

## Second airline leaves Sanford airport

By Dan Ping  
Editor

### Vacation Express announces it will move operations to Atlanta

SANFORD — Domestic flight service from Orlando Sanford International Airport will be significantly reduced in January as Vacation Express announced it will move its airline operations to Atlanta.

The announcement comes at the same time Pan American Airways reported it would cease all flights in and out of Sanford for a month beginning Jan. 13.

"We don't like to see cuts in service, but these companies are making decisions based on what they believe are good business practices," said Larry Dale, president and

CEO of the Sanford Airport Authority. "Despite these recent announcements, the long-term prospects for this airport remain solid."

The airline industry is facing turbulent times caused by a sour economy and reluctance to fly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Pan Am's decision not to fly for a month took those factors into account and officials said the airline would not fly unless it could turn a profit.

"We've made the decision not to fly because it's not profitable," said Dan Fortnam, Pan Am's vice president of marketing. "You're going to see many of the other carriers offering deep, deep discounts to attract passengers. We're not going to do that."

Fortnam said Pan Am will use the down time to restructure and focus on flight service to the Caribbean and South America. The decision by Vacation Express, a tour

operator specializing in vacation packages to the Caribbean, is designed to be a move to gain more market share.

The Atlanta-based tour operator in December 2001 announced that it was partnering with PACE Airlines to establish Sanford as its hub linking six domestic cities — Atlanta, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Louisville, Nashville and Washington D.C. — with five Caribbean destinations — Aruba, Cancun, Costa Rica, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic.

"The reason they're leaving is because the airline and the tour operator believe they

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### Venters rallies East

Lake Brantley's Jonny Venters was not even supposed to play in this game. Page 11.

### Man in standoff arrested

The man involved in a standoff with law enforcement in Sweetwater last week, was arrested yesterday on charges stemming from that incident.

Forty-year old Mario Arteaga was initially sent to a mental health facility for evaluation following the incident, which lasted nearly 12 hours Dec. 11 through Dec. 12. The incident happened at his home at 310 Riverbend Boulevard, near Longwood.

Monday, after he was discharged from South Seminole Hospital, Arteaga was taken into custody and booked into the Seminole County Jail on charges of Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer, and Aggravated Assault-Domestic Violence.

No bond was set as of press time, and Arteaga was to have his first appearance in court scheduled Tuesday at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility (Seminole County Jail).

### Garbage collection dates announced

There will be no residential yard waste, garbage or recycling collection in unincorporated Seminole County on Christmas Day Wednesday, Dec. 25, and New Year's Day Wednesday, Jan. 1.

The Central Transfer Station located at 1634 SR 419 in Longwood and the Seminole County Landfill located at 1930 Osceola Road in Geneva will be closed in observance of these holidays.

Further information may be obtained by calling Solid Waste Management Customer Service at 407-665-2260.

### Seminole Smile



John Mercer — Sanford civil leader enjoying Light Up Sanford

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## Post office renovation hampers local stores

By Dan Ping  
Editor

SANFORD — A move by the United States Postal Service has created some misleading speculation about a local business.

The post office plans to close its current facility on Palmetto Avenue and relocate to the shopping center at the corner of Sanford Avenue and 1st Street. Contractors have gutted the west end of the center and are rebuilding it to fit the postal service's needs. The entire center also is receiving a face-lift with the addition of a new, more decorative facade.

All of the construction has led some to believe that one of the center's tenants, Family Dollar, will leave the area once the renovations are complete, said Kenneth Weiss, store manager for Family Dollar. A company official

said the store not only has no plans to close, but would consider expanding if the opportunity became available.

"That store is not on any of our plans to close," said Florence Stanley, spokeswoman for Family Dollar. "Our view is that any improvements to the center will only help us. If there is an opportunity to expand, we would sure be interested in talking with the appropriate people."

That opportunity might not come soon, however, because the center's other tenant, the Salvation Army Thrift Store, is satisfied with its lease. Like Family Dollar, the Thrift Store has also had its share of questions about future plans, said Jim Herrick, operations supervisor for the Salvation Army Thrift Store.

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## Christmas season serves as 'boot camp' for cadets

By Jamie J. Anderson  
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Salvation Army Cadets Maximo Perez and his wife, Elizabeth, will return home to Atlanta, Ga., on Christmas Eve after working more than a month at the Seminole County Salvation Army assisting those in need during the holiday season.

In November, Maximo and Elizabeth came to Seminole County to work and train under the supervision of Capt. Lin and Robert Reckline. This

extended training program is part of the Salvation Army's College for Officer Training in Atlanta, Ga.

While enrolled in the two-year school to become preachers, the couple resided at the educational facility and studied a wide range of subjects, including public speaking, church history, community relations, business administration, accounting, music, the Salvation Army doctrine and social work.

"The Cadets are here for training." See Cadets, Page 10



Elizabeth and Maximo Perez help out at the Seminole County Salvation Army. In November, the couple came to Seminole to train.

## Hopper program created to build stronger families through the arts

By Marva Hawkins  
Herald Correspondent

Strengthening Families Through the Arts was a workshop held on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Hopper Center.

Principal Dr. Barbara Kirby-Bentley said the concept of the day was to strengthen communications and dynamics between Hopper Center parents and students.

The workshop was funded by Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc., presenting a new program-dance movement with family follow-up.

The event was a collaboration between Sanford programs, Tajiri Arts, Inc., and presented by Dr. William A. Kerns, MA, MSW, Executive Director of Family Intra-Community Services (FICS) located at 424 South Elliott Avenue, Sanford.

Call 407-321-8246 or contact billkerns@earthlink.net/www.ficsfamily.com

The class with Taneta the African dance instructor introduced an educated, and familiarized youth and parents with the basic movements, drum instruction, rhythm recognition, songs of Central, South and West Africa. This high energy cultural experience included traditional dance pieces with audience and student

participation. Basic African music and movements enlighten all. Don't hurry them in their dance as this music impacts their lives.

Mime was taught by Robert Hayes. This session educated and familiarized youth and parents. They learned the basic mime movement, history and technique experience which engaged and enlightened parent's participation.

Dr. William A. Kerns, Executive Director of Family Intra-

Community service in partnership with Tajiri Arts, is available to present seminars on problem resolutions for children with cognitive or sensory disabilities.

Children are taught American sign language signs for "hot" and "cold" and sign language through activity. Florida Developmental Disabilities Council Social Service will book other seminars to be held at Hopper Center and other schools.

## Celebrating the holidays with Santa



Yarahiz LaBoy, 3, poses for a picture with Santa after she told him what she wants for Christmas. LaBoy was one of 300 students who attended the Kwanza's holiday party.



Santa Claus greets some of the Seminole County Head Start students who attended Tuesday's Kwanza Club party at the Sanford Civic Center.

## Kiwanis throws party for 300 children

By Michelle Jeria  
Managing Editor

The Kiwanis Club partnered with Santa Claus Tuesday to make the holidays a little brighter for more than 300 children from various areas in Seminole County.

The organization held its annual holiday party for students in Seminole County's Head Start program. Along with a visit from St. Nick, the children each received gifts and refreshments during the festivities.

"This event means a whole lot to the children and their families," said Phyllis Scott, Head Start coordinator for Seminole County. "For some of the children, this may be all they get for Christmas."

"The party also teaches children about giving," Scott said. "It's about sharing and caring."

The Kiwanis holiday party has become an annual tradition for children in Seminole County's Head Start program



Kiwanian Walt Smith gets ready for Tuesday's holiday party. Along with refreshments, the students were given books and gifts to take home with them.

that includes sites at Hamilton, Midway, Milwee, Altamonte Springs, Pine Crest, Lawton and Forest City elementary schools, Scott said. Each year, the children travel to the Sanford Civic Center to spend two or three hours talking to Santa, eating cookies and other holiday treats and singing Christmas carols.

Teacher volunteers arrived

early to this year's party to help decorate the center's auditorium. There was someone missing, however, from this year's event. Don Stanford, the initial coordinator for the children's holiday celebration, passed away earlier this year.

"Don was really, really active in all of our community

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# SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

## Wife who's tired of husband finds what she wants in class

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, "Howard," and I have been married five years. I'm not sure I want to be married to him anymore. I haven't told him I feel this way, but he senses "something" is wrong. I'm afraid to bring it up



Dear Abby

because he has low self-esteem and becomes defensive. He fits the profile of a co-dependent person — and lately I feel like I'm his mother.

I love Howard dearly. He has helped me raise my son. But I can't afford to waste the rest of my life with someone who is so insecure that I can't even polish my fingernails without him saying, "Got a date?" This is no way to live, and I'm tired of it.

The twist to the story is that I attend school part time and have become friends with a man I'll call "Gary," with whom I am absolutely fascinated. Gary is attractive, smart, and knows what he wants out of life — and has a plan to get there. (I keep asking myself, where was Gary when I was single?)

I live in a small town and can't talk to anyone about my situation. Any suggestions?

**FRUSTRATED IN WISCONSIN**

**DEAR FRUSTRATED:** If I were you, I'd slow down and not destroy a marriage that has worked for five years. Nowhere in your letter have you indicated that Gary is interested in anything more than a casual relationship.

Your husband's self-esteem can be boosted through counseling and your emotional support. There is always going to be someone who is richer, smarter, more handsome and more aggressive. However, it doesn't guarantee the person will make you happy.

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother passed away three years ago. A year or so after her death, my 67-year-old father looked up "Enid," an old girlfriend he dated while he was in his early 20s. She was married, but was happy to meet with him. It didn't take long to rekindle their romance, and as soon as her divorce was final, they were married.

Dad asked her repeatedly how many times she had been married and how the marriages ended. Enid maintained that there were three marriages; one made her a widow, while the other two ended in divorce — and it was the fault of the husband both times.

One of Enid's family members has tipped me off that she wasn't honest with Dad. There were a total of five marriages and four divorces.

What should I do with this information, Abby? Should I let Dad go to his grave without ever knowing the truth, in order to spare his feelings? Should I tell him? I was raised to value honesty and honor. Please point me to the path I should take.

**WANTS THE BEST FOR DAD IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR WANTS THE BEST:** Your dad should be told the truth immediately. There are legal implications when someone conceals that kind of information, and your father should discuss them with his lawyer. Enid could be ashamed of her multiple failed marriages or she could be a shady lady with plenty to hide. Either way, your dad should be given the opportunity to find out whom he's dealing with.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife thinks I'm weird because I put ice cream on my shredded wheat in the mornings. I figure it's a dairy product, and besides, it tastes good! What's your opinion?

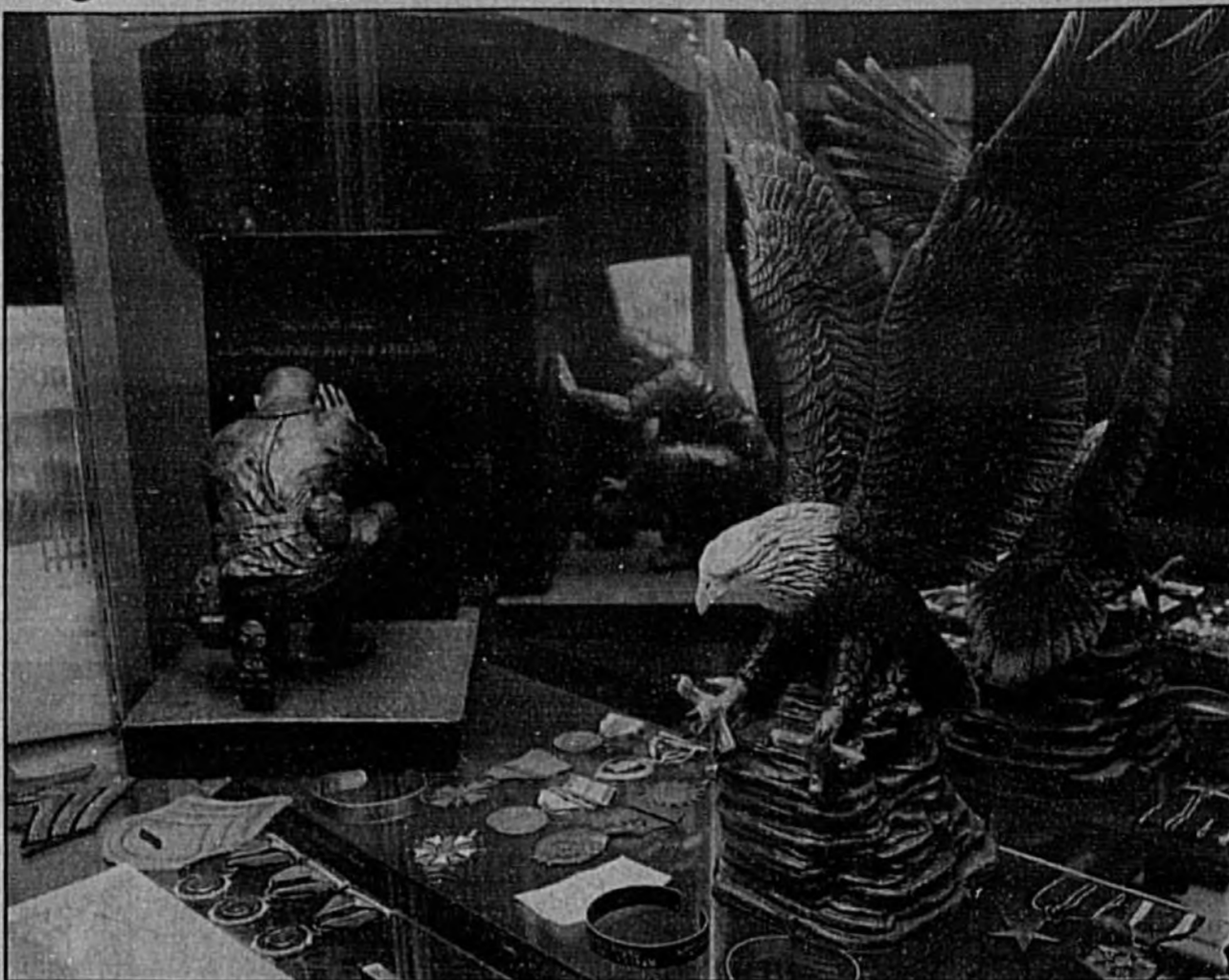
**EVERETT IN LAGUNA HILLS, CALIF.**

**DEAR EVERETT:** If you're not concerned about saturated fat or calories, the practice is all right with me. However, an equally tasty and healthier alternative would be to sweeten your cereal with flavored nonfat yogurt. (It's delicious with oatmeal.)

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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## Eagles Landing



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

This display at the American Legion Post No. 53 of Sanford depicts the spirit of America with the bald eagle soaring. It also demonstrates the sacrifices made by veterans through the kneeling soldier at the wall. Both are vivid reminders of our freedoms and the sacrifices made to keep them.

### Death Investigation

The death of a 62-year-old man this weekend has been ruled accidental as a result of a kitchen fire.

On Saturday, December 14th at approximately 1113 hours, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office responded to 619 Lake Mobile Drive regarding a suspicious incident involving a fire. Upon arrival the deputies discovered a deceased male, Lonnie Robbins, inside the residence. A portion of the interior of the residence was burned, but the fire had gone out prior to the deputies arriving.

It's believed Robbins was making some food on the stove, went to lie down while it was cooking, and then fell asleep. The food burned, and eventually caught his kitchen on fire. The preliminary autopsy report indicates Robbins died of smoke inhalation.

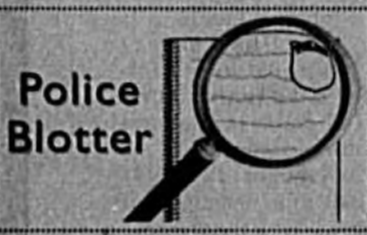
### Adult Entertainment Arrests

Undercover Vice Agents of the Seminole County CCIB (City County Investigative Bureau) arrested seven persons Friday night through Saturday morning at Circus-Circus, an adult entertainment business located in Fern Park. The charges are all misdemeanors carrying a bond of \$163. Charges ranged from improper touching to exposure of areas of the body which are supposed to remain covered.

### Shoplifting

Gina Marie Bailey, 28, of Casselberry, was arrested by Sanford police Monday at a store in the Seminole Towne Center Mall. She reportedly took five boxes of chocolate from a store without paying. She was charged with petty shoplifting from a merchant.

Nickolas Ponder, 19, of Wayside Drive, Sanford, was arrested at a store in the Seminole Towne Center Mall Monday. He reportedly took a purse from a woman, valued, with contents at \$450. He was charged with theft, of over \$300 and less



than \$5,000.

Krystal Joye Matthews, 22, of Orlando, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Monday at a store in the 4200 block of Alafaya Trail. She was accused of taking \$60.14 in items from a store without paying. She was charged with petty larceny.

Napoleon N. Ponder, 31, Cedar Creek Circle, Sanford, and Charles Arthur Johnson, 31, of Georgia Avenue, Sanford, were both arrested by Sanford police Monday at a store in the Seminole Towne Center Mall. According to the arrest report, each of them purchased a \$1.30 bottle of Sprite, and gave a \$20 bill. A check of the bills proved both were counterfeit with identical serial numbers. They were detained by security personnel until police arrived. Police said they located a counterfeit \$10 bill in Johnson's pocket. Each was charged with fraud/counterfeit currency, and defrauding an innkeeper.

### DUI

Michael Thomas Mitchell, 34, of Orlando, was stopped by sheriff's deputies Monday at Highway 17-92 and General Hutchinson Parkway. He was charged with driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol/drugs.

Patricia Ann Carlton, 50, of Celery Avenue, Sanford, was reportedly involved in a traffic accident Monday at First Street and French Avenue. Sanford police arrested her on charges of DUI with property damage, DUI alcohol/drugs, leaving the scene of an

accident with property damage, reckless driving, and no current insurance.

Jennifer Lynn Hoyt, 25, of Orangeridge Drive, Longwood, was stopped by a sheriff's deputy early Tuesday when the officer said he saw her driving down at Spring and Florida Avenues with the right front tire flat and sparks flying from the wheel. She was charged with DUI alcohol/drugs.

Morgan Charles Harris, 23, of Sipes Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Monday. Police were called regarding a disturbance in front of a store in the 3600 block of Orlando Drive. When they arrived, Harris reportedly fled, but was apprehended in Logan Heights Circle. He was charged with disorderly intoxication and resisting an officer without violence.

### Accident

Michael D. Dingee, 25, of Pine Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Monday as the result of an accident at Celery Avenue and Cypress Street. He reportedly left the scene and was located in the 900 block of West First Street. He was charged with hit & run/leaving the scene with property damage, hit & run crash without leaving identification, careless driving, and failing to report an accident.

### Other Arrests

Christa Denise Walker, 19, of Woodridge Circle, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police at her residence Monday following an altercation with a male. She was charged with aggravated battery domestic violence.

Bryan E. Rowe, 30, of Oviedo, was stopped by Florida Highway Patrol troopers Monday at Highway 17-92 and Dog Track Road. He was charged with driving with a revoked license, and driving with a suspended license.

## OUT & ABOUT

El Nino has done it again. Unusually rainy weather, during what should be the dry season, has caused the postponement, again, of the second annual Law Enforcement Memorial Park Golf Tourney at the Sabal Point Country Club in Longwood.

The tourney's original date was Monday, Dec. 9, but that was a rainout. Friday was the back-up date, and that's been a rain-out. Now, organizers are looking to Monday, Jan. 13, as the next date to reschedule the tourney. It will begin at 8:30am at the Sabal Point Country Club in Longwood.

The proceeds from this tournament will go toward the construction of the Eugene Gregory Law Enforcement Memorial Park, near Geneva. It is being named in memory of Seminole County Deputy Eugene Gregory, who was killed July 8, 1998, while on duty in the Geneva area. The park is intended to honor all Seminole County Law Enforcement Officers and to give the youth of Geneva much-needed recreational space.

In August, the park project took a major step forward when the Seminole County Board of Commissioners voted to support, and assist with some funding. Most of project is being funded by donations of cash, supplies and labor by the public. Construction could begin within a year. Donations to the project are still welcome.

For tournament information, contact Deputy Todd Moderson at 407-328-3761, or Sharon Bryan at 407-328-3955. To learn more about the tournament or Memorial Park visit us on the web at [www.seminolesheriff.org/le\\_memorial](http://www.seminolesheriff.org/le_memorial)

## SAT 21

The December Blue Grass Pickin' event is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 21 from 6 until 10 p.m. at the Longwood Community Building, 200 W. Warren Avenue. The event is free. Bring your instrument if you wish, or just bring your listening ears.

## WED 25

Meals on Wheels, Etc. is holding its annual campaign to deliver hot turkey dinners to seniors on Dec. 25. Baskets of gifts will also be prepared for this special occasion. Donations of any amount will help bring lonely and forgotten shut-ins a little warmth and spirit of the season.

Donations may be mailed to Meals on Wheels, Etc. 1097 Sand Pond Road, Lake Mary, 32746.

## WED 8

The Jan. 8 luncheon meeting of Seminole Spokes will feature Jim Bishop, WDBO Traffic Reporter, discussing traffic problems into and out of Central Florida.

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## Obituaries

### THERESA MULDOWNEY DOWNHAM

Theresa Muldowney Downham, 70, Golden Birch Lane, Longwood, died Friday, Dec. 13, 2002 at South Seminole Hospital, Longwood. She was born Dec. 22, 1931 in Pittsburgh, Penn. She was a retired care giver.

Survivors include husband, Harold, Longwood; daughter, Marilyn Zubler; son-in-law, Art Zubler; one granddaughter.

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

### SHIRLEY B. FOX

Shirley B. Fox, Peregrine Court, Winter Springs, died Friday, Dec. 13, 2002 at South Seminole Hospital, Longwood. She was born March 10, 1926 in Baltimore, Md. She was a secretary.

Survivors include husband, Sidney J., Winter Springs; sons, Marshall S. and Shelton J.; sisters, Eileen Alsrube, Betty Auld, and Gwen Sporer.

There will be no local funeral service.

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

### GRACE MARGARET GERBER

Grace Margaret Gerber, 86, Grand Plaza, Orange City, died Monday, Dec. 16, 2002 at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. Born in Detroit, Mich., she moved to Central Florida 40 years ago. She was a homemaker. She was a life time member of Van Dyke Loyalty, Eastern Star of Detroit, and past volunteer for Volusia County C.O.P.S. She was a Sunday School teacher and sang in the choir.

Survivors include son, Richard, Orange City; brother, John Giles, Largo; twin sister, Helen White, Warren, Mich.; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

Baldauff Family Funeral Home/Crematory, Orange City, in charge of arrangements.

### THOMAS HENRY HEIM

Thomas Henry Heim, 77, Lackland Drive, Deltona, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002 at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. Born in Philadelphia, Penn., he moved to Central Florida 15 years ago. He was a retired truck driver and a Catholic. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include wife, Mary; son, Thomas, Philadelphia; daughters, Cindy Nowak, Lake Mary, Rosemary Richardson, Philadelphia, Patricia Burden, Pennsgrove, N.J., Sharon Retchart, Deltona; brothers, Eddie, Casselberry, Wilmer "Whip", Port St. Lucie, Jimmie and George, both of Philadelphia; sister, Clair Palluche, Port St. Lucie; 17 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

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

### WILLIAM B. STEIN

William B. Stein, 32, Tartan Lane, Deltona, died Friday, Dec. 13, 2002 at Central Florida Regional Hospital, Sanford. He was born Jan. 15, 1970. He was an electrician.

Survivors include friend, Natalie A. McMahan, Deltona.

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

## Santa's 2002 tour will continue this Saturday in Lake Mary

Santa Claus will continue his Lake Mary tour on Saturday. He will be traveling throughout the city on top of the city's reserve fire truck. Members of the Lake Mary Police Department will escort the holiday entourage during his journey through the various neighborhoods in Lake Mary.

While Santa rides on top of the fire engine, off-duty personnel will be walking alongside the truck handing out candy. Since the procession will be traveling at a slow rate of speed and children will be gathering around the group, motorists are urged to take extra precaution.

The tour will begin Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and end around 5 p.m. It will begin in Country Club Oaks on Oakview Circle and will move to Springhurst on Springhurst Circle. It will then travel down Ridge Road, Channel Drive, West Fredrick Avenue to True Place, crossing North Country Club to East Floyd Avenue, Abbott

Avenue, Lake Mary Avenue, North Street, West Lakeview Avenue and Wilson Drive.

The tour will cross West Lake Mary Boulevard and head to Fifth Street, Washington Avenue, South Fourth Street, Van Buren Avenue, Third Street and back to West Lake Mary Boulevard, where it will cross to Palmetto, Greenleaf and Lake Street. Santa will then head up Lake Mary Road to Oak Leaf Circle in the Misty Oaks Subdivision, Sun Oaks Court in Sun Oaks and Estates Circle in Crystal Lake Estates.

At about 1 p.m., the tour will resume, beginning on Evansdale Road. It will then travel down Pine Tree Road, Shady Oaks Circle, Clermont Road, Broadmoor Road to Cardinal Oaks Court in Phase I and then back down Broadmoor to South Country Club Road. Heading south, the tour will turn onto Main Road and enter Cardinal Oaks Phase II on

Stephanie Court, Mourning Dove Court, Webster Street, Lake Road and then to Woldunn on Woldunn Circle.

Santa will then travel back down Main Road to South Country Club where he will cross over to visit Calico Road and Leslie Lane in Meadowbrooke. After leaving Meadowbrooke, the tour will travel to Country Downs and visit North Road and Kveneland Pike and then head south on Country Club to State Road 427. The group will enter Cardinal Oaks Estates and travel down Jennifer Court and Monica Court and then enter Woodfield Estates, visiting Silkwood and Innewood Court.

Traveling back up 427 to Longwood/Lake Mary Road, Santa will enter Eagle Creek Subdivision and visit Eagle Creek Circle. He will then travel to Rockwell Circle and Humphrey Road before visiting Eagle Crossing Subdivision on Bald Eagle Run and Eaglet Way.



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent  
Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Cooper gives candy to Tyler and Daniella Gregory of Deltona, during Santa's tour, while their mother, Lynne Gregory, watches.



Santa Saturday waves to children during his Lake Mary tour. St. Nick's tour will continue this Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Country Club Oaks.

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## Renovation

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"We get several questions a day asking if we're closing," Herrick said.

The construction has hurt business by as much as \$1,500 a day, Herrick said, but he thinks the improvements will help in the long term.

"We've had complaints from customers that it's hard to get in and out of the parking lot," Herrick said. "They're making a lot of nice improvements and I'm pretty sure it will help us once they get finished. We plan on being there for a good while."

The Thrift Store is operated by the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, which is

based in Orange County. Items are donate to the store and money raised through store sales funds programs at the Adult Rehabilitation Center.

Family Dollar operates 4,678 stores in 41 states. During Fiscal Year 2002 which ended Aug. 31, the company generated sales of \$4.2 billion, a 15.5 percent increase compared to Fiscal Year 2001. The company opened 525 stores during that same fiscal year and plans to open 575 stores in Fiscal Year 2003. In November, Family Dollar opened 42 stores in five states.

The first Family Dollar store was opened in November 1959 in Charlotte, N.C.



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent  
Family Dollar store manager Kenneth Weiss, center, said construction by the United States Postal Service has led people to speculate that the store plans to move, which is not the case. Weiss is pictured with employees Laseana Harris, left, and Barb Estabrook.

## Wellness Seminar slate for Jan. 21

Central Florida Regional Hospital will sponsor a Wellness Seminar for smoking cessation Tuesday, Jan. 21, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. and a Wellness Seminar for weight reduction on Wednesday, Jan. 22, also from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m.

In both seminars, participants will receive a 45 minute session to determine if they wish to sign up.

Cost for the remainder of the classes is \$55.

For additional information, phone 1-800-848-2822.

## CPH donates \$12,000 worth of toys to Salvation Army



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For seven consecutive years, CPH Engineers kicked off the holiday season with their annual toy shopping spree. It has become a tradition with the Sanford-based engineering firm to allocate dollars for each of its 10 offices to be used to purchase toys that are then donated to organizations that will distribute the toys in their respective communities. Locally, CPH Sanford has partnered with the Salvation Army in this effort. After shopping, the staff gathers to be photographed with the toys for their annual holiday card, which expresses the company's thanks to clients and business partners who help to make this tradition possible. This year, CPH raised and spent more than \$12,000 on toys to make Christmas brighter for deserving children.

## Community Notes

### 30th Reunion

Crooms High School Sophomore Class of 1972 will celebrate their 30th reunion Dec. 28 - 29. They will hold a meeting Saturday, Dec. 21, at 10 a.m. at the Sanford Library Conference Room. All Crooms High 1972 sophomores are invited.

Contact Lajbette Smith Glenn at 407-323-0337 or Sylvia Beamon Thomas at 407-323-4967 for more information.

### 1950s Reunion

Crooms Academy Classic '50s will hold their final planning session Saturday, Dec. 21, 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul Baptist Church, Pine Ave. at 9th Street.

All alumni, graduates, and students of Crooms Academy "50" classes may join the reunion to be held Dec. 26 - 29.

Call Chairman Richard Evans at 407-323-1803 for information.

or attend the meeting.

### Scholarships Offered

The Central Florida Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa is again sponsoring scholarships for high school seniors who intend to go to college to become teachers. The National PDK organization offers scholarships ranging from one to five thousand dollars. Applications for these scholarships can be obtained from Dave Scott at Idylwilde Elementary School, 407-320-3750. Deadline for applications is January 15, 2003, with the scholarships to be announced April 28.

### Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club

The monthly meeting of Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club will be held Jan. 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Room of Robb & Stucky Fine Furniture,

SR-434, Altamonte Springs. Robert Bowden of Leu Gardens will be guest speaker. New and prospective members are welcome.

For information phone Marilyn at 407-814-9482.

### Wheelchair Available

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### Volunteers needed

The Seminole County Guardian Ad Litem Program is in need of volunteers to advocate for the best interest of abused, neglected and abandoned children in a court proceeding. To become a Guardian Ad Litem volunteer, you must be 21 years old or older, possession good judgement, common sense and be capable of helping a child in crisis.

You must present favorable references, consent to have your background checked, and complete 24 hours of training.

Guardian Ad Litem training will be held at the Juvenile Justice Center, 190 Bush Blvd., Sanford, on Feb. 21, 22 and 28. Contact Tina at 407-665-5376 or visit the web site at [www.galseminolecounty.org](http://www.galseminolecounty.org)

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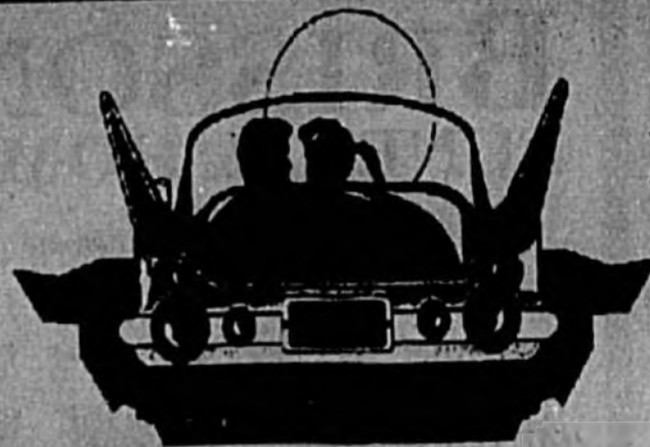
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### Fire departments offer holiday safety reminders

This time of year is marked with holiday lights, trees and ornamental candles. As a result, the fire departments in Central Florida report an increase in the number of injuries and property loss due to fires.

Below are a few safety reminders for the holiday season.

#### Trees and Holiday Plants

- Christmas trees that are not kept moist can present a very serious fire hazard. A dried out tree can be totally consumed by fire in less than 15 seconds.

- If you have waited until now, take extreme precautions in buying a tree. Trees with brown shedding needles should be rejected. When the trunk of a tree is bounced on the ground, a shower of falling needles shows that the tree is dry.

- When you bring a tree home, cut about an inch off the end of the trunk. This will remove the dried end and allow the tree to absorb water.

- Always turn off lights on trees and other decorations when you go to bed or leave your home. A short circuit in any of this equipment could cause a fire.

- Christmas holly, mistletoe and poinsettias are all poisonous plants and should be kept away from children.

#### Candles

- Never use lighted candles near a tree or other plant.

- Always use non-flammable holders.

- Keep candles away from other decorations and wrapping paper.

- Place candles where they cannot be knocked down or blown away. Animals are fascinated with candles, keep flames away from cats and dogs.

#### Lights

- Use only lights that have been tested for safety. Identify these by the UL label. Check each set of lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires and loose connections.

- Use no more than three sets of lights per single extension.

- Never use indoor lights outside.

## Historical Museum hosts Festival of Trees



Central Florida Children's Repertory Theater won first-place in the miniature tree category for its entry, "Silver Christmas."



Lake Mary Historical Commission Chairman DeLores Lash, right, presents Publix of Lake Mary Village employee Dottie Adams with the blue ribbon for best overall tree during the Holiday Festival of Trees held Sunday at the Lake Mary Historical Museum. The entry was titled, "Lake Mary Christmas."



White Wolfe Native American Arts won first-place in the large tree category for its entry, "Native American Christmas."



French Quarter Exchange Ladies Consignment won first-place in the small tree category for its entry, "Steppin' Out At Mardi Gras."



Cora Rice got into the holiday spirit with festive attire during Sunday's Festival of Trees, hosted by the Lake Mary Historical Commission and Lake Mary Historical Society. The decorations and food were created by Historical Commission Vice Chairman Clinton Rhodes.



Lake Mary Commissioner Gary Brander holds up his second-place winning tree during the Festival of Trees.

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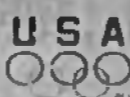
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# Holiday on Parade

Sanford hosts annual event



Hundreds of people gathered in downtown Sanford Saturday to watch the city's annual holiday parade.



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Pictured above, a Shiner clown leads Saturday's holiday parade. At right, Sanford City Commissioner Art Woodruff smiles at the crowd while his son, Daniel, sleeps in his lap.



Pictured above, Courtney Brown shows off her holiday spirit with a Christmas tree headband. At left, a view of the Seminole High School Marching Band through Hallie Willis' antlers.

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## Seminole High Class of 1961 holds reunion

On Nov. 8, the Seminole High School Class of 1961 gathered at the Maison Jardine Restaurant for their 41st reunion. During the evening they enjoyed remembering those carefree days when everyone was young, energetic and full of new ideas.

The beautifully appointed restaurant provided entertainment and several mouth watering appetizers at various food stations.

Classmates mingled and shared such information as grandchildren and retirement plans. Mike Roberts shared some trivia about their years at Seminole High and Charles Fox told tall tales for which he was famous. These triggered other memories which were shared by these long time friends.

It was noted that in the former Grammar School, now the Student Museum, there is a photograph of Mrs. Turnbull's Kindergarten class with many of the classmates featured. Several in the group were shocked to learn they were in a museum.

Later in the evening, Allen Stanley of the Dixie Sound played the top tunes from their high school years so the classmates could dance, while recalling the after football game dances and wonderful prom nights. Attendees were able to win prizes for identifying tunes from their past such as "I Fall to Pieces" and "Moon River".

A classmate director was given to each class member and there were opportunities to have pictures taken during the evening for a Reunion Photo Book to be completed later.

The committee who planned this fun-filled evening included Rob Bruce, Glenn Hodges, Judy Ludwig Hodges, Suzanne Jones McKenzie, Bud Kirk, Alex McKibbin, Mike Roberts and John Wheelchel.

The next day, members of the 1961 Golf Team gathered at Mayfair Country Club where they were joined by their coach, Fred Ganas and former golfing friend, Dr. John Morgan. Lots of memories, plus a little golf were shared. Many had not seen their former coach in 41 years.

Members of the golf team attending were John Wheelchel, See Stinecpher, Page 7

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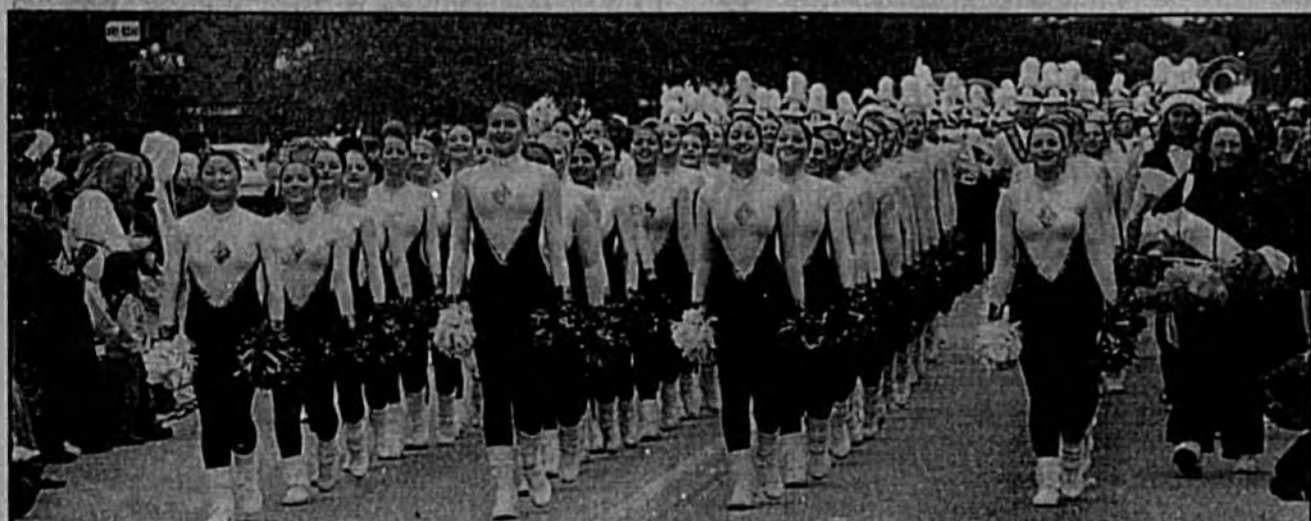
Pictured left, the Sanford Fire Department Honor Guard marches in Saturday's parade. Below, a local Brownie troop marches in the parade. Various community organization, officials and businesses marched in the annual holiday parade.



Pictured above, Teresa Ruffin of Sanford tries to stay warm during Saturday's parade. At right, members of the Bahia Shrine Club perform on their mo-peds during the parade.



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Pictured above, the Seminole High School Dazzlers lead the school's marching band during the holiday parade. At right, people anxiously wait for the beginning of the annual parade.



## Stinecipher

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Boca Raton, John Mann, Arlington, Tex., Ladd McCoy, Carlsbad, Cal McCall, Winston Salem, N.C., Charles Fox, Fort Myers, Rob Bruce of Longwood and Clint Smith.

Other classmates attending the Friday night reunion, along with their spouses and guests where these from Florida, Jim Boston, Lake Monroe, Cary Cowan, St. Augustine, Larry Davis, Ormond Beach, Pam Jordan Black, Merritt Island, Bud Kirk, Maitland, Alex

McKibbin, Lake Mary, Rosalind Ratcliff White, St. Petersburg, Pauline O'Rourke Skipper, Cantonment, Robert Bullard, L'once Inlet, and Gwynne Williams Barber, Ruckledge.

Classmates from Sanford were Dede Detrichs Daly, Jim Dunn, Elizabeth Fryer Jett, Shirley Jones Bagley, Mike Roberts, Helen Pittard Barco, and Mary Anne Watson Jones.

Traveling from out of state were Bobby Bower, Collins, Ga., Glynn

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## Cadets

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ing to learn how to handle a Christmas program for the Salvation Army," said Capt. Lin Reckline. "This way, when they graduate they will have hands-on experience."

While in Seminole County their responsibilities included coordinating Thanksgiving and Christmas food distributions and church programs.

After graduation in June, the cadets will be commissioned as captains, ordained as ministers and assigned to active duty in

the Salvation Army's Southern territory. As ordained ministers, they will be authorized to perform funerals services, counseling, consolation, marriage ceremonies and infant dedications.

"God called us to be preachers of His word," said Elizabeth, 29. "We try to do our best every day to teach people about Him."

Maximo has devoted his life to spreading God's word since a life-altering encounter in 1990. Through his work with the Salvation Army, Maximo hopes to share his life experience with

those in need.

Maximo grew up in Cuba in a communist family. Because they were strict atheists, Maximo never attended church and knew nothing of God's word. In 1990, when his younger sister became ill, Maximo's view of life and religion changed.

"I sat down on my bed to cry because the doctors didn't think she was going to make it," said Maximo, 24. "I started feeling pressure on my chest and felt like there was someone in the room with me. I looked around and saw no one. I ran into the living room and fell on my knees. I said, out loud, 'If there is a God and He saves my sister, I will go to church every Sunday.'"

"Because of my childhood, I had no idea what I was saying," Maximo continued. "I told my grandmother what had happened and the following morning my sister was back at home with us. The doctors couldn't explain it, but I could."

During the time that followed, Maximo would be arrested three times in Cuba for spreading the word of God. In 1995, he joined the Salvation Army in Cuba and later that year moved to the United States to pursue a career with the organization. The couple were married in 1998 and joined the Salvation Army's College for Officer Training in 2000.

"I saw how God opened all the doors," Maximo said. "This is where He wants me to be."

**The Mission Statement of the Salvation Army USA**  
The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

## Airline

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can generate more traffic from Atlanta than they can from Orlando," said Larry Gouldthorpe, president of TBI Airport Management Inc., which manages the domestic and international terminal for the Sanford Airport Authority. "Do we agree with that? No. It will be more costly for them to operate from Atlanta, and there are, of course, the hidden costs like flight delays."

Gouldthorpe said the relationship with Vacation Express remains good, and there is a possi-

bility the company will return to Sanford.

"We think once they get to Atlanta and experience some headaches, namely the delays, there is a chance they may want to return," Gouldthorpe said.

In a company press release, Vacation Express President René Jongmans said the relationship with Orlando Sanford International was "extremely successful" and allowed the company to expand its charter operations.

"While we were very happy operating the hub from the Orlando Sanford International

Airport, space has become available in Atlanta on concourse E and we feel that a hub from one of our strongest markets is the best thing for Vacation Express, our travel agent partners and our passengers," Jongmans said.

With Vacation Express's departure and Pan Am's decision to focus less on domestic destinations, OSIA's remaining domestic service is provided by Southeast Airlines, a small charter service based in Largo. Southeast Airlines offers service from Sanford to Allentown, Penn., Newborn, N.B., and St. Petersburg.

## Party

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events," said Sanford Kiwanis President Melanie Winterheimer. "This was his pet project, and we really miss him."

"But, Jamie Wilkes, this year's project coordinator, has done a tremendous job," Winterheimer said. "He has given 120 percent."

Kiwanis member Allen Smith also assisted in this year's prepa-

rations, Winterheimer added.

The Kiwanis raise money for the party through various fundraisers held throughout the year, including the club's annual pancake breakfast. Various businesses also sponsor the event by donating food and gifts, including Scholastic Book Fairs.

Every year, the Lake Mary company makes sure each child

leaves the party with a book to take home.

"The Kiwanis really like to help out in the community any way we can," Winterheimer said. "We've held the children's party for years, and it has become a tradition for us."

"It's such a treat each year to see it all come together," she said. "It's just tremendous."

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CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 01-801 DIVISION 14 L

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC., Plaintiff,  
vs. DAVID REUTER A/K/A DAVID C. REUTER, et al. Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 26, 2002, and entered in Case No. 01-801-CA of the Circuit Court of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Seminole County, Florida wherein MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC. is the Plaintiff and DAVID REUTER A/K/A DAVID C. REUTER; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANT, TENANT #1 N/A TODD A. BLACK; TENANT #2 N/A JAMES FLETCHER are the Defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at WEST FRONT DOOR OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SANFORD, FLORIDA at 11:30 AM, on the 2nd day of January, 2003, the following described property as set

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forth in said Final Judgment: BEGINNING AT A POINT 20 FEET EAST AND 30 FEET NORTH OF THE SW CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST AND RUN NORTH 158 FEET THENCE EAST 120 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 158 FEET, THENCE WEST 120 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND COMMENCING AT A POINT 20 FEET EAST AND 30 FEET NORTH OF THE SW CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, AND RUN NORTH 158 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 50 FEET, THENCE EAST 120 FEET, THENCE WEST 120 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 50 FEET, THENCE WEST 120 FEET, OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Florida Water Services Authority (the "Authority") will hold a public hearing on Friday, December 20, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport, in meeting rooms on the Lobby Floor located at 6300 Airport Blvd., Orlando, Florida 32827. At the meeting, the Authority will conduct a hearing to receive public comment on and consider the adoption of a rate resolution establishing utility rates, fees and charges, and the adoption of service, extension and other utility policies and procedures by the Authority for the customers of the Florida Water Services Corporation (the "Utility") water, wastewater and reuse water facilities which prospectively, in the event of an acquisition by the Authority of the Utility, may become customers of the Authority. Monthly service charges proposed for current water and sewer services users do not have any increases to current monthly rates. At the meeting, the Authority may also consider the adoption of certain employment procedures, practices, policies and/or amendments; possible revisions to the proposed structure of the Authority's acquisition of the Utility, including agreements relating thereto; and certain documents relating to the proposed financing of such acquisitions. The Authority will also consider other issues relating to the acquisition by the Authority and financing of the transaction.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), PERSONS IN NEED OF A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO ANY PROCEEDINGS, CONTACT 850-916-5420.

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All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at this hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the Authority for the introduction or admission of evidence of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals not otherwise allowed by law.

All interested parties may appear at the above public hearing at the stated time and place fixed for said public hearing and be given an opportunity to express their views for or against the proposal with respect thereto. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be necessary. The public record of this meeting may be examined at the Authority's temporary office located at 1070 Sheraline Drive, Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561. The Florida Water Services Authority. Public: December 18, 2002 TT154

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It is with great joy and thankfulness that the daughters and families of Sam and Carrie Greene announce the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding on December 20, 1952. They were married in Arno, Virginia, a coal-mining camp in southwest Virginia. Mother was the daughter of Bill and Florence Berry and Daddy was the son of W. Earl and Eula Greene. While growing up in Arno as next door neighbors their entire lives they were bosom buddies and cohorts in mischief. However, when Daddy came home on leave from the Navy in 1951, love blossomed, and marriage ensued in 1952. The couple traveled around the East Coast following Daddy's Naval career. Daddy was stationed in Sanford, Florida, in 1966 and retired there in 1968 with twenty years service. He then began another two decades of work with Martin Marietta. Mother was busy raising three daughters and serving her neighbors, church and community wherever she lived. While most of her work did not involve a paycheck, her contributions to those around her were priceless. Friends now tell how our home was a haven for them, a respite from the difficulties in their own lives.

Having always been involved with family, church and community activities, Mother and Daddy are still contributing today. Daddy is still active with Methodist Men, Golden Age Games, golf and shuffleboard. Mother is active with the Sanford Women's Club and entertaining friends and family with her delicious southern cooking. Both love card games and both are fierce competitors; just ask anyone who has ever played against them. In addition to local activities, they still travel extensively visiting friends and relatives in Alabama, Virginia and New York.

Mother and Daddy epitomized hard work, integrity, love of family, loyalty, community involvement and Christian service. They were and continue to be extraordinary parents and grandparents. They came to help their daughters after the births of all nine of their grandchildren. That service required them to travel to Minnesota, North Carolina, Alabama and New York. It is only now in middle-aged maturity that we realize what a privilege it was to have grown up in their home as their daughters. We knew we were loved and cherished and were told we could be anything we wanted.

Sherie Brown, daughter number one, is an attorney and is now serving her second term as circuit judge of Morgan County, Alabama, where she lives with her daughter Carly. Pam Patterson, daughter number two and home-school mom, lives in upstate New York with her husband Wesley and their children Emily, Samuel, Jacob and Steven. Laura Rape, beloved youngest daughter of the family died in March 2000. She had just returned to college full time to become a Christian counselor. Her loss is still painfully sharp and is a constant reminder of the fragility and preciousness of life. She also lived in Alabama with husband, Dr. Greg Rape, and their four children: Kristen, Andrew, Kelsey and Anna.

Much of the family will be visiting Sanford for the Christmas season in honor of Mother and Daddy's momentous anniversary. God has graciously blessed the entire family and we give him thanks for all things. Thanks also, Mom and Dad, for all the years of love, guidance and support you have generously given to us. We are so proud of you both and proud to be your daughters and grandchildren. We love you dearly.



# Sports

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## Operation "Salt Lick" nabs 10

Special to the Herald

OCALA — A wildlife poaching ring was brought down early Thursday when Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) investigators arrested 10 men in Brevard, Orange, Seminole and Indian River counties after a covert investigation that lasted more than a year.

The charges against the men are both felonies and misdemeanors, and include conspiracy, armed trespass, illegally killing deer and alligators, possession of moonshine whisky, contributing to the delinquency of a child, the taking of swimming deer, the taking of deer during the closed season, possession of firearms on water management district property, shooting over private property, operating all terrain vehicle in a closed area, and attempting to take deer with dogs in a closed area.

The investigation began about a year and a half ago when FWC investigators went to work on information they had received about illegal activities occurring on public land in Brevard and Volusia counties.

The FWC ended its undercover phase of the investigation dubbed "Operation Salt Lick" last April after the ring leader of the poaching operation, Jimmy Clark, former operator of North Branch Bar in Scottsmoor, was killed in an unrelated incident on April 6 at Hatbill Park in Brevard County.

In all, investigators documented 456 violations, 86 of which were felony charges, and seized four guns - three shotguns and one rifle. Clark would have faced 100 charges, including 18 felonies.

The group of poachers used all terrain vehicles and airplanes to access Buck Lake Wildlife Management Area, Seminole Ranch Wildlife Management Area and the Gilford Tract (locally known as the "Tomato Field"), all of which are St. Johns River Water Management District lands.

Members of the group would meet at Clark's house and plan the day's agenda. He instructed who would hunt where, and at day's end, everyone brought whatever they had killed back to Clark's, where it was divided up among the members. They used the meat for personal use.

"This investigation and the resulting arrests demonstrate wildlife conservation police work at its finest," said Col. Julie Jones, FWC's law enforcement director.

"Hopefully, the people we have arrested will pay a high price for their crimes. Illegally killing wildlife is not only detrimental to the wildlife itself, it is stealing from the law-abiding people of the state of Florida."

The following is a list of the individuals arrested and the number of charges against them:

- Johnny Christopher Bell, (DOB 8-19-86), Titusville, 13 charges.
- John Wesley Bell III, (DOB 6-21-59), Mims, 8 charges.
- Joel Clark Smith, (DOB 9-27-71), Mims, 7 charges.
- Harold T. Giddens, (DOB 11-21-57), Scottsmoor, 1 charge.
- Jake Phelan Clark, (DOB 5-31-72), Mims, 16 charges.
- Bobby Eugene McCain Jr.,

See Outdoors, Page 16



Photo courtesy of UCF Athletics  
Lake Mary's Jackie VanLooven was named to the 2002 NSCAA/adidas Women's Collegiate Scholar All-America Third Team last week.

## Another honor for VanLooven

### Ex-Ram named Academic All-America in soccer

Special to the Herald

ORLANDO — UCF senior defender Jackie VanLooven was named to the 2002 NSCAA/adidas Women's Collegiate Scholar All-America Third Team Friday. The honor for the UCF women's soccer standout adds to an impressive list of awards the Lake Mary native has received this season.

VanLooven is just the second player in school history to be named to the prestigious team, joining former UCF standout Karen Richter. A senior majoring in advertising/public relations, VanLooven has a 3.51 cumulative grade point aver-

age.

In addition to her academic achievements, VanLooven was also named to the NSCAA All-South Region Team this season while also earning Atlantic Sun First Team honors. VanLooven was named to the A-Sun First Team three times over her career in Orlando, becoming just the third player in school history to be named three times to the first team.

VanLooven is tied for the school record in career matches started (79) while ranking second in career matches played (84).

The NSCAA/adidas Scholar All-America Teams will be honored at the NSCAA/adidas All-America Luncheon, to be held Saturday, Jan. 18, as part of the 2003 NSCAA Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

### MEN FALL TO TENN.-MARTIN

MARTIN, Tenn. — Roberto Morentin recorded his first double-double as a Golden Knight pulling down 11

rebounds and scoring 14 points, but UCF (5-3) was held scoreless down the stretch and in turn dropped a 63-58 decision to Tennessee-Martin (6-1) at Skyhawk Fieldhouse Sunday evening.

After a Morentin lay-up with 2:10 remaining in the game, the Golden Knights were held without a field goal and surrendered a three-point advantage. The Skyhawks took the lead for good after Joey Walker hit a pair of free throws with 1:25 on the clock, making the score 59-58. The Skyhawks final four points also came at the free-throw line for the final margin of victory.

Morentin's 14 points paced the Knights, while Ed Dotson added 11. William Bakanowsky, who made his second career start, matched Morentin's effort on the glass pulling down 11 boards as well.

The Skyhawks were led by J.C. Howe's 25-point effort, with both he and Jeremy See UCF, Page 16

## Venters rallies East

### Patriot QB is hero in 17-14 All-Star win

From Staff Reports

WINTER PARK — Lake Brantley's Jonny Venters was not even supposed to play in this game.

But that did not deter the Lake Brantley quarterback as he filled in admirably for the injured Victor Johnson to throw the game-winning touchdown as the East rallied for a 17-14 victory over the West in the Central Florida All-Star Football Game benefiting Special Olympics Florida Saturday night at Showalter Field.

Venters was added to the squad when Lyman's Johnson could not go because of nagging problems with the ankle that hampered him all season.

The East, which was coached by Lake Brantley's George Clayton, took the initial lead when Venters' 35-yard pass to Greyhound Travo Woods set up a six-yard touchdown run by Pierson-Taylor High School's Andre Reese.

After a fumble, the East took a 10-0 lead when another former Patriot, Mike Cooley, knocked through a field goal from 31 yards out.

The West closed to within 10-7 at halftime when Apopka's Alan Abrams scored on a 20-yard run after an interception by Blue Darters teammate



Photo by Jim Wentz  
Lake Brantley's Jonny Venters (No. 5) was a late addition to the squad, but he was a star nonetheless, throwing a game-winning touchdown pass with 54-seconds left as the East beat the West, 17-14, Saturday.

Jason Fenderson.

The West then took the lead early in the third quarter when an East fumble was recovered by Bishop Moore's Neil Bittong in the end zone.

But Venters, who had struggled for much of the night, throwing three interceptions, got things right when it counted.

The West very nearly picked off a fourth Venters toss, but when the ball was bobbled Winter Springs' Kyle Hill came up with a reception, and the

drive was on.

Venters went back to Woods for a 38-yard strike before finding Deltona's Johnny Parker for a game-winning five-yard touchdown pass with 54-seconds left to cap the 10-play, 85-yard drive.

Venters finished the game with 151 passing yards, completing eight-of-19 passes.

Reese, who was named Mr. Football by the Florida Dairy Farmers on Tuesday, was named the game's MVP after gaining 101-yards on 20 carries.

The 6-foot-1, 220-pound running back/linebacker ran for 2,347 yards and 37 touchdowns and made 119 tackles this season and finished his career with 5,559 yards rushing and 77 touchdowns.

Other Seminole County players on the East squad were Dan Hall and Jordy Lipsey from Lake Brantley; Justin Curry from Lake Howell; Reggie Campbell and Larry Pirolo, who was a star on defense, from Lake Mary; Rich Smith See Football, Page 16

## Basketball begins for youngsters

By Dean Smith  
Sports Editor

SANFORD — The 2002-2003 Sanford Recreation Department Youth Basketball League opened play this past Saturday with games at Seminole Trinity Christian School and Millennium Middle School.

The youngest leagues, the Kindergarten-through-First Grade and the Second-and-Third Grade leagues, played at Seminole Trinity Christian.

No score is being kept in the K-1 League so the young players can just have fun and try to team a little without so much pressure to win.

This Saturday (Dec. 21) the Bluebirds will take on the Robins at 9 a.m. and the Redbirds will face the Sparrows at 9:45 a.m.

In the 2-3 League, Craig Burroughs scored 11 points as the Grizzlies bested the Bulls, 24-12; Deon Brown netted 16 points as the Hornets roughed up the Pistons, 27-4; and Edward Warrar scored 19 points as the Raptors thumped the Warriors, 47-4.

This Saturday, the Grizzlies play the Warriors at 10:30 a.m.; the Pistons battle the Raptors at 11:15 a.m.; and the Hornets challenge the Bulls at noon.

At Millennium Middle School, the Fourth-and-Fifth Grade League saw the Harrell & Beverly Transmission-Intruders edge the Sanford Express Lube-Corsairs, 5-4; Darryl Dudley scored six points to lead the Shutter Bugs-Hawkeyes to a 16-4 victory over the Seminole Spokes-Vigilantes; and Mical Keller netted six points as the See Hoops, Page 16

## Sun Devils earn trip to nationals

Special to the Herald

PALM BAY — And Seminole County's baseball reputation continues to grow.

The latest in the long line of great performances by local diamond stars is the Florida Sun Devils 11-under Baseball team, which calls Sanford's Chase Baseball complex home.

The youngsters bounced back from a tough time in Pool Play to win the Florida A.A.U. Winter Classic championship at Liberty Park in Palm Bay the weekend of December 6 through 8.

With this latest championship, the Sun Devils have clinched a well deserved spot in the A.A.U. National tournament to be played in the spring of 2003 at Disney's Wide World of

Sports complex.

"The Florida Sun Devils would like to thank the City of Sanford's Parks and Recreation Department, especially Tom Kelly and Duane LaFollette, for all their support for the past four fall and spring seasons," said Coach Jeff Grady.

The team did not win in Pool Play, losing one game and tying another, but it was still good enough to get the squad into Bracket Play.

In the Quarterfinals the Space Coast Storm from Brevard County took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning. But it could have been a lot worse.

The leadoff batter walked and was balked to second before moving over to third on a sacrifice.

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Photo courtesy of Cindy Stiffley  
Member of the Florida Sun Devils 11-and-Under AAU team that recently won the Winter Classic State Tournament Championship are (left to right) back row: Coach Tom Stiffley, Coach Mark Allen, Coach Jeff Grady; middle row: Ryan Stiffley, Nick Beavers, Garrett Mendelson, Jeffrey Grady, Todd Bracey, Travis McPherson, Tyler Marincov; front row: Brett Allen, Jake Woehr, Mason Combee, Shane Goodwin; cheerleader: Jenna Allen.











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## Champs

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A hit batter and a walk sandwiched a strike out, leaving the bases loaded with two out. A single to left by Tilson got in the run, but the Sun Devils avoided a big deficit by getting a strike out.

That was the last hurrah for the Storm, who would not get a runner past second the rest of the game.

The locals would also only score in the first inning, but it was enough to get the victory.

Justin Nicolino led off with a walk and stole second before scoring the tying run on a single to right by Nick Beavers.

Beavers then used his speed to put the Sun Devils ahead by stealing both second and third before scoring on a passed ball.

After two outs, Travis McPherson walked and went to third on a double by Ryan Stiffey and then scored on a single by Shane Godwin.

That was the end of the scoring as the Sun Devils advanced to the semifinals with a 3-1 victory.

The semifinal against the Lake County Lugnuns was a slugfest with the Sun Devils surviving, 9-7.

The fifth inning spelled the difference as the Devils scored five runs to erase a 5-4 deficit. The big hits in the inning were back-to-back doubles by Brett Allen and Todd Bracey.

The locals withstood one final challenge in the bottom of the

fifth inning as a pair of one-but singles put the tying runs on base. But the Sun Devils ended the game with a flourish on a fly to right and a strike out.

Stiffey led the way with a double and a single, while Jake Woehr added a pair of singles for the Sun Devils. In addition to the doubles by Allen and Bracey, Beavers, Nicolino, McPherson and Godwin each added a single to the 10-hit attack.

The Championship Game saw the Sun Devils fall behind the Florida Cats from Orlando, 3-0, heading into the bottom of the third inning.

The locals bounced back to tie the game with a single run in the third and two runs in the fourth inning.

Allen then doubled leading off the bottom of the fifth inning and the rout was on.

After a walk to Bracey, both runners moved up on a passed ball before McPherson walked to load the bases. Stiffey then broke the tie with a two-run single and McPherson also scored on an overthrow at third.

Godwin walked before Stiffey scored on a single by Jeffrey Grady.

After a double steal, Nicolino singled in two more runs and later scored the final run on a double by Beavers.

Bracey then closed out the championship by retiring three of the four batters he faced in the top of the sixth inning as the Sun Devils won by a misleading, 10-3.

Grady was a perfect 3-for-3

for the winners. Also contributing to an 11-hit onslaught were Bracey (triple, single), Beavers (double, single), Allen (double), Nicolino, McPherson and Stiffey.

The Sun Devils are coached by Jeff Grady, Mark Allen and Tom Stiffey and the roster is made up of Ryan Stiffey, Nick Beavers, Garrett Mendelson, Jeffrey Grady, Todd Bracey, Travis McPherson, Tyler Marincov, Brett Allen, Jake Woehr, Mason Combee and Shane Goodwin.

The main team cheerleader is Jenna Allen.

## UCF

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Kelly grabbing six boards apiece.

UCF will return to action tonight (Wednesday) when they take on the Cougars of Chicago State. Tip-off is slated for 8 p.m. and can be heard on AM 740 The Team with Marc Daniels calling all the action.

### GEORGIA TECH SLIPS BY WOMEN

Sonja Mallory scored 20 points as Georgia Tech University downed UCF, 62-58 in women's basketball action on Sunday night at UCF Arena.

The Golden Knights (3-4) held the Yellow Jackets (6-1) without a field goal for the first 3:03 of the game and took an early 9-3 lead capped off by a three-pointer by senior

## Outdoors

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(DOB 7-18-57), Titusville, 8 charges.

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guard Jessica Scala at 16:38. After a three-minute offensive drought by both teams, GT's Fallon Stokes hit a layup to tie the score at 11 with 11:02 remaining in the half.

Georgia Tech took its first lead of the contest (15-13) at 9:13 on a basket by Sonja Mallory. The Yellow Jackets kept the UCF attack at bay until freshman Celeste Hudson hit a three-pointer for a 21-20 Golden Knight advantage with 6:33 left before the intermission. UCF extended its lead to 31-24 at the half.

In the opening minutes of the second half, UCF continued to build on its lead with a 6-0 run to go up by a game-high 11 (37-26). With the score 39-34, Alex Stewart hit a three-pointer that brought Georgia Tech

within two at 12:29.

Five minutes later, Stewart capped off an 11-8 run to give the Yellow Jackets their first lead of the second half (48-47). After GT went up 50-47, UCF pulled back within one at 50-49, but Georgia Tech finished on a 12-7 run.

Sophomore Takira Allen led the way for the Golden Knights with 17 points and nine rebounds while Scala had 12 and senior Erin Paige had 10.

Stokes also had 14 points for Georgia Tech.

The Golden Knights host Detroit in the second game of the UCF Holiday Classic on Dec. 19 at UCF Arena. Tipoff is set for 5 p.m.

## Hoops

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John's Small Engine Equipment-Skywarriors blanked the Vigilantes, 12-0.

This Saturday, the Intruders play the Hawkeyes at 9 a.m. and the Skywarriors face the Corsairs at 10 a.m. The Vigilantes will have a bye.

In the Prime Time Division, Darius Washington and Kahadigah Johnson scored eight points each as Goldboro topped Bentley, 28-16.

This Saturday, Midway faces Bentley at noon and Hamilton plays Goldboro at 1 p.m.

In the Middle School League, Reginald White scored 20 points and Antwan McIntyre added 10 as the Barracudas whalloped the Diablos, 54-11; Dexter Brown tallied 15 points to lead the River Bandits to a 34-33 victory over the Crusaders, which got 10 points from Nicholas Danilla; and Michael Turner tossed in 18 points as the Sea Dragons held off the Crusaders, 34-27.

This Saturday, the Diablos tackle the River Bandits at 2 p.m. and the Sea Dragons play the Barracudas at 3 p.m. The Crusaders have a bye.

The boxes from these games will appear in next week's Herald.

## Football

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