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City hit with suit opposing Soup Kitchen

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Seven residents of Sanford's historic district are filing a lawsuit against the city seeking an injunction prohibiting Sanford from granting an off-street parking waiver for the free dinner program proposed by Seminole Volunteer Enterprises.

The suit of Kuhn, et al. vs. the City of Sanford was delivered to city officials on Tuesday. However, it has not yet been filed with the Circuit Court in Seminole County, according to Maryanne

Historic district residents protest approval of restaurant's parking variance

Morse, clerk of the court.

The complaint, obtained through the city of Sanford, alleges that without an injunction, the value of the plaintiffs' properties will be harmed by the operation of the meal site.

The Sanford City Commission in November granted a parking variance to Seminole Volunteer

Enterprises, allowing the non-profit agency to open a meal site that will serve up to 100 needy people in conjunction with existing food distribution programs.

The agency plans to serve its first dinner on Feb. 14. Dinners would initially be served three days per week.

If the injunction is granted against the city, the commission may be required to reconsider the parking variance.

"If they send it back to us, we'll have to take it up again," Sanford Mayor Larry Dale said.

The plaintiffs are seeking a permanent injunction prohibiting the city from granting a variance waiving off-street parking requirements for a restaurant at 407 W. Fourth St., where Seminole Volunteer Enterprises is located.

In addition, the complaint requests the Circuit

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Dec. 23
2 shopping
days to Christmas

Today is ...

Thursday, Dec. 23, 1999
Today is the 357th day of
1999 and the second day
of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1776, "The American Crisis," by Thomas Paine, was first published. On this day in 1823, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," by Clement Clarke Moore, was published by the Troy, N.Y., Sentinel. On this day in 1947, the electronic transistor was invented by John Bardeen, William Shockley and Walter Brattain.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph Smith (1805-1844), religious leader; James Stockdale (1923-), Naval hero-vice presidential candidate, is 76; Robert Bly (1926-), poet, is 73; Akihito (1933-), Japanese emperor, is 66; Paul Hornung (1935-), football player-announcer, is 64; Susan Lucci (1949-), actress, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1977, the Oakland Raiders defeated the Baltimore Colts 37-31.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "What we obtain too cheap we esteem too lightly: It is dearer only that gives every thing its value."
Thomas Paine, "The American Crisis"

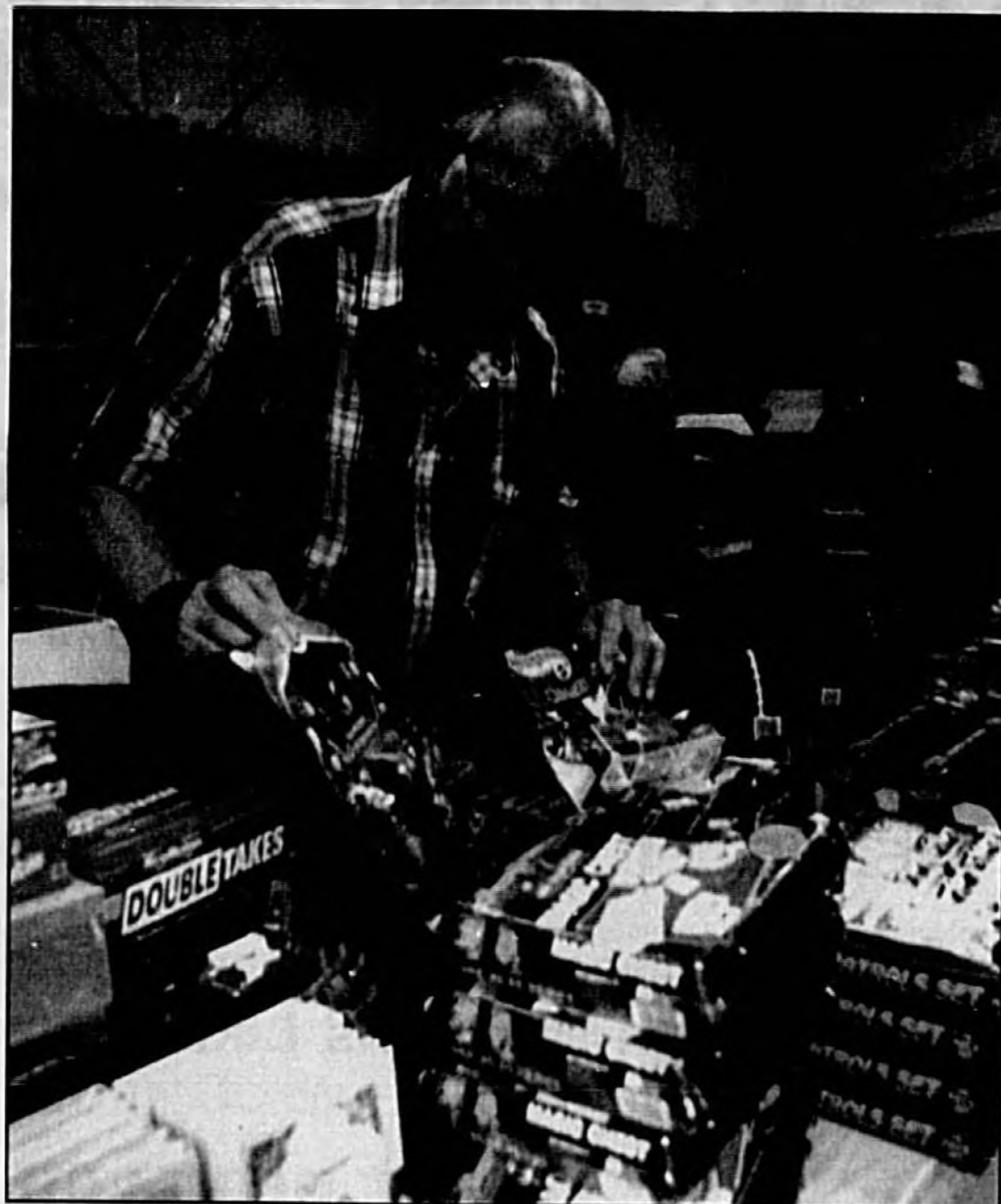
TODAY'S MOON: Day after full moon (Dec. 22).

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Salvation Army distributes food, toys



Volunteer Walt Smith of Sanford merrily distributes toys during the Salvation Army's Christmas celebration on Wednesday. The Orlando Sentinel's Santa helped collect the toys that were distributed at the Sanford Salvation Army headquarters. Charitable organizations and volunteers from all over Central Florida prepared gifts and dinners for more than 1,600 needy families.

Spirit of Christmas thrives on 24th St.

By Russ White
Staff Writer

The Salvation Army bells rang, the people gave, and on Wednesday more than 1,600 families began receiving toys and food for the Christmas holidays.

Partnered by the Sentinel Santa (toys) and WESH- Channel 2 (food drive), the Salvation Army and a number of other charitable organizations were able to put together Christmas dinners for families both large and small.

"One was a family of 15," said Major

Bruce Williams, Commanding Officer of the Salvation Army in Sanford. "Winn-Dixie played a big role, enabling everyone to make a meat selection of their choice. We packed 1,650 boxes of mashed potatoes, vegetables cranberry sauce, biscuits."

Good neighbor Walt Smith, a short-sleeved Sanford Santa, had tables of toys and games to give to the children on Wednesday and again this morning. Diane Nelson, Carem Gager, Curtis Brown and Robbi Nelson were among those also helping spread the gifts of the season. ROTC cadets, Better Living Services and senior cit-

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Man charged with murder after dispute over gambling debt

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — A 29-year old Sanford man is charged with murder following a Tuesday night shoot-out over a disputed gambling debt.

Willie McCloud, 29, of 34 Castle Brewer Court in Sanford, is charged with second-degree homicide following a dispute over a \$20 gambling debt, according to Sanford police.

"It could be up-graded from second-degree homicide," said Cleo Cohen, a spokeswoman for the Sanford Police Department. "That depends upon the State Attorney's Office."

The victim of the shooting, Damien Lamar Burke, 25, who resided at 1600 W. Fifth St. in Sanford, was pronounced dead after being air lifted to Orlando Regional Medical Center in Orlando. Hospital officials said Burke received several fatal gun shot wounds to the lower back and to the rear of his head.

Around 11:30 p.m., police responded to a shooting in the area of Apartment No. 6 in

Cowan Moughton Terrace.

McCloud told authorities he was gambling with Burke and other friends at the corner of Third and Avocado streets, when Burke accused him of taking \$20, according to the police report.

Both men left to retrieve their guns before returning to the scene, then fired multiple shots at each other, the police report said.

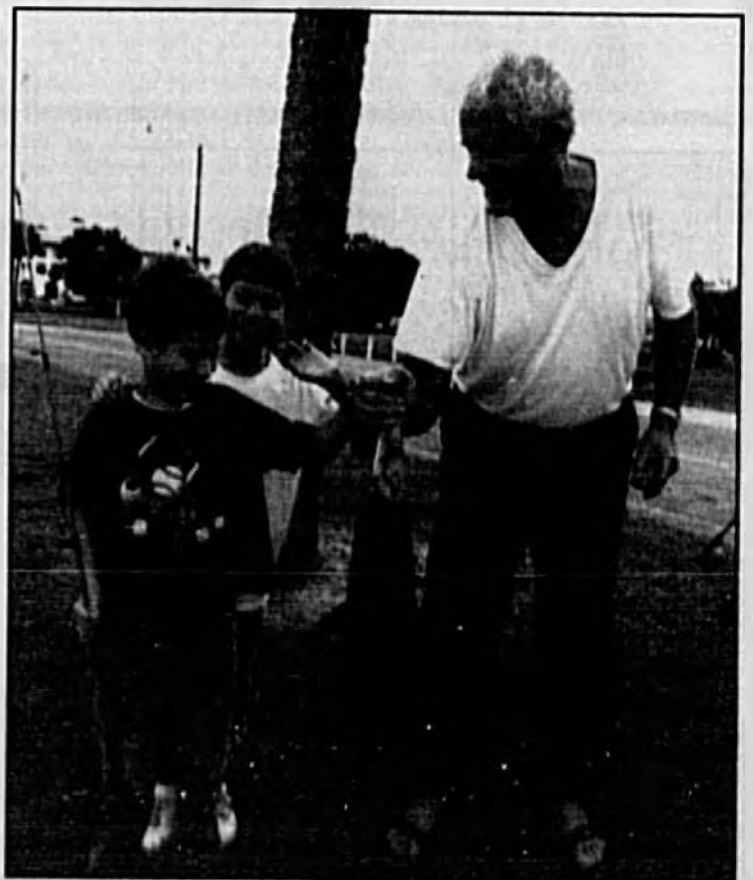
Following the shooting, McCloud stated he left the area and threw the gun into a wooded area behind Seminole Gardens, the police report stated.

Police discovered a \$20 bill and a semi-automatic pistol along with the victim's clothes where the victim was found. Witnesses at the scene told police McCloud shot Burke.

Police located McCloud at Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford, who was receiving treatment for a gun shot wound to his right leg.

McCloud is being held in the John E. Polk Correctional Facility without bond. Records at the jail indicate that he has 14 prior arrests.

The fish that didn't get away



Abraham Bendoski, left, stands with his grandfather, Don Bendoski, and Sarah Bendoski Wednesday after catching his first fish at Lake Monroe. The 8- to 10-pound catfish was caught using ultra-light tackle and minnow bait and took 20 minutes to reel in.

Three more mail thefts reported in Bear Lake

By Bill Kerns
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Three additional mail thefts have been reported in the Bear Lake area of Seminole County.

Three people filed reports with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office Tuesday con-

cerning missing mail. In two of the cases, the victims said their outgoing mail was taken before the postal carrier was able to pick it up.

One of the victims stated two checks were included in the stolen mail.

The third victim said his mail was stolen during the weekend,

and a neighbor found some of the Christmas cards he mailed strewn across a yard.

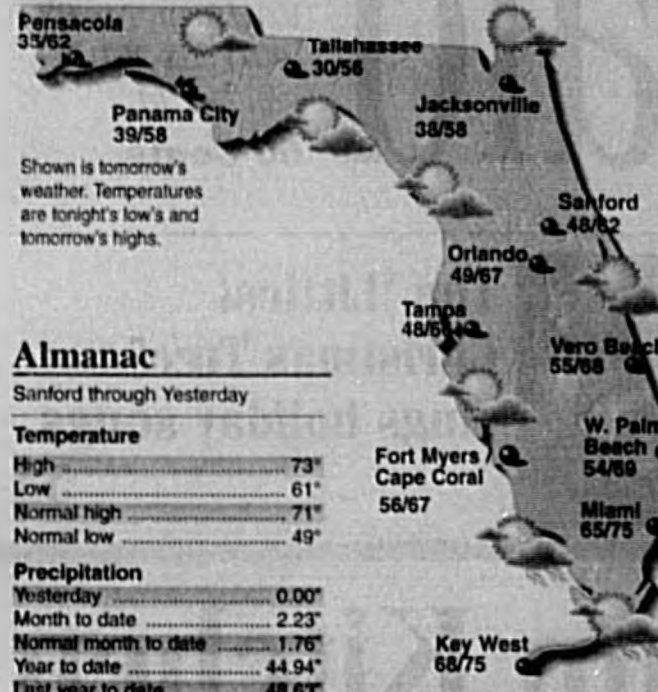
Investigators have identified at least one suspect they believe was involved in this month's outbreak of stolen mail. The suspect's name has not been

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Florida Weather



Almanac

Sanford through Yesterday

Temperature
 High 73°
 Low 61°
 Normal high 71°
 Normal low 49°

Precipitation
 Yesterday 0.00"
 Month to date 2.23"
 Normal month to date 1.76"
 Year to date 44.94"
 Last year to date 48.63"
 Normal year to date 48.32"

National Cities

City	Tom.	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	42	27	pc	49	32	s	
Atlanta City	31	10	s	37	23	pc	
Baltimore	30	14	s	36	24	pc	
Bilings	60	40	s	63	34	s	
Birmingham	47	22	s	51	30	s	
Boise	40	22	s	40	20	s	
Boston	26	14	s	28	22	pc	
Charleston, SC	53	32	s	50	31	s	
Charleston, WV	28	13	pc	38	28	pc	
Chicago	28	10	s	33	22	pc	
Cleveland	21	9	s	34	28	c	
Daytona Beach	64	42	s	63	35	s	
Denver	58	25	s	59	30	s	
Des Moines	33	14	s	48	31	s	
Detroit	25	10	s	32	27	pc	
El Paso	48	29	c	56	32	pc	
Fairbanks	-3	-18	s	-10	-19	pc	
Grand Rapids	20	9	s	32	29	pc	
Helena	48	20	s	45	20	s	
Honolulu	79	67	pc	84	69	pc	
Houston	60	45	pc	62	36	pc	
Indianapolis	24	12	s	38	30	s	
Jacksonville	58	35	s	52	31	s	
Kansas City	38	18	s	55	33	s	
Las Vegas	62	38	s	61	34	s	
Little Rock	56	25	s	58	38	s	
Louisville	30	18	pc	40	32	s	
Memphis	48	26	pc	52	37	s	
Miami	75	60	c	67	49	s	
Milwaukee	21	9	s	38	33	pc	
Minneapolis	28	18	s	40	27	s	
Nashville	38	20	pc	46	30	s	
New Orleans	64	39	s	54	39	s	
New York City	29	20	s	32	28	pc	
Oklahoma City	54	28	s	62	35	s	
Omaha	38	18	s	52	30	s	
Philadelphia	30	16	s	36	26	pc	
Phoenix	72	50	s	69	47	s	
Portland, OR	51	33	s	50	36	s	
Providence	29	12	s	31	20	pc	
Raleigh-Durham	40	21	pc	48	27	s	
Rapid City	55	34	s	64	30	s	
Reno	50	20	s	55	17	s	
St. Louis	31	18	s	49	36	s	
Salt Lake City	43	22	s	42	20	s	
Santa Fe	42	15	s	43	20	c	
St. St. Marie	19	8	pc	33	24	c	
Seattle	48	37	s	50	38	c	
Topeka	43	20	s	58	31	s	
Tucson	64	43	s	65	40	s	
Washington, DC	32	18	s	36	28	pc	

Five-Day Forecast for Sanford

Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Turning out partly cloudy.	Cooler despite plenty of sunshine.	Sunny and very chilly.	Mostly sunny and not as cold.	Sunshine and a few clouds.
48°	62° 38°	56° 36°	60° 40°	66° 44°

Regional Weather

Florida: Clear tonight except for areas south of Lake Okeechobee. Cool tomorrow with sunshine north of the lake.

Georgia: Moonlit skies tonight. Tomorrow will feature plenty of sunshine and a cold breeze.

Mississippi: Cold tonight under a bright moon. Sunny tomorrow with a cool afternoon and a brisk breeze.

Alabama: Clear and cold tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow, but there will be a cold north wind all day.

South Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight. A cold wind will be blowing tomorrow, but there will be plenty of bright sunshine.

Louisiana: High pressure will make for a clear and cold night tonight. The high will also lead to sunshine tomorrow.

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight 5:33 p.m.
 Sunrise Friday 7:15 a.m.
 Moonrise today 8:53 p.m.
 Moonset today 8:01 a.m.

Last New First Full
 Dec 29 Jan 6 Jan 14 Jan 20

Tides

Tides for Daytona Beach Shores, SunGlow Pier

Tomorrow
 First Low 2:34 a.m. -0.9 ft.
 First High 9:05 a.m. 5.3 ft.
 Second Low 3:17 p.m. -0.6 ft.
 Second High 9:30 p.m. 4.5 ft.

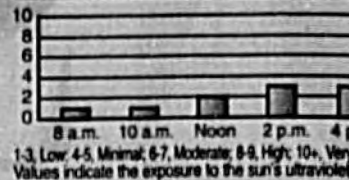
Saturday
 First Low 3:26 a.m. -0.8 ft.
 First High 9:58 a.m. 5.2 ft.
 Second Low 4:08 p.m. -0.3 ft.
 Second High 10:24 p.m. 4.4 ft.

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Yesterday's National High/Low: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 84° in Marathon, FL Low -26° in Orr, MN

UV Index Tomorrow



1-3, Low; 4-5, Minimal; 6-7, Moderate; 8-10, High; 11+, Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

Regional Cities

City	Tom.	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albany, GA	59	29	s	54	28	s	
Apalachicola	63	37	s	54	34	s	
Atlanta, GA	42	27	pc	49	32	s	
Bainbridge, GA	58	30	s	55	25	s	
Boca Raton	76	58	c	66	45	s	
Cairo, GA	58	32	s	54	25	s	
Coral Springs	72	55	c	62	45	s	
Crestview	59	33	s	54	36	s	
FL Lauderdale	74	57	c	68	41	s	
Fort Myers	67	49	pc	68	43	s	
Gainesville	60	37	s	54	34	s	
Key West	75	64	pc	68	58	s	
Klamath Falls	66	43	s	58	38	s	
Lakeland	67	45	s	57	40	s	
Melbourne	68	47	s	57	41	s	
Naples	74	49	pc	68	43	s	
Orlando	67	44	s	57	39	s	
Pensacola	62	34	s	55	37	s	
Sarasota	67	43	s	63	39	s	
St. Augustine	62	38	s	53	33	s	
St. Petersburg	68	44	s	64	48	s	
Tallahassee	56	31	s	55	24	s	
Tampa	66	42	s	62	38	s	
Thomasville	58	32	s	54	25	s	
Valdosta, GA	69	32	s	62	43	s	
Vero Beach	68	48	pc	62	43	s	
W. Palm Bch	69	53	c	64	47	s	

World Cities

City	Tom.	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Athens	45	38	pc	54	47	pc	
Beijing	35	27	c	43	29	pc	
Berlin	43	30	pc	45	28	pc	
Buenos Aires	86	72	pc	86	73	pc	
Cairo	68	46	s	67	48	pc	
Hong Kong	62	43	s	60	47	s	
Jerusalem	63	41	pc	57	42	pc	
London	50	39	sh	40	29	pc	
Madrid	83	67	pc	85	71	pc	
Mexico City	59	41	c	62	38	pc	
Moscow	25	20	pc	29	24	pc	
Paris	48	39	sh	41	26	pc	
Rome	54	39	pc	62	48	s	
Sydney	33	19	c	30	21	pc	
Sydney	69	65	s	74	64	pc	
Tokyo	48	43	s	55	38	s	
Warsaw	36	33	c	44	31	pc	
Zurich	41	38	c	43	30	c	

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Just what I want for Christmas — a Russian submarine

Years ago when the Cold War was at its chilliest, the U.S. and Soviet Union navies played cat-and-mouse games up and down the Mediterranean Sea.

matter of minutes, the submarine was submerged — its periscope slowly slipping into Mediterranean blue.

I was there.
At 18, I caught a glimpse of my first Russian submarine.

It was a "Red October" epic featuring the sailors on the U.S.S. Des Moines and those on the Soviet sub. We looked into the whites of each other's eyes but did not fire.

Russ White

The Russians, we learned, had a medical emergency. They requested help from the Sixth Fleet physician aboard Admiral Charles Randall Brown's flagship.

The submarine surfaced off the starboard side of the Des Moines. I was one of those topside for this 1958 meeting on the high seas.

A Russian crewman was hoisted from the sub to our heavy cruiser. This was followed by polite deck-to-deck salutes. In a

Two days later, the sub appeared again. The crewman, who suffered a ruptured appendix, was hoisted back to his vessel. The Russians saluted warmly, then went on their way. The Cold War resumed.

This rescue mission 41 years ago came to mind this week with an invitation to come to the Port of St. Petersburg, Fla., to tour a 300-foot-long Russian submarine that is being auctioned off as a Cold War relic. There's a minimum bid of \$1 million.

If I were a rich man, I'd buy the old Red boat for Christmas. I could bring her over to the Wekiva and launch it from Katie's Landing before sunrise on New Year's Day. Katie said she liked the idea, but suggested we stick to the surface. "The Wekiva isn't that deep," she said.

Russ and Katie Moncrief are going to have this big New Year's event. Forty canoeists will paddle gently into the millennium. The plan is that Katie will be in the lead canoe and Russ will be in the sweep canoe. My submarine — should I come up with the funds to make the purchase — will be positioned somewhere between Katie and Russ.

I'm counting on help from my good friends on the Board of Seminole County Commissioners. I'll ask Grant Maloy for one of those — what-do-you-call-em — corporate warfare or welfare deals. Maybe he'll establish a sub-committee.

Here's something else I'd like to do with my marvelous Christmas submarine. I'd invite Jean Metts and her volunteers aboard. We'd open the mess deck to the poor and needy. We'd serve submarine sandwiches and Navy bean soup. We'd all give on a mellow submarine.

How ridiculous yet so sublime.

Russ White's column appears Tuesday through Sunday in the Seminole Herald.

Obituaries

HATTIE MAE FIELDS AUGUSTA

Hattie Mae Fields Augusta, 73, Sipes Avenue, Sanford, died Monday, Dec. 20, 1999. She was born in Oakland, Fla. She was a former insurance agent, a member of St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church and a member of the Pastor's Aid Board.

Survivors include daughters, Dorothy Brown, Sanford, Rita Reynolds, Longwood; sisters, Ella Morgan, Sanford, Rosa L. McKinrey, Sanford; brother, Eddie L. Fields, Rochester, N.Y.; 16 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren.

Epps Mortuary, Inc., Lake Wales, Fla., in charge of arrangements.

Mountain; brothers, Dr. James Ellzy, Nashville, Tenn., Vernell Ellzy, Egg Harbor, N.J., Leo Ellzy, Sanford; sister, Irma Ellzy Parker, Delaware.

Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

DELORES G. RIES

Delores G. Ries, 71, Cooper Drive, Deltona, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1999 at Beverly Healthcare, Deltona. Born in Lebanon, Ill., she moved to Central Florida in 1989. She was a homemaker and a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Deltona.

Survivors include husband, Jerome J.; sons, James J., Deltona, Gregory J., Delaware, Ohio, Matthew S., Newnan,

Ga.; brothers, James McManemy, Chicago, John "Jack" McManemy, St. Louis Co., Mo.; sister, Pauline Kirchner, East Alton, Ill.; two grandchildren.

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

FUNERAL

AUGUSTA, HATTIE MAE FIELDS

Funeral services for Hattie Mae Fields Augusta, 73, of Sanford, who died Monday, Dec. 20, 1999, will be held Monday, Dec. 27, 1999, 1: p.m. at St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church, Sanford. Viewing will be Sunday, Dec. 26, 1999 from 4 until 6 p.m. at St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church, Epps Mortuary, Inc., 626 N. Walker Street, Lake Wales, Fla., in charge of arrangements.

Survivors support group offered

SANFORD — The Seminole County State Attorney's office is offering a Homicide Survivors Support Group for anyone who has lost a loved one to homicide. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month from

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Juvenile Assessment Center, 181 Bush Loop, Sanford. There is no cost for persons who would like to attend. For additional information, phone Maria Mitchell, 407-665-6112.

Police Log

Battery
Casselberry — Shawn Michael Tischer, 21, 7268 Abbey Lane, Winter Park was arrested at 1:37 a.m. on December 20 by Casselberry Police Officers. He was charged with Battery aggravated, petit theft, breaking open a coin-operated machine and resisting a merchant.

Sanford — Phillippe Julius Moran, 19, 133 Scott Drive, Sanford, was arrested at 12:09 a.m. on December 20 by Sanford Police Officers. He was charged with Battery to a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest with violence, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

Sanford — Curtis Crisp, Jr. 1237 Independence Rd, Apopka, was arrested at 12:20 a.m. on December 20 by Sanford Police Officers. He was charged with Battery and Felony/Battery warrant.

Lake Mary — Michele Patricia Ward, 25, 408 Dorchester Square, Lake Mary was arrested at 3:03 a.m. on December 18 by Lake Mary Police Officers. She was charged with Battery, Domestic Violence.

Sanford — Harry Benjamin Kleeman, 32, 2345 Park Drive, Sanford, was arrested at 11:30 p.m. on December by Sanford Police Officers. He was charged with Assault, Domestic

Violence.

DUI

Lake Mary — Ronald Bruce Bates, 37, 706 Musago Run, Lake Mary, was stopped by Lake Mary Police Officers at 2:32 a.m. on December 18. He was charged with DUI and careless driving.

Maitland — Amy Shay Carlton, 27, 1474 Sunshadow Drive, Casselberry, was stopped by Maitland Police Officers at 2:32 a.m. on December 21. She was charged with DUI.

Lake Mary — Donald James Marcantel, 53, was stopped on December 20 by Lake Mary Police Officers. He was charged

with DUI, Damage to Person and Property.

Sanford — William Jeffrey Means, 40, 10 W. Sandpiper Street, Apopka, was stopped by Sanford Police Officers at 10:03 p.m. on December 20. He was charged with DUI, Speeding and Not using a seat belt.

Drugs

Altamonte Springs — Timothy Rondon David, 20, 1101 Independence Rd., Apopka, was arrested on December 20 by Sheriff's Office Deputies. He was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of narcotics equipment.

Police searching for robbery suspects

By Bill Kerna
Staff Writer

WINTER SPRINGS — Police are searching for two suspects who stole an undetermined amount of cash from a storage facility Wednesday morning.

The two male suspects walked into Public Storage, located at 141 West SR 434 in Winter Springs, shortly after 11 a.m. and demanded cash from a female clerk who was working alone in the business.

Although the suspects were not armed, they intimidated

the clerk into opening the cash register and handing them money, according to Winter Springs Police.

"They walked into the store and asked the clerk for the cash," said Winter Spring Police Capt. Mike Noland. "They made a demand of her, and she was working by herself. She did turn over the cash. It took only a couple of minutes."

Police believe both suspects are in their 20s. One suspect is described as a black male and was wearing a white T-shirt. The other suspect is described

as a hispanic male who was wearing a red shirt and blue jeans. Neither suspect was masked during the robbery, according to police.

Here are the winning numbers selected in the Florida Lottery:

Fantasy 5 (Dec. 22)
7-9-11-17-24

Lotto (Dec. 22)
7-13-18-24-29-39

Mega Money (Dec. 21)
19-22-29-31 — Megaball 17



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Mail

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released since no arrest has been made, authorities said.

The U.S. Postal Authorities, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, as well as representatives from Orange and Lake counties are investigating the mail thefts.

"Residents are urged to watch out for any suspicious people in their neighborhoods stopping at mailboxes," said Steve Olson, spokesman for the Seminole County Sheriff's

Office. "They are also being asked to exercise due care when mailing out letters that include money or checks."

The thefts were first reported Dec. 8 in Seminole and Orange counties. The Bear Lake, Chuluota and Longwood areas were also hit by thieves, who take outgoing mail from residents' mailboxes.

Cards and letters that have no value to the thieves were discarded in the road, investigators said.

More than 10 incidents of stolen mail have been reported within the last week. Investigators have described the suspects as two Hispanic males driving a black, older model Ford, perhaps an E.X.P.

Authorities believe the thieves may have also struck the Thompson Road area in Orange County near Apopka. Witnesses described the same type of vehicle, with the possible exception that it might be a Toyota, investigators said.

Seminole officials list their Christmas wishes and give their holiday greetings

By Nick Pfeiffert
Staff Writer

This holiday season generally produces more exchanges of best wishes and hopes than any other time of year. With this in mind, the Herald contacted the leadership of our governments, offering them the opportunity to express themselves.

The request to each was, "Please give us a holiday greeting statement aimed at the people in your constituency. While not everyone responded, the following represents a moderate cross section of leadership:

SEMINOLE COUNTY — County Commission Chairman Carlton Henley.

"I would like to extend a wish for peace and prosperity, and God's blessing for all the people of our community. As for my hope, we need to concentrate on a partnership with private industry to attack poverty. Seminole County might rank second in per capita income in the State of Florida, but we still have many pockets of poor people. Through cooperation between the county, its cities, our school board, and private industry, we can help reduce this problem."

SANFORD — Mayor Larry Dale.

"As we prepare to enter into the new year, the focus appears to be targeted on the significance of the New Millennium. Albeit the year 2000 is a milestone of some importance, the advent of this new year holds no greater challenge or hope than that which we have experienced before. Every new year is an opportunity for resolve and initiative for action born of reflection upon the year before. The year 2000 is no different in its offering; the difference will be manifest in our stewardship of that opportunity. Likewise, in most ways, the citizens of Sanford are no different from people who live elsewhere or those who have

gone before us. We all want the opportunity to obtain a good life for ourselves and our children, to live in peace with our neighbors, to feel the safety and familiarity of home and community. Here, the differences are manifest not only in our stewardship of opportunity but in the wise use of our resources and the extent to which we build a cohesive vision for the future.

"As the Mayor of Sanford, it is my sincere desire to welcome in this new year with hope and an optimism born of my continuing confidence in the potential of Sanford and its fine citizens. Let us now put aside those differences with separate us from the realization of our common goals, and as we hasten to avail ourselves of the year 2000's inherent opportunities, let us strive together to create a better future for all of Sanford.

"Wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year."

LAKE MARY — Mayor David Meador.

"On behalf of the Lake Mary City Commission, I'd like to offer my best wishes to one and all, for a joyous holiday season. I would like to take the time to give thanks to the people and businesses who choose to call Lake Mary home.

"We are blessed to have with us in our community, all types of people and businesses, and I am particularly thankful for the years of generosity and kindness they have expressed throughout the community.

"I am also thankful for the number of citizens who volunteer their time and expertise to serve on our various city board, and for those individuals who give so much to our local schools.

"Additionally, I extend my thanks to my colleagues on the Lake Mary City Commission, especially for the teamwork we have manifested. While we don't always agree, we always work together to serve our community.

"I take this opportunity to extend best wishes and God's blessings to one and all."

LONGWOOD — Mayor Paul Lovstrand.

"My wish for Longwood is that the blessings of this holiday season be enjoyed throughout the new year. We have much to be grateful for in our beautiful historic city.

"One of our wishes for Longwood is taking shape now. We have purchased land and have begun design on our new Community Building. The completion date is approximately 18 months from now.

"This January the City Commission will begin long range planning for the next 30 years, taking us well into the new millennium. Innovative concepts, designed to serve our people, will be examined thoroughly by our newly inspired commission. God bless."

OVIDO — Mayor Mary Lou Andrews.

"Time progresses; decades pass, centuries turn, and the millennium changes, not unlike the evolution of the City of Oviedo.

"Within the past decade, our population has doubled, dirt roads have been paved, new roads have been built, new businesses have emerged, new neighborhoods have sprouted, and schools are being built faster than the telephone books can be printed.

"My wish for Oviedo in the new millennium? As the millennium and the city changes, I wish for the continued spirit of cooperation among all residents. I wish for the continued pride of our community where so many wonderful and caring families reside. I wish for the renewed dedication and focus to keep Oviedo a beautiful, peaceful and friendly environment.

"And, oh yes, I wish for the wisdom and strategies to deal with the increasing traffic. Happy holidays. Wishing you and yours a happy and healthy 2000."

Suit

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Court to conduct a trial and declare the City Commission's development order concerning the variance is inconsistent with the city's comprehensive plan.

The complaint also seeks a temporary injunction against the city prohibiting the operation of the restaurant. The complaint asks the Circuit Court to prohibit the city from issuing development orders, occupational licenses or certificates of occupancy at the site.

Without the waiver, city codes would have required the agency to provide 40 parking spaces in order to serve up to 100 people.

The agency plans to hold dinners on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The program has drawn fire from many residents of Sanford's historic district who oppose plans by Seminole Volunteer Enterprises to serve dinners for the needy, saying the program will increase crime and vagrancy in the area.

When the variance was

passed in November, Sanford Mayor Larry Dale and Commissioner Brady Lessard said they were concerned about whether it would be defensible in court. The two voted against the variance.

"The citizens' actions were certainly foreseeable," Lessard said.

Lessard said he did not wish to comment on whether the city should defend the case.

However, Dale said he favors the city defending against the complaint.

"I voted against it because I think the rules apply to everybody, no matter how good the cause," Dale said. "But, the majority of the commission voted for the waiver."

Commissioner A.A. "Mac" McClanahan agreed with Dale and said the city should defend against the complaint.

"What's the majority decision by the commission should be defended," McClanahan said. "I think our actions were right. But, that's what the court system is there for."

Seminole Volunteer Enterprises does not have on-site parking, according to city records. Those parking at the facility tend to use areas along city rights-of-way and other public parking spaces.

The Winter Springs law firm of Leffler & Associates is representing the historic district residents in the case. Attorneys for the firm did not return calls regarding the complaint.

The plaintiffs in the complaint include Joe DeSantis of 714 S. Magnolia Ave., Robert Kuhn of 313 Palmetto Ave., David Kelly of 321 Magnolia Ave., Stephen Myers of 718 Oak Ave., Diane Newton of 605 Magnolia Ave., Fred Rogers of 305 Park Ave., and Alexander Then of 1019 Magnolia Ave..

The historic district residents involved in the complaint are under a gag order not to speak about the case, several plaintiffs said.

Jean Metts, director of Seminole Volunteer Enterprises, could not be reached for comment.

Spirit

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izen groups chipped in, too.

By 9 a.m., the gymnasium at Salvation Army headquarters on West 24th Street was filled the past two days with loving moms or grandmothers who expressed their appreciation for the gifts that had been collected and now distributed to needy families.

"In addition to those who came here, Sheriff's Office deputies supplied us with a list of those who were needy but were shy about coming or need-

ed further assistance," Williams said.

For the past few months, Salvation Army volunteers screened applicants for the gifts. The process was thorough yet generous. "No one who needed help was left out," Williams said.

The Salvation Army is a worldwide evangelical movement whose message is based on the Bible and whose ministry is motivated by the Love of God.

The Salvation Army serves

the needy 12 months of every year. Meals are prepared and delivered by volunteers to shut-ins daily.

"This is something we're grateful to be able to do," said volunteer Caren Gager this morning. You can see the joy this brings to those we are serving. It's been very busy here the past two days."

Major Williams said people came from throughout the county to pick up food and toys.

"There are needy people everywhere," he said.

Christmas feast with friends



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Lawton Chiles Middle School Principal Jim Shupe recently participated in "Santa For A Day" festivities at Lawton Elementary School in Oviedo. Staff and students at the middle schools donated gifts for children participating in the Lawton Head Start program.

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Military Briefs

Air Force Airman Arthur L. Bradley Jr. has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, Bradley studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate's degree through the Community College of the

Air Force. Bradley is the son of Arthur L. and Patricia A. Bradley of Deltona, and is a 1998 graduate of Pine Ridge High School in Deltona.

Army Reserve Sgt. Roderick Lingard participated in "Operation New Horizons-Task Force New Hope," a four-year humanitarian assistance project in Central America conducted by reservists in units assigned to the 81st

Regional Support Command headquartered in Birmingham, Ala.

The soldier's mission is to maintain Army Reserve vehicles and equipment used in aiding El Salvador to recover from the devastation caused by Hurricane Mitch in October, November 1998.

Lingard, a light-wheel vehicle mechanic, is the son of Etta Mae and Charlie Lingard of Oviedo. He is a 1980 graduate of Oviedo High School.

During the eight weeks of training, Cody will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

The private is a 1997 graduate of Seminole High School in Sanford.

Christopher J. Ryan has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Altamonte Springs.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advance individual training in their career job specialty.

The recruit qualifies for a \$6,000 enlistment bonus. Ryan, a graduate of Lake Brantley High School will report to Fort Sill in Lawton, Okla., for basic training on Jan. 19.

He is the son of Debbie and William C. Ryan of Longwood.



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Army Pvt. Amelia M. Fusco has arrived at Fort Leonard Wood in Waynesville, Mo., to complete basic military training.

During the eight weeks of training, Fusco will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Fusco is the daughter of Dolores and step daughter of Richard J. Beauregard of Orange City. In 1998, she graduated from Deland High School.

Army Pvt. Kisha G. Cody has arrived at Fort Leonard Wood in Waynesville, Mo., to complete basic military training.

Santa strikes again



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent
 Good Samaritan Nursing Home Administrator Ruby Battle, left, and Executive Director Theima Mike help Santa Claus pass out gifts during a recent holiday visit to the facility. Santa delivered gifts collected by Wayne Densch Charities Inc. Leonard Williams is director of the Orlando-based charity. The charity distributed gifts in four counties, including Seminole, Orange, Lake and Osceola.

Seminole municipalities, businesses announce upcoming holiday closings

By Nick Pfeiffert
 Staff Writer

SEMINOLE COUNTY — With Christmas Eve falling on a Friday this year, many government entities and other operations will be closed on Friday. The following is a listing of various closures.

SANFORD — The city hall and all city operations will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 23 and 24 for Christmas, and Friday, Dec. 31 for New Years. The Sanford Museum, normally open on Saturdays, will be closed both weekends. Additionally, the museum will be only open briefly on Wed. Dec. 22, prior to closing for the remainder of the Christmas holiday weekend. For New Years, it will be closed on Dec. 31 in addition to Jan. 1.

LAKE MARY — The city hall will be closed only on Fridays, for Christmas and New Years Eve.

LONGWOOD — Two days off before each holiday will be granted to Longwood city

employees, with operations closing both Thursdays and Fridays prior to Christmas and New Years.

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Thursday and Friday closure of city operations will be observed for Christmas. For New Years, the City Hall will be closed only on Friday, Dec. 31.

OVIEDO — The city hall will be closed Thursday and Friday for Christmas and Friday for New Years.

WINTER SPRINGS — City operations will be closed only on the Fridays preceding Christmas and New Years.

Other holiday closing include the following.

SEMINOLE COUNTY — All Seminole County operations will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24, and Friday Dec. 31 for the holidays. However, the residential waste collection services will be in full operation in unincorporated areas of the county on both Fridays. There will be no collections on Saturdays, Dec. 25 and

Jan. 1, or Sundays, Dec. 26 or Jan. 2.

The Seminole County Landfill at Osceola Road in Geneva will be closed only on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

CENTRAL FLORIDA ZOOLOGICAL PARK — Christmas Day is one of only two days each year (Thanksgiving) when the zoo is closed to the public. It will be operating as usual on New Years Day.

RIVERSHIP ROMANCE — The rivership Romance will not be sailing on Lake Monroe and the St. Johns River on Christmas Day. However, American River Cruises will be holding a Christmas Eve cruise from 3 to 6 p.m. Dec. 24, a special New Years Eve cruise from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m., and the usual two cruises on New Years Day.

SEMINOLE HERALD — There will be a special weekend edition published for both holidays on Fridays, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. For the holiday weekend, there will be no additional publications until the following Tuesdays.

Local students chosen to participate in art exposition

The competitors in the statewide exhibition at the Florida State Youth Art Exhibition, to be held Feb. 1 through Feb. 21 in Tampa, have been announced.

The following Seminole students' artwork has been accepted for the competition:

- Lake Mary High — Bronwen Nemaric, Kay Duenas, Vu Lam, Maro Kim, Kyle Smith, Matt Heyd, and Erin Casey.
- Seminole High — Jessica Bass.

- Lake Brantley High — Heather Nichols, Erica Greenwald, Bryan Hunter, Will Rudis Schaffer, Matt Edmundson, Brittany Ferrarini, Mary Parrish, Heather Sherman, Ian Holmen, Jamie Pagana, and Tanya Rudez.
- Lake Howell High — Heather North, William Spivey, Julie McCollough, and Mandy Bernardi.
- Oviedo High — David McClung.
- Lyman High — Greg Perkins, Sonja Myburgh, and

Angelo Florio. In addition, seven students representing three Seminole County schools will compete in the Portfolio category in the state fair.

- The competitors will include:
- Lake Brantley High — Kim Han-Na, Heather M. Nichols, and Bryan K. Yokomi.
 - Lake Mary High — Jennifer L. Doyle, Angela R. Kamm, and Ivy A. Womick.
 - Lake Howell High — Mandy Bernardi.

The littlest Christmas tree



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent
 Hamilton Elementary School recently held a dress rehearsal for its annual Christmas program, titled "The Littlest Christmas Tree." The program was performed last week for the community. It included numerous songs, including "O Christmas Tree."

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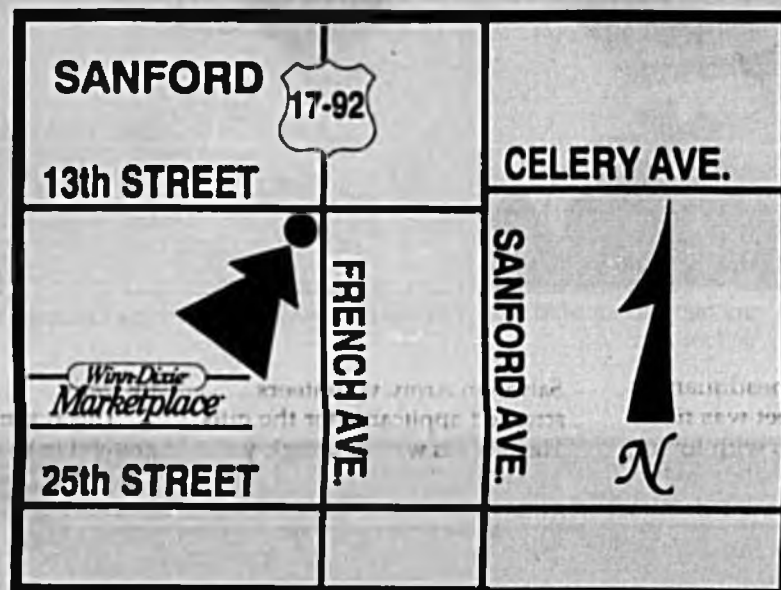
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Tommy Vincent's Faces Around Seminole County



U.S. Rep. John Mica, along with his Special Counsel Frank R. Edrington II, and Legislative Assistant Paul Gray, recently toured the National Learning Authority Daycare Center.



Courtney Bleyer seems a little camera shy during a Sanford Lakeview Lions Club Christmas celebration held recently for the pre-kindergarten early intervention class at Cicero Academy.



Kiera Mays strikes a very happy pose while waiting for some holiday treats during a Christmas party held recently at Taylor Elementary School.



Osualdo Garcia, assistant principal at Devon Court School, was recently named outstanding educator in the hispanic community at the Exitos De Nuestro Ceremony.

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Program offers help for pregnant women

From Staff Reports
Seminole Herald

The Seminole County Health Department is now offering a program for pregnant women who don't have insurance and can't afford a doctor.

According to department officials, the first three months of pregnancy are very important for the development of a baby and it is very important to get prenatal care during this time. The department will screen pregnant women for the program and get them

started with a doctor immediately.

Assistant officials also being available for education, preparing paperwork and processing of signing up for Medicaid for the pregnant women.

Once a pregnant woman is signed up for the program, there will be a variety of help available services including a nutrition program with WIC for certain women, meeting the proper needs needed to develop a healthy baby.

There is a healthy start program to help the pregnant

mother and baby get a healthy start on life. There is also a great deal of information available regarding other agencies that can lend assistance through clothing and food assistance.

The Seminole County Health Department is hoping to get the word out to the community through churches, schools and community organizations that this service is available.

For further information or to report someone needing assistance, phone 407-325-1281 or 407-365-1287. For Spanish

Operation Santa collects more than 5,000 items

The Altamonte Springs Fire Department is declaring the 27th annual Operation Santa a giant success. The event was conducted last week.

In his trek around the city, Santa Claus was able to spread holiday cheer to children and adults alike from his perch atop

an Altamonte Springs fire truck.

The truckers hauled up more than 5,000 items of canned food and other non-perishables which were sent to Second Harvest Food Bank Monday afternoon.

According to a spokesman for the department, "We are

extremely excited about the enthusiasm in the community. The donations of food and toys have poured into the stations."

We feel confident that through the efforts of the citizens of our community, more families will have a happy, food-filled holiday season.

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Spring turkey applications available on December 27

Special to the Herald

OCALA - Attention turkey hunters! Spring turkey quota hunt permit applications will be available beginning December 27 at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Ocala office, and at county tax collectors' offices.

The applications must be submitted to the FWC's quota hunt office in Tallahassee from January 10-19 in order to be eligible for the random drawing. Applications received before January 10 will be returned to the applicant.

After the random drawing the FWC will issue any remaining permits on a first-come, first-served basis.

Quota hunt permits are not necessary on private lands and many public wildlife management areas (WMAs). However you will need one if you plan to hunt any of the following WMAs located in the FWC's Central Region: Baird Unit of Richloam in Sumter County (March 18-20, March 24-26 and March 31-April 2); Caravelle Ranch in Marion and Putnam counties (March 18-21 and March 22-26); Etowah Creek in Putnam County (March 18-20, March 24-26 and March 31-April 2); Flying Eagle in Citrus County (March 18-21 and March 22-26); Half Moon in Sumter County (March 24-26, March 31-April 2 and April 7-9); Lake George in Putnam and Volusia counties (March 18-20, March 31-April 2 and April 14-16); Ocala - Marion and Putnam counties (March 25-26, April 1-2, April 8-9 and April 15-16); Potts (March 18-21 and March 22-26); Prairie Lakes Unit of Three Lakes in Osceola County (March 18-20, March 31-April 2 and April 14-16); Richloam in Sumter, Lake, Pasco and Hernando counties (first nine days) (March 18-April 23); Seminole Forest in Lake County (March 18-21 and March 22-26); Seminole Ranch in Orange County (March 18-20, March 24-26 and March 31-April 2); Tiger Bay in Volusia County (March 18-20, March 21-April 2 and April 14-16); and Tosohatchee in Orange County (March 18-20, March 31-April 2 and April 14-16).

EXEMPT HUNTERS

PLEASE NOTE: Residents age 65 and over, residents certified totally and permanently disabled, residents in the armed services stationed out of state and home on leave for 30 days or less, and children under the age of 16 are exempt and are not required to have a quota hunt permit to participate in hunts on most public wildlife management areas (WMAs). However, because of lease agreements, WMA size and other factors, some WMAs do not allow for exemptions. On the following WMAs ALL exempt hunters must apply for and receive a quota permit in order to participate in the spring turkey hunts: Baird Unit of Richloam, Etowah Creek, Half Moon, Lake George, Ocala, Potts, Prairie Lakes Unit of Three Lakes, Seminole Forest, Tiger Bay and Tosohatchee.

In addition to possessing a spring turkey quota hunt permit, those wishing to hunt on any of the areas mentioned above must possess a valid Florida hunting license, a wild turkey stamp and a wildlife management area stamp.

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MILLION IN BOATING LOSSES IN 1999
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA - The official end of the hurricane season, November 30, came none too soon for recreational boaters this year.

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Lions roar in Puma

Undefeated Oviedo boys win title, Lake Mary third in Tampa; Lake Howell girls edged in Target final

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

TAMPA - It proved to be very successful trip to Tampa for a pair of Seminole Athletic Conference boys soccer teams as Oviedo and Lake Mary came home with the championship and third place hardware from the prestigious Puma Invitational.

Oviedo got a goal from Barber in the first half, then matched George Jenkins' goal with a score of their own as the Lions held off the Lakeland squad, 2-1, in a battle of unbeaten in the Championship Game Wednesday night.

Raad had the second half goal for the Lions, now 16-0-1 on the season, while Luker added an assist. Hock scored the goal for the Eagles, which fell to 14-1-1.

The Rams bounced back from a heart-breaking 1-0 loss to defending Class 4A State Champion Tampa-Jesuit in Tuesday's semifinals to defeat the defending Class 6A State Champions, American High School from Hialeah, 3-1 to claim third place in the 16-

team event.

All-America candidate and University of Duke signee Danny Wymer had a huge day for the Rams with two goals and an assist.

Senior midfielder/forward Fernando Vilalobos added the other goal for Lake Mary, while senior forward Joe Leavy and junior forward/midfielder Zoli Kecakes added assists.

The Patriots, who fell to 10-2, got their goal from Velazquez.

"We had a great tournament," said Lake Mary coach Larry McCorkle. "The quality of the teams was unmatched. The excellent competition helped us learn some things about ourselves that will make us a better team in the future."

McCorkle said that Vilalobos, Leavy, junior midfielder/defenders Tom Schuk and Devin Esterbrook and junior goalkeeper Bart Creasman were the key players for the Rams as they improved to 11-3 on the season.

Creasman had a pair of saves in overtime penalty kicks as Lake Mary edged Pace 4-3 in the opening game of the tour-

namment and then had 13 saves in the 1-0 loss to Jesuit.

The Rams and Oviedo will both be in the Florida Hospital Tournament that will be played starting Monday at Edgewater and Bishop Moore high school's. Lake Mary opens with a 6 p.m. game against a tough Seabreeze squad.

SEABREEZE CLAIMS TARGET TITLE

LAKE MARY - Most Valuable offensive Player Mary Sidor scored the game's only goal late in the second half as undefeated Seabreeze shutout Lake Howell, 1-0, in the Championship Game of the Target Soccer Classic at Lake Mary's Don T. Reynolds Stadium Wednesday night.

It was the second straight game that Sidor, who had four goals in the tournament, scored the Sandcrabs' only goal. Seabreeze, which is now 13-0-1 on the season, also defeated Lake Mary, 1-0, in the semifinals on Tuesday.

Sidor fired the shot across the goal and it barely caught Megan McMillan (No. 3, above), the MVP of the tournament in 1998, scored a goal to help Lake Brantley defeat Lake Mary, 2-1, and finish third in the Target Soccer Classic Wednesday evening.



FILE PHOTO

Megan McMillan (No. 3, above), the MVP of the tournament in 1998, scored a goal to help Lake Brantley defeat Lake Mary, 2-1, and finish third in the Target Soccer Classic Wednesday evening.

Nice 'N Easy completes run to Lake Mary championship

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

LAKE MARY - Nice 'N Easy made a statement in the final week of the regular season that it would be a threat for the championship in the playoffs in the City of Lake Mary Department of Parks and Recreation Men's Fall Friday Night Slow Pitch Softball League at the Lake Mary Sports Complex.

And Nice 'N Easy, which was only the No. 3 seed in the four team tournament, followed through on that threat last Friday, scoring 39 runs on 41 hits, including 14 for extra bases, and came away with the Championship on a very wet evening.

There ended up only being a doubleheader as Blue Haven Pools decided not to play in the tournament because of the inclement weather, handing top-seeded Budweiser-Signal Zero a free win in the opening game.

Nice 'N Easy then took the field and got into a slugfest with No. 2 seeded Hill's Gang.

Tom Wilks blasted a two-run home run, Mark Clatterback doubled in a pair and Mike McClelland singled in two more as Nice 'N Easy

took a 7-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. But Hill's Gang bounced back in the top of the second inning with eight runs to take the lead. Neal Goldman's grand slam and a two-run single by Todd Finke were the big hits.

Nice 'N Easy regained the lead with a three-run third inning highlighted by Dean Farmer's RBI triple, but Hill's Gang answered again in the top of the fourth inning with Jay Blaylock's run-scoring double keying a five-run inning giving Hill's Gang a 13-10 advantage.

But Nice 'N Easy was up to the challenge, scoring six runs in the bottom of the fourth inning with Farmer's two-run single being the big blow.

With the time limit coming, Hill's Gang (7-4) was only able to get an RBI single from Blaylock and left the tying runs on base when the game ended on a pop up to the catcher, giving Nice 'N Easy the 16-14 victory.

Nice 'N Easy took the quick 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning on an RBI double by Wilks and two-run single by Denny Bowman.

Budweiser/Signal Zero came back with four

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FILE PHOTO

Tom Wilks had a pretty good doubleheader, going 7-for-9, including a home run and two doubles, scored four runs and drove in seven to help Nice 'N Easy sweep to the Lake Mary title last Friday.

WKA is coming to Daytona

Special to the Herald

DAYTONA BEACH - Just like Christmas, Go-Karts only come once a year...at least to Daytona International Speedway.

The largest karting event in North America is coming to Daytona Beach December 26-30, with more than 3,000 kart entries for races at the Speedway and Municipal Stadium.

The World Karting Association sanctioned events begin Sunday with 4-Cycle Day at the Speedway. Karts entered in the Enduro World Championships get on the 3.56-mile track at the Speedway Dec. 27, while the Dirt World Championships also get underway at Municipal Stadium, Dec. 27.

More than 50 races, with speeds reaching as high as 120 mph, will be contested at the two facilities during the five-day period. Races will be held at the Speedway during the day, while the main events at the stadium begin at 6 p.m.

The infield will be open to spectators at the Speedway, while the North grandstands will be open for the races at the stadium.

Tickets for Speedway and stadium events are \$8 per person.

For more information on WKA events at Daytona International Speedway, or any of the events at the "World Center of Racing," call (904) 253-7223 or visit www.daytonaintlspeedway.com.

DYSON PREPARES TO DEFEND THE CHAMPIONSHIP

DAYTONA BEACH - Rob Dyson is not a man to mince words. So when the subject of the Rolex 24 At Daytona comes up in conversation a strong opinion is sure to follow.

"The Rolex 24 Hours At Daytona is more than just a car race. It is a mammoth hu-

man event," said Dyson. "You will start the race and in order to win it, the crew will never have slept, the timing and scoring people will never have stopped, the drivers will have rested fitfully, the car's engine will have never been turned off and the event itself never lets up."

Dyson and his teams have been competing for the prestigious championship since 1988 when he campaigned his privateer Porsche 962.

"The first thing I remember about coming to Daytona was just how big the facility is. The initial impression you get is that you're at a real racetrack. The second impression you get is that there are a lot of people in this race. The third impression that you get is that there are a lot of guys here that have not won it. There are no half ways at Daytona. Everybody's there to win."

Dyson's Rolex 24 efforts were met with limited success until 1997 when Dyson, teamed with Butch Litzinger, James Weaver, Andy Wallace, John Paul Jr. and the "Dean" of American sports car racers, Elliott Forbes-Robinson, captured the famous Sundial trophy and garnered the attention of the sports car racing world.

In 1999, Dyson Racing once again showed the speed and efficiency needed to win North America's premier road racing event when Litzinger, Wallace and Forbes-Robinson braved a stellar field and driving rain to capture the second Rolex 24 under the Dyson banner.

In this year's edition of the twice around the clock classic, the man who has, for the last five Rolex 24s, fielded teams made up of the combination of the venerable Riley & Scott MK 3 chassis with Ford power is debuting the new Reynard chassis, also powered by Ford.

"The Reynard people are very good car builders," said Dyson. "They've had a lot of

input from us in the initial design work. The fortunate thing is that we've got the Ford engine that has served us well for four years now. I think it's the most successful pushrod engine in history."

"The guys underneath the car, the crew, the drivers, we're all ready to go. I think we've got a very competitive package. I think the primary concern is that it is a new package. We hope to get all the initial bugs worked out in testing."

The Pleasant Valley, NY, native welcomes the formation of the new Grand American Road Racing Series and its commitment to privately-owned sports car teams and cost effective competition.

"The Grand-Am offers everybody - factory and privateer alike - an excellent platform from which to compete. They've got a good organization with good people to run it. They've got great venues. You have a rules package that allows close competition at a reasonable cost."

Testing for the Rolex 24 At Daytona will run January 6-8. During testing, grandstands are open to the public, with access through DAYTONA USA, the "Ultimate Motorsports Attraction."

Advance Rolex 24 tickets offer significant savings over daily gate admissions and are available by calling the Daytona International Speedway Ticket Office at (904) 253-7223 or by visiting on the web at www.daytonaintlspeedway.com.

INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY CORPORATION GOES ONLINE TO POTENTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

DAYTONA BEACH - In an effort to provide a comprehensive look into the company, its business and its financial performance, International Speedway Corpo-

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Pryce to start in Pro Bowl

By Dean Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

NEW YORK - Former Lake Howell star Trevor Pryce (shown above in his Silver Hawks days) was selected as a starter at defensive tackle for the American Football Conference in the upcoming NFL

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Preps

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the right corner as the Sandcrabs won their first Target title since 1992.

What was even more discouraging for the Silver Hawks, who failed in their attempt to join the boys team in winning tournaments this week, was the fact that Sidor's goal came on Seabreeze's only shot of the second half.

Lake Howell (14-4-1) dominated the game, outshooting the Sandcrabs 21-5 and play-

ing most of the game in the Seabreeze end.

The Silver Hawks' Nandi Pryce, whose brother was named a starter for the AFC in the NFL Pro Bowl on Wednesday, was named the Most Valuable Defensive Player for the Tournament.

This was the first time that the young Lake Howell squad, only two seniors on the team, had reached the finals of the Target Classic, having finished fifth and third the previous two

years.

Coach Didier Menard heaped praise on his defense of goalie Kim Angel, fullbacks Joanna Black and Brianna Callahan, stopper Jenny Mulvihill and sweeper Patty MacDowell for their play in the tournament, which saw the Silver Hawks only allow three goals and record two shutouts.

MacDowell, who along with Pryce are the only two seniors on the team, had 12 interceptions, six steals and 12 clears

prior to the finale.

In the Third Place Game, Megan McMillan, who was the Most Valuable Offensive Player as Lake Brantley won the tournament last year, and Melanie Donnelly scored second half goals as the Patriots held off host Lake Mary, 2-1.

Bonni Rosen scored the Rams goal in the second half.

Fifth Place went to Satellite, which nipped Melbourne, 2-1, outscoring the Bulldogs 4-3 in penalty kicks.

Goals - Lake Mary 3 (Wymer 2, Wilkerson); American 1 (Vlaquez); Assists - Lake Mary 3 (Leavy, Wymer, Keckles). Shots on goal - Lake Mary 17; American 9. Records - Lake Mary 11-3; American 10-2.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

OVIDO 2, EAGLES 1
Ovido 1 1 2
Lakeland-Geo. Jenkins 0 1 1
Goals - Ovido 2 (Barber, Reed); George Jenkins 1 (Hoch). Assists - Ovido 1 (Laker). Shots on goal - Ovido 14; George Jenkins 12. Records - Ovido 16-0-1; George Jenkins 14-1-1.

GIRLS SOCCER TARGET CLASSIC

at Don T. Reynolds Stadium, Lake Mary High School
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
SANDCRABS 1, SILVER HAWKS 0
Seabreeze 0 1 1

Lake Howell 0 0 0
Goals - Seabreeze 1 (Sidor). Assists - none. Shots on goal - Seabreeze 5; Lake Howell 21. Records - Seabreeze 13-0-1; Lake Howell 14-4-1.

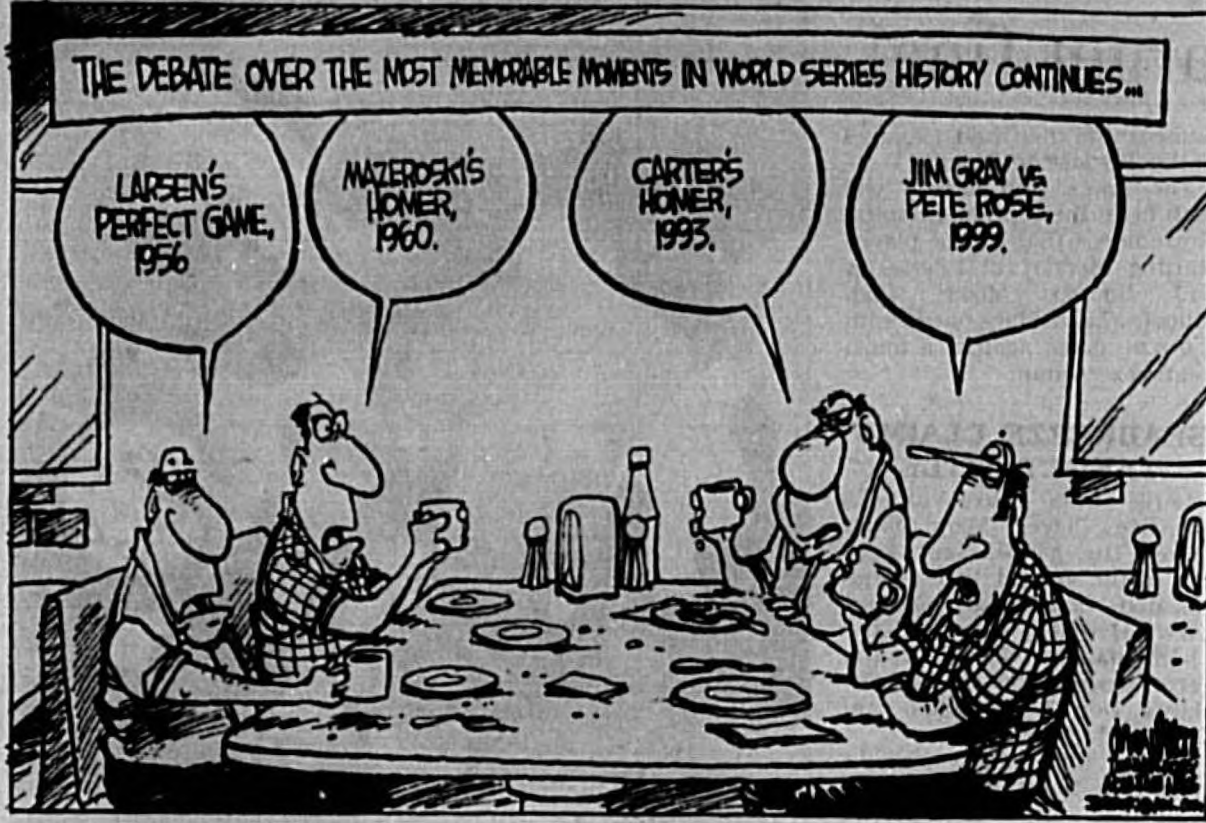
THIRD PLACE GAME

PATRIOTS 2, RAMS 1
Lake Brantley 0 2 2
Lake Mary 0 1 1
Goals - Lake Brantley 2 (Donnelly, McMillan); Lake Mary 1 (Rosen). Assists - none. Shots on goal - Brantley 7; Lake Mary 5. Records - Lake Brantley 8-3-1; Lake Mary 7-9.

FIFTH PLACE GAME

SCORPIONS 2, BULLDOGS 1 (penalty kicks)
Satellite 1 0 1 2
Melbourne 1 0 0 1
Goals - Satellite 1 (Baines); Melbourne 1 (Quarles). Penalty kicks - Satellite 4; Melbourne 3. Assists - Satellite 1 (Graham). Shots on goal - Satellite 13; Melbourne 5.

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Pryce

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Bowl in Hawaii.

Pryce, who played collegiately at Michigan and Clemson, had been a part-time starter as the Denver Broncos won the last two Super Bowls, but since moving into the starting line-up has emerged as one of the top defensive linemen in the NFL.

Pryce is the second former Seminole Athletic Conference star to make the Pro Bowl in recent years, joining Seminole High School graduate Jeff Blake, who was the starter at quarterback three years ago.

NFL PRO BOWL

National Football Conference

OFFENSE
Wide Receivers - x-Isaac Bruce, St. Louis; x-Cris Carter, Minnesota; Randy Moss, Minnesota; Muhsin Muhammad, Carolina.
Tackles - x-Orlando Pace, St. Louis; x-William Roof, New Orleans; Erik Williams, Dallas.
Guards - x-Larry Allen, Dallas; x-Randall McDaniel, Minnesota; Tre Johnson, Washington.
Centers - x-Jeff Christy, Minnesota; Tony Mayberry, Tampa Bay.

Pro

Tight Ends - x-Wesley Walls, Carolina; David Sison, Detroit.
Quarterbacks - x-Kurt Warner, St. Louis; Steve Deckerlein, Carolina; Brad Johnson, Washington.
Running Backs - x-Marshall Faulk, St. Louis; Stephen Davis, Washington; Emmitt Smith, Dallas.
Fullbacks - x-Mike Alstott, Tampa Bay.

DEFENSE

Ends - x-Kevin Carter, St. Louis; x-Michael Strahan, N.Y. Giants; Robert Porter, Detroit.
Interior Linemen - x-Luther Elliss, Detroit; x-Warren Mapp, Tampa Bay; Bryant Young, San Francisco.
Outside Linebackers - x-Jessie Armstead, N.Y. Giants; x-Derrick Brooks, Tampa Bay; Dexter Coakley, Dallas.
Inside Linebackers - x-Hardy Nickerson, Tampa Bay; Stephen Boyd, Detroit.

American Football

Cornerbacks - x-Todd Lyght, St. Louis; x-Deton Sanders, Dallas; Aeneas Williams, Arizona.
Strong Safety - x-John Lynch, Tampa Bay.
Free Safeties - x-Lance Schulters, San Francisco; x-Urian Dawkins, Philadelphia.
Specialists: Punter - x-Mitch Berger, Minnesota; Placekicker - x-Jason Hanson, Detroit; Kick Return Specialist - x-Glyn Milburn, Chicago; Special Teamer - x-Michael Bates, Carolina.

Conference

OFFENSE

Wide Receivers - x-Marvin Harrison, Indianapolis; x-Jimmy Smith, Jacksonville; Tim Brown, Oakland; Keyshawn Johnson, N.Y. Jets.
Tackles - x-Tony Stewart, Jacksonville; x-Jonathan Ogden, Baltimore; Leon Beverly, Jacksonville.
Guards - x-Ruben Brown, Buffalo; x-Bruce Matthews, Tennessee; Will Shields, Kansas City.

DEFENSE

Ends - x-Tony Brackens, Jacksonville; x-Jevon Kearse, Tennessee; Michael McCrary, Baltimore.
Interior Linemen - x-Trevor Pryce, Denver; x-Darrell Russell, Oakland; Cortez Kennedy, Seattle.
Outside Linebackers - x-Peter Boulware, Baltimore; x-Ervin Hardy, Jacksonville; Chad Brown, Seattle.
Inside Linebackers - x-Ray Lewis, Baltimore; Zach Thomas, Miami.
Cornerbacks - x-Sam Madison, Miami; x-Charles Woodson, Oakland; James Hasty, Kansas City.
Strong Safety - x-Lawyer Milloy, New England.
Free Safeties - x-Carnell Lake, Jacksonville; Rod Woodson, Baltimore.
Specialists: Punter - x-Tom Tupa, N.Y. Jets; Placekicker - x-Olindo Mare, Miami; Kick Return Specialist - x-Tremain Mack, Cincinnati; Special Teamer - x-Detron Smith, Denver.
Note: x- Starter

BOYS SOCCER PUMA TOURNAMENT

At Tampa

THIRD PLACE GAME
RAMS 3, PATRIOTS 1
Lake Mary 2 1 3
Hialeah-American 0 1 1

Briefs

RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS - The City of Altamonte Springs (Eastmonte Park) will be hosting a singles racquetball tournament for both men and women on Saturday, January 16th, 2000. The entry fee is \$10.00 and one can of racquetballs.

All participants will receive a park shirt and four (4) hours of free racquetball play.

The winners and runner-up will receive trophies.

Refreshments will be furnished.

For more information, please call Bob Garnett at (407) 830-3881 or (407) 509-9286.

WINTER SPRINGS ADULT POLAR BEAR LEAGUE SOFTBALL

WINTER SPRINGS - The Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department announces that it will offer Adult Polar Bear Softball Leagues in January 2000. Leagues available are "C"

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Registration is now open and all nights are available and limited to six teams per league. Leagues will be for a five week season with one game or two games per week play.

Rules are ASA and Winter Springs guidelines.

Awards are sponsor plaques with pictures for all teams 1st place and 2nd place trophies and t-shirts for all players.

Fees are \$185 for a five game season and \$310 for a 10-game season. There is a \$5 charge for each player who is not a resident of the City of Winter Springs. Home teams supply two new game balls.

As an incentive for teams to sign up and play polar bear softball, the league will pay the \$35 yearly ASA sanction fee for all teams.

For more information or to register, call the Winter Springs Parks and Recreation Department at 407-327-7110.

ORLANDO - Tickets for the 54th Annual Florida Citrus Bowl.

"The Best Bowl Trip in America," are now on sale at a cost of \$60 per ticket.

The 54th Annual Florida Citrus Bowl will be played Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000 at 1 p.m. at Orlando's Citrus Bowl with Michigan State playing Florida.

Individual tickets for the Florida Citrus Bowl can be purchased by visiting or calling any Florida Ticketmaster outlet or by going online at www.ticketmaster.com.

SANFORD ADULT FLAG FOOTBALL

SANFORD - The City of Sanford Recreation and Parks Department is now forming an Adult Flag Football League to begin play in early January.

Games will be played on Saturday's at the open field across from Sanford Middle School on 17-92.

For additional information please contact Jim Schaefer at (407) 330-5697.

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runs in the bottom of the first inning on a three-run home run by Danny Sacco, a triple by Dave Hudick and a run-scoring single by Don Lajik.

Both teams scored a run in the second inning before Nice 'N Easy plated three runs in the third inning to take a 7-5 lead.

Nice 'N Easy then took control of the game with a nine-run fifth inning, with Skip Bowen driving in three runs with a pair of triples in the frame.

Budweiser/Signal Zero, which finishes the season 10-2, did not go quietly, but Nice 'N Easy (8-4) would not be headed, hanging on for the 23-15 championship-clinching victory.

Providing the offense were:
Nice 'N Easy (Game 1): four hits - Tom Wilks (4-for-4, home run, run, four RBI); three hits - Mark Clatterback (double, run, four RBI); two hits - Dean Farmer (triple, three runs, three RBI), Mickey Cogburn (three runs, two RBI), Mike McClelland (two runs, two RBI); one hit - Skip Bowen (double, two runs), Mike Berry (two runs); one run scored, one RBI - Steve Passwater; one run scored - Denny Bowman.

Hill's Gang: four hits - Rick Brown (4-for-4, double, run, RBI); three hits - Jay Blaylock (double, two runs, two RBI); two hits - Neal

Goldman (grand slam, two runs, four RBI); one hit - Scott Perri (two runs, RBI), Todd Finke (run, two RBI), Bob Foley and Pepe Vieco (one run scored, one RBI), Dan Peters (run).

Nice 'N Easy: four hits - Mark Clatterback (4-for-4, home run, double, three runs, two RBI), Denny Bowman (4-for-4, double, three runs, three RBI); three hits - Skip Bowen (two triples, three runs, three RBI), Mike McClelland (triple, run, three RBI), Tom Wilks (two doubles, three runs, three RBI), Rich Notaro (double, three runs, two RBI); two hits - Mickey Cogburn (double, three runs), Mike Berry (two runs, RBI); one hit - Steve Passwater (run, two RBI), Dean Farmer (run).

Budweiser/Signal Zero: four hits - Brett Moran (triple, double, four runs); three hits - Duane Smith (double, two runs, two RBI), Don Lajik (double, four RBI); two hits - Dave Hudick (triple, three runs), Chris Taylor (double, two runs, two RBI), Dave Guildford, Mike Arnold; one hit - Danny Sacco (home run, two runs, four RBI); two runs scored - Billy Ellis.

Hill's Gang 060 51 14 16

Nice 'N Easy 703 62 16 15

Nice 'N Easy 313 063 4 23 26

Budweiser/Signal Zero 410 025 3 15 19

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ration on Wednesday launched an Investor Relations section on its www.iscmotorsports.com site. The site can also be accessed at www.iscmotorsports.com/investor.

The IR site for the motorsports entertainment company includes access to SEC filings, stock quotes and annual report information, as well as information on analysis covering the company, ISC's Board of Directors and its management team.

International Speedway Corporation is a motorsports entertainment company which currently promotes more than 100 events annually.

Outdoors

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Hurricanes Dennis, Floyd and Irene - three of the four that hit the U.S. coast - caused an estimated \$195 million in damages, according to BoatU.S., the nation's largest organization of recreational boaters.

Hurricane Floyd, which battered the east coast and the Bahamas in mid-September, was by far the most destructive, causing \$140 million in boating losses -- \$110 million in the U.S. and \$30 million in the Bahamas. In North Carolina alone, damages were \$34 million, followed by South Carolina with \$23 million and New York with \$21 million.

Floyd-caused losses in other states ranged from \$5 million in Connecticut to \$50,000 in

the District of Columbia.

Hurricane Dennis, lingering for several days in early September off North Carolina and Virginia, caused \$19 million in recreational boating damages, \$12 million of that in North Carolina. With its torrential rains, Dennis, reports the National Hurricane Center, helped set the stage for the disastrous flooding in North Carolina Floyd caused a couple of weeks later.

In mid-October Hurricane Irene whipped northeastward across South Florida and headed out to sea, but still managed to graze the already ravaged Outer Banks of North Carolina. Boating losses from Irene were \$36 million, \$35 million of that in Florida.

"Although Hurricane Floyd was a horrible storm that

caused a lot of suffering, recreational boating was hit relatively lightly," said Carroll Robertson, vice president of claims for BoatU.S. Marine Insurance, which underwrites \$5 billion worth of hull insurance. "Most of the damage from Floyd was caused by the torrential rains, and the flooding that followed did much more damage to homes and buildings than boats."

In fact, recreational boating losses from all three storms amounted to only 2.8 percent of the almost \$7 trillion in damages they inflicted on the continental U.S. and the Bahamas. In comparison, 1992's Hurricane Andrew caused \$500 million in damages to recreational boating.

"We were comparatively lucky this year as far as boating

losses go," said Robertson, "but unfortunately the outlook for the next few years is not promising."

While he won't issue his "official" prediction until next year, hurricane expert William Gray said recently that he believes the East Coast, Florida and the Caribbean are in for an intense era of hurricane activity.

"The BoatU.S. Web site, www.boatus.com/hurricanes, carries a host of information on the topic, including up-to-the-minute weather forecasts and information on ordering a free BoatU.S. application, "Hurricane Warning: A Guide to Preparing Boats and Marinas for Hurricanes."

This can also be ordered by calling 1-800-823-8223.

COMICS

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HOROSCOPES

Your Birthday
Friday, Dec. 24, 1999
Your chances for enhancing your earning potential in the year ahead will be increased because of your motivation to do the very best job you can. Good work produces good pay.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 19) If it is necessary for you to do any last minute shopping today, be careful how you go about making your selections. If you're impulsive or impatient, you might make a bum purchase. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing \$2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Persons who are usually cooperative might be the very ones who oppose your views the strongest today, so play things light when dealing with others at this time.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Should you be a better rationalizer today than a producer, several responsibil-

ities that require your attention might be neglected. It could make for a more hairy day tomorrow.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) People tend to be a bit more sensitive than usual today, so forego teasing or cracking jokes that can be misconstrued. Instead of fun and games developing, hurt feelings could result.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you want things done a certain way today, give helpers crystal clear instructions and define expectations in detail. Otherwise both you and your work mates could end up frustrated.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Just because you're an easy-going person isn't a good enough reason to let anyone entice you into doing something you know is not in your best interests. Use your better judgment today.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Live within your means today and make do with what you have. It could cause tough times for you if your forego prudent management of your financial affairs for a momentary pleasure.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Should cir-

cumstances put you in a position where the priorities of others take precedence over yours today, make the most of the situation for everyone's sake, including your own.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A lack of proper organization before you begin attacking your list of tasks today could create additional work. To minimize complications, be methodical in your planning.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It may not be wise to get deeply involved too quickly with someone you meet for the first time today. This person might not be all she or he represents. Time is your safeguard.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Success could elude you today if you adopt an indifferent attitude. To achieve meaningful goals, you must be strongly motivated and actively engaged.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Respect for you in the eyes of others could diminish today if you can't back up what you say. Don't present yourself as an authority on things about which you know little.

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Win at Bridge

Three times unlucky

In today's deal, you are South, playing in a spade contract. How many tricks would you win?
The deal occurred during a team match in the Netherlands. At the first table, North opened one diamond. Then, after his one-spade response was raised to two spades, South made a game-try with three spades. Holding four trumps and a maximum, North was happy to go on to game. West led the club two. Now, with the 2-2 trump break, the contract was in no danger. One of dummy's low diamonds disappeared on the third club, and eventually declarer had a heart guess for an over-trick, which he got wrong. In the other room, South very cautiously passed out two spades. (North opened one club because one diamond would have guaranteed at least a four-card suit.) Sitting West was Dutch international Kees Tammens. Somehow, he

found the incredible lead of the diamond queen.
Expecting West to hold something like Q-J-9-x, declarer played low from the dummy. Now Tammens continued with the diamond three. Sticking to his reading of the situation, declarer again played low from the dummy. After winning with the diamond jack, Gerard Keet (East) switched to the heart six, declarer mis-guessing a third time by playing his jack. Tammens won with the queen, cashed the diamond ace, and led a heart to his partner's ace. The defense had won the first five tricks. And now East continued with the 13th diamond, which Tammens ruffed with the spade jack, an uppercut that promoted a trump trick for East. So, two spades went one down! Did you predict winning only seven tricks in spades?

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Bridge
Phillip Alder

North 12-23-99			
♠	A K 8 6		
♥	10 7 5 2		
♦	K 7 4		
♣	K J		
West	East		
♠	J 5	♠	Q 7
♥	Q 8 4 3	♥	A 9 6
♦	A Q 3	♦	J 9 5 2
♣	10 7 5 2	♣	8 6 4 3
South			
♠	10 9 4 3 2		
♥	K J		
♦	10 8 6		
♣	A Q 9		
Vulnerable: North-South			
Dealer: North			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
Opening lead: ??			

Doctor Gott

How to avoid swollen ankles in flight

DEAR DR. GOTT: Whenever I fly or cruise, my ankles swell. I take a diuretic for high blood pressure. Is there anything else I should be doing?
DEAR READER: The prolonged sitting during flying or cruising can cause ankle edema (swelling) because gravity forces excess fluid to the lowest portion of the body. Also, during these times, people are more likely to consume extra salt, which — by holding water in the tissues — may make matters worse. Finally, because diuretics (kidney stimulants) often produce unwanted excess urination, many patients choose not to take them during travel times. The obvious answer to your question is: Run it by your doctor. However, let me suggest a couple of options. When you are going to be relatively inactive (such as in flight), double your diuretic. This may further reduce extra body fluid. Second, avoid salt like the plague; it will only

aggravate the problem. If your airline/cruise meal tastes salty, request a substitute. Finally, attempt to get up and walk periodically. This will help re-distribute the fluid in your body.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been a widower for four years and abstained from sex. Now that I am about to remarry, I'm concerned that I won't be able to perform. Even during my marriage I was occasionally impotent. What can you suggest?
DEAR READER: I suggest that you relax, enjoy your new partner's affection and let nature take its course. The fact that you abstained from sex for four years should in no way influence your performance, except for one important factor. If you have had absolutely no interest in sex — that is, if you have lost the urge — you may have a hormone deficiency that can be diagnosed with a blood test and easily overcome with supplemental testosterone. On the other hand, if your libido is intact, you may experience erectile

dysfunction merely from being overly apprehensive. Other common causes of impotence include stress, fatigue, alcohol, mental attitude, poor circulation and side effects of many prescription drugs. If you find that you are truly unable to achieve an erection — even with self-stimulation — check with a urologist; many cases of impotence are curable. Remember that older people can do just about everything young people can — it just takes longer. Don't become unduly anxious or frustrated. Avoid a negative mind-set and trust in your new partner's patience and understanding. Most men experience erectile dysfunction at some time in their lives. Although this should be largely ignored, it can set up a vicious self-fulfilling cycle of failure in some men who become preoccupied with sexual performance. So, the bottom line is: Involve yourself in your new marriage, be grateful for the love and closeness that come with it, and if you consistently experience sexual problems, see a urologist.

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Life Style

Food was much better before 'Best Before' stickers

When I was growing up, we didn't have "Best Before" stickers on anything.

If the milk smelled OK, you drank it. If the meat was somewhere in the vicinity of its original color, you ate it. If the can only had rust on the outside, you ate the contents.

That doesn't happen any more.

And we didn't have big egos back then, so even if that tub of ice cream was "Best Before Jan. 12," that implied that it was still good on Jan. 13 — and good was good enough for us.

Those days are gone. Now everyone demands the best. That's why people will sit up all night finishing off the ice cream

before it goes bad the next day. And they wonder why we're all overweight.

I was wondering if this "Best Before" concept will expand to include friends and family. Can you picture Uncle Ernie with a sticker saying, "Best Before Second Martini" or Grandpa's saying, "Best Before 7 p.m." or your own saying, "Best Before 1971"?



Red Green

The Truth As We Know It
Has this ever happened to you? You're out with your spouse at a social function and she starts pontificating on a topic about which she knows nothing. Coincidentally it's often a topic

about which you know a great deal — your business or your investment or you personally. And what's worse, they're making all kinds of false statements and exaggerations.

If you've only been married a short time, there's a temptation to correct your spouse in front of others. You will soon learn that not only does the truth hurt, but it's usually a self-inflicted wound.

So don't ever correct your partner in a group. Neither should you stand behind and make hand gestures that indicate to the others that you think your spouse is a little wacko. No, your job is to move away slowly or pretend you're not listening or act drunk.

The truth is for church and the courts. When the truth comes out at parties, it's only

going to make trouble.

Ten Signs Of An Uneven Balance Of Power:

We all know the best relationships are close to a 50-50 partnership. Here are the signs that perhaps one partner is dominating the other:

1. There is an old rusty car abandoned in the front yard.
2. The husband and wife wear matching shirts.
3. The family dog is a cat.
4. The family vehicle is a motorcycle with a sidecar.
5. The beer fridge is the one in the kitchen.
6. One of them wears an "I'm with Stupid" T-shirt.
7. One of them keeps the TV remote on their person.
8. The welcome mat reads, "Trespassers Will Be Shot."

9. The lawn is covered with cutouts of fat people bending over.

10. There's a couch on the front porch. And there's a guy sleeping on it.

Keep Your Shirt On

I like to watch football on TV, but I find that lately it's getting violent and offensive and the camera coverage is far too graphic.

I'm talking about those shots of inebriated fans with their shirts off. There was a guy at last night's game sporting a bad green-and-gold paint job on a gut so massive he must have used a roller or he would have been late for the game. And it's not enough that he has this overwhelming mass of unsaturated fat to share with us, he also feels that he needs to wave

his arms frantically and jump up and down, making his belly look like an aerial video of a 7.2 earthquake.

Now I know I talk a lot about how difficult it is to be married and to have to make compromises, but I think this is a situation where being married can really help.

I'm talking to all of you fat guys out there. Before you go to the game, get your stomach all painted up and show it to your wife and ask her if she thinks the world wants or needs to see this.

And please listen to her answer. Some of us are watching the game with our families; perhaps having dinner in front of the TV. You must stop the madness.

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Answer to question helps woman realize she's found man of dreams

DEAR ABBY: I would like to share something special with you. What began as a simple little experiment to give me insight into the people around me ended

up giving me more than just the warm fuzzies.

I asked some of those I work with and some close friends to answer the following question with the first thing that came to mind. I asked it exactly as stated with no emphasis on any one particular word: "If you could do any one thing in the world, what would it be?"

Some of the answers were amusing. My co-workers answered: "Turn invisible." "Lose 50 pounds." "Educate the world." "I'd rule the world."

My friends answered: "Feel better about myself." "Feed the world." "Become a millionaire."

I asked my boyfriend of five months at the time the same question. Without hesitation, he answered, "I would give you a working pancreas." My jaw dropped, my heart melted and my eyes filled with tears. You see, Abby, I have had type II diabetes for nearly 10 years. Thankfully, I am very well controlled and healthy, yet he knows that the daily rituals that control my life

will never go away. I think I have finally met a man with my best interest at heart. How could I not love someone with such unselfish kindness? Maybe there is hope for the world after all!

LANA A., ATLANTA

DEAR LANA A.: You picked yourself a Georgia peach, honey. Hang onto him — he's a keeper.

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DEAR ABBY: Yet one more letter about tolerance. Can we not be great Americans and still hold onto ethnic traditions? Why do we have to be a melting pot? Why do we need to shed our backgrounds in order to be true Americans?

There are so many wonderful, beautiful and enriching traditions, and if we open ourselves to learning about them, we can only grow in our acceptance and appreciation of all people. Tolerance means the acceptance of individuals as they are, not as we necessarily want them to be.

I choose to believe that our founding fathers wanted America to be a place where all are welcome, not just those who are like us. Good citizenship does not require the shedding of our backgrounds. Good citizenship means accepting each other and working together for the betterment of us all.

ANDELA IN LOVELAND, OHIO

DEAR ANDELA: Of course

we can be great Americans and still hold onto our ethnic traditions. However, this country would be stronger if everyone who immigrates here became proficient in the English language. And while our various cultural traditions are important in defining who we are, I think it is important to define ourselves as Americans first, rather than calling ourselves "hyphen-Americans," which separates us rather than unites us as a nation. It's a matter of priorities.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a neighbor who tells visitors to remove their shoes before entering because she has a light-colored carpet.

I, for one, don't like it. What should I do in this situation?

WONDERING IN COLORADO

DEAR WONDERING: Either walk on your hands or stay home!

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Births

Dec. 4, 1999

Holly Pearl, daughter of Janet and Larry Gandy of Apopka, was born.

Dec. 5, 1999

Rowan Marie, daughter of Stephanie Crane and James Kawa of Altamonte Springs, was born.

Jenna Elese, daughter of Christine and Jeffrey Lance of Apopka, was born.

Dec. 6, 1999

Drew Morgan Meadows, daughter of Michelle Desjardins and Chyle Meadows of Sanford, was born.

Mya Grace Innanen, daughter of Frances and Robert Innanen of Chulota, was born.

Bianka Lynette Ramos, daughter of Lidia Ramos of Orlando, was born.

Oct. 6, 1999

Riannon Louise Miller-Mayes, daughter of Jennifer Miller of Winter Springs, was born.

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Positively Magical

Seminole's Mustard Seed shoe drive deemed success

Upon conclusion of a community-wide holiday "Nearly-New, Barely-Used Shoe Drive," it was estimated that 4,345 pairs of shoes were collected.

The beneficiary of the drive is Mustard Seed of Central Florida, a local non-profit organization

that annually helps thousands of homeless people and people who are victims of despair or tragedy

Dr. Barry Levin said most of the credit for the success of this year's drive goes to the 15 participating schools.

In Seminole County, schools include Altamonte Springs, Lake Mary, Keeth elementary schools, Rock Lake and Teague middle schools, Lake Mary, Seminole, and Lake Brantley high schools along with a number of other public and private schools.

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