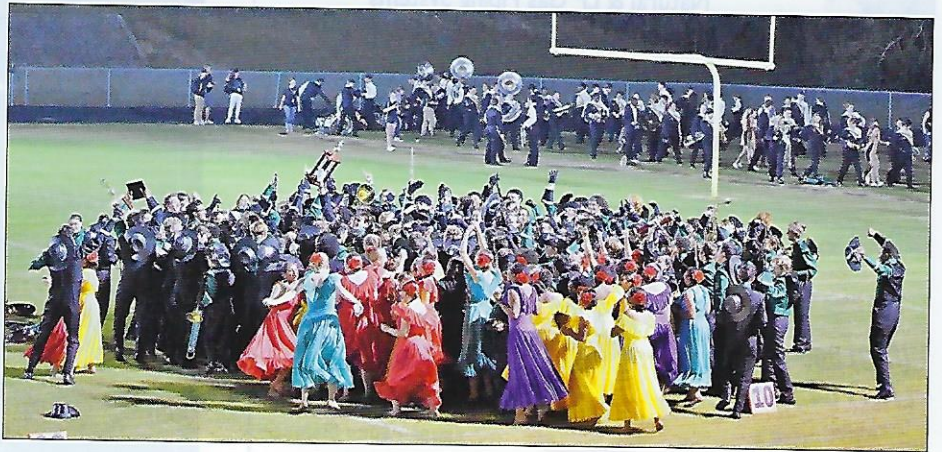


# Sickles Marching Wall of Sound Named Lion's Pride Grand Champions

This is the second year in a row the Sickles High School marching band has earned this honor. BY CAROLINE GOODRICH

**A**t the annual Lion's Pride Marching Band Festival, 27 area high school bands from Lake to Manatee counties competed in the state's largest marching band competition. The crowd enjoyed drumline battles, theatrical and more traditional marching band performances, and exhibitions by the King High School marching band and the always-entertaining University of South Florida Marching Herd of Thunder.

The day ended, however, with Sickles Gryphon pride as the 230-plus Marching Wall of Sound, under the direction of Keith Griffis, achieved superior ratings in performance, percussion and drum majors and first place in the gold division among the largest entries of the day. They also achieving overall Grand Champions of Lion's Pride. Other local



competitors included Leto High School, Chamberlain High School, Plant High School, Hillsborough High School, Tampa Bay Tech and Berkeley Prep. This year's Latin Jazz show theme *Dále* featured the

songs "Malaguena," "El Gato Triste" and "Spain."

Congratulations to the Sickles Marching Wall of Sound on another stellar performance.