an educator and 29 years of teaching nutrition and wellness, Mrs. Whitfield will be leaving Seminole in June. Mrs. Miller, a 30 year veteran teacher, spent 19 of these years as a Warhawk; she, too, will be saying goodbye.

“I’ll have to take an alternative education course and work at another school in the district. If I can’t find a job within my job field, I’ll have to leave Pinellas,” said Mrs. Miller.

“There doesn’t seem to be any jobs available in my field,” said Mrs. Whitfield, who was just one year away from retiring.

For decades, the family consumer courses have provided the students with invaluable knowledge and heartfelt memories. By dropping the courses, the Warhawk family will not only limit the educational horizon for students; it will leave behind two beloved feathered friends, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Whitfield. 🎓

MOVING ON

(From left to right): During her 7th Period Theater 1-4 class, Ms. Sears rehearses the song “Giants in the Sky” from *Into the Woods*. AVID students are taught the correct way to take care of an infant in Mrs. Miller’s Child Development. In her 7th period Cooking Principles and Food Preparation class, Mrs. Whitfield teaches students how to properly set the table.



Farewell Feathered Friends



Wally Warhawk will be experiencing some tearful goodbyes as a few of our school's most dedicated teachers retire, including Mrs. Candace Frewin, Mrs. Cathy Stuart, Mrs. Mary Kindinger and Mr. Tom McCarthy. After decades of teaching, Frewin, math teacher; Stuart, ESE associate; Kindinger, science teacher; and McCarthy, social studies teacher, will be moving onto another chapter of their lives.

Frewin is retiring after seven years of teaching mathematics at Seminole; she will spend her time traveling the country with her husband to visit her five children and their families.

"I think I will miss the interaction with the

students. They are so inquisitive and interesting. Students can say the funniest things," Frewin said.

Frewin hopes that future teachers will "enjoy what they do. It makes the day go quickly and (hopefully) smoothly," she said.

Frewin suggests that they keep a smile on their face because being happy also helps the students' attitudes.

Stuart taught at Morgan Fitzgerald for ten years before transferring to Seminole where she worked for more than nine years.

"Being at Seminole has been an adventure, but I'm looking forward to my next adventure," Stuart said.

Stuart loved the people





By Faith Jones & Jordan Carlson

she worked with and administration, but what she will miss most is being with the kids.

Kindinger is retiring after 24 years of teaching Science courses at Seminole.

“I’m retiring because my husband is retiring as well, and we’re looking forward to spending time with our family,” Kindinger said.

Kindinger is looking forward to traveling to new places as well.

Soon turning 60, McCarthy will be retiring after over 20 years as a photo-journalist in the Navy and nine years teaching at Seminole.

“I will miss the people I’ve worked with; my lasting impression of Seminole will be the friends



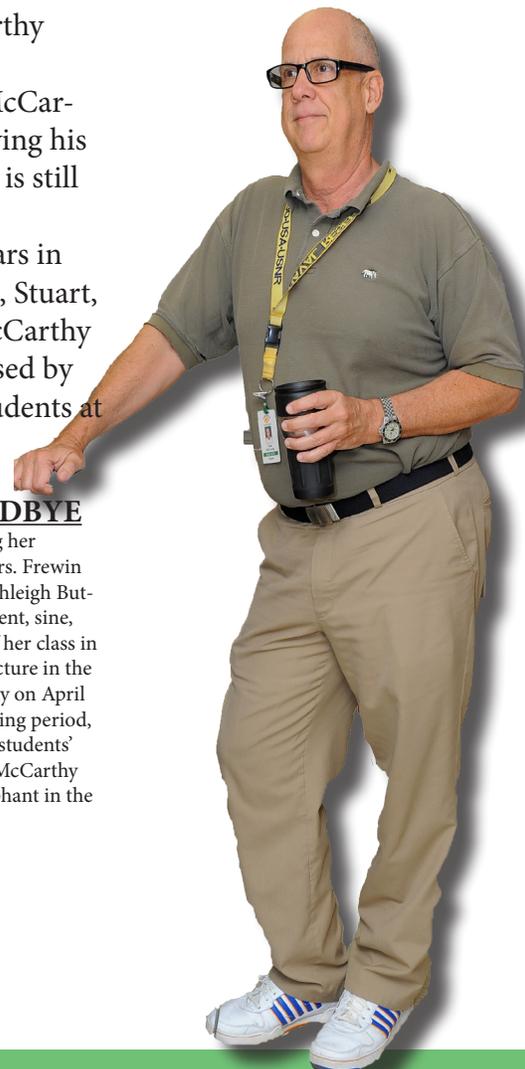
I’ve made,” McCarthy said.

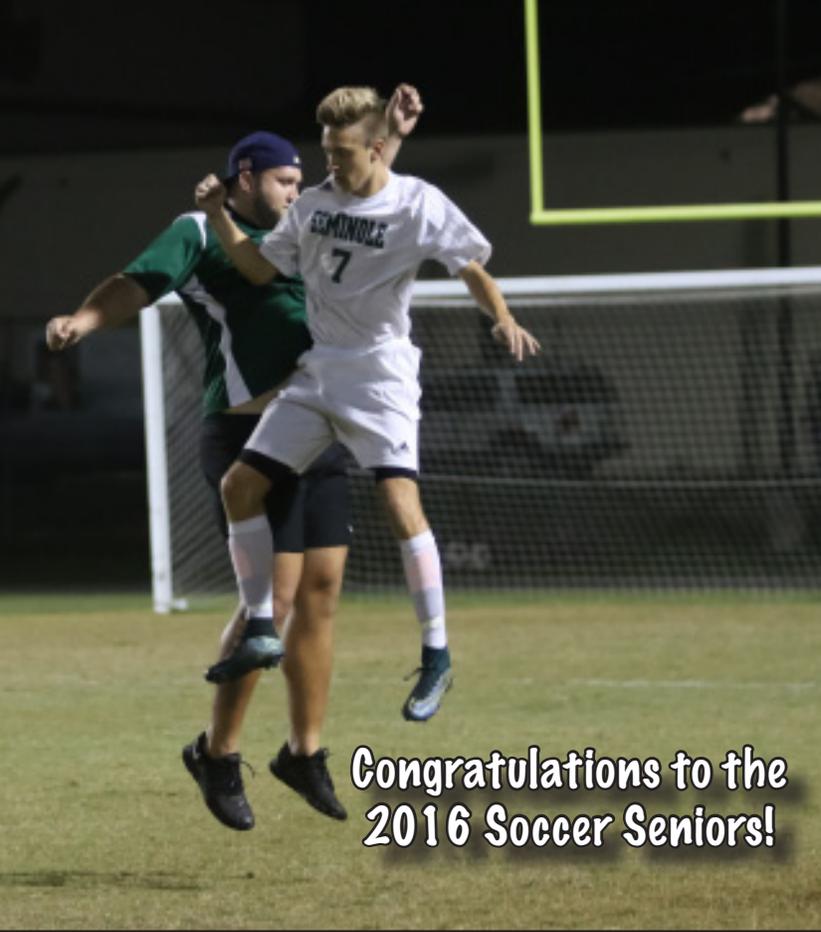
After retiring, McCarthy plans on enjoying his free time while he is still in shape.

With over 50 years in education, Frewin, Stuart, Kindinger and McCarthy will be dearly missed by the faculty and students at Seminole. 🎓

ONE LAST GOODBYE

(From left to right): During her Geometry Honors class, Mrs. Frewin explains to CEL student Ashleigh Butler (9) how to find the tangent, sine, and cosine. Stepping out of her class in M-4, Mrs. Stuart takes a picture in the main hall before her last day on April 29, 2016. During her planning period, Mrs. Kindinger grades her students’ tests. Coffee in hand, Mr. McCarthy tells his class about the elephant in the room.





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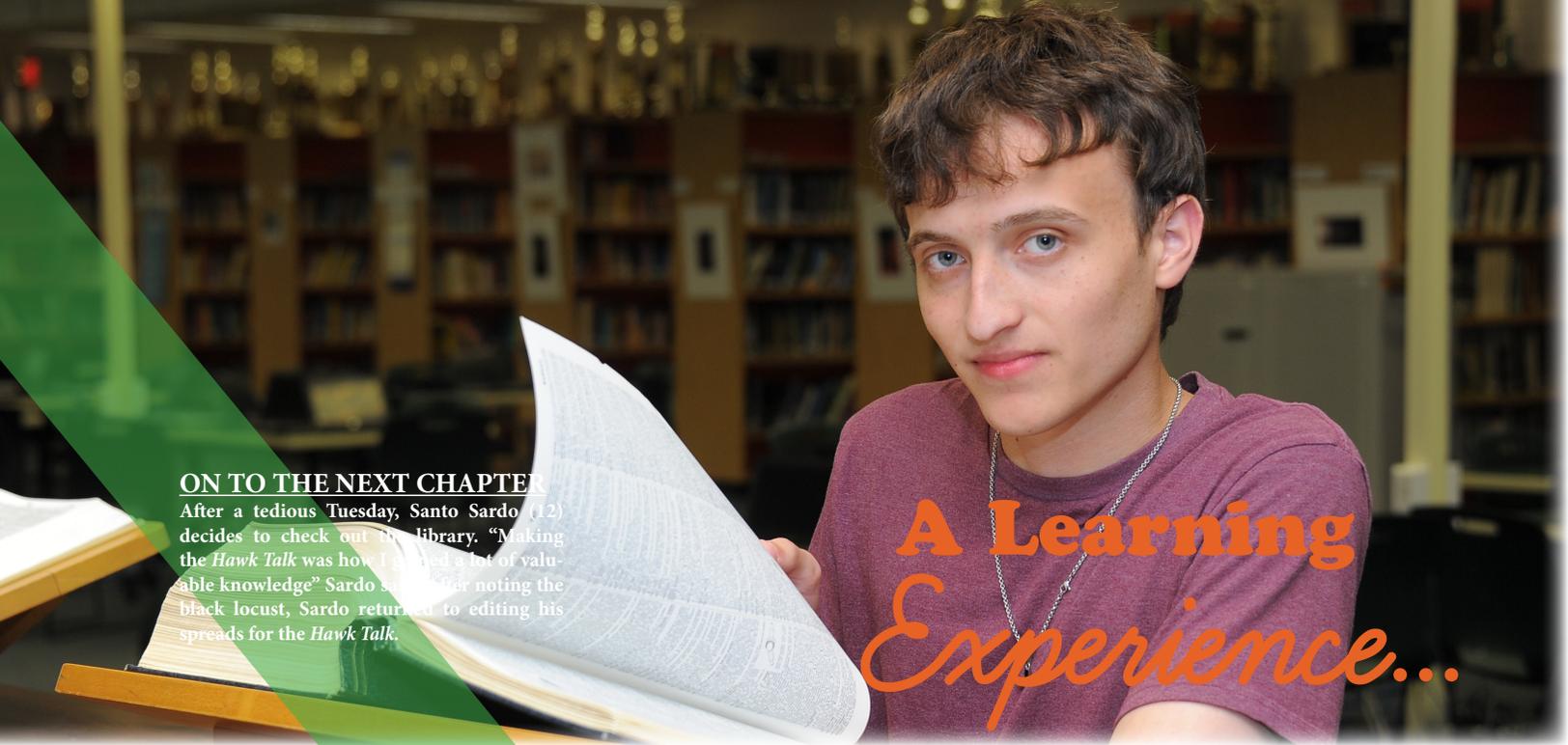
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ON TO THE NEXT CHAPTER

After a tedious Tuesday, Santo Sardo (12) decides to check out the library. "Making the *Hawk Talk* was how I gained a lot of valuable knowledge" Sardo says. After noting the black locust, Sardo returned to editing his spreads for the *Hawk Talk*.

A Learning Experience...

*a*s a senior, I feel that I am qualified to say that high school was a learning experience- and not just in the context of schoolwork.

Now, I am not saying that there was not a lot of meaningful schoolwork because I have gained some knowledge that I will utilize for the rest of my life.

Also, I am not saying that there was not a lot of schoolwork because we students know this distant dream has never come true. What I am getting at is this: high school was a learning experience, and that is the most prominent thing I

will take away from these four years.

High school encompassed my first years as a mature young adult. It was during these years when I discovered what was important to me, what

"These years have been invaluable in my life, and I will forever be thankful for them."

I wanted to do with my life and when I perfected who I truly am. High school was also when I had interactions with people, whether they were fellow students or teachers, as a young adult and not just as a child. In retrospect, I wish I did not meet most

of these people, but it was important for me to have these interactions to prepare me for the future. Many of the learning experiences I had in high school, in regards to both myself and others, will

undoubtedly prove to be fundamental for the coming years.

Even though I am most certainly looking

forward to life after high school, I will always value how instrumental these years were in becoming who I truly am. These years have been invaluable in my life, and I will be forever thankful for them. 🎓



TOGETHER FOUREVER

On a hot Tuesday afternoon, Hannah Gars, Hannah Bauerline, Ruby Pagan and Becca Colone (12) hang out in the courtyard. "I have been friends with Hannah Gars since we were seven years old. She was my first friend when I moved to Florida," Colone said. Colone moved from New York in 2005 and became friends with Bauerline and Pagan five years later.

**Finding
Friendship...**

My three friends and I, you could say we are a clique, have been together for several years. I have known them before those first days of high school, and I plan to know them long after. They have been my strength when I had none and my partners in celebration.

Our years of memories can be recounted in detail, between fits of laughter, of course. I have grown beside them through the tribulations and the triumphs. They are my first line of advice in a tough situation and the ones I turn to

when the results are in my favor. Over the years, my instincts have evolved to imagine my best friends' reactions when good news strikes. Together we have shared joy and pain, anxiety and excitement.

"My friends can describe how I am feeling when the words are simply beyond me."

My friends can describe how I am feeling when the words are simply beyond me. They can tell me what I am thinking when I am choked up on tears. They have seen me at my very worst and have never held it against me. They accept my flaws as mere

quirks and, to return the favor, I do the same. They have helped shape who I am while simultaneously growing into myself.

Our friendships have surpassed the tests of high school, defeated by endless support and love. I wish I could fully describe how these friendships have affected me. I wish I could describe how grateful I am for this bond that can seemingly withstand anything. 🎓

Killin' the Game Since '81

By Meg Hall and
Kara Kennedy

Coach Bill Killalea, Athletic Coordinator and TA Coordinator, began teaching over 30 years ago.

His career began at Clearwater Catholic High School in 1981. He also worked at Dixie Hollins High School before being named the boys' Varsity basketball coach in 1985.

"What I will miss most about Seminole High School are the outstanding colleagues and coaches that I have had the pleasure to work with the past 31 years," Killalea said.

"He prepares you for the real world. I really look up to him as a person. He definitely teaches you responsibility," Brooke Lombardi (12) said.

"Coach Killalea has been really helpful when it comes to being a TA. He makes the whole process really simple and always helps whenever anyone has any questions," Olivia Samuelson (11) said.

"Coach Killalea has influenced me in many ways through my first year here as an assistant principal. He has helped

me more than anybody else has helped. He goes above and beyond and is truly one of the best members of our school. He is an amazing guy," Mr. Schottler said.

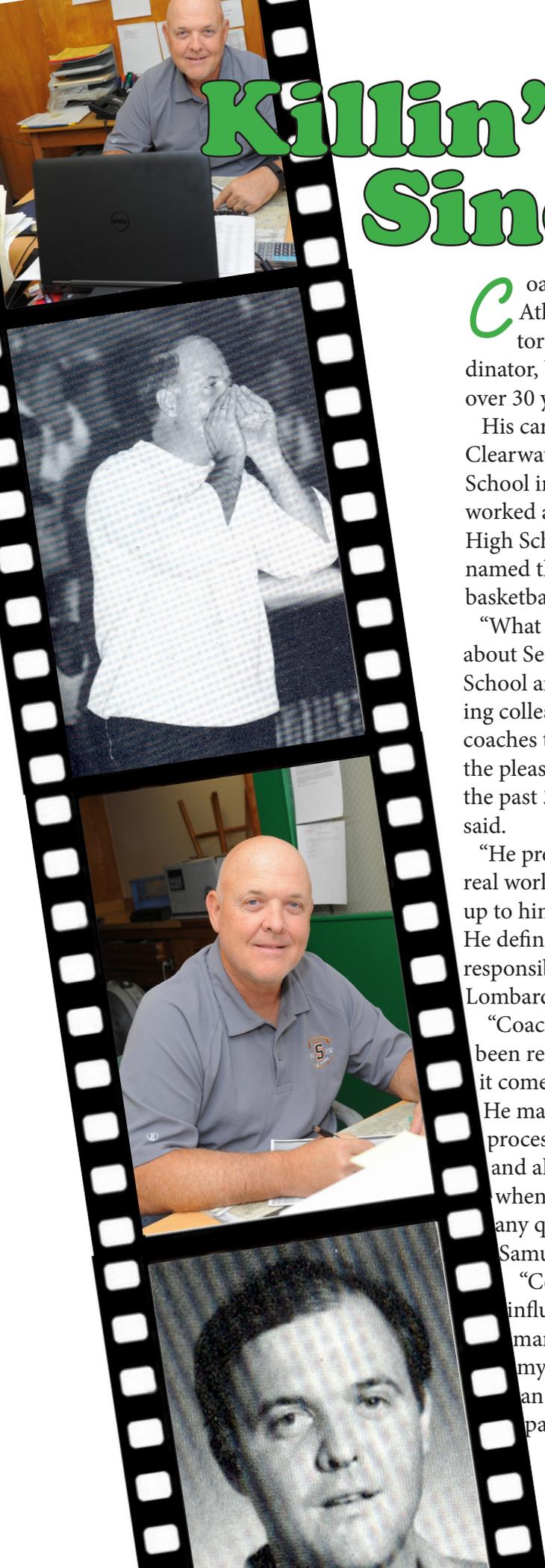
"Coach Killalea was really helpful when it came to coordinating things with sports and, since I play soccer, he helps my team a lot," Maddie Montgomery (11) said.

After retiring, Killalea plans to spend more time with his granddaughter and to travel to Japan to see his daughter.

Killalea hopes that the person who follows in his footsteps will "keep the program running as smoothly as it has been long before I got here."

"We're going to really miss Coach Killalea because he is the heart and soul of Seminole High. I mean, he's at all [of the events, and he's gonna be a tough guy to replace as the A.C.," Coach Deruzzo said.

Through his 38 years in the school system, from basketball coach to math teacher, Coach Killalea has left a legacy that will not be forgotten. 🎓





**FROM THE COURT TO
THE CLASSROOM**

Coach Killalea held several positions throughout his years at Seminole High School, including math teacher, basketball coach, softball coach, TA coordinator and athletic director.

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Hot Hawk Horoscopes

By Shelby Smith

Summer is just around the corner and, according to Wally Warhawk, the next few months will be full of fun, laughter and surprises. What does your sign foretell?



Gemini

(May 21 – June 20):

Dear Gemini, be on the lookout for new opportunities in the coming weeks. A summer job may be in your future.

DYNAMIC DUO

Born July 30, 2000, Hope and Noa Heron (10) plan to take a family trip to New York City for their sixteenth birthday. "Having a twin is like having a best friend that knows every side of you," Noa said.

Capricorn

(December 22 – January 19):

Dear Capricorn, you may feel like you are drowning in responsibilities; just keep swimming!

Aquarius

(January 20 - February 18):

Dear Aquarius, do not stress too much about the school year ending; true friendships survive those hot summer months!

Cancer

(June 21 – July 22):

Dear Cancer, summer will bring you friends and fun...but do not forget the sunscreen.

Libra

(September 23 – October 22):

Dear Libra, with all the extra time on your hands, you may feel suddenly motivated to start working on one of your goals. Get that "W"!

Pisces

(February 19- March 20):

Dear Pisces, friends and family can be a distraction; be sure you are focusing on what is most important.

Leo

(July 23 – August 22):

Dear Leo, your sunny spirit may attract a special someone's attention this summer.

Scorpio

(October 23 – November 21):

Dear Scorpio, you may be having a tough time with someone close to you. Remember, the tides will change, but true love prevails.

Aries

(March 21 - April 19):

Dear Aries, exams may be exhausting, but all the hours you have been putting in these past nine months will pay off in the end.

Virgo

(August 23 – September 22):

Dear Virgo, your friends and family may try your patience this summer; focus on the positive, and the rest will fall into place.

Sagittarius

(November 22 – December 21):

Dear Sagittarius, you may be experiencing some rough waters; fight the current and be your own person.

Taurus

(April 20 - May 20):

Dear Taurus, do not check out just yet.! You may need to conserve some of that brainpower for exams.

