



## Time to Toss it Up

Coach Bob Trains is not normally a science teacher, but he is hoping his Seminole High School boys basketball team learns a little chemistry quickly when it opens the regular season in the Greyhound Tournament tonight at Lyman High School.  
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## Holiday lighting contest

Get in the holiday spirit by decorating your home's exterior and participating in the Holiday Home Lighting Contest sponsored by the Sanford Historical Trust Inc. The lighting contest is open to all city of Sanford residents and five prizes will be awarded:

- Best Overall Display will receive a Waterford Crystal (Over \$100.00 value)
  - Most Unusual Display will receive a Mikasa Lead Crystal Vase
  - Best Traditional Display will receive a \$50.00 Dillard's Gift Certificate
  - Most Number Of Lights will receive a Mikasa Lead Crystal Candy Bowl
  - Best Block — each household will receive a bottle of Tommy Hilfinger Cologne.
- Judging will be held Nov. 28 through Dec. 3 after 6 p.m. Remember to submit your entry form and have your Holiday Lights on during those evenings. Winners will be notified by Dec. 8.
- There is no entry fee, just submit a form with your name, address, phone number and whether you are entering as a single residence or as a block. Entry forms can be mailed to The Sanford Historic Trust at P.O. Box 536, Sanford, FL 32772, dropped off at The Seminole Herald Office or Faxed to (407) 444-7508. All entries must be received by Wednesday, Nov. 26.

## Seminole Smile



Officer Claudia Webber and Jack Driggers — at a recent DARE event at Bill Heard Chevrolet

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# Seminole County economy remains strong

By Christopher Patton  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — The newly-identified nationwide recession did not stop the Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission Tuesday from detailing Seminole County's bright economic growth to county commissioners. Graded with three economic indicators — primary job creation, office and industrial space rates and export sales growth — MOEDC president Ray Gilley said Seminole is in the midst of strong economic growth.

Seminole is having its best year ever for

## Primary job creation up 8 percent from last year local economists say

primary job creation, said Gilley. An 8 percent increase from last year has created 1,520 new jobs in the county — 500 in software and programming jobs with an average salary of \$64,000.

"We've had great success in the region attracting high-wage jobs," Gilley said. Office space value is up roughly 19 percent in the county since last year and up

96 percent over the last five years. Industrial space is also up with an 11 percent increase over the last year and nearly a 50 percent increase from five years ago. The U.S. Department of Commerce has also identified the Orlando metro area as the fastest growing export market in the state the last three years, said Gilley. "You've set a standard for excellence

for other communities across the state," Gilley said.

Despite the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and current 8-month recession, Derrick Wallace, MOEDC board chairman, said "out of every crisis comes the chance to be reborn." He cited the small town of Enterprise, Ala. which in 1919 had their primary crop of peanuts ravished by the Mexican boll weevil. Today, a statue of the boll weevil stands in the city with an inscription that includes "out of diversity comes a blessing."

The economic development commis-  
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# End of an Era

## Son of inventor of Snappin' Turtle mower sells business

By Christopher Patton  
Staff Writer

**SANFORD** — A local man closed a chapter last month on one of Sanford's most heralded stories.

Mike Smith, son of the late Snappin' Turtle Lawnmower inventor Alexander "Smitty" Smith, sold the family business in October, but the memory of Sanford's claim to fame in the lawn grooming industry will never fade.

In the middle 1940s, Alexander Smith built the first prototypes of the revolutionary lawnmower that was shaped like a snapping turtle. With diamond-plated steel, self-propulsion and the head of a turtle at the front, the lawnmower prototype quickly became a popular machine.

"He built the prototypes right here in Sanford," Mike said. "They sold out the patent rights to McDonahue Power Company of Georgia around 1950. It was actually easy to use. You could fight it, but if you let it go, it would do a beautiful job."

That first line of Snappin' Turtle lawnmowers conceived in Sanford became the national brand known as Snapper. McDonahue Power Company still produces a Snapper line of yard equipment, which includes lawnmowers and snow blowers. Like his big time Georgia buyer, Alexander also dabbled with different equipment other than the lawnmower.

During the lawnmower inventions, Alexander also maintained a Sanford factory, B



From left to right, Alexander Smith, G.B. Drake, Sonny Presley, Cecil Presley and son-in-law B.D. Baggs, showcasing some of the Snappin' Turtle lawnmowers at Gene's Garage on Park Avenue.

& S Manufacturing, of about 25 employees, which primarily built edgers, Mike said.

"Then he got into the citrus equipment with the under-the-tree hoe," his son said. "The mechanical cultivator would till the ground underneath orange trees, preventing weeds to grow. The machine was adapted for the grape vines in California and the apple trees in Virginia, but the machine's popularity died with the introduction of herbicides."

"All of that was made here in Sanford until the early 80s," Mike said.

Mike and his wife, Connie, bought Smitty's Lawnmowers from Alexander in 1981, but the factory ceased operations after his death in the early 80s.

"One of the things I remember most is he would come

home with a new lawnmower and I would mow the lawn with it," he said. "He was always bringing something new home. All it took was for someone to say they had a need for something and he would make it."

With more than 100 patents to his name, Alexander Smith could possibly be the Alexander Graham Bell of Sanford. Other inventions include a 60-foot long, 8-foot tall, huge bucket citrus field irrigation ditch cleaner and WWII government patents for engine assembly of war crafts. However, like all great inventors, some projects were left unfinished and some just didn't cut the mustard. Mike said he distinctly remembers his father's work on developing an orange picker. "Some worked, but never

well enough to market," he said.

After he got out of the business, Mike said his father continued his thirst for inventing as he remembers one working model; a parking structure conveyor that would stack cars in a parking garage without actually diving them up all the ramps.

"It takes a special kind of person to become an inventor - it consumes just about all of your thoughts," he said.

"A lot of these old-timers would come in and still remember my dad," he added. "He was a well liked man in the city. We've dealt with a lot of different people and generations through the years."

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# Herald publisher Gielow dies at 90

By Doris Dietrich  
and Dan Ping  
Seminole Herald Staff

**SANFORD** — Walter Alfred Gielow, former publisher of the Sanford Herald, died at home Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2001. He was 90.

Gielow's tenure at the Herald was a time of unprecedented growth for the newspaper, both in circulation and operations. Gielow added a sixth publishing day, built the newspaper's current facilities and installed state-of-the-art presses to increase printing capacity.



Gielow

In addition, Gielow was an active citizen of Sanford. Long before the industry coined the term "community journalism," Gielow took a keen interest in the city he called home since 1958.

"His heart was 100 percent in Sanford," said Douglas Stenstrom, who served with Gielow on the board of directors for the Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce. "He had a love and a vision for Sanford, and he backed it up with total support, both personally and from the newspaper."

Former Sanford Mayor Lee Moore agreed Gielow was the driving force behind many projects in Sanford.

"When you needed someone  
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# FHP says holiday fatalities down

By Christopher Patton  
Staff Writer

**LAKE MARY** — The Florida Highway Patrol predicted 40 statewide vehicle fatalities during the holiday weekend. Fortunately the grim tally only reached 24.

Seminole County did not record a traffic fatality during the extended weekend, but two Central Florida counties, Orange and Osceola, registered two apiece. Seminole's Thanksgiving good fortune may be due to hundreds of unsafe drivers earning traffic citations during a Wednesday night law enforcement operation.

Patrolling the northwest quadrant of the county, Lake Mary police led the operation that lasted until early Thanksgiving morning and involved about 40 officers from Altamonte Springs, Winter Springs, Sanford, Longwood and the sheriff's office.

While the group targeted impaired drivers, officers and deputies also issued tickets for

other violations such as speeding and not wearing a safety belt. According to Lake Mary Lt. Dave Guildford, the operation netted 18 arrests; 10 for driving under the influence, two on drug charges and six others on warrants and reckless driving.

Generally county DUI operations are not conducted during a Wednesday night, said Guildford. The element of surprise possibly helped the operation accumulate a near record

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# Stairs Theatre rings in the season

From Staff Report

The holiday season begins Friday at the Helen Stairs Theatre when children from area schools will take to the stage for "Sounds of the Season."

The theater's holiday events begin 8 p.m. Friday when choral groups from local schools will perform holiday, gospel, and patriotic songs. Dancers from the Ballet Guild of Sanford/Seminole and Miriam

& Valerie School of Dance will perform. Midway Elementary School for the Performing Arts will feature the Midway Violin Ensemble, Midway Ballet Dancers and the Midway Show Choir. The choir will sing a Christmas medley of "Happy Holidays," "The Hanukkah Song" and "White Christmas."

Other school groups that will perform include the Rosenwald Center Gospel Choir Ensemble, the Goldsboro Elementary

Goldeneagle Chorus, the Heathrow Elementary School Chorus and the Idyllwilde Elementary Chorus.

Admission to the performance of "Sounds of the Season," is a donation. All donations collected will benefit the participating schools' music departments.

On Saturday, Dec. 1, the Wekiva River Players (WRP) will perform the "Holiday  
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# Cheerleaders win regional honors



Herald photo by Dan Ping

Sanford Mayor Brady Lessard and District 2 Commissioner Velma Williams honored the Sanford Pop Warner Jr. Pae Wee Cheerleading Squad for winning first place at the Mid-Florida Pop Warner cheerleading competition on Nov. 4. The win was the first time in the 20-year history of the squad that the team advanced to the Southeast Regional competition. Team members include, Shaquonda Armstrong, Shakira Barrett, Jasmine Brown, Teah Dixon, Desha Duhart, Kierra Jarrells, Jessica Grant, Octavia Jones, Gloria King, Bre-Shara McCall, Alexa Mobley, Somolya Pritchard, TaQuaasha Redding, Antoinette Strickland, Susan Warford, Jasmin Washington, Kanetra Wright, Kierra Wynn and Marina Young. The team is coached by Julie Bolton, Palina Clayton, Katisha Duhart, Heather Fryling, Jamie Swann, Lacey Wells and Tonja Simpson. In addition to cheerleading, the Pop Warner squad requires the girls maintain a high grade point average. The team is founded on sportsmanship, spirit, teamwork and success.

# SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

## OUT & ABOUT

THUR 29

The Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce Professional Women's Network luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Presidential Ballroom at Church Street Station.

Keynote speaker will be former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno. Cost is \$30 for members and \$50 for non-members. Corporate tables are available. For information, call 407-333-4748.

Students from the University of Central Florida will entertain students and their families from Goldsboro Elementary School Thursday, Nov. 29, starting at 6:30 p.m. with stories during the annual "Reading Is A Family Thing."

The students from Rita Buchoff's Children's Literature classes will use pictures they have made to tell stories. Every child will be given a book to take home. Ice cream will be served by the PTA and door prizes will be given.

FRI 30

Sounds of the Season will be presented at the Helen Stairs Theatre 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30.

School chorus groups from Idyllwild Elementary, Heathrow Elementary, Goldsboro Elementary, Midway Elementary, Rosewald Center, Geneva Elementary and Midway Violin Ensemble will present the holiday concert. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the participating schools' music departments. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. For information, call 407-321-8111.

SAT 1

"Holiday Extravaganza," the Wekiva River Players holiday celebration of theater, will be held 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, in the Helen Stairs Theatre.

The event will include favorite musical show excerpts, skits and holiday music. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors. For information, call 407-321-8111.

A holiday open house will be held at the Student Museum and Demonstration Gardens, located at 301 W. 7th St., in Sanford, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

The event will feature exhibits on Florida Pioneers, Native American and a Sanford/Seminole County photographic history. Free garden and landscape information will be offered. At 11:30 a.m., Elaine Ellman will present "Antique Roses," and at 1 p.m., Al Ferrer, urban horticulturist, will make a presentation.

Tours of the various gardens, including antique roses, tropical, shade, butterfly, pioneer, field crops, Florida Natives, oriental and citrus, will be provided.

For more information, call 407-320-0520.

## Gift giving



CPH Engineers and its employees recently donated hundreds of toys to the Salvation Army. For the past seven years, the business has been purchasing toys and donating them to worthwhile agencies. CPH Headquarters in Sanford has always chosen the Salvation Army as its point of focus.

Florida photo by Tommy Vincent

## Parents won't welcome widow's new boyfriend

DEAR ABBY: Last year, my brother "Devon" died after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, "Clarisse," and my two nephews. Devon and I were as close as a brother and sister could be. My husband was close to him, too.



Dear Abby

Seven months after Devon's passing, Clarisse began dating "Tim." No one was overjoyed by this, but we knew that Clarisse had loved my brother and mourned deeply. We understood it was time for her to move on. We put our feelings aside.

The problem is, my daughter's birthday party is coming up soon. We are hosting a family party and inviting everyone, including Clarisse, Tim and the boys. My parents have expressed disappointment that Clarisse's boyfriend is being included and have informed us that they will not attend if Tim is there.

What should I do? Should I invite everyone, as my husband suggests, and let the chips fall where they may? Or should I respect the wishes of my parents and ask Clarisse not to bring Tim?  
IN THE MIDDLE IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: If your parents object to Tim's presence only because they have difficulty accepting that Clarisse has moved on, then I see no reason to exclude him. While they have my deepest sympathy for the loss of their son, they have no right to dictate who should or should not be on your guest list or part of Clarisse's life.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a high school senior. My boyfriend, "Corey," and I have been dating since ninth grade. I love him more than anything on Earth. Corey is like another son to my parents, and I feel close to his mother and eight brothers. I can't see myself with any other person.

Our school has a policy that allows seniors to use the loudspeaker system to dedicate birthday greetings to other students. My birthday was last week, and Corey got on the microphone. Instead of saying, "Happy birthday, sweetheart," he said: "To my girlfriend, my best friend, my skateboard buddy. I love you. You're 18, so no more waiting. What I really want to say, honey, is - will you marry me?" I told him I needed a week to think about it.

The week is up. After asking opinions of my family and friends - who all have given me a "thumbs up" - I am still undecided. I know that I love Corey and we are a perfect couple, but I need just one more push in either direction so I can give him a definite answer. Help!

HOPEFUL AND HELPLESS IN MISSISSIPPI  
P.S. Corey said that if I say no, we'll still go out and everything will go back to normal.

DEAR HOPEFUL: A woman who is contemplating a decision as serious as marriage should not need a "push" in either direction. Tell Corey that you will consider his offer of marriage once you both have college behind you. Regardless of how much you and Corey may love each other, you shouldn't marry until you're both self-supporting.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO "VIOLENT AND ASHAMED IN RICHMOND, IND.": You have already taken the first step by recognizing that your anger is out of control and asking for help. Please contact your county department of mental health. Tell them it is urgent that you see a counselor immediately and recount the incidents you described to me. You have begun the journey, and I wish you much success with treatment. It will change the lives of every member of your family for the better.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447.

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### Nov. 21 Arrests

Sarah Jackson, 42, of Sanford by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on two charges of fraud (illegal use of credit cards) and one count of larceny of more than \$300, but less than \$3000.

Luis Denizard, 26, of Deltona by Sanford police on the charge of larceny of property over \$100, but less than \$300.

David Shockley, 28, of Sanford by Lake Mary police on the charge of uttering forged instrument.

Goldie Marshall, 31, of Sanford by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on the charge of larceny over \$300, but under \$2,000.

Richard Gunter, 18, of Winter Springs by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on the charge of possession of alcoholic beverage under the age of 21.

### Nov. 22 Arrests

James Piatt, 19, of Sanford by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on charges of possession of an amphetamine, introduction of contraband into a county correctional facility, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Luis Perez, 24, of Winter Springs by Casselberry police on charges of grand theft auto

Reggie Coleman, 29, of Sanford by Sanford police on the charge of neglecting children.

Everett Rose, 38, of Sanford by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on the charges of trespassing, marijuana possession and drug paraphernalia.

Calvin Hall, 22, of Geneva by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on two charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing justice.

Therisco Jordan, 25, of Geneva by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on two charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing justice.

Napoleon Martinez, 30, of Sanford by Lake Mary police on the charge of driving under the influence.

Bryan Terrell, 21, of Sanford by Lake Mary police on the charges of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Gary Merriweather, 36, of Deltona by Sanford police on the charges of grand theft of a motor vehicle, two counts of battery on an officer, resisting an officer with violence and carrying a concealed

weapon.  
Reddick Pendleton, 19, of Sanford by Sanford police on the charges of reckless driving and allowing a passenger to ride on the exterior of the vehicle.  
Duran Daniels, 20, of Sanford by Sanford police on the charge of disorderly conduct.  
Hector Lopez, 32, of Winter Springs by Florida Highway Patrol on the charges of driving under the influence and DUI property damage. Also charged by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office for resisting an officer.

### Nov. 23 Arrests

Christian Bennett, 20, of Longwood by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on the charges of providing a false name to officers, possession of alcohol under 21 years of age and possession of an open container.

Jose Martinez, 18, of Winter Springs by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on the charges of possession of marijuana and alcoholic beverage.

Daric Grimes, 19, of Longwood by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on the charge of driving under the influence.

Michael Whitmer, 36, of Sanford by Casselberry police on the charges of driving under the influence and driving with a suspended license.

### Nov. 24 Arrests

Michael Litzbarski, 28, of Longwood by Sanford police on the charges of driving with a suspended license and crimes against a person (corruption by threat to a public servant).

George Farmer, 69, of Sanford by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on the charge of driving under the influence.

Adam Savage, 19, of Longwood by Lake Mary police on the charge of possession of marijuana.  
Toni Myles, 19, of Sanford by

Sanford police on the charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and carrying a concealed weapon.

Terrance Brown, 29, of Sanford by Sanford police on the charges of burglary, property damage over \$200 and probation violation.

Shirley Scott, 46, of Sanford by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on the charges driving with a suspended license and resisting an officer.

Marqueba Carlisle, 29, of Sanford by Sanford police on the charge of shoplifting.

Morgan Crichfield, 22, of Sanford by Oviedo police on the charges of driving with a suspended license, giving a false name and vehicle tag not assigned.

Paul Koepfen, 44, of Lake Mary by Sanford police on the charge of driving under the influence.

### Nov. 25 Arrests

Timothy Burkes, 18, of DeLand by the Florida Highway Patrol on the charges of grand theft of a firearm and dealing in stolen property.

Marcolino Andrae, 29, of Sanford by Sanford police on the charges driving with a suspended license and fraud, giving false identification.

Ryan Mayer, 27, of Deltona by Casselberry police on the charge of driving under the influence.

Kim Barnes, 36, of Sanford by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on the charges of driving under the influence, reckless driving, possession of hydrocodone, soma, barbiturates and zanax.

Taurus Boone, 25, of Sanford by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on the charges of possession of cocaine with the intent to sell, marijuana possession with intent to sell, drug paraphernalia and reckless driving.

Andrew McCourt, 29, of Sanford by Sanford police on the charges of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Ranjit Chehal, 22, of Longwood by Altamonte Springs police on the charge of retail theft.

Larry Jones, 50, of Sanford by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office on the charge of driving under the influence.

Arthur Walker, 32, of Longwood by Longwood police on the charges of driving under the influence and without a driver's license.

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Obituaries

**FREDA WALKER BUSSELL**  
Freda Walker Bussett, 75, of Concord, N.C., died Friday, Nov. 23, 2001, in Eden Gardens, Concord.  
Born Dec. 25, 1925, in Glens Fork, Ky., she was a secretary in the insurance industry.

Survivors include a daughter, Pat Reddish of Concord, N.C.; two grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association of North Carolina, 5315 Greenbrook Drive, Charlotte, N.C., 28205 or the National Audubon Society, 410 Airport Road, Chapel Hill, N.C., 27514.

Hartell Funeral Home of Concord, N.C., is in charge of arrangements.

**MYRA JANE DICKSON**  
Myra Jane Dickson, 71, of Douglasville, Ga., died Friday, Nov. 23, 2001.

Born Oct. 30, 1930, in Sanford, she was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of Douglasville.

Survivors include a son, Wayne Lewis Dickson Sr., of Douglasville, Ga.; two stepsons, James W. and William Dickson, both of Chattahoochee; a daughter, Myra Ann Fleming of Douglasville, Ga.; two brothers, Robert Theron Madden of Lake Mary and Charles Edwin Madden of Marietta, Ga.; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 1101 North Chase Parkway, SE, Marietta, Ga.

Whitley-Garner at Rosenhaven Funeral Home and Cemetery of Douglasville, Ga., is in charge of arrangements.

**JAMES N. DUFFY JR.**

James N. Duffy Jr., 49, of Whisper Wind Drive, St. Cloud, died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2001, in Florida Hospital, Celebration.

Born Feb. 25, 1952, in Hyannis, Mass., he resided in Central Florida for 26 years. He was a surveyor for Southland Construction and previously worked as a chiropractor. He was a U.S. Army veteran, who served during the Vietnam era. He was of the Christian faith.

Survivors include his wife, Eliza A. Duffy of St. Cloud; a son, James N. Duffy of St. Cloud; a daughter, Sheridan N. Duffy of St. Cloud; his mother, Flora Duffy of Rochester, Mass.; a brother, Bobby Duffy of Rochester, Mass.; and two sisters, Margaret Duffy and Mary Wynn, both of Rochester, Mass.

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

**HOWARD JOSEPH GROSS**

Howard Joseph Gross, 87, of Brightview Drive, Lake Mary, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2001, in Longwood.

Born in Englewood, Ohio, he moved to Central Florida in 1993. He was an electrician. He was a World War II veteran and a 33rd degree Mason member of the Shriners. He was also a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 86. He was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Gross of Lake Mary; a daughter, Barbara Knowles of Sanford; a brother, Donald Gross of Sanford; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, in Oaklawn Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Shriners Children's Hospital, Burn Center, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Baldwin Fairchild Oaklawn Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

**CATHLEEN M. HALL**

Cathleen M. Hall, 47, of North Fowler Drive, Deltona, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2001, in her residence.

Born in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., she moved to Central Florida in 1972. She was a CNA for Florida Home Medical Care, where she worked for 17 years. She was a member of Trinity Assembly of God and was a

Sunday School teacher for the preschool.

Survivors include a son, Robert J. Messer of Tallahassee; two daughters, Caroline Haswell and Elisabeth M. Hall, both of Deltona; her mother, Virginia Monahan of New York; and three sisters, Maureen Rousell and Sharon Nardone, both of New York, and Beth Doherty of Colorado.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Volusia/Flagler, 3800 Woodbriar Tr., Port Orange, FL, 32119. Baldauff Family Funeral Home of Orange City is in charge of arrangements.

**FRANK L. HOLLINSWORTH JR.**

Frank L. Hollinsworth Jr., 79, of Boyer Street, Longwood, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2001.

Born in Decatur, Ala., he moved to Central Florida in 1956. He was a land developer and builder and a member of the National Rifle Association. He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran. He was of the Christian faith.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Hollinsworth of Longwood; two sons, Dale Hollinsworth of Longwood and Terry Hollinsworth of Casselberry; one brother, Marshall Ray Hollinsworth of Birmingham, Ala.; one sister, Ruby Griffin of Birmingham, Ala.; seven grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. Woodlawn Carey Hand Longwood Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

**IRENE HUNT**

Irene Hunt, 76, of Whitewood Drive, Deltona, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2001, in Florida Hospital Memorial, Orange City.

Born in New York City, she moved to Deltona from Orlando in 1989. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic

Church.

Survivors include her husband of 26 years, Russell W. Hunt of Deltona; a son, Lewis Loni of Deltona; a stepson, David W. Hunt of Clairmont, Calif.; a daughter, Lorraine Levitas of Goshen, N.Y.; and three grandchildren.

Fourtowns Cremation Inc. of Orange City is in charge of arrangements.

**MICKEY D. JOHNSON**

Mickey D. Johnson, 57, of Donaldson Drive, DeBary, died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2001, in Florida Hospital Fish Memorial.

Born in Benton Harbor, Mich., he was an insurance agent with American Telecom. He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army, a VFW past commander for Post No. 1137, and a member of the NRA Sportsman Club and the Chiquota Sportsman's Club. He was a seventh-grade school teacher and a football coach in Niles, Mich. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife of 33 years, Phyllis Johnson; a brother, Donald Johnson of Stevensville, Mich.; and two sisters, Jean Knuth and Judy Kempher, both of Phoenix, Ariz.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Ann's Building Fund, P.O. Box 530218, DeBary, FL, 32753 or the American Cancer Society, 218-A East New York Ave., DeLand, FL, 32724-5554.

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

**MADLINE F. NABICHT**

Madeline F. Nabicht of Trinidad Avenue, Deltona, died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001, in Mariner Healthcare of Orange City.

Born in Berlin, Wis., she moved to

Central Florida from Villa Park, Ill., in 1970. She was a retired beautician. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Community Church, the Council of Catholic Women, AARP and a bowling league. She enjoyed bowling and was a Cuba baseball fan.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Winnie Nabicht of Deltona; three grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

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

**ANTONIO SALAS**

Antonio Salas, 71, of Evard Court, Deltona, died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2001, in Beverly Healthcare, Deltona.

Born in Utuado, Puerto Rico, he was a caretaker for the city of New York.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Salas.

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

**MICHAEL JOHN SCHMIDT**

Michael John Schmidt, 62, of Pine Drive, Altamonte Springs, died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, he moved to Central Florida in 1973. He was self-employed in construction. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of Central Church of Christ, Altamonte Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Schmidt of Altamonte Springs; a daughter, Ann Schmidt of Nashville, Tenn.; and three sisters, Patricia Gecka of Sunman, Ind., and Cheryl Maurer and Vanessa Schmidt, both of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Homes Oaklawn Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

**VIVA MAE SKILES**

Viva Mae Skiles, 88, of Manchester Circle, Winter Park, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2001, in Mariner Healthcare Center, Winter Springs.

Born in Constantine, Mich., she was a homemaker. Survivors include a daughter, Shella Larrabee of Winter Park; a sister, Beatrice Etherington of Three Rivers, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

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

**GEORGE SOFIE**

George Sofie, 81, of Laurel Leaf Street, Orange City, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2001, in his residence.

Born in St. Paul, Minn., he moved

to Central Florida from Waukegan, Ill., in 1982. He was a retired spot welder for U.S. Steel. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Community Church, Veteran's of Foreign Wars and the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed playing the accordion.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Mary Sofie; a son, Joseph Sofie of Orange City; a daughter, Sandra Flaig of Boston, Mass.; two brothers, August and Ronald Sofie, both of St. Paul, Mo.; two sisters, Gloria Johnson of Las Vegas, Nev.; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association, P.O. Box 549, Daytona Beach, FL, 32115.

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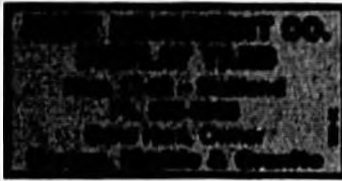
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| <p><b>December (Every Tuesday &amp; Saturday)</b><br/> <b>Farmers Market</b><br/>                 Magnolia Square, Historic Downtown Sanford. Fresh produce, plants, flowers, crafts, food and live entertainment. 8am-2pm, rain or shine. Sponsored by Sanford Main Street, Inc. For more information call (407) 328-2360.</p> <p><b>December</b><br/>                 The Star of Bethlehem<br/>                 Seminole Community College Planetarium<br/>                 The most popular SCC Planetarium production ever. For more information call (407) 328-2360.</p> <p><b>Dec. 1 - Jan. 2</b><br/>                 • Santa's Village<br/>                 Magnolia Square, Downtown Sanford<br/>                 A jolly Santa will greet children. Family entertainment will be featured during the day and evening. Animal attractions, circus performers, Disney characters, musicians, carolers and more will perform. Santa's village will be active all month with orchestrated sing-a-longs of Christmas Carols, Yuletide readings of and other scheduled entertainment. For more information please contact the Downtown Business Association (407) 323-0197.</p> <p>• Tour of Trees<br/>                 Downtown Sanford<br/>                 Competitively trimmed Christmas trees will be placed in stores and other businesses throughout downtown Sanford. 10am-5pm daily. For more information please contact the Downtown Business Association 407.323.0197.</p> <p><b>Dec. 1—Dec. 31</b><br/>                 Central Florida Zoo Features the endangered male and female clouded leopard.</p> <p><b>Dec. 1</b><br/>                 • Light-Up Celebration<br/>                 Magnolia Square, Downtown Sanford<br/>                 Opening ceremonies for the Christmas Extravaganza—light-up Santa's Village. Come see all the lights turned on for the first time this season. 6pm. For more information please contact the Downtown Business Association 407.323.0197.</p> <p>• Sailing Regatta<br/>                 Lake Monroe, Sanford<br/>                 11am. For more information contact</p> | <p>the Sanford Main Street Organization 407.322.6600.</p> <p>• Seminole County Public Library—Sanford Branch Saturday Soup (stories)(3 to 7 years) 2:00 PM. All programs free and open to the public.</p> <p>• "A Holiday Celebration Presentation"<br/>                 Helen Stairs Theatre for the Performing Arts, Downtown Sanford<br/>                 Produced by the Weikva River Players. 8:00pm. Admission: Adults \$15, students, seniors and children \$12. For more information contact the Helen Stairs Theatre Box Office at (407)321-8111.</p> <p><b>Dec. 1&amp;2</b><br/>                 13th Annual Holiday Tour of Homes<br/>                 Historic Sanford<br/>                 The Sanford Historic Trust presents its annual tour of historic homes beautifully decorated for the holidays. 12pm-5pm. Admission: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. For more information call (407) 322-5377.</p> <p><b>Dec. 2</b><br/>                 "Nutcracker Suite"<br/>                 Helen Stairs Theatre for the Performing Arts, Downtown Sanford<br/>                 Produced by the Orlando City Ballet. 2:30pm. For ticket prices contact the Helen Stairs Theatre Box Office (407) 321-8111.</p> <p><b>Dec. 3</b><br/>                 • Seminole County Public Library—Sanford Branch Toddlers (18 months to 3 years) 10:30am<br/>                 • Pinocchio Club meets at the Senior Center at 12:00PM. Need new members. For information call 407.302.1010. Free<br/>                 • Bridge Club meets at the Senior Center at 11AM—bring your own lunch. For information call Barbara Goertz 407.302.1010.</p> <p><b>Dec. 4</b><br/>                 • Seminole County Public Library—Sanford Branch Preschool (3-5 years) 10:00 &amp; 10:45am. Programs are free and open to the public.<br/>                 • Scrabble Club meets at the Senior Center at 1:00PM. Looking for new members. Free. Call 407.302.1010</p> | <p><b>Dec. 5</b><br/>                 • Seminole County Public Library—Sanford Branch Confetti Club (5 years &amp; up) 3:30pm<br/>                 All programs are free &amp; open to the public.<br/>                 • "Over-50 Dances" are from 2 to 4 pm in the Sanford Civic Center. Cost is \$3.00, includes refreshments. Music is by the Deltonans 12-piece band. The public is invited.</p> <p><b>Dec. 6</b><br/>                 • Seminole County Public Library—Sanford Branch Baby Time (Birth-18 months) 10:00am<br/>                 • Sanford Historic Trust general meeting 7:00PM First Presbyterian Church, Park Avenue, Community Center. Public invited</p> <p><b>Dec. 8</b><br/>                 • Christmas Parade<br/>                 Downtown Historic Sanford 11AM<br/>                 An interesting assortment of floats, animals, vehicles, bands and other marching groups. Join Toya Jackson, after the parade, on the steps of the old post office. Listen to fun stories, see balloon trick and bubble blasts. Plan to spend the afternoon in downtown Sanford. Be back at 6PM for entertainment on stage, about two hours. It will be a musical with all Christmas and patriotic tunes—even a sing-a-long. Shop the shop, walk the walk, feed on the food, feel the fun and be merry. For more information please contact the Downtown Business Association 407.323.0197.</p> <p>• "A Holiday Adventure in Dance" presented by the Ballet Guild of Sanford Seminole at Winter Springs High School Performing Arts Center 7PM. For information call Sue 407.322.7427</p> <p>• Seminole County Public Library—Sanford Branch Saturday Soup (stories)(3 to 7 years) 2:00 PM. All programs free and open to the public.</p> <p>• The Sanford Opry presents a "Holiday Spectacular" at Helen Stairs Theatre, Downtown Sanford 7:00PM. This show is family oriented and all ages are welcome. For ticket prices, show times (or to audition) contact Wyeat Davis at 386.672.6500 or 407.321.8111.</p> | <p><b>Dec. 8</b><br/>                 "World Ballet"<br/>                 Helen Stairs Theatre for the Performing Arts, Downtown Sanford 2:30PM For ticket prices and show times contact the Helen Stairs Theatre Box Office 407.321.8111.</p> <p><b>Dec. 8-9</b><br/>                 ISA Girl's Youth Softball Tournament<br/>                 Seminole County Softball Complex Local event. For more information contact Chad Bell 407.806.4102.</p> <p><b>Dec. 10</b><br/>                 • Seminole County Public Library—Sanford Branch Toddlers (18 months to 3 years) 10:30am<br/>                 • Bridge Club meets at the Senior Center at 11AM—bring your own lunch. For information call Barbara Goertz 407.302.1010.<br/>                 • Pinocchio Club meets at the Senior Center at 12:00PM. Need new members. For information call 407.302.1010. Free</p> <p><b>Dec. 11</b><br/>                 Seminole County Public Library—Sanford Branch Preschool (3-5 years) 10:00 &amp; 10:45am. Programs are free and open to the public.<br/>                 • Scrabble Club meets at the Senior Center at 1:00PM. Looking for new members. Free. Call 407.302.1010</p> <p><b>Dec. 12</b><br/>                 • Youth Christmas Party<br/>                 Sanford City Hall, First Floor<br/>                 See Santa, prizes and food. 8:30pm. Admission is a donation of one canned good item for the underprivileged. For more information call Lisa Jones (407) 330-5697.</p> <p>• Seminole County Public Library—Sanford Branch Confetti Club (5 years &amp; up) 3:30pm<br/>                 All programs are free &amp; open to the public.<br/>                 • "Over-50 Dances" are from 2 to 4 pm in the Sanford Civic Center. Cost is \$3.00, includes refreshments. Music is by the Deltonans 12-piece band. The public is invited.</p> <p><b>Dec. 13</b><br/>                 • Medicare &amp; HMO Choices (Plus how to get "Free &amp; Low Cost Prescription Drugs") Presented by</p> | <p>the Senior Education Foundation, Sanford Senior Center at 2:30PM. Free for more information call 407.302.1010</p> <p>• Seminole County Public Library—Sanford Branch Baby Time (Birth-18 months) 10:00am. Free to public.</p> <p><b>Dec. 14</b><br/>                 Dominoes Club meets at the Senior Center at 1:00PM Every Friday.. Looking for new members. Free. Call 407.302.1010</p> <p><b>Dec. 15</b><br/>                 • 5th Annual Dollar Day at the Central Florida Zoo 9AM-5PM. Take a break, visit the Zoo. Santa will make an appearance from 11AM to 2PM for photos. Admission is just one dollar, all day. Support local food banks and humane societies by bringing a non-perishable food item. For information call 407.323.4450, ext 149.</p> <p>• Christmas Flotilla (Boat Parade)<br/>                 Sanford Lake Monroe Waterfront (east of the marina) 9pm. For more information please contact the Downtown Business Association (407) 323-0197.</p> <p>• Laser Show<br/>                 Ft. Mellon Park, Downtown Sanford<br/>                 An impressive display of dazzling lasers, synchronized to traditional Christmas music. 7:30pm. For more information please contact the Downtown Business Association 407.323.0197.</p> <p><b>Dec. 17</b><br/>                 • Bridge Club meets at the Senior Center at 11AM—bring your own lunch. For information call Barbara Goertz 407.302.1010.</p> <p>• Pinocchio Club meets at the Senior Center at 12:00PM. Need new members. Call 407.302.1010 for information. Free</p> <p><b>Dec. 18</b><br/>                 Scrabble Club meets at the Senior Center at 1:00PM. Looking for new members. Free. 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Free</p> <p><b>Dec. 26</b><br/>                 • "Over-50 Dances" are from 2 to 4 pm in the Sanford Civic Center. Cost is \$3.00, includes refreshments. Music is by the Deltonans 12-piece band. The public is invited.</p> <p><b>Dec. 27</b><br/>                 "Movie Madness"<br/>                 Every 4th Friday at 1-pm City of Sanford Senior Center. Free popcorn—bring your own drink. For information call Barbara Goertz or Kim Eltonhead 407.302.1010.</p> <p><b>Dec. 28</b><br/>                 Dominoes Club meets at the Senior Center at 1:00PM Every Friday.. Looking for new members. Free. Call 407.302.1010</p> <p><b>Dec. 31</b><br/>                 • Bridge Club meets at the Senior Center at 11AM—bring your own lunch. For information call Barbara Goertz 407.302.1010.<br/>                 • Pinocchio Club meets at the Senior Center at 12:00PM. Need new members. Free to all.</p> |
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**Theatre**

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 Extravaganza." Directed by Derek Powell, the show will include excerpts from past WRP musicals "Annie," "The King and I," "Bye Bye Birdie" and "Carousel." The performance will also include skits and holiday music.

Wekiva River Players is the Helen Stairs Theatre in-house Theatre production company and is producing Saturday's event to benefit the Helen Stairs Theatre. Tickets are \$15 adults

and \$12 seniors, students and children. The show begins at 8 p.m.

The Orlando City Ballet will present a matinee performance of the popular holiday show "The Nutcracker" 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. The Orlando City Ballet is a pre-professional performing company that includes students and professional adult dancers.

"This will be a sold out performance," said Theatre Development Director Ronald

Rose. "The only tickets we have remaining are 50 balcony seats priced at \$10 each."

Josef Capuano, a Lake Howell High School student and vice-president of his junior class, will perform the role of the Nutcracker prince.

"Josef is an impressive athletic talent and a great role model for young artists," Rose said.

Other upcoming events scheduled for the theater include Sanford Opry's "Holiday Show," which will include various musi-

cal numbers from local performers. The high-energy variety show is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, and admission is \$15 for general public and \$13 for students and seniors.

On Sunday, Dec. 9, The World Ballet will present "Clara's Dream." The performance begins at 2:30 p.m., and tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for seniors and students.

For information about the Helen Stairs Theatre Holiday Series or other upcoming events, call the Box Office at 407-321-8111. The theater is located 201 Magnolia Ave., in Sanford.

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Applicants for the voluntary positions will be required to undergo a background check.

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The community is invited to open the holiday season with the official ceremony of "Florida Power's Light Up The Holidays" Saturday, Dec. 1 at Cranes Roost in Altamonte Springs.

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Children may also visit and have their photo taken with Santa Claus. Other activities include train rides, horse drawn sleigh rides and face painting. Holiday entertainment will begin at 5 p.m., but the official

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### Economy

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 sion plans to help Seminole, Orange, Lake and Osceola continue to diversify their economy by maintaining a strong workforce in new areas such as technology and continuing to seek private funds for economic development. Over the past year, MOEDC has doubled private capital to reflect 59 percent of its total income, said Gilley.  
 In addition to the strong economic figures, representatives of the MOEDC also announced Tuesday that several more com-

panies are considering Seminole County a place to call home. Included in the list is a pallet making machinery company considering Sanford and Lake Mary, a technical support center eyeing Lake Mary and a plastic bag manufacturer weighing the opportunities in Sanford.

Commissioner Randy Morris said he was pleased the MOEDC honored a commitment they made to the board a year ago to have a larger percentage of funding from the private sector.

"I hope next year's report will

include the Sanford International Airport and 17/92," Morris said. "Those are the two number one priorities of this commission."

"We are looking for good things from the EDC in assisting us in those two areas," said

Commissioner Daryl McLain who was also elected by commissioners as the board's newest chairman Tuesday.

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### FHP

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 amount of citations: 95 speeding citations, 31 moving violations, 108 non-moving violations and 28 criminal citations. Approximately 80 of the non-moving violations were for no seat belt, said Guildford.

"We do a survey before the operation and about 65 percent were wearing seatbelts," Guildford said. "After the operation, another survey had about 70 percent, but most drivers will just go back to not wearing it. The only way to really prevent it (drivers not wearing seatbelts) is to make it a primary violation."

Florida is one of the few southeastern states that requires law enforcement officers to cite another violation before issuing a safety belt citation.

According to Buckle Up Florida, the state is currently at a 69.5 percent usage rate, while the national average is 73 percent. By climbing to the national average, an estimated 83 lives, 1,740 injuries and approximately \$150 million could be saved in just one year, states the safety belt lobbying group.

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It's hard to resist the powerful lure of a rich chocolate dessert.

1. Grease an 8 1/2 by 4 1/2 by 2 1/2-inch loaf pan or ceramic terrine. Line the base with waxed paper, then oil the paper.
2. Place the chocolate in the top of a double boiler over hot water and stir until melted. Remove the insert from the water and leave to cool for 5 minutes.
3. In a mixing bowl, beat the butter to soften, then add the sugar and beat until pale and light. Beat in the chestnut purée until softened, then the melted chocolate until thoroughly blended. Mix in the vanilla, coffee and rum. Transfer the mixture to the prepared loaf pan, smooth the top, cover with plastic wrap or foil, and refrigerate for 12 hours.
4. To serve, loosen the sides of the terrine using a small palette or round-bladed knife; turn out the terrine and remove the paper. Using a vegetable peeler, shave off curls from the edge of the chocolate bar and use these to garnish the terrine. Slice and serve with fresh berries or orange segments.

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In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Aristides Assis of Winter Springs.

Air Force Airman Chanta D. Parson has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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She is the daughter of Karen Parson of Oviedo and granddaughter of Herman and Bernice Parson of Orlando. Parson is a 2000 graduate of Oak Ridge High School, Orlando.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Glenn T. Jackson, son of Mary Jackson of Sanford, recently

returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and the Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS San Jacinto, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

During the deployment, Jackson's ship assisted the crew of the disabled Yemeni vessel who were at sea for 10 days without food and water. San Jacinto provided them with containers of food, filled the vessel's water tanks, then towed it to within one-half mile of shore, where they were met by a pilot boat.

Jackson also visited Valletta, Malta and Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, where he had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

While in Malta, sailors from San Jacinto cleaned the Bahraini Special Olympics headquarters. They also assisted the athletes as their escorts, timers and score keepers.

Jackson's ship is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea. The computer-based AEGIS weapons system is the heart of the ship's war-fighting capability. It centers around a powerful radar that enables the crew to detect, track and fire on more than 100 targets at a time.

Jackson is a 1983 graduate of DeLand High School, and he

joined the Navy in April 1990.

Air Force Airman Fabiola Nau has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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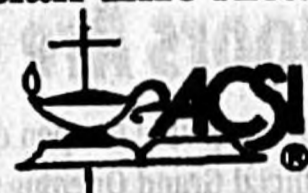
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## Gielow

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to support a project, Walter was the man you wanted to talk to," Moore said. "If you needed to get something done, you went to Walter."

Jack Horner served as executive director of the Chamber of Commerce for 13 years and worked closely with Gielow. He noted that Gielow's activism — and that of his wife, Winifred "Bill" Gielow — was honored with the presentation of the Chamber's Topper Award.

"Walter Gielow and his wife, Bill, were a part of almost every major community project in this town," Horner said. "I'm talking about the creation of the Port Authority, Holiday Isle and the creation of the Golden Age Games. We couldn't have done any of it without Walter's help. Sanford owes him a great debt of gratitude."

Wayne Doyle was named publisher of the Herald upon Gielow's retirement on June 2, 1974. Doyle said there was

never any doubt about Gielow's newspaper philosophy.

"What was good for the community was good for the newspaper," Doyle said. "He very much believed in this community."

Born in Michigan City, Ind., on May 30, 1911, Gielow moved to Florida when he was a teenager and graduated from Orlando High School in 1929. His newspaper career began when he delivered newspapers and worked his way up the ladder, starting at the Orlando Sentinel and the Evening Reporter Star.

His musical aptitudes prompted him to play the tuba in a boy's band sponsored by the Evening Star. His love of adventure led him to tour with the band including playing at the inauguration of President Herbert Hoover in Washington, D.C. The same band of 100 boys eventually grew to 400.

In Orlando, Gielow met a young journalist, Robert Haskell Jr., who befriended him

and later bought the Martinsville (Virginia) Bulletin where he employed Walter as mechanical superintendent. Promotions to advertising manager and assistant to the publisher followed.

After Haskell purchased the Sanford Herald, he promoted Gielow to publisher in 1958 where he remained until his retirement in 1974, for a total of 16 years of the 50 years he spent in the newspaper business.

Gielow considered one of his major accomplishments was the planning and building of the new Sanford Herald on French Avenue that is now the Seminole Herald. The building was first occupied in July, 1966 and newspapers were delivered six days weekly.

Doyle said during the 1960s as Gielow was making plans to expand the Herald operations, the Navy was closing the air station.

"Sunland was practically empty," Doyle said. "You'd drive out 20th Street and all those homes were for sale. Did Walter cut back his plans to grow the Herald? Absolutely not. He had faith in the community. He finished the new Herald building and put in bigger presses."

Frank Voltoline, a 42-year veteran at the Herald, remembers when the newspaper moved from its 1st Street offices in July 1966.

"When Gielow put that press in, that was a big move for us," Voltoline said. "Up to that point, we could only print one 12-page section at a time. Our annual Progress edition was 140 pages, so you can imagine how long it took to print. With the new presses, we could print 40-someodd pages in three sections at one time."

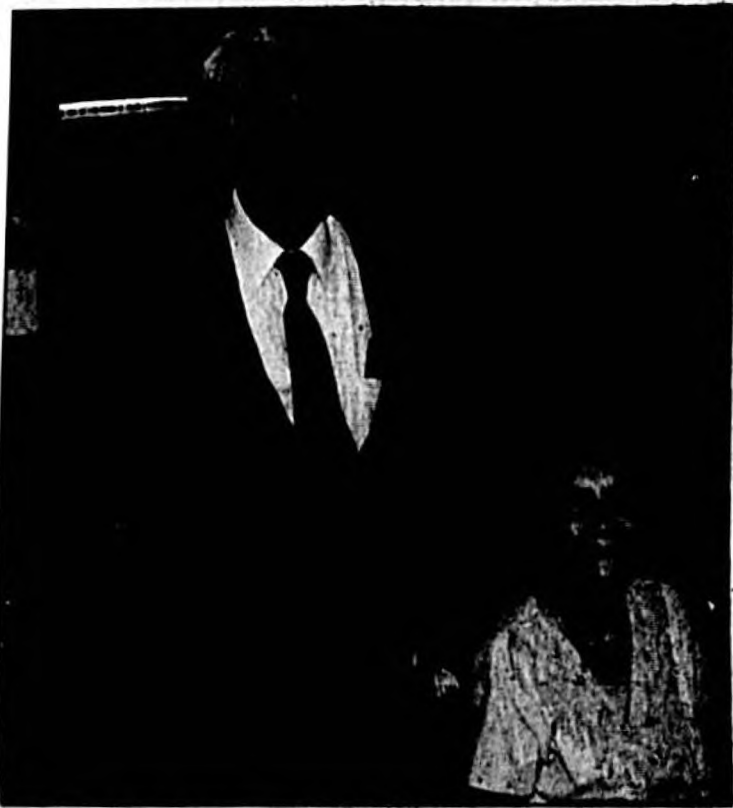
After his marriage to his wife, Winifred "Bill", in the First Presbyterian Church in 1959, Gielow hired her as the newspaper controller. Together, there was no stopping this unbeatable team. They promoted the chamber, the Salvation Army and dozens of other organizations including the Seminole Mutual Concert Association.

Gielow came up on the busi-



Walter A. Gielow (from left), his wife, Winifred "Bill", and Gov. and Mrs. Haydon Burns at the governor's inaugural ball in 1965.

Photos submitted to the Herald



Walter and Bill Gielow at a June 25, 1966, retirement party for 42-year Herald veteran Frank Voltoline. "He brought a lot of spirit into the Herald and everything he did," Voltoline said. "He was a tremendous publisher."

ness side of the newspaper business, but he understood the importance of a strong newsroom. His theory was: "If it moves, cover it."

"I started the Around the Clock column, and he gave me complete freedom," said Larry Vershel, former Herald editor. "He used to get a lot of phone calls because we didn't back away from the sacred cows. He stood behind us all the way. It was the most fun I had in journalism."

Vershel said the Gielow provided him with his first job out of graduate school.

"He was like a father to me," Vershel said.

Doyle agreed that Gielow was "a fantastic person and great mentor."

"He had a great feeling for the employees," Doyle said. "And he was a funny man just full of puns. You couldn't utter two or three words without

**“**  
When you needed someone to support a project, Walter was the man you wanted to talk to. If you needed to get something done, you went to Walter.  
**”**

Leo Moore  
Former Sanford Mayor

Walter coming up with a pun."

The personable publisher made contact daily with each of his flock of "Herald Angels," as he called the employees, and showered them with adulation. He had a fiery passion for credibility and stressed, "Let's get it right the first time, but if we get it wrong, let's correct it."

Walter loved to sing and harmonize. For years, he sang in the choir of the First Presbyterian Church and always managed to get a sing-along going at a party. He and Bill traveled extensively in the

United States and abroad. They zigzagged back and forth across America in their luxury motor home, which also carried them into Canada.

Gielow is survived by his wife, Winifred "Bill" Gielow; his children Gayle McInerney and her husband James, Bonnie Mathey and her husband Richard, and Dr. Charles Hunter and his wife Shannon; six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001 at First Presbyterian Church of Sanford, with the Rev. Bruce Scott officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the General Scholarship Fund of the University of Florida.

Quinn-Shalz Funeral Home in Jacksonville is in charge of the arrangements (904-249-1100).

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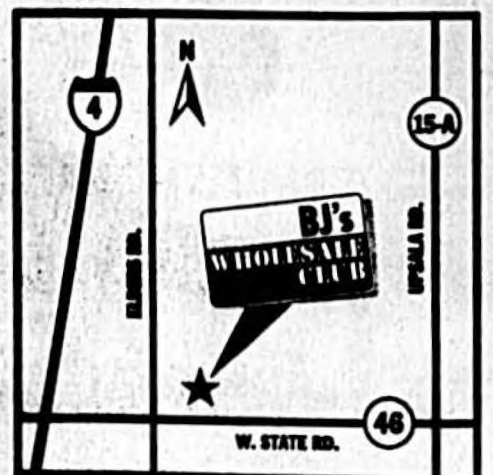
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# Sports

## Briefs

### KOHN LEADS SOUTH FLORIDA TO TITLE

Former Lake Howell basketball star Reggie Kohn scored 18 points as the University of South Florida defeated the University of Pittsburgh 69-63 in the Championship Game of the University Hoops Classic in Cosmopolis, Pennsylvania.

Kohn, a point guard, hit back-to-back three-pointers with less than four minutes to play after the Panthers closed to within one point at 56-55.

The Bulls, who are now 4-0 on the season, then hit six of 10 free throws in the final 2:20 to hand Pitt (5-1) its first loss of the season.

### A+ VOLLEYBALL 2002 GIRLS CLUB LEAGUE

A+ Volleyball will be holding tryouts for its 2002 Girls Club league on Thursday, November 29 at the South Brantley Gymnasium in Altamonte Springs.

Try-outs for the U-15 division will be held from 6 p.m.-to-8 p.m., and try-outs for the 16-to-18 year old division will be held from 8 p.m.-to-10 p.m.

For additional information, please contact Yvonne Devlin at 407-523-5048 or view the website at [www.orlandovolleyball.com](http://www.orlandovolleyball.com).

### A+ VOLLEYBALL TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

A+ Volleyball will be hosting its first-ever open house on Thursday, November 29. The event takes place at the South Brantley Gymnasium from 6 p.m.-to-10 p.m. and is open to all youth and adults interested in the sport of volleyball.

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### GOLF TOURNEY WILL AID MADD

Sponsorships, players and volunteers are being sought for the 2nd Annual Mothers Against Drunk Driving Golf Tournament.

The event, which will be a fund-raiser for the Central Florida Chapter of MADD, will be held on December 7, 2001 at Alauqua Country Club in Longwood.

Sponsor packages range in price from \$150 to \$2,000 while the entry fee is \$125.

The entry fee includes greens fee, cart, range balls, golf clinic, breakfast, lunch, prizes, awards, T-shirt, goodie bag and much, much more. There will be on-course contests for the challenged golfer as well as a beautiful silent auction table.

The tournament will have a morning shotgun start and mulligans will be available. The tournament will be played as a four-person scramble.

All proceeds from this event remain with MADD's Central Florida chapter.

If you are a victim of a drunk driver and wish to contribute or participate in this event, or for more tournament information, to sign-up as a sponsor, player or volunteer, please contact Betsy Nein, Tournament Director, at 407-831-9991.

### EARLY REGISTERING FOR ALTAMONTE SPRINGS BABE RUTH

Altamonte Babe Ruth Baseball will be holding early registration for the 2002 season. See Briefs, Page 2B

## Strong start for young Rams

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

**LAKE MARY** — Jaclyn Wenaas scored three goals and four different Rams had assists as the Lake Mary girls soccer team roared past Seminole, 8-1, in Seminole Athletic Conference action at Don T. Reynolds Stadium Monday night.

The extremely young Rams, five freshmen, five sophomores and six juniors on the roster, were coming off their first loss of the season (to No. 2 state-ranked DeLand on the road) and looked impressive in improving to 4-1 on the season.

In other girls' matches from Monday:  
\* Corrie Wilson scored the game's only

## Lake Mary girls soccer team improves to 4-1 on season

goal on an assist from Brittney Gracey in the second half as Pine Ridge improved to 5-1-1 with a 1-0 victory over Lyman at the Carlton D. Henley Sports Complex.

\* Lake Brantley took a 4-0 lead at halftime and never looked back in spoiling Deltona's season opener, 5-1, at the Wolves' home field.

A. Briggs had two goals and an assist for the Patriots, who outshot Deltona 18-

7. E. Huber added a goal and an assist for Lake Brantley, while S. Amat and D. Whitson had one goal each and Christy Ashton and Melanie Donnelly contributed one assist each.

Cassie Keene was the winning goalie, stopping six Deltona shots.

The Patriots junior varsity squad made it a clean sweep for the visitors with a 4-

0 shutout of the Wolves.

### PATRIOTS 5, WOLVES 1

Lake Brantley	4	1	-	5
Deltona	0	1	-	1
Goals	Lake Brantley 5 (A. Briggs 2, E. Huber, S. Amat, D. Whitson); Deltona 1 (J. Garcia)	Assists	Lake Brantley 4 (A. Briggs, E. Huber, C. Ashton, M. Donnelly); Deltona 1 (McPherson)	Shots on goal
	Lake Brantley 18; Deltona 7	Saves	Lake Brantley (C. Keene) 6; Deltona 10	Junior varsity
	Lake Brantley 4; Deltona 0			

In a boys soccer match from Monday, six different Silver Hawks scored goals as Lake Howell blanked New Smyrna Beach, 6-0.

Berk had a pair of assists for the Silver Hawks, while Jason Chapman had seven saves in recording the shutout in goal.

## Time to toss it up

### Seminole boys open basketball campaign at Lyman

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

**SANFORD** — Coach Bob Traina is not normally a science teacher, but he is hoping his Seminole High School boys basketball team learns a little chemistry quickly when it opens the regular season in the Greyhound Tournament tonight at Lyman High School.

Traina begins his 10th season as head man at Seminole with an inexperienced team that shows a lot of potential.

"Last season we lost five ballgames by a total of 17 points," said Traina. "We had a veteran team that played extremely competitively. We have some veterans back and some obvious talent, but less experience than in past seasons."

"We must learn to win consistently 'together.' We are hoping to quickly piece together the chemistry in order to have a good season."

Traina lost five seniors and three starters, Joey Gunter (who is now playing at Alabama State University), Derrick Oliver and Mike White, from last year's 21-10 team that qualified for the regionals, but the two returning starters are a huge plus for Arrow Force X.

Back are the twin-tower post offense of 6-foot-6, 220-pound Marcus Robinson and 6-foot-6, 210-pound Robby DuPre, who signed early with Division I Campbell University, as well as 6-foot-3, 205-pound Jeremy McCray, the son of former SHS standout Bruce McCray.

But the rest of the 10-man squad has no varsity experience.

Seniors Adam Garcia (6-foot-2) and Tyrone Polk (6-foot-1) and juniors Anthony Turner (6-foot-2) and Lydell Williams (5-foot-10) move up. See Hoops, Page 2B



FILE PHOTOS

Seminole High School head boys basketball coach Bob Traina will be counting heavily on senior and four-year starter Robby DuPre (No. 44, above) as he begins his 10th season at the school. DuPre, a 6-foot-6 forward who has improved his outside shooting and ball handling to where he is now an excellent all-around player, recently signed early with Campbell University, an NCAA Division I school in Bouies Creek, North Carolina. Seminole had also moved up to Class 6A this year and if DuPre and Arrow Force X are to be successful this season they will have to get by such teams as Oviedo and Class 6A Player of the Year Shawn Witherspoon (No. 22 in orange, right) and defending district champion and long-time rival DeLand (green uniforms, right).



## Hornets top Silver Hawks in girls hoops

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

**ORLANDO** — A pair of girls basketball teams off to good starts met for early-season bragging rights on Monday and it was battle to the end with Bishop Moore topping Lake Howell, 56-48.

Melanie Aguila scored a game-high 15 points and also had six assists and five steals as the Hornets improved to 4-2 on the season.

Valerie Muller also had a good night for Bishop Moore, dropping in nine points and pulling down 11 rebounds.

Abby Kohn led the Silver Hawks with 14 points as Lake Howell saw its record fall to 4-2.

In girls basketball games from last Friday:

\* Sophomore Irimar Hernandez poured in 16 points and handed out six assists as host Oviedo crushed Olympia 69-22 in the Oviedo Classic.

Junior Breanna Banfield helped out the Lions' cause by pulling down a game-high five rebounds.

Father Lopez won the other game on Friday, edging Pine Ridge, 44-41, behind 11 points each from Campbell and McDonough.

\* Lake Mary continued to shine in the early going as the Rams posted their second straight impressive performance in the Dr. Phillips Thanksgiving Classic with a 66-39 thrashing of Bishop Moore.

The Rams' big three, junior Alexa Kane and seniors Bryn Mosler and Jackie Beik, led the way for coach Carl Brown's squad.

Kane scored 15 points, while Beik controlled the backboards and pulled down 11 rebounds, and Mosler ran the show, dishing out seven assists.

\* Lyman also improved to 2-0 in the Dr. Phillips Thanksgiving Classic as Oliver threw in 17 points and also handed out four assists as the Greyhounds edged First Academy, 46-43.

University of Central Florida signee Celeste Hudson led all rebounders with eight.

The other two games in the Classic were also close as the host Panthers nipped Titusville, 41-40, and DeLand got past Winter Park, 61-59.

## SCC men at home tonight after winning road trip

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

**SANFORD** — The Seminole Community College men's basketball team is on a roll.

The Raiders of coach Stan Cromartie return the SCC Health and Physical Education Center with a winning record after a winning road trip over the past two weeks.

SCC (4-3) bounced back quickly from a loss to Hillsborough Community College at home, the second loss of the year the Raiders suffered at the hands of the Hawks, heading to Cocoa and knocking off Brevard Community College on November 14th.

After taking a break for the Thanksgiving Holiday, SCC took its road show to St. Petersburg to compete in the St. Petersburg Thanksgiving Classic last Friday and Saturday.

On Friday, the Raiders got off to a slow start and trailed the host Saints 40-29 at halftime and fell short in a comeback effort, 72-64, to the 10th ranked team in the state.

But Saturday night, SCC was matched up again with Brevard Community College and it was

SCC coming out on top one more time as Leesburg sophomore Jason Currington poured in 26 points in a 78-71 victory over the Titans.

The Raiders gets a shot at avenging their most recent loss as they host St. Petersburg Community College at the Health and Physical Education Center starting at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free of charge.

Tonight's contest will be the first of three home games for the Raiders over the next eight days.

After making a quick trip to Kendall Acres to face Miami-Dade Community College on Friday, the team will return home to host NAIA member school Johnson and Wales University from North Miami. See SCC, Page 2B

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## SCC

Continued from page 1B on Saturday starting at 2 p.m. and then welcome Broward Community College from Ft. Lauderdale to Sanford next Wednesday (Dec. 5) starting at 7 p.m.

The December 5th contest will be the final home game for the Raiders until after the new year.

Cold shooting doomed SCC in the game against St. Petersburg as the Raiders only hit 34.4-percent (22-for-64) from the floor.

Part of the reason for the low percentage was after falling behind SCC was forced to try for three-point shots in an effort to catch up and it could only make 4-of-17 (23.5-percent).

Currington, a 6-foot-4 guard, led the way for the Raiders, scoring 17 points, pulling down five rebounds, handing out four assists and coming up with two steals.

Freshman Kitus Witherspoon, a 6-foot-8 center from Boone,

also had a big night, scoring 11 points, grabbing 14 rebounds, and blocking three shots.

Sophomore point guard Antwain Tennell, from Jacksonville, came off the bench to score 10 points.

Starting point guard Chris Jackson, sophomore from DeLand, scored eight points and handed out a team high five assists and the 6-foot-10 South Carolina duo of Che Morgan and Cedric McHaney claimed six rebounds each.

Against Brevard, SCC only led 42-41 at halftime, but turned up the defensive pressure to hold the Titans to only 30 second half points in pulling out the seven-point victory.

Currington had a monster game, hitting 9-of-16 shots from the floor (6-of-9 on three-point attempts) and both of his free throw attempts to tally the 26 points. For good measure the All-Conference performer also had three rebounds, a blocked

shot, and four assists.

Witherspoon also had another big game, scoring 16 points, pulling down 11 rebounds and blocking two shots.

Another freshman leaper, 6-foot-6 Daniel Jackson from Lake Wales, hit 7-of-9 shots from the floor (2-of-3 on three's) to also score 16 points and added three rebounds, a blocked shot and five steals to his total.

Jonathan Sterling, a 6-foot-1 freshman point guard from Satellite Beach, came off the bench to score 10 points and dish out a team-high five assists, while McHaney chipped in with nine rebounds and Tennell and Chris Jackson added three and two assists, respectively.

## Hoops

Continued from page 1B from the junior varsity and sophomore Jake Polk (5-foot-10) makes the jump up from the freshman squad.

Two transfers, juniors Dan Taylor and Marcus Fontaine, will be counted on heavily by Traina.

Taylor, a 5-foot-11 point guard, saw playing time with California State Champion Crenshaw High School in Los Angeles and is a deft ballhandler with deep three-point range.

Fontaine, a 6-foot-3 wing, is from Martinsville, Virginia and is a take-it-to-the-hole slasher who is working hard to improve the depth and accuracy of his jumper.

"With increased physical size we must stress quickness, ball handling, and shooting techniques in order to bolster our offensive production," said Traina. "Pressure defense and rebounding will give us a chance to win."

Traina is also pleased with the make-up of his coaching staff as former assistant Bill Whalen returns to the Seminole sideline.

Two former SHS stars, Robert Moore and Kerry Wiggins, also make for a very competitive and experienced staff.

Moore, who starred at Seminole Community College, takes over the junior varsity team after coaching the freshmen last year, while Wiggins, a basketball and football standout, returns to his alma mater from Winter Springs to coach the freshmen.

This year Seminole moves up to Class 6A-District 5 where it will battle Seminole Athletic Conference foes Oviedo, Lake Brantley and Lake Mary, along with longtime rival DeLand.

Also on the SAC slate are state-powers Oviedo, led by Class 6A Player-of-the-Year Shawn Witherspoon, and Lake Howell, with 6-foot-7 Isaac Codrey and 6-foot-5 Brandon Marshall, while non-conference foes include Trinity Prep, West Orange, Mainland and Lake Highland Prep.

In addition to the Greyhound Tournament, Arrow Force X will also play in the DeLand-Rotary and Lake Mary Christmas tournaments.

Dr. Phillips, East Lake, Winter Park and Apopka are among the elite in those tournaments.

Seminole will play its first non-tournament regular season game at Lake Howell on Friday, December 7th and will host Lyman in its first home game on Wednesday, December 12th at Bill Fleming Memorial Gymnasium.

## Briefs

Continued from page 1B son on Saturday, December 15 at Eastmonte Park.

Registration will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sign-ups will cover all age divisions from T-Ball (5 & 6 year olds) to Seniors (16-18 year olds).

For more information, please call the Altamonte Babe Ruth Baseball League Hotline at 407-263-7910.

## BASEBALL CAMP

There will be a two-day condensed training camp held in Seminole County on December 21st and 22nd by the former owner of Baseball World and current head baseball coach at St. Leo College, Ed Stabile.

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For more information please call 407-948-7395.

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## Overheated equipment sparks tire fire

By Christopher Patton  
Staff Writer

Blaze is under control, but firefighters continue to battle hot spots

WINTER SPRINGS — Plumes of pungent smoke billowed over the northern portion of Seminole County all day Thursday and into Friday as firefighters fought a blaze at a tire-shredding company.

Affordable Tire Inc., of 200 Old Sanford Oviedo Road in Winter Springs separates the steel belts from tires and then shreds

the rubber to sell. At 3:16 a.m. Thursday, the Winter Springs Fire Department responded to a 3-alarm blaze at the 5-acre complex.

Four employees were working at the time of the blaze, but no injuries were

reported, said city fire department spokesman Bob Beck. A machine that rips the steel belts from the tires and shreds the rubber overheated and pieces of ignited rubber were carried by a conveyor belt to the mounds of additional shredded

rubber, he said.

Many of the fires were deep seeded and to locate and extinguish them firefighters are using track hoes to pull the piles apart. Unfortunately when some of those hot spots receive additional oxygen, they flare up again.

"That hasn't happened much today, but there is one big pile left and we anticipate that will happen when we start pulling it

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### Temper Crop

All of the success achieved by local programs means people should not be lulled that more and more college recruiters are spending their time at Seminole Athletic Conference schools. In the past week, eight athletes in five different sports from MAC schools have signed early Letters-of-Intent to attend NCAA Division I programs next fall.

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## Decking the Halls



Rick Fordham trims the trunk of a tree at the All Souls Catholic Church Christmas tree lot as John Shea and his son Jamison, 5, watch.

Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

## Local lots see a growing business in real Christmas trees

By Michelle Jeris  
Managing Editor

Vacant lots turned into small pine forests last week when trucks from the North began unloading their Christmas cargoes in Seminole County.

Christmas tree lots began dotting the landscape the day after Thanksgiving, marking the traditional beginning of the holiday season. Various types of freshly cut pine trees imported from North Carolina, Michigan and other northern states are now available throughout Seminole.

Orlando-based Sieffert's Nursery has operated the annual Christmas tree lot on West Lake Mary Boulevard for more than a decade. Since Thanksgiving, the lot has sold about 200 trees; and by Christmas, more than 1,000 Douglas, Fraser, blue spruce and Scotch pine and fir trees will be taken to local homes and businesses and

decorated for the holidays.

"Everybody has their own preference when it comes to what type of tree to buy," said Brian Hoffman, manager of Sieffert's Lake Mary Christmas tree lot. "But, we've sold more Fraser firs by far. They seem to last longer, and they smell good."

Although Christmas is still a month away, Hoffman said it's not too early to buy a tree that will last until the end of the holiday season. As long as the tree is fresh when it is purchased and receives between a gallon and a half of water within the first couple of days after it leaves the lot, it should remain green until after Christmas.

When purchasing a tree, Hoffman said, there is a simple way to determine if a tree is fresh.

"Walk up to a tree and pull one of its

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Chris and Lauren Haskell of Sieffert's Nursery prepare a tree for sale.

Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

## Seawall funding safe — for now

By Dan Ping  
Editor

As holiday shoppers spend the first weekend of December searching for bargains, state legislators are haggling over \$1.3 billion in cuts to balance the budget.

Those cuts don't include \$3.8 million in grant money to replace the seawall in Sanford. As of late Friday, both the House and the Senate included the funding in their respective budgets, but the appropriation could be cut as conference committees from both houses try to reach an agreement this week-end.

"The legislature is still here, so anything can happen," said former Lt. Gov. Bobby Brantley, the city's lobbyist. "So far, both houses have left the money in the budget, but there are still disagreements on a lot of different issues. I'll feel much more comfortable if the seawall money is still in the budget when I see the taillights of their cars leaving the capital."

The committees are expected to finish their negotiations sometime Sunday, Brantley said. The special session ends Thursday, and under state law, the budget bill must be printed and available to legislators for 72 hours before it can be voted on.

"It depends on how much they get done over the week-end," Brantley said, "but if they'll be voting on it Wednesday or Thursday, they'll need to finish their negotiations late Sunday night."

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## Poinsettia Passion

Tropical plant brightens up for the holidays

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### Seminole Smile



Kaleb Rabun — Son of James Rabun Jr. and Lauren Haskell

## Reno touts education at Seminole County Chamber event

By Christopher Patton  
Staff Writer

ORLANDO — Former U.S. Attorney General and gubernatorial hopeful Janet Reno spoke to the Professional Women's Network of the Seminole County Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce Thursday at Church Street Station in Orlando.

Reno focused much of her speech around building Florida's future, particularly a stronger education system and economy. She called on chamber members to lead the way in these two areas "maintaining the excellence we had hoped to achieve on a continuing basis."

"You have an area (Seminole County) that represents much of what Florida has been and what Florida can become," she said. "It is a wonderful area of old Florida. When you read and see some of the high-tech development in the Seminole County, you see what Florida can be."

A decline in education funding and high school graduation rate in Florida the past decade is a reflection of the state now being ranked 40th out of 50 states in local and state education funding, she said.

Her solution to these problems — "making early investments in people that can help save dollars down the road."

"If we don't make an investment in our people, the people of the state of Florida, we are not going to have a workforce that can duplicate what you have done in this high-tech area," she said. "Make the state competitive in a world where informa-



Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno speaks with Seminole County Chamber Director Diane Parker, center, and members of the chamber's Professional Women's Network.

Herald photo by Christopher Patton

tion technology is a premium."

She suggests the "building blocks of a strong, vibrant Florida" lie in a better pre-kindergarten system, prenatal care, preventive medical care, lead-free housing for children and appropriate daycare where children actually learn.

"The truth is there are too many children alone and unsupervised during the critical ages between zero and three," she said. "This state has got to build an educational system and reweave the fabric of the community around those children or we will not have the strongest workforce possible."

Reno said the state has to put the "teachers back in the priorities of this state" and also needs to

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## Dancer dies after being abandoned at hospital

By Christopher Patton  
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Just before 7 p.m. Tuesday, a man dropped off a 19-year-old female at the Central Florida Regional Hospital emergency room and sped away in a Ford pickup. The woman later was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Sanford police arrested William Camacho Aponte, 41, of Sanford outside his residence at approximately 2:45 a.m. on the charges of suspicious death,

possession of cocaine with intent to sell, resisting arrest and serving a minor alcoholic beverages. A Seminole County judge upgraded the charges against Aponte Thursday to negligent homicide.

Apparently there was a party with several people and narcotics was involved, said police department spokeswoman Cleo Cohen. According to arrest records, Aponte admitted to feeding the woman, Danielle

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## Investigators identify remains found in Sanford

By Christopher Patton  
Staff Writer

SANFORD — The skeletal remains found July 24 in a wooded area near the intersection of Lake Mary Boulevard and Hidden Lake Drive has been identified by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

The man is identified as Pete Campbell, 62, a homeless man. According to SCSO officials, it appears he died of either natur-

al causes, or from causes related to his lifestyle.

"Even though we were relatively sure (who the body was) the day or two after, we had to prove the best we can who we thought it was," said Steve Olson, public information officer at the sheriff's office.

With the combined efforts of the University of Florida and the Volusia County Medical

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