



2001 in Review

A look back at the year's most compelling pictures and news stories.
Section B



Back in the Black

On Saturday, the trio of Yeena Leuchanka, Brandi Davis and KK Thompson combined for 58 points as the Raiders evened their record at 8-8 with a 98-58 thrashing of Black Hawk College East of Kewanee, Illinois
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Planetarium events

On the first, third, and fifth Fridays of the month through August, the Seminole Community College Planetarium will host "Tonight's Sky," featuring a different episode every time. All evening shows will be followed by telescope viewing sessions as the weather permits unless otherwise noted. Shows begin at 8:30 p.m. Admission: \$4 Adults, \$3 K-12 students and senior citizens. For more information, please call: 407-328-2360.

Seminole Smile



Jack Wert - Director of the Seminole County Convention and Visitors Bureau

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Laundry room explosion scatters debris on I-4

By Christopher Patton
Staff Writer

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Home installation and light debris peppering Interstate 4 early Sunday morning was caused by an exploding outbuilding of an apartment complex near the roadway, said police.

At approximately 12:45 a.m., Altamonte Springs' police and fire departments responded to the Altamonte Manor Apartments at 849 Wymote Road to find the complex's laundry room

A gas leak may have caused the incident, which displaced a dozen residents

almost totally obliterated. Nestled among five apartment buildings, the attached office and laundry room explosion shook the complex causing some lateral damage. The preliminary investigation revealed a gas leak — possibly from the dryers — caused the blast. "When we got there we could smell the

propane," said police spokesman Paul Machovina. "It demolished it. We were really lucky no one got hurt."

Two individuals were treated at the scene for lacerations possibly caused from flying debris and glass, said police. Investigations are continuing as authorities try to find "what sparked" the deto-

nation, Machovina said.

Almost a dozen residents sought shelter in other places for the remainder of the night. The American Red Cross also responded to the scene and assisted with the displaced renters. Four or five buildings were evacuated as many as 10 different apartment numbers in the complex sustained broken windows, said police. "It just seems like there is a lot of gas leaks lately," Machovina said.

The increased use of space room See Explosion, Page 2A

Setting the Pace for Fitness

New health club opens in Lake Mary

From Staff Reports

Pace Yourself Fitness for Women opened in Lake Mary on Oct. 29 and unveiled the first PACE (Progressive-Accommodating-Circuit-Exercise) workout program in the area. The company is now in the process of looking for a second location in Orange or Seminole counties.

PACE is the original Hydra Fitness Circuit developed in the 1970s and is located throughout the nation and in Canada. The program has had rave reviews and results from its members. It is a 30 minute, low-impact, cardio and strength program designed to produce a high calorie burn, fat loss, muscle tone and inches lost all at the same time.

Group exercise programs have become the hot fitness trend across the U.S., however, most programs are designed for those who are already fit. While PACE is a great workout for those who are already in shape, anyone regardless of their fitness level can do PACE and get excellent results quickly. Research shows that PACE burns more calories than any



On hand for the grand opening of Pace Yourself fitness were Jim Moore, marketing director of the Sanford Chamber of Commerce, Judy Lombardo, owners Pam and Jerry Czopp, Dave Shidmaris and Becky Brett.

other 30-minute program. It is not intimidating, does not cause muscle soreness and results are visible in a short period of time.

PACE has been used in thousands of facilities ranging from women's clubs, professional sports teams, the U.S. military, senior retirement centers, physi-

cal therapy centers and Olympic athletes.

PACE is great for seniors because it reduces stress on joints, similar to low-impact and water aerobics. While many facilities commonly emphasize youth and looking good, exercising for older adults is a means

to an end. While PACE is a good way to exercise for both young and old, it is attractive for seniors because it does not offer intimidating equipment or focus on muscle-magazine results.

It is estimated that the population See PACE, Page 2A

Midway clean-up set for Saturday

Christopher Patton
Staff Writer

MIDWAY — Dumpsters full of trash are expected to be hauled away from the Midway community after this weekend as a Seminole County government and sheriff's office clean-up day kicks off Saturday.

The clean-up will begin at 9 a.m. and interested parties will meet at the Midway Elementary School. The whole project is part of a new interest in the community to help secure a federal grant.

According to Matt Hardesty of the City/County Investigative Bureau, the US Attorney's Office in Tampa has "signed off" on the application for a weed and seed grant designation. The process is now past the application process and into the approval phase.

Officials have been anxiously awaiting the word from Washington DC and expect to hear a decision within two months. The designation of being a federal weed and seed site could mean a couple \$100,000 for various community projects.

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Bridge, road work close lanes on I-4, U.S. 17-92

St. Johns River Bridge Construction Project
Intermittent lane closures will occur on eastbound and westbound I-4 between Orange Blvd. and Saxon Blvd. on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 2 and 3, from 10 pm to 5:30 am. The lane closures are necessary during milling and resurfacing areas along the interstate.

Hwy 17-92 north of the St. Johns River
The inside, northbound lane on U.S. Hwy 17-92, approximately one mile north of the U.S. Hwy 17-92 / I-4 interchange, will be closed through Saturday, Jan. 5, during the hours of 6:30 am to 5:30 pm. The inside, southbound lane will also be closed at the same location after morning rush hour has subsided. Both lanes will be opened by 5:30 pm.

Lane closures are necessary to help facilitate truck traffic that will be hauling dirt and debris from the newly constructed retention pond for the I-4 bridge replacement project.

SR 417 interchange with I-4
There are no anticipated lane closures on I-4 at the SR 417 interchange construction project through Jan. 5.

For detailed information on the SR 417 / I-4 interchange construction project, please contact Ms. Stefany Strong at stefany.strong@dot.state.fl.us.

Lunch with a purpose



The city of Sanford's Finance Department celebrated Christmas early by hosting its first "Have Lunch With Us," a fund-raising effort for charity. City employees and the community enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers and all the fixings for a \$3 donation. The money raised was donated to the Good Samaritan Home. Presenting the check to Good Samaritan Home Director Thelma Mike, second from right, were Fred Fossory, Cheryl McCormick, Donna Watt and Janet Dover.

Charity hopes service takes flight in Seminole

By Michelle Jerin
Managing Editor

A non-profit organization is looking for some angels in Seminole County.

Angel Flight Southeast is currently trying to raise awareness throughout Central Florida about services it provides to individuals. Specifically, the organization wants to increase volunteer participation and patient awareness in Seminole and Orange counties.

"Right now, we are only meeting about 10 percent of need," said Erica Boucher, Angel Flight Southeast director of development. "This is because enough people don't know about us and what we do."

Angel Flight Southeast Inc., is a non-profit volunteer organization involved in public benefit

flying. Its mission is to remove transportation as an obstacle to receiving medical or compassionate care. Missions include transplants, research, chemotherapy, compassionate care, emergency relief flights and others.

Currently, more than 600 volunteer pilots, copilots and 250 ground volunteers allow Angel Flight Southeast to facilitate health care access in a five-state region, which includes Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi.

According to Boucher, Angel Flight started in 1983 by Mary Webb, a retired pilot. The organization was created to coordinate travel to distant facilities when commercial service is not available, impractical or simply not

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Pan Am begins service to St. Pete, Baltimore

From Staff Reports

Pan American Airways has begun service to Baltimore Washington International Airport.

The scheduled passenger service will connect BWI with the Orlando Sanford International Airport, as well as Bangor, Maine, and Portsmouth, N.H.

In addition, Pan Am has begun service from Sanford to St. Petersburg Clearwater International Airport. All of the airline's routes are served by Clipper Class 727-200 Boeing jets.

"Pan Am's entrance into the Baltimore Washington market is an important development for the airline," said Dave Fink, presi-

dent of Pan Am. "The BWI facility is a key destination and will be an important part of our route system."

"We are also very excited about the start of service to Florida's west coast through the St. Petersburg Clearwater airport," Fink added, "as well as offering BWI passengers a great Orlando service through the newly renovated and hassle-free Sanford airport."

Dan Fortnam, Pan Am's vice president of marketing and sales, said response to the St. Petersburg Clearwater service has been encouraging.

"Initial bookings for St. Petersburg Clearwater are fantastic," Fortnam said. "There is real passenger interest in Pan Am's

Clipper Class Service to Florida's west coast. In addition, the Pan Am service into smaller, noncongested airports seems to be very attractive.

The original Pan Am was founded in the late 1920s by Juan Trippe.

The owners of New Hampshire-based Guilford Transportation Industries acquired the new Pan Am in June 1998 and relocated the airlines headquarters to Portsmouth, N.H. from Ft. Lauderdale.

In addition to Sanford, Baltimore and St. Petersburg, Pan Am provides service to Worcester, Mass.; Portsmouth, N.H.; Bangor, Maine; Allentown, Pa.; Gary/Chicago; and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Midway

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 "I'm sure the situation of Sept. 11 are putting a lot of things on hold," Hardesty said about the delay. "We thought we would know by now."
 The designation could help with a wide array of community problems. Grant money could be used to expand the Boys' and Girls' Club and build another sheriff's office sub-center in the area, said Hardesty. Federal funds would also help the community develop after school and

job co-op programs faster.
 "If you get designated as a weed and seed site you get a lot of cooperation from the US Attorney's Office," Hardesty said.
 Citing examples, Hardesty said customarily a suspect would be sent to prison for possession of 28 to 29 grams of cocaine, but with the help of the federal attorney's office someone with as little as six grams could be put away.
 "We want to eliminate some

of the reoccurring problems," Hardesty said.
 The added support would help the sheriff's office specifically target the "suppliers or the main players" in local drug rings, he said. Specifically, the sheriff's office is trying to stop the exchange of stolen goods for drugs. Getting tips from the community helps, but Hardesty said "there is a lot of fear of retaliation."
 Receiving the weed and seed designation is not "a cure all," warns Hardesty. To actually be accepted for the many portions of the grant money, community programs have to be up and running beforehand. That's why it's so important to get the full support of the community and local businesses involved from the beginning, said Hardesty.
 The federal grant also requires an expansion of the site

after a year. Initially the designation will help Midway and possibly East Altamonte Springs and the Fern Park area near the K-Mart and the Orlando Sanford Jai Alai. Expansions could also lead to the Georgetown area of Sanford.
 Beth Rutberg, assistant state attorney in the Neighborhood State Attorney's Initiative, is heading up many of the community revival projects in Fern Park and East Altamonte Springs. By forming partnerships with various community groups and business owners they together are identifying problems and drafting solutions.
 Recently, Rutberg is helping a group in Fern Park talk to property owners near the abandoned K-Mart to discuss a solution that could possibly include a dog park similar to Paw Park in

Sanford. Rutberg also works on other programs including a new program that prohibits repeat drug offenders from returning to the location of where they were arrested. These exclusionary zones have been set-up in Sanford, East Altamonte Springs and Fern Park.
 The Seminole and Brevard counties' state attorney's offices are grasping a non-traditional approach to crime after a law revision in 1999 allowed them to get more involved in crime prevention, Rutberg said.
 "It's like a new wave of crime prevention," Rutberg said. "A lot of it goes along with the objectives of weed and seed grant. From the state attorney's office standpoint we was to get involved in this."


More assistance from the state attorney's in Sanford is not far away either. According to

Rutberg, the plan before Sept. 11 was to try an expand another neighborhood initiative office into the Sanford area. She said the Sanford Police Department has offered some office space at their 13th Street sub-station.
 "They would really like to see us to be there," she said.

The state attorney's office also recently received a firearms grant worth close to \$300,000 for Brevard and Seminole counties, said Rutberg. This new program will address several firearm issues including screening, prosecuting, prevention and education. The education and prevention programs will be useful in the Neighborhood State Attorney's Initiative, said Rutberg.

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Riding for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Seminole



The Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Florida held the inaugural Salute to Freedom Century Bike Ride on Saturday, Dec. 1. A host of riders from all over Central Florida gathered at Ft. Mellon Park on the St. John's River in Sanford to participate in the event. The Orlando Road Club set the pace by their role as Road Marshals for the event. Among the riders were the Boys and Girls Club president, Gary Cain, and Sanford Deputy City Manager Roger Olson. Members of the Boys and Girls Clubs participated in the Kiddie Ride and all of the participants were given helmets that were donated by MarketPlace Bank. All of the funds raised will go toward supporting programs in the Seminole County branches of the Boys and Girls Clubs.

PACE

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lation over the age of 65 will almost triple in the next 30 years, making seniors more than 20 percent of the total U.S. population. PACE has been integrated into geriatric primary health care facilities, such as Little Havana Activities and Nutrition Centers of Dade County with outstanding results. The program can help participants raise their quality of life, improve bone density, reduce the risk of heart disease, and relieve stress and depression.
 For more information, call 407-323-2829 or visit the Shoppes of Lake Mary at 101 N. Country Club Road, Suite 126.

Charity

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affordable.
 There are five programs currently offered by Angel Flight Southeast. "Red Eye" is the name for transplant missions that are usually time critical and are often required in the middle of the night. "Child Lift" is the organization's partnership with Shands Hospital in Gainesville that transports children suffering from CLA, a neuro-muscular disease with no cure.
 "Safe Haven" is the organization's working agreement with 37 statewide shelters for victims of spousal abuse whose clients often need immediate transportation away from the local area to a safe haven. "E.R.F." are Angel Flight's emergency relief flights. Following natural disasters such as hurricanes or floods, the organization provides air transportation when personnel and specialized equipment are necessary for rebuilding ravaged communities. And, "Frequent Flyers" refers to individuals the organization flies on a continuing basis for diagnosis, chemotherapy and non-emergency trips to distant facilities.
 Patients flown by Angel Flight must meet a criteria to participate in its medical programs. An individual must be medically stable, ambulatory, local treatment must not be available, and there must be a financial need.
 Collectively, thousands of man-hours and travel miles are donated by pilots each year, the retail value of which equals hundreds of thousands of dollars, Boucher said. They are responsible for all expenses of the flight, donating their time and resources to help those in need.
 "Pilots love to do this," Boucher said. "They love to fly, and this gives them a reason to fly."
 Pilots aren't the only people who can volunteer for Angel Flight. The organization also

needs "Earth Angels" to volunteer for the various local chapters. Boucher said volunteers are currently needed in Seminole County to help organize a local golf event, which will be held this year to raise funds and awareness in the community.
 The need for Angel Flight's services is enormous and growing. According to Boucher, a 1999 study indicated the organization should provide 111,000 missions a year. However, only 11,400 missions were flown last year.
 The organization knows why the need is greater than the number of missions flown — not enough people know about the non-profit organization, Boucher said. Its goals for the new year is to build a stronger presence within Seminole County, raise funds for operating expenses and to develop a strong local chapter.
 In the next few years, as medical technology continues to advance, Boucher said the demand for Angel Flight Southeast's services will also increase. The question facing the organization is whether it can sustain its growth.
 "In order to manage the growth, we need a solid infrastructure," she said. "That's why we need the help and support of the community."
 Angel Flight Southeast is located in Leesburg. For more information, call 352-326-0761. To make donations or questions about the upcoming golf event, call 352-455-6850. Information can also be found on the Internet at www.angelflightse.org
 Individuals who need support may call the organization's 24-hour hotline at 1-800-352-4256.

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Explosion

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heaters during the cold season could have accounted for increase in reported gas leaks, said Machovina. Central Florida Gas advises customers to call the fire department and gas provider immediately to report any suspicions of gas leaks.
 Although pure gas is odorless, gas companies add a chemical (mercaptan), which smells like rotten eggs, so any possible leak is easily detected.
 To make a home as safe as possible in the event of a gas leak Central Florida Gas advises to extinguish all flames, turn off appliances, don't switch on or off any lights, open the windows and doors for ventilation and then leave the house.
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Obituaries

KENNETH W. BURKE
Kenneth W. Burke, 61, of South Pine Meadow Drive, DeBary, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001, in Halifax Medical Center, Daytona Beach.

Born in Bronx, N.Y., he moved to DeBary from Littleton, Mass., in 1995. He served in the U.S. Army during the early 1960s, and was a retired controller for Digital Equipment in Massachusetts, where he worked for 11 years. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, DeBary, and was involved in Habitat for Humanity.

Survivors include his wife of 22 years, Dona D. Burke; two daughters, Patti and Kerri Burke, both of Port Orange; one brother, Kevin J. Burke of Princeton, N.J.; one sister, Joan Lynch of Bayville, N.J.; and two grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Ann's Habitat For Humanity, 26 Dogwood Tr., DeBary, FL, 32713.

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

JOANN CONRAD

Joann Conrad, 58, of Orange Boulevard, Sanford, died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2001.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, she moved to Central Florida in 2001. She was a bank teller.

She was of the Presbyterian faith.

Survivors include one daughter, Sherri Houser of Sanford; her mother, Edith Oberklein of Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.; one sister, Jeanne Payne of Harrison, Tenn.; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Tri-County Cremation Service of Longwood is in charge of arrangements.

THOMAS C. DEESE

Thomas C. Deese Jr., 72, of North Prospect Street, Crescent City, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001.

Born in West Palm Beach, he moved to Central Florida in 1972. He was a retired serviceman A from Florida Power & Light with 40 years of service. He was a member of the Church of God. He was a member of the Moose, West Palm Beach and West Palm Beach Auxiliary Police.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine Deese of Crescent City; one son, Thomas C. Deese III, of Lantana; six daughters, Christine Bland of West Palm Beach, Ruby Lee of Jupiter, Ruth Garces of Okeechobee, Helen Bivans of Orlando, and Dawn Pierce of Karen Willoughby, both of Sanford; three sisters, Ida Bailey of Lantana, Norma

Faulkner of Lakeland and Audrey Hattaway of Pass Christian, Mo.; eight grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Tri-County Cremation Service is in charge of services.

MARJORIE RUTH HERDEGEN

Marjorie Ruth Herdegen, 80, of Edgemon Avenue, Winter Springs, died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2001, in Longwood Health Care Center.

Born Jan. 1, 1921, in Batavia, N.Y., she resided in Central Florida for four years. She was a homemaker. She was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include two sons, Duane Herdegen of Orlando and Rodney Herdegen of Winter Springs; one daughter, Roberta Barlow of Raleigh, N.C.; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren.

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

GERTRUDE S. RODERICK

Gertrude S. Roderick, 103, of Chipola Avenue, DeLand, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001, in her residence.

Born in New York City, she moved to Central Florida from Jupiter in 1990. She was a retired receptionist for General Omar Bradley with the

Veterans Administration. She loved needlepoint and playing bridge. She was of the Episcopal faith.

Survivors include one daughter, Sara Lieberman of Deltona; six grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hospice of Volusia/Flagler, 3800 Woodbriar Trail, Port Orange, FL, 32119.

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

JESSIE P. SMITH

Jessie P. Smith, 70, of Enterprise Osteen Road, Deltona, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001, in Beverly Healthcare of Deltona.

Born in Franklin, Tenn., she moved to Central Florida in 1968. She was a retired office manager. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband of 49 years, Coy F. Smith; one daughter, Linda Black of Deltona; two grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Society for PSP-Woodholme Medical Building, Suite 515, 1838 Green Tree Road, Baltimore, MD, 21208.

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

ELEANOR ALLEN TAYLOR

Eleanor Allen Taylor, 76, of Steeple Chase Circle, Sanford, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, in Florida Hospital-Orlando.

Born Aug. 10, 1925, in Detroit, Mich., she resided in Central Florida for 43 years. She was a retired sales person. She was a member of Upsala Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include three sons, William A. Taylor of Indian Harbor Beach, Kenneth E. Taylor of Sanford and Richard Taylor of Boca Raton; one brother, Robert Allen of Palm Springs, Calif.; four sisters, Elsie Voss of Cook Station, Mo., Patricia Cooper of Cape Coral, Virginia Beaudette of Dearborn Heights, Mich., and Betty McManaway of Hastings, Mich.; five grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

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

Students invited to Feb. 8 dance

The city of Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a Sweetheart's Dance for Winter Springs Elementary School students Friday, Feb. 8.

The dance will take place in the Winter Springs Senior Center from 7 to 9 p.m. The Recreation Department invites parents to attend the dance function with their children.

The dance will be hosted by a live disc jockey, and refreshments will be available.

Admission is free, but tickets must be in hand to attend. Tickets are available at the Senior Center, Central Winds Park or City Hall. For more information, call 407-327-4761.

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Safety program begins Jan. 17

The Seminole County Department of Public Safety is scheduling another in its series of Community Emergency Response Team programs. It will begin on Thursday, Jan. 17, and run for seven consecutive Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. until approximately 10 p.m.

The training is built around individual and family survival skills, including such topics as life-saving techniques, emergency First Aid procedures, fire extinguisher use, disaster planning. For more information, call 407-665-5017.

Long named to Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County's board of directors

Michael E. Long, an associate with the law firm of Zimmerman, Shuffield, Kiser & Sutcliffe, P.A., was recently named to the board of directors of Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. As their mission, Habitat seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Inviting people from all walks of life to work together in partnership with families in need, Habitat has built approx-

imately 30,000 houses around the world.

Long, a 2000 graduate of Emory University School of Law, practices in the area of workers' compensation law. A former U.S. Marine, Long also holds a BSBA, summa cum laude, from Hawaii Pacific University.

Zimmerman, Shuffield, Kiser & Sutcliffe, P.A., is a full-service law firm specializing in the areas of commercial, litigation and workers' compensation. As one of the largest firms in Central Florida, it represents clients throughout Florida.

Cleanup Day set for Saturday

The community of Midway is sponsoring a community cleanup day Saturday, Jan. 5.

Seminole County government and the Seminole County Sheriff's Office will assist in cleaning up the neighborhood. There will be heavy equipment on hand for big jobs and numerous dumpsters for trash. There will be free repairs and improvements to homes of the elderly and cleaning in the areas that need it. Vehicle removal and clearing of condemned buildings will be provided.

Lunch will be provided for everyone who participates and assistance to individuals will also be available. The event will begin at 9 a.m. with a meeting at Midway Elementary School.

Peace gathering slated for Sunday

On Jan. 6, approximately 2,000 people from different faith denominations will gather together at 4 p.m. in the Rosen Plaza Ballroom to pray for peace and harmony.

Representatives from the Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, Native American, New Thought, Hindu and Sikh denominations will offer prayers and songs characteristic of their own beliefs. The service is expected to end at 5:30 p.m. with the singing of "America the Beautiful" and "Let There Be Peace."

A free offering of canned goods will be donated to Second Harvest Food Bank. Free parking is available to attendees.


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SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

Keeping peace in family isn't always the right course

DEAR ABBY: I loved your reply to the woman whose nasty mother-in-law expects her college-bound grandson to call and visit and do her chores on weekends. This after years of playing favorites with his cousins and disrespectful treatment of his mother. The woman asked what to say to her mother-in-law when she called and demanded the young man's phone number.



Dear Abby

You advised her to tell her mother-in-law that college is a big adjustment, that the young man has her telephone number with him, and in the meantime she'll have to find someone else to do her chores.

I have a further suggestion — turn the phone over to her husband when nasty grandma calls and starts complaining. Let HIM do the explaining.

I'm sick of people who advise turning the other cheek or keeping peace in the family. If people want respect, they had better act like they deserve it.

EX-RELATIVE AND GLAD OF IT

DEAR GLAD: You are correct that respect is something that cannot be demanded or bought. It's something that must be earned. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: That "mean" grandmother could have been my grandma. She never liked my mother and constantly criticized her in front of us and other relatives. She favored the other grandkids and ignored us.

My mother never held a grudge against my grandmother. Mother encouraged us to ignore the nasty comments. She said that in time, Grandma would realize the error of her ways.

For years, I would go to my grandmother's house and clean the pool, do housework and pull weeds in her yard. My sister would also help, but my brother was less forgiving. He wanted nothing to do with her.

My sister, brother and I have all turned out well. We have college educations and successful careers. The "favored" grandkids are either unemployed or still living with their parents.

Grandma passed away recently. Her "last will and testament" speaks volumes. In it, she stated that she had given money and gifts to her other children — none of whom had ever lifted a hand to help when she needed it — so she was leaving her sizable estate to my family, including my mother.

My mom cried.
A BIG FAN IN CANOGA PARK, CALIF.

DEAR FAN: Your mom may have cried, but each time I read your letter I can't help smiling. Your mother's kindness and a lifetime of turning the other cheek paid dividends — literally.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "SHAFTED AGAIN" IN SILVER SPRING: One of the most exhausting burdens in the world is the weight of bearing a grudge. Read on:

FORGIVENESS

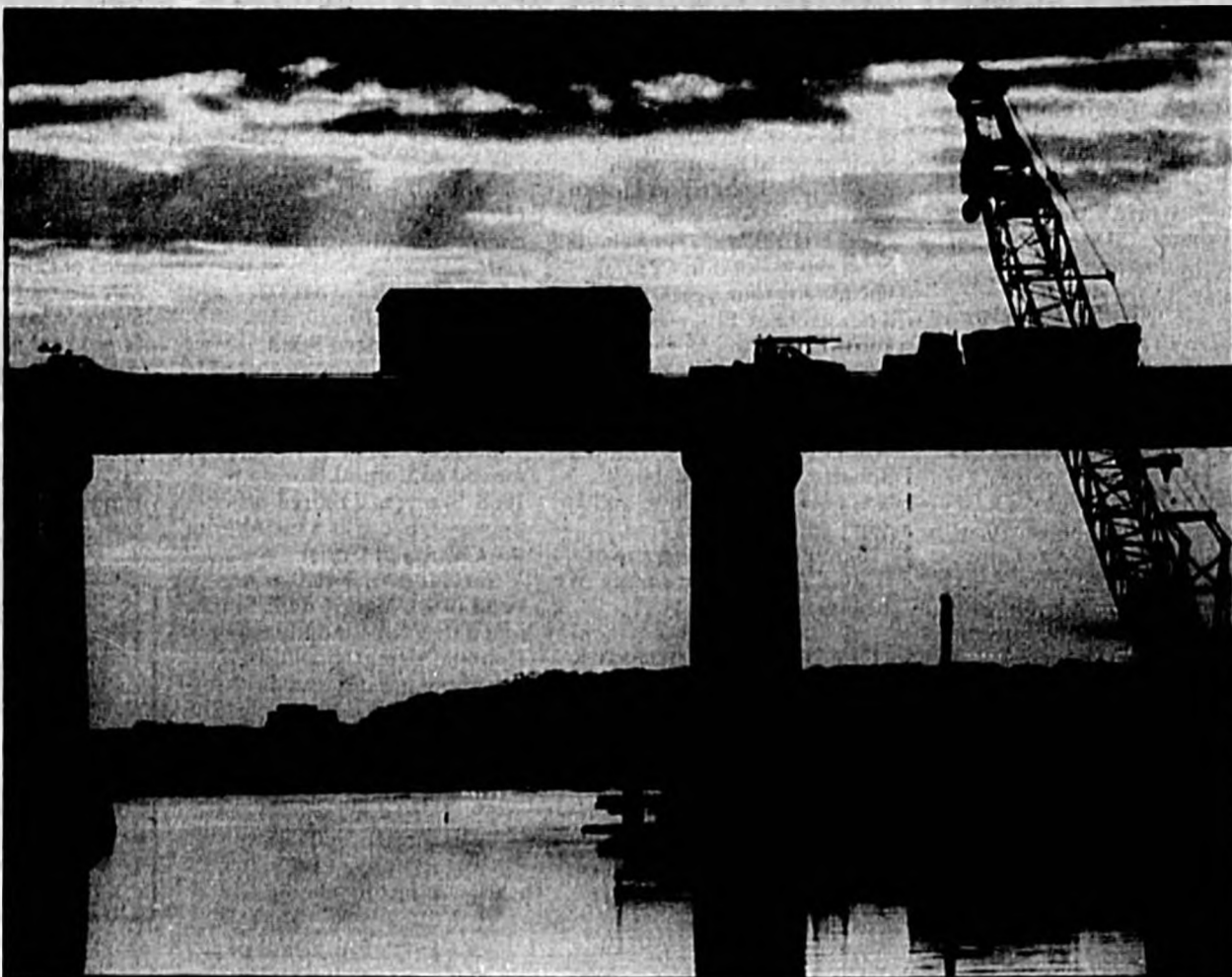
(Author Unknown)
The friend who ran off with your wife,
Forgive him for his lust;
The chum who sold you phony stocks,
Forgive his breach of trust;
The pal who schemed behind your back,
Forgive his evil plot;
And when you're done, forgive yourself
Cause you are all you've got.

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

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Morning view



The morning sunrise view of the Interstate 4 bridge over Lake Monroe looks peaceful, even with the construction equipment. Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Altamonte Springs Fire Department offers cold weather safety tips to Central Florida residents

The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many Central Florida residents to search for an alternative course of home heating. Unfortunately, the use of space heaters, fireplaces and other heating sources has contributed to an increase in the number of residential fires and serious burns.

In addition, carbon monoxide poisonings and death increase this time of year. Following simple safety tips can help citizens stay warm while preventing fire and carbon monoxide poisoning in the home.

Kerosene And Space Heaters
• Be sure that the heater is in good working condition. Inspect exhaust parts for carbon buildup.

• Check to make sure heater has an emergency shut off in case the heater is tipped over.

• Give space heaters space. Space heaters should be at least 3 feet from any type of combustible material.

• Keep young children safely away from space heaters — especially when they are wearing nightgowns or other loose clothing that can easily be ignited.

• If you use an electric space heater, be careful not to overload a circuit.

Fireplace
• Make sure flumes have been cleaned and are clear before lighting a fire.

• Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in metal containers outside and well away from the house.

Carbon Monoxide

• Never use a range or an oven as a supplementary heating device. Not only is it a safety hazard, it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.

• If nausea or flu-like symptoms arise, shut off the fuel-burning heating source, open windows, and seek emergency medical attention. Carbon Monoxide poisoning may be the reason.

• This is a great time to check carbon monoxide and smoke detectors in the home.

Berwick nominated for induction into Roll of Honor

Alexander Berwick of Sanford has been nominated for consideration for induction into naval aviation's Enlisted Combat Aircrew Roll of Honor.

The Roll of Honor, established in 1996, honors enlisted members of the U.S. Sea Services who flew "small cordite" combat with distinctive contributions in any of the nation's conflicts. Berwick's record will be evaluated along with other nominees by a selection board composed of his peers.

The Roll of Honor is housed aboard the USS Yorktown at Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

Berwick enlisted in the navy in March 1942 and served until June 1961, when he retired with the rate of chief petty officer. He served as a combat aircrewman with Torpedo Squadron Nine aboard the USS Essex that was a part of Task Force 58.2 in the Pacific Theater of Operation. During this tour, Berwick participated in eight campaigns — Marcus Island, Wake Island, Rabaul Kwajalein, Tarawa, Marshal Islands, Truk and Saipan.

His citations, which include the Pacific Theater medal with seven campaign stars, navy combat aircrew



Alexander Berwick, middle, stands with fellow naval aviators Frederick H. Fox Jr., left, and Joseph J. Kamey, in the 1940s. Berwick of Sanford has been nominated for consideration for induction into naval aviation's Enlisted Combat Aircrew Roll of Honor.

wings with three stars, the Presidential Unit Citation with a bronze star and several air medals, regularly cite his "extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy."

Through his career, he served aboard the USS Intrepid and the USS

Franklin D. Roosevelt. Additionally, he flew with Patrol Bombing Squadrons VP 44, VP 11, VP 49 and VP 3. His sunset tour was a bombardier-navigator instructor with VAH 3 that was home based in Sanford.

OUT & ABOUT

WED 2

The January Breakfast Meeting of the Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, in the Country Club at Heathrow, located at 1200 Bridgewater Road.

Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. For information, call the Chamber at 407-333-4748.

Other January Chamber events include the Professional Women's Network, 8 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, in Florida Hospital Altamonte; and the New Member Reception, 8 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, in Perot Systems Corporation.

For information or reservations, call 407-333-4748.

Residents of unincorporated Seminole County can recycle their Christmas trees all Wednesdays in January.

Trees must be placed at the curbside by 6 a.m. and be free of all decorations and tree stands. Trees larger than 8 feet must be cut in half.

For more information, call Solid Waste Customer Service at 407-665-2260.

THUR 3

"The Sunshine Boys," starring Dick Van Patten and Frank Gorshin, will be presented at the Helen Stairs Theatre 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3.

The Neil Simon comedy revolves around Lewis and Clark, two retired ex-vaudevillians. Together for 43 years, they had been a nationally famous act, The Sunshine Boys. Apart, they are a couple of lonely old men, nursing grudges against each other.

For ticket reservations or more information, contact the Helen Stairs Theatre Box Office at 407-321-8111.

WED 23

The kickoff event for this year's American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, in Oviedo Marketplace's food court.

The meeting will include information for this year's event, which is the American Cancer Society's signature fundraising activity. In addition, the kickoff will include moving testimonials from cancer survivors and the opportunity to reserve a premier site for your team at the University of Central Florida location. Special guests will include UCF's Knightro, the Magic's Stuff and others.

Relay for Life is an 18-hour event held across the country. This year, it will be held on April 5-6.

For more information, call Lucretia Gilbert at 407-823-6609.

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The Way We Were: History of local DAR, final chapter

This is the final installment in the history of Sallie Harrison Chapter DAR, which was organized in 1918.

On Feb. 8, 1941, Sallie Harrison Chapter dedicated Speer Grove Park and placed a granite marker in the old Speer Grove on Mellonville Avenue at 19th Street. It was unveiled by "Little Thomas Algenon Speer," great grandson of Dr. Algenon Speer, who planted the grove in 1845.



Grace Marie Stinecpher

Mrs. Roumillat, the chapter's historian (1942-43), stated in her report, "Founders Day was celebrated by unveiling two markers, one on Mellonville Avenue near the site of the first cemetery near Fort Reed and the other marking the old cannon now used to hold the flag at the USO Building."

In the next report (1944-46), Mrs. Lehman writes "Mrs. A.R. Key recounted the history of the cemetery used by the early settlers of Sanford and the soldiers of the Seminole Wars and the War Between the States." She went on to say that the land was donated to the city by A.J. Vaughn, an early resident of Fort Reed, who had many descendants living in Sanford. The cemetery marker was unveiled by Mrs. J.N. Whitner. This marker has disappeared completely. The plaque placed on the cannon had to be replaced in 1976 with a marble slab, so perhaps neither of the markers was of a permanent material.

In 1923, the National Society began to build Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. Memorial Continental Hall had been completed in 1910 at a cost of just over \$1 million and now an auditorium was needed. The estimated cost was \$1.85 million. Florida's portion was \$2,000. Sallie Harrison raised their share with bridge parties, by sponsoring a play (performed by the Setson University Drama Department) and by buying \$400 worth of auditorium bonds.

In 1928, each chapter was expected to purchase a chair for

the auditorium. Sallie Harrison did even better by purchasing two chairs. One was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Starling and the

second to honor Emma H. Kellor, Anna M. DeForrest, Annie Caldwell Whitner and Harriet S. Rossiter. A few years later, they contributed to the purchase of the Florida Box, prime seating in Constitution Hall.

One of the major fundraisers that year was the Easter Ball, held on Easter Monday, at the Forrest Lake Hotel. Peter Schaal and his orchestra furnished music and the regent, Mrs. John Leonardy, and her brother led the grand march.

During these same busy years, the NSDAR named the Montverde School in Orange County an Approved School and the Florida State DAR decided to build a girls' dormitory there. Little by little, money was raised to buy building materials, and the students did most of the construction work. The building still stands with DAR Hall on the front.

In 1922, a Children of the American Revolution Chapter was organized with about 30 members and named the Captain Reuben Briscoe Chapter after an ancestor of Miss Maud Lake, its first president. Her mother, Mrs.

Forrest Lake, was the senior president.

After four or five years, there was no more mention of this chapter. In 1944, another DAR Chapter was organized which was active for about 10 years. The chapter presently sponsors the Fort Mellon Chapter DAR, organized in 1994, which is very active.

In 1923, Mrs. G.I. Loucks, historian, writes "Mr. L.P. Hagan has presented the chapter with five acres of land on the Wekiva River for a park." According to records in the Seminole County Land Records Office, the chapter kept the land until 1947 when it was returned to Mr. Hagan. This proved to be a bad decision, as it was sold for a large amount to a developer in 1978.

During the 1920s, Sallie Harrison Chapter was proud to have a member who was very active in the state society. Mrs. John G. Leonardy was elected state registrar in 1922; in 1924, recording secretary; in 1926 state treasurer; and in 1928 state vice regent. In 1928, the new state regent was Mrs. B.E. Brown of DeLand, a good friend of this chapter and its members.

The 1929 State Conference was scheduled to be held in Sanford in March at the Forrest Lake Hotel. The regent, Mrs. W.T. Fields, suggested that "all members plant flowers so that when the conference meets, we will have an abun-

dance of flowers." According to all reports, the conference was a tremendous success. The County Commissioners helped by sending a check for \$200 and several businesses in Central Florida placed ads in the Sanford Herald, sending best wishes. The total cost of the conference to the chapter was \$614.35. Benefit card parties were held to help with these expenses and to replenish the treasury.

In November 1929, the Woman's Club was the site of a "Barnyard Bridge Party" sponsored by Sallie Harrison. The prizes were displayed in the center of the meeting room: first prize — two live turkeys and second prize — two white chickens. Other prizes were two ducks, two squabs, and one dozen eggs.

In May 1929, just a few months after the state conference, the state regent, Mrs. Brown of DeLand,

died suddenly, and Mrs. Leonardy, vice regent of Sanford, was named state regent. At the end of this term, she was elected unanimously to serve two years longer. She performed her duties flawlessly.

Other activities during the chapter's first few years included help in the DAR schools, collecting Indian head nickels to aid the Indian project, sending boxes of fabric and other sewing materials to Ellis Island, and sending magazines and books to the state prison in Raiford.

Mrs. Boyd states that there is a great deal more information in the chapter's archives about the next 70 years. Hopefully, she or someone else will research and write the rest of their history!

Mrs. Boyd did not mention the chapter regents who served during these first 12 years. They were

Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison Starling (1918-20), Mrs. Charlotte Keelor Watson (1921-22), Mrs. Anna Sperry DeForest (1923-24), Mrs. R.E. Tolar (1925-27), Mrs. John Leonardy (1928-29), and Mrs. W.T. Fields (1929-30).

The present regent of Sallie Harrison Chapter DAR is Julia Sartiri and registrar is Nancy Williams.

If you have an ancestor who served in the American Revolution in any capacity and would be interested in joining this excellent patriotic society which continues to serve the area by preserving history and fostering patriotism, contact Nancy Williams at 407-322-2962.

The chapter meets on the second Friday of the month, September through May, at the Best Western Hotel for lunch, meeting and program.

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Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the Commission rooms at the City Hall, 300 North First Street, in the City of Sanford, Florida, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on January 14, 2002 to consider the adoption of an ordinance by the City of Sanford, Florida, described as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 3892

TO ANNEX 2.16 ACRES OF PROPERTY LYING BETWEEN S.R. 46 AND SMITH CANAL ROAD AND BETWEEN SEWELL ROAD AND RINEHART ROAD, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP BELOW.

A complete description and a copy of the ordinance shall be available at the office of the City Clerk for all persons desiring to examine the same. All parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard at said hearing.

By order of the City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida.
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE ADA COORDINATOR AT 330-5626 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.

ADVICE TO THE PUBLIC: If a person decides to appeal a decision made with respect to any matter considered at the above meeting or hearing, he may need a verbatim record of the proceedings, including the testimony and evidence, which record is not provided by the City of Sanford. (FS 286.0105)
Janet R. Dougherty, CMC
City Clerk
Publish January 2, 9, 2002
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Notice of Application for Tax Deed

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that WILMA LEGALAT, the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year(s) of issuance, the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it was assessed were as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 881
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 1994
PARCEL ID# 35-19-30-813-1100-0110
Description of Property LEG LOTS 11 TO 14 BLK 11 PINE LEVEL PB 6 PG 37

Names in which assessed:
GEORGE E IRWIN SR

All of said property being in the County of Seminole, State of Florida. Unless such certificate(s) shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate(s) will be sold to the highest bidder at the west front door, Seminole County Courthouse, Sanford, Florida, on Monday, January 28, 2002, at 11:00am.

Payment of Sale fee, applicable documentary stamp taxes and recording fees are required to be paid by the successful bidder at the sale. Full payment of an amount equal to the highest bid is due within 24 hours after the advertised time of sale. All payments shall be cash or guaranteed instrument, made payable to the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Dated on 12/13/2001.
MARYANNE MORSE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
by GERALDINE HARFORD Deputy Clerk
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ORDINANCE NO. 3893

TO ANNEX .888 ACRES OF PROPERTY LYING BETWEEN SEMINOLE BOULEVARD EXTENDED EASTERLY AND CELERY AVENUE AND BETWEEN BRISSON AVENUE EXTENDED NORTHERLY AND MAY RIVER COURT, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP BELOW.

A complete description and a copy of the ordinance shall be available at the office of the City Clerk for all persons desiring to examine the same. All parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard at said hearing.

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Florida food banks receive \$100,000 from Winn-Dixie

The Central Florida Division of Winn-Dixie announced recently that its annual Good Citizenship Award grants will be earmarked solely to replenish area food banks, which have been struggling to keep up with demand since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Checks totaling \$100,000 were presented at a special luncheon held last month.

"Our area food banks have expressed a profound urgency to replenish their shelves," said Mark Sellers, president of Winn-Dixie Central Florida. "We are answering their call by combining our usual 40 grants into six

significant cash donations to the area's major food banks."

Sellers said the grants range from \$12,500 to \$25,000.

According to Second Harvest Food Bank, research shows as a result of the Sept. 11 attacks, 66,000 to 88,000 Central Floridians have been affected by either job loss, reduction in income or cut in hours. Sellers said, the demand for food donations at local food banks and pantries has risen by a staggering 30 percent.

"Many food banks' shelves are bare," he said, "and we're in a unique position to help them replenish supplies."



Submitted by Grace Marie Stinecpher

Vintage View

This picture, courtesy of Walter Smith, is of Chase and Company employees and board members enjoying a meal at Holy Cross Episcopal Church Parish House. It was probably taken in the early 1950s. Seated, from left, are Julia Chase, Tommy Jones, Maude Ramsey, Randall Chase and W.A. Lefler. The next seven people are unidentified. If you know who they are, contact Grace M. Stinecpher at 407-322-4381. Elizabeth Lefler Bush and Father H. Litzton Zimmerman, Holy Cross priest, are on the end. Standing are Donald Jones, Bill Wray, Bob Feeley, Ralph Smith, Frank Chase, Donald Harper, Mervyn Culom, Bill Tyre, Clyde Ramsey, Martin Stinecpher, W.A. Lefler Jr. and Bill Bush.

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This Week's Feature

Is It Really Possible To See A Performance By The Southern Ballet For Only \$12.00

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The Seminole Cultural Arts Council is the official "Arts Agency for Seminole County". It is our role to sustain, develop, and advance the cultural life of Seminole County, as well as preserve local cultural and historic heritage. The performing, literary, visual and science arts are all within the scope of our concern.

Of course, we couldn't possibly do it all alone. A few months ago, the Seminole Cultural Arts Council awarded grants totaling \$27,421 to 28 Seminole County nonprofit organizations and public schools. This will allow them to provide artistic and cultural experiences for our community which otherwise would be beyond their means. In fact, without our support some of these organizations would not be able to continue their work. Since the council was organized in 1994, over \$80,000 has been awarded in grants in the categories of youth activities sponsored by cultural and historical organizations; cultural activities in the public schools; non-cultural groups producing cultural or historical programs; and support for new cultural or historical organizations.

The funds for these grants come from the sale of Florida's "State-of-the-Arts"

license plate. The first time cost for the arts plate is \$32 over the usual vehicle registration renewal fee. Our arts council receives \$20 from each license plate sold. This year, make a statement and choose Florida's "State of the Arts" license plate. Help fund important programs in your own county including visual arts, music, theater and dance.

Funds for our operational expenses come from memberships and sponsors. Supporting the Seminole Cultural Arts Council through individual or group membership also benefits you in many ways. You will receive a quarterly newsletter, notification of special SCAC events, and discounts to selected performances, including *La Fille Mal Gardée*, "The Misbehaved Daughter".

The Seminole Cultural Arts Council, in partnership with the United Arts of Central Florida and Seminole County, will continue to campaign for the arts community. Highlighting the strength, high artistic quality and professionalism already present in Seminole County and throughout Central Florida, and encouraging additional growth will always be our goal.

Make a difference and support the quality of our artistic and cultural life. Become a member of the Seminole Cultural Arts Council. Put a "State of the Arts" license plate on your vehicle. Attend a performance and see how much you will enjoy the arts in our community.

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The new domestic terminal at the Orlando Sanford International Airport opened with a grand celebration.



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A Year In Review



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Hundreds of people gathered in Sanford to celebrate July 4, 2001, with a street party and fireworks.

Seminole's top stories of the year

By Dan Ping and Christopher Patton
Herald Staff

It was another busy news year during 2001, though compared to 2000, the spotlight wasn't as bright on Central Florida. What could compare to a presidential election in limbo, with Seminole County at the heart of the controversy?

While our community may not have been the focus of national attention in 2001, there were plenty of worthy news events during the past year. The Herald staff selected the Top 20 local stories for 2001. As with any rankings list (see college football's BCS rankings), we're sure there won't be agreement with all our selections, but that's part of the fun in this type of endeavor.

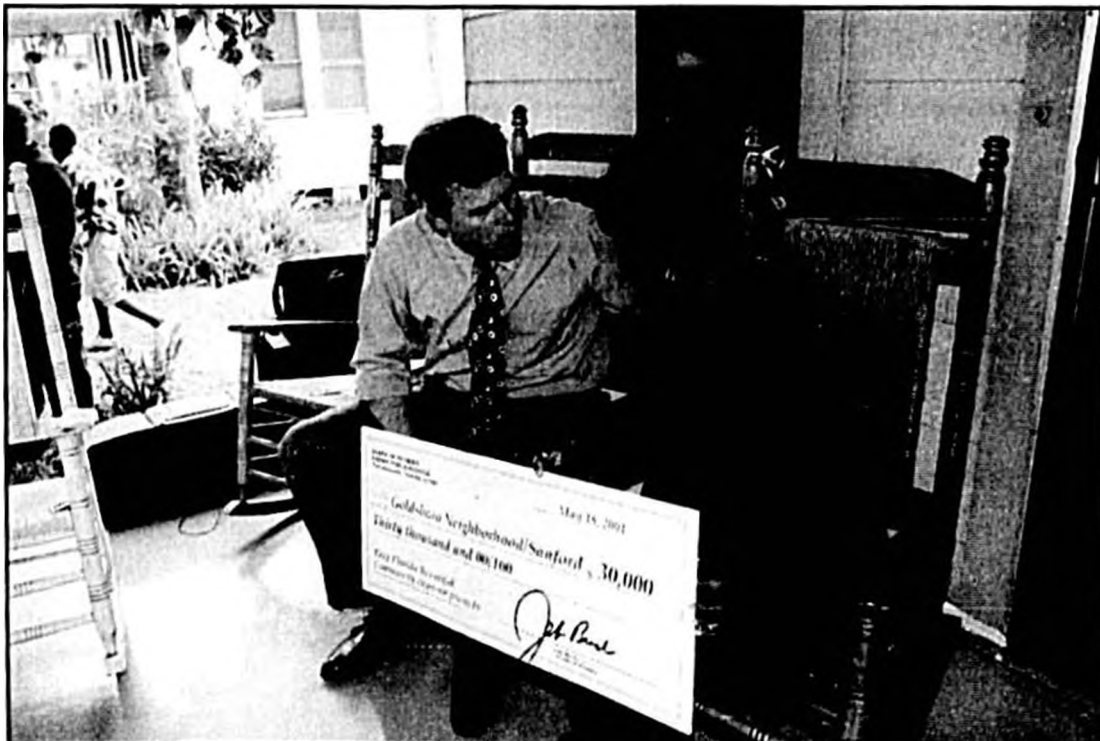
1. Sept. 11 terrorist attacks — Technically this was not a local event, but the impact of those jets slamming into the Twin Towers and the Pentagon rocked the nation. In an instant, our vulnerability was laid wide open. However, the American "Can Do" spirit quickly sprang into action. Americans donated money, blood and food. They volunteered their services to relief agencies and rallied behind the president as he declared war on terrorism. Just as our parents and grandparents were defined by their response to Pearl Harbor, so shall this generation be judged as it deals with this challenge at the dawn of the new millennium.

2. To the front of the line — In May, Gov. Jeb Bush named Goldsboro a Front Porch community. As one of only 12 communities in the state to earn such a designation, Goldsboro is moved to the front of the line when it comes to requests for state money and resources to revitalize the community. Led by Sanford Commissioner Velma Williams, community leaders worked for three years to get the Front Porch designation. They haven't rested on their laurels. Already the Front Porch Council has received nearly \$100,000 in funding for a series of initiatives to benefit the elderly. State officials have labeled Goldsboro as one of Florida's top Front Porch programs.

3. Ten more years of a penny — Seminole voters on Sept. 4 approved a 10-year extension of the local one-cent sales tax option. The referendum was approved with an overwhelming 72 to 28 percent margin as 21 percent of the county's voters made their mark in the polls. Local officials credited the landslide victory due to the fact that the sales tax extension would also help schools. The initial local one-cent tax strictly helped fund transportation projects, but in 2001 the extension had one-quarter of the revenues helping to build 189 new classrooms.

4. Taking flight — Growth at the Orlando Sanford International Airport continued in 2001 with more flights, more passengers and a reorganization of the airport's top executives. One month after completing his term as Sanford mayor, Larry Dale selected as the airport's new president by the Sanford Airport Authority. Victor White, who served as director of the airport, was named vice president. The year saw Pan Am add flights to Baltimore, St. Petersburg, and, in a return to the airline's roots, a direct flight to San Juan, Puerto Rico. British charter service Britannia returned to OSI, in part because of the airport's opening of a \$24 million terminal building. Vacation Express began service in December linking Sanford to seven new domestic destinations, including Atlanta, Nashville and Memphis, and six new Caribbean destinations, including Cancun, Costa Rica and Aruba.

5. Housing woes — Timothy Hudson resigned in April as director of the Sanford Housing Authority after an intense investigation by the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding fraud and mismanagement. The board of directors followed suit and HUD's Troubled Agency Recovery Center



Gov. Jeb Bush presents a check for \$30,000 to Sanford City Commissioner Velma Williams during a ceremony designating Goldsboro as a Front Porch community. The money will help establish a "Keep Sanford Beautiful" program to paint and repair the facades of homes and clean up the 13th Street corridor.

(TARC) took over operations of the housing agency. Officials from TARC had their own problems as interim director Richard Moore quit a month into the job saying he had "had a belly full" of bureaucracy and red tape from the feds. Moore's replacement quit three days after he was selected. The search for a new director was thwarted when the new board's choice for permanent director withdrew his acceptance. Meanwhile, the cash-strapped agency struggled to pay its bills, with the city stepping in at one point to pay local vendors.

6. Kidnapped — Two missionaries from the New Tribes Mission in Sanford were kidnapped in late May when they were celebrating their wedding anniversary at a Philippines resort. The Muslim extremist group Sayyaf is responsible for their capture and after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks clues surfaced that the organizations is directly connected to Osama bin Laden. Martin and Gracia Burnham were expected to be released in December, but missionary officials and family members are still awaiting their return.

7. Zoned out — Eighteenth Judicial Circuit State Attorney Norm Wolfinger kicked off 2001 with the a new crime prevention program that quickly spread to all corners of the county by year's end. The program designates an "exclusionary zone" that judges can use to during a pre-trial release hearing or probation sentencing to prohibit offenders of prostitution or narcotics from re-entering their arrest location. The exclusionary zone designation began in East Altamonte Springs and by September had made its way to Sanford and Fern Park.

8. Almost there — Dirt won't be turned for at least another eight months, but substantial progress was made in 2001 on Sanford's Riverwalk project. Glattig Jackson, the engineering firm hired by the city to develop the plans for the Riverwalk, hosted numerous public meetings during the summer, and a press time were circulated a proposed final draft of their plans to various city boards. Expect the bid process to begin in May with actual construction beginning possibly in the fall of 2002.

9. Bush signs new bill in Seminole — Gov. Jeb Bush signed a new payday loans bill in the Seminole County Commission chambers in late July citing it as the end of the industry's "predatory tactics." Bush decided on Sanford as the location to sign the bill after county commissioners the previous year tried to pass their own law controlling the industry's interest rates. A local judge ruled the ordinance as unlawful, but the measure helped state legislators recognize the need for regulation.

10. Just in time — Sanford native Gregory Mills was less than 24 hours away from being executed when his death sentence was overturned. Mills was convicted of killing James Wright during a burglary of Wright's home in prison, but Circuit Judge J. William Woodson of Brevard County overrode the jury's decision and sentenced Mills to life in prison. The jury sentenced Mills to life in prison, but Circuit Judge J. William Woodson of Brevard County overrode the jury's decision and sentenced Mills to die. Mills was on death row since his sentencing on April 18, 1980. While Mills' conviction was upheld, 18th Judicial Circuit Judge O.H. Eaton ruled that there were serious questions about the validity of an accomplice's testimony. A childhood friend of Mills and the accomplice, Vincent Ashley, said Ashley had confessed to killing Wright. During Mills' trial, Ashley testified against Mills in return for immunity for his part in the burglary as well as immunity for other crimes unrelated to the burglary.

11. Play ball! — Delayed by the Sept. 11 attacks, the reopening of Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium goes off with a bang, as a 15-minute fireworks display highlights the ceremony. The \$2 million renovation project is a return to Sanford's rich baseball roots and provides the community with a first-rate facility for sporting and entertainment events.

12. Sold! — After years of negotiating, the county finally approved the purchase of Katie's Wekiva Landing for \$665,000. County officials desired the land to ensure the public would have access to the Wekiva River in years to come. The county will pay more than \$100,000 in a deal the state will fork over the rest.

13. The Barn is back — The twang and boogie of county western music resurfaced in Sanford in June when Heathrow businessman Tom Wetherald purchased and reopened the vacant Barn on US Highway 17/92. Throughout the years the Barn has played host to numerous country greats such as Merle Haggard, Travis Tritt, Johnny Paycheck and Clint Black. The Barn favorite, Garth Brooks, even mentions the establishment in one of his songs.

14. Drunk drivers beware — The Sanford Police Department used a federal DUI enforcement grant this past year to stage a crack down on drunk drivers. A new task force comprised of Officers Bill Crapps and Bill Erwin helped the turnaround in the department from registering 49 DUI arrests in 2000 to more than 300 in 2001.

15. Mosquito mayhem — Florida residents have always had concerns for mosquito borne diseases, but this year marked the beginning of a new killer — the West Nile Virus. Before the end of the year, the state health department had put the entire state on medical alert for the new virus. The Seminole County Commission responded by developing the county's first mosquito spraying plan for residents in unincorporated Seminole.

16. Lights out — Longwood joined another Seminole city, Casselberry, in early July to pursue legal actions against Florida Power.

The two are now part of a half dozen Central Florida cities embattled in court battles with the electricity provider. Disagreements between Florida Power and the cities came about when new franchise agreements were to replace the previous 30-year-old agreements. Florida Power refused to honor a right-to-purchase clause in the old agreements and also refused to include the clause in any new deal. Franchise agreements are a partnership between cities and electricity providers where the providers collect franchise fees from their customers and hand over the collected fees to the cities for their regulation of the right-of-ways.

17. Back at home — Long time Sanford residents remember when RA-5C Vigilantes roamed the Central Florida sky. The state-of-the-art jet made its return to Sanford not through the air, but on the back of two semi-trucks. The Vigilante is on permanent loan from the Navy and will be part of a memorial at Orlando Sanford International Airport honoring the men and women who were stationed at Naval Air Station Sanford.

18. Current affairs — Seminole County Manager Kevin Grace was forced to drop the hammer on his top two deputies after it became public the two were having an affair. Jim Marino resigned in June and Francis Chandler stepped down several weeks later. Though Grace never confirmed the story, county commissioners were briefed about the situation before Marino resigned. For months, the story had been one of the juiciest bits of gossip among employees in the county services building.

19. High-speed tragedy — What began as an altercation between a former boyfriend and girlfriend ended in the death of an innocent bystander on July 10. Ansel Jerome Jackson and his ex-girlfriend got in a fight, which escalated into a high-speed chase with police after the girlfriend drove to the Seminole County Sheriff's Office. As deputies pursued him, Jackson lost control of his car on County Road 427 just north of the GreeneWay and struck Russell "Rusty" DeVaughn, who was sitting in a chair outside a friend's house. The sheriff's office says the chase was warranted, but DeVaughn's family has filed suit claiming negligence.

20. Election selections — Sanford elected a new mayor in March. Brady Lessard, who was the youngest city commissioner elected in Sanford's history, became the city's youngest mayor at age 30. To balance the youth movement, voters selected Art Woodruff, a sixth-generation Sanfordite, to fill Lessard's vacated District I commission seat.



Brady Lessard was elected Sanford mayor, following in the footsteps of former mayor Larry Dale.



National guardsmen march in Sanford's Veterans Day parade. Hundreds of people came out to honor those who have served and are serving in America's armed forces.

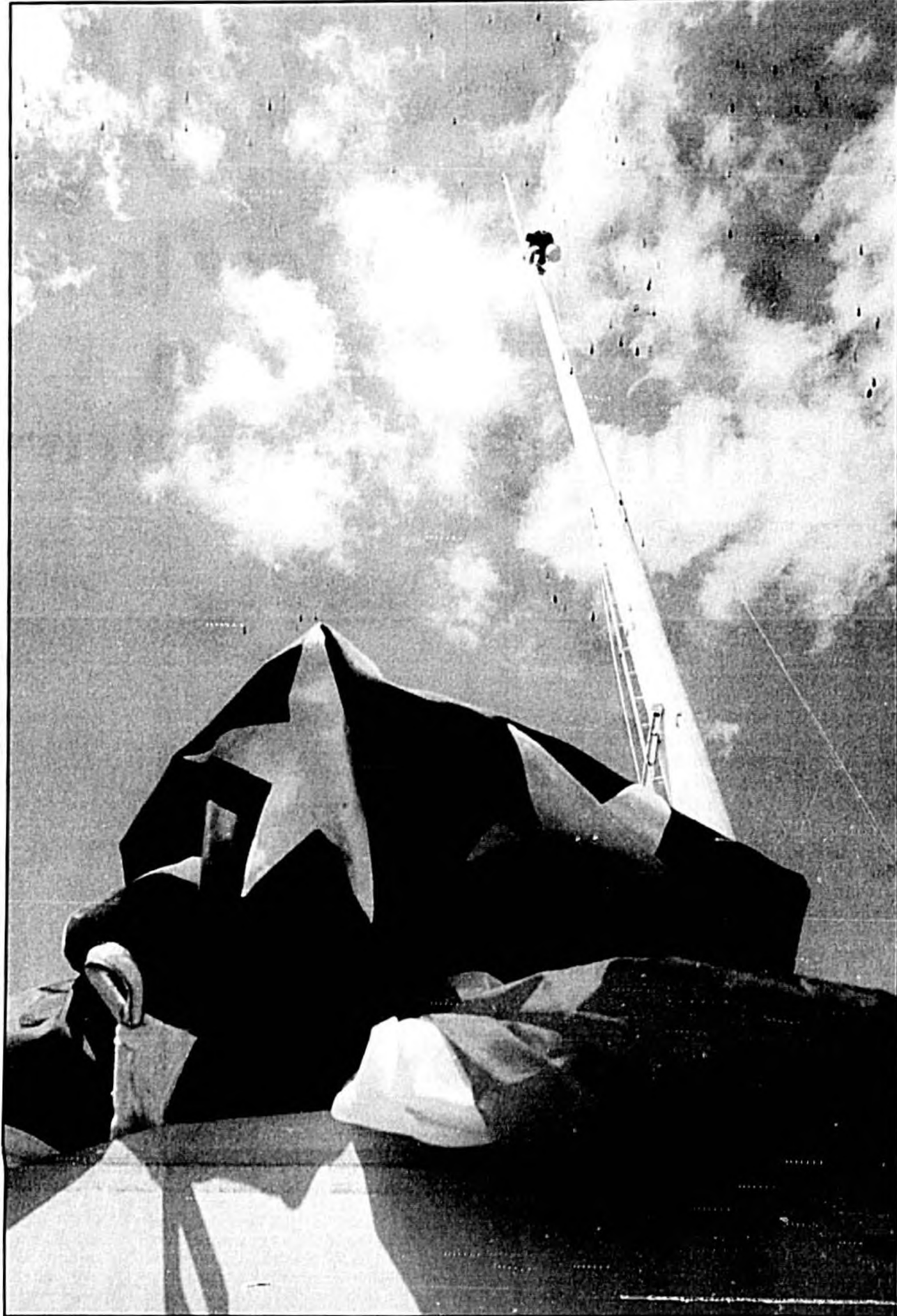
2001

A year in pictures

Herald photographer Tommy Vincent remembers 2001 through some of his favorite photos.



Turn 4 at the International Speedway in Daytona Feb. 18 was the site of the sport's saddest moments last year as NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt crashed and later died. Racing fans throughout the nation mourned, and a number of services at local funeral homes helped them cope. Sanford residents Donna McConnell and her daughter, Brittany, sign a registry for Earnhardt at Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Homes.



Richard F. Gromo paints the 100-foot flag pole at Sanford Memorial Park along Lake Monroe. Gromo is a steeplejack and owns Tri-State Painting & Erection Co., in Hollywood, Fla. The flag pole was repainted in preparation for the Veterans Day ceremony in Sanford.



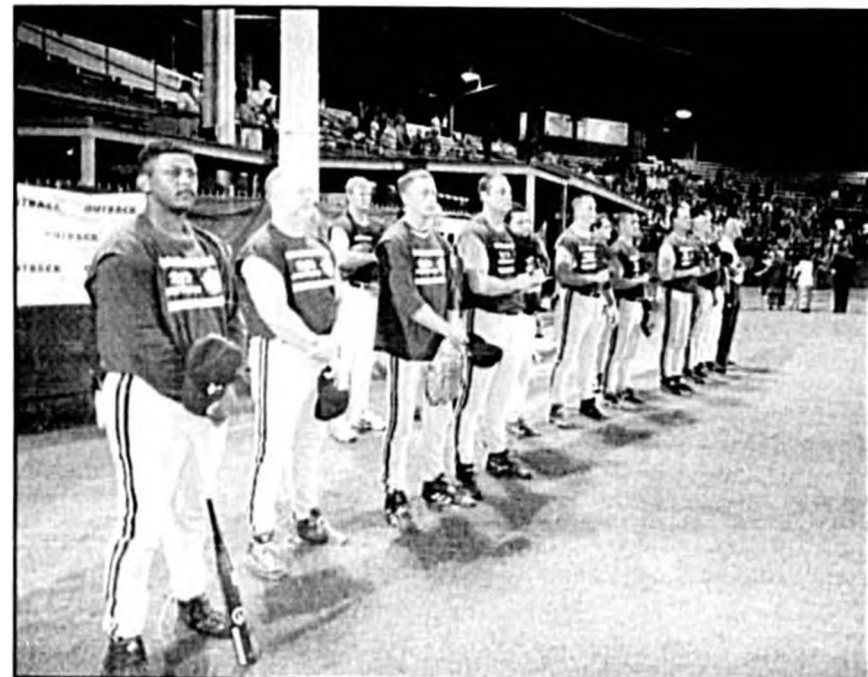
Lake Mary officials were asked to serve the first tennis balls across the net during May's grand-opening celebration for the city's new tennis complex. The \$700,000 facility includes seven soft tennis courts, sun shelters and a club house for men's and women's locker room.



Gov. Jeb Bush returned to Seminole County in July to sign the payday advance bill, ending what he called the industry's "predatory tactics." Seminole County was chosen to host the bill signing ceremony because County Commission tried to limit the interest rates charged by the payday loan companies. Although a local judge ruled the ordinance unlawful, their efforts helped state legislators recognize the need to regulate the payday loan industry.



Crews prepare to set the fuselage of an RA-C5 Vigilante reconnaissance jet on a stack of pallets shortly after its arrival in December at the Orlando Sanford International Airport. The Sanford Airport Memorial Committee has worked for two years to secure the jet from the U.S. Navy for a memorial project at the entrance of the airport.



An American Softball Association team stands at attention during the grand-opening celebration of Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium in October. The celebration was the culmination of a two-year \$2 million project that refurbished the former spring training home of the New York Giants.



Wood Woodpecker greets guests during March's grand-opening celebration of Orlando Sanford International Airport's new domestic terminal. The completion of the four-year, \$25 million project expands the airport by seven gates and 120,000 square feet, dedicated solely for domestic flights in and out of Sanford.



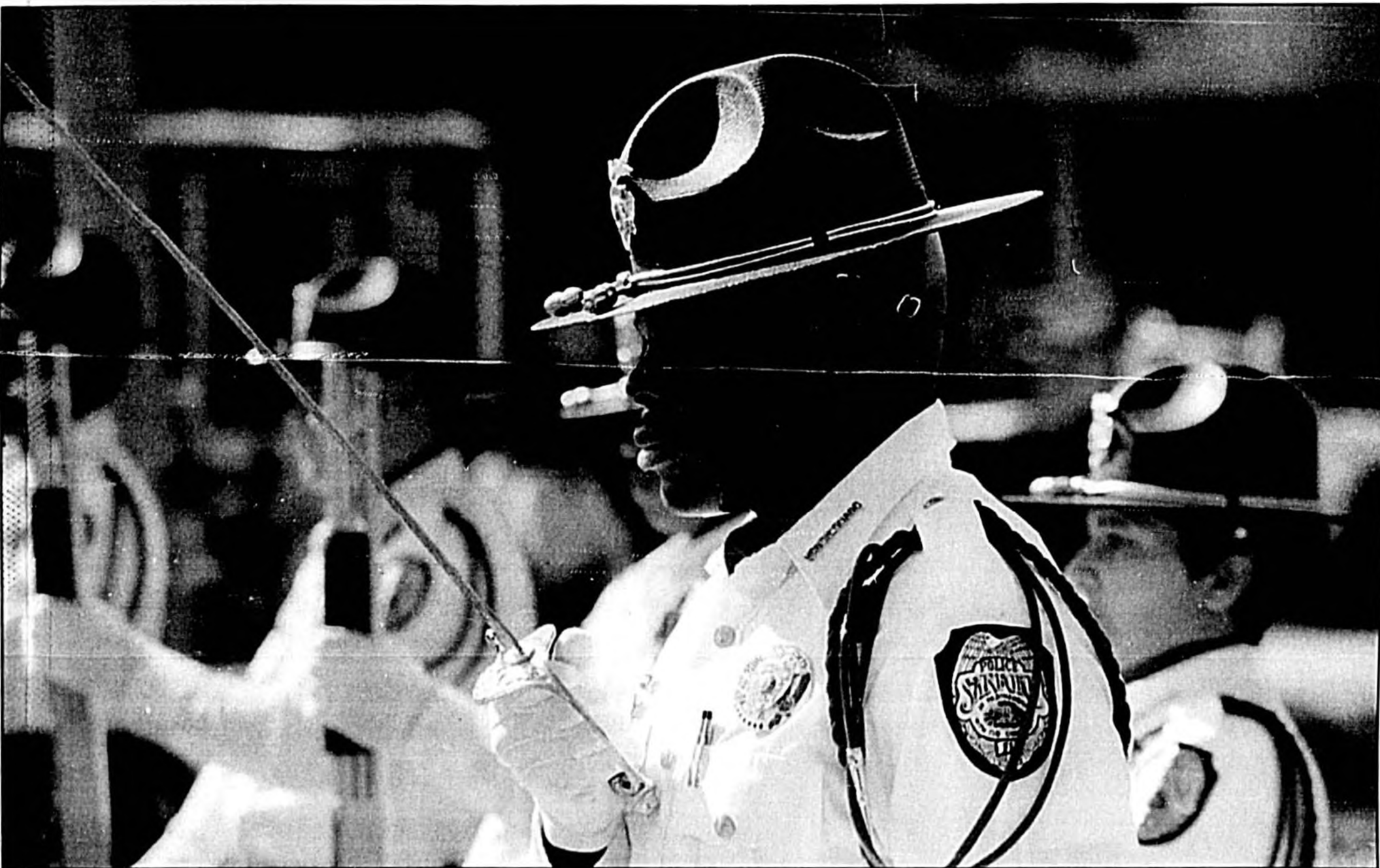
Police investigators sifted through debris for several days in late September in search of Kathy Engels' body. The 14-year-old investigation began in 1997 when Engels turned up missing. In a deal to save his life, death row inmate Anton Daryl Meyers confessed to Engels' murder and drew police a crude map showing the location of her body off Lake Mary Boulevard.



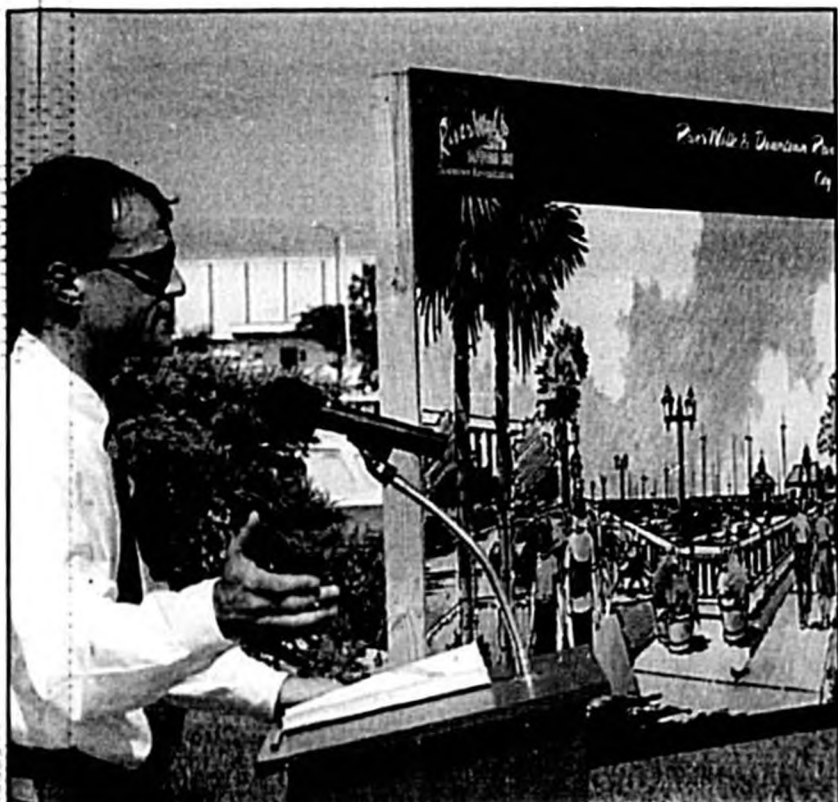
Jessica Frazier of Fort Lauderdale was one of hundreds who lined up to give blood at the Central Florida Blood Bank in Sanford following the Sept. 11 terrorists attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.



Lake Mary Police officers stand at attention during the grand-opening celebration of the city's new police department. Six years after Lake Mary voters approved a new police station, city officials cut the ribbon for the \$5 million facility in August. Located at 165 E. Crystal Lake Ave. the new facility is three times bigger than its predecessor.



Sanford Police Officer Darren Scott stands at attention during the Nov. 10, 2001, Veterans Day ceremony held in Sanford's Memorial Park, located on the lakefront in front of City Hall. Scott is a member of the police department's honor guard.



Pictured above, April marked the beginning of the Sanford Housing Authority's year-long woes as federal agents seized the agency's financial records. Four directors and two boards later, the agency is still the center of controversy. At left, Sanford Mayor Brady Lessard presents the plans for the city's Riverwalk project. The project is being driven by the need to repair the 70-year-old seawall along Lake Monroe. Glating Jackson will develop a Riverwalk with amenities, like bike and jogging trails, fishing piers and decorative landscaping. The firm will also develop and implement an overall plan for downtown.



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Police nab downtown burglars

Duo facing more than two dozen charges

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

SANFORD — Two burglars assault on downtown Sanford businesses came to abrupt end Thursday night as more than a dozen police officers endured the cold while waiting for the criminals' next strike.

In a plain clothes' stakeout, Sanford police Sergeants Ned Golden and Marc Kovacs witnessed Christopher Jack Wages, 28, and David Ries, 16, climbing over the Old South Manufacturing fence at 303 W. Second St. After surrounding the building with officers and a K-9, the two were apprehended.

Several hours later, police obtained a search warrant for the 200 S. Laurel Ave. residence Wages and Ries share.

Investigators spent much of Friday morning pulling out suspected stolen items from

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Herald photo by Tommy Vincent Officer Allen Smith loads suspected stolen goods into a police van.

City OKs first look at Lowe's site plan

Home improvement giant plans to build on old drive-in property

By Dan Ping Editor

SANFORD — The Planning and Zoning Commission approved Thursday night a preliminary subdivision plan for Sanford's first Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse.

The 30-acre site located at 3780 Orlando Drive will consist of a 184,000-square-foot building for Lowe's and two out parcels for future development, possibly fast-food restaurants.

The facility will have a primary access on U.S. Highway 17/92 and a secondary access on Live Oak Boulevard. There will also be cross-access on the property connecting the RaceTrac gas station on 17/92 and the Albertson's grocery store at the corner of Lake

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County eyes land swap with Sanford

City wants former FP&L facility for condominium project

By Dan Ping Editor

SANFORD — The Board of County Commissioners may trade the old Florida Power & Light building to the city of Sanford in exchange for a long-term, minimal consideration lease of 10 acres at the Orlando Sanford International Airport.

Sanford wants the FP&L property for a mixed-use, multi-story residential building. Developer Rami Yosefian presented a proposal to the city 18 months ago to build a

See Land, Page 6A

Out in the Cold

As the mercury dips near the freezing mark, zoo keepers find ways to keep animals warm

By Michelle Jeria Managing Editor

SANFORD — While some Central Florida residents may be enjoying the recent drop in temperature, those native to more tropical climates are getting some help staying warm.

As frosty weather headed toward Sanford, staff at the Central Florida Zoological Park began preparing its residents for colder temperatures, said Andrea Farmer, marketing director for the zoo. Many animals, not at home in colder temperatures, needed additional heating alternatives to stay warm.

The zoo's hippopotamus, Geraldine, kept warm by staying submerged in her exhibit's pond — only coming out to eat. The water stays around 70 degrees throughout the year, which keeps her warm in winter and cool in sum-

mer.

"The hippo is a native of Africa, so this is a bit chilly for her," Farmer said.

Many of the zoo's primates and felines relaxed in the sun Friday morning after a night of 30-degree temperatures. Many were kept in their cages and dens during the night with heaters and additional hay to keep them warm.

At the bird exhibit, wood panels were assembled around the cages to protect the animals from the wind.

"The birds' feathers are like wearing a down jacket," said bird keeper Steve DeCresie. "As long as their feathers don't get ruffled, they stay warm and toasty."

When temperatures drop below freezing, bird keepers at the zoo constantly check to make sure their charges don't suffer from frostbitten

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Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Above: Maude the Elephant warms up Friday with the help of a high-powered heater.

Left: Steve DeCresie, the bird keeper at the Central Florida Zoo, checks the temperature — 38.4 degrees Fahrenheit — Friday morning.



Turning the Corner?

For the majority of the games this season, the Seminole Community College men's basketball team has played well enough to win and has held leads into the final minutes of most games, but the Raiders could not find a way to close out the victory. They may be changing. Page 1B



River Queen

White sails into the past on steam

Page 1C

Seminole Smile



Anna Marie Smith — A member of the Sons of Norway

Rowe resigns as head of community development

Sanford's first black department director

By Dan Ping Editor

SANFORD — Charles Rowe, the first black named as a department director, will step down Jan. 11 from his position as community development director to accept to accept a job in the private sector.

Rowe has served 14 years in the community development department, overseeing code enforcement, building inspections and grant applications.

"It was a hard decision because I love the people in the city of Sanford," Rowe said. "They really are the city, and I've enjoyed serving them."

Rowe's new job will be executive director of Florida Community Partners Inc., an entity comprised of 16 banks that make loans to rehabilitate affordable multi-family housing developments.

"It's an exciting opportunity, and I have a lot of ideas I'm interested in implementing."



Charles Rowe

Rowe said.

Mayor Brady Lessard said the city is losing a dedicated employee.

"Charles has been a very good friend to the city of Sanford for 14 years," Lessard said. "We hate to see him go, but he's got a great opportunity in the private sector."

Lessard said although Rowe begins his new job on Jan. 22, he will be available for consultation on any current projects the city has going.

See Rowe, Page 6A

Old Christmas trees present a hazard

Fire can engulf a dry tree within 30 seconds

By Christopher Patton Staff Writer

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — The Altamonte Springs Fire Department is encouraging local residents that it's "tis the season to get rid of Christmas trees."

Real Christmas trees last only a few weeks inside a home, which means most trees are extremely dry by the end of the holiday season. A dry tree could be the most flammable object inside a home this time of year

and with a little ignition it could lead to a full blown house fire, warns the fire department.

"This is the time of the year when we see that sort of thing happen, unfortunately," said Alan Harris, department spokesman.

After the 2000 holiday season, the city fire department acquired a few types of Christmas trees to record how fast they would

The heat generated from (the trees) was unbelievable. It was amazing how fast they went up.

Alan Harris Altamonte Fire Department

ignite. On average, within 10 seconds of coming in contact with a lit candle, each tree was completely engulfed, Harris said.

The fire department has already responded to one call before Christmas because of a burning tree, Harris said.

"If they were dried out then

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Police investigate woman's death on Interstate 4

From Staff Reports

miles east of the State Road 434 exit.

Investigators with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office continue to look into the unattended death Wednesday of a 51-year-old Flagler County woman.

The woman apparently collapsed and died after exiting her vehicle on Interstate 4, police said. Witnesses reportedly saw the woman exit her car and collapse. It happened around 6 a.m. near Longwood, about two

died.

The incident caused a considerable traffic tie-up on I-4, as one lane was closed during the investigation. Authorities cleared the scene just before 10 a.m.

The woman was identified as Alexis Broxton Golphin, 51, of Palm Coast. The victim reportedly had a pre-existing medical condition. The Volusia County Medical Examiner's Office will eventually issue a ruling on the cause of death.

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