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Football, from Page 1

win.

"Manatee (0-2) is a lot better than the record," Trent said. "We've had a learning curve until now, but this game will be tough."

Palmetto will try to improve on its 2-1 record tonight as it travels to Sarasota. The Tigers blew out a tough Cape Coral Mariner team last Friday, 23-0. The offense sputtered early, but Mariner mistakes led to five turnovers and Palmetto was able to take advantage in the second half. It was just reward for head coach Raymond Woodie who had been imploring his defense all week to go for a shutout. Mariner, which boasted a high-power offense, barely made it past midfield.

"We knew we could compete with them even though they are a big school," Woodie said. "Our kids came to play."

They'll have to come back to play tonight against an explosive Sarasota offense. The Sailors racked up 42 points, but barely edged Southeast, 42-35 in last week's shootout win.

Palmetto quarterback Bryan Smith kept the offense under control, but Marva Carley, who scored his first touchdown of the season in a 79-yard effort, was the difference maker along with the Palmetto defense led by defensive end Quinlin Jackson.

Cheating, from Page 1

work with the students individually. Plagiarism was reported in the students' on-line guidebook, which can be accessed by universities and potential employers. There is also a note on the guidebook by the teacher stating that a student appeared to have plagiarized.

To combat offenses such as plagiarism, Southeast High in Manatee County formed an honors council to investigate cheating accusations and decide up on punishments. At the start of the year, the council published an extensive list of offenses. It lists the punishments as well. Other schools are taking similar steps.

Traffic, from Page 1

"I have a philosophical problem with that," McClash said. "They usually absorb it in order to make the project work. If we advance this project, they would expect us to cover the additional cost of the bid without us being reimbursed."

It isn't the first time the commission has dealt with traffic problems on State Road 64. In June, it delayed three pending projects that would have added more than 1,100 homes and more than 300 apartments.

The commission will reconvene late this month to discuss those additions, but McClash vows to make sure the county's infrastructure is in place before allowing further development.

One potential compromise could be the developers gaining the right to carry out preparations for developing, but not begin on-site construction until adequate infrastructure is in place.

Despite complaints from residents about the traffic problems that are growing with each new development, the commission was holding firm to its decision.

"This just illustrates that a significant shortfall can't be made up by pulling rabbits out of a hat," Commissioner Amy Stein said. "The state is walking away from infrastructure."

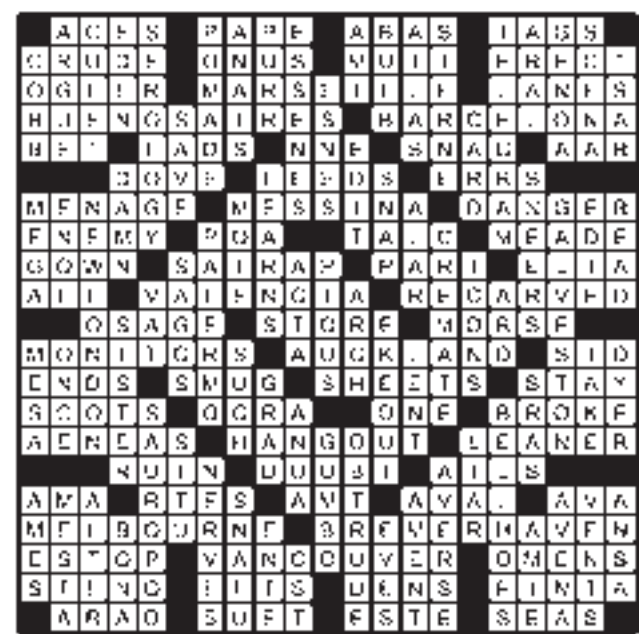
The original plan was for the Florida Department of Transportation to begin work on the road widening as early as next year, but McClash said the risk was too big once the expenditures started to rise, especially without a guarantee from the state.

"Every time we talk about this project, the price goes up," McClash said. "It could be as much as $40 million." Commissioner Gwen Brown cast the lone dissenting vote, and commissioners Jane von Hahmann and Ron Getman were absent from the meeting.

Developers and commissioners expressed hope that the new air of cooperation between the two parties might provide for an easier solution and neither side was willing to concede defeat.

Burgum, from Page 4

have this stereotype that the corporate world, the U.S. and Israel are the real evil. And (since) Islamists are also against Israel and America (social democrats), sense an alliance with them." The unspoken confusion here is that radical Islam opposes all the programs and civil rights advances that moderate liberalism has done so much to advance in the last 40 years.

Women's rights would be the first to suffer in an Islamic nation. Take Cindy Sheehan, for example. Consider her fate in a country ruled by Moslems. She would be bidden to wear a full-length prayer robe and a triple-layered burqa. She would also be forbidden to speak in public — maybe even in private. Her face and voice would, in fact, disappear from the public debate. Now that I think about it, using Sheehan is a mistake because it seems I might have to acknowledge that radical Muslims sometimes have a good idea.

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