

A Christmas fantasy comes to life

A Christmas classic will come to life when The Ballet Guild of Sanford-Seminole presents a dazzling production of Tchaikovsky's 'Nutcracker.'

Delivery delayed on Herald books

'Sanford: Our First 125 Years,' a special publication of the Seminole Herald was scheduled to be delivered this month, but a production problem at the publishing house in Iowa has pushed that date back until late January.

'I'm as disappointed as anyone,' said Herald Editor/Publisher Dan Ping. 'We planned this publication specifically for Christmas, but that will not be possible.'

'We're mailing a letter to everyone who purchased a book informing them of the delay,' Ping added. 'The books will be published. The publishing house is a reputable company, and they have assured us they will work to correct the situation.'

'Ping said customers should receive a letter by midweek, and it outlines an option for those who intended the books as holiday gifts.'

'I cannot apologize enough, because I realize many folks purchased books for gifts,' Ping said. 'We appreciate those who have supported this book and ask for their patience and understanding. The book not only will be a family keepsake, but 50 percent of the books sales will go to the Sanford Museum, which does an outstanding job preserving Sanford's rich history.'

Anyone who has questions about 'Sanford: Our First 125 Years' should call The Herald office at 407-322-2611 or e-mail editor@seminoleherald.com.

Seminole Smile



Marian Thompson - Magnet Coordinator at Midway Elementary School

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Lake Mary tables annexation proposal

By Michelle Jerla Managing Editor

LAKE MARY — An annexation ideal that's been two years in the making may have to wait a few more months — or years — before it's complete.

City Commission Thursday voted to continue indefinitely the proposed annexation of Colonial Properties, a 175-acre office park off Interstate 4. The decision to table the deal followed a letter to City Manager John Litton from Colonial Properties requesting the city to stop annexation proceedings.

Colonial Properties asks city to halt process for additional property

'While we did not foresee the adversarial atmosphere that our proposed voluntary annexation might create within Seminole County, we continue to believe that prudent public-private partnerships and incentives can serve to the mutual interest of all parties and considerably enhance economic development opportunities for the entire area,' stated Colonial Properties Trust Vice

President Charles A. McGehee. 'We very much regret having to take this step and continue to hope that a compromise will be achieved which could be a positive for everyone.'

Following the city's initial vote in October to move forward with the annexation proposal, county officials voiced their concerns about the deal. They believed the proposed

contract between Lake Mary and Colonial Properties would set a bad precedent.

As part of the agreement, the developer would have received a 10-year property tax break totaling \$4.75 million, while the city would have seen a huge increase in tax revenue — \$177,000 a year — once the break ended. The county, on the other hand, would have lost an estimated \$130,000 in fire and road taxes, even after doling out \$4.3 million as part of its own economic incentive program to lure 20 different com-

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Wedding chapel, new homes top city agenda

By Dan Ping Editor

SANFORD — City Commissioners will consider two items on Monday's agenda that are expected to draw extended comments from residents.

The first is a request by Barry Walker to annex and rezone 25.5 acres of property between Rose Hill Trail and Mellonville Avenue. The land is currently zoned for agriculture, and Walker is asking for a PD (Planned Development) zoning to build 114 townhouses as part of the Magnolia Club project.

The Planning and Zoning Commission denied the rezoning request because of concerns about the traffic impact the project would have on the area and existing stormwater problems.

Mike Skat, chairman of the P&Z, noted that the region south of the GreeneWay, where Walker's property is located, has historically had drainage problems. Without a masterplan to deal with stormwater runoff, Skat is concerned any new development could potentially harm existing home owners.

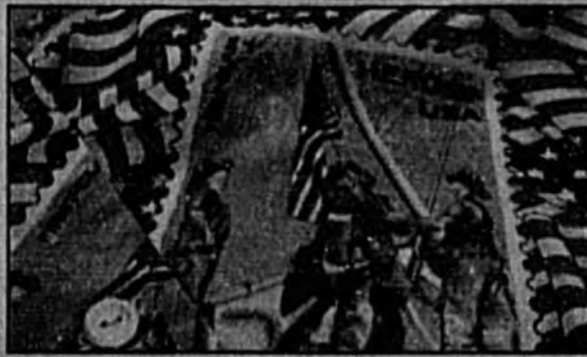
'Seminole County has issued a report that says it could take more than \$20 million to properly drain that area,' Skat said during the Nov. 7 P&Z meeting where the rezoning was denied. 'I'm concerned with adding new development until we have a handle on what it's going to take to make sure people's homes isn't adversely effected.'

Residents in Rose Hill subdivision to the east of the proposed Magnolia Club project and Bakers Crossing to the south have been vocal in asking the city to deny the request for rezone unless substantial changes are made.

'We're not against development of that property,' said Judy Long, a resident of Rose Hill. 'We understand that new development will come. Our concern is that the city make sure any drainage or traffic issues are properly addressed. These are our homes — the biggest investment for all of us.'

Commissioners will also consider whether to overturn a

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Betty Place cuts out the pattern for one of her 'Hero' shirts. The Sanford resident started making the shirts after Sept. 11. She now sells them for \$15.

Place shows patriotism through shirts

By Michelle Jerla Managing Editor

Following the events of Sept. 11, 2001, people found many ways to show their patriotism for the country. Betty Place began sewing shirts.

More than a year later, the Sanford resident hasn't stopped. Using material that bears the photograph of three firefighters raising the U.S. Flag over Ground Zero, Place has sewn more than 60 shirts for friends, family and almost anybody who has asked her to make one.

'People seem to really be moved by the pattern on the shirt,' Place said. 'I think it's very patriotic and represents heroes — a type of hero we didn't have before 9-11.'

'For me, I've always been patriotic,' she said. 'My husband, Wes, was in the service and was a police officer. He



Betty Place shows off a completed shirt. She has sewn more than 60 shirts for friends, family and anyone who asks her to make one.

was the Oviedo chief of police for several years.'

Place got the idea for the 'Hero' shirt when she found the material at a local Wal-Mart. She purchased a bolt of

the patriotic pattern and made one for herself and several others. She didn't realize how popular they

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Eckstein, Raines to lead city's parade

By Dan Ping Editor

SANFORD — David Eckstein and Tim Raines may be the 'Boys of Summer,' but it's the Christmas season when they'll be honored by their hometown.

Eckstein, who is the starting shortstop for the world champion Anaheim Angels, has been named the Grand Marshall of the Sanford Christmas Parade. Raines, whose 23-year career in the majors includes two World Series rings with the New York Yankees, will be the Honorary Grand Marshall.

'We actually contacted David about being the Grand Marshall before the Angels ever got to the World Series,' said Linda Kuhn, chairwoman of the parade committee. 'It seemed like fate was with us. This is the 125th anniversary of the city of Sanford, the same year the Angels win the championship.'

Kuhn noted that 2002 was a milestone year for Raines, as well. With more than 20 years as a Big League ballplayer and numerous stolen base records, Raines announced his retirement at the end of the season. The Sanford native, who has a good chance to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, finished his career with the Florida Marlins. He played most of his career with the Montreal Expos and the Chicago White Sox. Raines also played for the Oakland A's, the Yankees and the Baltimore Orioles, where played with his son Tim Raines Jr., only the second father-son duo to play on the same team at the same time.

The parade, scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, is being organized this year by the city of Sanford's 125th Anniversary Committee. And while Raines and Eckstein are sure to be the biggest stars of the parade, their will be two special guests who have never before attended the annual parade in Sanford.

'Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse have agreed to be in this year's parade,' Kuhn said. 'We really wanted to do something big for the 125th, and this is the first time Mickey and Minnie have participated in our parade.'

Kuhn said response to this year's parade has been good, and

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Lessard: Strong mayor best fit for Sanford

By Dan Ping Editor

Mayor Brady Lessard will find out Monday night whether his proposal to change Sanford's form of government will make it to the next step. City Commissioners are scheduled to hear a first reading of an ordinance that would change Sanford from a city manager-commission government to a strong mayor form of government.

I sat down with Lessard, who hopes the issue makes it on the March city election ballot, for a question-and-answer session to find out why he favors such a

change.

Q: Currently Sanford has a city manager-commission form of government where the city manager runs the day-to-day operations. You're proposing to change that to a strong mayor form of government, where the mayor runs the city. Why?

A: Sanford has gotten to the point where the residents demand direct accountability. Listen, Sanford's no longer a little village. We have an international airport, housing projects, and demographic and economic issues that need to be addressed. A strong mayor form of government forces you

to deal head-on with those issues because the people hold you directly accountable.

Q: Issues like airports and economics — those are complex issues where there are no easy answers. Why would a strong mayor, who may or may not be trained in public administration, be better than someone like a city manager who has gone to school and earned a degree in how to run a city?

A: You don't learn how to build a community by going to school. You learn by getting out in the community and rubbing

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CRANE TRAPPED IN DITCH — A construction crane from Ed's Crane Inc. driven by Scott Pertler of Deltona was traveling eastbound on State Road 46 near Summerlin Avenue when the driver lost control and went into a ditch. The road was blocked for several hours as a Haz-Mat team from the Seminole County Fire Department cleaned up the hydraulic fluid spill. No injuries were reported.

SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

Early retirement: It's not official until the filing deadline passes in January, but District 4 City Commissioner **Whitey Eckstein** is not running for re-election.

Eckstein, who was first elected in 1986 said last spring he probably wasn't going to run, but political junkies around Sanford had heard that line before. Turns out Whitey was serious. He retired from his teaching position at Seminole High School back in October, so it's understandable that he would choose not to run for re-election.

Around The Clock



by Dan Ping

What's a former city commissioner to do after retirement? Whitey's not sure, though spending more time with his family, especially the grandkids is high on the list. Who will replace Whitey in District 4? There are a few names being floated, but the most mentioned is **Kevin Hipes**. Hipes currently serves on the Planning and Zoning Commission and is familiar with a lot of the issues facing Sanford. Word Around The Clock is Hipes has already met with Whitey. I'm not sure if he'll endorse Hipes, but I know he sees Kevin as "fresh blood" on the commission.

"Sixteen years is too long," Eckstein said. "It's time for someone else to be on the commission."

I'll agree that it's always good to get fresh ideas, but Eckstein has always provided the "institutional knowledge." There's a saying in the newspaper business that you need to keep the old guys around because they can tell you where the bodies are buried. Whitey knows where the bodies are at, that's for sure, and he's helped keep the young guns — Lesard and Jones — from tripping on the graves.

Sure, I like to kid Whitey about the recession of 1987 he's always reminding everyone about, but hey, someone needs to. In 1987 I was in college and my leading economic indicators were the price of a 12-pack of Milwaukee's Best and the cost of a new REM cassette. Whitey was making the tough decisions like how many employees the city was going to lay off.

Without the title of city commissioner, I'm assuming Whitey will best be known as "Dave's Dad." Think about it, Whitey: with all that free time, you'll get to put more miles on the new Cadillac.

Lynx jinx: Nobody ask me, but when **Is Russ Hauck**, mayor of Altamonte Springs, getting booted from the Lynx board?

No, I'm not talking about his trip to Vegas with the rest of the regional transportation agency's party animals. I'm not even referring to his flip-flop on the ill-fated trip. First Hauck described the trip as a "sound investment in the future of Lynx." Then this week he called the decision to send 21 people as "tragically bad judgement."

What I'm referring to is the fact that the largest city in Seminole County is supposed to be represented on the Lynx board. Altamonte Springs at one time was the largest city, but no more. Sanford holds that title. As I see it, Hauck, who is chairman of the Lynx board, is serving in a capacity that he is no longer entitled. Add to that the snafu regarding the Las Vegas trip and you've got a compelling argument to ask Hauck to stop down.

Off the mark: The little tidbit in last week's **Around The Clock** regarding a new Super Target on Rinehart Road may take longer to develop than originally thought.

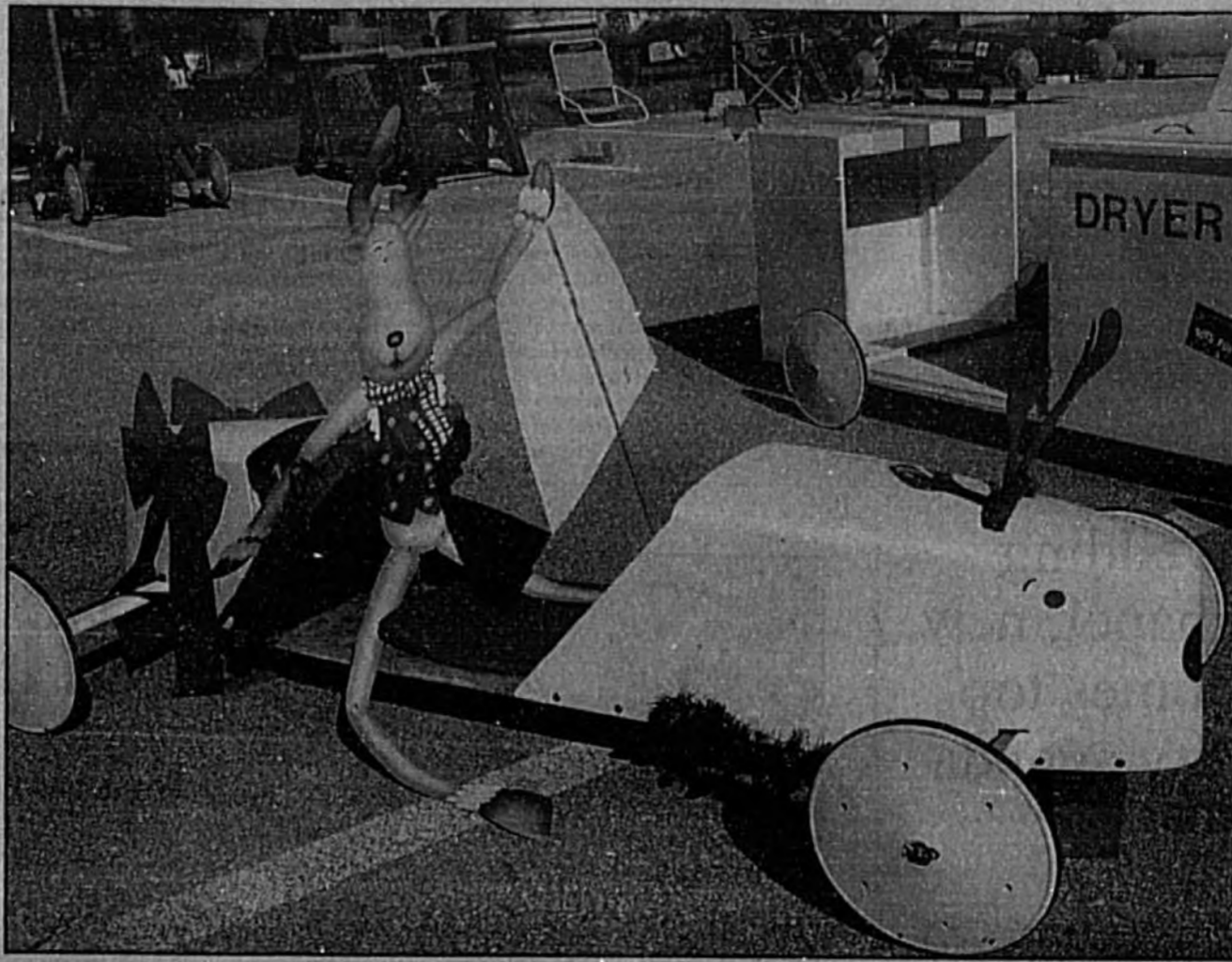
Developers interested in doing the deal are eyeing a piece of property just north of the GreeneWay on the west side of Rinehart. The catch is the property is about 62 acres. That's a lot of land for development, and evidently there are some intriguing ideas about what will happen on the site.

However, any development over 40 acres requires a regional impact study from state agencies. The understanding in the industry is that such a review will lighten a developer's wallet by about \$1 million. More importantly it adds 18 months to the calendar, meaning the first shovel of dirt would be turned no sooner than July 2004 if the process began today.

In addition, Target might not be the only Midwestern retailer interested in the site. Word Around The Clock is that Kohl's Department Store may be looking to open its first Florida facility in Sanford.

Stay tuned.

Reindeer Express



This reindeer appears ready to assist Santa with delivery of Christmas gifts via a soap box racer. In reality, the racer was an adult entry in a recent Soap Box Derby Toys for Tots race, sponsored by the U.S. Marines and the Sanford Recreation Department. More than 50 toys were collected during the event.

Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Homicide

Joel Pacheco, 22, of Fern Park, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Thursday at his place of employment on Highway 17-92 in Longwood. He was wanted on an outstanding Orange County warrant for homicide.

Shoplifting

Shawn Ramond Fogle, 26, listed as homeless in Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police early Friday. He reportedly had left a restaurant in the 3700 block of Orlando Drive, without paying for his meal. When confronted by the store manager in the parking lot, he reportedly threatened the manager. He was arrested on charges of shoplifting and crimes against a person.

Jason Chad Brohard, 29, Lawton Street, Oviedo, was arrested by Seminole County sheriff's deputies Thursday after he is said to have taken plumbing items from a store on SR-426 without paying. He was charged with shoplifting-petty larceny.

Paul Klester, 38, of Miami, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at a convenience store in the 4600 block of West SR-46 in Sanford. He reportedly took two 12-packs of beer from a store without paying. He was charged with shoplifting.

Ronald Dean Pruitt, 32, listed as homeless in Winter Park, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday. He reportedly took two hair trimmers from a store in the

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at Third Street and Cypress Avenue and arrested for shoplifting and resisting an officer without violence.

Domestic Case

Peter Thomas Rasys, 41, of Lake Geneva Road, Geneva, was arrested by sheriff's deputies Wednesday at his residence, where officers said he had been in a confrontation with his stepson. He was charged with battery, domestic violence.

400 block of East First Street in downtown Sanford and fled on foot. He was apprehended by police



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Sanford Police Chief Brian Tooley accepts cookies from Seminole High School Leadership Class students for appreciation of all the police department does in the school community.

Collection boxes for United Christmas celebration now at various sites

Collection boxes are now located at various sites for the Seminole County United Christmas celebration to benefit the children who have been the subject of abuse/special needs cases, whose cases have been investigated by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, Child Protective Services (CPS) Team in 2002. Kids' House of Seminole County is also playing a vital role in this endeavor. The collection boxes are at the six

SCSO district offices, as well as at the main office at 100 Bush Blvd., and at the jail.

The CPS Team needs new, unwrapped toys to be given to the children who are on a gift list. Donated gifts will also be made available for the Santa's toyshop, where the parents/guardians can shop for the children, and the merchandise will be offered at a low price.

CPS will be holding this event on Dec. 14, and the main focus now is to get donations of gifts and materials to make the event a success. More than 750 children are invited; which represents only a portion of the children the CPS team checked for abuse, or special needs, during 2002.

For more information, contact Marie Carling at 407-665-6508, or Stacey Brown at 407-665-6539.

OUT & ABOUT

SUN 8

Is there a bird you have heard numerous times but can't seem to spot? Seminole Audubon Society will present a program that will help you learn to match birds with their songs.

The program will concentrate on frequently heard species, and will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Seminole County Library in Sanford. Admission is free. For more information, call Shirley at 407-977-4399.

TUES 10

The Seminole High School award winning band will be presenting their **Winter Concert** on Tuesday, Dec. 10. The concert will begin at 7:30 pm in the school auditorium, located at 2701 Ridgewood Avenue, Sanford. A Silent Auction will precede the concert.

Under the direction of P.L. Malcolm and Frank Taylor, the bands will perform some familiar favorites. The concert is free and open to the public.

For additional information, call the band room at 407-320-5161.

The **Lake Brantley High School Band** will present its 7th annual **Patriot Showcase Concert** on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 pm in the Lake Brantley High School Auditorium.

The Patriot Showcase presents various sections of the band, instrumental ensembles, individual performances and the entire Patriot band in a rapid succession from various locations in the auditorium.

Due to the nature of this concert, the audience must be in the auditorium and seated no later than 7:30 p.m. No one can be admitted after this time.

Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$5 from a band student or at the door for \$6. Although we suggest that the nature of this concert is not well suited for younger children, admission for lap babies is free.

For more information, please call the Lake Brantley High School Band room at 407-320-3460.

THUR 12

The monthly meeting of the **Seminole County Democratic Executive Committee (DEC)** will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Seminole County Public Library, 215 N. Oxford Road in Casselberry.

All present and prospective Seminole County Democrats are encouraged to attend. Admission is free. For more information, contact Bob Poe, Chair of the Seminole County DEC at 407-622-1783 or Rosalie Cook, DEC Vice-Chair at 407-324-2776.

The **Sanford Middle School Chorus** will be presenting their **Winter Concert** at 7 p.m. Dec. 12 in the school gymnasium.

The chorus is directed by Ms. Sylvia Gray.

The concert is free and open to the public. Sanford Middle is located at 1700 French Ave. Come and listen to some old favorites.

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Upcoming law enforcement events

• Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. — Seminole County Sheriff's Office employees and volunteers will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army at various locations throughout the seven districts served.

• Dec. 9, at 8:30 a.m. — The Second annual Law Enforcement Memorial Golf Tourney to raise funds for the Eugene Gregory Law Enforcement Memorial Park in Geneva will be played at Sable Point Country Club in Longwood.

• Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. — District 4 Neighborhood Council meeting at the Canterbury Retreat, just off Alafaya Trail, one block south of Alafaya Woods Blvd. in Oviedo.

Topics include growth and traffic issues around the Oviedo and UCF areas.

• Dec. 14 from 1 until 4 p.m. — Seminole United Christmas Celebration will be held at the Seminole Community College Cafeteria. SCSO Child Protective Services in cooperation with Kids' House will host the event which is being held for the children who have been assisted this past year by CPS and Kids' House.

(Since many of the children are abuse victims, there will be restrictions regarding attendance).

For more information contact Marie Carling at 407-665-6508.

• Dec. 14 from 2 until 5 p.m. — The 8th Annual Brethren Reaching Out Christmas dinner and party will be held at West Side Boys and Girls Club in Sanford, 919 Persimmon Avenue.

For more information, contact Rose Davis at 407-302-4143.

• Dec. 20 from 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. — State Road 436 Crash Prevention Operation, hosted by Altamonte Springs police department.

The Seminole County Sheriff's office and area police agencies will take part.

• Dec. 27 beginning at 9 p.m. until 3 a.m. on Dec. 28 — New Year's Weekend DUI Operation.

Sanford police are hosting. Seminole County Sheriff's office and area police agencies will be involved.

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Obituaries

DANIEL M. BARGER
Daniel M. Barger, 30, of Sanford, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002 in Orlando. He was born Dec. 31, 1971 in Springfield, Mo. He was the owner of a landscaping company.

Survivors include wife, Julie; sons, Sydney, Bryce and Tyler; brother Steve; sister Patricia McConville; parents, Patricia and Donald.

Funeral services will be held at the Circle Community Church in Maitland, Saturday, Dec. 7, at 2:30 p.m. with interment to follow at the Oaklawn Park Cemetery in Lake Mary.

Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

CECIL H. DERNER
Cecil H. Derner, 81, Haddonstone Circle, Heathrow, died Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2002. He was born May 9, 1921 in Hammond, Indiana. He was a retired chief mechanical officer for the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include sons, Grant A., Lake Mary, Alan L., Grapevine, Tex.; stepdaughter Virginia Vescio, Burgettstown, Penn.; five grandchildren.

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

LAURIE A. HARDMAN
Laurie A. Hardman, 39, of Interlachen, died Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002 at her residence. Masters Funeral Home, Interlachen, in charge of arrangements.

RAGUEL "RJ" JACK
Raguel "RJ" Jack, 73, Magnolia Avenue, Sanford, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002 at Sanford Rehab and Health Center. Born Jan. 15, 1929 in New Market, Va., he moved to

Sanford in 1977 from Orangeburg, S.C. He was a sheet metal worker in metal fabrication and a Seventh Day Adventist. He belonged to Sanford Moose Lodge 1851.

Survivors include companion, Mary Roettger, Sanford; daughters, Thelma "Terry" Boone, Rowesville, S.C., Mary L. Taeschner, Newberg, N.Y., Cindy Sifers, Unionville, Tenn.; son, Paul J. Jack, Cartersville, Ga.; brother, William "Billy" Jack, Franklin, N.C.; sister, Pally J. Smith, Sanford; brother, Albert L. Jack, Sanford.

Funeral services will be at Oaklawn Chapel, Saturday, Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. at Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home Oaklawn Chapel.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

PHILLIP HENRY SAVAGE
Phillip Henry Savage, 58, Gallin Woods Drive, Orlando, died Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002. Born in Portsmouth, Va., he moved to Central Florida in 1999. He was a Citco Gas Station janitor and a member of St. John's Baptist Church, Portsmouth.

Survivors include sons, Kenneth, Lloyd and Joe Louis Johnson, Vincent, Chris and Gerald Savage, all of Portsmouth; daughters, Marie Rudd, Orlando, Veronica Savage and Ida Mae Johnson, both of Portsmouth, sisters, Barbara Green, Charlotte Jones and Dorothy Savage, all of Portsmouth; 20 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Golden's Funeral Home, Inc., Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

CYNTHIA WALLACE SLATON
Cynthia Wallace Slaton, 46,

of Sanford, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002 at her residence. She was born Jan. 18, 1956 in Kaousiung, Taiwan, while her father was in the military. She moved to Winter Park where she graduated from Winter Park High School in 1974. She was a real property administrator in Tulsa, Okla., and Altamonte Springs until she retired.

Survivors include mother, June Slaton, Winter Park; brothers, James H. Slaton, Parrish, Fla., and Tim D. Slaton, Winter Park.

Memorial services are being arranged at Northland - a Church Distributed.

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

ESTHER M. SZABO
Esther M. Szabo, 78, of Sanford, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002. Born Sept. 13, 1924, she resided in Sanford for over 45 years. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

Survivors include sons, Alex and Thomas; daughters, Patricia Walter, Ellen Doyle and Darlene Szabo; 12 grandchildren; 6.5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. at Gramkow Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be

from 4 p.m. until funeral time. Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

ANTHONY VILLANELLA
Anthony Villanella, 81, Fairlane Circle, Sanford, died Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2002 at Manor Care Health Services, Winter Park. He was born July 27, 1921 in New York City. He was in advertising sales and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include wife, Rosella, Sanford; daughter, Dr. Linda Stiles, Orlando; sister, Vivian Lisanti; one grandson, one granddaughter.

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

LILLIE M. WHETSTONE
Lillie M. Whetstone, 60, Castle Brewer Court, Sanford, died Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2002 at Central Florida Regional Hospital. She was born June 19, 1942 in Opelika, Ala. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include devoted friend and companion Albert Williams, Sanford; sons, Leroy, Willie James and Ernest, all of Sanford; daughters, Elizabeth Montgomery Rivers and Willisrine Rivers, both of Sanford; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

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

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OPINION

Visiting Ground Zero

Every year at this time, I comment on the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor that launched America into World War II. This year, I haven't forgotten it, but my mind is focused on another attack on America that may also launch us into a war.

I visited "Ground Zero" in New York City on



Nick Pfeifauf

Thanksgiving week. Even though the towers were hit almost 15 months ago, the devastation is still very apparent.

The actual site is now a hole in the ground — but a hole that occupies several city blocks. Fencing completely surrounds the site now, and while visitors can see through the fence at most locations, the chain links are packed with messages of condolence, tributes to those who perished inside as well as the firefighters and workers who lost their lives in the aftermath, and much more.

While there are some street vendors selling T-shirts and souvenirs, I wouldn't call it a tourist trap at this point (although it could get that way).

I went there the day before Thanksgiving. There were dozens of bus loads of mostly teenagers from school bands out of state, preparing for the Macy's Thanksgiving parade. Even at their younger age, the looks on their faces were somber and there was no horseplay among them. They realized what they were looking at and the seriousness of the situation.

Off to one side, the tall buildings neighboring the fallen towers were mostly covered in tarp or plastic, some as high up as 20 or 30 stories. Several of the buildings still displayed wreckage along their side walls, and all of them were completely abandoned. I have no doubt many of these buildings will have to be demolished as work continues.

There were large sheets erected with the names of persons who perished in the buildings, and others of the firefighters and workers who lost their lives. Scores of people gathered nearby, possibly looking for names of relatives or friends.

What do you say when facing "Ground Zero?" Most people said nothing, probably thinking of September 11, and how it has changed the peace and tranquillity of that city as well as the entire nation.

I enjoyed my week in New York City. I saw many touristy places and did many things. But the singular thing that will ever remain in my mind was seeing "Ground Zero" in person. I have no doubt anyone who has been there in the past 15 months will be of the same opinion.

Throughout the history of our nation, we have had many such phrases such as Remember the Alamo, Remember the Maine, Remember Pearl Harbor and others. Now we have the memory of the day when those two passenger planes crashed into the Twin Towers. The attack on Pearl Harbor brought about 2,300 deaths. The Twin Towers exceeded the number of deaths of all three of these events combined.

Yes, we've had another attack on America, and we can only hope and pray that our leaders will take appropriate action to prevent any "Remembrance" in the future.



Modest affirmative actions programs benefit us all

Why is affirmative action in college admissions so controversial?

After centuries during which black Americans were denied educational opportunity — even forbidden by law to learn to read — a legacy of academic shortcomings remains. It shows in black students' lagging standardized test scores, higher drop-out rates and lesser college attendance.

It does not seem unreasonable that colleges try to ameliorate that legacy with modest affirmative action programs designed to boost black students' chances for enrollment. And most programs are quite modest, giving a lift to black students whose test scores are slightly lower, are still able to do college work.

Yet college affirmative action programs continue to engender criticism and attract court challenges. A lawsuit challenging affirmative action policies at the University of Michigan has made its way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which is expected to rule on the case

during its current term. Curiously, no such hostility has developed a different kind of affirmative action that is

common at colleges and universities: legacy. "Legacy" is the common name for admissions policies that boost the chances for a student's enrollment if he has a family member who attended.

Most selective institutions, public and private, set aside slots for family members of graduates. Legacy is practiced in the Ivy League, Duke, the University of Texas and the University of Virginia. Given the astronomical tuition at prestigious universities such as Harvard and Yale, legacy is an affirmative action program for the wealthy.

(The University of Georgia is among the rare universities to drop its legacy admissions policy. After its affirmative action program was struck down by a court order, the university stopped legacy, as well.)

Legacy is all the more objectionable when you consider this: Two generations ago,

black students were prohibited from attending the University of Texas and the University of Virginia. So they could not provide "legacy" seats for their children.

If the criticism of affirmative action programs is simply about fairness, you would think legacy would have attracted a host of critics. What could be less fair — less in keeping with the American ideal of individual achievement — than policies that award college admissions on the basis of parentage? Do the upper-class scions of wealthy college donors deserve even more advantages?

It has apparently become perfectly acceptable for wealthy and well-connected parents to tilt the playing field to their children's advantage. Adult children of Vice President Dick Cheney, Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, among others, have all received cushy, taxpayer-supported jobs in the Bush administration, to little or no public outcry. Before leaving office, retiring Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., made sure his son, Strom Jr., would be named

South Carolina's U.S. attorney. That attracted only modest criticism.

But the notion that a few black kids who don't have special patrons (or athletic skills) might be admitted to college through affirmative action programs brings out the big guns. A cottage industry of conservative think tanks has sprung up to fight college diversity efforts, and they have managed to rack up a record of success, from lawsuits to local ballot initiatives that prohibit such efforts.

The nation's future social cohesion depends on its success at continuing to produce a broad middle class — black, white and brown. The entire country gains when smart black and Latino kids attain degrees at prestigious universities and then go on to become productive, taxpaying citizens. Modest affirmative action programs that help those students get started benefit everyone.

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Your View

Bossert favors strong mayor government

To the editor: Mayor Brady Lessard has asked the City Commission to consider changing the type of government for Sanford from a City Manager to a Strong Mayor type.

I am personally very much in favor of the Strong Mayor type of government and recommend that the City Commission pass a resolution authorizing a charter amendment to be voted on by the citizens of Sanford through a referendum.

I have been working with city governments throughout the United States as an engineering consultant for over 40 years, with the past 22 years in Florida. During that time I have found that Cities with Strong Mayor type of govern-

ment are much more progressive than those with the City Manager type.

The Strong Mayor type of government makes the Mayor the Chief Executive Officer and makes that position accountable for the growth of the City.

Many of the larger cities in Florida, such as Orlando, Ft. Myers, St. Petersburg, Tampa and West Palm Beach use the Strong Mayor type of government and all have experienced very orderly and rapid growth over the past ten years. Also, small cities in Central Florida, including Apopka, have been successful with the Strong Mayor government.

Now is the time for Sanford to step back and look at where we've been and where we want to go. Now is the time to let the people have a voice in selecting the type of government that will lead the City into a progressive future.

Ed Bossert
Sanford

Lundquist tells Gov. Bush it's time to fix things

To the editor: Gov. Bush, now that you have been re-elected, it's time to solve the problems of Florida.

You and I have a lot in common. Both our fathers were public employees; mine was a janitor working for the county. We both have been public employees; I was a teenage Marine during the Korean War. We both have Government Health Insurance. I hope the State Plan has better prescrip-

tion coverage than my Medicare. We have both lived in public housing - you in the Governor's Mansion, me in a Marine Quonset hut. We have both traveled on Government Transportation, you on Air Force One, me on a Navy Troopship.

With all this in common, let's get on with solving the problems of this state.

Child poverty needs some work. The USA has 19.9 percent of our children living in poverty, Florida 21.8 percent, Sweden has a 2.8 percent rate. We need to see how these Swedes solve that problem.

Let's get rid of that Right to

Work Law and get those good paying jobs with benefits to Florida. The US-Canadian Dept. of Labor did a study showing Union workers are 22 percent more productive than non-Union workers.

Health insurance is another crisis we have. Let's go the Hawaiian way. Employers have to furnish health insurance for all their workers.

Crime is a problem. The USA had 11,137 gun deaths, Japan had 39. We need to see what they did.

I know education was a major part of your campaign. Crowded classrooms, low teacher pay and a high dropout

rate are some of the problems. It's going to take money to fix our education. My idea is to cut those excessive upper-level management positions in state government. Fourteen percent of American workers are management. In Japan it's four percent. A few weeks ago, Mayor Daley of Chicago cut 140 high paid management positions in the Chicago City Hall.

Job, I'm here to help you. Send one of those executive company jets you used in your campaign down here to Melbourne to pick me up and we can get started.

Warren Lundquist
Melbourne



The day after Thanksgiving usually marks the start of the holiday shopping season. Now until Christmas, malls and stores will be full of people looking for the perfect gift. We asked people if they were finished with their holiday shopping.



No, I have not finished. I hope to finish up this weekend, but I did most of it on 'black' Friday.
Jacobs Collins
Lake Mary



No, I haven't. I will finish hopefully soon, or at least before the 25th.
Marlon Ermisch
Sanford



I don't shop. I haven't in a long time. My husband does it all. I do not like to shop.
Diane Hardin
Lake Mary



I wait until the last minute, then I don't have to worry. If they don't like it, then they can take it back.
Howard Proctor
Lake Mary



No, I'll probably finish on Dec. 24. I'm still thinking of ideas.
Karen Edwards
Sanford

Lessard

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elbows with the residents to find out what their problems are and how it impacts their lives. Not everyone with a degree knows airport issues or environmental issues. You have to have good people in any form of government. You also need to have a strong leader who can set a vision for what those good people should accomplish.

Q: There's some speculation that you're pushing a change in government because of frustration with some high-profile screw-ups in City Hall recently. Is that true, and if so, why not address those specific personnel issues rather than change the form of government?

A: This isn't a result of any frustration. I've been thinking about this for more than a year. Fundamentally, it seems to me that our current form of government doesn't fit where the city of Sanford expects to see itself in five years, 10 years. Are there frustrations? Yes, but those are just today's examples. A year from now there will be five different examples. This is not a reaction to any one thing. I just think our current form of government limits the potential of the city of Sanford. It's philosophical belief for me.

Q: You've mentioned that a strong mayor would provide a more accountable government. How?

A: You know as well as I do that issues get bounced back and forth between staff and the city commission. The public is entitled to the buck stopping with someone. Who does the public expect the buck to stop with? The mayor and the city commission. I agree with one of our citizens who made a comment in a public meeting: There is no place on the ballot to vote for staff.

Q: But under the current form of government, for an example,

you have commissioners who can't turn in evaluations on time for the three employees they directly supervise. This isn't the first time that's happened. How can the buck stop with the city commission under a strong mayor form of government, when commissioners have shown they can't stop the buck under the current form of government?

A: That's the beauty of a strong mayor. Look, our current system enables commissioners not to become involved. The approach is the commission sets policy and therefore we can't be involved with anything else.

Q: How does a strong mayor change that?

A: The citizens elect five people to represent their wishes. One of the commission's own, the mayor, is charged with running the day-to-day operations. At that point the mayor and commission are on the hook. When a citizen says, "Look mayor, you screwed up," or "Hey commissioner, you need to put the mayor in line," there's no staff member to push the blame to. Under my proposal, the mayor still has to get three votes to pass legislation. It's not a unilateral thing. So commissioners will have to be involved.

Q: Who hires and fires department heads under your proposal?

A: The mayor.

Q: With the advise and consent of the commission?

A: It would behoove any mayor or future mayor to get the advice and consent of the commission.

Q: It may behoove the mayor to get their advice and consent, but would your proposal require it?

A: No, the mayor would be responsible for day-to-day operations, including hiring and firing.

But that's not different than the way it is now. The city manager has the same authority.

Q: Doesn't that introduce politics into the equation?

A: There will always be politics in politics. The beauty is that this is a more pure form of government and it put everything in the open.

Q: How? Florida has pretty strict Sunshine Laws. Are you suggesting Sanford's government doesn't operate in the open?

A: Not exactly, but things do go on behind closed doors. Each city commissioner can and does meet individually behind closed doors with the city manager. That doesn't violate the law. With a strong mayor, those meetings have to occur in public.

Q: There have been some complaints that you are ramrodding this through, that your goal of a March referendum is too fast and doesn't allow for proper debate. What's your reaction to those criticisms?

A: I think the issue is pretty simple: do you want a strong mayor or not? Are there details to work out? Yes, and they will be. But I think we're not giving the voters of Sanford enough credit. The citizens of Sanford are smart enough to decide the issue, and whatever they decide I can live with.

Q: Will they see things the way you do and approve a strong mayor form of government?

A: I think there is a lot of people out there who like the idea, but we'll see.

Editor's note: Next weekend I'll provide Sanford City Manager Tony VanDerworp's views on a strong mayor versus city manager form of government.

The Way We Were: A look back at the early 1960s

The Seminole High School Class of 1961 recently held a reunion so I thought that today we'd look back at the years 1960-61, both in our nation and at SHS.

President of the United States in 1960 was Dwight Eisenhower who served 1952-60. In November of 1960, John F. Kennedy was elected president, defeating Richard Nixon. Lyndon Johnson was elected vice president.



Grace Marie Stinecpher

Also in 1960, a U-2 spy plane was shot down over Russia. Pilot, Gary Powers, was later arrested and convicted. Hurricane Donna came through Sanford in September creating heavy damage here and up the east coast of the United States.

Tony awards in 1960 were given to "The Miracle Worker" and "Sound of Music" and "The Fantastick" opened off-Broadway at the Sullivan Theater.

"To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee was published. It won a Pulitzer Prize in 1961. Books published in 1961 included "Catch-22", "The Winter Of Our Discontent" and "The Agony and the Ecstasy."

Popular songs in 1961-62

included "Where the Boys Are", "It's Now or Never" and "Don't Be Cruel".

Grammy awards in 1960 went to "Button Down Mind" by Bob Newhart, "Theme from a Summer Place" by Henri Mancini, Ray Charles for "Georgia on my Mind", Ella Fitzgerald for "Mack the Knife", and Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme for "We Got Us".

The 1960 Academy Awards went to "The Apartment", Burt Lancaster, Elizabeth Taylor, Peter Ustinov and Shirley Jones. "Westside Story" claimed the award in 1961 along with Sophia Loren and Rita Moreno.

Raymond Burr (Perry Mason) and Barbara Stanwyck (The Barbara Stanwyck Show) won

Emmys in 1960. In 1961, they went to "The Defender", Don Knotts (The Andy Griffith Show) Shirley Booth (Hazel) and E.G. Marshall (The Defenders).

Arnold Palmer won both the Masters and US Open golf tournaments in 1960. Floyd Patterson was heavyweight champion both years, and Roger Maris hit 61 home runs in 1961, breaking Babe Ruth's record, although during a longer season.

In 1961, the United States broke diplomatic relations with Cuba on January 3 and the Bay of Pigs invasion occurred on April 17. East Germany was sealed off with the Berlin Wall in August. On Oct. 6, Kennedy advised families to build or buy See Grace, Page 10A

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LIGHTING

- Before hanging decorative lights each year, Be sure to inspect them for frayed wires, loose connections, cracks, or wear and tear. Be sure to unplug lights before replacing bulbs or fuses. Do not overload outlets or mount lights in a way that can damage the cord (for example: using nails to hold wires in place).
- Don't use indoor lights for outdoor decorating.

DECORATIONS

- Use only fireproof decorations — never use ones made of cloth or paper.
- Never run an electric train under a tree. Sparks from the track might start a fire.
- Never put wrapping paper in a fire-place. Holiday paper is often a little glossy or polished. Burning it may create sparks and release toxic gases in your home which can potentially build up and can cause an explosion.

TREES

- If you have a metallic or artificial tree, be sure that it is flame retardant, should any sparks fly. Avoid setting up your holiday tree near a heat source like a fireplace or heating vent. The warm air will dry out the tree, making it more prone to catch fire.
- Trees should be well-anchored and watered so they don't become a fire hazard.

ENTERTAINING

- Provide large ashtrays for guests who smoke, and be sure to check for stray cigarette butts in upholstered furniture. According to the Insurance Information Institute, cigarettes are the leading cause of fire fatalities in the home.

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Sanford City Commission Agenda for Dec. 9, 2002

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WORK SESSION

4:00 P.M. in the City Managers Conference Room, Second Floor

1. Presentation to Employee of the Month for December.
2. Central Florida Sports Commission quarterly report.
3. Discussion re: projects and timing of 2nd Generation Road projects.
4. Discussion re: City of Sanford Customer Service Plan.
5. Discussion re: 25th and Park intersection beautification project.
6. Discussion of Regular Agenda Items, Add-On Items, and Other Items.
7. City Managers briefing.
8. Discussion re: 13th and Park gas station.

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers, First Floor

- Approval of Minutes.
- Work Session and Regular Meeting of November 25, 2002. Recommended by the City Clerk and the City Manager.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve agreement with Public Resources Management Group (PRMG) to review and update the financial forecast model for the utility rates at a cost of \$25,000. Recommended by the City Manager.
2. Award bid IFB 02/03-03 for uniform shirts to Safar Sun in the amount of \$12,235.12. Recommended by the City Manager.
3. Award purchase of three (3) Eagle Imager II Thermal Imaging Cameras to Fisher Safety Equipment Company in the amount of \$20,835. Recommended by the City Manager.
4. Approve contract for Tony Anderson, Aquatics Supervisor at Larry A. Dale Aquatics Center. Recommended by the City Manager.
5. Approve contract with Municipal Code Corporation and use of up to \$21,000 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds for City Code Rewrite and Reprint; authorize Municipal Code Corporation to provide distribution services, at no cost to the City, effec-

tive immediately. Recommended by the City Manager. (WS-6 A.)

Public hearings

1. Consider appeal of the Planning and Zoning Commissions denial of a Conditional Use to establish a wedding chapel at 801 Briardale Street in a Single Family Residential (SR-1) zoning district. The Director of Planning and Community Development and the City Manager recommend upholding the Planning and Zoning Commissions decision to deny the Conditional Use. Applicant notified October 23, 2002; ad published November 13, 2002. This item was tabled at the November 25, 2002 Regular Meeting.
2. Re: 25.458+ acres of property lying between East Lake Mary Boulevard and Pine Way and between Mellonville Avenue extended southerly and Andrews Road (595 Andrews Road) (Magnolia Park PD, Phase II); Kenneth A. Burke, Rebecca F. Burke, Deborah C. Neukam, Mary K. Mazon, Jessica S. Middlemas, Patricia B. Vassallo, et al., owners; Berry J. Walker, applicant/authorized agent. This item was tabled at the November 25, 2002 Regular Meeting.
3. First reading of Ordinance No. 3760, to annex the property. Recommended by the Development Review Team, the Director of Planning and Community Development and the City Manager.
4. First reading of Ordinance No. 3761, to rezone the property from AG, Agriculture to PD, Planned Development. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial; the Director of Planning and Community Development and the City Manager recommend approval, with conditions in Development Order No. 02-0038. Ad published October 27, 2002.
5. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 3759 to annex 0.78 acre of property lying between Wyly Avenue and Mattie Street and between Sanford Avenue and Princeton Avenue (411 Wyly Avenue); Tom Lyon, owner. Recommended by the City Manager. Ad published November 27 and December 4, 2002.
6. Re: 4.778 acres of property lying

between S.R. 46 and Northstar Court extended westerly and between Upsala Road and Central Park Drive (3991 West S.R. 46); SR 46 Holding Co., Inc., owner/applicant.

- A. First reading of Ordinance No. 3757 to annex the property. Recommended by the Development Review Team, the Director of Planning and Community Development and the City Manager.
- B. First reading of Ordinance No. 3758, to rezone the property from AG, Agriculture to PD, Planned Development. The Planning and Zoning Commission, the Director of Planning and Community Development, and the City Manager recommend approval, with conditions in Development Order No. 02-0054. Ad published November 10, 2002.
5. Re: 5.0 acres of property lying between S.R. 46 and Moores Station Road and between Beardall Avenue and Cameron Avenue (3880 Moores Station Road); Sanford Airport Authority, owner/applicant.
- A. First reading of Ordinance No. 3762 to annex the property. Recommended by the Development Review Team, the Director of Planning and Community Development and the City Manager.
- B. First reading of Ordinance No. 3763, to rezone the property from AG, Agriculture to RI-1, Restricted Industrial. The Planning and Zoning Commission, the Director of Planning and Community Development, and the City Manager recommend approval, with conditions. Ad published November 10, 2002.
6. First reading of Ordinance No. 3764 to rezone 84.41+ acres of property lying between the Central Florida Greenway and Hughley Street extended easterly and westerly and between Vihlen Road extended northerly and southerly and the Central Florida Greenway (800 Vihlen Road) from AG, Agriculture, and SR-1, Single Family Residential, to PD, Planned Development; Alan D.

Shoemaker, Tammy S. Hanes, and Elizabeth S. Corso, owners; Alan E. Keen, applicant. Recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Director of Planning & Community Development, and the City Manager, subject to conditions in Development Order No. 02-0049. Ad published November 10, 2002.

7. First reading of Ordinance No. 3765 to revise the PD Master Plan and associated Development Order for 21.73 acres of property at 1101 Rinohart Road (Dono Dikou PD/Sama Club) to increase the maximum square footage of one (1) wall sign from 200-square feet to 300 square feet, and the building being set back over 200 feet from the street. Recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Director of Planning & Community Development, and the City Manager, subject to conditions in Development Order No. 02-0052. Ad published November 10, 2002.

Regular Items

1. Board appointment.

A Code Enforcement Board. The term of Oscar Redden expires on December 31, 2002; he wishes to be reappointed. No applications on file; however, Andrew Valente is an alternate and has been interviewed for this board. NEED TO REAPPOINT/APPOINT REPLACEMENT.

2. Approve agreement for the FY 2003-2004 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Recommended by the Director of Planning & Community Development and the City Manager.
3. Condemnations: demolitions, extensions.
 - 02-24, 1001 E. 10th Street, Thomas Roberts, Sr. or Felicia T. Bennett. The Director of Planning & Community Development and the City Manager recommend demolition after 30 days.
 - 02-04, 800 Cypress Avenue, Elizabeth Paige. The Director of Planning & Community Development and the City Manager recommend demolition.
 - 02-21, 1008 Olive Avenue, Julia Hanton. The Director of Planning &

Community Development and the City Manager recommend demolition.

- 02-22, 1215 French Avenue, D. G. Williams. The Director of Planning & Community Development and the City Manager recommend demolition.
- 02-03, 518 Cypress Avenue, Herbert Morgan Frison. The Director of Planning & Community Development and the City Manager recommend 90-day extension.
- 02-06, 1124 Pomegranite Avenue, Reginald Campbell. The Director of Planning & Community Development and the City Manager recommend 90-day extension.
- 4. First reading of Ordinance No. 3766 regarding proposed revisions to the City Charter. Recommended by the City Clerk.

- Add-on Items
- Information
- City Attorneys Report
- City Clerks Report
- City Managers Report
- Citizen Participation
- City Commissioners Reports

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Grace

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 a shelter against atomic fallout.
 The Peace Corps was planned. Alan Shepard became the first American in Space on May 5 and Gus Grissom the second American on July 21.
 I know the class of 1961 can recall all of these events as can all of us of a certain age. The Cold War was beginning and I

remember evacuation drills at my school in Orlando and a bomb shelter built by a teacher at SHS in 1962. Many of the songs, plays, movies and performers have endured. The books continue to be popular and Arnold Palmer lives nearby. In some ways it doesn't seem like so long ago, yet much has happened since then.


The SHS Class of 1961 began their senior year in the building on French Avenue, but moved into the new school on Ridgewood Avenue in January, 1961. Therefore they were the first class to graduate from that building.
 Officers of the class were Cary Cowan, president, Sandy Wood, vice president, Pat Lavendar,

secretary, Jeanne Gorman, treasurer, Ethel Lee Riser, chaplain. Sponsors were Virginia Burney, Rebecca Stevens, Russ Pearson and Alicia Schmidt.
 Senior Superlatives were Emmett McCall, Deanna Nichols, Charles Fox, Bonnie Steinrck, Doug Tamney, Niki Ashby, Cary Cowan, Penny Anderson, Leonard Himes, Betsy

Williams, Alex McKibbin, and Sunny Skinner.
 Several of the organizations sponsored projects during the latter part of the school year to help improve the new school.
 The Student Council helped beautify the school grounds in addition to their regular activities. They sponsored Homecoming activities and the May Day Ball. Representatives were sent to both the District and National conventions.

Officers were Emmett McCall, president, Mike Caolo, vice president, Margaret Jones, secretary, Betsy Williams, treasurer. Sponsors were Ethel Riser and Paul Hickson.
 The Key Club, headed by Leonard Himes published the Keyhold, and from its profits were able to provide new flags for each classroom in the new school. They also sponsored the annual Christmas Ball. Leonard Himes and Billy Musselwhite were delegates to the National Convention in Boston.
 The S Club landscaped the grounds around the new gymnasium and purchased a trophy case to hold all the sports trophies.
 The Tri Hi Y, led by Eileen Myers did their part by polishing the trophies and shining the trophy case. Among other activities was a tea for the graduates in the spring.
 The Spanish Club held all its meetings in Spanish at which time they helped promote better understanding of the language and the Spanish speaking countries. Billy Musselwhite was president of the group whose goal was to take a trip to Mexico in the future.
 The Latin Club, led by Jeanne Langford, enjoyed their annual banquet when the first year students were slaves to ones in their second year.

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 That year the boys formed their own FTA Chapter with James Markham as president and Richard Barnett as sponsor. They also spent a week as teacher aides in the elementary schools.
 The Future Nurses volunteered in the local hospital, assisted with the Heart Fund Drive, and folding of TV Seals. Their float won third place in the homecoming parade.
 The Glee Club's first performance of the year was "America, Our Heritage" and then came the Christmas concert. They also presented an operetta, a spring concert and sponsored the Glee Club Ball. They performed at Easter Sunrise Service and participated in both district and state contests. Bill Johnson was president and Ollie Reese Whittle was director.
 The SHS Band participated in 80 performances during the year which included half time shows at football games, several parades and concerts. Their most memorable event was Circus Day when they marched in the parade then played for the circus performers. Richard Feinburg was captain and Ernie Cowley was director.
 The Twirling Seminoles, led by Ruthi Carlton, participated in most band performances, usually in spectacular costumes. Their most popular uniforms were reindeer at Christmas and Indians for Homecoming.
 The Honor Society received its charter during this school year and had 18 charter members. Doug Damny was president and Ann Allen was sponsor.
 The track team came in second in the Orange Belt Conference and set 11 new records. The golf team won eight of ten matches.
 Football captains were Alex McKibbin and John Whelchel and the team had a winning season. They played in the first annual Azalea Bowl game but were defeated by Palatka 7 - 6. John Whelchel won the Peter Schaul Trophy. John Mann was the most valuable back and James Markham was most valuable lineman. Coaches were Jim Pigott, Jim McCoy, Ralph Stumpf, Fred Ganas and Bud Layer.
 SHS was host for the OBC Basketball tournament and was praised for its smooth operation and the excellent facilities of the new school.
 Penny Anderson was editor of the 1961 Salmagundi from which the majority of this information was taken.

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Annexation

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panies to relocate to the county. County Manager Kevin Grace previously said that the size of the city's incentive package could drive up the cost of future incentive programs between companies and other municipalities. City officials disagreed and said the agreement would benefit Lake Mary, the county and its residents. They said the annexation and tax break would encourage faster development at the site. Currently, the office park contains three office buildings and an apartment complex. Future development may include 1 million square feet of office space, as well as restaurants, retail businesses, apartments, a hotel and possibly a

movie complex.

Colonial Properties also requested that the county continue providing fire and building inspection services to the office park following the annexation so the permitting and construction process would not be impeded. An interlocal agreement was not made between the city and county for this to happen.

Although the deal has been tabled for now, both city and county officials have stated that discussion over the proposed annexation is not finished.

"We are obviously disappointed over the request, but we will

continue negotiations with Colonial Properties and the county in hopes that it will happen at a later time," Lake Mary Mayor Thom Greene said. "We are not giving up."

Grace also stated in a letter to the city sent on Dec. 3 that the county is willing to continue discussion over the property.

"While we understand the desire of the city to expand its tax base, we are convinced that there is a better solution than the proposed approach of spending millions of dollars to 'buy' a tax base," Grace said. "We are prepared to work with the city to try

to develop some 'win-win' scenarios that would benefit the taxpayers of both the city and the county."

Lake Mary's city manager said talks might begin as early as the first of the year with the county and Colonial Properties.

"What we will probably do now is try to see if there is some common ground, not only with Colonial Properties, but also with the county," Litton said. "We will see if we can work something out."

Sheriff's Office Academy begins Jan. 8

The next Seminole County Sheriff's Office Community Law Enforcement Academy will begin on Jan. 8, and class sizes will be capped to the first 190 people who enroll.

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Parade

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she expects a diverse group of parade marchers. The route will be similar to years past, moving east to west down 1st Street through the heart of downtown Sanford.

The fun won't stop once the parade is over. Parade watchers are invited to Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium on Mellonville Avenue for an autograph session with Eckstein. Eckstein will talk about his baseball career, including walking on at the University of Florida, and sign autographs. The event is scheduled to begin about noon depending on when the parade finishes and will last until 2 p.m.

Shirts

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would become. As more people started wearing Place's shirts, she received requests to make more.

"I guess, that's my way of advertising," Place said. "My nephew is a postman, and I made one for him. After he wore it to work one day, I received an order for 26 shirts from other postal carriers."

Although Place was happy people wanted one of her shirts, she ran into a small problem. She didn't have enough fabric for all the orders, and the store ran out of the material. She eventually had to call the fabric's manufacturer, which gave her the pattern number so she could order more from the store.

"So far, I've gone through five bolts," she said. "And, I've sewed over 300 buttons on by hand."

Sixty shirts and 300 buttons is a lot of sewing for most people, but not for Place. Creating things with a needle and thread is her way of relaxing. She's also been sewing for almost 70 years.

"I sewed my first dress when I was in grammar school," she said. "I've just sewed and sewed. Sewing, to me, is a time that I can sit down and forget about everything else."

"Place's years of sewing has made her an expert when it comes to needle and thread. It only takes her about three hours to make one 'Hero' shirt. And, she usually can tell what size a person needs by just looking at the individual."

"Out of all the shirts I've made, I've only had to take one up," she said.

Although Place has made more than five dozen shirts, she hasn't made a lot of money. She sells the shirts for \$15, which means she only makes a \$5 profit for each one after spending \$10 for the material. Of the \$300 she has earned, she has given some of it to local charities.

"My family thinks I should sell them for more, but I just don't want to," she said.

Place said she will try to make a "Hero" shirt for anybody who wants one. People are already wearing them in New York City and many of the East Coast states.

"One fireman took one up to New York, and I've made them for people in Tennessee, South Carolina and over at the Cape."

As for when she may stop making them, she doesn't really know.

"There's been times when I get tired of looking at shirts for a while," she said. "But, then I get over it."

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In a tradition now spanning a decade, the Jeno and Lois Paulucci family will provide about 100,000 dinners for needy families in Sanford and Seminole County by arranging for two semi-trailer loads of Michelin's and Budget Gourmet brands of

frozen entrees to be distributed at the Rich Food Plan of Florida, 401 West 13th Street in Sanford on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

The Paulucci's have purchased about 200 large frozen turkeys which the agencies will distribute as well. The entrees, produced by Paulucci-owned Luigino's, Inc., will be distributed through approximately 45 charitable agencies serving needy families in Seminole County. The agencies are provided quantities of entrees

in keeping with their capacity to store the frozen products and arrange for timely distribution during the holidays.

While Luigino's, Inc., headquartered in Sanford, is a frequent contributor of its food products in areas where it operates its offices and production facilities, as well as in areas where disasters strike, the Christmas time give-away in Sanford and Seminole County has become a tradition over the past 10 years.

Organization needs contributions during holidays

With Christmas just around the corner, an opportunity presents itself to be a blessing to others. There are children in our community who are in need of basic necessities such as personal items and clothing.

Gifts will be distributed at the annual Brethren Reaching Out

Christmas dinner and party on Dec. 14 at the Sanford West Side Boys and Girls Club.

There are many ways the general public can help with this outreach Christmas party; provide grocery store gift certificates, clothing store gift certificates, food for the Christmas boxes to be given to

needy families, gifts of toys for the children, food for the Christmas dinner, or financial gifts for the ministry of Brethren Reaching Out.

For additional information or to make a contribution, contact Rose Davis, Director of Brethren Reaching Out at 407-302-4143.

Agenda

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The Winter Springs City Commission will meet Monday, Dec. 9, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the commission chambers of City Hall. Among items on the agenda is consideration of a change in the City Code to provide for the appointment of persons with prior felony convictions who have had their civil rights restored, an expected rejection of the Winter Springs Little League proposal for concession operations at Central Winds Park, nomination of the next Deputy Mayor, and other items.

The members of the Longwood City Commission, City Attorney, City Administrator and a court reporter will hold a closed session Monday, Dec. 9, for the

weddings and receptions for as many as 100 people. The property, zoned SR-1 (single-family residential) is located a little more than a block off French Avenue south of 25th Street and is surrounded by single-family homes. The Planning and Zoning

Commission denied Hawley's request for a conditional use, citing the amount of traffic, noise and visual impacts a wedding chapel would create for the neighborhood.

Hawley is appealing that decision to the city commission.

Government Meetings

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The members of the Longwood City Commission, City Attorney, City Administrator and a court reporter will hold a closed session Monday, Dec. 9, for the

purpose of discussing pending litigation with Florida Power Corporation. The meeting, to begin at 7 p.m. will NOT be open to the public.

The Seminole County Commission will meet Tuesday, Dec. 10, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the commission chambers of the County Services Building. Items on the agenda include the U.S. Highway 17-92 redevelopment. The meeting will reconvene at 1:30 p.m., with the night meeting to begin at 7 p.m.

The Sanford Airport Authority will hold a board meeting Tuesday, Dec. 10. Items on the agenda include consideration of leases for airport property.

The next meeting of the Tourist Development Council (TDC) will be Dec. 12, at 10 a.m. Items on the agenda include consideration of the contract renewal for the Central Florida Sports Commission. Following the meeting, a special holiday meal will be hosted by Penny Leffel at the Courtyard By Marriott in Heathrow.

Reaching Out to the community



Herald photos by Tommy Vincent



Pictured above and left, Rose Davis, founder of Brethren Reaching Out at Seminole Gardens Apartments, greets law enforcement officers and city and county officials during an appreciation luncheon held recently in their honor. It was Davis' way to say "thank you" to the men and women for their kindness and support to her organization.

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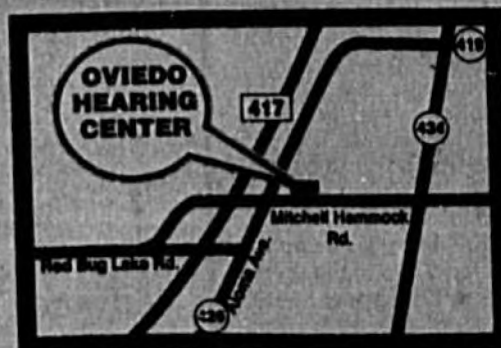
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Hardwood boys off to a fast start

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

LONGWOOD — The first week of the regular season has proven to be very good for local boys basketball teams.

Anthony Turner, one of only two seniors on the Seminole roster, led the way with 20 points and nine rebounds as Arrow Force XI ran past Palm Bay, 87-50, in the first round of the Greyhound Basketball Tournament at Lyman High School Thursday night.

Junior Jake Polk ran the Seminole offense to perfection, handing out six assists. AFXI was to have met Winter Springs in Friday's semifinals.

The Bears advanced with a 70-50 victory over Father Lopez with Fisher scoring 13 points and Ryan Exter scoring 12 points and dishing off 13 assists.

The other semifinal was to have pitted the host Greyhounds against Lake Mary, both of whom won on Wednesday.

The Rams knocked off Poinciana, 61-43, with Lyndon Merthie scoring 16 points. His cousin, Darryl, had seven assists, while Eddie Willingham pulled down nine rebounds.

The highlight of the week so far, however, was father outdoing son in the Rotary Tip-Off Classic at Winter Park High School.

Lake Howell, coached by Steve Kohn, held off Winter Park, led by first-year head coach Josh Kohn, 61-56.

Josh was the MVP of this tournament back in 1992 playing for his father as a member of the Silver Hawks.

Jared Laskey led the way for Lakes Howell with a game-high 17 points and handed out five assists, while Jolvan Forester chipped in with 13 points and Patrick Calathes 10 points. Pieters added a game-high 11 rebounds.

The Silver Hawks were to have met powerful Edgewater in Friday's semifinals, setting up another interesting scenario as Eagle junior center Quintin Thornton played for Lake Howell assistant coach Mike Scutero summer team this past year.

The win was actually the second for the Silver Hawks as they had opened the season on Tuesday with a 63-39 thrashing of district foe Titusville. Sarasty also had 17 points in that victory and Pieters had eight rebounds.

Lake Brantley has also gotten off to a tremendous start improving to 4-0, if you include wins in the Pre-Season Classic last week.

Sophomore Todd Stamp had 27 points and newcomer Marquis Johnson grabbed 11 rebounds as the Patriots rolled past Bishop Moore, 57-42. Sophomore point guard Kyle Fowler handed out six assists for the winner's.

Thursday night, Stamp tossed in 16 points and Johnson had 11 in a foul-plagued, 60-50, victory at New Smyrna High School.

The two teams were called for 45 fouls and attempted a combined 61 free throws.

Crooms Academy also opened with a win edging past Warner Christian Academy, 55-49, with Cherry scoring 12 points and Polk hauling down 15 rebounds.

Lake Mary Prep bounced back from an opening night loss to knock off Forest Lake

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Hamill goes for the Gold

Special to the Herald

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Lake Brantley High School junior James Hamill is the youngest member of Team Florida Weightlifting to qualify for the 2002 American Open Weightlifting Championships being held this weekend (December 6-8) in Savannah, Georgia.

Hamill lifted a combined weight of 506 pounds (230 kilograms) in the snatch and clean & jerk to qualify. The American Open is the most competitive

Lake Brantley junior lifting in Georgia at American Open

meet of the year, grouping lifters only according to their body weight, not their age.

"It's been a great challenge to qualify and I can't wait to compete," says Hamill.

In March, Hamill was named the men's 16 and under Junior National Champion in his 187 pound weight class (85 kilograms), winning three gold medals at the USA Olympic Junior National Championships in Los Angeles,

California. He trained in July at the US Olympic Training facility in Colorado Springs.

"I've been concentrating on football since I left the Training Center last summer. I hadn't lifted 506 pounds since then," said Hamill. "We've been working out during football, but nothing that heavy. After football ended, I only had a couple of weeks to concentrate on weightlifting again, so my coach designed a training regimen that was

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SCC suffers setback

Hawks hold off Raider women

By Dean Smith
Sports Editor

SANFORD — The Seminole Community College women's basketball team welcomed a familiar face back to the roster, but even that wasn't enough to overcome a slow start and cold shooting as visiting Hillsborough Community College held on for a 62-56 triumph Wednesday night at the SCC Health and Physical Education Center.

The Raiders (5-6) could get nothing to fall early as the Hawks jumped out to leads of 10-2 and 12-4 with 14:37 remaining in the first half.

Sophomore shooting guard Yamil Cordero, who was a starter two years ago before redshirting last season, made her first appearance of the season after missing the first 10 games because of an ankle injury, gave SCC a spark off the bench as it finally started to make some shots.

A three-pointer by Cordero cut the lead to six, 23-17, before another sophomore, Lauren Boyd, came off the bench to hit a layup off a nice feed from Natalie Emmanuelli and 16-foot jumper to cap a 17-11 run that cut the HCC lead to just two points, 23-21, with 3:10 left in the half.

But back-to-back three-pointers by Shanette Thomas and Taleikia Sherald pushed the lead back to eight and the Hawks carried a six-point lead, 31-25, into the locker-room at intermission.

HCC again started the second half with a 10-0 run.

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Herald photos by Jim Wentz

Two unexpected sources nearly led the Seminole Community College women's basketball team back from a huge deficit Wednesday night. Sophomores Lauren Boyd (No. 33, above), with four straight points and a steal, and Yamil Cordero (right), who was playing her first game in almost two years, came off the bench to spark a first half rally after the Raiders fell behind by as many as 14 points. Cordero again had a big hand in another rally in the second half and finished with a game-high 13 points, but it was not quite enough as Hillsborough Community College ripped BCC, 62-56, at the SCC Health and Physical Education Center. The Raiders are in Daytona Beach this weekend to take part in the Daytona Beach Community College Classic and were to have played Palm Beach Community College on Friday and then tackle Brevard Community College from Cocoa today (Saturday) at 2 p.m. at the Lammers Center. The women will play their final home game before Christmas this coming Tuesday when they host Indian River Community College from Ft. Pierce starting at 8 p.m. at the SCC Health and Physical Education Center.



Vikings get past Raiders

By Craig Johnson
Herald Correspondent

WINTER HAVEN — This time the battle of ranked teams went to the home team.

Jeff Street's free throws with seven seconds left were the difference as No. 10 ranked Polk Community College outthrustled No. 8 Seminole Community College, 61-59, in a men's basketball game in Winter Haven Wednesday night.

The Vikings (7-5) jumped out to a 13-2 lead behind six points each from Street and Marcus Neal and would never trail, but the Raiders (8-4) showed no quit and slowly battled back into the game and hung around long enough to give themselves a chance to win the contest at the end.

Actually, SCC had a chance to take the game over late in the first half as the visitors went on a 16-8 run, capped by back-to-back three-pointers from Lyman graduate Josh Houston and sophomore sensation J.D. Bracy, that narrowed the gap to three points, 21-18.

But mistakes by the Raiders, including freshman center Terrell Morris getting hit with a technical with 1:21 left in the half that allowed Street to score five straight points, allowed PCC to open the lead back to 13 points.

Just when it looked like things could get out of hand, SCC grabbed a little momentum to end the half on a Houston jumper at the buzzer, making the score, 35-26, at intermission.

The Raiders turned up the pressure on defense causing Polk to turn the ball over on four of their first five possessions of the second half and the rally was on.

Daniel "Jumpman" Jackson, who led Polk County power Lake Wales High School to the 2000 state championship, got

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Kruczek looks ahead to 2003

Special to the Herald

ORLANDO — With UCF's first season in the Mid-American Conference just seven days in the rear view mirror, Mike Kruczek already has his sights set on next season and what it will take to improve on UCF's runner-up finish in the MAC's East Division.

The Golden Knights wound up 7-5 overall and posted a 6-2 mark in MAC play with losses coming to Marshall and Toledo, the two teams set to play in the MAC title game. It was the third consecutive winning season for UCF.

Two areas of immediate concern for Kruczek are training and recruiting. In his season-ending meeting with the team Kruczek addressed the returning players and told them what was expected for next year.

"I told them the bar had been set in our first year in the conference at 6-2," Kruczek said. "We never want to step backward. We want to move ahead and improve."

Kruczek will now schedule one-on-one meetings with the players so each will be made aware

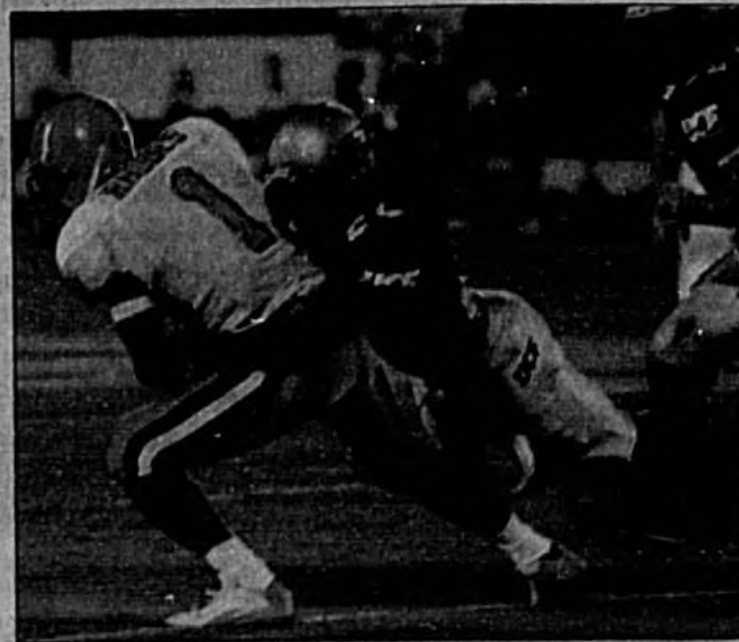
of what is expected of them individually. "By setting the bar high, the expectations in the off-season are high also," Kruczek added. "I've always said your season is made by how hard you focus and train in the eight months prior to the year starting. Your successes and your failures are dictated by attitude and the way you approach things work-habit wise prior to the season."

"The players need to understand that they have to focus every time they do a rep on the bench or take a rep on the squat — that it's for a specific goal for next year," Kruczek said. "They can't afford to have their mind on something unrelated to what they are doing. If everyone of the kids understand the reason why they are there, and how big it is in the success they are going to have the following season, I think we are going to be a much better football team."

Meanwhile, the rest of the coaches are spending their efforts in recruiting players to replace the 20 seniors who finished their UCF careers last week.

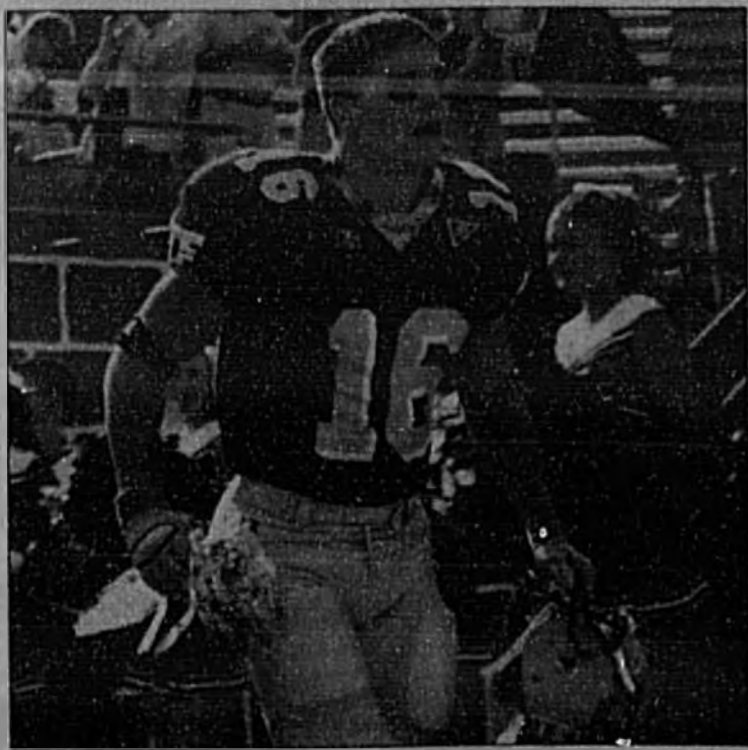
"I think we have a good, strong nucleus of kids coming back," Kruczek said. "They have an

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Herald photo by Jim Wentz

Sophomore defensive back Atari Bigby (shown making a tackle against Syracuse) was named to the All-MAC First Team defense on Monday.



Record photos by Jim Weira

Record-setting senior wide receivers Jimmy Fryzell (left) and Doug Gabriel (with ball in right photo) were both named to the All-MAC Conference Football Second Team Offense released on Monday. The duo were two of six UCF players named to either first or second team all-conference.

UCF

Continued from page 1B understanding of how to exist in this conference. The most critical thing right now for the staff is obviously recruiting. We need to continue the trend of recruiting better student-athletes. It's critical to our success. Without taking much time to savor the season-ending 42-32 win against the Ohio Bobcats, most of the coaches hit the recruiting trail right after the game Saturday. Kruzcek started recruiting Sunday by making several in-home visits to high school players. "There are peaks and valleys in everything," he said. "Unfortunately for football you start in August and don't finish until signing day in February. It's not easy to leave your family and be on the road weeks at a time, but it's part of the job and our coaches are fully committed to seeing this program improve. "Based on what we did in the MAC this past year, there are reasons to be confident or feel good about what is going to happen in this program. We lose some great players from this team and we need to replace those players with players who can step up and be as prolific or successful, or we need to be smart enough to change the scheme to be successful. "Players are in the midst of final exams at this time and then will break for the holidays. They will return in January and start a workout program that will take them up to spring practice. National signing day for recruits is Feb. 5.

MAC AWARDS FINAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK IN FOOTBALL OFFENSE: Doug Gabriel, WR (Sr., Orlando) Gabriel set two school records in the Golden Knights 42-32 win over Ohio. His four touchdown receptions set a school mark and were one shy of the league record of five held by Randy Moss. Gabriel snagged scores from 50, 35, 35 and 24 yards. He also ended the season with a school standard 1,237 receiving yards, which also ranks as the fifth best single season performance in MAC history. UCF completed its

first season in the MAC with a 6-2 record and a second place finish in the East Division.

DEFENSE: Stanford Rhule, LB (So., Ft. Lauderdale) before leaving the game in the third quarter with a knee injury, Rhule had eight solo tackles, two tackles for a loss, a forced fumble and a recovered fumble versus Ohio. He was credited with 10 tackles in the 42-32 victory.

2002 ALL-MAC FOOTBALL TEAM ANNOUNCED CLEVELAND, OHIO — The 2002 All-Mid American Conference football team, as voted on by the league's 14 head coaches, was announced Tuesday and 21 honorees from last year's team were recognized again with those accolades.

Eight members are repeat first-team selections from last year - Marshall quarterback Byron Leftwich, Ball State running back Marcus Merrweather, Bowling Green wide receiver Robert Redd, Marshall wide receiver Darius Watts, Marshall offensive lineman Steve Scullio and Western Michigan tight end Mubolaji Afariogun on offense, and outside linebacker Matt Robillard of Miami and defensive back Vince Thompson of Northern Illinois on the defensive side of the ball.

MAC West Division co-champion Northern Illinois led the way with six first team selections while MAC Championship game participants Marshall and Toledo had four each. MAC newcomer University of Central Florida placed three on the first team as did Western Michigan.

Marshall and Northern Illinois led all schools with 11 overall all-MAC honorees. Toledo placed eight players on this year's all-conference selections and UCF six.

- FIRST TEAM OFFENSE Tight End - Mubolaji Afariogun, Western Michigan (Sr., Detroit, Mich.)... Quarterback - Byron Leftwich, Marshall (Sr., Washington, D.C.)... Running Back - Michael Turner, Northern Illinois (Jr., North Chicago, Ill.)...

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- SECOND TEAM OFFENSE Tight End - Craig Bertozzi, Buffalo (Sr., Salamanca, N.Y.)... Quarterback - Justin Bertalan, Ball State (So., Indianapolis, Ind.)...

- Honorable Mention (by four remaining vote totals) Wide Receiver - Josh Davis, Marshall (So., Hickory Grove, S.C.)...

- Wide Receiver - Jimmy Fryzell, UCF (Sr., Lakeland); Doug Gabriel, UCF (Sr., Orlando); Carl Ford, Toledo (Sr., Monroe, Mich.)... Quarterback - Ben Roethlisberger, Miami (So., Findlay, Ohio)...

Hoops

Continued from page 1B Academy, 73-64. Malt Lawres scored 23 points, C.J. Marimon had 19 points and nine assists, and Eric Frase grabbed nine rebounds for LMP.

Trinity Prep also picked up a nice win, clobbering University, 69-55, with Qazi scoring 22 points and handing out seven assists. Kramer had eight rebounds for the Saints.

The only local squad to lose was Altamonte Christian, which dropped a 78-69 decision to Heritage Prep.

ROTARY TIP-OFF CLASSIC

Table with columns for school names and scores. Includes Silver Hawks 61, Wildcats 56, Lake Howell 61, etc.

PATRIOTS 60, BARRACUDAS 50

Lake Brantley 60 Patriots 60 Barracudas 50 Johnson 11, Teal 4, Allen 3, Mitchell 1, Swanson 7, Favot 4, Dabbin 7, Stump 14, Bishop 5. Total: 19 20-34 60.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Oviedo remained undefeated

Marion men picked up for killing deer

Special to the Herald

OCALA — A pair of Marion County men are facing charges of illegally killing a deer late Thursday near Citra. James Roy Shuff, (DOB 6-2-73), of 18900 N. Highway 441, Orange Lake, and Timothy Frank Buncik, (DOB 1-5-83), of 3104 NW 16th Place, Ocala, were each charged with taking deer at night with gun and light. The charge is a first degree misdemeanor which carries a maximum penalty of a \$1,000 fine and one year in jail.

Shuff was also charged with discharging a firearm from a county maintained road, a second degree misdemeanor which carries a maximum penalty of a \$500 fine and 60 days in jail. The Marion County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) law enforcement officers at about 10:16 p.m., Thursday after a deputy found Shuff with a freshly killed deer in the area of County Road 318 and Citra. The deer had apparently been shot. In the course of their investigation, FWC Officer Kevin Steinka and Sgt. Janice Jones, used a metal detector and found a bullet in the deer's head. In addition to confiscating that deer, they confiscated parts of several other deer that had been killed previous to Thursday's incident. The investigation is on-going, and additional charges are pending. Shuff and Buncik are scheduled to be arraigned in Marion See Outdoor, Page 3B

Weekly high scorers from bowling league action at Airport Lanes

Special to the Herald

SANFORD — Here are the high scorers from recent league play at Airport Lanes in Sanford.

For information on activities at the local bowling center please call 407-324-2129.

AIRPORT B-52'S LEAGUE

- Boys High Game Scratch - 1. Glen Travis, 203; 2. Brandon Hurd, 180. Boys High Series Scratch - 1. Matt Ferguson, 486; 2. Jerry Guerra, 482. Boys High Game Handicap - 1. Clay Wand-Thurman, 241; 2. Brandon Hurd, 228.

AIRPORT JETS LEAGUE

- Men High Game Scratch - 1. Scott Kerr, 268; 2. Mike Davis, 230. Men High Series Scratch - 1. Scott Kerr, 648; 2. Dan Simmons, 569. Men High Game Handicap - 1. Scott Kerr, 268; 2. William Baumgardner, 266.

AIRPORT FLYERS LEAGUE

- Boys High Game Scratch - 1. Keith Wright, 139; 2. Danny Luna, 96.

- Boys High Series Scratch - 1. Keith Wright, 227; 2. Devin Hamilton, 175. Boys High Game Handicap - 1. Keith Wright, 194; 2. (tie) Danny Luna and Shuan Laubert, 158. Boys High Series Handicap - 1. Keith Wright, 207; 2. Shuan Laubert, 310.

AIRPORT JETS LEAGUE

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A Christmas fantasy comes to life

Ballet Guild of Sanford-Seminole to present Tchaikovsky's 'Nutcracker'

By Michelle Jerla
Managing Editor

A Christmas classic will come to life when The Ballet Guild of Sanford-Seminole presents a dazzling production of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker."

Forty dancers will gracefully perform Clara's dream that is full of colorful characters, including a nutcracker, the Mouse King and the Sugar Plum Fairy, said Valerie Weld, who along with her sister, Miriam Doktor, is the artistic director for the Guild. The full-length production will feature beautiful costumes, elegant scenery and the magic people have come to expect in the exquisite ballet.

First performed in 1892 in Russia, the "Nutcracker" ballet is based on the story "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King," written by E.T.A. Hoffman. The story follows Clara, a little girl who is given a nutcracker on

Christmas Eve from her godfather, Herr Drosselmeyer.

During the pre-Christmas festivities, Clara's brother, Fritz, breaks the nutcracker. Drosselmeyer, knowing Clara is heartbroken, attempts to repair the wooden doll.

The excitement begins when the guests depart from the celebration. Clara, worried about the nutcracker, sneaks back to the Christmas tree to check on the nutcracker. That's when strange things start happening. Clara fights the Mouse King, finds her prince and watches the dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

The Ballet Guild production is actually titled "The Nutcracker" (and more!). It won't have the traditional ending, but will feature contemporary holiday fun for the entire family, Weld said.

"For those who are familiar with 'The

Nutcracker,' you'll find all your favorite parts coming to life in the most lovely and professional way, and for those less familiar, you'll like the brief narration to bring you up to speed on the characters and plot.

"It's just the perfect 'Nutcracker' for everyone," she said. "And, it's the only 'Nutcracker' with six Santas. It's a holiday celebration you won't want to miss."

The Ballet Guild of Sanford-Seminole (BGS) is a non-profit pre-professional dance company that has its headquarters at Miriam and Valerie's School of Dance Arts in Sanford. Founded in 1968, the Guild is governed by a volunteer board of directors. Through the years, BGS has served as a bridge for inspired youngsters who strive to meet the demands of a professional career in dance.

The Guild will present "The Nutcracker," 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased in advance by calling 407-323-1900 or at the door before each show at Winter Springs High School.

Photos of the "Nutcracker" performers by Herald photographer Tommy Vincent, page design by Michelle Jerla



Museum of Seminole County History to host St. Lucia festivities

In keeping with Sanford's 125th Anniversary, the Seminole County and Sanford Historical Societies have combined as hosts for this year's St. Lucia festivities to be held at the Museum of Seminole County History, Saturday, Dec. 14, from 1 until 4 p.m.

The annual St. Lucia event, a traditional Swedish Christmas celebration, recognizes our local Swedish her-

itage which began when Henry Shelton Sanford imported several groups of Swedish immigrants to work in his citrus groves. These immigrants established the New Upsala colony and grew to be one of the largest ethnic groups in Sanford's history. The Swedes contributed to the making of Sanford long before the city was incorporated in 1877. Many of Sanford's early buildings and

streets were constructed by Swedish labor. Later generations of Swedes became celery farmers, businessmen and civil servants. Sanford's extensive Swedish heritage is chronicled in a book titled "The Swedish History of Seminole County," co-authored by Charlie Carlson, Christine Kinlaw-Best and Teri Patterson and sold at local museums.

"Our local St. Lucia tradi-

tion was revived last year by efforts of Teri Patterson" said local historian Charlie Carlson. "We had well over a hundred guests and at least half were direct descendants of our early Swedish families." Teri Patterson, a descendant of the Vihlen family of New Upsala, is once again serving as coordinator for St. Lucia and is planning for an even bigger turnout this year. The gala event will feature

traditional smorgasbord foods, music, historical displays, and Scandinavian-style Christmas decor.

You don't have to be Swedish to enjoy St. Lucia. The event and museum is open to the public and everyone is cordially invited to attend at the Seminole County Museum of History, 300 Bush Blvd. For further information call the museum at 407-665-2489.

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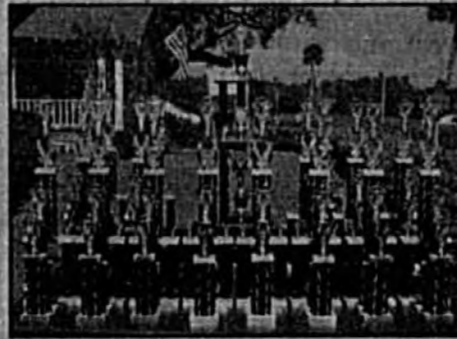
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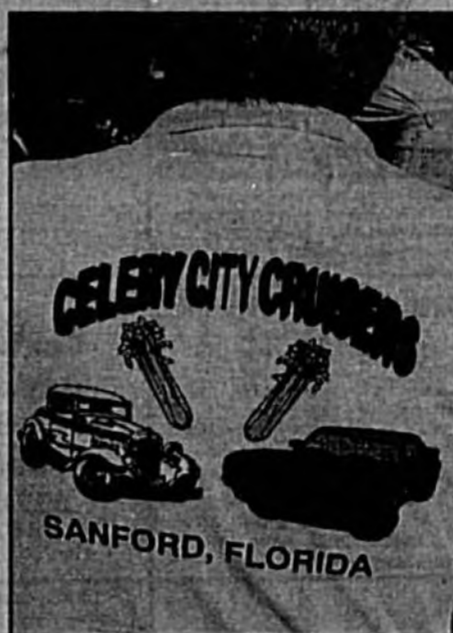
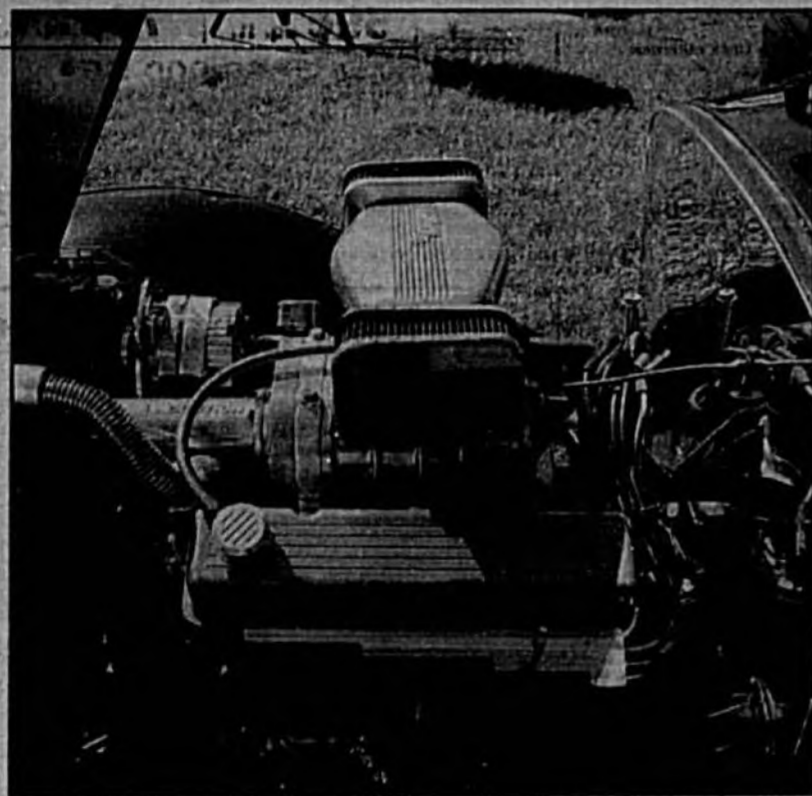
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Celery City Cruising

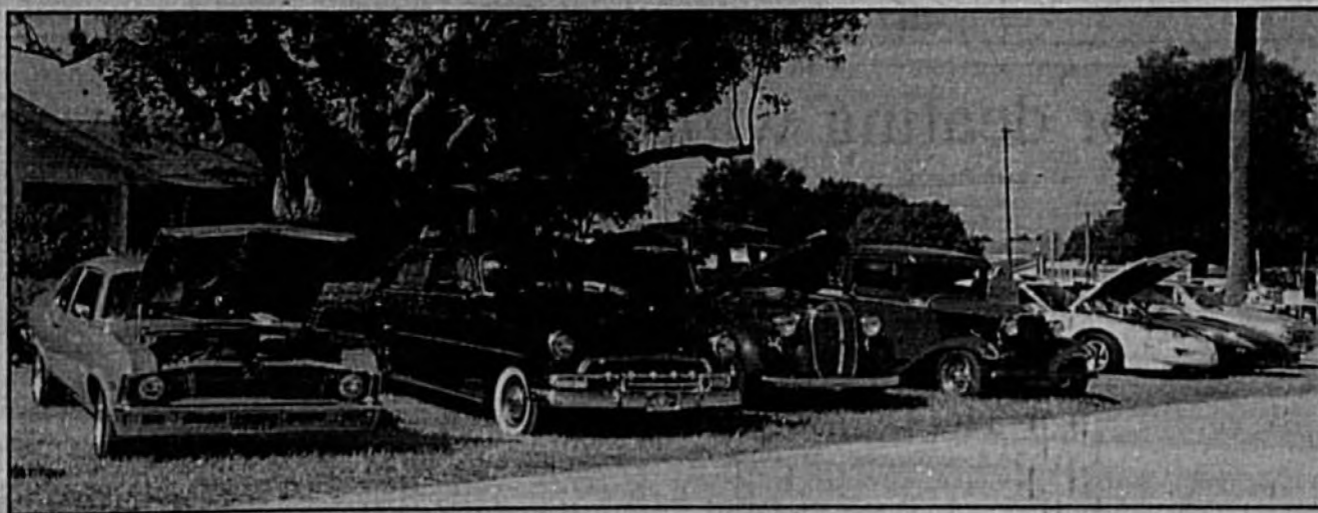


Celery City Cruisers, in conjunction with the Museum of Seminole County History, recently presented its 19th annual Car Show At The Museum. Fifteen classes of vehicles were entered in the competition for Best of Show. Trophies, pictured above, were given to the winners. Along with classic cars, plenty of entertainment, food and beverages were on hand.

Herald photos by Tommy Vincent



Pictured above, a participant proudly wears his Celery City Cruisers shirt. At left, Celery City Cruisers President David Scott's 1930 Model "A" Ford Coupe has a 350 cubic inch V-8 Chevy engine with a blower. Pictured below, Members of Celery City Cruisers had their cars on display, but the vehicles were not judged during the show.



Production to feature over 30 musical numbers

Wekiva River Players will present Myra's Christmas Carol at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 as a benefit for the Helen Stairs Theatre.

Subtitled "A Holiday Fable for Modern Moms," this light hearted script has been freely adapted from the Charles Dickens original by Pat Barker, who also directs.

The production will showcase over 30 musical numbers, including favorites from past presentations of The Wekiva River Players, and some previews of the rest of their season, as well as many songs of the holiday season, and even a group of dancing snowflakes.

Erin Pitcock stars as Myra, the working mother who thinks Christmas upsets her perfectly balanced schedule, with David Santiago as Charlie, her good natured but long suffering husband.

Other Wekiva River Players members are featured as their children, her brother-in-law, the Spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future, and various friends and neighbors.

Tickets are \$10, \$15 and \$20 and can be obtained by calling the Helen Stairs Box Office at 407-321-8111.

Community Notes

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 Idyllwild Elementary School, 407-320-3750. Deadline for applications is January 15, 2003, with the scholarships to be announced April 28.

Oviedo Toys for Tots

The Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, (NJROTC) is now holding its annual Toys for Tots drive at Oviedo High School. Over the past five years the NJROTC has collected over 4,000 toys which are distributed in Florida to needy families. Children 17 and under are eligible. When sending in toys, they must be new and unwrapped. Cash is also welcome. The ending date of the drive is Dec. 17. For more information phone 407-320-4062.

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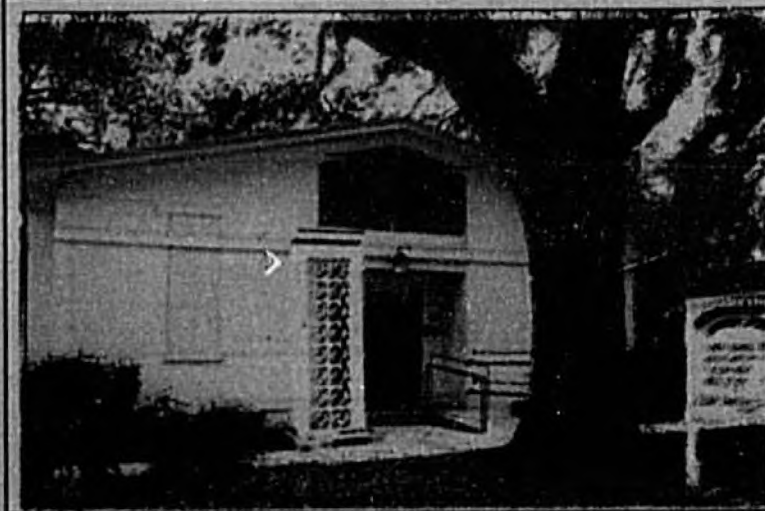
Christmas Festival
Enjoy food, fun and festivities Saturday, Dec. 7 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at St. Peter's Preschool and Kindergarten, 700 Rinehart Road, Lake Mary. Santa Clause, silent auction, raffle, moonwalks, ponies, clown, and much more. Tickets are \$3 and \$6 per person, available at the festival or in advance. For tickets or additional information phone 407-333-1707.

Free Concert
The Full Deliverance Church of Jesus, 1101 West 13th Street, Sanford, will hold a free concert Saturday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. featuring Integrity with Ms. Cindy Philemon and Ms. Christina Copeland, a new birth of musical talent in Sanford. There will be two special guest choirs and a special Praise Dance performance. Elder Gary Copeland Pastor. For additional information, contact Cindy Philemon at 407-324-9123.

'Light of the World'
The choir of First Baptist Church, Markham Woods, at 5400 Markham Woods Road, Lake Mary, will present the Christmas musical "Light of the World" along with other special Christmas music Sunday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. For information, phone 407-333-2085.

Choir Rehearsal
Singers are invited to join the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Choir. Rehearsals are now being held and will continue Dec. 12 and 19, and Jan. 2, 9, and 16 at St. John Metropolitan Baptist Church, Cypress Avenue at East 10th Street in Sanford. A commemorative banquet will be held Jan. 18, at 6 p.m., at the Sanford Civic Center, with the Interfaith Religious Service Jan. 19 at 2:30 p.m., also at the Sanford Civic Center.

Gloria Williams is Choir Director with Mary Ligons DeBose and Sylvia Stallworth as Assistant Directors. Bernard D. Mitchell is Chairman of the MLK Steering Committee. For additional information phone 407-322-5418.



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Strategies offered for dealing with an alcoholic spouse

QUESTION: My husband, Wally, is an alcoholic, but he isn't willing to admit he has a problem. He won't even talk about it. Tell me what I should do now.

DR. DOBSON: First, let me tell you what you should not do and what is generally unhelpful.
(1) Do not nag, complain, scream, cry, beg, plead, embarrass or label your husband. He has a disease that he can't control. It is not within his power to overcome it alone.
(2) Do not protect him by lying

James Dobson
'Focus on Family'
to his boss, covering for his irresponsibility, bailing him out of jail and paying his bills. A person who tries to rescue the alcoholic is called an enabler, and she may actually prolong and worsen the problem.
(3) Though opinions differ, most

authorities do not look on alcoholism as a character weakness or a moral problem. It may have been a moral problem during earlier days when the person chose to drink excessively. But later, it was not his desire to hurt his family, stay in a drunken stupor, waste his money, etc. The alcoholic has long since lost his capacity for voluntary action.
(4) Do not perpetuate your husband's problem for your own selfish reasons. It is not uncommon for family members to resist treatment for what may be unconscious

motives. For example, a woman whose husband is usually drunk has power over her family. She is the unrivaled boss - the one who controls the money and makes all of her family's decisions. As her alcoholic husband begins to recover, she may realize she is losing her power and move to sabotage his rehabilitation. Guard against those subtle forces that may undermine recovery in your home.

QUESTION: OK, I know what not to do. Now tell me how to get help for my family.

DR. DOBSON: It is virtually impossible to deal with this problem without outside help. In a very real sense, the entire family shares the sickness of the alcoholic. They are affected by rage, depression, disillusionment, despair, financial fear, denial, low self-esteem and myriad other emotions that accompany this illness. They are wounded in spirit and need the loving concern of those who have been there. Even if an alcoholic does recover on his or her own, a relapse is almost certain unless the family has been treated too.

Hopper Center students recognized for their work

The Hopper Center Student Honor Roll was recently announced by Principal Dr. Barbara Kirby-Bentley. Sharing the honors as honor roll students were Mandel Brown, Corey Garrison, Logan Colston, Brian Key, David Malouhos, James Tyson, Treasure Wall, Oliver Dwight, Douglas Walker, Steven Ippolito, Mark Kohl, Christopher Lawrence, Freddie Martin, Kyle Williams,



Marva Hawkins

Jonathan Combs, and Caleb Perry. Congratulations to these recipients who were honored for their exceptional and outstanding work in their various classes. Students were treated to lunch at Joe's Crab Shack.

Leadership Seminole Class of 2003 is a group of business professionals who have leadership skills to help give back to the

community in the form of helping others. These persons are selected by applications chosen by a board of directors. Students are trained for 10 months. They are required to attend class for one day per week. To apply, contact www.leadershipseminole.org or phone 407-834-4404.

Leadership Seminole class members are Executive Director Debra Hendrickson, Mary Kate O'Leary, Scott Carroll, John Blackwood, Carol Ressa, Alece Weinberg, Jennifer Junnung, Linda Breum, Maggie Strickland, and Ashley Johnson. This group of community leaders gave holiday donations of much needed canned goods for various households to Thelma Mike, Administrator of the Good Samaritan Home.



Members of the Leadership Seminole Class of 2003 take some time away from a recent project to pose for a photograph.



Hopper Center Honor Roll students pose for a photograph after Principal Dr. Barbara Kirby-Bentley announced who was on the list. The recipients were honored for their exceptional work.

Music lovers and Christian singers are invited to the 2002 concert of the Voices of Calvary Mass Choir, Saturday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. at Calvary Temple of Praise, 2020 McCracken Road. Come and enjoy an evening of praise in song. Bishop Paul P. Wright, Senior Pastor, Maurice Terrell, Music Director, Alberta Wright, Choir Director and Alicia Caffey, Choir Director.

time of a great successful Crooms Academy graduate's success story. Some remember this man as a classmate, friend, teammate and hometown guy. Yes, Lewis Jones, known as Lew Jones, now lives in The Villages, Florida. A scrapbook full of history Jones has compiled contains many photos, mementos of his football career at Crooms, where he attended high school in the late 1940's. Jones and former schoolmate Robert "Bob" Thomas played Panther Football at Crooms. Jones was a good player and he earned an athletic scholarship to FAMC where

he became a baseball star. Jones soon began to make headlines as a professional baseball player, a man who always set high goals for himself. He would always give 100 percent, says his lovely wife Barbara. In 1954, Lew "Stretch" Jones became a slugging first baseman for the Milwaukee Braves. He became the six foot four, 195-pounder at first base in the cleanup spot. He has had many great games and always excelled as he went three for five and scored three runs and his team won 18-1. Jones news

Take a look back in the life-

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Ornamental plants need to be protected from the cold

Many different tropical and subtropical plants are found in a typical Florida landscape. While tropical plants need to be protected from temperatures below 50 degrees, subtropical plants can harden to withstand freezing temperatures.



Al Ferrer

The ability of plants to tolerate freezing temperatures is influenced by temperature changes prior to a freeze. A gradual decrease in temperature over a relative long period of time prepares the plants to withstand cold temperatures. Plants normally tolerant to low temperatures may be injured if a sudden decrease in temperature occurs. Cold injury can occur to the entire

plant or to plant parts such as buds, flowers, fruits, trunks, stems or roots. Many plant parts can adapt to tolerate cold, but fruits and roots have little ability to develop cold tolerance. Containers Plant roots in small containers can be frozen by low temperatures, but under the same conditions, roots of plants in the landscape will escape cold injury. Roots of plants in exposed containers can be injured by low temperatures and show no apparent damage until the plants are stressed at higher temperatures.

months. Plants should receive in the fall about one third to one half the normal fertilizer rate. Irrigation Watering plants several hours before a freeze will protect plants because a wet soil will absorb more solar radiation than a dry soil. This heat will be released during the night thus helping to protect the roots of the plants. After a freeze, plants should be watered to provide water to the plants which may be losing water through transpiration and the water in the soil may not be available because it is frozen, this is especially true in container plants. Coverings Materials such as cloth sheets, quilts and plastics can be placed over plants to protect them from frost damage. Covers that extend to the ground and do not touch the plant tissues will protect plants by reducing radiant heat loss from the plants and the ground. A light bulb can be placed under the covers to provide heat to the plants when very low temperatures are expected. The covers must be removed as temperatures rise during a sunny day. Contact between the plant tissues and the coverings, may result in cold injury.

Pruning After A Freeze Pruning should be delayed until new growth is visible. Dead leaves may be removed as soon as they have turned brown. Cold damaged to woody tissues can be best determined by examining the food conducting tissues under the bark. If scratching into the bark reveals black or brown tissues, continue the search until you find green tissues when scratched. Prune back to the live wood to promote healthy growth of the branches.

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Cold Injury To Palms
Remove damaged portions of leaves but keep the green, not injured portions of the leaves to maintain a high level of photosynthetic area. Spray palms with a copper containing fungicide at the recommended rate. Repeat the spray 10 days after the first treatment with the copper fungicide or another broad spectrum fungicide.
Palms growing in containers should receive a fungicide soil drench to suppress possible root infecting fungi from causing root rots. A monthly soluble nutrient solution containing minor elements can be applied to help palms recover from light freeze injuries.

Al Ferrer is Seminole County Urban Horticulturist. Inquiries may be directed to him at the Cooperative Extension service, 280 W. County Home Road, Sanford, Fl. 32773 or phone 688-5558. All Seminole County Cooperative Extension services are open to all regardless of race, color, sex, handicap or national origin.

Message from other side has alarming implication

DEAR ABBY: From time to time, you publish humorous pieces in your column. I hope you and your readers will enjoy this one:

At the wake, the woman told her priest that ever since she was a child, she and her father had discussed life after death. They had agreed that whoever went first would try to contact the other. They had discussed it again only two weeks before his death.

He died in her home, and a few hours later, the smoke alarm in her garage went off. She had lived there for 28 years and it had never gone off before. She didn't know how to stop it and had to call the security company that had installed it.

The next morning, the smoke alarm sounded again — and the reason finally dawned on her. She said aloud, "OK, Dad, I missed the signal yesterday, but I've got it now. Thanks for letting me know you're safe on the other side. Now turn the darn thing off so I don't have to call the security company again!" And it went off!

She immediately called her priest to relay the good news. His response: "Dear, if every time your father sends you a message, he sets off the SMOKE alarm, just where do you think he's calling from?"

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Dear Abby

DEAR REV. BLANTZ: She should thank God it wasn't a toll call. Thank you for being an angel and sharing. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: May I offer yet another cell phone etiquette blooper?

My grandfather's funeral was last week. Since our family is Catholic, we asked a priest to officiate. In the middle of the service, a cell phone rang (to the tune of "Happy Birthday"). You should have seen the scowls and heads turning. A few minutes later, it rang for the second time!

At the graveside afterward, we finally discovered who the culprit was. During the solemn flag-folding ceremony, the phone rang a third time. Imagine our astonishment when the PRIEST pulled the offending instrument out of his pocket and stepped away to engage in a long conversation.

STILL SHOCKED IN SANTA CLARITA, CALIF.

DEAR STILL SHOCKED: I'll bet it was the woman whose father was contacting her via the smoke alarm.

DEAR ABBY: I need some advice about my boyfriend.

We have been dating for three years. He started off our relationship telling me he loved me.

About a year ago, he began introducing me to everyone as his "roommate." When I confronted him about it, he said he didn't love me anymore. We still live together — until I move out — and he tells me often that we should stay together because we get along so well.

I'm confused. What exactly is it that he wants from me?

TIRED OF BEING HURT IN WASHINGTON

DEAR TIRED: Much depends upon what he's getting from you. From my perspective, he wants someone to share the rent, with no strings attached and no responsibility.

If I were you, I'd move sooner rather than later. The romance is over, and you two have very different agendas.

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow in my late 60s, attractive and youthful looking (I'm told). For the past three years, I have been going out with a nice man my age, "Dell." I have him over for home-cooked meals, and I occasionally pay for our dinners and movies out. Dell is also my guest for dinners at my club, and of course I pay the club dues.

Sometimes I pick him up in my car for our dates and day trips. He can well afford to take me out and pick up the check, but he always says, "Let's keep it even."

I am becoming more and more uncomfortable when we're having dinner out, because I resent being expected to split the cost of everything. Dell is an educated, interesting man. I find myself wondering if I'm out of step with the times — or if he's cheap.

Abby, I feel used. I'm beginning to lose respect for Dell. I'm from the old school: If a man asks a lady out, he pays. What's your opinion? Should I tell him I'm tired of nit-picking expenses and stop paying for half of everything?

FRUSTRATED IN THE LONE STAR STATE

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Sitting quietly while resentment builds will eventually destroy your relationship if you allow it to continue.

Remind him that you are from the old school and what that means to you. But remember that it also means you will pick up the check when you call and ask him out. It will be interesting to see whether you wind up playing solitaire once you lay your cards on the table.

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Hawkins

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paper clippings detail his 2-5 two runs, two RBIs against pitcher Jim "Mudcat" Grant, who went on to win 145 games during a 14 year major league career.

Jones witnessed the breaking of the color barrier. The Braves promoted him to Waycross (Georgia) Bears, an honor, since the Florida-Georgia League hadn't been desegregated. He was the first Black to play in that league. He says he thinks every Black in both states were at the first game. Playing baseball below the Mason-Dixon line was an education for Jones. He missed a road trip because the owner of an opposing team sent a threatening letter to Bears' Management.

Jones' career with the Braves began after he played baseball at FAMC. His high school didn't have a baseball team and his desire was to play baseball. He caught the eyes of the big league scouts by batting 419 as a college freshman. The Braves paid him \$100, said Jones, much more than his \$22.50 per month scholarship.

After graduation, Jones wanted to teach school, but Uncle Sam expected him to serve his country after earning his degree. Jones joined the U.S. Air Force after which he played for the Braves who signed him for a \$7,500 bonus, which was a lot of money in the early 1920's. With this amount, he

could build his mother a house. Lew says he received more than Willie Mays and Henry Aaron.

Jones says he hit a 273 for the year of 1954, and while he deserved a promotion in 1955, he decided not to continue playing ball, as he was becoming too old for the minor leagues. He had a college degree and could earn \$500 a month teaching.

After teaching for two years, he enrolled at Temple University in Philadelphia where he earned his Masters Degree. A wife and children and a 25-year career as a teacher and principal would follow.

Jones says an educational career was the best choice. Students from his schools thank him for what he did for them while they were his students. Some 40 years later, Lew was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Florida A&M University. He says he has no regrets. He has kept his contacts in baseball. He also shared his love of the game with his children, Michelle Johnson and Michael and Felice Framo.

Today, Jones is retired but still, at 73 years of age he plays first base with the fluid swing making headlines playing for Santiago I on the Villages Neighborhood League and three other softball teams. He and his wife Barbara enjoy keeping busy with community activities, visiting his hometown of Sanford, and yes, traveling.

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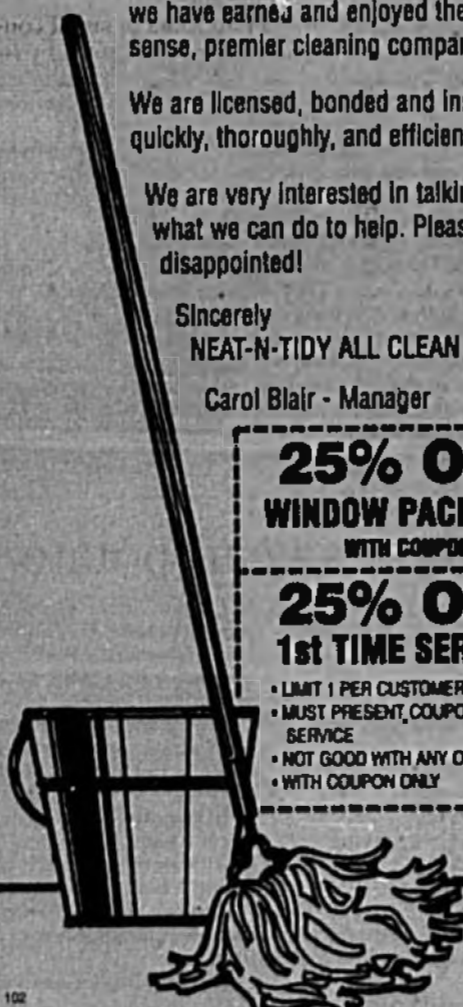
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Scallops Dieppoise gives meal a warm French twist

Before you know it, you'll be planning Christmas dinner. Many choose a seafood dish for the centerpiece of Christmas Eve dinner. Shellfish have long been a popular choice for these meals, and with good reason. Subtly spiced and filled with "stick-to-your-ribs" warmth, seafood specialties like this "Scallops Dieppoise" from France are certain to be a big hit this holiday season.

Try your hand at this easy-to-prepare recipe, courtesy of "Le Cordon Bleu Home Collector: Winter" (Periplus Editions).

Scallops Dieppoise

Serves 4

- 1 large shallot, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups white wine
- 2 sprigs of fresh thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 8 ounces fresh mussels, scrubbed and beards removed
- 8 ounces small uncooked shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 10 fresh or frozen scallops, patted dry
- 3 cups sliced button mushrooms
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

1. Place the shallot, wine, thyme, bay leaf and mussels in a large pot. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer, covered, until the mussels open, tossing gently once or twice. Remove the mussels and allow to cool, discarding any that have not opened.

2. Line a fine strainer with damp cheesecloth and strain the liquid into a large saucepan. Discard the contents of the cheesecloth, rinse it well, and set it up as before.

3. Bring the liquid to a simmer. Add the shrimp, stir, then add the scallops. Cover and simmer for five minutes, or until the seafood is firm. Remove the seafood and set aside. Scoop the mussels from their shells and set aside.

4. Strain the cooking liquid through the cheesecloth into a saucepan. Bring to a boil, add the mushrooms and cook for about 25 minutes, or until almost dry. Add the cream and boil for five minutes. Add the seafood and simmer until hot. Season to taste and stir in the parsley just before serving.



Scallops Dieppoise



Studded with glistening, colorful fruit, this Fruit and Nut Holiday Bread can be a festive, aromatic addition to the holiday table.

Holiday bread adds color to celebration

Few things can make a holiday table more festive than serving a holiday bread.

A Fruit and Nut Holiday Bread helps make a holiday buffet extraordinary. The bread is rich in eggs, milk and butter. Wreath-shaped or made in a loaf, it captures the season's flavors with candied fruit, white raisins and chopped almonds.

Fruit and Nut Holiday Bread

- 3/4 cup milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 4 cups bread flour
- 1 tablespoon SAF Perfect Rise Yeast
- 1/4 cup candied mixed fruit
- 2 tablespoons white raisins
- 1/4 cup almonds, chopped

Combine yeast, 1 cup flour, sugar and salt. Combine milk and butter; heat to 120 degrees to 130 degrees F. (Butter does not need to melt.) Combine dry mixture and warmed liquids in mixing bowl on low speed. Beat two to three minutes on medium speed. Add eggs; beat one minute. By hand, stir in enough remaining flour to make a soft dough. Knead on floured surface about three minutes; add fruit and nuts and continue kneading until they are even-

ly distributed and dough is smooth and elastic, about five minutes. Use additional flour if necessary.

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Place dough in lightly oiled bowl; turn to grease top. Cover; let rise until dough does not spring back after pressing fingers about 1/4 inch into dough. Turn dough onto lightly floured surface. Roll or pat into a 10-inch circle. Poke a hole in center of circle. Press dough into greased Bundt® or tube pan. Cover; let rise until indentation remains after lightly touching. Bake in preheated 350 degrees F. oven 40 to 45 minutes. Let sit 10 minutes in pan. Invert onto rack; remove pan; cool. If desired, drizzle with Powdered Sugar Frosting (see below) and garnish with additional candied fruit and nuts.

Powdered Sugar Frosting

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract

Combine ingredients in small mixing bowl, beating until smooth.

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Appetizing way to kick off the holidays

This time of year, the holiday host or hostess is on the lookout for quick and easy ideas for party fare. This simple recipe for "Lemony Cilantro Chicken Drumettes" is ideal for a festive, "no-fuss" appetizer.

Lemony Cilantro Chicken Drumettes

Serves 20

- 8 pounds chicken drumettes
- 1 teaspoon saffron threads or turmeric
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 boiling water
- 1/4 cup grated fresh ginger
- 1 cup water
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 10 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 2 to 8 cups (2 to 6 bunches) very finely chopped cilantro
- 1 or 2 fresh, hot green chili peppers, very finely chopped
- 4 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons ground coriander seeds
- 1 to 2 teaspoons salt, or to taste
- Garnish (optional)
- Cilantro sprigs
- Lemon wedges

Preheat the oven to 500 F. Line two 9- by 13-inch baking and freezing pans with aluminum foil.

Cut wings into drumettes if necessary and arrange on the foil, trying not to overlap. Lay the wing on a clean surface, skin side down, and sever at each of the joints with a knife. In addition to the drumettes, you will have the wing tips. If you have time, you can use the tips to make a salsa. If not, save them for another time. Beave the tips for stock.

Place baking pans on the top rack of the oven until brown, about five minutes. Turn the drumettes over and return to the oven to brown, another three minutes. When both sides have browned, transfer the drumettes to paper towels and set aside, saving the pans.

Stir the saffron and lemon juice into the boiling water. Combine this mixture with the ginger and 1 cup water in a blender or food processor, and purée to a smooth consistency.

In a heavy 10-inch skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Add the garlic and cook until softened, about two minutes. Turn down the heat and stir in the cilantro, green chili, cumin, coriander and salt. Add the saffron mixture to the pan and stir to mix. Turn up the heat, bring to the boil, and reduce the liquid until the sauce is thick, like salsa.

To serve, arrange the drumettes on a serving platter and top with the warm sauce.

Celebrate the season with a 'sweet' potato treat

Mashed potatoes are tasty, but they can get boring year in and year out. Try this "Sweet Potato and Ricotta Tart," courtesy of "Vegetables" (Periplus Editions). Its sure to excite the taste buds of your holiday guests.

Sweet Potato and Ricotta Tart

Serves 4 to 5

- The tart can be covered and refrigerated for up to 3 days.
- 1 1/2 pound soft ricotta cheese, well drained
- 1 1/2 cups freshly grated parmesan cheese
- 5 eggs
- 2 cups arugula (rocket) leaves
- 1/3 cup fresh flat-leaf parsley

leaves

- 1 tablespoon grated white onion
- 8 fresh sage leaves, stems removed
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 medium sweet potato, peeled
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
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Preheat oven to 325 F. Place ricotta, parmesan, and eggs in a food processor.

Process until a smooth paste forms, about 20 seconds. Add arugu-

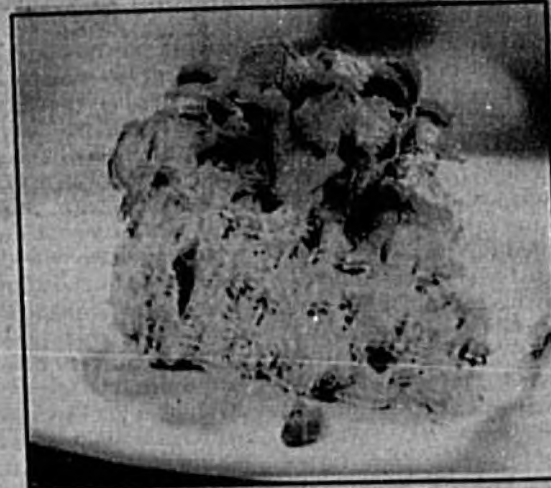
la, parsley, onion, sage, and salt and pepper to taste. Blend until smooth, about 30 seconds. Spoon cheese mixture into a well-oiled, 8-inch, deep springform pan.

Thinly slice sweet potato lengthwise with a vegetable peeler. Arrange slices on top of tart. Drizzle with olive oil.

Bake until cheese mixture is firm, about 1 hour. (Cover top of tart loosely with aluminum foil if it starts to brown too much during cooking.)

Remove tart from oven. Let cool to room temperature before removing from pan.

Slice into wedges and serve drizzled with olive oil and sprinkled with sage leaves and salt.



Sweet Potato and Ricotta Tart