



Deja vu

The Seminole Community College women's basketball team got off to a slow start for the second game in a row. But the Raiders came on strong in the second half to pick up their eighth win on the season.

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Briefly

Toys for Tots

William Welborn, managing director for Brisson Funeral Home, 905 Laurel Avenue in Sanford, has announced that the funeral home has been added as a "Toys for Tots" drop-off point. He noted that, "It is a pleasure to assist in helping provide young citizens with a happier holiday season."

The annual toy drive is sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and extends through Dec. 15. Unwrapped toys for children of any age may be dropped off daily between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Tax help wanted AARP annually offers assistance, counseling and preparation service for senior citizens. The service is offered free of charge and is sponsored by AARP in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service. Last year, over 155,000 taxpayers were helped in the State of Florida.

The offer will be made again at the beginning of next year. At this time, AARP is seeking volunteers to assist in this project. Tax-Aide volunteers receive free tax training from the IRS. Volunteers will be asked to give a minimum commitment of four hours a week over a ten-week season.

To volunteer for the AARP Tax-Aide program, phone Bill Mack at 407-236-0557 or Jackie Sward at 407-647-5233.

Seminole Smile



Brittany Mills - Hamilton Elementary School fourth-grader

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Ballot lawsuit goes to Tallahassee

By Joe DeSantis Staff Writer

Judge Debra Nelson had her own absentee ballot woes

SANFORD — Legal challenges to Seminole County's 15,000 absentee votes in the presidential election took a turn north Monday.

Circuit Judge Debra Nelson recused herself from hearing the case and attorneys for both sides agreed the proceedings should be transferred to Leon County circuit court in Tallahassee.

Longwood attorney Harry Jacobs had filed suit challenging tabulations of the absentee ballots based on claims some

4,700 absentee ballot requests with missing voter identification numbers were illegally altered by GOP operatives at the Supervisor of Elections office. The complaint also charges Seminole Supervisor of Elections Sandra Goard with collusion with the Republican party.

During hearings on motions Monday morning, Nelson, who also had problems with absentee ballots in her last judicial race, stepped down from the case. She acknowledged a campaign worker, on her behalf, completed missing information on some 3,000 absentee ballot

requests at his home and then returned the completed ballot requests to the Supervisor of Elections office for tabulation.

The case was scheduled to be heard Wednesday, Nov. 29, three days after Florida Secretary of State Kathryn Harris certified George W. Bush as the winner of Florida's 25 electoral votes and two days before the U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments from both the Bush and Gore camps about the validity of the vote certification and chal-

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Wal-Mart plans to double store size

Publix will move out of center

By Dan Ping Editor

SANFORD — It won't be in time for the holiday shopping rush, but Wal-Mart plans to expand its Sanford store by March 2002.

Larry Wray, a project manager with CPH Engineers Inc., said the store, located in the Seminole Plaza, will become a 208,000-square-foot Wal-Mart Super Center. The current store is 104,000 square feet.

"The Wal-Mart store is expanding to the side where the Ross store currently sits," Wray said. "Publix has built a new store down on Highway 17/92. They will be moving out of the center, and Ross will relocate into that facility."

Wray said construction will

probably begin in late February 2001 and if there are no delays should be complete in about a year.

Wray appeared before the Sanford City Commission Monday night to ask for a rezoning of 3.52 acres behind the store to a General Commercial zone. The property is currently zoned for high-density, multi-family residential.

Wal-Mart is purchasing the land as part of its expansion plans. The property will be used for storm water retention, and Wal-Mart will donate the land to the city for use as a stormwater facility.

A second hearing on the rezoning is set for Dec. 11, and Wal-Mart will submit a site plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission on Dec. 14.

"Most everyone we've talked to is looking forward to the expansion," Wray said. "We think it's going to spark some life into the center."



Photo submitted in the Herald by Andy Cordova

Tom Freeman, 18th Judicial Circuit judge, swears in Seminole County Commissioner Grant Maloy during a ceremony last week. Joining Maloy were his wife, Althea, baby son Bradley, son Shane, and daughter Olivia. Also sworn in were commissioners Dick Van Der Weide and Daryl McLain. Van Der Weide was named chairman of the county board, and Commissioner Randy Morris was selected as the vice chairman.

County picks up Goard's legal bill

By Joe DeSantis Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seminole County's Board of Commissioners Tuesday voted 4-0 to approve the transfer of \$50,000 from the county's general fund to be earmarked for attorneys fees on behalf of Supervisor of Elections Sandra Goard and the county's three-member canvassing board.

The move comes on the heels of a lawsuit filed by Longwood attorney Harry Jacobs accusing Goard of collusion with the Republican party over 15,000 contested absentee ballots. The Jacobs suit was transferred to Leon County court earlier this week. When and if it will be heard in view of U.S. Supreme Court hearings scheduled for Friday on Florida's controversial presidential vote remains to

be seen.

"The reputation of Seminole County is on the line and its important for us to have someone at the table," said commissioner Randy Morris. "The Seminole County lawsuit has been mentioned many times in the national media."

Commissioners at first appeared split on the move until clarification of the board's responsibility was made clearer by county attorney Robert McMillan.

"We certainly need to be closer to the situation," agreed McMillan. "The question is do you want me to go to Tallahassee or do you want someone from the county attorney's office to go?"

Commissioner Carlton Henley questioned whether the

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Home for the Holidays

Sanford plans full slate of holiday events this weekend

By Michelle Jeria Managing Editor

SANFORD — Boats, houses, a parade and various musical events will kick off the holidays this weekend when the city hosts its largest seasonal celebration.

Local organizations and businesses, including the Sanford Historic Trust, Sanford Main Street Inc., and the Helen Stairs Theatre, have joined together to create "Home for the Holidays," a holiday extravaganza centered around the 12th annual Holiday Tour of Homes, said Tony Daniels, Sanford Historic Trust vice president. Starting Friday, the community is invited to tour historic homes and experience an array of live entertainment, from the Lake Mary High School Madrigals to the Moscow Boys Choir.

"This is going to be bigger and better than ever," Daniels said. "People should really have a good time, and I believe the weather is going to cooperate."

Friday's events kicks off at 6 See Holidays, Page 8A



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Joyce Farr, decked the halls with a pair of reindeer antlers at last year's Christmas Parade. This year's parade is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday.

Public weary of election battle

By Joe DeSantis Staff Writer

SANFORD — Public opinion polls taken less than 24 hours after Florida Secretary of State Sandra Harris certified George W. Bush as the winner of the state's 25 electoral votes indicate six in 10 Americans think Democratic contender Al Gore should quit his legal fight and concede the presidential election to Bush.

The poll was commissioned by ABC News and the Washington Post. It was conducted Sunday, the day Harris certified Florida's recount. The telephone poll was conducted among 607 randomly sampled adults around the country and contains a margin of error of four percent.

Among the polls findings: • Sixty percent say Gore should concede the election to Bush while 35 percent think

Gore should continue to ask courts to review Florida's vote count. Twenty-six percent of Gore's own supporters are calling for him to concede while 92 percent of Bush's supporters are calling for a Gore concession.

• Voters are increasingly disgruntled with the unsettled presidential picture. Fifty-seven percent of those polled say its more important for the issue to

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Sharing with their neighbors



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Students at the Rescue Day Care Center After School program joined in the holiday spirit by donating more than 200 canned and dry food items. The 6- to 12-year-old students then helped distribute the food to elderly residents in the community. Organization the project were Miss Chris Manning, back left, and Miss Gladys Hall, back right.

# SEMINOLE SUMMARY

## A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

### Believe it or not — Floridians can count

I grew up in Michigan, but I've been in the Sanford area since 1952. As such, I feel that I'm a Floridian, and if you're like me, you are getting sick and tired of this Florida bashing regarding the election.

A recent phone call from a relative in Ohio asked, "What's the matter with you people in Florida, can't you even count the ballots?" I've also heard comments from others out of state, and yes, a few newcomers to this state, who apparently feel the same.

Jay Leno, David Letterman and a host of talk-show stars are opening their shows with monologues based on how we can't even count.

Members of their audiences are rolling in the aisles over these so-called jokes poking fun at us.

One would think that with Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris' decision to accept the recount this past Sunday that everything would be resolved. No — it just continues, on and on.

Our supervisors of elections are honest people, trying to do what the law says they must do. This law has been established by the Florida Legislature, and as far as vote counting, should be the bible on which they are governed. What happens in our courts are often something different. Courts are to interpret laws which are already on the books — not come up with their own laws.

The supervisors of elections have a statewide organization which holds regular meetings. You can bet the next meeting will be focused on problems encountered in voting and vote counting. You can also bet the next session of the Florida Legislature will be delving into fine-tuning the state's election laws.

The next time a presidential election comes about, we can expect many changes.

Another thing that bugs me is complaints about antiquated voting machines. Again, the supervisor of elections get the blame. But they just can't go out and buy several hundred new voting machines at the drop of a hat. They must go to their County Commission or County Council for approval. Then there's the money needed for new machines. Often, if a proposal is made to allocate funds for new voting machines, there is such an uproar by the public over spending that commissioners might be committing political suicide if they approved it.

Then too, with modern technology expanding every day, a new voting machine purchased this year, can only be expected to last four or five years before they too are antiquated and suitable only for boat anchors or offshore reefs.

Newcomers or visitors, don't look at the Florida voting process and tell me, "We don't do this back home." You probably don't even have an inkling about some of the problems your state has had. It's just that Florida's 25 electoral votes are crucial in this election, and all of the TV networks are focusing on us. Election fraud somewhere else, on a much lower scale, most often is unnoticed. You've had problems — you just didn't have them in this magnitude.

Floridians CAN count, and we are (or should be) proud of our position in this great nation.



Nick Pfeifauf

### Bear invasion



The Ladies Club of the Palm Valley Residential Community donated Tuesday hundreds of stuffed teddy bears to the Victim Advocates Program of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office. The annual event presents the Victim Advocates a supply of stuffed animals to give to children experiencing the traumatic effects of being a victim of abuse, domestic violence or any crime where they are a witness or victim.

Handed photo by Tommy Vincent

## Attention shoppers

I heard a warning the other day about those water-pick things that you use to blast water between your teeth. It said not to use the device on your eyes. I had several reactions to that statement.

The first one was, OK, don't squirt a needle of pressurized water into my eye area. That makes sense. My second reaction was, holy cow, they think I'm a moron. They think that if they don't warn me, I'm going to fire this thing up and try to hose down my retina. That insulted me.

My third and final reaction was acceptance. Acceptance that protecting people from themselves is never a bad thing and not usually unnecessary. Seatbelts and air bags and warning buzzers and smoke detectors and railings and padded rooms are all there for a reason. Besides, having someone assume you're a moron is not a new experience for most married men.

**THE BELL CURVE AND YOU**  
I'm not exactly sure where I first found out about the Bell Curve. It was either high school Physics or

Math. It had to do with averaging exam results so that a small number of people at the bottom failed, a small number of people at the top got really high marks, and the bulk of us fell in between, in the big bulge part of the Bell Curve.



Red Green

In the naivete of my youth, I thought that was pretty much it for the application of the Bell Curve. I've aged a lot since then. I've been able to apply the Bell Curve to almost every aspect of my life. In my job I've learned not to be so bad that I'm at the bottom and get fired, or to be so good I'm at the top and get blamed. In my personal appearance, I've learned to strive for a mid-point between John Forsythe and Bobcat Goldthwaite. The same with my weight, fitness level and general behavioral patterns. Never good enough for the Nobel Prize. Never bad enough for long-term incarceration.

I believe that true happiness lies at the center of the Bell Curve. If you look around your social circle and decide that you're at the bottom end of the Bell Curve, then you'd better start bringing people into the group

who are actually worse than you to improve your own position. That's what they do in most of the major corporations and political parties.

**PANDORA'S TOOLBOX**  
Once in awhile you have to call a repairman to come and fix something in your home. In most cases you don't know the guy and probably just picked his number out of the phone book. The problem, of course, is that you may be dealing with an incompetent who will create more problems than he corrects.

Now you don't want to be rude and ask him outright if he has any idea what he's doing. So here's a way to make a very quick judgment on the quality of the impending work. Hang around and look at the contents of his toolbox. If it contains any of the following, you may have a problem:

- Lots of bandages and pain killers.
- A handgun.
- F. Lee Bailey's business card.
- Only three tools, all hammers.
- A one-way plane ticket to Panama.

**Quote of the Day:** "You can't trust dogs to watch your food." — Red Green

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**DUI Arrests**  
Sanford police arrested Benjamin Allen Croakey, 29, Chicksaw Drive, Sanford, and Michelle E. Croakey, 31, Nebraska Avenue, Sanford, on Sunday. According to the arrest reports, police saw two vehicles weaving in and out of the lanes on West First Street, heading toward French Avenue. Police were able to stop both vehicles. The man and his wife were reportedly driving separate vehicles, and explained that they had been at a bar.

Following sobriety tests of both, each person was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

**Stolen vehicles**  
A white 1992 Toyota, license number 117KBU was reported stolen Saturday, in the 400 block of Willow Avenue in Sanford.

A maroon 1995 Ford was reported stolen Saturday near First Drive

and Sumner Avenue in Sanford. License number was listed as WKQ-15P.

**Residential burglary**  
Sanford police are investigating a residential burglary reported on Thanksgiving Day, at a home in the 2600 block of South Sanford Avenue. Property taken was valued at a total of \$2,200, and included jewelry, coins, and fishing equipment. Police said entry to the home was made with a small hatchet, which was found at the scene.

**House fire**  
Sanford Fire Department officials are investigating a house fire reported Friday, Nov. 24, at 2010 Cedar Avenue in Sanford. No official cause of the fire has been determined, and the extent of damages has not been established.



**Sanford Police report**  
The Sanford Police Department submitted a status report Monday, to the Sanford City Commission, regarding crimes in the city between November 1 and 15. The following reports were included:  
**COCAINE** - One adult female arrested on Nov. 13 at 6th Street and Palmetto Avenue, charged with possession of a controlled substance-crack cocaine.  
**MARIJUANA** - One arrest on Nov. 6, at 1920 French Avenue, two on Nov. 12, at 2605 Park Drive and 1009 Mangoustine Avenue. In all, two adult males, one adult female

and one juvenile male were arrested on charges connected with marijuana.

**GRAND THEFT AUTO** - On Nov. 11, at 25th Street and U.S. Highway 17-92, a stolen vehicle was recovered. The driver, an adult male, was arrested and charged with Grand Theft Auto.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** - Three cases on Nov. 3, two on Nov. 4, others on Nov. 7, 8, 11, 12, 14 and 15. In all, police arrested 15 adult males, three adult females and one juvenile male in connection with battery (domestic violence) related charges.

**BATTERY/ASSAULT** - A total of 10 cases were investigated by Sanford Police from Nov. 1 to 15th. In all, seven adult males, two juvenile males and two juvenile females were arrested, several with added charges of carrying a deadly weapon.

**SEXUAL BATTERY** - One case was reported on Nov. 9, with an

arrest made of an adult male on Nov. 16 for sexual assault on a victim over 12 years of age.

**ROBBERY** - Two cases were reported, one on Nov. 2 at 2002 French during a minor traffic crash, and one at 1301 W. 25th Street. In all, one adult male and one juvenile male were arrested.

**CHILD NEGLECT** - One case reported of a four year old left home alone. One adult female arrested on charges of child neglect.

**LARCENY** - Three cases reported. Three adult males arrested.

**BURGLARY** - One arrest made in connection with a burglary at 126 Pinecrest Drive.

**FORGERY** - Two adult males arrested on two separate cases.

**RETAIL THEFT** - Five cases reported, three of which were at the Seminole Towne Center mall. In all, police arrested two adult males, one adult female, one juvenile female and two juvenile males.

### OUT & ABOUT

#### THUR 30

Millennium Middle School PTSA will hold a Study Skills program for students and parents Thursday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. Pizza and beverages will be provided from 5:30-6:30, and free child care for younger siblings will be available during the program. Please return the PTSA reply form included in your newsletter by Tuesday, November 28, or call the school at (407) 320-6550.

#### SAT 2

Georgetown Community's Fun Day will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, from 1 until 3:30 p.m. at the Kid's House, 718 E. 7th Street at Locust Avenue in Sanford. Featured will be something for everyone to enjoy. For additional information phone Veronica Southward at 407-323-3013.

The Central Florida Messiah Choir of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is gearing up to present its 9th annual presentation of selections from George F. Handel's popular oratorio "Messiah."

The 2000 concert series will include: Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Church on the Square, The Villages, Lady Lake; Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Parr Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 45 E. Parr, in Orlando; Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lake Mary Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2255 Lake Emma Road, Lake Mary.

The series is free and open to the public. It is recommended concert-goers arrive early for best seating. Additional information call 407-829-6689.

The 22nd annual St. Cloud Art Festival will be held Dec. 2 and 3 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on New York Avenue in downtown St. Cloud. The festival will have more than 100 booths of arts and crafts, antiques and a variety of food and entertainment. Admission and parking is free. The St. Cloud Jr. Woman's Club sponsors the event.

#### SUN 3

The Bach Festival Children's Choir will be featured in a Holiday Concert, Sunday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 221 S. Interlachen Avenue, Winter Park. The concert will feature performances by the Concert Choir, Chorals and Cantabile. The public is invited. For additional information, phone 407-646-1507.

#### MON 4

Lake Mary High School Players of the Arts will present "Miracle on 34th Street", a special holiday treat, Dec. 4 and 5. A great show for all ages with laughter and fun for youngsters and adults. Admission is \$1 or canned goods. The show begins at 7 p.m. in the Lake Mary High School Auditorium. For information phone Bill Eisale at 407-320-9672.

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# Obituaries

**BRUCE M. BOWER**  
Bruce M. Bower, 55, Shore Road, Winter Springs, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000 at his residence. Born Oct. 12, 1945 in Chicago, Ill., he moved to Central Florida eight years ago. He was a machinist.  
Survivors include wife, Dori Bower, Winter Springs; father and step-mother Harry and Ellen Bower, New Port Richey; mother, Dorothy Beisner, Dorchester, Wis.; brothers, Brent, Hilbert, Wis., Brice, Longwood, Kim, Dorchester, Wis.  
Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include wife, Mary, Winter Springs; son, Jeffrey, Queens, N.Y.; daughter, Randi, Queens, N.Y.; brothers, Herb, Spring Valley, N.Y., Bernard, California, Martin, Fort Lauderdale; grandson, Christopher, Queens, N.Y.  
Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

**R. F. COOPER**  
R.F. Cooper, 102, West Airport Boulevard, Sanford, died Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000. Born Sept. 15, 1898 in Salemburg, N.C., he moved to Central Florida in 1922. He was a retired principal of Oviedo School and a retired farmer. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Sanford.

Survivors include son, C. Floyd Cooper, Salt Lake City, Utah; two granddaughters; ten great-grandchildren.  
Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

**WILLIE CRITTEND JR.**  
Willie Crittend, Jr., 65, S.

Summerlin Street, Sanford, died Friday, Nov. 24, 2000 at Central Florida Regional Hospital. Born in Dothan, Ala., he moved to Sanford six years ago from Altamonte Springs. He was a member of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, Sanford.  
Survivors include sister, Almata Hamilton, Sanford.  
Wynn's Mortuary, Inc., Orlando, in charge of arrangements.

**SEAN A. MACHER**  
Sean A. Macher, 13, Sandpebble Cove, Longwood, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2000 at Arnold Palmer Hospital. Born Aug. 20, 1987 in Silver Springs, Md., he moved to Central Florida from Laurel, Md. in 1992. He was a student at All Souls Catholic School where he was president of the student council and vice-president of National Juniors Honor Society. He was a member of the Seminole Pony Baseball Team, the "Renegades", and a member of All Souls track, basketball and volleyball teams.

Survivors include father, Don, Longwood; mother, Cheri, Longwood; sister, Rachel, Longwood; paternal grandfather, Don Macher Sr., Pittsburgh, Pa.; maternal grandparents, John and Ellen Bransky, Daytona Beach.  
Burial took place Monday, at All Souls Catholic Cemetery in Sanford.  
Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

**ETHEL EVANS MICHAUD**  
Ethel Evans Michaud, 93, of Michigan, formerly of Sanford, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000 at

Holland Community Hospital, Holland, Mich. She was born Dec. 31, 1906 in Allegan County, Mich. She was a member of Sanford First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include brothers, Robert Evans, Allegan, Mich., Martin Evans, South Bend, Ind.; sisters, Maude Butler, Sanford, Helen Jerrett, Kalamazoo, Mich., Blanche Wilkinson, South Haven, Mich.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, at 11 a.m., at Casco United Methodist Church, South Haven, Mich.  
Chappell Funeral Home, Fennville, Mich., in charge of

arrangements.  
**ANN MARIE SALANON**  
Ann Marie Salanon, 72, Lake Breeze Circle, Lake Mary, died Friday, Nov. 24, 2000. Born in Upper Darby, Penn., she moved to Central Florida from Mobile Ala. earlier this year. She was a hairdresser and a Catholic.  
Survivors include husband, Guy, Lake Mary; daughter, Arlette Salanon Rogers, Lake Mary; son, Stephen Salanon, Houston, Tex.; one grandchild.  
Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

**THEODORE COHEN**  
Theodore Cohen, 73, Costa Rica Drive, Winter Springs, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000 at South Seminole Hospital, Longwood. Born Jan. 8, 1927 in Brooklyn, N.Y., he moved to Central Florida 12 years ago. He was a sales person and a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He was Jewish.

## Community Notes

**Cocoa Village Holiday Craft Fair**  
The Holiday Craft Fair will be held in Cocoa Village on Dec. 2 and 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the streets of Cocoa Village and in the Cocoa Civic Center. More than 350 craft exhibitors will present items in one of Florida's largest shows. Children activities include train rides and

games. A food court will offer a variety of foods. Admission and parking is free. Cocoa Village is located in historic downtown Cocoa just off Route 520 at Indian River. For information call 321-631-9075. mation, phone 407-823-5687.

Talent show  
Dec. 11 is the deadline for sub-

mission of applications to appear in the City of Altamonte Springs TOPS EPIQ Middle School Talent Show. The show will take place at Lake Brantley High School Auditorium on Dec. 19. The talent show is for middle school children only. There is no cost to perform.  
For additional information phone 407-571-8806.

## Songs of the Season

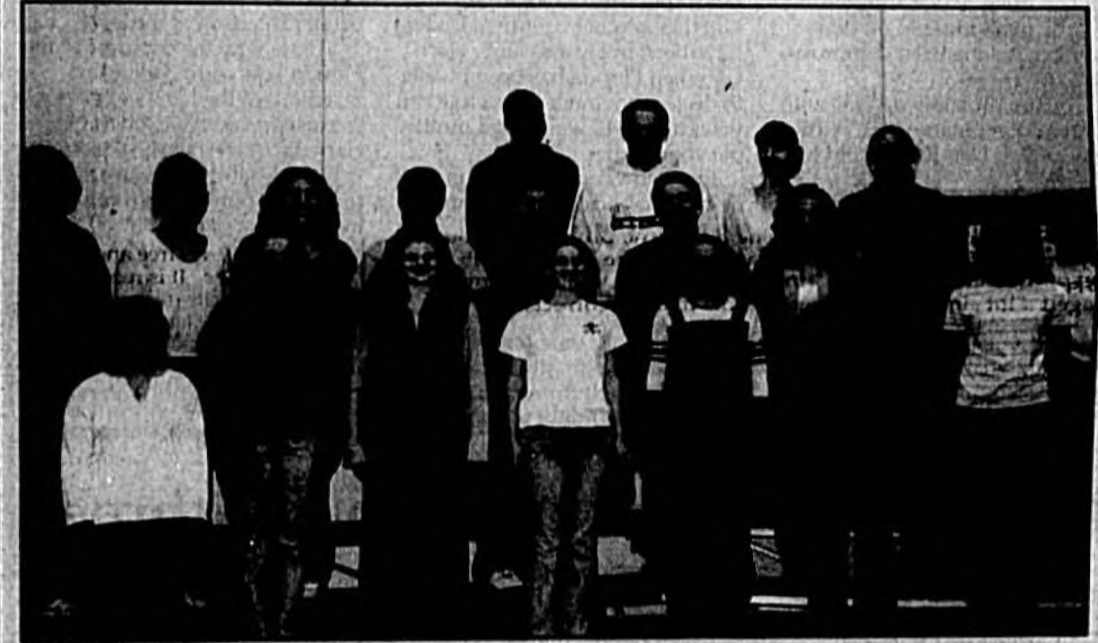


Photo submitted to the Herald  
The award-winning Winter Springs High School Choral Program is presenting the winter concert, Songs of the Season, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5 in the Winter Springs High School auditorium. Many of the songs on the program are familiar and favorites. Others are songs that may become your favorites. One thing is sure - the sounds will delight your ears. Most of the singers were awarded superiors at state competition last spring. It will be a great family, holiday outing with Santa Claus, family pictures, hot cocoa and cookies. Tickets are \$2. For more information call 407-320-8898 or 407-365-8198.



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# OPINION

## Society's reality 'White guys' must confront the browning of America

Some amateur pundits (that broad category includes any Internet-connected person with a clever line to pass on) have started referring to the next occupant of the White House — whether Al Gore or George W. Bush — as "the last white guy" who will be president of the United States. That quip, while exaggerated and inflammatory, nevertheless contains a kernel of truth: The browning of America will shape presidential elections for the rest of this century.

Remember the Electoral College map from election night? As many observers have already noted, the geography is stark: Bush dominated the Old West and the New South, winning far more states than Gore did. Gore, by contrast, was dominant on the two coasts: New England, New York, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., California, Oregon, Washington state. The coasts also happen to be heavy population centers, which helps explain why Gore narrowly won the popular vote.

Now think about the changing demographics in states such as New York and California. Those states (and Florida, where it is likely that more voters intended to choose Gore than Bush) have growing populations of ethnic minorities. Despite a campaign that promised to be inclusive, Bush made very little headway among African-Americans or Latinos.

According to exit polls, Bush received only 9 percent of the African-American vote nationwide and 35 percent of the Latino vote. Indeed, Bush got less than 40 percent of the votes of Latinos in his home state of Texas, despite their more enthusiastic support for him in his gubernatorial campaigns.

Those numbers spell trouble for the GOP, which cannot expect to be the party of the future unless it can attract a higher percentage of votes from Americans of color. Sometime in the next 30 years, demographic change will push whites into minority status — below 50 percent of the nation's population. If trends continue, then, the GOP's failure to attract voters of color will push it toward permanent "minority" status, too.

So why doesn't the Republican Party do better with voters of color? After all, polls show that African-Americans and Latinos share some of the GOP's social values. Many blacks and Latinos support the death penalty, are skeptical about legal abortion and favor public displays of religious faith, including prayer in schools. All things being equal, those voters ought to gravitate toward the GOP.

But all things are not equal, especially not economic status. Confirming the long-standing stereotype, exit polls showed that the wealthier the voter, the more likely he was to vote for Bush. While African-Americans did better economically under the Clinton-Gore administration than ever before, they are still much poorer as a group than whites. While only 13 percent of whites live in poverty, about 28 percent of blacks do. Latinos, too, are gaining economic clout, but they also still lag behind whites. About 33 percent of Latinos live in poverty.

But the GOP has an additional, more serious problem than the economic divide: Some of its policies and, worse, many of its major players are widely perceived as hostile to the interests of people of color.

In California, the GOP is still trying to live down the legacy of former Gov. Pete Wilson, whose anti-immigration politics helped to turn California into a safely Democratic stronghold. And in the South, Democrats began to win the support of black Americans with the election of John F. Kennedy in 1960 and cemented it with Lyndon Johnson's strong support for civil rights legislation.

Since then, most GOP presidential candidates (with the notable exception of George W. Bush) have courted Southern whites with a strategy that relies on code words and images that reek of antipathy toward blacks. Even Bush's better intentions were unable to overcome that history.

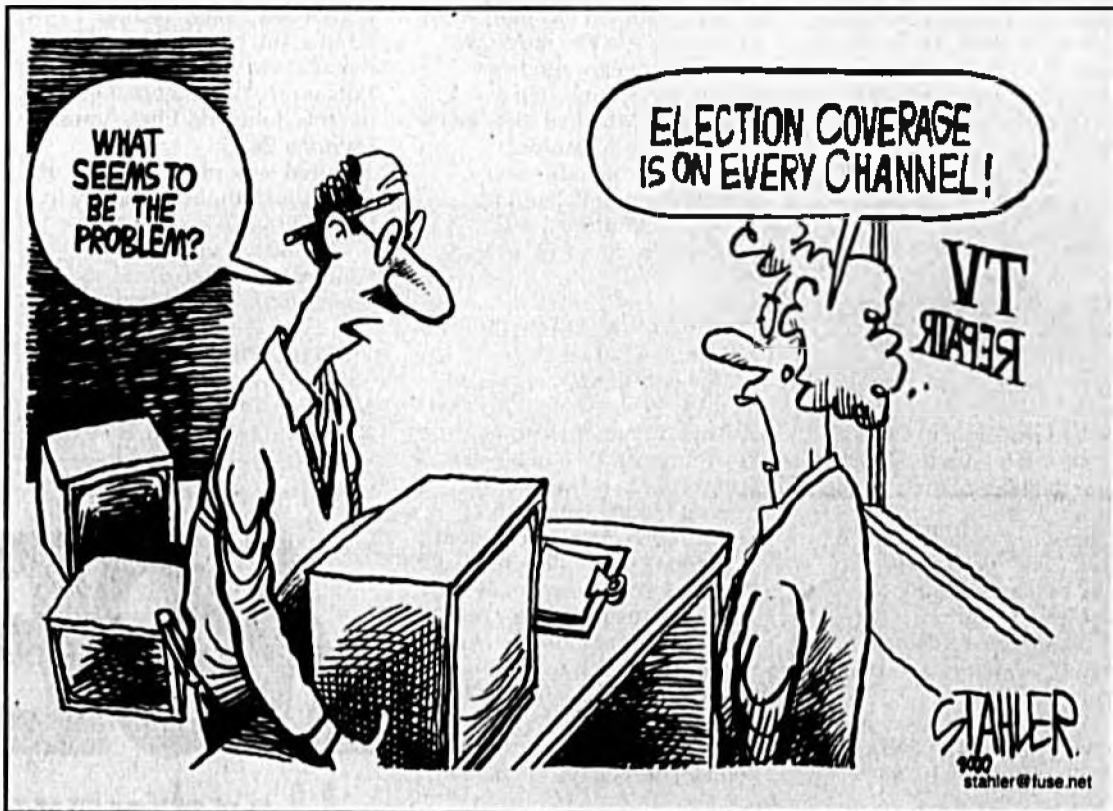
There will, of course, be many more "white guys" elected to the American presidency. But, as the nation grows increasingly diverse, presidential candidates — whether they are white, black or brown — will need the enthusiastic support of minority voters to win. For the GOP, that suggests some difficulties ahead.

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## Election 2000 racks up on casualties

The presidential election remains in doubt, notwithstanding the anything-but-impartial ruling Nov. 21 by the Florida Supreme Court (whose members are all Democrat appointees, including the chief justice, a former Clinton-Gore fund-raiser).

But there is no doubt that, in the wake of this electoral debacle, certain institutions and principles in this country have suffered irreparable damage. Among them:

— The legal profession. Lawyers were held in low repute by most Americans even before this presidential election. Now they will be absolutely reviled.

— The media. The corrupting influence that the media has on the electoral process has been made abundantly clear during this election.

Indeed, the networks were guilty of the most egregious offense by prematurely, and incorrectly, projecting Gore as the winner in Florida before the polls had closed in the Sunshine State.

In so doing, they almost certainly depressed Republican votes, as the party faithful probably felt no reason to go to the polls since a Florida defeat meant that George W. Bush would not be elected.

Of course, the networks couldn't care less if their premature call dampened the Republican turnout. But they are still kicking themselves for subsequently declaring Bush the winner in Florida

and, then, taking back that projection.

"You are probably furious with us, and I don't blame you," CBS news anchor Dan Rather told his viewers.

Yet, Rather's colleagues in network news continue their efforts to influence the outcome of the presidential election.

For instance, ABC News has had staff members calling Republican electors, asking them if they might consider changing their vote from Bush to Gore. Mary Hergert, one of Colorado's

eight electors, says that the calls sound more like advocacy than journalistic inquiry.

Indeed, by putting in play this cockeyed notion that some Bush electors might actually defect, Gore loyalists in the news media hope to make it a self-fulfilling prophecy.

— The state of Florida. The nation's fourth most-populous state has made the United States the laughing stock of the world.

How dare the United States presume to oversee elections in other countries, to adjudicate whether another country's leaders have been freely and fairly elected, when Florida has been unable to declare a winner of its electoral votes after two weeks and multiple vote counts.

Every lower court judge in Florida that has ruled on some aspect of the vote count and recount is a Democrat appointee. And, again, every member of the state's Supreme Court is a card-carrying Democrat.

Yet, the only state official who has done the right thing and recused himself from making decisions that might influence the

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## The continuing mess in Florida — round three

With the official certification of George W. Bush as the winner of Florida's 25 electoral votes, the Gore forces have just one remaining serious hope of overturning the result and winning the presidency. That is that their old allies in the Florida Supreme Court will once again pull them out of the ditch, and (a big "and") that the Supreme Court of the United States will let them get away with it.

The Florida Supreme Court is the one institution involved in this fracas on which Mr. Gore has always been able to count. Consisting entirely of impassioned liberal Democrats, all of them appointed by Democratic governors, they have long outraged the Florida legislature by their high-handed habit of rewriting laws that don't appeal to them.

Accordingly, when Mr. Gore's legal team asked them to reverse a lower court that had ruled that Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris was well within her discretion in refusing to extend the statutory deadline for the filing of election results, the learned judges gave the Gore team everything it had asked for. It reversed the court below, ruled that Ms. Harris had indeed

abused her discretion, threw in several gratuitous insults to her, ordered that manual recounts in a few heavily Democratic counties continue, and extended the deadline for filing them until November 26th.

That amounted to ordering a third count of the election returns — after the initial count, after the automatic machine recount, and confined to three

heavily Democratic counties (controlled by two Democrats to one Republican in each case) and governed in the matter of standards by no rules whatsoever.

The Gore team did its level best to take advantage of the court's generosity. It even sued Democratic canvassing boards that refused to get in the spirit of the thing. It developed a theory that every ballot that showed a mark or "dimple" on the Gore chad, though it was not perforated at all, must be counted as a vote for Gore.

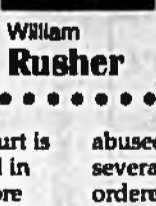
And yet, as November 26th drew closer and the 5 p.m. deadline loomed, the count for Gore simply refused to rise at the necessary rate. Despite the extended deadline, despite the "dimpled" chads, despite desperate attempts to whip the exhausted Democratic vote counters to new frenzies of effort, Governor Bush remained, and was duly proclaimed, the winner.

So now the Gore team has gone back to the Florida courts and is on its way to the never-failing comfort of the state's Supreme Court. It is now officially "contesting" the certified results of the election, and it will ask the Solid Seven to overturn the certification and order full manual recounts in the usual Democratic strongholds.

Fortunately for America, the story may not end there. For on Dec. 1, the Supreme Court of the United States will hear arguments that the earlier decision of the Florida Supreme Court, ordering manual recounts under circumstances and over time periods nowhere authorized in Florida law, should be overturned.

If the justices agree, that will signify the true and final end of Al Gore's long pursuit of the presidency.

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### From A to Z

Art Zielinski asks people what they think ...

*Choosing and decorating an evergreen (Christmas tree) has become an important tradition when the Christian world celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. Today we have the luxury of shopping for a live tree or picking one of the many artificial varieties. So our question today is, "What type of Christmas Trees do you prefer — artificial or natural?"*

I have an artificial tree, only because by the time we get the real ones in Florida they are all dried up. If I could get a fresh tree, absolutely, I would have a real one.

Betty Grelecki, Longwood

I like the artificial tree because they are easy to put up and take care of. More and more of our people (Dutch) have the artificial tree.

Dorathes van den Kommer, Holland

I like the real kind. I feel it's more natural. I like the pine smell.

Maria Alvarez, Deltona

I like the artificial tree. You can buy them easily and they look very real. You don't have to mess with the pine needles.

Jeannette Covelli, Orlando

I prefer the real tree, but I'm allergic to them. So I have an artificial one. The real tree looks more like Christmas.

Trish Paiko, Oviedo

75th anniversary



Historic photo by Tommy Vincent  
Henry Witte, the 75th president of the Sanford Lions Club, shares a life with his wife Edith and Betty Henningham, the district governor for the Lions Club, during a dedication ceremony in Magnolia Square in downtown Sanford. The Lions Club donated a marble bench for the square to commemorate its 75 years of service in Sanford.

Weary

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end quickly than for each side to make full arguments before courts. Those who say the controversy should end weigh heavily from the Bush camp at 83 percent while 30 percent of Gore supporters say they want the issue to end quickly.  
• Partisan support creeps into other poll venues as well. Fifty-six percent of those polled agreed with Florida's Secretary of State to hold Palm Beach County to a 5 p.m. Sunday deadline for recounts. A total of 89 percent of Bush supporters approved of Kathryn Harris' decision not to extend the deadline while 22 percent of Gore supporters approved of her decision.  
• While 58 percent of poll respondents approves of the U.S. Supreme Court stepping into the matter, 59 percent say they would be opposed to the Florida Legislature getting

involved in determining the winner.  
• The most telling statistic of the poll indicates that despite all that has happened since election day November 7, voters remain in an essential dead heat as to whom they would like to see in the White House. Forty-three percent favor Bush as president while 42 percent favor Gore.  
• Respondents were also split on the issue of recounting questionable dimpled chads. Forty-eight percent indicated the indented chads should not be counted while 45 percent felt they should.  
Field work for the poll was conducted by TNS Intersearch of Horsham, Pa.  
ABC, as well as other major networks was roundly criticized election night for making Florida an early call for Gore based on exit poll interviews conducted by Voters News Service. Most networks called the Sunshine State for Gore at 7:50 p.m., later labeled the state a toss-up and then later on election night calling the state for Bush.

Briefs

**Longwood Holiday Festival**  
The City of Longwood annual Holiday Festival will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, from 4 until 6:15 p.m. at the corner of Warren and Wilma Streets in downtown Longwood.  
Santa and his elf will arrive at 4:20. There will be performances by the Lyman High School Choir, Longwood Elementary School Choir, Showtime Dancers, English Estates Music Makers & Drama Group, and many activities for people of all ages.  
For additional information phone Longwood Parks and Recreation Department at 407-260-3447.

**Talent show**  
Dec. 11 is the deadline for submission of applications to appear in the City of Altamonte Springs TOPS EPIQ Middle School Talent Show. The show will take place at Lake Brantley High School Auditorium on Dec. 19. The talent show is for middle school children only. There is no cost to perform.  
For additional information phone 407-571-8806.

**AARP 55-Alive**  
The AARP 55-Alive Driver Safety Program will be presented Dec. 11 and 12 at South Seminole Hospital in Longwood, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.. The program is an eight-hour course designed for motorists age 50 and older. Drivers may be eligible for auto insurance discounts upon completion. Pre-registration is required. Phone 407-834-9860 or 407-351-0923.

Brisson Funeral Home is site for World War II era registry

Brisson Funeral Home in Sanford has been designated the local registration site for veterans of World War II.  
Thousands of funeral homes across the nation have made a commitment to help create a national Registry of Remembrances for the National World War II Memorial. It is to be constructed on the Mall in the Nation's Capital, and will remain on permanent public display. Ground breaking for the memorial was held on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11.  
Persons who served in the armed forces during World War II as well as anyone who helped the war effort on the home front is eligible to have his or her name included in this special registry. There is no cost to enroll.  
The registry will honor those Americans who worked in defense-related industries or factories, recycled material needed for the war effort or provided other support that helped create the U.S. arsenal of democracy. Anyone can register his or her own name, family members' or friends' names.  
Registry enrollment will be underway through December 31 at Brisson Funeral Home between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information, call 407-322-2131.



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## 'How The Grinch Stole Christmas' And 'The Cat In The Hat' Are Both In Latin - Imagine That!

(ARA) - If years were named after authors and they are named after animals in the Chinese calendar, 2000 could well be termed "The Year of Seuss."

Just before Thanksgiving, the malleable Jim Carrey will star in a Universal Studios movie adaptation of the beloved holiday tale "How The Grinch Stole Christmas," and two weeks later, "The Cat in the Hat" will be joined by Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz and the Whos in "Seussical," a new stage musical making its Broadway debut.

Earlier this year, Latin scholars Jennifer and Terence Tunberg released a Latin translation of "The Cat in the Hat" ("Cattus Petasatus"), following their successful Latin rendition of "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" ("Quomodo Invidiosulus nomine GRINCHUS Christi natalem Abrogaverit").

If you ask any child—from two to ninety-two—what his or her favorite Seuss character is, you'll most receive one of two responses: the small-hearted Grinch or the larger-than-life Cat in the Hat. But how well do we really know them? Take the two tests below—you may learn a "Thing" or two!

Capitalizing on the Latin revival sweeping the country, scholars and avid Seuss fans Dr. Jennifer Tunberg and Dr. Terence Tunberg embraced the challenge of translating the Grinch into Latin in 1998. "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" had already been published in many modern languages," explained Jennifer, a specialist in the study of medieval manuscripts copied in Latin who teaches at the University of Kentucky with her husband. "With Latin



being a 'hot' language once again, both Terence and I felt privileged to be able to render Theodor Geisel's marvelous classic tale into a contemporary Latin version.

"Quomodo Invidiosulus nomine GRINCHUS Christi natalem Abrogaverit" proceeded to sell more than 20,000 copies last year, with Latin-loving consumers clamoring for additional Seuss translations. "The Cat in the Hat" was the natural choice.

"Rendering 'The Cat in the Hat' into Latin was a challenge because the lines are so short and the rhythm so obvious," added Jennifer. "However, except for the odd new word to describe new things, the Latin of 'Cattus Petasatus' is linguistically and syntactically the same as earlier Latin."

"Many people think of Latin as the language of science, math, medicine and learning," said Terence, a specialist in medieval and neo-Latin literature who founded the electronic journal *Retarius* and inaugurated Kentucky's annual "Summer Latin Workshop" five years ago. "What they often don't realize is that Latin is surprisingly easy to learn. With its simple Seussian rhyming scheme, 'Cattus Petasatus' is ideal for first- and second-year Latin students. Once they've mastered the basics, the Latin rendition of the Grinch

is the perfect next step." Steadily gaining since the 70s, Latin enrollment levels has boomed in the 90s. Statistics show that Latin students' average score is 160 points higher than the national average of 505, and that elementary school Latin students in Washington D.C. developed reading skills five months ahead of those who studied no foreign language. More than 65% of U.S. college admissions offices report that they consider applicants with over two years of Latin as "much stronger" than other qualified candidates. Not only does this underscore the importance of Latin in children's education, it positions Latin teachers as the "hot" new career tracks.

The Latin translation of "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" and "The Cat in the Hat" can be found at Barnes and Noble Borders, Waldenbooks and other major book retailers. They can also be purchased online at [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com). In addition, Barnes and Noble Borders will display both books in special holiday tables.

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### GRINCHUS QUIZ

- 1) What was the main reason the Grinch hated Christmas?
- 2) What would comprise the Who's typical Christmas Day feast?
- 3) What were the "first things to go" when the Grinch reached the first Who house?
- 4) Who was the only Who who saw the Grinch on Christmas Eve? How old was that?
- 5) What did the reformed Grinch do at the Who's Christmas feast?

### WHAT'S YOUR CAT I.Q.?

- 1) What are the two items the Cat always wears?
- 2) Who was the "voice of reason" who urged the children not to let the Cat stay in the house while their mother was away?
- 3) While entertaining the children, the Cat balanced nine objects at one time while bouncing on a ball. Name four of them.
- 4) What came out of the big red wood box?
- 5) How was the mess cleaned up behind the children's mother got home?

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Blends are becoming increasingly popular as consumers look for new, unique tastes and this new wine combines the smoothness of Merlot with the boldness of Cabernet in a 60-40 blend, to create a

dynamic taste that make it a great wine for the holidays or any special occasion. Available in a variety of sizes including 750-ml., 1.5-ltr., and 3-ltr. bottles, as well as four-packs of 187-ml bottles, the 750-ml size retails at \$9.99 nationally. Luna di Luna introduced the original blended wine with its best-selling Chardonnay/Pinot Grigio, presented in a dramatic cobalt blue bottle, and complemented with a smooth Sangiovese/Merlot. These blends have been rated as a 'rising star' in the growth band category by Adams Business Media for three consecutive years, as well as a 'Hot Brand' in 2000 by Impact magazine.

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### Holidays

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when the Christmas lights are turned on in downtown Sanford. Starting at 7:30 p.m., the Candlelight Tour of Homes begins at the Helen Stairs Theatre with a reception.

"We wanted to do something different and special," Daniels said. "The candle decorations are very romantic, and it should put people in the mood for Christmas and the holidays."

Tenth Street will be aglow with luminaries, and carolers will stroll along the sidewalks and streets in the downtown area. Toxic Audio, an a cappella group, will perform holiday harmonies at the Helen Stairs Theatre beginning at 8 p.m.

Saturday begins at 11 a.m. with the city's Christmas parade on First Street, which will include Santa, bands and floats. The Holiday Tour of Homes will be held from noon to 5:30 p.m. and will include 24 stops at houses, porches, churches and public buildings.

"This is an opportunity for people to see Sanford as it used to be," Daniels said. "They can see how the homes were originally built, how they were restored and how they are now

turned out."  
The four nights at Tajiri Performing Arts Center include a concert of South Florida and East Florida State University bands including pipe organs by numerous school groups, scheduled at 7:30 p.m. The Academy of Music will have a grand opening Friday featuring a 10-year restoration project, and the Seminole County School District of Music.

All county churches will also be open during the tour.

On Nov. 29, a group of encouraging neighbors will be invited to participate in the tour, Daniels said.

Other Saturday events include "Christmas Around the World," a special presentation by the Monroe Boys Choir scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. at the Helen Stairs Theatre. Under the direction of David Campbell, the choir is among Russia's most prestigious all-boys choirs.

The 70-member all-male choir has performed at the Royal Albert Hall in London for members of the British Royal Family and Queen France, Germany, Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands. During Saturday's performance, the choir will sing

"Santa Sings in the Snow," a lyric opera, will begin at 3 p.m. at the Helen Stairs Theatre. Tickets for the musical event are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

Daniels said his organization helps several thousand people will attend this year's holiday extravaganza.

"There is a lot going on in the area this weekend," he said. "But Sanford is one of the oldest settlements in Seminole County, and the only town with a true downtown area."

Tickets for all three days of the tour of homes, including the candlelight event, are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Three-day tickets can be purchased at the Helen Stairs Theatre.

Tickets for the tour can also be purchased on Saturday (two days) and Sunday at Tajiri Performing Arts for \$10. For ticket information, call 407-322-5600.

Group rates are available for the Saturday and Sunday home tours. For information, call Sanford Main Street Inc., at 407-

322-5600.

Proceeds from the Holiday Tour of Homes are used toward renovation and preservation efforts in Sanford, Daniels said. Funds are used to improve street lights, street signage and the purchase and restoration of distressed homes in all of historic Sanford — not just the Historic District.

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### Lawsuit

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lenges to earlier rulings by the Florida Supreme Court that it over-reached its authority by extending recount deadlines beyond state statutes.

Attorneys for both sides left Monday's hearing and headed for Tallahassee with new briefs in hand. They were expected to file in Leon County Tuesday. No hearing date had been scheduled at press time.

Attorneys for the GOP had pushed for an outright dismissal of the case, contending with Florida's vote certified, the Jacobs' suit becomes a moot point. Their strategy now will be to consolidate the Seminole

County suit with other legal briefs filed on behalf of the Bush camp which challenge absentee ballot counts in five Florida counties as well as the Florida Supreme Court ruling which triggered a hand recount in Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, and Broward counties. The Republicans contend with the change of venue from Seminole Circuit court to Leon County circuit court, it will be difficult for GOP attorneys and lawyers representing Jacobs for the Democrats to continue to argue that all Florida votes should be recounted while they ask for 15,000 Seminole County ballots to be tossed out.

Clarification questions by campaign staffer David McLain.

"What would be the benefit of this point to me if it is necessary sending someone to jail for going at this moment?"

The commissioner ultimately decided that McMillan should use his best discretion and legal judgment as to whether to simply monitor the status of the suit in Leon County or travel to the state capital to personally monitor developments of the Jacobs suit.

### Bill

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county should join the suit on behalf of Govard and the three-member canvassing board that also includes Seminole County Judge John Sloop and retired attorney Ken McIntosh.

"Should we join or just be a watchdog?" asked Henley. "The supervisor of elections is a constitutional officer and we (the county) are technical and legal counsel to the canvassing board," explained McMillan.

The board voted to appropriate the funds following another

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# Chinese orange sensitive to environmental stresses

The navel sweet orange probably originated in China many years ago. It was introduced into the United States in 1870 from plant materials found in Brazil. Navel oranges were not widely planted because of poor or unpredictable yields under Florida growing conditions.



**Al Ferrer**

**The Tree**  
Navel orange trees are very similar to other sweet orange trees in growth habit and leaf characteristics. They produce large numbers of flowers, but less than 1 percent of these become mature fruits. Bloom occurs between March and April in most years and lasts from two to six weeks depending on temperatures during the bloom period.

The earliest and major bloom occurs on old wood with the secondary bloom occurring mainly on new wood.

The duration of each bloom varies yearly, probably influenced mainly by temperature. Cross-pollination is not required to produce an acceptable load of fruits. Fruits are few and relatively big, 3 to 3 inches in diameter and with no seeds (by definition 0-6 seeds per fruit). Fruits generally reach maturity in November but are harvested mainly in late November and December for the holiday season.

**The Navel**  
The navel begins as a flower within a flower and the secondary fruit develops in a similar way to the main fruit. This anomaly produces a small, secondary fruit embedded at the blossom end of the primary fruit.

This small fruit is many times a source of problems, predisposing the fruit to disease and insect damage.

Non-bearing navel oranges should be treated similar to any other sweet orange. Bearing trees however, require a little more careful management. Adequate soil moisture is more important during the fruit setting period than with other sweet oranges.

Irrigation improves fruit size and in general is the most important cultural practice for navel orange production. This is particularly true during the months of April to June.

Also, it is generally accepted that navel oranges are more productive when higher nutrient levels are used as part of the fertilizer program.

**Varieties**

"Washington" navel is the most widely planted variety. Most other varieties originated as mutations of the original "Washington" variety. Some of the most popular

selections are F-56-11 and F-56-12, which are vigorous, moderately high-yielding selections of "Washington" navel. And F-94-10-2, that is a selection of an old navel line called "Vam". The variety "Choate" is very popular in Orange and Lake Counties.

**Use**

Navel oranges are primarily used for fresh consumption rather than processing, because of the high content of a bitter compound called limonin present in most varieties that makes the juice unpalatable.

**Problems**

Navel oranges are very sensitive to environmental stresses and susceptible to fruit drop periods. Notably, in the summer, June-July, and summer-fall, August-October. Yield reductions due to fruit drop can vary from 5 percent up to 30 percent.

Navel oranges are also susceptible to fruit splitting, particularly in the fall, and drying conditions of the fruit at the stem end. Most varieties of

navel oranges contain limonin, a compound that imparts bitterness to the juice.

**Diseases**

Post-bloom fruit drop, caused by a fungus can become a serious problem some years on navel oranges. The fungus

causes the drop of small fruits, leaving the calyx and button of the fruit attached to the tree.

In some years with excessive rain during the bloom periods, yields may be reduced considerably. It is also common for mature trees to have limb and twig dieback, especially in the

shaded interior parts of the tree.

Al Ferrer is Seminole County Urban Horticulturist. Inquiries may be directed to him at the Cooperative Extension service, 250 W. County Home Road, Sanford, FL 32773 or phone 885-5558. All Seminole County Cooperative Extension services are open to all regardless of race, color, sex, handicap or national origin.

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I am a saver; she has been a spender for the duration of our marriage. We could live very well in our retirement if we are prudent now.

She says it's her life and she will do what she wants; it's her money and she'll spend it any way she wants. She does work, but are these fair statements? Will she ever quit gambling?

**HOPEFUL IN KENTUCKY**  
**DEAR HOPEFUL:** Unless your wife is willing to admit that her

gambling has become a problem she's unable to control, she will continue to gamble. Most couples pool their finances and decide together how the money should be spent. Her argument that it is her life and she'll do anything she wants, etc. is defensive, selfish and irrational.

You can lead a horse (player) to water, but you can't make her drink.

Unless she's willing to get help for her gambling addiction, your wife could literally spend you out of house and home. Consult a lawyer about separating your finances before she goes through all the money. Please don't wait.



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Twenty-five years later, Kelly, her sister and her parents are still a part of my family. I love them all and would like to take this opportunity to say thank you.

My message to "Had It" is sim-

ple: Please don't turn your neighbor child away. Children need to feel wanted — to know that someone is there for them. You have been chosen by this child. Appreciate the honor.

**SHERRI IN CINCINNATI...**

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Park, Park Avenue at 4th Street. It will be a candle light service and walk.

The public is invited to join us in an afternoon of prayer, praise and worship.

Marva Hawkins

The theme is "All People Make a Difference". An AIDS quilt will be on display.

Arrive early and give the name of people's names you want read.

Hope and Help Center is the sponsor. Contact Theodora Holman at Hope and Help Center, 407-645-2577, ext. 17 or 18, or call Eugene "Mean Gene" Butler III, at 407-323-2807.

BETA Parenting Center of Orlando Director of Parent Education, Heidi Peckham and Kathleen accepted the invitation to step out of the boardroom and into the classroom.

These business partners read stories in the Book Bay or listen to students read at the Harbor Literacy and Learning Center.

Teach-in 2000 gave business leaders an opportunity to share their knowledge with schools and learning centers in Seminole County. The chance to see a realistic taste of teaching, and show a clear commitment to education and gain an awareness of the challenges facing our educational system as expressed by the honorary chairpersons of the Greater Seminole Teach-in 2000 (School Board Chairman, Sandy Robinson and Superintendent of Seminole County Public

Schools, Paul J. Hagerty). Harbor volunteers are needed.

Groups and individuals are welcome. Call Director

Elizabeth Graham-Grover, 407-323-3150, ext. 32, or 407-330-0101.

p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Altamonte Springs, is the issues and exploring options in areas of health such as AIDS/HIV, financing health care/Medicare, cancer, stroke, high blood pressure, diabetes and prevention. RSVP to 407-774-6843. Dr. Geneva M. Gano, chairperson. A continental breakfast and lunch will be offered.

Light Up Sanford, the annual lighting of historic downtown Sanford, will present music and entertainment, at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1.

Saturday, Dec. 2, at 11 a.m. it's the Christmas Parade on First Street.

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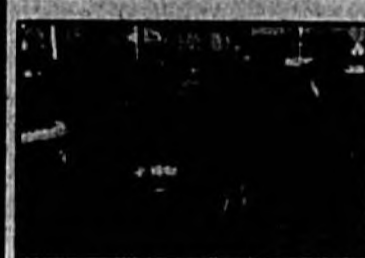
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"We want to make holiday shopping a win-win experience," said Terri Parrow, vice president of Internet Operations at BoatUS. "As long as you're buying presents for everyone else on your list, why not enter our Garmin and Online Store contests and win something for yourself, too?"

In a recent *Power and Motorcraft* magazine reader survey, BoatUS.com was named the top boating site. The BoatUS.com online store, at [www.boatus-store.com](http://www.boatus-store.com), has been awarded 4-1/2 out of 5 stars by BizRate.com for its customer service and low prices.

BoatUS.com is the Web site of BoatUS, with 515,000 members the nation's largest organization of recreational boaters.

## 12 HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS FROM BOATU.S.

Wondering what to get that special boater on your holiday shopping list?

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2. Fishing for gift ideas for anglers? No respectable fisherman, or woman, should be without a \$19.99 Fisherman's Travel Set, a black carrying case that contains an 8" and 6" fillet knife, serrated cutting blade and fish scaler, utility scissors, sharpening steel, fish scale, cutting board and filletting gloves.

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## Winter Prep seasons kick into high gear

By Dean Smith  
 Sports Editor

**SANFORD** — With football coming to an end in Seminole County last Friday night, the Winter High School sports seasons took over in a big way on Monday, with several county boys and girls teams taking to the fields and courts of Central Florida.

The first of the really big winter matchups of the season took place on Tuesday when the undefeated Seminole High School girls basketball team hosts

### Basketball, soccer take center stage

3-1 Lake Mary at Bill Fleming Memorial Gymnasium.

A big boys soccer match is also set for this week as Lake Brantley welcomes Lake Mary to Tom Story Field for a 7 p.m. contest tonight (Wednesday).

Also starting today is the Greyhound Tournament for boys basketball teams at Lyman High School. Seminole and the Greyhounds will be two of the local teams involved in the tournament that

will run through Saturday.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

##### MONDAY

**RAMS 56, HIGHLANDERS 50, overtime**  
 Lake Highland Prep (50)  
 Emmanuelli 18, Ramirez 11, Berry 2, Mahaa 6, Cox 7, Booker 6. Totals: 19 8-15 50  
**Lake Mary (56)**  
 Dunkman 11, An. Presey 2, Gregory 3, Mosler 11, Whelan 1, As. Presey 4, Kane 13, Chamberlain 5, Beik 6. Totals: 17 19-25 56  
**Lake Highland** 18 17 7 7 9 30  
**Lake Mary** 10 11 11 9 13 34

Three-point field goals - Lake Highland 4 (Emmanuelli 3, Cox); Lake Mary 3 (Dunkman 2, Gregory). Total fouls - Lake Highland 20; Lake Mary 14. Fouled out - Lake Highland, Booker; Technicals - Lake Highland, bench. Records - Lake Mary 3-1.

#### PANTHERS 44, ALTAMONTE 40

Altamonte Christian (40)  
 Mancuso 11, Brothers 10, Rivers 4, Smith 13, Behrly 2. Totals: 16 1-4 40  
 Crosson Academy (44)  
 Britt 3, Riggins 15, Spivey 13, Burch 10, Butler 3. Totals: 19 3-7 44  
 Altamonte Christian 7 7 7 19 40  
 Crosson 14 12 6 12 44  
 Three-point field goals - Altamonte Christian 7 (Mancuso)  
 See Preps, Page 3B

## Time to say good-bye

### Bennett rushes for 109 yards in final game for Seminole

By Dean Smith  
 Sports Editor

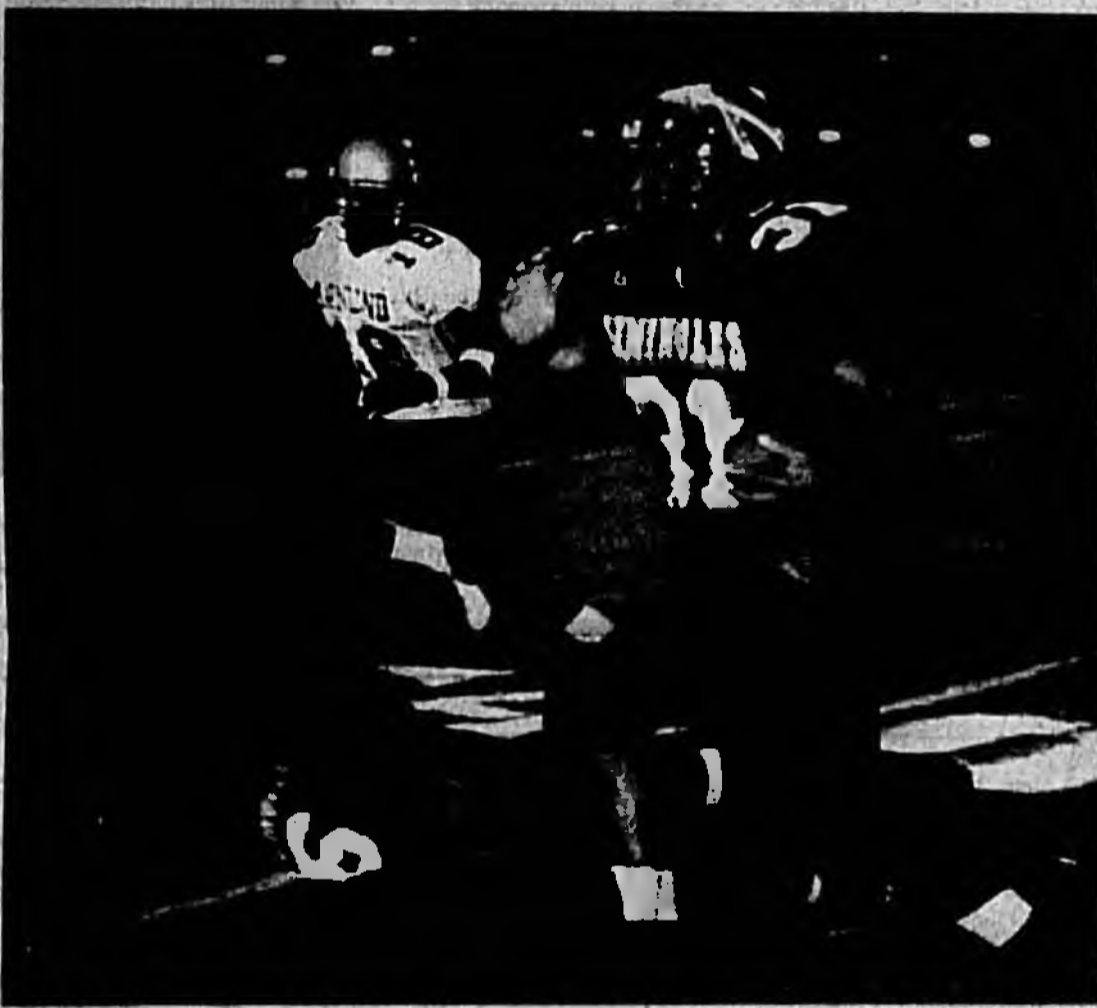
**KISSIMMEE** — For three plus seasons, Willie Bennett had become a mainstay in the Seminole High School backfield, running over, through and around opponents as he helped the Fighting Seminoles establish themselves as one of the elite programs in Florida.

But unfortunately, all good things must come to an end, and such was the case Friday night at Kowboy Field in Kissimmee as the Tribe was ousted from the FHSAA Class 5A State Playoffs, 27-9, by Osceola High School.

Bennett, who began his varsity career as a defensive back but was moved to running back only because of a lack of healthy backs during his sophomore year, gave it his all, rushing for 109 yards on 23 carries against a very tough Kowboy defense.

But he could not find the end zone as Seminole committed 13 penalties for 125 yards.

One penalty took away a 60-yard touchdown run by Andre Raines and another set the Tribe back after the local squad had gained a first and



Herald photo by Art Zielenka

Seminole senior running back Willie Bennett (No. 31) closed out his career Friday night by gaining 109 yards on 23 carries, giving him a total of 1,663 yards rushing and 22 touchdowns scored this year.

goal at the one-yard line, a spot from where Bennett undoubtedly would have scored, that would have given Seminole momentum early in the game.

The Fighting Seminoles (7-5) also had trouble stopping Osceola star running back Jermaine Boston in the first half as he scored on runs of 34-, 1-, and 10-yards to give the home team a 20-3 lead at halftime.

Boston, who now has gained 2,225 yards and scored 35 touchdowns this season, was shut down in the final half, but

the damage had already been done.

Bennett finished his senior season with 1,663 yards and scored 22 touchdowns and he will be sorely missed next season.

But Seminole head coach Jim Worthington also has reason to look ahead as Raines, who came on strong late in the season, will take over full-time at quarterback next season and placekicker Matt Groover, who kicked field goals of 33-, 39-, and 36-yards on Friday, kicked

several field goals from beyond 40 yards this season and figures to be even better next year.

#### KOWBOYS 27, FIGHTING SEMINOLES 9

Seminole	3	0	6	0	9
Osceola	6	14	0	7	27

First Quarter	
S	Groover 33 FG
O	Boston 34 run (kick failed)
Second Quarter	
O	Boston 1 run (Bell kick)
O	Boston 10 run (Bell kick)
Third Quarter	
S	Groover 39 FG
S	Groover 34 FG
Fourth Quarter	
O	Walls 2 run (Bell kick)

## SCC women romp to eighth win of season

By Dean Smith  
 Sports Editor

**SANFORD** — It was deja vu all over again for the Seminole Community College women's basketball team on Saturday night.

For the second consecutive game, the Raiders started off very slowly, but then turned up the defensive pressure in the second half and waltzed to a 75-43 victory over Skagit Valley Community College from Mt. Vernon, Washington at the SCC Health and Physical Education Center.

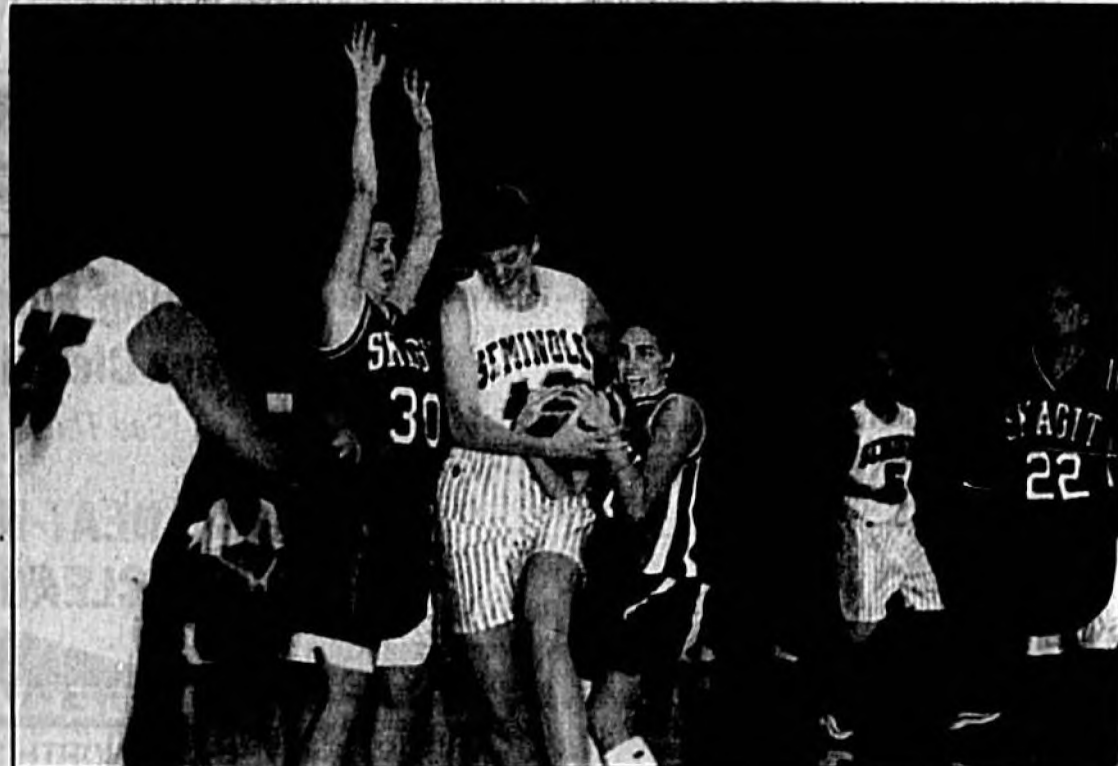
Coach Ken Patrick's charges led for almost the entire game, but was struggling with a slim lead until freshman point guard Narumol Berggren hit back-to-back three-point shots late in the first half and the defense started to force turnovers that the local squad started to pull away. Berggren hit three "treys" in

the first half and led SCC with 12 points, while sophomore forward Sheketa "Kiki" Kindred chipped in with 10 points, most coming on fastbreak layups after steals, as the Raiders took a 40-23 halftime advantage.

Just like its previous victory over Puerto Rico-Mayaguez, the SCC defense came out of the lockerroom on fire, forcing turnover after turnover and holding the Cardinals with out a point for the first eight minutes of the second half.

The game quickly turned into a rout as freshman center Brandi Davis came off the bench to score 11 second half points and fellow frosh Yolanda Johnson netted 11 points in the final 20 minutes as the Raiders doubled the score on the visitors twice, the final time at 58-29.

With the game in hand, Patrick went to his bench and Skagit Valley most of its 20 sec-



Herald photo by Art Zielenka

Suzy Gyarlas (while uniform) of Seminole Community College battles with a Skagit Valley Community College player for a rebound during the Raiders', 75-43, whipping of the Cardinals at the SCC Health and Physical Education Center Friday night. Gyarlas and her SCC mates are now 8-2 on the season and will be at home again on Saturday, hosting Tallahassee Community College in an afternoon matinee starting at 3 p.m. Admission is free.

## Patriots make a game of it for in first half

By Dean Smith  
 Sports Editor

**TALLAHASSEE** — For most of the first half, nationally-ranked Lincoln High School had its hands full with Lake Brantley in the FHSAA Class 6A Regional Semifinals at Gene Cox Stadium in Tallahassee last Friday night.

But in the second half the powerful Trojans took advantage of the miserable conditions. It rained for most of the game, to pull away for a 47-14 victory over the Patriots.

Lake Brantley (9-3), which was also knocked out of the playoffs by Lincoln in Tallahassee last year as it marched to the state championship, had a golden opportunity to take control of the game on its opening possession as Josh Demateis broke through for a 59-yard run down to the Trojans three-yard line.

But the Patriots could not punch it in and Lincoln (12-0) answered with a 10-play, 96-yard drive to take a 6-0 lead.

The score did not dishearten Lake Brantley as it marched right back down the field and took the lead on a nine-yard touchdown run by quarterback Taylor Ramsaur and Corey Kallah's extra point kick early in the second period.

But that was the last hurrah for the Patriots as the Trojans scored the next 41 points before Ramsaur found record-setting Corey Dryden with a 12-yard touchdown pass in the fourth

See Patriots, Page 3B

# Tennessee drivers dominate as Speedworld ends 2000 season

By Dave Westerman  
Special to the Herald

**BITHLO** — The Volunteer State had plenty to be proud of Friday night as drivers from Tennessee picked up wins in the Classic Auto Racing Series and Dwarf Car features as Orlando Speedworld closed out the 2000 racing season.

Veteran Larry Gibson set a new track record in the time trials then led every lap of the 25-lap feature to dominate a large field of car in the Classic Auto Racing Series Championship event. Gibson dodged a total of six caution flags as the Maryville, Tennessee driver was never seriously challenged. Orlando drivers Ed Yates and Rodney Eary came home second and third ahead of Jim Rahman and Jesse Teaster.

Josh Adams of White House, Tennessee totally dominated the Dwarf Car feature. The 14-year old sped past early leader Doug Corrigan of Murfreesboro, Tennessee and nearly lapped the field en route to victory. Corrigan was second ahead of Florida Champion Michel Fortin, Gerald

Smith and Mark Landis.

The popular School Bus Figure 8 race was won by veteran figure eight driver Rusty Cruze who led early, dropped back to third, then came back to get the win. Following Cruzes' International Harvester to the checker were Mark Button, Billy Belflower, Butch Pierce and "Junkyard Dog" Chuck Rush.

Roger Wren survived the wrath of "Fordzilla" to claim the Boat/Trailer race over Russ Rinaldi, while it was Ray Hindman surviving to get the win in the Camper/Trailer race.

Moe Kram of Geneva won an entertaining Demo Derby outdueling the likes of New York's Bob "Whiplash" Genovese and the Raleigh, N. C. duo of Ken "Killa" McNamee and Scott "Mack" McNamee. "Killa" McNamee did place 2nd in the Derby.

Orlando Speedworld will now be closed until the 2001 season opens next March. Racing will continue at New Smyrna Speedway.

## NEW SMYRNA SPEEDWAY

## SUNBELT DIAMOND SUZUKI 125 TRIPLE CROWN

By Hank Sanders  
Special to the Herald

**SAMSULA** — Round two of the Triple Crown kicked off with the #12 of Justin Drawdy laying down a blistering 18.147 second qualifying time to grab the pole. After the invert, Mike Fritts in the Briar Construction #27 and Ricky Carlton's McNatt Plumbing #34 were on the front row. The balance of the field was made up of an excellent group of fast cars and great drivers.

When we get Dick Anderson, Mike Garvey, Jimmy Cope, Pete Orr, David Rogers, James Powell, Mike Franklin, BJ McLeod, Travis Kittleson, Bruce Lawrence and all the rest, you know it will be a great race to watch.

The race went pretty smooth and clean for the first 100 laps. Ricky Carlton took the lead early, and Fritts was right behind him. The best battles were for third on back between Dick

Anderson, Mike Franklin, and James Powell. David Rogers in the #11 Dodge looked strong until a broken brake rotor put him hard into the #1 wall.

The restart on lap #120 saw Mike Fritts dive under Carlton and go side by side into the first turn. As they went down the back straight, they got together, and Fritts hit the wall and got torn up. Both teams felt the other side caused the wreck. I just saw smoke as all the leaders piled up, then Kittleson got hit and tore the nose off the #88. Cope was also bashed up, but continued.

That pretty much did it as Ricky Carlton came through to get his first Sunbelt win. Dick Anderson was second, Mike Franklin in the #72 was third, James Powell and Bruce Lawrence rounded out the top 5.

Steve Griffin has been on the message board claiming he has the fastest Mini-Stock car in Florida, and no one at NSS can beat him.

Well, Saturday night he was right again! Rick Tumey put the red #55 Probe in second, See Racing, Page 3B

## Boating

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waterproof video camera, 75-to-200 feet of steel cable, rechargeable battery and a portable viewing monitor.

4. Give your favorite boating couple matching sweatshirts. The captain's is navy blue, with white "Captain" in big letters; first mate's is white with periwinkle graphics. The sizes are unisex S-XL, and each is \$19.99.

5. For the ultimate in fishfinding and chartplotting for your ultimate fisherman and chartplotter, consider the new Raytheon L760. Viewable in full daylight, the 8" x 8-3/4" color screen uses the latest processor and sonar technology for the most accurate performance and echo detection. The waterproof unit reaches depths of 750' in saltwater and 950' in freshwater; with a transom-mounted transducer, it's \$2,499.99; with a thru-hull transducer, it's \$2,649.99.

6. This holiday season, Canon is introducing image-stabilization binoculars at less than half the price of the more expensive models. For just \$499.99, you can buy a pair of 10x30 IS glasses that allow you and your chosen boater to stand on a

moving deck and see things as if you were standing still. Rated No. 1 by *Practical Sailor* and *Powerboat Reports*.

7. Know any boaters who aren't sure what kind of boating they want? They can have it all with a Walker Bay 8 Dinghy. Made from 100% recyclable materials, this adorable boat - 8'3" long - can be rowed, motored or - with its optional sailing kit - sailed. You can even add a set of fishing pods to allow fishing in comfort all day long. Best of all, the Walker Bay is on sale for the holidays - just \$369.99.

8. If you have hungry lighthouse lovers on your list, fill up a brand new lighthouse cookie jar with the best cookies you can find, or make. This beautifully crafted earthenware jar is \$19.99.

9. Sometimes it pays to be practical. Surprise your favorite boater with a Dytek Multi-Stage battery charger, which can charge two 12-volt battery banks at the same time and then maintain each battery bank at full charge. The "practicality" extends to the giver, too; the battery charger, at \$49.99, is half

price.

10. Dog life jackets are top-sellers at BoatU.S. this year, and no wonder. Wearing a tuxedo model life jacket, complete with black bow tie, Flido can float in the water and frolic ashore. Many other models are available, starting at \$19.99.

11. Sooner or later, all boat owners will need marine tools. Give them a head start, and peace of mind, with a 300-piece marine tool set containing virtually everything they will need for everyday maintenance and repairs. Best of all, it's on sale for just \$44.99, \$25 off its regular price of \$69.99.

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## WELL DONE



The Optimist Club of Sanford named Grant Baker as its Seminole High School Athlete of the Week for the week of November 12-18. Baker, a junior, is a member of the boys' cross country team and was named First Team All-Seminole Athletic Conference and finished 37th last week in the Class 3A State Meet at Braxton Community College in Titusville. His best time in the 3-mile event this year was 16:10. Baker is shown receiving his award and t-shirt from Optimist Club member Betty Vann.

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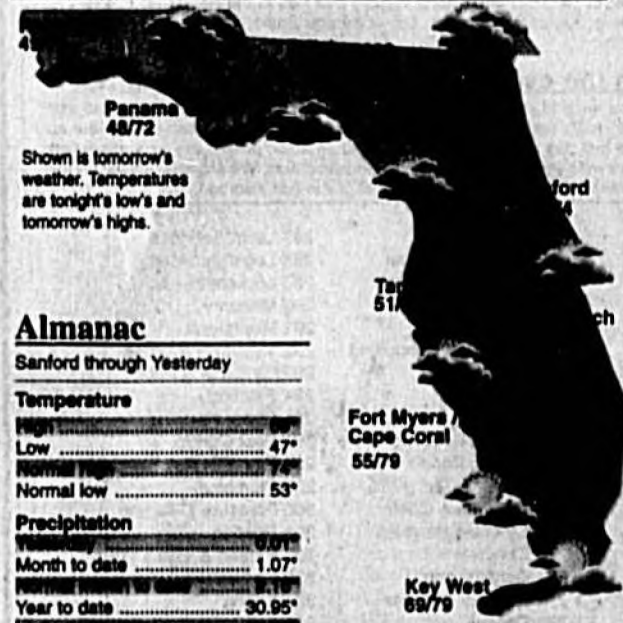




# ACCU WEATHER® FORECAST FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY

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## Florida Weather



## Almanac

Sanford through Yesterday

High	59
Low	47
Normal High	74
Normal Low	53
Precipitation	0.01
Month to date	1.07
Year to date	30.95
Normal year to date	48.44

## Five-Day Forecast for Sanford

Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Partly cloudy and cool.	Clouds and some sunshine and rain.	Turning out mostly sunny, breezy and cool.	Sunshine, a few clouds, breezy and cool.	A mix of clouds and sun, windy and milder.
64 / 48	74 / 46	64 / 42	64 / 48	68 / 50

## Regional Weather

**Florida:** Partly cloudy and cool tonight. Tomorrow, clouds will limit sunshine with a shower in northern and central areas; dry to the south.  
**Georgia:** Partly to mostly cloudy and chilly tonight. Clouds and some sunshine tomorrow with a shower in some places.  
**Mississippi:** Cool with increasing cloudiness tonight. A low shower will cross the state overnight into tomorrow. There may be some sun later tomorrow.  
**Alabama:** Increasing cloudiness tonight. There will be a shower toward daybreak and the early morning hours tomorrow, then breezy with some sun.  
**South Carolina:** Partly cloudy and chilly tonight. Clouds and some sunshine tomorrow with a shower around, mainly during the afternoon and evening.  
**Louisiana:** Mostly cloudy tonight with a few showers. Tomorrow will turn out breezy and cooler with clouds breaking for sunshine.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise tonight: 6:28 p.m.  
 Sunrise Wednesday: 6:59 a.m.  
 Moonset today: 6:19 a.m.  
 Moonset today: 7:48 p.m.

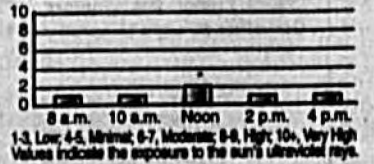
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## Tides

Tides for Daytona Beach Shores, Bungalow Pier

Tomorrow		
First Low	3:26 a.m.	0.3 ft.
First High	9:58 a.m.	4.2 ft.
Second Low	4:13 p.m.	0.5 ft.
Second High	10:08 p.m.	3.8 ft.
Thursday		
First Low	4:03 a.m.	0.5 ft.
First High	10:37 a.m.	4.1 ft.
Second Low	4:55 p.m.	0.7 ft.
Second High	10:50 p.m.	3.8 ft.

## UV Index Tomorrow



1-3, Low; 4-6, Moderate; 7-8, High; 9-10, Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

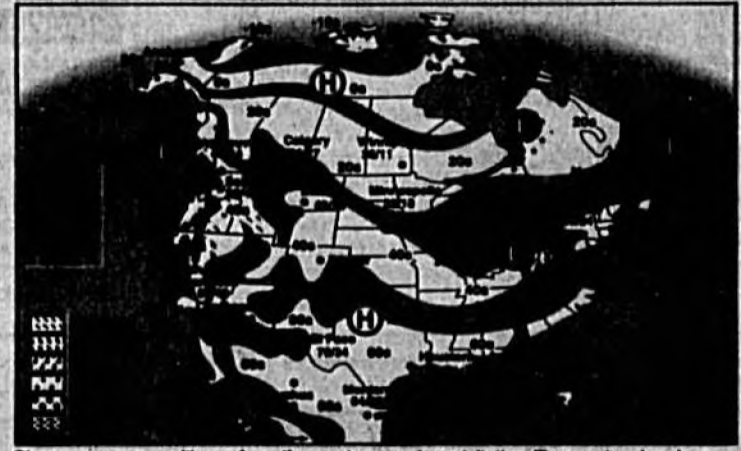
## Regional Cities

City	Tom.	Thu.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta, GA	70 58 s	68 55 s
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Bainbridge, GA	72 34 pc	58 29 s
Boca Raton, FL	61 50 pc	71 52 s
Calro, GA	70 35 pc	58 29 s
Coral Springs, FL	70 58 pc	69 50 s
Crestview, FL	70 34 s	57 32 s
Daytona Beach, FL	69 53 pc	73 53 s
Fort Myers, FL	78 55 pc	68 48 s
Gainesville, FL	74 43 s	61 35 s
Key West, FL	79 59 pc	72 54 s
Lakeland, FL	77 50 s	53 45 s
Melbourne, FL	78 50 pc	63 40 s
Naples, FL	79 55 pc	69 48 s
Orlando, FL	70 58 pc	67 50 s
Panama City, FL	70 58 pc	67 50 s
Sarasota, FL	78 48 s	64 41 s
St. Augustine, FL	78 41 s	68 38 s
St. Petersburg, FL	78 48 s	67 50 s
Tallahassee, FL	77 48 pc	64 40 s
Tampa, FL	77 48 pc	64 40 s
Thomasville, GA	72 35 pc	58 28 s
Vero Beach, FL	78 57 pc	68 48 s
W. Palm Bch., FL	79 59 pc	70 51 s

## World Cities

City	Tom.	Thu.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Berlin	58 58 s	58 51 s
Berlin	59 48 pc	55 48 pc
Buenos Aires	73 63 pc	78 57 s
Hong Kong	65 58 pc	70 68 s
Jerusalem	61 38 pc	56 43 pc
London	59 44 s	54 49 pc
London	70 48 pc	65 51 s
Los Angeles	67 48 pc	63 48 c
Madrid	58 38 pc	58 51 s
Manila	88 78 pc	81 72 s
Paris	57 48 pc	53 48 c
San Francisco	58 38 pc	58 51 s
Sydney	68 58 s	64 60 pc
Tokyo	48 38 s	54 60 pc
Toronto	58 38 pc	58 48 s

## Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are high for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Yesterday's National High/Low: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 80° in Hemet, CA Low 4° in Shoshoni, WY

## National Cities

City	Tom.	Thu.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta, GA	59 34 r	48 30 c
Baltimore	50 34 r	42 28 pc
Birmingham	42 28 pc	49 25 c
Boston	44 32 c	48 31 s
Boston	44 34 s	38 28 s
Charleston, SC	72 39 pc	58 28 s
Chicago	38 28 s	38 28 s
Cleveland	37 30 s	36 26 c
Daytona Beach	75 45 s	69 39 s
Daytona Beach	58 18 c	58 18 c
Detroit	38 24 s	38 24 c
El Paso	70 34 s	67 36 s
Honolulu	78 64 s	78 65 s
Houston	66 40 pc	62 44 s
Kansas City	48 22 s	46 31 s
Las Vegas	71 44 pc	64 40 s
Los Angeles	68 54 s	68 54 s
Raleigh-Durham	60 35 pc	50 24 s
Rapid City	38 23 s	51 23 pc
San Antonio	48 28 pc	48 28 s
Salt Lake City	46 31 pc	48 29 pc
Santa Fe	62 22 s	56 25 s
San Francisco	58 28 s	58 28 s
Seattle	48 21 s	48 31 s
Tucson	72 46 s	78 45 s
Memphis	50 32 pc	48 32 s
Miami	61 68 pc	72 55 s
Nashville	49 29 pc	43 27 s
New Orleans	68 37 s	64 37 s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

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